

Scripture Text of The Followers of IESO

The Book of 1st MoUse (Genesis).

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Chapter 1.

1. In the beginning Aleim created the heaven and the earth.

The state of the earth before Aleim organized creation.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Aleim moved upon the face of the waters.

The first day of creation: light is created and divided from the darkness.

3. And Aleim said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4. And Aleim saw the light, that it was good: and Aleim divided the light from the darkness.

5. And Aleim called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

The second day of creation: Aleim makes an atmospheric division.

6. And Aleim said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7. And Aleim made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8. And Aleim called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

The third day creation: the land is divided from the sea, plants and all types of vegetation are created.

9. And Aleim said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10. And Aleim called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and Aleim saw that it was good.

11. And Aleim said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and Aleim saw that it was good.

13. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

The fourth day of creation: the sun, moon and stars.

14. And Aleim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16. And Aleim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17. And Aleim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Aleim saw that it was good.

19. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

The fifth day of creation: birds and sea creatures are created.

20. And Aleim said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21. And Aleim created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and Aleim saw that it was good.

22. And Aleim blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

The sixth day of creation: The creation of man.

Aleim makes land animals.

24. And Aleim said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25. And Aleim made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and Aleim saw that it was good.

Aleim plans to make man in His image.

26. And Aleim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Aleim's creation of man and initial commission to Adam.

27. So Aleim created man in his own image, in the image of Aleim created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And Aleim blessed them, and Aleim said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And Aleim said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31. And Aleim saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Creation Completed.

Adam in the Garden.

The completion of creation.

The seventh day of creation.

Chapter 2

1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2. And on the seventh day Aleim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3. And Aleim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which Aleim created and made.

The history of the heavens and the earth.

4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that IEUE Aleim made the earth and the heavens,

5. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for IEUE Aleim had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7. And IEUE Aleim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Two trees in the Garden of Eden.

8. And IEUE Aleim planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9. And out of the ground made IEUE Aleim to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Rivers in the Garden.

10. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12. And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

Aleim's command to Adam.

15. And IEUE Aleim took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16. And IEUE Aleim commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Aleim creates the first woman.

Aleim declares He will make a helper comparable to Adam.

18. And IEUE Aleim said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

No helper was found comparable for Adam among the animals.

19. And out of the ground IEUE Aleim formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Aleim makes the first woman from Adam' side.

21. And IEUE Aleim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22. And the rib, which IEUE Aleim had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Adam's brilliant understanding of who Euen is and how she is related to him.

23. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

The marriage of Adam and Euen.

24. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

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

Man' temptation and fall.

The temptation from the serpent. The serpent begins his temptation.

Chapter 3.

1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which IEUE Aleim had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath Aleim said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Euen' reply to the serpent.

2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may 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, Aleim hath said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

Satan's direct challenge to Aleim's word.

4. And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die:

5. For Aleim doth know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The Sin of Adam and Euen and the fall of the human race.

Adam and Euen both disobey Aleim in their own way.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

The nakedness of Adam and Euen.

7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Adam and Euen hide from Aleim; Aleim calls out to them.

8. And they heard the voice of IEUE Aleim walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of IEUE Aleim amongst the trees of the garden.

9. And IEUE Aleim called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Aleim confronts Adam and Euen with their sin.

Adam tries to explain his sin.

10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Euen' reply to Aleim.

13. And IEUE Aleim said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The curse and its Aftermath.

Aleim's curse upon the serpent.

14. And IEUE Aleim said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shall thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Aleim's curse upon the woman.

16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Aleim's curse upon the man.

17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19. In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shall thou return.

The naming of Euen.

20. And Adam called his wife's name Euen; because she was the mother of all living.

Aleim clothes Adam and Euen in the skin of animals.

21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did IEUE Aleim make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Aleim sets cherubim to guard the Tree of Life.

22. And IEUE Aleim said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

23. Therefore IEUE Aleim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Kain and Abel.

Kain' murder of Abel.

The birth of Kain.

Chapter 4.

1. And Adam knew Euen his wife; and she conceived, and bare Kain, and said, I have gotten a man from IEUE .

The birth of Abel and the offerings of Kain and Abel.

2. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Kain was a tiller of the ground.

3. And in process of time it came to pass, that Kain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto IEUE.

4. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And IEUE had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5. But unto Kain and to his offering he had not respect. And Kain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Aleim's warning to Kain.

6. And IEUE said unto Kain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7. If thou doest well, shall thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shall rule over him.

Kain murders Abel.

8. And Kain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Kain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Aleim confronts Kain.

Aleim question' Kain.

9. And IEUE said unto Kain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Aleim's curse upon Kain.

10. And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12. When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Kain complains of the severity of Aleim's judgment.

13. And Kain said unto IEUE, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that everyone that findeth me shall slay me.

15. And IEUE said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Kain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And IEUE set a mark upon Kain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16. And Kain went out from the presence of IEUE, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Kain and his descendants.

Kain moves away and marries.

17. And Kain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

The generations following Kain.

18. And unto Enoch was born Irhad: and Irhad begat Mehuiael: and Mehuiael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

19. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Ada, and the name of the other Zilla.

20. And Ada bare Iabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22. And Zilla, she also bare Tubalkain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalkain was Naama.

Lamech' chest-thumping boast.

23. And Lamech said unto his wives, Ada and Zilla, Hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24. If Kain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

Seth is born to Adam and Euen.

25. And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For Aleim, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Kain slew.

26. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of IEUE.

The descendants of Adam.

Introduction to the Genealogy.

Adam's "signature"

Chapter 5.

1. This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that Aleim created man, in the likeness of Aleim made He him;

2. Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

The descendants of Adam through Seth.

Adam.

3. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4. And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

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

From Seth to Maalaleel.

6. And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7. And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8. And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9. And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Kainan:

10. And Enos lived after he begat Kainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

11. And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12. And Kainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

13. And Kainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

14. And all the days of Kainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15. And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Iarhed:

16. And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Iarhed eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

17. And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

From Iarhed to Methusela.

18. And Iarhed lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

19. And Iarhed lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

20. And all the days of Iarhed were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

21. And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methusela:

22. And Enoch walked with Aleim after he begat Methusela three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23. And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24. And Enoch walked with Aleim: and he was not; for Aleim took him.

25. And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:

26. And Methusela lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27. And all the days of Methusela were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

From Lamech to Noe.

28. And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

29. And he called his name Noe, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which IEUE hath cursed.

30. And Lamech lived after he begat Noe five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

31. And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32. And Noe was five hundred years old: and Noe begat Sem, Ham, and Iapheth.

Man's wickedness; Aleim calls Noe.

The wickedness of man in the days of Noe.

Intermarriage between the sons of Aleim and the daughters of men.

Chapter 6.

1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2. That the sons of Aleim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Aleim's response to this great wickedness.

3. And IEUE said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of Aleim came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

The great wickedness of man in Noe's day.

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

6. And it repented IEUE that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7. And IEUE said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8. But Noe found grace in the eyes of IEUE.

Aleim calls Noe to build the ark.

Noe and his sons.

9. These are the generations of Noe: Noe was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noe walked with Aleim.

10. And Noe begat three sons, Sem, Ham, and Iapheth.

The corruption of the earth and the grace of Aleim.

11. The earth also was corrupt before Aleim, and the earth was filled with violence.

12. And Aleim looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13. And Aleim said unto Noe, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Aleim tells Noe to build an ark.

14. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch.

15. And this is the fashion which thou shall make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16. A window shall thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shall thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shall thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

Why the ark must be built and what Noe must do.

17. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.

18. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shall come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shall gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

Noe's obedience.

22. Thus did Noe; according to all that Aleim commanded him, so did he.

Aleim destroys the world with a flood.

Final preparations for the flood.

Aleim invites Noe into the ark.

Chapter 7.

1. And IEUE said unto Noe, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Noe gathers all the animals and his family.

2. Of every clean beast thou shall take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

3. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

5. And Noe did according unto all that IEUE commanded him.

6. And Noe was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7. And Noe went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9. There went in two and two unto Noe into the ark, the male and the female, as Aleim had commanded Noe.

Aleim brings the waters f

10. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11. In the six hundredth year of Noe's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

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

All enter the and the door is shut.

13. In the selfsame day entered Noe, and Sem, and Ham, and Iapheth, the sons of Noe, and Noe's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14. They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15. And they went in unto Noe into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as Aleim had commanded him: and IEUE shut him in.

Noe in the ark during the flood.

The Flood described.

17. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

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

23. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noe only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

The Flood lasted 150 days without receding.

24. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Noe and family leave the ark.

Aleim remembers Noe.

Aleim focuses His attention on Noe again.

Chapter 8.

1. And Aleim remembered Noe, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and Aleim made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

As the floodwaters recede, the ark rests on Mount Ararat.

2. The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3. And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

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

5. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

Birds are used to test the condition of the earth.

6. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noe opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7. And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9. But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11. And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noe knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

Now his family and all the animals leave the ark.

13. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noe removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15. And Aleim spake unto Noe, saying,

16. Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18. And Noe went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

Aleim's covenant with Noe.

Noe builds an altar and offers a sacrifice. We

20. And Noe builded an altar unto IEUE; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21. And IEUE smelled a sweet savour; and IEUE said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Aleim's covenant with Noe and creation. Aleim's covenant and instructions to Noe

Instructions for living in a new world. .

Chapter 9.

1. And Aleim blessed Noe and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
2. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.
3. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.
4. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall you not eat.

Aleim gives to man the right and responsibility of capital punishment.

5. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.
6. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of Aleim made he man.
7. And you, be you fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

Aleim makes a covenant with man and with all of creation.

8. And Aleim spake unto Noe, and to his sons with him, saying,
9. And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;
10. And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.
11. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

The sign of Aleim's covenant.

12. And Aleim said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between Aleim and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17. And Aleim said unto Noe, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

Noe and his sons.

Now the sons of Noe who went out of the ark were Sem, Cham and Iapheth.

18. And the sons of Noe, that went forth of the ark, were Sem, and Ham, and Iapheth: and Ham is the father of Kanaan.

19. These are the three sons of Noe: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

The Sin of Cham, Noe's son.

20. And Noe began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21. And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22. And Ham, the father of Kanaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23. And Sem and Iapheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Noe's curse upon Kanaan.

24. And Noe awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25. And he said, Cursed be Kanaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26. And he said, Blessed be IEUE Aleim of Shem; and Kanaan shall be his servant.

27. Aleim shall enlarge Iapheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Sem; and Kanaan shall be his servant.

The end of Noe' days.

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

29. And all the days of Noe were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

The Table of Nations.

The descendants of Iapheth.

The three sons of Noe: Noe, Cham and Iapheth.

Chapter 10.

1. Now these are the generations of the sons of Noe, Sem, Ham, and Iapheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2. The sons of Iapheth; Gomerh, and Magog, and Madai, and Iauan, and Tubal, and Mesech, and Tirhas.

The sons of Gomerh.

3. And the sons of Gomerh; Askenaz, and Rhiphath, and Togarmah.

The sons of Iauan (the ancient Greeks)

4. And the sons of Iauan; Elisa, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5. By these were the isles of the Nations divided in their lands; everyone after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

The descendants of Cham.

6. And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

The sons of Cush.

7. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Seba, and Dedan.

8. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

10. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Akkad, and Kalne, in the land of Shinar.

11. Out of that land went forth Assur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Kala,

12. And Rhesen between Nineveh and Kalah: the same is a great city.

The sons of Mizrhaim.

13. And Mizrhaim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14. And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.

The sons of Kanaan.

15. And Kanaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

16. And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

17. And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18. And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19. And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerarh, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

The spread of the descendants of Cham.

20. These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

The descendants of Sem.

The sons of Sem:

21. Unto Sem also, the father of all the children of Eberh, the brother of Iapheth the elder, even to him were children born.

22. The children of Sem; Elam, and Assurh, and Arhphaxad, and Lud, and Arham.

The sons of Arham. .

23. And the children of Arham; Uz, and Hul, and Getherh, and Mash.

The sons and Descendants of Arhphaxad.

24. And Arhphaxad begat Sala; and Sala begat Eberh.

25. And unto Eberh were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Ioktan.

26. And Ioktan begat Alrowad, and Seleph, and Hazarhmaveth, and Ierha,

27. And Hadorham, and Uzal, and Dikla,

28. And Obal, and Abimael, and Seba,

29. And Ophirh, and Havila, and Iobab: all these were the sons of Ioktan.

30. And their dwelling was from Mesa, as thou goest unto Sepharh a mount of the east.

The spread of the descendants of Sem.

31. These are the sons of Sem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

Summary statement: the nations after the flood.

32. These are the families of the sons of Noe, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Mankind after the Flood; The tower of Babel.

A tower in the land of Shinar.

Chapter 11.

1. And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
2. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
3. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.
4. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Aleim scatters them over the whole earth.

5. And IEUE came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
6. And IEUE said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
7. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
8. So IEUE scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
9. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because IEUE did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did IEUE scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

The line of Adam through Sem to Abrhaam.

From Sem to Terha, the father of Abrham.

10. These are the generations of Sem: Sem was an hundred years old, and begat Arhphaxad two years after the flood:
11. And Sem lived after he begat Arhphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
12. And Arhphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Sala:
13. And Arhphaxad lived after he begat Sala four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14. And Sala lived thirty years, and begat Eberh:
15. And Sala lived after he begat Eberh four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
16. And Eberh lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:
17. And Eberh lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.
18. And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Rheu:
19. And Peleg lived after he begat Rheu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.
20. And Rheu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serhug:
21. And Rheu lived after he begat Serhug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.
22. And Serhug lived thirty years, and begat Naorh:
23. And Serhug lived after he begat Naorh two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
24. And Naorh lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terha:
25. And Nahor lived after he begat Terha an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

The family of Terha in Ur of the Chaldeans.

26. And Terha lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Naorh, and Harhan.
27. Now these are the generations of Terha: Terha begat Abrham, Naorh, and Harhan; and Harhan begat Lot.
28. And Harhan died before his father Terha in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

The family of Abrham and his brother Naorh.

29. And Abrham and Naorh took them wives: the name of Abrham's wife was Sarhai; and the name of Naorh's wife, Milka, the daughter of Harhan, the father of Milka, and the father of Iska.
30. But Sarhai was barren; she had no child.

The family of Terha and their travels from Ur of the Chaldeans to Haran.

31. And Terha took Abrham his son, and Lot the son of Harhan his son's son, and Sarhai his daughter in law, his son Abrham's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Kanaan; and they came unto Harhan, and dwelt there.
32. And the days of Terha were two hundred and five years: and Terha died in Harhan.

Aleim's call or Abrham.

Abrham in Egypt.

Aleim's previous covenant with Abrham.

Chapter 12.

1. Now IEUE had said unto Abrham, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Abrham' departure from Haran.

4. So Abrham departed, as IEUE had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abrham was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Harhan.

Abrham' arrival in Kanaan.

5. And Abrham took Sarhai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Harhan; and they went forth to go into the land of Kanaan; and into the land of Kanaan they came.

6. And Abrham passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

Aleim appears to Abrham in Kanaan.

7. And IEUE appeared unto Abrham, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto IEUE, who appeared unto him.

8. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto IEUE, and called upon the name of IEUE.

9. And Abrham journeyed, going on still toward the south.

Abrham' faith is tested by famine.

10. And there was a famine in the land: and Abrham went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

Sensing potential danger in Egypt.

11. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarhai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12. Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

Sarhai is taken into Pharaoh's house.

14. And it came to pass, that, when Abrham was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

Abrham leaves Egypt after being rebuked by a heathen king.

16. And he entreated Abrham well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17. And IEUE plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarhai Abrham's wife.

18. And Pharaoh called Abrham, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

19. Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

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

Aleim promises Abrham the land again.

Abrham and Lot separate.

Abrham returns to the land promised to him.

Chapter 13.

1. And Abrham went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2. And Abrham was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;

4. Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abrham called on the name of IEUE.

Contention between Abrham' and Lot' hired workers.

5. And Lot also, which went with Abrham, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

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

7. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abrham's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

Abrham' generous offer to Lot.

8. And Abrham said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

Lot chooses his portion of land.

10. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before IEUE destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of IEUE, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12. Abrham dwelled in the land of Kanaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before IEUE exceedingly.

Aleim confirms His promise to Abrham

Aleim promises the land to Abrham and to his descendants forever.

14. And IEUE said unto Abrham, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Aleim reminds Abrham of His promise to give Abrham many descendants.

16. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Abrham walks through the land Aleim gave to him.

17. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

18. Then Abrham removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto IEUE .

Abrham rescues Lot and meets Melchizedek.

Abrham rescues Lot from the confederacy of kings.

The four kings of the cities in the region of Sodom and Gomorrah rebel against the confederation of five kings of nations ruling over them.

Chapter 14.

1. And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arhioch king of Ellasar, Chedorhlaomerh king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

2. That these made war with Berha king of Sodom, and with Birhsa king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Semeberh king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

4. Twelve years they served Chedorhlaomerh, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorhlaomerh, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karhnam, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6. And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness.

7. And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar.

8. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;

9. With Chedorhlaomerh the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arhioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

10. And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

In the course of their attack, the five kings take Lot and all his possessions.

11. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12. And they took Lot, Abrham's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

Abrham hears of Lot' captivity and Marshals an army.

13. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abrham the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Anerh: and these were confederate with Abrham.

14. And when Abrham heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

Abrham leads his army to victory over the five kings.

15. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

16. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorhlaomerh, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

Abrham and Melchizedek.

Abrham meets Melchizedek.

18. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high Aleim.

19. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abrham of the most high Aleim, possessor of heaven and earth:

20. And blessed be the most high Aleim, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Abrham refuses the booty from the battle.

21. And the king of Sodom said unto Abrham, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22. And Abrham said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto IEUE, the most high Aleim, the possessor of heaven and earth,

23. That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abrham rich:

24. Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Anerh, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Pat: Aleim confirms the Covenant with Abrham.

Aleim speaks to Abrhaam' fears and doubts with a promise.

The word of the Ruler comes to Abrham in a vision.

Chapter 15.

1. After these things the word of IEUE came unto Abrham in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abrham: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Abrham honestly expresses his doubts.

2. And Abrham said, Master Aleim, what will thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezerh of Damascus?

3. And Abrham said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Aleim speaks to Abrham' doubts with a promise.

4. And, behold, the word of IEUE came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5. And He brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and He said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Abrham' response of faith to Aleim's promise.

6. And he believed in IEUE; and He counted it to him for righteousness.

Aleim's speaks to Abrham' doubt with a covenant.

Abrham' doubts surface again.

7. And He said unto him, I am IEUE that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8. And he said, Master Aleim, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Abrham prepares to make a covenant with Aleim.

9. And He said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10. And He took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11. And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abrham drove them away.

Prologue to the covenant.

12. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abrham; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13. And He said unto Abrham, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14. And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15. And thou shall go to thy fathers in peace; thou shall be buried in a good old age.

16. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

The covenant is made.

17. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18. In the same day IEUE made a covenant with Abrham, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19. The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20. And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21. And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Agarh and the birth of Ismael.

Sarhai gives her servant girl Agarh to Abrham

Sarhai proposes a child for Abrham through Agarh.

Chapter 16.

1. Now Sarhai Abrham's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagarh.

2. And Sarhai said unto Abrham, Behold now, IEUE hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abrham hearkened to the voice of Sarhai.

Abrham agrees with Sarhai' suggestion.

3. And Sarhai Abrham's wife took Hagarh her maid the Egyptian, after Abrham had dwelt ten years in the land of Kanaan, and gave her to her husband Abrham to be his wife.

4. And he went in unto Hagarh, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

Sarhai' anger towards Agarh.

5. And Sarhai said unto Abrham, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: IEUE judge between me and thee.

Agarh flees from Abrham and Sarhai.

6. But Abrham said unto Sarhai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarhai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7. And the angel of IEUE found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8. And he said, Hagarh, Sarhai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarhai.

9. And the angel of IEUE said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

The promise of the Angel of the Ruler to Agarh.

10. And the angel of IEUE said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11. And the angel of IEUE said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ismael; because IEUE hath heard thy affliction.

12. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

Aleim's blessing and protection of Agarh and Ismael.

13. And she called the name of IEUE that spake unto her, Thou Aleim seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14. Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

15. And Hagarh bare Abrham a son: and Abrham called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ismael.

16. And Abrham was fourscore and six years old, when Hagarh bare Ismael to Abrham.

Aleim reaffirms the covenant.

An appearance from Aleim, a change of name for Abrham.

Aleim appears to Abrham when he is 99 years old.

Chapter 17.

1. And when Abrham was ninety years old and nine, IEUE appeared to Abrham, and said unto him, I am the Almighty Aleim; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Aleim refers to specific terms of the covenant He has not forgotten.

3. And Abrham fell on his face: and Aleim talked with him, saying,

4. As for me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shall be a father of many nations.

5. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abrham, but thy name shall be Abrhaam; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a Aleim unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Aleim.

Aleim institutes a sign of the covenant for Abrhaam and his descendants.

9. And Aleim said unto Abrhaam, Thou shall keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10. This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

13. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from His people; he hath broken My covenant.

The promise is stated a son will come through Sarha, whose name is changed from Sarhai.

15. And Aleim said unto Abrhaam, As for Sarhai thy wife, thou shall not call her name Sarhai, but Sarha shall her name be.

16. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

Abrhaam' response to the promise.

17. Then Abrhaam fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarha, that is ninety years old, bear?

18. And Abrhaam said unto Aleim, O that Ismael might live before thee!

Aleim repeats the promise and names the child who will come forth from Abrhaam and Sarha.

19. And Aleim said, Sarha thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shall call his name Isaak: and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21. But my covenant will I establish with Isaak, which Sarha shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22. And he left off talking with him, and Aleim went up from Abrhaam.

Abrhaam carries out Aleim's command of circumcision.

23. And Abrhaam took Ismael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abrhaam's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as Aleim had said unto him.

24. And Abrhaam was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25. And Ismael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26. In the selfsame day was Abrhaam circumcised, and Ismael his son.

27. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

The promise of Isaak confirmed.

Abrhaam meets some very important visitors.

Abrhaam invites the Ruler and two others to a meal.

Chapter 18.

1. And IEUE appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2. And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3. And said, My Master, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4. Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

5. And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort you your hearts; after that you shall pass on: for therefore are you come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

Sarha and Abrhaam prepare a meal for their visitors.

6. And Abrhaam hastened into the tent unto Sarha, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7. And Abrhaam ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

8. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Aleim reconfirms His promise of a son.

9. And they said unto him, Where is Sarha thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarha thy wife shall have a son. And Sarha heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

Sarha' reaction to Aleim's promise.

11. Now Abrhaam and Sarha were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarha after the manner of women.

12. Therefore Sarha laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

Aleim answers Sarha' laugh.

13. And IEUE said unto Abrhaam, Wherefore did Sarha laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

14. Is any thing too hard for IEUE? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarha shall have a son.

15. Then Sarha denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Abrhaam intercedes for the Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Aleim decides to reveal to Abrhaam the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

16. And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abrhaam went with them to bring them on the way.

17. And IEUE said, Shall I hide from Abrhaam that thing which I do;

18. Seeing that Abrhaam shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19. For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of IEUE, to do justice and judgment; that IEUE may bring upon Abrhaam that which he hath spoken of him.

Aleim tells Abrhaam He will see if Sodom and Gomorrah are worthy of judgment.

20. And IEUE said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21. I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Abrhaam asks an important question: will Aleim destroy the righteous with the wicked.

22. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abrhaam stood yet before IEUE.

23. And Abrhaam drew near, and said, Will thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24. Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25. That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26. And IEUE said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Abrhaam bargains with Aleim for Sodom and Gomorrah.

27. And Abrhaam answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Master, which am but dust and ashes:

28. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: will thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Master be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Master: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32. And he said, Oh let not the Master be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33. And Master went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abrhaam: and Abrhaam returned unto his place.

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The two angels come to Sodom.

Lot convinces the angelic visitors to stay with him.

Chapter 19

1. And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2. And he said, Behold now, my masters, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

The wickedness and depravity of the men of Sodom.

4. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5. And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

Lot bargains for the life and safety of his guests.

6. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7. And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

Angelic protection at the door.

10. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

The Angels' deliverance of Lot.

The angels warn Lot; "Have warns his family.

12. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13. For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of IEUE; and IEUE hath sent us to destroy it.

14. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for IEUE will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

The angels try to hurry Lot and his family.

15. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; IEUE being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

The escape from Sodom.

17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Master:

19. Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20. Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

Aleim's judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The cities destroyed, Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt.

23. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24. Then IEUE rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from IEUE out of heaven;

25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

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

Abrhaam learns of Sodom and Gomorrah' destruction.

27. And Abrhaam gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before IEUE:

28. And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29. And it came to pass, when Aleim destroyed the cities of the plain, that Aleim remembered Abrhaam, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

Lot and his daughters live in a wilderness cave.

30. And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

Moab and Ammon are born from this incestuous relationship.

33. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

Abrhaam lies about Sarha again.

Abrhaam' lie, Aleim's protection.

Abrhaam lies in a similar manner as before.

Chapter 20.

1. And Abrhaam journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2. And Abrhaam said of Sarha his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarha.

Aleim threatens judgment upon Abimelech for taking Sarha.

3. But Aleim came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

4. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Master, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5. Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6. And Aleim said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7. Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Abrhaam is rebuked again.

Abrhaam (just like last time) suffers rebuke from a heathen king.

8. Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9. Then Abimelech called Abrhaam, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10. And Abimelech said unto Abrhaam, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

Abrhaam' excuse.

11. And Abrhaam said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of Aleim is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12. And yet indeed she is 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 pass, when Aleim caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

Abimelech' gift recompenses Sarha and Abrhaam prays for him.

14. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abrhaam, and restored him Sarha his wife.

15. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16. And unto Sarha he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

17. So Abrhaam prayed unto Aleim: and Aleim healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

18. For IEUE had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarha Abrhaam's wife.

The birth of Isaak.

Aleim fulfills His promise to Abrhaam and Sarha.

Chapter 21

1. And IEUE visited Sarha as he had said, and IEUE did unto Sarha as he had spoken.

The child is named Isaak.

2. For Sarha conceived, and bare Abrhaam a son in his old age, at the set time of which Aleim had spoken to him.

3. And Abrhaam called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarha bare to him, Isaak.

4. And Abrhaam circumcised his son Isaak being eight days old, as Aleim had commanded him.

5. And Abrhaam was an hundred years old, when his son Isaak was born unto him.

6. And Sarha said, Aleim hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

7. And she said, Who would have said unto Abrhaam, that Sarha should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

Conflict between Ismael and Isaak.

Sarha wants Abrhaam to cast out both Agarh and Ismael.

8. And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abrhaam made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9. And Sarha saw the son of Hagarh the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abrhaam, mocking.

10. Wherefore she said unto Abrhaam, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaak.

11. And the thing was very grievous in Abrhaam's sight because of his son.

Under Aleim's instruction, Abrhaam puts out Agarh and Ismael.

12. And Aleim said unto Abrhaam, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarha hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaak shall thy seed be called.

13. And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

14. And Abrahāam rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagarh, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Aleim preserves Ismael and Agarh in the desert.

15. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17. And Aleim heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of Aleim called to Hagarh out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagarh? fear not; for Aleim hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19. And Aleim opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

Abrahāam makes a covenant with a Philistine king.

Abrahāam makes a no-hostility treaty with Abimelech.

20. And Aleim was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22. And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abrahāam, saying, Aleim is with thee in all that thou doest:

23. Now therefore swear unto me here by Aleim that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24. And Abrahāam said, I will swear.

In return for the treaty, Abrahāam clears up a dispute about an important well.

25. And Abrahāam reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26. And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.

27. And Abrahāam took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

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

29. And Abimelech said unto Abrhaam, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30. And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31. Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they sware both of them.

Abrhaam calls on the name of the Ruler.

32. Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33. And Abrhaam planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of IEUE, the everlasting Aleim.

34. And Abrhaam sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

Abrhaam willing to offer Isaak.

Aleim's command to Abrhaam and his response.

Aleim tests the faith of Abrhaam.

Chapter 22.

1. And it came to pass after these things, that Aleim did tempt Abrhaam, and said unto him, Abrhaam: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2. And He said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaak, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Abrhaam' immediate response of faith.

3. And Abrhaam rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaak his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which Aleim had told him.

Abrhaam' offering of Isaak.

Abrhaam journeys to the place of sacrifice with Isaak.

4. Then on the third day Abrhaam lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5. And Abrhaam said unto his young men, Abide you here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6. And Abrhaam took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaak his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7. And Isaak spake unto Abrhaam his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8. And Abrhaam said, My son, Aleim will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Isaak willingly lies down on the altar.

9. And they came to the place which Aleim had told him of; and Abrhaam built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaak his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

Aleim's merciful reprieve.

10. And Abrhaam stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11. And the angel of IEUE called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abrhaam, Abrhaam: and he said, Here am I.

12. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest Aleim, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13. And Abrhaam lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abrhaam went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14. And Abrhaam called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of IEUE it shall be seen.

Aleim recomfirms His promise to Abrhaam in light of his faith.

15. And the angel of IEUE called unto Abrhaam out of heaven the second time,

16. And said, By myself have I sworn, saith IEUE, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17. That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

19. So Abrhaam returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abrhaam dwelt at Beersheba.

The listing of Naorh's family.

20. And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abrhaam, saying, Behold, Milka, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahorh;

21. Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Arham,

22. And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Iidlaph, and Bethuel.

23. And Bethuel begat Rhebeka: these eight Milka did bear to Nahorh, Abrhaam's brother.

24. And his concubine, whose name was Rheuma, she bare also Teba, and Gaham, and Tahas, and Maacha.

Sarha dies and is buried.

The Death of Sarha.

Chapter 23.

1. And Sarha was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarha.

Abrhaam' morning.

2. And Sarha died in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abrhaam came to mourn for Sarha, and to weep for her.

Abrhaam buys land for Sarha' burial.

Abrhaam speaks with the sons of Eth.

3. And Abrhaam stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

4. I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5. And the children of Heth answered Abrhaam, saying unto him,

6. Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

7 And Abrhaam stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

8. And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zoharh,

9. That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.

Abrhaam negotiates with Ephrhon the Hittite for the land of Sarha' tomb.

10. And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abrhaam in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11. Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12. And Abrhaam bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14. And Ephrhon answered Abrhaam, saying unto him,

15. My master, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16. And Abrhaam hearkened unto Ephrhon; and Abrhaam weighed to Ephrhon the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

Abrhaam buys the field and buries Sarha.

17. And the field of Ephrhon, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure

18. Unto Abrhaam for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19. And after this, Abrhaam buried Sarha his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Kanaan.

20. And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abrhaam for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

A bride for Isaak.

Abrhaam' commission to his servant.

Abrhaam sends out a servant to seek out a bride for his son.

Chapter 24.

1. And Abrhaam was old, and well stricken in age: and IEUE had blessed Abrhaam in all things.

2. And Abrhaam said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3. And I will make thee swear by IEUE, the Aleim of heaven, and the Aleim of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

4. But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaak.

The mission clearly defined.

5. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6. And Abrhaam said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7. IEUE Aleim of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8. And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

9. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abrhaam his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

The servant' mission fulfilled.

Eliezerh' prayer to Aleim.

10. And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

11. And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

12. And he said, O IEUE Aleim of my master Abrhaam, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abrhaam.

13. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14. And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

Aleim answers the servant's prayer before it was finished.

15. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rhebeka came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milka, the wife of Nahorh, Abrhaam's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

The servant, though surprised, waits for complete confirmation of his prayer.

16. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18. And she said, Drink, my master: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

20. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether IEUE had made his journey prosperous or not.

The servant, when the bride has been chosen, gives her rich gifts even before the marriage to the father's son.

22. And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

23. And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24. And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milka, which she bare unto Nahorh.

25. She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26. And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped IEUE.

27. And he said, Blessed be IEUE Aleim of my master Abrhaam, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, IEUE led me to the house of my master's brethren.

28. And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

Laban entertains the servant.

29 And Rhebeka had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30. And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rhebeka his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

31. And he said, Come in, thou blessed of IEUE; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

32. And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

33. And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

The servant tells his story and the purpose of his visit.

34. And he said, I am Abrhaam's servant.

35. And IEUE hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

36. And Sarha my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37. And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

38. But thou shall go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

39. And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40. And he said unto me, IEUE, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shall take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

41. Then shall thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shall be clear from my oath.

42. And I came this day unto the well, and said, O IEUE Aleim of my master Abrhaam, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43. Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44. And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom IEUE hath appointed out for my master's son.

45. And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rhebeka came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46. And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

47. And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahorh's son, whom Milka bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48. And I bowed down my head, and worshipped IEUE, and blessed IEUE Aleim of my master Abrhaam, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

Rhebeka is brought to Isaak.

The family agrees to give Rhebeka to Isaak. The father's servant gives more gifts.

49. And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from IEUE: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51. Behold, Rhebeka is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as IEUE hath spoken.

52. And it came to pass, that, when Abrhaam's servant heard their words, he worshipped IEUE, bowing himself to the earth.

53. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rhebeka: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

The servant intends to depart quickly, Rhebeka agrees.

54. And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

55. And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing IEUE hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

57. And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58. And they called Rhebeka, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59. And they sent away Rhebeka their sister, and her nurse, and Abrhaam's servant, and his men.

60. And they blessed Rhebeka, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

Rhebeka is brought unto Isaak, they marry.

61. And Rhebeka arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rhebeka, and went his way.

62. And Isaak came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

63. And Isaak went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64. And Rhebeka lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaak, she lighted off the camel.

65. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

66. And the servant told Isaak all things that he had done.

67. And Isaak brought her into his mother Sarha's tent, and took Rhebeka, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaak was comforted after his mother's death.

Abrhaam' death; Iakob and Esau born to Isaak.

Abrhaam' latter life and death.

Abrhaam marries again and has many children by Keturha.

Chapter 25.

1. Then again Abrhaam took a wife, and her name was Keturha.
2. And she bare him Zimrhan, and Ioksan, and Medan, and Midian, and Isbak, and Sua.
3. And Ioksan begat Seba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Assurhim, and Letusim, and Leummim.
4. And the sons of Midian; Ephraim, and Ephraim, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaa. All these were the children of Keturha.

Abrhaam is careful to set Isaak apart as the child of promise.

5. And Abrhaam gave all that he had unto Isaak.
6. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abrhaam had, Abrhaam gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaak his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

Abrhaam' death and burial.

7. And these are the days of the years of Abrhaam's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.
8. Then Abrhaam gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.
9. And his sons Isaak and Ismael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zoharh the Hittite, which is before Mamre;
10. The field which Abrhaam purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abrhaam buried, and Sarha his wife.
11. And it came to pass after the death of Abrhaam, that Aleim blessed his son Isaak; and Isaak dwelt by the well Lahairhoi.

The life and descendants of Ismael.

12. Now these are the generations of Ismael, Abrhaam's son, whom Hagarh the Egyptian, Sarha's handmaid, bare unto Abrhaam:

13. And these are the names of the sons of Ismael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ismael, Nebaioth; and Kedarh, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14. And Misma, and Duma, and Massa,

15. Hadarh, and Tema, Ieturh, Naphis, and Kedema:

16. These are the sons of Ismael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

17. And these are the years of the life of Ismael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

18. And they dwelt from Havila unto Surh, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

The children of Isaak: Iakob and Esau.

The conception and birth of Iakob and Esau.

19. And these are the generations of Isaak, Abrhaam's son: Abrhaam begat Isaak:

20. And Isaak was forty years old when he took Rhebeka to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

21. And Isaak intreated IEUE for his wife, because she was barren: and IEUE was intreated of him, and Rhebeka his wife conceived.

22. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of IEUE.

23. And IEUE said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

24. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Iakob: and Isaak was threescore years old when she bare them.

The different characters of Iakob and Esau.

27. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Iakob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28. And Isaak loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rhebeka loved Iakob.

Esau sells his birthright to Iakob.

29. And Iakob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30. And Esau said to Iakob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31. And Iakob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33. And Iakob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Iakob.

34. Then Iakob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

Isaak sins like Abrhaam.

Isaak repeats Abrhaam' mistakes.

Isaak responds to famine by going towards Egypt.

Chapter 26.

1. And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abrhaam. And Isaak went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

Aleim proclaims the covenant to Isaak.

2. And IEUE appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abrhaam thy father;

4. And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

5. Because that Abrhaam obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Abimelech takes Rhebeka because Isaak says she is his sister.

6. And Isaak dwelt in Gerar:

7. And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rhebeka; because she was fair to look upon.

8. And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaak was sporting with Rhebeka his wife.

9. And Abimelech called Isaak, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaak said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

Isaak is rebuked by a pagan king, even as his father was.

10. And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

11. And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

Isaak becomes wealthy as Abrhaam was before him.

12. Then Isaak sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and IEUE blessed him.

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

14. For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

Isaak leaves Gerar.

15. For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abrhaam his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16. And Abimelech said unto Isaak, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

17. And Isaak departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

Isaak digs the wells of Abrhaam.

18. And Isaak digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abrhaam his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abrhaam: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19. And Isaak's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

Three wells and their names.

20. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaak's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

21. And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22. And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now IEUE hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23. And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

Aleim's blessing upon Isaak.

Alein again confirms His promise to Isaak for Abrhaam's sake.

24. And IEUE appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the Aleim of Abrhaam thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abrhaam's sake.

25. And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of IEUE, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaak's servants digged a well.

The natives make peace with Isaak because the Ruler is with him, just as happened with Abrhaam.

26. Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27. And Isaak said unto them, Wherefore come you to me, seeing you hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28. And they said, We saw certainly that IEUE was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29. That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of IEUE.

30. And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31. And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaak sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

Aleim's blessing for Isaak in the form of a well.

32. And it came to pass the same day, that Isaak's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33. And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day.

Esau marries and grieves his parents.

34. And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerhi the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35. Which were a grief of mind unto Isaak and to Rhebeka.

Iakob deceptively gains the blessings of Isaak.

Rhebeka and Iakob plot to deceive Isaak.

Isaak' deathbed request to Esau.

Chapter 27.

1. And it came to pass, that when Isaak was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I.

2. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

3. Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;

4. And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

Rhebeka advises Iakob to deceive his father Isaak.

5. And Rhebeka heard when Isaak spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

6. And Rhebeka spake unto Iakob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

7. Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before I die before my death.

8. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

9. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

10. And thou shall bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

Preparations are made for Iakob' deceptive attempt to steal the blessing.

11. And Iakob said to Rhebeka his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

12. My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13. And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

14. And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

15. And Rhebeka took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Iakob her younger son:

16. And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

17. And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Iakob.

Iakob receives the blessing Isaak intended for Esau.

Iakob lies to his father, pretending to be Esau.

18. And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

19. And Iakob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20. And Isaak said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because IEUE thy Aleim brought it to me.

21. And Isaak said unto Iakob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

22. And Iakob went near unto Isaak his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Iakob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

24. And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

25. And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26. And his father Isaak said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

The blessing is given to Iakob.

27. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which IEUE hath blessed:

28. Therefore Aleim give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29. Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be master over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

Esau discovers the deception of Iakob.

Esau's grief at discovering Jakob's deception.

30. And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jakob, and Jakob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31. And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

34. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

35. And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jakob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37. And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy master, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38. And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

Isaac gives a limited blessing to Esau.

39. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40. And by thy sword shall thou live, and shall serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

Esau's anger; Rebekah makes plans for Jakob to flee.

41. And Esau hated Jakob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jakob.

42. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jakob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

43. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Harhan;
44. And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;
45. Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?
46. And Rhebeka said to Isaak, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Iakob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

Iakob flees from Esau.

Isaak' Farewell to Iakob.

Instructions to not take a Canaanite wife.

Chapter 28.

1. And Isaak called Iakob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shall not take a wife of the daughters of Kanaan.

2. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

The all-important transferal of Abrhaam' blessing.

3. And Aleim Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

4. And give thee the blessing of Abrhaam, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which Aleim gave unto Abrhaam.

5. And Isaak sent away Iakob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rhebeka, Iakob's and Esau's mother.

Esau adds wives.

6. When Esau saw that Isaak had blessed Iakob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shall not take a wife of the daughters of Kanaan;

7. And that Iakob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

8. And Esau seeing that the daughters of Kanaan pleased not Isaak his father;

9. Then went Esau unto Ismael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ismael Abrhaam's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

Iakob meets Aleim at Bethel.

Iakob' dream of a ladder.

10. And Iakob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of Aleim ascending and descending on it.

Aleim speaks to Iakob.

13. And, behold, IEUE stood above it, and said, I am IEUE Aleim of Abrhaam thy father, and the Aleim of Isaak: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

Iakob worships Aleim, naming the place Bethel (house of Aleim)

16. And Iakob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely IEUE is in this place; and I knew it not.

17. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of Aleim, and this is the gate of heaven.

18. And Iakob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

Iakob' vow unto Aleim.

20. And Iakob vowed a vow, saying, If Aleim will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21. So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall IEUE be my Aleim:

22. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be Aleim's house: and of all that thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Iakob' marriages and children.

Iakob meets Rhachel.

Iakob comes to a covered well.

Chapter 29.

1. Then Iakob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.
2. And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.
3. And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

Iakob meets Rhachel at the well.

4. And Iakobo said unto them, My brethren, whence be you? And they said, Of Haran are we.
5. And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahorh? And they said, We know him.
6. And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rhachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.
7. And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water you the sheep, and go and feed them.
8. And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.
9. And while he yet spake with them, Rhachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.
10. And it came to pass, when Iakob saw Rhachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Iakob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

Rhachel arranges for her father Laban to meet Iakob.

11. And Iakob kissed Rhachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.
12. And Iakob told Rhachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rhebeka's son: and she ran and told her father.
13. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Iakob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.
14. And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

Laban' deal with Iakob.

Iakob offers to work for seven years as a dowry to receive Rhachel in marriage.

15. And Laban said unto Iakob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?

16. And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rhachel.

17. Lea was tender eyed; but Rhachel was beautiful and well favoured.

18. And Iakob loved Rhachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rhachel thy younger daughter.

19. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20. And Iakob served seven years for Rhachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

Laban switches Lea for Rhachel on the wedding night.

21. And Iakob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

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

23. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24. And Laban gave unto his daughter Lea Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.

25. And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rhachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

Laban agrees to give Rhachel to Iakob in return for another seven years worth of work.

26. And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27. Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28. And Iakob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rhachel his daughter to wife also.

Iakob' first four sons born through Lea.

Aleim's gracious love for Lea.

29. And Laban gave to Rhachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

30. And he went in also unto Rhachel, and he loved also Rhachel more than Lea, and served with him yet seven other years.

31. And when IEUE saw that Lea was hated, he opened her womb: but Rhachel was barren.

The birth of Rheuben.

32. And Lea conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Rheuben: for she said, Surely IEUE hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

The birth of Simeon.

33. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because IEUE hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.

The birth of Leui.

34. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Leui.

The birth of Iouda.

35. And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise IEUE: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

The children born to Iakob.

Two sons born to Bila.

Rhachel, out of frustration, gives her maid Bila to Iakob in a 'surrogate mother' arrangement.

Chapter 30.

1. And when Rhachel saw that she bare Iakob no children, Rhachel envied her sister; and said unto Iakob, Give me children, or else I die.

2. And Iakob's anger was kindled against Rhachel: and he said, Am I in Aleim's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

3. And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4. And she gave him Bilha her handmaid to wife: and Iakob went in unto her.

The birth of Dan.

5. And Bilha conceived, and bare Iakob a son.

6. And Rhachel said, Aleim hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

The birth of Naphtali.

7. And Bilha Rhachel's maid conceived again, and bare Iakob a second son.

8. And Rhachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

Two sons born to Zilpa.

The birth of Gad.

9. When Lea saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpa her maid, and gave her Iakob to wife.

10. And Zilpa Lea's maid bare Iakob a son.

11. And Lea said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

The birth of Aserh.

12. And Zilpa Lea's maid bare Iakob a second son.

13. And Lea said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asherh.

Lea herself bears two more sons and a daughter.

The birth of Issacharh.

14. And Rheuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Lea. Then Rhachel said to Lea, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

15. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rhachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

16. And Iakob came out of the field in the evening, and Lea went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17. And Aleim hearkened unto Lea, and she conceived, and bare Iakob the fifth son.

18. And Lea said, Aleim hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issacharh.

The birth of Zebulun.

19. And Lea conceived again, and bare Iakob the sixth son.

20. And Lea said, Aleim hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.

The birth of Dina.

21. And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dina.

Rhachel herself bears a son to Iakob.

Aleim's sovereignty over the womb

22. And Aleim remembered Rhachel, and Aleim hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

The birth of Ioseph.

23. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, Aleim hath taken away my reproach:

24. And she called his name Ioseph; and said, IEUE shall add to me another son.

Iakob' agreement with Laban.

Iakob knows it is time to go back to Kanaan.

25. And it came to pass, when Rhachel had born Ioseph, that Iakob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26. Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27. And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that IEUE hath blessed me for thy sake.

Iakob negotiate a deal with Laban.

28. And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.

29. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

30. For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and IEUE hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

31. And he said, What shall I give thee? And Iakob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock:

32. I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire.

33. So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: everyone that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

34. And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

The agreement is made and the flocks are separated.

35. And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

36. And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Iakob: and Iakob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

Aleim blesses Iakob' method of breeding and he greatly increases in wealth.

37. And Iakob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.

38. And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39. And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

40. And Iakob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.

41. And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Iakob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42. But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Iakob's.

43. And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

Iakob flees from Laban to Kanaan.

Iakob' disputes with Laban and his sons.

Contention with Laban' sons causes Laban to look differently at Iakob.

Chapter 31.

1. And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Iakob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2. And Iakob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

Aleim tells Iakob to go back home.

3. And IEUE said unto Iakob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

Iakob explains the situation and his plan to his wives.

4. And Iakob sent and called Rhachel and Lea to the field unto his flock,

5. And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the Aleim of my father hath been with me.

6. And you know that with all my power I have served your father.

7. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but Aleim suffered him not to hurt me.

8. If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

9. Thus Aleim hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.

11. And the angel of Aleim spake unto me in a dream, saying, Iakob: And I said, Here am I.

12. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13. I am the Aleim of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

Lea and Rhachel support Iakob in his desire to move back to Kanaan.

14. And Rhachel and Lea answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15. Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

16. For all the riches which Aleim hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever Aleim hath said unto thee, do.

Iakob' flight from Laban.

Iakob leaves without saying goodbye.

17. Then Iakob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

18. And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, for to go to Isaak his father in the land of Canaan.

19. And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rhachel had stolen the images that were her father's.

20. And Iakob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

21. So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.

Laban pursues and catches Iakob.

22. And it was told Laban on the third day that Iakob was fled.

23. And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

24. And Aleim came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Iakob either good or bad.

Laban meets and confronts Iakob.

25. Then Laban overtook Iakob. Now Iakob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

26. And Laban said to Iakob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

27. Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

28. And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

29. It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the Aleim of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Iakob either good or bad.

Laban accuses Iakob of stealing his teraphim and searches for them.

30. And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

31. And Iakob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

32. With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Iakob knew not that Rhachel had stolen them.

33. And Laban went into Iakob's tent, and into Lea's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Lea's tent, and entered into Rhachel's tent.

34. Now Rhachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

35. And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

Iakob rebukes his father-in-law Laban.

36. And Iakob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Iakob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37. Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

38. This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

39. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

40. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41. Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42. Except the Aleim of my father, the Aleim of Abrhaam, and the fear of Isaak, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. Aleim hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

Laban and Iakob make a covenant.

Iakob and Laban make a covenant.

43. And Laban answered and said unto Iakob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

44. Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

45. And Iakob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

46. And Iakob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

47. And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Iakob called it Galeed.

48. And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

49. And Mizpah; for he said, IEUE watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

50. If thou shall afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, Aleim is witness betwixt me and thee.

A pillar of separation and a parting of their ways.

51. And Laban said to Iakob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;

52. This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53. The Aleim of Abrhaam, and the Aleim of Nahor, the Aleim of their father, judge betwixt us. And Iakob sware by the fear of his father Isaak.

54. Then Iakob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55. And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

Iakob prepares to meet Esau.

Iakob hears of Esau's approach.

Iakob meets the angels of Aleim at Mahanain.

Chapter 32.

1. And Iakob went on his way, and the angels of Aleim met him.

2. And when Iakob saw them, he said, This is Aleim's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

Iakob' message in Esau.

3. And Iakob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4. And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall you speak unto my master Esau; Thy servant Iakob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

5. And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6. And the messengers returned to Iakob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

Iakob' fear and carnal preparation.

7. Then Iakob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8. And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

Iakob' prayer.

9. And Iakob said, O Aleim of my father Abrhaam, and Aleim of my father Isaak, IEUE which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10. I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

11. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

12. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

Iakob sends many gifts to Esau.

13. And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;

14. Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,

15. Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.

16. And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

17. And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

18. Then thou shall say, They be thy servant Iakob's; it is a present sent unto my master Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us.

19. And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall you speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

20. And say you moreover, Behold, thy servant Iakob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

21. So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

Iakob wrestles with Aleim.

Iakob sends all his possessions over the river.

22. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

23. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

A Man wrestles with Iakob.

24. And Iakob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Iakob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

Iakob' plea to the Man.

26. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

Iakob' name is changed and he is a blessed man.

27. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Iakob.

28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Iakob, but Isrhael: for as a prince hast thou power with Aleim and with men, and hast prevailed.

29. And Iakob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

Two memorials of this event.

30. And Iakob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen Aleim face to face, and my life is preserved.

31. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32. Therefore the children of Isrhael eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Iakob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

The meeting of Iakob and Esau.

Esau's warm welcome.

Iakob' warm welcome.

Iakob' careful preparations.

Chapter 33.

1. And Iakob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Lea, and unto Rhachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2. And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Lea and her children after, and Rhachel and Ioseph hindermost.

Iakob demonstrates his submission.

3. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

Esau warmly greets Iakob and his family.

4. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which Aleim hath graciously given thy servant.

6. Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7. And Lea also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Ioseph near and Rhachel, and they bowed themselves.

Esau receives Iakob': and he took it.

8. And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9. And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10. And Iakob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of Aleim, and thou wast pleased with me.

11. Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because Aleim hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

Iakob' travels in the promise land.

Iakob and Esau parts ways; Iakob goes to Succoth.

12. And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13. And he said unto him, My master knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14. Let my master, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my master unto Seir.

15. And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my master.

16. So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17. And Iakob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

Iakob comes to Sechem.

18. And Iakob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Kanaan, when he came from Padanaram; and pitched his tent before the city.

19. And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamorh, Sechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

20. And he erected there an altar, and called it Elelohe-Isrhael.

Simeon and Leui massacre Sechem.

The rape of Dina.

Chapter 34.

1. And Dina the daughter of Lea, which she bare unto Iakob, went out to see the daughters of the land.
2. And when Sechem the son of Hamorh the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.
3. And his soul clave unto Dina the daughter of Iakob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.
4. And Sechem spake unto his father Hamorh, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

Iakob' lack of outrage: the anger of Simeon and Leui.

5. And Iakob heard that he had defiled Dina his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Iakob held his peace until they were come.
6. And Hamorh the father of Sechem went out unto Iakob to commune with him.
7. And the sons of Iakob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Isrhael in lying with Iakob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

Hamorh and Sechem seek to arrange the marriage of Dina.

8. And Hamorh communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Sechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.
9. And make you marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.
10. And you shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade you therein, and get you possessions therein.
11. And Sechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what you shall say unto me I will give.
12. Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as you shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

The counter offer of Simeon and Leui: all the men of the City of Sechem should be circumcised.

13. And the sons of Iakob answered Sechem and Hamorh his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dina their sister:

14. And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

15. But in this will we consent unto you: If you will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

16. Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17. But if you will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

Hamorh and Sechem convince the men of the City to go along with the plan..

18. And their words pleased Hamorh, and Sechem Hamorh's son.

19. And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Iakob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

20. And Hamorh and Sechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21. These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22. Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

23. Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24. And unto Hamorh and unto Sechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

Simeon and Leui destroy the City of Sechem.

The massacre of the men of the City of Sechem.

25. And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Iakob, Simeon and Leui, Dina's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

They rescue Dina and plunder the City.

26. And they slew Hamorh and Sechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dina out of Sechem's house, and went out.

27. The sons of Iakob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28. They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, 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 took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

Iakob' reaction.

30. And Iakob said to Simeon and Leui, You have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31. And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

Revival in Iakob' life.

Iakob returns to Bethel.

Aleim speaks to Iakob, calling him back to Bethel.

Chapter 35.

1. And Aleim said unto Iakob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto Aleim, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

The cleansing of Iakob' family.

2. Then Iakob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

3. And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto Aleim, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4. And they gave unto Iakob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Iakob hid them under the oak which was by Sechem.

Aleim's protection of Iakob: he comes to Bethel.

5. And they journeyed: and the terror of Aleim was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

6. So Iakob came to Luz, which is in the land of Kanaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him.

7. And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there Aleim appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

The Death of Deborha, Rhebeka' beloved nurse.

8. But Deborha Rhebeka's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth.

Aleim speaks to Iakob again at Bethel

9. And Aleim appeared unto Iakob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.

10. And Aleim said unto him, Thy name is Iakob: thy name shall not be called any more Iakob, but Isrhael shall be thy name: and he called his name Isrhael.

11. And Aleim said unto him, I am Aleim Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12. And the land which I gave Abrhaam and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13. And Aleim went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14. And Iakob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

The birth of Benjamin and the death of Rachel.

The birth of another son.

15. And Iakob called the name of the place where Aleim spake with him, Bethel.

16. And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rhachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

17. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

The naming of the last son.

18. And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

The Death and burial of Rhachel.

19. And Rhachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

20. And Iakob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rhachel's grave unto this day.

Reuben' sin with his father's concubine.

21. And Isrhael journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

Iakob' sons.

22. And it came to pass, when Isrhael dwelt in that land, that Rheuben went and lay with Bilha his father's concubine: and Isrhael heard it. Now the sons of Iakob were twelve:

23. The sons of Lea; Rheuben, Iakob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Leui, and Iouda (Judah), and Issacharh, and Zebulun:

24. The sons of Rhachel; Ioseph, and Benjamin:

25. And the sons of Bilha, Rhachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:

26. And the sons of Zilpa, Lea's handmaid; Gad, and Asherh: these are the sons of Iakob, which were born to him in Padanaram.

The Death of Isaak.

Iakob visits his father Isaak one last time.

27. And Iakob came unto Isaak his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abrhaam and Isaak sojourned.

Iakob and Esau bury their father together.

28. And the days of Isaak were an hundred and fourscore years.

29. And Isaak gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Iakob buried him.

The family of Esau.

Esau's separation from Iakob.

The wives, sons and daughters of Esau.

Chapter 36.

1. Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.
2. Esau took his wives of the daughters of Kanaan; Ada the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibama the daughter of Ana the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;
3. And Basemath Ismael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth.
4. And Ada bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Basemath bare Rheuel;
5. And Aholibama bare Ieus, and Iaalam, and Korha: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Kanaan.

The separation of Iakob and Esau.

6. And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Iakob.
7. For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.
8. Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

The descendants of Esau.

The Edomites Descend from Esau.

9. And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:

The descendants of Edom and the chiefs of the Edomites.

10. These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Rheuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.
11. And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omarh, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.
12. And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.
13. And these are the sons of Rheuel; Nahath, and Zerha, Samma, and Mizzah: these were the sons of

Esau's wife.

14. And these were the sons of Aholibama, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeaon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Iseus, and Laalam, and Korha.

15. These were dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omarh, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,

16. Duke Korha, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Ada.

17. And these are the sons of Rheuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerha, duke Samma, duke Mizza: these are the dukes that came of Rheuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath Esau's wife.

18. And these are the sons of Aholibama Esau's wife; duke Iseus, duke Laalam, duke Korha: these were the dukes that came of Aholibama the daughter of Ana, Esau's wife.

19. These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes.

20. These are the sons of Seirh the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Sobal, and Zibeaon, and Ana,

21. And Dison, and Ezerh, and Disan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seirh in the land of Edom.

22. And the children of Lotan were Horhi and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23. And the children of Sobal were these; Alvan, and Manaath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24. And these are the children of Zibeaon; both Aia, and Ana: this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeaon his father.

25. And the children of Anah were these; Dison, and Aholibama the daughter of Ana.

26. And these are the children of Dison; Hemdan, and Esban, and Ithrehan, and Cherhan.

27. The children of Ezerh are these; Bilan, and Zaavan, and Akan.

28. The children of Disan are these; Uz, and Arhan.

29. These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Sobal, duke Zibeaon, duke Ana,

30. Duke Dison, duke Ezerh, duke Disan: these are the dukes that came of Horhi, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31. And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israhel.

32. And Bela the son of Beorh reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinaba.

33. And Bela died, and Iobab the son of Zerha of Bozra reigned in his stead.

34. And Iobab died, and Husam of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35. And Husam died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

36. And Hadad died, and Samla of Masrheka reigned in his stead.

37. And Samla died, and Saulo of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

38. And Saulo died, and Baalanan the son of Achborh reigned in his stead.

39. And Baalanan the son of Achborh died, and Hadarh reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Meetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezaab.

40. And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timna, duke Alva, duke Ietheth,

41. Duke Aholibama, duke Ela, duke Pinon,

42. Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzarh,

43. Duke Magdiel, duke Irham: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

Ioseph is sold into slavery

Ioseph' dreams.

Iakob favours Ioseph.

Chapter 37

1. And Iakob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Kanaan.

2. These are the generations of Iakob. Ioseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bila, and with the sons of Zilpa, his father's wives: and Ioseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3. Now Isrhael loved Ioseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

Ioseph' first dream.

5. And Ioseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7. For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

Ioseph's second dream.

9. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11. And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

Ioseph' brothers sell him into slavery.

Iakob sends Ioseph to find his brothers keeping the sheep.

12. And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13. And Israhel said unto Ioseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16. And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17. And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Ioseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

Ioseph's brothers plot to kill him.

18. And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21. And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

Ioseph is cast into an empty cistern and sold into slavery.

23. And it came to pass, when Ioseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Ioseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24. And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27. Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Ioseph out of the pit, and sold Ioseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Ioseph into Egypt.

They cover their sin and lie to Jakob concerning Joseph's fate.

29. And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

30. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

31. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32. And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34. And Jakob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

Joseph ends up in the court of a high Egyptian official.

36. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

Tamarh and the sin of louda.

Tamarh' widowhood and louda' unfairness.

louda and his three sons.

Chapter 38.

1. And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirha.

2. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Sua; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3. And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Erh.

4. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.

5. And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Sela: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

Erh' marriage to Tamarh and his death.

6. And Judah took a wife for Erh his firstborn, whose name was Tamarh.

7. And Erh, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of IEUE; and IEUE slew him.

Onan' refusal to raise up offspring for Tamarh.

8. And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10. And the thing which he did displeased IEUE: wherefore He slew him also.

louda' unfair dealing with Tamarh.

11. Then said Judah to Tamarh his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Sela my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamarh went and dwelt in her father's house.

Tamarh bears a child by louda.

louda' wife dies and Tamarh realizes louda will never give his Last son to fulfill the obligation to her. .

12. And in process of time the daughter of Sua Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirha the Adullamite.

13. And it was told Tamarh, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

14. And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Sela was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

Tamarh sets a trap for louda and he has sex with her.

15. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

16. And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

17. And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Will thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

18. And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

Tamarh disappears.

19. And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20. And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

21. Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

22. And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

23. And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

Tamarh is vindicated and louda is reproved.)

24. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamarh thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

26. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Sela my son. And he knew her again no more.

Tamarh gives birth to twins, Perhez and Zerha.

27. And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

28. And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29. And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharhez.

30. And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarha.

Ioseph in Potipharh' house.

Potipharh, an Egyptian official, buys Ioseph.

Chapter 39.

1. And Ioseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potipharh, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

Aleim is with Ioseph.

2. And IEUE was with Ioseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3. And his master saw that IEUE was with him, and that IEUE made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

Aleim blesses Potipharh for Ioseph' sake.

4. And Ioseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that IEUE blessed the Egyptian's house for Ioseph's sake; and the blessing of IEUE was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6. And he left all that he had in Ioseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Ioseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

Ioseph' resistance to temptation and its aftermath.

The invitation of Potipharh' wife and Ioseph' resistance.

7. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Ioseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9. There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against Aleim?

10. And it came to pass, as she spake to Ioseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

Ioseph resist her brazen attempt at seduction.

11. And it came to pass about this time, that Ioseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

Potipharh' wife falsely accuses Ioseph before Potipharh.

13. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14. That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15. And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18. And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

Ioseph is sent to prison.

19. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20. And Ioseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

Ioseph prospers, even in prison.

21. But IEUE was with Ioseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22. And the keeper of the prison committed to Ioseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because IEUE was with him, and that which he did, IEUE made it to prosper.

Ioseph interprets dreams in prison.

Ioseph meets the butler and the baker in prison.

The Egyptian royal butler and baker are put into prison.

Chapter 40.

1. And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their master the king of Egypt.

2. And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Ioseph was bound.

4. And the captain of the guard charged Ioseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

Ioseph shows concern for the butler and baker.

5. And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

6. And Ioseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

7. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his master's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

Ioseph invites them to tell him their disturbing dreams.

8. And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Ioseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to Aleim? tell me them, I pray you.

Ioseph interprets their dreams.

The butler explains his dream.

9. And the chief butler told his dream to Ioseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

10. And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11. And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

Ioseph interprets the butler' dream and asks a favour.

12. And Ioseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

13. Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14. But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15. For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

The baker tells his dreams and Ioseph interprets it.

16. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Ioseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

17. And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

18. And Ioseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

19. Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

The dreams come to pass exactly according to Ioseph' interpretations.

20. And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21. And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22. But he hanged the chief baker: as Ioseph had interpreted to them.

23. Yet did not the chief butler remember Ioseph, but forgot him.

Ioseph interprets Pharaoh's dream and rises to power.

Pharaoh's dreams and his dilemma.

Pharaoh's disturbing dreams.

Chapter 41.

1. And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

2. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3. And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river.

4. And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5. And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

6. And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

7. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

Ioseph is called in to interpret Pharaoh's dreams.

8. And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9. Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

10. Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker:

11. And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12. And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13. And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14. Then Pharaoh sent and called Ioseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

Ioseph comes before Pharaoh.

15. And Pharaoh said unto Ioseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16. And Ioseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: Aleim shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

Pharaoh tells Ioseph his dream.

17. And Pharaoh said unto Ioseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19. And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

20. And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

21. And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22. And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

23. And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them:

24. And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

Ioseph interprets Pharaoh's dream.

Ioseph interprets the dream.

25. And Ioseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: Aleim hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26. The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

27. And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28. This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What Aleim is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

30. And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

31. And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

32. And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by Aleim, and Aleim will shortly bring it to pass.

Ioseph gives his advice to Pharaoh.

33. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

Ioseph' promotion to a position of great authority.

37. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of Aleim is?

39. And Pharaoh said unto Ioseph, Forasmuch as Aleim hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40. Thou shall be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41. And Pharaoh said unto Ioseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Ioseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

43. And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

44. And Pharaoh said unto Ioseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45. And Pharaoh called Ioseph's name Zaphnathpaanea; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherha priest of On. And Ioseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

Ioseph' life as Prime Minister.

The seven years of plenty came to pass.

46. And Ioseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Ioseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47. And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49. And Ioseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

Ioseph' two sons and his state of heart.

50. And unto Ioseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherha priest of On bare unto him.

51. And Ioseph called the name of the firstborn Manasse: For Aleim, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For Aleim hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

The seven years of famine begin.

53. And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54. And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Ioseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Ioseph; what he saith to you, do.

56. And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Ioseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57. And all countries came into Egypt to Ioseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

Ioseph meets his brothers in Egypt.

The sons of Iakob come to Egypt.

Iakob sends his sons to Egypt to buy grain.

Chapter 42.

1. Now when Iakob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Iakob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2. And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3. And Ioseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4. But Benjamin, Ioseph's brother, Iakob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

The sons of Iakob bow down before Ioseph.

5. And the sons of Isrhael came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Kanaan.

6. And Ioseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Ioseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

Ioseph Interrogates his brothers and puts them into prison.

7. And Ioseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come you? And they said, From the land of Kanaan to buy food.

8. And Ioseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9. And Ioseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, You are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10. And they said unto him, Nay, my master, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11. We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.

12. And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land you are come.

13. And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Kanaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

14. And Ioseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies:

15. Hereby you shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

16. Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies.

17. And he put them all together into ward three days.

Ioseph gives the terms for their release from prison.

18. And Ioseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear Aleim:

19. If you be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go you, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20. But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

The guilty conscience of Ioseph' brothers at work.

21. And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22. And Rheuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23. And they knew not that Ioseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24. And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

Iakob' sons return home to Kanaan.

The brothers find their money returned.

25. Then Ioseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26. And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27. And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

28. And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that Aleim hath done unto us?

They return to Iakob and tell him the story.

29. And they came unto Iakob their father unto the land of Kanaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

30. The man, who is the master of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31. And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies:

32. We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Kanaan.

33. And the man, the master of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone:

34. And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

35. And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

Iakob' reaction: All these things are against me.

36. And Iakob their father said unto them, Me have you bereaved of my children: Ioseph is not, and Simeon is not, and you will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

Iakob refuses to let Benjamin go back to Egypt with them.

37. And Rheuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38. And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall you bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

Ioseph meets his brothers a second time.

Iakob decides to let the brothers return to Egypt with Beniamin.

Iakob gives the order to get more food.

Chapter 43.

1. And the famine was sore in the land.

2. And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

Iouda convinces his father to let them go to Egypt with Beniamin.

3. And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, You shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

4. If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5. But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, You shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

6. And Isrhael said, Wherefore dealt you so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7. And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have you another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8. And Judah said unto Isrhael his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones.

9. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame forever:

10. For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

Iakob sends them with money and gifts for the Egyptians leader.

11. And their father Isrhael said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

12. And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight:

13. Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

14. And Aleim Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

The sons of Jakob face Joseph again.

Joseph invites the brothers to dinner.

15. And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16. And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

17. And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18. And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

The brothers explain about the money and are treated well in Joseph's house.

19. And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

20. And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

21. And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

22. And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23. And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your Aleim, and the Aleim of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

An emotionally charged meeting with Joseph and his brothers.

24. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

25. And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26. And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27. And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

28. And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom you spake unto me? And he said, Aleim be gracious unto thee, my son.

30. And Ioseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

The dinner tables are segregated.

31. And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32. And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Ioseph arranges them by order of birth and he favours Benjamin.

33. And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34. And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Ioseph tests his brothers.

Ioseph sends them on their way.

Ioseph puts money in his brothers bags again.

Chapter 44.

1. And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

2. And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Ioseph had spoken.

3. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4. And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Ioseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have you rewarded evil for good?

5. Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? you have done evil in so doing.

The brothers claim they are innocent of theft.

6. And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7. And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? Aleim forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:

8. Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Kanaan: how then should we steal out of thy master' house silver or gold?

9. With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my master's bondmen.

10. And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and you shall be blameless.

The cup is found in Benjamin's sack.

11. Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12. And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13. Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

louda commits himself and all the brothers to stick with Benjamin, even as slaves in Egypt.

14. And Judah and his brethren came to Ioseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

15. And Ioseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot you not that such a man as I can certainly divine?

16. And Judah said, What shall we say unto my master? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? Aleim hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my master's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17. And he said, Aleim forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

louda intercedes for Benjamin.

louda tells Ioseph the whole story from the beginning.

18. Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my master, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my master's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19. My master asked his servants, saying, Have you a father, or a brother?

20. And we said unto my master, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22. And we said unto my master, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, you shall see my face no more.

24. And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my master.

25. And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26. And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27. And thy servant my father said unto us, You know that my wife bare me two sons:

28. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29. And if you take this also from me, and mischief befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30. Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31. It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever.

louda lays down his life for Beniamin and his father.

33. Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my master; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Ioseph is reunited with his brothers.

Ioseph reveals himself to his brothers.

The emotional revelation.

Chapter 45.

1. Then Ioseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Ioseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3. And Ioseph said unto his brethren, I am Ioseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

Ioseph' testimony.

4. And Ioseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Ioseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me hither: for Aleim did send me before you to preserve life.

6. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7. And Aleim sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but Aleim: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Ioseph sends his brothers home.

Ioseph tells his brothers to go home and to bring their father and find protection from the famine.

9. Haste you, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Ioseph, Aleim hath made me master of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11. And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13. And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and you shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

Pharaoh and Ioseph send the brothers home with many gifts.

16. And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Ioseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

17. And Pharaoh said unto Ioseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Kanaan;

18. And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.

19. Now thou art commanded, this do you; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20. Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

21. And the children of Israhel did so: and Ioseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22. To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23. And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24. So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that you fall not out by the way.

Iakob hears the good news - that Ioseph lives.

25. And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Kanaan unto Iakob their father,

26. And told him, saying, Ioseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Iakob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27. And they told him all the words of Ioseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Ioseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Ioseph their father revived:

28. And Israhel said, It is enough; Ioseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

The family of Iakob comes to Egypt.

The family comes to Egypt.

Aleim speaks to Iakob on the way to Egypt.

Chapter 46.

1. And Isrhael took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the Aleim of his father Isaak.

2. And Aleim spake unto Isrhael in the visions of the night, and said, Iakob, Iakob. And he said, Here am I.

3. And he said, I am Aleim, the Aleim of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

4. I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Ioseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

Listing of Iakob' family who came with him to Egypt.

5. And Iakob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Isrhael carried Iakob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Kanaan, and came into Egypt, Iakob, and all his seed with him:

7. His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8. And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Iakob and his sons: Rheuben, Iakob's firstborn.

9. And the sons of Rheuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezrhon, and Karhmi.

10. And the sons of Simeon; Iemuel, and Iamin, and Ohad, and Iachin, and Zoharh, and Saulo the son of a Canaanitish woman.

11. And the sons of Leui; Gerhson, Kohath, and Merharhi.

12. And the sons of Iouda (Judah); Erh, and Onan, and Sela, and Pharhez, and Zerha: but Er and Onan died in the land of Kanaan. And the sons of Pharhez were Hezrhon and Hamul.

13. And the sons of Issacharh; Tola, and Phuvah, and Aiob, and Simrhon.

14. And the sons of Zebulun; Serhed, and Elon, and Iahleel.

15. These be the sons of Lea, which she bare unto Iakob in Padanarham, with his daughter Dina: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

16. And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Suni, and Ezbon, Erhi, and Arhodi, and Arheli.

17. And the sons of Aserh; limna, and Isua, and Isui, and Berhia, and Serha their sister: and the sons of Berhia; Heberh, and Malchiel.

18. These are the sons of Zilpa, whom Laban gave to Lea his daughter, and these she bare unto Iakob, even sixteen souls.

19. The sons of Rhachel Iakob's wife; Ioseph, and Beniamin.

20. And unto Ioseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasse and Ephrhaim, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherha priest of On bare unto him.

21. And the sons of Beniamin were Bela, and Becherh, and Asbel, Gerha, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rhos, Muppim, and Huppim, and Arhd.

22. These are the sons of Rhachel, which were born to Iakob: all the souls were fourteen.

23. And the sons of Dan; Husim.

24. And the sons of Naphtali; Iazeel, and Guni, and Iezerh, and Sillem.

25. These are the sons of Bilha, which Laban gave unto Rhachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Iakob: all the souls were seven.

26. All the souls that came with Iakob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Iakob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six;

27. And the sons of Ioseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Iakob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

The family settles in the land of Goshen.

The emotional meeting between Ioseph and his father.

28. And he sent Judah before him unto Ioseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29. And Ioseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Isrhael his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30. And Isrhael said unto Ioseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

Ioseph tells his family of the plan to ask for the area of Goshen.

31. And Ioseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Kanaan, are come unto me;

32. And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33. And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34. That you shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Iakob meets Pharaoh; The family settles in Egypt

The brothers ask for the land of Goshen.

Chapter 47.

1. Then Ioseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Kanaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2. And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3. And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4. They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Kanaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

Pharaoh gives them the best of the land.

5. And Pharaoh spake unto Ioseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6. The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

Iakob blesses Pharaoh.

7. And Ioseph brought in Iakob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Iakob blessed Pharaoh.

8. And Pharaoh said unto Iakob, How old art thou?

9. And Iakob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10. And Iakob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

Isrhael takes the best of the land.

11. And Ioseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12. And Ioseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

Ioseph deals with the famine.

In the early years of the famine.

13. And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Kanaan fainted by reason of the famine.

14. And Ioseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Kanaan, for the corn which they bought: and Ioseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

In the later years of the famine.

15. And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Kanaan, all the Egyptians came unto Ioseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16. And Ioseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17. And they brought their cattle unto Ioseph: and Ioseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

18. When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my master also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my master, but our bodies, and our lands:

19. Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20. And Ioseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

21. And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

22. Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23. Then Ioseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

24. And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25. And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my master, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

26. And Ioseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

Isrhael anticipates his death.

The multiplication of the family of Isrhael.

27. And Isrhael dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

Isrhael makes Ioseph vow to bury him in Kanaan.

28. And Iakob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Iakob was an hundred forty and seven years.

29. And the time drew nigh that Isrhael must die: and he called his son Ioseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

30. But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31. And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Isrhael bowed himself upon the bed's head.

Iakob blesses Ioseph' sons.

Iakob calls for his sons.

Iakob' remembers Aleim's promise.

Chapter 48.

1. And it came to pass after these things, that one told Ioseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasse and Ephrhaim.

2. And one told Iakob, and said, Behold, thy son Ioseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3. And Iakob said unto Ioseph, Aleim Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Kanaan, and blessed me,

4. And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

Iakob adopts Ioseph' sons as his own.

5. And now thy two sons, Ephrhaim and Manasse, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Rheuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

6. And thy issue, which thou begetttest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

Iakob concludes his testimony with an eye to his soon death.

7. And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rhachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

Iakob blesses Manasse and Ephrhaim.

Iakob calls for Ioseph' sons to bless them.

8. And Isrhael beheld Ioseph's sons, and said, Who are these?

9. And Ioseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom Aleim hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

10. Now the eyes of Isrhael were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11. And Isrhael said unto Ioseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, Aleim hath shewed me also thy seed.

12. And Ioseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

Iakob puts the favoured hand on the second born, despite Ioseph' efforts.

13. And Ioseph took them both, Ephrhaim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasse in his left hand toward Isrhael's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

14. And Isrhael stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephrhaim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasse's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasse was the firstborn.

The blessing of Iakob upon Manasse and Ephrhaim.

15. And he blessed Ioseph, and said, Aleim, before whom my fathers Abrhaam and Isaak did walk, the Aleim which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16. The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abrhaam and Isaak; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

Iakob answers Ioseph' objection about the order of blessing.

17. And when Ioseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephrhaim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephrhaim's head unto Manasse's head.

18. And Ioseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

19. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, Aleim make thee as Ephrhaim and as Manasse: and he set Ephrhaim before Manasse.

Iakob makes a personal bequest to Ioseph.

21. And Isrhael said unto Ioseph, Behold, I die: but Aleim shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22. Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

The blessing of the sons of Iakob.

The cryptic blessings.

What will befall the sons of Iakob in the last days.

Chapter 49.

1. And Iakob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

2. Gather yourselves together, and hear, you sons of Iakob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Rheuben: You shall not excel.

3. Rheuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4. Unstable as water, thou shall not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledest thou it: he went up to my couch.

Simeon and Leui: I will.... scatter them in Israhel.

5. Simeon and Leui are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

7. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Iakob, and scatter them in Israhel.

Iouda: The scepter shall not depart from Iouda.

8. Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

11. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12. His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Zebulun: A haven for ships.

13. Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

Issachar: A strong donkey.

14. Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

15. And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

Dan: A serpent by the way.

16. Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18. I have waited for thy salvation, O Israel.

Gad: He shall triumph at last.

19. Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

Aser: He shall yield royal dainties.

20. Out of Aser his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

Naphtali: He gives goodly words

21. Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

Joseph: A fruitful bough.

22. Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

23. The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

24. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty Angel of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

25. Even by the Aleim of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

26. The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Ioseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Beniamin: a ravenous wolf.

27. Beniamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

Iakob concludes his blessing of the sons.

28. All these are the twelve tribes of Isrhael: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

Iakob' death.

Iakob makes his sons promise to bury him in Kanaan.

29. And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephrhon the Hittite,

30. In the cave that is in the field of Machpela, which is before Mamre, in the land of Kanaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephrhon the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

31. There they buried Abrhaam and Sarha his wife; there they buried Isaak and Rhebeka his wife; and there I buried Lea.

32. The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.

The death of Iakob.

33. And when Iakob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

The burial of Iakob; The death of Ioseph.

Iakob is buried in Kanaan.

Iakob is embalmed and mourned.

Chapter 50.

1. And Ioseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2. And Ioseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Isrhael.

3. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

Iakob' body is brought to Kanaan, and he is buried next to Lea, the wife who blessed him with his first four sons.

4. And when the days of his mourning were past, Ioseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5. My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Kanaan, there shall thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7. And Ioseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8. And all the house of Ioseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

9. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

10. And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

12. And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

13. For his sons carried him into the land of Kanaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpela, which Abrahaam bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephrhon the Hittite, before Mamre.

14. And Ioseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

Ioseph comforts his brothers fears.

The fears of Ioseph' brothers.

15. And when Ioseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Ioseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

The unlikely story of Ioseph' brothers.

16. And they sent a messenger unto Ioseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17. So shall you say unto Ioseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the Aleim of thy father. And Ioseph wept when they spake unto him.

18. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

Ioseph comforts his brothers.

19. And Ioseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of Aleim?

20. But as for you, you thought evil against me; but Aleim meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21. Now therefore fear you not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

The death of Ioseph.

Ioseph is still in Egypt but his heart is in Kanaan.

22. And Ioseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Ioseph lived an hundred and ten years.

23. And Ioseph saw Ephrhaim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machirh the son of Manasse were brought up upon Ioseph's knees.

24. And Ioseph said unto his brethren, I die: and Aleim will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abrhaam, to Isaak, and to Iakob.

The death and embalming of Ioseph.

25. And Ioseph took an oath of the children of Isrhael, saying, Aleim will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from hence.

26. So Ioseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.