

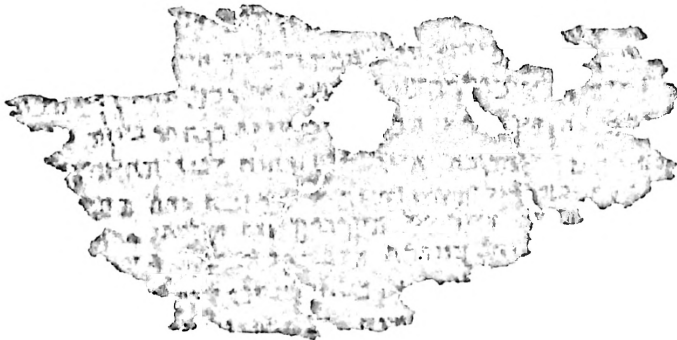
## INTRODUCTION

The Book of Jubilees (Sēfer ha'Yōḇelim) covers much of the same ground as Berēshith (Genesis), but often with additional detail. The entire history of creation, and of Yisra'ēl up to that point, is recounted in divisions of 49 years each, or Yōḇelim (Jubilees) - the elapsed time from the creation, up to Mosheh receiving the Scriptures on Mount Sinai.

Between 1947 and 1956, approximately 15 Yōḇelim scrolls were found in five caves at Qumran among what are known as the Dead Sea scrolls, all written in Hebrew. The large quantity of manuscripts (more than for any biblical books except for Psalms, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Exodus, and Genesis, in descending order) indicates that Jubilees was widely used at Qumran.

As with many extra-Biblical writings, there is some controversy as to whether the Book of Yōḇelim should be included among canonical Scripture, despite the fact that it was well known to early believers with some parts being incorporated into the earliest Greek version of the Jewish Bible, the Septuagint. However, it was so thoroughly suppressed in the 4th century that no complete Hebrew, Greek or Latin version has survived. The Book of Jubilees is considered canonical by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church as well as Jews in Ethiopia, where it is known as the Book of Division. A comparison of the Dead Sea scrolls with the Ethiopic version, found that the Ethiopic was in most respects an accurate and literalistic translation.

This translation of the Book of Jubilees is based on the Ethiopic text translated by R. H. Charles in 1917. The Name of YHWH has been restored in paleo Hebrew along with the majority of names transliterated from Hebrew sources to give an accurate pronunciation. As with Halleluyah Scriptures, all pagan influenced words pertaining to ~~אשר~~ have been avoided and the Hebrew words used have been included in the **GLOSSARY**.



### IMAGE

Fragment of the Book of Jubilees from  
the Dead Sea Scrolls - Cave 4, Qumran.

# YOBELIM

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1 And it came to be in the first year of the children of Yisra'el coming out of Mitsrayim, in the third month, on the sixteenth day of the month, that Elohim spoke to Mosheh, saying, "Come up to Me on the mountain, and I shall give you two tablets of stone of the Torah and of the Command, which I have written, that you may teach them."

2 And Mosheh went up into the mountain of Elohim, and the esteem of אלהים dwelt on Mount Sinai, and a cloud overshadowed it six days.

3 And He called to Mosheh on the seventh day out of the midst of the cloud, and the appearance of the esteem of אלהים was like a flaming fire on the top of the mountain.

4 And Mosheh was on the mountain forty days and forty nights, and Elohim taught him the earlier and the latter history of the division of all the days of the Law and of the Witness.

5 And He said, "Incline your heart to every Word which I shall speak to you on this mountain, and write them in a Book in order that their generations may see how I have not forsaken them for all the evil which they have done in transgressing the Covenant which I establish between Me and you for their generations this day on Mount Sinai.

6 "And so it shall come to be when all these matters come upon them, that they shall recognise that I am more righteous than they in all their judgments and in all their actions, and they shall recognise that I have been true with them.

7 "And you shall write for yourself all these Words which I declare to you this day, for I know their rebellion and their stiff neck, before I bring them into the land of which I swore to their fathers; to Abraham and to Yitshaq and to Ya'aqob, saying, 'Unto your seed I shall give a land flowing with milk and honey.'

8 "And they shall eat and be satisfied,

and they shall turn to strange mighty ones, to mighty ones which cannot deliver them from any of their tribulation, and this witness shall be heard for a witness against them.

9 "For they shall forget all My Commands, even all that I command them, and they shall walk after the gentiles, and after their uncleanness, and after their shame, and shall serve their mighty ones. And these shall come to be an offence to them and a tribulation and an affliction and a snare.

10 "And many shall perish and they shall be taken captive, and shall fall into the hands of the enemy, because they have forsaken My Laws and My Commands, and the Festivals of My Covenant, and My Shabbathoth, and My Qodesh Place which I have qadosh for Myself in their midst, and My Mishkan, and My Miqdash, which I have qadosh for Myself in the midst of the land, that I should place My Name upon it, and there it should dwell.

11 "And they shall make for themselves high places and Asherim and carved images, and they shall worship, each his own, so as to go astray, and they shall offer their children to demons, and to all the works of the straying of their hearts.

12 "And I shall send witnesses to them, that I may witness against them, but they shall not hear, and shall slay the witnesses also, and they shall persecute those who seek the Law, and they shall overturn and change all so as to work evil before My eyes.

13 "And I shall hide My face from them, and I shall deliver them into the hand of the gentiles for captivity, and for a prey, and for devouring. And I shall remove them from the midst of the land, and I shall scatter them among the gentiles.

14 "And they shall forget all My Torah and all My Commands and all My Right-Rulings, and shall go astray as to new moons, and Shabbathoth, and Festivals, and Yobelim, and Laws.

15 "And after this they shall turn to Me from among the gentiles with all their

heart and with all their being and with all their strength, and I shall gather them from among all the gentiles, and they shall seek Me, so that I shall be found by them, when they seek Me with all their heart and with all their being.

16 "And I shall reveal to them great peace with righteousness, and I shall plant them in this land in truth, with all My heart and with all My being, and they shall be for a beraḳah and not for a curse, and they shall be the head and not the tail.

17 "And I shall build My Miqdash in their midst, and I shall dwell with them, and I shall be their Elohim and they shall be My people in truth and righteousness.

18 "And I shall not forsake them nor fail them; for I am אלהים their Elohim."

19 And Mosheh fell on his face and prayed and said, "O Aḡonai my Elohim, do not forsake Your people and Your inheritance, so that they should wander in the straying of their hearts. And do not deliver them into the hands of their enemies, the gentiles, lest they should rule over them and cause them to sin against You.

20 "Let Your kindness, O Aḡonai, be lifted up on Your people, and create in them an upright spirit, and do not let the spirit of belya'al rule over them to accuse them before You, and to ensnare them from all the paths of righteousness, so that they might perish from before Your face.

21 "But they are Your people and Your inheritance, which You have delivered with Your great power from the hands of the Mitsrites. Create in them a clean heart and a qodesh spirit, and do not let them be ensnared in their sins from this time and forever."

22 And אלהים said to Mosheh, "I know their unruliness and their thoughts and they are stiffnecked, and they shall not be obedient till they confess their own sin and the sin of their fathers.

23 "And after this they shall turn to Me in all uprightness and with all their heart and with all their being, and I

shall circumcise the foreskin of their heart and the foreskin of the heart of their seed, and I shall create in them a qodesh spirit, and I shall cleanse them so that they shall not turn away from Me from that day unto eternity.

24 "And their beings shall cling to Me and to all My Commands, and they shall perform My Commands, and I shall be their Father and they shall be My children.

25 "And they shall all be called children of the living Elohim, and every messenger and every spirit shall know, even they shall know that these are My children, and that I am their Father in uprightness and righteousness, and that I love them.

26 "And you shall write down for yourself all these Words which I declare unto you on this mountain, the first and the last, which shall come to be in all the divisions of the days in the Law and in the Witness and in the Shabbathoth and the YoḄelim forever, until I descend and dwell with them forever."

27 And He said to the messenger of the presence, "Write for Mosheh, from the beginning of creation till My Miqdash has been built among them forever.

28 "And אלהים shall appear to the eyes of all, and all shall know that I am the Elohim of Yisra'el and the Father of all the children of Ya'aqob, and Sovereign on Mount Tsion forever. And Tsion and Yerushalayim shall be qodesh."

29 And the messenger of the presence who went before the camp of Yisra'el took the tablets of the divisions of the years from the time of the creation of the Law and of the Witness of the Shabbathoth, of the YoḄelim, according to the individual years, according to all the number of the YoḄelim, from the day of the creation when the shamayim and the earth shall be renewed and all their creation according to the powers of the shamayim, and according to all the creation of the earth, until the Miqdash of אלהים shall be made in Yerushalayim on Mount Tsion, and all the lights be renewed for healing and for

peace and for a beraḳah for all the chosen of Yisra'ēl, and so it shall be from that day and to all the days of the earth.

**2** And the messenger of the presence spoke to Mosheh according to the word of אֱלֹהִים, saying, "Write the complete history of the creation, how in six days אֱלֹהִים Elohim finished all His works and all that He created, and guarded the Shabbath on the seventh day and qadosh it for all ages, and appointed it as a sign for all His works."

2 For on the first day He created the shamayim which are above and the earth and the waters and all the spirits which serve before Him - the messengers of the presence, and the messengers of qodeshah, and the messengers of the spirit of the winds, and the messengers of the spirit of the clouds, and of darkness, and of snow and of hail and of hoar frost, and the messengers of the voices and of the thunder and of the lightning, and the messengers of the spirits of cold and of heat, and of winter and of spring and of autumn and of summer, and of all the spirits of His creatures which are in the shamayim and on the earth, the abysses and the darkness, evening and night, and the light, dawn and day, which He has prepared in the knowledge of His heart.

3 And we looked upon His works, and praised Him, and exalted before Him because of all His works; for seven great works He created on the first day.

4 And on the second day He created the expanse in the midst of the waters, and the waters were divided on that day - half of them went up above and half of them went down below the expanse in the midst over the face of the whole earth. And this was the only work created on the second day.

5 And on the third day He commanded the waters to pass from off the face of the whole earth into one place, and the dry land to appear.

6 And the waters did so, as He commanded them, and they withdrew

from off the face of the earth into one place outside of this expanse, and the dry land appeared.

7 And on that day He created for them all the seas according to their separate gatherings, and all the rivers, and the gatherings of the waters in the mountains and on all the earth, and all the lakes, and all the dew of the earth, and the seed which is sown, and all sprouting matters, and fruit-bearing trees, and trees of the forest, and the garden of Ēden, in Ēden, and all plants after their kind. These four great works Elohim created on the third day.

8 And on the fourth day He created the sun and the moon and the stars, and placed them in the expanse of the shamayim, to give light upon all the earth, and to rule over the day and the night, and divide the light from the darkness.

9 And Elohim appointed the sun to be a great sign on the earth for days and for Shabbathoth and for months and for Festivals and for years and for Shabbathoth of years and for Yobelim and for all seasons of the years.

10 And it divides the light from the darkness for good, that all matters may thrive sprout and grow on the earth. These three kinds He made on the fourth day.

11 And on the fifth day He created great Liwiathans in the depths of the waters, for these were the first matters of flesh that were created by His hands: the fish and all that moves in the waters, and all that flies; the birds and all their kind.

12 And the sun rose above them to prosper them, and above all that was on the earth, all that sprouts out of the earth, and all fruit-bearing trees, and all flesh; these three kinds He created on the fifth day.

13 And on the sixth day He created all the beasts of the earth, and all cattle, and all that moves on the earth.

14 And after all this He created man - man and a woman He created them - and gave him rulership over all that is on the earth, and in the seas, and over all that flies, and over beasts and over

cattle, and over all that moves on the earth, and over the whole earth, and over all this He gave him rulership. And these four kinds He created on the sixth day.

15 And there were altogether twenty-two kinds.

16 And He finished all His work on the sixth day; all that is in the shamayim and on the earth, and in the seas and in the abysses, and in the light and in the darkness, and in all.

17 And He gave us a great sign - the Shabbath day, that we should work six days, but guard the Shabbath on the seventh day from all work.

18 And all the messengers of the presence, and all the messengers of qodeshah - these two great classes - He has hidden us to guard the Shabbath with Him in the shamayim and on earth.

19 And He said to us, "See, I shall separate unto Myself a people from among all the peoples, and they shall guard the Shabbath day, and I shall qadosh them unto Myself as My people, and shall barak them. As I have qadosh the Shabbath day and qadosh it unto Myself, even so shall I barak them, and they shall be My people and I shall be their Elohim.

20 "And I have chosen the seed of Ya'aqob from among all that I have seen, and have written him down as My firstborn son, and have qadosh him unto Myself forever and ever. And I shall teach them the Shabbath day, that they may guard the Shabbath thereon from all work."

21 And so He created therein a sign in accordance with which they should guard the Shabbath with us on the seventh day, to eat and to drink, and to barak Him who has created all matters as He has barak and qadosh unto Himself a treasured possession; a people above all peoples, and that they should guard the Shabbath together with us.

22 And He caused His Commands to ascend as a sweet fragrance acceptable before Him all the days.

23 There were twenty-two heads of

mankind from Adam to Ya'aqob, and twenty-two kinds of work were made until the seventh day - this is baruk and qodesh. And the former also is baruk and qodesh, and this one serves with that one for qodeshah and beraqah.

24 And to them - Ya'aqob and his seed - it was granted that they should always be the baruk and qodeshim of the first Witness and Torah, even as He had qadosh and barak the Shabbath day on the seventh day.

25 He created the shamayim and earth and all that He created in six days, and Elohim made the seventh day qodesh for all His works. Therefore He commanded for this reason, that whoever does any work on it shall die, and that he who defiles it shall certainly die.

26 Therefore you shall command the children of Yisra'el to observe this day that they may qodesh it and not do any work on it, and not to defile it, as it is more qodesh than all other days.

27 And whoever profanes it shall certainly die, and whoever does any work on it shall certainly die forever, that the children of Yisra'el may observe this day throughout their generations, and not be rooted out of the land; for it is a qodesh day and a baruk day.

28 And every one who observes it and guards the Shabbath thereon from all his work, shall be qodesh and baruk throughout all days like us.

29 Declare and say to the children of Yisra'el the Law of this day both that they should guard the Shabbath on it, and that they should not forsake it in the straying of their hearts; that it is not right to do any work on it which is improper, to do their own pleasure on it. And that they should not prepare whatever on it to be eaten or drunk, and to draw water, or bring in or take out through their gates any burden on it, which they had not prepared for themselves on the sixth day in their dwellings.

30 And they shall not bring in nor take out from house to house on that day,

for that day is more qodesh and baruk than any Yobël day of the Yobelim. On this we guarded the Shabbath in the shamayim before it was made known to any flesh to guard the Shabbath thereon on the earth.

31 And the Creator of all matters barak it, but He did not qadosh all peoples and nations to guard the Shabbath on it, but Yisra'ël alone - they alone He permitted to eat and drink and to guard the Shabbath thereon on the earth.

32 And the Creator of all matters barak this day which He had created for a beraçah and a qodeshah and an esteem above all days.

33 This Torah and Witness was given to the children of Yisra'ël as a Law forever unto their generations.

**3** And on the six days of the second week, according to the word of Elohim, we brought to Ađam all the beasts, and all the cattle, and all the birds, and all that moves on the earth, and all that moves in the water, according to their kinds, and according to their types: the beasts on the first day; the cattle on the second day; the birds on the third day; and all that which moves on the earth on the fourth day; and that which moves in the water on the fifth day.

2 And Ađam named them all by their respective names, and as he called them, so their name was.

3 And on these five days Ađam saw all these, male and female, according to every kind that was on the earth, but he was alone and found no helper for himself.

4 And אָדָם said to us, "It is not good that the man should be alone; let Us make a helper for him."

5 And אָדָם our Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon him, and he slept, and He took for the woman one rib from among his ribs, and this rib was the origin of the woman from among his ribs, and He built up the flesh in its stead, and made the woman.

6 And He woke Ađam out of his sleep, and upon waking he rose on the sixth day, and He brought her to him, and he knew her, and said to her, "This is

now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called 'woman', because she was taken out of man."

7 Therefore man and wife shall be one, and therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cling to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.

8 In the first week Ađam was created, and the rib - his wife - in the second week He showed her to him. And for this reason the Command was given to keep in their defilement, for a male seven days, and for a female twice seven days.

9 And after Ađam had completed forty days in the land where he had been created, we brought him into the Garden of Ĕġen to till and keep it, but his wife they brought in on the eightieth day, and after this she entered into the Garden of Ĕġen.

10 And for this reason the Command is written on the tablets of the shamayim in regard to her that gives birth: If she brings forth a male, she shall remain in her uncleanness seven days according to the first week of days, and thirty-three days she shall remain in the blood of her purifying. And she shall not touch any qodesh matter, nor enter into the Miqdash, until she accomplishes these days which are commanded in the case of a male child.

11 But in the case of a female child she shall remain in her uncleanness two weeks of days, according to the first two weeks, and sixty-six days in the blood of her purification, and they shall be eighty days in all.

12 And when she had completed these eighty days we brought her into the Garden of Ĕġen, for it is more qodesh than all the earth besides, and every tree that is planted in it is qodesh.

13 Therefore, there was ordained regarding her who brings forth a male or a female child, the law of those days that she should touch no qodesh matter, nor enter into the Miqdash until these days for the male or female child are accomplished.

14 This is the Torah and witness which was written down for Yisra'ël, in order

that they should observe it forever.

15 And in the first week of the first Yoḥēl, Aḡam and his wife were in the Garden of Ēḡen for seven years tilling and keeping it, and we gave him work and we instructed him to do all that is suitable for serving.

16 And he tilled the garden, and was naked and was not aware of it, and was not ashamed, and he protected the garden from the birds and beasts and cattle, and gathered its fruit, and ate, and put aside the remainder for himself and for his wife.

17 And after the completion of the seven years which he had completed there, seven years exactly, and in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the serpent came and approached the woman. And the serpent said to the woman, "Has Elohim commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

18 And she said to him, "Of all the fruit of the trees of the garden Elohim has said to us, 'Eat,' but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden Elohim has said to us, 'You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

19 And the serpent said to the woman, "You shall certainly not die. For Elohim knows that on the day you eat of it, your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be like Elohim, and you shall know good and evil."

20 And the woman saw the tree that it was agreeable and pleasant to the eye, and that its fruit was good for food, and she took of it and ate.

21 And when she had first covered her shame with fig leaves, she gave of it to Aḡam and he ate, and his eyes were opened, and he saw that he was naked.

22 And he took fig leaves and sewed them together, and made a covering for himself, and covered his shame.

23 And Elohim cursed the serpent, and was wroth with it forever.

24 And He was wroth with the woman, because she listened to the voice of the serpent, and ate. And He said to

her, "I shall greatly multiply your sorrow and your pains. In sorrow you shall bring forth children, and your return shall be unto your husband, and he shall rule over you."

25 And to Aḡam also He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree which I commanded you that you should not eat of it, cursed be the ground for your sake. Thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you, and you shall eat your bread in the sweat of your face, till you return to the earth from where you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust shall you return."

26 And He made for them coats of skin, and clothed them, and sent them out from the Garden of Ēḡen.

27 And on that day on which Aḡam went out from the garden, he offered as a sweet fragrance an offering: frankincense, galbanum, and fragrant gum, and spices in the morning with the rising of the sun from the day when he covered his shame.

28 And on that day the mouth of all beasts was closed, and of cattle, and of birds, and of whatever walks, and of whatever moves, so that they could no longer speak, for they had all spoken, one with another with one lip and with one tongue.

29 And He sent out of the Garden of Ēḡen all flesh that was in the Garden of Ēḡen, and all flesh was scattered according to their kinds, and according to their types to the places which had been created for them.

30 And to Aḡam alone He gave the means to cover his shame, of all the beasts and cattle.

31 On this account, it is prescribed on the tablets of the shamayim as regarding all those who know the Right-Ruling of the Torah, that they should cover their shame, and should not uncover themselves as the gentiles uncover themselves.

32 And on the new moon of the fourth month, Aḡam and his wife went out from the Garden of Ēḡen, and they dwelt in the land of Elda, in the land of their creation.

33 And Ađam called the name of his wife Hāwawah.

34 And they had no son till the first Yoḅēl, and after this he knew her.

35 Now he tilled the land as he had been instructed in the Garden of Ēḡen.

**4** And in the third week in the second Yoḅēl she gave birth to Qayin, and in the fourth she gave birth to Heḅel, and in the fifth she gave birth to her daughter Awan.

2 And in the first year of the third Yoḅēl, Qayin slew Heḅel because Elohim accepted the offering of Heḅel, and did not accept the offering of Qayin.

3 And he slew him in the field, and his blood cried from the ground to the shamayim, lamenting because he had slain him.

4 And אַרְבָּע reprov'd Qayin because of Heḅel, because he had slain him, and he made him a fugitive on the earth because of the blood of his brother, and he cursed him upon the earth.

5 And on this account it is written on the tablets of the shamayim, "Cursed is he who smites his neighbour treacherously." And let all who have seen and heard say, "So be it." And the man who has seen and not declared, let him be accursed as the other.

6 And for this reason we announce when we come before אַרְבָּע our Elohim all the sin which is committed in the shamayim and on earth, and in light and in darkness, and everywhere.

7 And Ađam and his wife mourned for Heḅel four weeks of years, and in the fourth year of the fifth week they became joyful, and Ađam knew his wife again, and she bore him a son, and he called his name Shēth, for he said, "Elohim has raised up a second seed for us on the earth instead of Heḅel, for Qayin slew him."

8 And in the sixth week he brought forth his daughter Azura.

9 And Qayin took Awan his sister to be his wife, and she bore him Ḥanoḵ at the close of the fourth Yoḅēl. And in the first year of the first week of the

fifth Yoḅēl, dwellings were built on the earth, and Qayin built a city, and called its name after the name of his son Ḥanoḵ.

10 And Ađam knew Hāwawah his wife and she bore a further nine sons.

11 And in the fifth week of the fifth Yoḅēl, Shēth took Azura his sister to be his wife, and in the fourth year of the sixth week she bore him Enosh.

12 He began to call on the Name of אֱלֹהִים on the earth.

13 And in the seventh Yoḅēl in the third week, Enosh took No'am his sister to be his wife, and she bore him a son in the third year of the fifth week, and he called his name Qēynan.

14 And at the close of the eighth Yoḅēl Qēynan took Mu'alālēth his sister to be his wife, and she bore him a son in the ninth Yoḅēl, in the first week in the third year of this week, and he called his name Mahalal'ēl.

15 And in the second week of the tenth Yoḅēl Mahalal'ēl took as wife, Dinah, the daughter of Baraḳi'ēl the daughter of his father's brother. And she bore him a son in the third week in the sixth year, and he called his name Yereḡ, for in his days the messengers of אַרְבָּע descended on the earth - those who are named the Watchers - that they should instruct the children of men, and that they should do right-ruling and uprightness on the earth.

16 And in the eleventh Yoḅēl, Yereḡ took a wife, and her name was Beraḳah, the daughter of Rasuyal, a daughter of his father's brother, in the fourth week of this Yoḅēl. And she bore him a son in the fifth week, in the fourth year of the Yoḅēl, and he called his name Ḥanoḵ.

17 And he was the first among men that are born on earth who learned writing and knowledge and wisdom and who wrote down the signs of the shamayim according to the order of their months in a Book, that men might know the seasons of the years according to the order of their separate months.

18 And he was the first to write a witness, and he witnessed to the sons



of men among the generations of the earth, and recounted the weeks of the Yobelim, and made known to them the days of the years, and put in order the months and recounted the Shabbathoth of the years as we made known to him.

19 And what was and what shall be he saw in a vision of his sleep, as it shall happen to the children of men throughout their generations until the Day of judgment. He saw and understood all, and wrote his witness, and placed the witness on earth for all the children of men and for their generations.

20 And in the twelfth Yobēl, in the seventh week, he took a wife, and her name was Edni, the daughter of Danēl, the daughter of his father's brother. And in the sixth year in this week she bore him a son and he called his name Methushelah.

21 And he was furthermore with the messengers of Elohim these six Yobelim of years, and they showed him all which is on earth and in the shamayim - the rule of the sun - and he wrote it all down.

22 And he witnessed to the Watchers, who had sinned with the daughters of men; for these had begun to unite themselves - so as to be defiled - with the daughters of men, and Hanoq witnessed against them all.

23 And he was taken from among the children of men, and we conducted him into the Garden of Ēden in majesty and honour, and see, there he writes down the condemnation and judgment of the world, and all the wickedness of the children of men.

24 And on account of it Elohim brought the waters of the flood upon all the land of Ēden; for there he was appointed as a sign and that he should witness against all the children of men, that he should recount all the deeds of the generations until the Day of condemnation.

25 And he burned the incense of the Miqdash: sweet spices, acceptable before אֱלֹהִים on the Mountain.

26 For אֱלֹהִים has four places on the

earth: the Garden of Ēden, and the Mountain of the East, and this mountain on which you are this day, Mount Sinai, and Mount Tsion which shall be qadosh in the new creation for a qodeshah of the earth; through it the earth shall be qadosh from all guilt and its uncleanness throughout the generations of the world.

27 And in the fourteenth Yobēl Methushelah took a wife, Edna the daughter of Azri'el, the daughter of his father's brother, in the third week, in the first year of this week, and he brought forth a son and called his name Lemeq.

28 And in the fifteenth Yobēl in the third week, Lemeq took a wife, and her name was Bētēnos the daughter of Baraki'el, the daughter of his father's brother. And in this week she bore him a son, and he called his name Noah, saying, "This one shall comfort me for my trouble and all my work, and for the ground which אֱלֹהִים has cursed."

29 And at the close of the nineteenth Yobēl, in the seventh week in the sixth year, Adam died, and all his sons buried him in the land of his creation, and he was the first to be buried in the earth.

30 And he was less seventy years from one thousand years; for one thousand years are as one day in the witness of the shamayim, and therefore was it written concerning the tree of knowledge, "On the day that you eat of it you shall die." For this reason he did not complete the years of this day; for he died during it.

31 At the close of this Yobēl Qayin was killed after him in the same year; for his house fell upon him and he died in the midst of his house, and he was killed by its stones, for with a stone he had killed Hebel, and by a stone he was killed in righteous judgment.

32 For this reason it was ordained on the tablets of the shamayim: With the instrument with which a man kills his neighbour with, the same shall he be killed; after the manner that he wounded him, in like manner shall they deal with him.

33 And in the twenty-fifth Yobël, Noah took a wife, and her name was Ĕmzara, the daughter of Raķe'ël, the daughter of his father's brother, in the first year in the fifth week. And in the third year she bore him Shēm, in the fifth year she bore him Ḥam, and in the first year in the sixth week she bore him Yepheth.

**5** And it came to be when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born to them, that the messengers of Elohim saw them on a certain year of this Yobël, that they were lovely to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose, and they bore unto them sons and they were giants.

2 And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike; men and cattle and beasts and birds and all that walks on the earth - all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each other, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men was only evil continually.

3 And Elohim looked upon the earth, and see, it was corrupt, and all flesh had corrupted its orders, and all that were upon the earth had wrought all kinds of evil before His eyes.

3 And He said, "I shall destroy man and all flesh upon the face of the earth which I have created."

5 But Noah found favour before the eyes of אלהים.

6 And against the messengers whom He had sent upon the earth, He was exceedingly wroth, and He gave a command to root them out of all their reign, and He commanded us to bind them in the depths of the earth, and see, they are bound in the midst of it, and are kept separate.

7 And against their sons went forth a command from before His face that they should be smitten with the sword, and be removed from under the shamayim.

8 And He said "Your spirit shall not always abide on man; for they also are

flesh and their days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

9 And He sent His sword into their midst that each should slay his neighbour, and they began to slay each other till they all fell by the sword and were destroyed from the earth.

10 And their fathers were witnesses of their destruction, and after this they were bound in the depths of the earth forever, until the Day of the great condemnation when judgment is executed on all those who have corrupted their ways and their works before אלהים.

11 And He destroyed all from their places, and not one remained of them whom He did not judge according to all their wickedness.

12 And He appointed for all His works a new and righteous nature, so that they should not sin in their whole nature forever, but should be all righteous each in his kind always.

13 And the judgment of all is ordained and written on the tablets of the shamayim in righteousness - even the judgment of all who depart from the path which is ordained for them to walk in. And if they do not walk therein, judgment is written down for every creature and for every kind.

14 And there is none in the shamayim or on earth, or in light or in darkness, or in the grave or in the depth, or in the place of darkness which is not judged; and all their judgments are ordained and written and engraved.

15 In regard to all He shall rightly rule: the great according to his greatness, and the small according to his smallness, and each according to his way.

16 And He is not one who shall regard the face of any, nor is He one who shall receive bribes. If He says that He shall execute judgment on each; if one gave all that is on the earth, He shall not regard the bribes or the face of any, nor accept any matter at his hands, for He is a righteous Judge.

17 And of the children of Yisra'ël it has been written and ordained: If they turn to Him in righteousness, He shall

forgive all their transgressions and pardon all their sins.

18 It is written and ordained that He shall show kindness to all who turn from all their guilt once each year.

19 And as for all those who corrupted their ways and their thoughts before the flood, no man's face was accepted except that of Noah alone; for his face was accepted in behalf of his sons, whom Elohim saved from the waters of the flood on his account; for his heart was righteous in all his ways, accordingly as it was commanded regarding him, and he had not departed from any matter that was ordained for him.

20 And אָרַם said that He would destroy all which was upon the earth, both men and cattle, and beasts, and birds of the air, and that which moves on the earth.

21 And He commanded Noah to make himself an ark, that he might save himself from the waters of the flood.

22 And Noah made the ark in all respects as He commanded him, in the twenty-seventh Yobel of years, in the fifth week in the fifth year on the new moon of the first month.

23 And he entered in the sixth year, in the second month, on the new moon of the second month, till the sixteenth. And he entered, and all that we brought to him, into the ark, and אָרַם closed it from without on the seventeenth evening.

24 And אָרַם opened seven windows of the shamayim, and the mouths of the fountains of the great deep - seven mouths in number.

25 And the widows began to pour down water from the shamayim forty days and forty nights, and the fountains of the deep also sent up waters, until the whole earth was filled with water.

26 And the waters increased upon the earth; fifteen ammah the waters rose above all the high mountains. And the ark was lifted up above the earth, and it moved upon the face of the waters.

27 And the waters were mighty on the face of the earth five months - one hundred and fifty days.

28 And the ark went and rested on the top of Luḅar, one of the mountains of Ararat.

29 And on the new moon in the fourth month, the fountains of the great deep were closed and the windows of the shamayim were restrained. And on the new moon of the seventh month, all the mouths of the abysses of the earth were opened, and the water began to descend into the deep below.

30 And on the new moon of the tenth month the tops of the mountains were visible, and on the new moon of the first month the earth became visible.

31 And the waters disappeared from above the earth in the fifth week in the seventh year, and on the seventeenth day in the second month the earth was dry.

32 And on the twenty-seventh, he opened the ark, and sent out from it beasts, and cattle, and birds, and every moving creature.

**6** And on the new moon of the third month he went out from the ark, and built an altar on the mountain.

2 And he made atonement for the earth, and took a young goat and made atonement with its blood for all the guilt of the earth; for all that had been on it had been destroyed, except those that were in the ark with Noah.

3 And he placed the fat of it on the altar, and he took a bull, and a goat, and a male goat, and salt, and a turtledove, and the young pigeon, and placed a burnt offering on the altar, and poured an offering on it mixed with oil, and sprinkled wine and spread frankincense over all, and caused a sweet fragrance to arise, acceptable before אָרַם.

4 And אָרַם smelled the sweet fragrance, and He made a Covenant with him that there should no longer be a flood to destroy the earth. "That all the days of the earth; seedtime and harvest should never cease. Cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night should not change their order, nor cease, forever.

5 "And you, increase and multiply upon the earth, and become numerous upon

it, and be a beraḳah upon it. The fear of you and the dread of you I shall inspire in all that is on earth and in the sea.

6 "And see, I have given to you all beasts, and all flying creatures, and all that moves on the earth, and the fish in the waters, and all matters for food; as the green plants, I have given you all matters to eat.

7 "But flesh, with its life, with the blood, you shall not eat; for the life of all flesh is in the blood, lest your blood of your lives be required. At the hand of every man, at the hand of every beast, I shall require the blood of man.

8 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." For in the image of Elohim He made man.

9 "And you, increase, and multiply on the earth."

10 And Noah and his sons swore that they would not eat any blood that was in any flesh, and he made a Covenant before אלהים Elohim forever throughout all the generations of the earth in this month.

11 On this account He spoke to you that you should make a Covenant with the children of Yisra'el in this month upon the mountain with an oath, and that you should sprinkle blood upon them because of all the words of the Covenant, which אלהים made with them forever.

12 And this Witness is written concerning you that you should observe it continually, so that you should not eat on any day, any blood of beasts or birds or cattle during all the days of the earth, and the man who eats the blood of beast or of cattle or of birds during all the days of the earth, he and his seed shall be rooted out of the land.

13 And you shall command the children of Yisra'el to eat no blood, so that their names and their seed may be before אלהים our Elohim continually.

14 And for this Law there is no limit of days, for it is forever. They shall observe it throughout their generations, so that they may continue atonement on your behalf with blood

before the altar; every day and at the time of morning and evening they shall seek forgiveness on your behalf continually before אלהים, that they may keep it and not be rooted out.

15 And He gave to Noah and his sons a sign that there should not be a flood on the earth again.

16 He placed His rainbow in the cloud for a sign of the everlasting Covenant that there should not be a flood again on the earth to destroy it all the days of the earth.

17 For this reason it is ordained and written on the tablets of the shamayim, that they should celebrate the Festival of Shaḅuoth in this month once a year, to renew the Covenant every year.

18 And this whole Festival was celebrated in the shamayim from the day of creation till the days of Noah: twenty-six Yobelim and five weeks of years. And Noah and his sons observed it for seven Yobelim and one week of years, till the day of Noah's death. And from the day of Noah's death his sons forgot it until the days of Abraham, and they ate blood.

19 But Abraham observed it, and Yitshaq and Ya'aqob and his children observed it up to your days, and in your days the children of Yisra'el forgot it until you celebrated it anew on this mountain.

20 And you shall command the children of Yisra'el to observe this Festival in all their generations for a Command unto them: one day in the year in this month they shall celebrate the Festival.

21 For it is the Festival of Shaḅuoth and the Feast of First-Fruits: this Feast is twofold and of a double nature: according to what is written and engraved concerning it, celebrate it.

22 For I have written in the Book of the first Torah, in that which I have written for you, that you should celebrate it in its season, one day in the year, and I explained to you its slaughtering that the children of Yisra'el should remember and should celebrate it throughout their generations in this month, one day in every year.

23 And on the new moon of the first

month, and on the new moon of the fourth month, and on the new moon of the seventh month, and on the new moon of the tenth month are the days of remembrance, and the days of the seasons in the four divisions of the year. These are written and ordained as a Witness forever.

24 And Noah ordained them for himself as Festivals for the generations forever, so that they have become thereby a memorial to Him.

25 And on the new moon of the first month he was told to make an ark, and on that day the earth became dry, and he opened the ark and saw the earth.

26 And on the new moon of the fourth month, the mouths of the depths of the abysses beneath were closed. And on the new moon of the seventh month, all the mouths of the abysses of the earth were opened, and the waters began to descend into them.

27 And on the new moon of the tenth month, the tops of the mountains were seen, and Noah was glad.

28 And on account of this he ordained them for himself as Festivals for a memorial forever, and thus are they ordained.

29 And they placed them on the tablets of the shamayim; each had thirteen weeks; their memorial passed from one to another, from the first to the second, and from the second to the third, and from the third to the fourth.

30 And all the days of the Command shall be fifty-two weeks of days, and these shall make the entire year complete.

31 Thus it is engraved and ordained on the tablets of the shamayim. And there is no neglecting this Command for a single year or from year to year.

32 And you shall command the children of Yisra'el that they observe the years according to this reckoning: three hundred and sixty-four days, and these shall constitute a complete year, and they shall not disturb its time from its days and from its Festivals; for all shall fall out in them according to their witness, and they shall not leave out any day nor disturb any Festivals.

33 But if they neglect and do not observe them according to His Command, then they shall disturb all their seasons, and the years shall be dislodged from this order, and they shall neglect their Laws.

34 And all the children of Yisra'el shall forget, and shall not find the path of the years, and shall forget the new moons, and seasons, and Shabbathoth, and they shall go astray as to all the order of the years.

35 For I know, and from this time on I shall declare it to you, and it is not of my own devising; for the Book is written before me. And on the tablets of the shamayim the division of days is ordained, lest they forget the Festivals of the Covenant and walk according to the festivals of the gentiles after their straying and after their ignorance.

36 For there shall be those who shall assuredly make observations of the moon - now it disturbs the seasons and comes in from year to year ten days too soon.

37 For this reason the years shall come upon them when they shall disturb the order, and make an abominable day the day of witness, and an unclean day a feast day, and they shall confuse all the days, the qodesh with the unclean, and the unclean day with the qodesh; for they shall go astray as to the months and Shabbathoth and Festivals and YoḄelim.

38 For this reason I command and witness to you that you may witness to them; for after your death your children shall confuse them, so that they shall not make the year three hundred and sixty-four days only, and for this reason they shall go astray as to the new moons and seasons and Shabbathoth and Festivals, and they shall eat all kinds of blood with all kinds of flesh.

**7** And in the seventh week in the first year, in this YoḄel, Noah planted vines on the mountain on which the ark had rested, named Luḅar, one of the Mountains of Ararat. And they produced fruit in the fourth year, and he guarded their fruit, and gathered it in this year in the seventh month.

2 And he made wine from them and put it into a vessel, and kept it until the fifth year, until the first day, on the new moon of the first month.

3 And he celebrated with joy the day of this Festival, and he made a burnt offering to  $\text{אלהים}$ : one young bull and one ram, and seven sheep, each a year old, and a young goat, that he might make atonement thereby for himself and his sons.

4 And he prepared the young goat first, and placed some of its blood on the flesh that was on the altar which he had made, and all the fat he laid on the altar where he made the burnt offering, and the bull and the ram and the sheep, and he arranged all their flesh on the altar.

5 And he placed all their offerings mixed with oil on it, and afterwards he sprinkled wine on the fire which he had previously made on the altar, and he placed incense on the altar and caused a sweet fragrance to ascend, acceptable before  $\text{אלהים}$  his Elohim.

6 And he rejoiced and drank of this wine, he and his children with joy.

7 And it was evening, and he went into his tent, and being drunk he lay down and slept, and was uncovered in his tent as he slept.

8 And  $\text{חַם}$  saw Noaḥ his father naked, and went out and told his two brothers outside.

9 And Shēm took his garment and arose, he and Yepheth, and they placed the garment on their shoulders and went backward and covered the shame of their father, and their faces were backward.

10 And Noaḥ awoke from his sleep and knew all that his younger son had done to him, and he cursed his son and said, "Cursed be Kena'an, let him become a servant of servants to his brothers."

11 And he barak Shēm, and said, "Baruk be  $\text{אלהים}$  Elohim of Shēm, and let Kena'an become his servant.

12 "Let Elohim enlarge Yepheth, and let Elohim dwell in the dwelling of Shēm, and let Kena'an become his servant."

13 And  $\text{חַם}$  knew that his father had

cursed his younger son, and he was displeased that he had cursed his son, and he parted from his father, he and his sons with him, Kush and Mitsrayim and Put and Kena'an.

14 And he built a city and called its name after the name of his wife Ne'elatama'uk.

15 And Yepheth saw it, and became envious of his brother, and he too built a city, and he called its name after the name of his wife Aḡataneses.

16 And Shēm dwelt with his father Noaḥ, and he built a city close to his father on the mountain, and he too called its name after the name of his wife Tseḡeḡetelēḡaḡ.

17 And see, these three cities are near Mount Luḡar; Tseḡeḡetelēḡaḡ before the mountain on its east; and Ne'elatama'uk on the south; Aḡataneses towards the west.

18 And these are the sons of Shēm: Ēylam, and Asshur, and Arpaḡshaḡ - this son was born two years after the flood - and Luḡ, and Aram.

19 The sons of Yepheth: Gomer and Maḡoḡ and Maḡai and Yawan, Tuḡal and Mesheḡ and Tiras. These are the sons of Noaḥ.

20 And in the twenty-eighth Yoḡēl Noaḥ began to command his sons' sons the Laws and Commands, and all the Right-Rulings that he knew, and he urged his sons to observe righteousness, and to cover the shame of their flesh, and to barak their Creator, and honour father and mother, and love their neighbour, and guard their beings from whoring and uncleanness and all wickedness.

21 For owing to these three matters the flood came upon the earth, namely, due to the whoring by which the Watchers - against the Torah of their Laws - went whoring after the daughters of men, and took wives for themselves of all they chose, and they made the beginning of uncleanness.

22 And they brought forth sons, the Naphidim, but they were all evil, and they devoured one another. And the Giants slew the Naphil, and the Naphil slew the Elyo, and the Elyo mankind,

and one another.

23 And everyone sold himself to work wickedness and to shed much blood, and the earth was filled with wickedness.

24 And after this they sinned against the beasts and birds, and all that moves and walks on the earth. And much blood was shed on the earth, and every inclination and desire of men planned worthlessness and evil continually.

25 And אֱלֹהִים destroyed all from off the face of the earth because of the wickedness of their deeds, and because of the blood which they had shed in the midst of the earth. He destroyed all.

26 "And we were left, you and I, my sons, and all that entered with us into the ark, and look, I see your works before me that you do not walk in righteousness; for you have begun to walk in the path of destruction, and you are parting from one another, and are envious of one another, and so it is that you are not in unity, my sons, each with his brother.

27 "For I look, and see, the demons have begun their enticements against you and against your children. And now I fear on your behalf, that after my death you shall shed the blood of men upon the earth, and that you shall also be destroyed from the face of the earth.

28 "For whoever sheds man's blood, and whoever eats the blood of any flesh, shall all be destroyed from the earth.

29 "And there shall not be left any man that eats blood, or that sheds the blood of man on the earth, nor shall there be left to him any seed or descendants living under the shamayim. For they shall go into the grave, and they shall descend into the place of condemnation, and they shall all be removed into the darkness of the deep by a violent death.

30 "No blood is to be seen upon you. Of all the blood there shall be, all the days in which you have killed any beasts or cattle or whatever flies upon

the earth, and you perform a good work toward your beings by covering that which has been shed on the face of the earth.

31 "And you shall not be like him who eats with blood, but guard yourselves that none may eat flesh before you cover the blood, for thus have I been commanded to witness to you and your children, together with all flesh.

32 "And do not allow the life to be eaten with the flesh, that your blood, which is your life, may not be required at the hand of any flesh that sheds it on the earth.

33 "For the earth shall not be clean from the blood which has been shed upon it; for only through the blood of him that shed it shall the earth be purified throughout all its generations.

34 "And now, my children, listen! Work right-ruling and righteousness that you may be planted in righteousness over the face of the whole earth, and your esteem lifted up before my Elohim, who saved me from the waters of the flood.

35 "And see, you shall go and build for yourselves cities, and plant in them all the plants that are upon the earth, and also all fruit-bearing trees.

36 "For three years the fruit of all that is eaten shall not be gathered, and in the fourth year its fruit shall be reckoned qodesh, acceptable before the Most High Ēl, who created the shamayim and earth and all matters. Let them offer in abundance the first of the wine and oil as first-fruits on the altar of אֱלֹהִים, who receives it, and what is left let the servants of the house of אֱלֹהִים eat before the altar which receives it.

37 "And in the fifth year you perform the release, so that you release it in righteousness and uprightness, and you shall be righteous, and all that you plant shall prosper.

38 "For so Ḥanok, the father of your father commanded Methushelah, his son, and Methushelah his son Lemeq, and Lemeq commanded me all the matters which his fathers commanded him.

39 "And I also shall give you command,

my sons, as Hanoḵ commanded his son in the first Yobelim. While still living, the seventh in his generation, he commanded and witnessed to his son and to his sons' sons until the day of his death."

**8** In the twenty-ninth Yoḅēl, in the first week, in the beginning of it Arpaḵshaḡ took a wife, and her name was Rasu'ēyah, the daughter of Ēylam, and she bore him a son in the third year in this week, and he called his name Qēynam.

2 And the son grew, and his father taught him writing, and he went to seek a place where he might seize a city.

3 And he found a writing which former generations had carved on the rock, and he read what was on it, and he transcribed it and sinned in regard to it; for it contained the teaching of the Watchers in accordance with which they used to observe the signs of the sun and moon and stars in all the signs of the shamayim.

4 And he wrote it down but said naught regarding it; for he was afraid to speak to Noaḥ about it lest he should be wroth with him because of it.

5 And in the thirtieth Yoḅēl, in the second week, in the first year, he took a wife, and her name was Melkah, the daughter of Maḡai, the son of Yepheth. And in the fourth year he brought forth a son, and called his name Shelaḡ, for he said, "Truly I have been sent."

6 And Shēlaḡ grew up and took a wife, and her name was Mu'aḡ, the daughter of Keseg, his father's brother, in the thirty-first Yoḅēl, in the fifth week, in the first year.

7 And she bore him a son in the fifth year, and he called his name Ēḅer, and he took a wife for himself, and her name was Azuraḡ the daughter of Nebroḡ, in the thirty-second Yoḅēl, in the seventh week, in the third year.

8 And in the sixth year, she bore him a son, and he called his name Peleḡ; for in the days when he was born the children of Noaḥ began to divide the earth among themselves: for this reason he called his name Peleḡ.

9 And they divided it secretly among themselves, and told it to Noaḥ.

10 And it came to be in the beginning of the thirty-third Yoḅēl that they divided the earth into three parts, for Shēm and Ḥam and Yepheth, according to the inheritance of each, in the first year in the first week, when one of us, who had been sent, was with them.

11 And he called his sons, and they came near to him, they and their children, and he divided the earth into the lots, which his three sons were to take in possession, and they reached out their hands, and took the writing out of the bosom of Noaḥ, their father.

12 And there came forth on the writing as Shēm's lot the middle of the earth which he should take as an inheritance for himself and for his sons for the generations forever, from the middle of the mountain range of Rapha, from the mouth of the water from the River Tina. And his portion goes towards the west through the midst of this river, and it extends till it reaches the water of the abysses, out of which this river goes forth and pours its waters into the Sea Mē'at, and this river flows into the Great Sea. And all that is towards the north is Yepheth's, and all that is towards the south belongs to Shēm.

13 And it extends till it reaches Karaso: this is in the bottom of the tongue which looks towards the south.

14 And his portion extends along the Great Sea, and it extends in a straight line till it reaches the west of the tongue which looks towards the south; for this sea is named the Tongue of the Mitsrite Sea.

15 And it turns from here towards the south towards the mouth of the Great Sea on the shore of its waters, and it extends to the west to Aphra and it extends till it reaches the waters of the River Giḥon, and to the south of the waters of Giḥon, to the banks of this river.

16 And it extends towards the east, till it reaches the Garden of Ēḡen, to the south from there, and from the east of the whole land of Ēḡen and of the



whole east, it turns to the east, and proceeds till it reaches the east of the mountain named Rapha, and it descends to the bank of the mouth of the River Tina.

17 This portion came forth by lot for Shēm and his sons, that they should possess it forever unto his generations forever.

18 And Noah rejoiced that this portion came forth for Shēm and for his sons, and he remembered all that he had spoken with his mouth in neḅuah; for he had said, "Baruḵ be אֱלֹהִים Elohim of Shēm, and let אֲרָצָה dwell in the dwelling of Shēm."

19 And he knew that the Garden of Ēden is the Most Qodesh Place, and the dwelling of אֲרָצָה, and Mount Sinai the centre of the desert, and Mount Tsion - the centre of the navel of the earth. These three were created as qodesh places facing each other.

20 And he baraḵ the Elohim of mighty ones, who had put the Word of אֱלֹהִים into his mouth, and אֲרָצָה the everlasting.

21 And he knew that a baruḵ portion and a beraḵah had come to Shēm and his sons to the generations forever - the whole land of Ēden and the whole land of the Sea of Reeds, and the whole land of the East, and Hodu, and on the Sea of Reeds and the mountains thereof, and all the land of Bashan, and all the land of Leḅanon and the islands of Kaphtor, and all the mountains of Sanir and Amana, and the mountains of Ashshur in the north, and all the land of Ēylam, Ashshur, and Baḅel, and Shushan and Maḅai and all the mountains of Ararat, and all the region beyond the Sea, which is beyond the mountains of Ashshur towards the north, a baruḵ and spacious land, and all that is in it is very good.

22 And for Ḥam came forth the second portion, beyond the Giḥon towards the south to the right of the Garden, and it extends towards the South and it extends to all the mountains of fire, and it extends towards the west to the Sea of Atel and it extends towards the

west till it reaches the Sea of Ma'ok - that sea into which all which is not destroyed descends.

23 And it extends towards the north to the limits of Gaḡir, and it extends to the coast of the waters of the sea to the waters of the Great Sea till it draws near to the River Giḥon, and passes along the river Giḥon till it reaches the right of the Garden of Ēden.

24 And this is the land which came forth for Ḥam as the portion which he was to occupy forever; he and his sons to their generations forever.

25 And for Yepheth came forth the third portion beyond the river Tina to the north of the outflow of its waters, and it extends north-easterly to the whole region of Goḡ and to all the country east of there.

26 And it extends northerly to the north, and it extends to the mountains of Qelt towards the north, and towards the Sea of Ma'ok, and it extends to the east of Gaḡir as far as the region of the waters of the Sea.

27 And it extends until it approaches the west of Phara and it returns towards Apheraḡ, and it extends easterly to the waters of the Sea of Mē'at.

28 And it extends to the region of the river Tina in a north-easterly direction until it approaches the boundary of its waters towards the mountain of Rapha, and it turns round towards the north.

29 This is the land which came forth for Yepheth and his sons as the portion of his inheritance which he should possess for himself and his sons, to their generations forever; five great islands, and a great land in the north.

30 But it is cold, and the land of Ḥam is hot, and the land of Shēm is neither hot nor cold, but it is mixed of cold and heat.

**9** And Ḥam divided among his sons, and the first portion came forth for Kush towards the east, and to the west of him for Mitsrayim, and to the west of him for Put, and to the west of him on the sea for Kena'an.

2 And Sheri also divided among his

sons, and the first portion came forth for Ēylam and his sons: to the east of the river Tigris till it approaches the East, the whole land of Hodu, and on the Sea of Reeds on its coast, and the waters of Deġan, and all the mountains of Meḡri and Ēlah, and all the land of Shushan and all that is on the side of Pharnaḡ to the Sea of Reeds and the River Tina.

3 And for Asshur came forth the second portion: all the land of Ashshur and Ninewēh and Shin'ar and to the border of Hodu, and it ascends and surrounds the river.

4 And for Arpaḡshaḡ came forth the third portion: all the land of the region of the Kasdim to the east of the Perath, bordering on the Sea of Reeds, and all the waters of the desert close to the tongue of the sea which looks towards Mitsrayim, all the land of Leḡanon and Sanir and Armana to the border of the Perath.

5 And for Aram there came forth the fourth portion: all the land of Aram-Naharayim between the Tigris and the Perath to the north of the Kasdim to the border of the mountains of Ashshur and the land of Arara.

6 And there came forth for Luḡ the fifth portion: the mountains of Ashshur and all belonging to them till it reaches the Great Sea, and till it reaches the east of Asshur his brother.

7 And Yepheth also divided the land of his inheritance among his sons.

8 And the first portion came forth for Gomer: to the east from the north side to the river Tina; and in the north there came forth for Maḡoḡ all the inner portions of the north until it reaches to the Sea of Mē'at.

9 And for Maḡai came forth as his portion: that he should possess from the west of his two brothers to the islands, and to the coasts of the islands.

10 And for Yawan came forth the fourth portion: every island and the islands which are towards the border of Luḡ.

11 And for Tuḡal there came forth the fifth portion: in the midst of the tongue which approaches towards the border

of the portion of Luḡ to the second tongue, to the region beyond the second tongue to the third tongue.

12 And for Mesheḡ came forth the sixth portion: all the region beyond the third tongue till it approaches the east of Gaḡir.

13 And for Tiras there came forth the seventh portion: four great islands in the midst of the sea, which reach to the portion of Ḥam.

14 And thus the sons of Noaḡ divided to their sons in the presence of Noaḡ their father, and he bound them all by an oath, proclaiming a curse on every one that sought to seize the portion which had not fallen to him by his lot.

15 And they all said, "So be it; so be it." For themselves and their sons forever throughout their generations till the Day of judgment, on which אלהים Elohim shall judge them with sword and with fire, for all the unclean wickedness of their strayings, with which they have filled the earth with transgression and uncleanness and whoring and sin.

**10** And in the third week of this Yoḡēl the unclean demons began to lead astray the children of the sons of Noaḡ, and to mislead and destroy them.

2 And the sons of Noaḡ came to Noaḡ their father, and they informed him concerning the demons which were, leading astray and blinding and slaying his sons' sons.

3 And he prayed before אלהים his Elohim, and said, "Elohim of the spirits of all flesh, who has shown kindness to me, and has saved my sons and I from the waters of the flood, and has not caused me to perish as You did the sons of destruction; for Your favour has been great towards me, and Your kindness has been great to my being. Let Your favour be lifted upon my sons, and let not wicked spirits rule over them lest they should destroy them from the earth.

4 "But may You baraḡ my sons and I, that we may increase and multiply and fill the earth.

5 "And You know how Your Watchers,

the fathers of these spirits, acted in my day. And as for these spirits which are living, imprison them and hold them fast in the place of condemnation, and let them not bring destruction on the sons of your servant, my Elohim; for these are evil, and created in order to destroy.

6 "And let them not rule over the spirits of the living; for You alone exercise rule over them. And let them not have power over the sons of the righteous from this time and forever."

7 And אֱלֹהִים our Elohim commanded us to bind all.

8 And the chief of the spirits, Mastēma, came and said, "Aḡonai, Creator, let some of them remain before me, and let them listen to my voice, and do all that I shall say to them; for if some of them are not left to me, I shall not be able to execute the power of my purpose on the sons of men; for these are for corruption and leading astray before my right-ruling, for the wickedness of the sons of men is great."

9 And He said, "Let the tenth part of them remain before him, and let nine parts descend into the place of condemnation."

10 And one of us He commanded that we should teach Noah all their medicines; for He knew that they would not walk in uprightness, nor strive in righteousness.

11 And we did according to all His words: all the wicked evil ones we bound in the place of condemnation, and a tenth part of them we left that they might be subject before Satan on the earth.

12 And we explained to Noah all the medicines of their diseases, together with their accomplishments, how he might heal them with herbs of the earth.

13 And Noah wrote down all matters in a Book as we instructed him concerning every kind of medicine. Thus the evil spirits were prevented from hurting the sons of Noah.

14 And he gave all that he had written to Shēm, his eldest son; for he loved

him exceedingly above all his sons.

15 And Noah slept with his fathers, and was buried on Mount Luḡar in the land of Ararat.

16 Nine hundred and fifty years he completed in his life, nineteen Yobēlim and two weeks and five years.

17 And in his life on earth he excelled the children of men except Ḥanoḡ because of the righteousness, wherein he was perfect. For Ḥanoḡ's office was ordained for a witness to the generations of the world, so that he should recount all the deeds of generation unto generation, till the Day of judgment.

18 And in the thirty-third Yobēl, in the first year, in the second week, Peleḡ took a wife, whose name was Lomnah the daughter of Sina'ar. And she bore him a son in the fourth year of this week, and he called his name Re'u; for he said, "See, the children of men have become evil through the wicked purpose of building for themselves a city and a tower in the land of Shin'ar."

19 For they departed from the land of Ararat eastward to Shin'ar; for in his days they built the city and the tower, saying, "Come, let us ascend thereby into the shamayim."

20 And they began to build, and in the fourth week they made brick with fire, and the bricks served them for stone, and the clay with which they cemented them together was asphalt which comes out of the sea, and out of the fountains of water in the land of Shin'ar.

21 And they built it; forty-three years they were building it. Its breadth was two hundred and three bricks, and the height of a brick was the third of one. Its height amounted to five thousand, four hundred and thirty-three ammah and two tophah, and the extent of one wall was thirteen stades and of the other thirty stades.

22 And אֱלֹהִים our Elohim said to us, "See, they are one people, and this they begin to do, and now naught shall be withheld from them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language, that they may not understand one

another's speech, and they may be dispersed into cities and nations, and one purpose shall no longer endure with them till the day of judgment."

23 And **אֱלֹהִים** descended, and we descended with Him to see the city and the tower which the children of men had built.

24 And He confused their language, and they no longer understood one another's speech, and they ceased then to build the city and the tower.

25 For this reason the whole land of Shin'ar is called Bāḇel, because there **אֱלֹהִים** confounded all the language of the children of men, and from there they were dispersed into their cities, each according to his language and his nation.

26 And **אֱלֹהִים** sent a mighty wind against the tower and overthrew it upon the earth, and see, it was between Ashshur and Babylon in the land of Shin'ar, and they called its name, 'Overthrow.'

27 In the fourth week in the beginning of the first year in the thirty-fourth Yōḇēl, they were dispersed from the land of Shin'ar.

28 And Ḥam and his sons went into the land which he was to occupy, which he acquired as his portion in the land of the South.

29 And Kena'an saw the land of Leḇanon to the river of Mitsrayim that it was very good, but he did not go into the land of his inheritance to the west that is to the sea, but he dwelt in the land of Leḇanon, eastward and westward from the border of Yardēn and from the border of the sea.

30 And Ḥam, his father, and Kush and Mitsrayim, his brothers, said to him, "You have settled in a land which is not yours, and which did not fall to us by lot. Do not do so; for if you do so, you and your sons shall fall in the land and be accursed through rebellion; for by rebellion you have settled, and by rebellion your children shall fall, and you shall be rooted out forever.

31 "Do not dwell in the dwelling of Shēm; for to Shēm and to his sons it came by their lot.

32 "Cursed are you, and cursed shall you be over all the sons of Noah, with the curse by which we bound ourselves with an oath in the presence of the qodesh Judge, and in the presence of Noah our father."

33 But he did not listen to them, and dwelt in the land of Leḇanon from Ḥamath as far as the enterance of Mitsrayim, he and his sons to this day.

34 And for this reason that land is named Kena'an.

35 And Yepheth and his sons went towards the sea and dwelt in the land of their portion. And Maḡai saw the land of the sea and it did not please him, and he begged a portion from Ēylam and Asshur and Arpaḡshad, his wife's brother, and he dwelt in the land of Maḡai, near to his wife's brother to this day.

36 And he called his dwelling, and the dwelling of his sons, Maḡai, after the name of their father Maḡai.

**11** And in the thirty-fifth Yōḇēl, in the third week, in the first year, Re'u took a wife, and her name was Ora, the daughter of Ur, the son of Keseg. And she bore him a son, in the seventh year of this week in this Yōḇēl, and he called his name Seroḡ.

2 And the sons of Noah began to fight with each other, to capture and to slay each other, and to shed the blood of men on the earth, and to eat blood, and to build strong cities, and walls, and towers. And some exalted themselves above the nation, and established the beginnings of reigns, and went to battle; people against people, and nation against nation, and city against city. And all did evil, and acquired weapons, and taught their sons battle, and they began to capture cities, and to sell male and female slaves.

3 And Ur, the son of Keseg, built the city of Ara of the Kasdim, and called its name after his own name and the name of his father.

4 And they made for themselves moulded images, and they each worshipped the idol, the moulded image which they had made for

themselves, and they began to make carved images and unclean likenesses, and evil spirits assisted and seduced them into committing transgression and uncleanness.

5 And the prince Mastēma exerted himself to do all this, and he sent out other spirits, those which were put under his hand, to do all kinds of evil and sin, and all kinds of transgression, to corrupt and destroy, and to shed blood on the earth.

6 For this reason he called the name of Seroh, Seruḡ, for everyone turned to do all kinds of sin and transgression.

7 And he grew up, and dwelt in Ur-Kasdim, near to the father of his wife's mother, and he worshipped idols, and he took a wife in the thirty-sixth YoḄēl, in the fifth week, in the first year, and her name was Melka, the daughter of KaḄēr, the daughter of his father's brother.

8 And she bore him Naḥor, in the first year of this week, and he grew and dwelt in Ur-Kasdim, and his father taught him the researches of the Kasdim to divine and foretell, according to the signs of the shamayim.

9 And in the thirty-seventh YoḄēl, in the sixth week, in the first year, he took a wife, and her name was lyaska, the daughter of Nestaḡ of the Kasdim.

10 And she bore him Teraḥ in the seventh year of this week.

11 And the prince Mastēma sent ravens and birds to devour the seed which was sown in the land, in order to destroy the land, and rob the children of men of their labours. Before they could plough in the seed, the ravens pecked it from the surface of the ground.

12 And for this reason he called his name Teraḥ, because the ravens and the birds reduced them to destitution and devoured their seed.

13 And the years began to be barren, because of the birds, and they devoured all the fruit of the trees from the trees. It was only with great effort that they could save a little of all the fruit of the earth in their days.

14 And in this thirty-ninth YoḄēl, in the second week in the first year, Teraḥ took a wife, and her name was Eḡna, the daughter of AḄram the daughter of his father's sister.

15 And in the seventh year of this week she bore him a son, and he called his name AḄram, by the name of the father of his mother; for he had died before his daughter had conceived a son.

16 And the child began to understand the strayings of the earth, that all went astray after carved images and after uncleanness. And his father taught him writing, and he was fourteen years old, and he separated himself from his father that he might not worship idols with him.

17 And he began to pray to the Creator of all matters that He might save him from the strayings of the children of men, and that his portion should not fall into straying after uncleanness and wickedness.

18 And the seedtime came for the sowing of seed on the land, and they all went out together to protect their seed against the ravens, and AḄram went out with those that went, and the child was a lad of fourteen years.

19 And a cloud of ravens came to devour the seed, and AḄram ran to meet them before they settled on the ground, and cried to them before they settled on the ground to devour the seed, and said, "Do not Descend! Return to the place where you came." And they proceeded to turn back.

20 And he caused the clouds of ravens to turn back that day seventy times, and of all the ravens throughout all the land where AḄram was, not so much as one settled there.

21 And all who were with him throughout all the land saw him cry out, and all the ravens turn back, and his name became great in all the land of the Kasdim.

22 And there came to him this year all those that wished to sow, and he went with them until the time of sowing ceased. And they sowed their land, and that year they brought enough

grain home and ate and were satisfied.  
 23 And in the first year of the fifth week, Aḅram taught those who made implements for oxen - the craftsmen in wood - and they made a vessel above the ground, facing the frame of the plough, in order to put the seed on, and the seed fell down from there upon the share of the plough, and was hidden in the earth, and they no longer feared the ravens.

24 And in this way they made *vessels* above the ground on all the frames of the ploughs, and they sowed and tilled all the land accordingly, as Aḅram commanded them, and they no longer feared the birds.

**12** And it came to be in the sixth week, in the seventh year, that Aḅram spoke to Terah his father, saying, "Father." And he said, "See, here I am, my son."

2 And he said, "What help and profit have we from those idols which you worship, and before which you bow yourself?"

3 "For there is no spirit in them, for they are dumb images, and a misleading of the heart. Do not worship them!"

4 "Worship the Elohim of the shamayim, who causes the rain and the dew to descend on the earth, and does all upon the earth, and has created all by His Word, and all life is from before His face.

5 "Why do you worship matters that have no spirit in them? For they are the work of hands, and you carry them on your shoulders, and you have no help from them, but they are a great cause of shame to those who make them, and a misleading of the heart to those who worship them. Do not worship them!"

6 And his father said to him, "I also know it, my son, but what shall I do with a people who have made me to serve before them?"

7 "And if I tell them the truth, they shall slay me; for their being clings to them to worship them and honour them. Keep silent, my son, lest they slay you."

8 And he spoke these words to his two brothers, but they were wroth with him and he kept silent.

9 And in the fortieth Yobël, in the second week, in the seventh year, Aḅram took a wife, and her name was Sarai, the daughter of his father, and she became his wife.

10 And Ḥaran, his brother, took a wife in the third year of the third week, and she bore him a son in the seventh year of this week, and he called his name Lot.

11 And Naḥor, his brother, took a wife.  
 12 And in the sixtieth year of the life of Aḅram, that is, in the fourth week, in the fourth year, Aḅram arose by night, and burned the house of the idols, and he burned all that was in the house, and no man knew it.

13 And they arose in the night and sought to save their mighty ones from the midst of the fire.

14 And Ḥaran hurried to save them, but the fire burned over him, and he was burned in the fire, and he died in Ur-Kasdim before Terah his father, and they buried him in Ur-Kasdim.

15 And Terah went out from Ur-Kasdim, he and his sons, to go to the land of Leḅanon and to the land of Kena'an, and he dwelt in the land of Ḥaran. And Aḅram, dwelt with Terah his father in Ḥaran fourteen years.

16 And in the sixth week, in the fifth year, Aḅram sat up throughout the night, on the new moon of the seventh month, to observe the stars from the evening to the morning, in order to see what would be the character of the year with regard to the rains. And he was alone as he sat and observed.

17 And a word came into his heart and he said, "All the signs of the stars, and the signs of the moon and of the sun are all in the hand of אֱלֹהִים. Why do I search them out?"

18 "If He desires, He causes it to rain, morning and evening. And if He desires, He withholds it, and all matters are in His hand."

19 And he prayed that night and said, "My Elohim, Elohim Most High, You alone are my Elohim, and You and

Your rule I have chosen. And You have created all matters, and all matters that exist are the work of Your hands.

20 "Deliver me from the hands of evil spirits who have power over the thoughts of men's hearts, and do not let them lead me astray from You, my Elohim. And may You establish my seed and I forever that we do not go astray, from this time and forever."

21 And he said, "Shall I return to Ur-Kasdim that I may return to them who seek my face, or am I to remain here in this place? Prosper the right path before You in the hands of Your servant that he may fill it, and that I may not walk in the deceitfulness of my heart, O my Elohim."

22 And he made an end of speaking and praying. And see, the word of אֱלֹהִים was sent to him through me, saying, "Get up from your land, and from your clan and from the house of your father, to a land which I shall show you, and I shall make you a great and numerous nation.

23 "And I shall barak you and I shall make your name great, and you shall be baruk in the earth, and in you shall all generations of the earth be baruk, and I shall barak them that barak you, and curse them that curse you.

24 "And I shall be an Elohim to you and your son, and to your son's son, and to all your seed. Do not fear; from this time and to all generations of the earth, I am your Elohim."

25 And אֱלֹהִים Elohim said, "Open his mouth and his ears, that he may hear and speak with his mouth, with the language which has been revealed." For it had ceased from the mouths of all the children of men from the day of the overthrow.

26 And I opened his mouth, and his ears and his lips, and I began to speak with him in ibri in the tongue of the creation.

27 And he took the Books of his fathers - and these were written in ibri - and he transcribed them, and he began from this time to study them. And I made known to him that which he could not understand, and he studied them

during the six rainy months.

28 And it came to be in the seventh year of the sixth week that he spoke to his father, and informed him that he would leave Haran to go to the land of Kena'an to see it and return to him.

29 And Terah his father said to him, "Go in peace. May the everlasting Elohim make your path straight, and אֱלֹהִים protect you from all evil, and grant to you favour, kindness and peace before those who see you, and may none of the children of men have power over you to harm you. Go in peace.

30 "And if you see a land pleasant to your eyes to dwell in, then arise and bring me to you and take Lot with you, the son of Haran your brother, as your own son. אֱלֹהִים be with you.

31 "But leave Nahor your brother with me till you return in peace, and we go with you all together."

**13** And Abram journeyed from Haran, and he took Sarai, his wife, and Lot his brother Haran's son, to the land of Kena'an. And he came to the land, and proceeded to Shekem, and dwelt near a great terebinth.

2 And he looked, and see, the land was very pleasant from the entering of Hamath to the great terebinth.

3 And אֱלֹהִים said to him, "To you and to your seed I shall give this land."

4 And he built an altar there, and he offered a burnt offering on it to אֱלֹהִים, who had appeared to him.

5 And he moved from there to the mountain: Bëyth Èl on the west and Ai on the east, and pitched his tent there.

6 And he looked, and see, the land was very wide and good, and all grew upon it: vines and fig trees and pomegranates, oaks and mulberries, and terebinths and olive trees, and cedars and cypresses and date palms, and all trees of the field, and there was water on the mountains.

7 And he barak אֱלֹהִים who had led him out of Ur-Kasdim, and had brought him to this land.

8 And it came to be in the first year, in the seventh week, on the new moon of the first month, that he built an altar on

this mountain, and called on the Name of אֱלֹהִים, "You, the everlasting Elohim, are my Elohim."

9 And he offered on the altar a burnt offering to אֱלֹהִים that He should be with him and not forsake him all the days of his life.

10 And he moved from there and went towards the Negeb, and he came to Hebron, and Hebron was built at that time, and he dwelt there two years. And he went to the land of the Negeb, to Be'aloth, and there was a scarcity of food in the land.

11 And Abram went into Mitsrayim in the third year of the week, and he dwelt in Mitsrayim five years before his wife was taken away from him.

12 Now Tanais in Mitsrayim was at that time built - seven years after Hebron.

13 And it came to be when Pharaoh seized Sarai, the wife of Abram, that אֱלֹהִים plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

14 And Abram was very rich by reason of possessions in sheep, and cattle, and donkeys, and horses, and camels, and male and female servants, and in silver and gold exceedingly. And Lot also, his brother's son, was wealthy.

15 And Pharaoh gave back Sarai, the wife of Abram, and he sent him out of the land of Mitsrayim, and he journeyed to the place where he had pitched his tent at the beginning, to the place of the altar, with Ai on the east, and Bëyth Èl on the west, and he barak אֱלֹהִים his Elohim who had brought him back in peace.

16 And it came to be in the forty-first Yobël, in the third year of the first week, that he returned to this place and offered a burnt offering there, and called on the Name of אֱלֹהִים, and said, "You, the Most High Èl, are my Elohim forever and ever."

17 And in the fourth year of this week Lot parted from him, and Lot dwelt in Segom. And the men of Segom were exceedingly wicked.

18 And it grieved him in his heart that his brother's son had parted from him; for he had no children.

19 In that year when Lot was taken captive, אֱלֹהִים said to Abram, after Lot had parted from him, in the fourth year of this week, "Lift up your eyes from the place where you are dwelling, northward and southward, and westward and eastward.

20 "For all the land which you see, I shall give to you and to your seed forever, and I shall make your seed as the sand of the sea: though a man may number the dust of the earth, yet your seed shall not be numbered.

21 "Arise, walk in the length of it and the breadth of it, and see it all; for to your seed I shall give it." And Abram went to Hebron, and dwelt there.

22 And in this year Kedorla'omer, sovereign of Èylam, and Amraphel, sovereign of Shin'ar, and Aryok, sovereign of Ellasar and Tig'al, sovereign of Goyim, came and slew the sovereign of Amorah, and the sovereign of Segom fled, and many fell through wounds in the valley of Siddim, by the Salt Sea.

23 And they took Segom and Adam and Tseboyim captive, and they also took Lot captive, the son of Abram's brother, and all his possessions, and they went to Dan.

24 And one who had escaped came and told Abram that his brother's son had been taken captive, and he armed his household servants.

25 . . . For Abram, and for his seed, a tenth of the first-fruits to אֱלֹהִים, and אֱלֹהִים ordained it as a Law forever that they should give it to the kohenim who served before Him, that they should possess it forever.

26 And to this Law there is no limit of days; for He has ordained it for the generations forever that they should give to אֱלֹהִים the tenth of all, of the seed and of the wine and of the oil and of the cattle and of the sheep.

27 And He gave it to His kohenim to eat and to drink with joy before Him.

28 And the sovereign of Segom came to him and bowed himself before him, and said, "Our master Abram, give to us the beings which you have rescued, but let the booty be yours."



29 But Abram said to him, "I lift up my hands to the Most High Ēl, that from a thread to a sandal strap I shall not take any that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' Except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me - Anēr, Eshkol, and Mamrē, these shall take their portion."

**14** After these matters, in the fourth year of this week, on the new moon of the third month, the word of אֱלֹהִים came to Abram in a dream, saying, "Do not fear, Abram; I am your defender, and your reward shall be exceeding great."

2 And he said, "Aḡonai, Aḡonai, what shall you give me, seeing I go childless, and the son of Masēq, the son of my female servant, is El'azar of Dammaseq: he shall be my heir, and to me you have given no seed."

3 And He said to him, "This shall not be your heir, but one that shall come out of your own body; he shall be your heir."

4 And He brought him outside, and said to him, "Look toward the shamayim and number the stars, if you are able to number them."

5 And he looked toward the shamayim, and saw the stars. And He said to him, "So shall your seed be."

6 And he believed in אֱלֹהִים, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness.

7 And He said to him, "I am אֱלֹהִים that brought you out of Ur-Kasdim, to give you the land of the Kena'anites to possess it forever. And I shall be Elohim to you and to your seed after you."

8 And he said, "Aḡonai, Aḡonai, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?"

9 And he said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, and a three-year-old ram, and a three-year-old sheep, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon."

10 And he took all these in the middle of the month; and he dwelt at the terebinth tree of Mamrē, which is near Hebron.

11 And he built there an altar, and

slaughtered all these; and he poured their blood on the altar, and cut them in the middle, and placed each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

12 And birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, but Abram drove them away, and did not allow the birds of prey to touch them.

13 And it came to be, when the sun had gone down, that a deep sleep fell on Abram, and see, a frightening great darkness fell upon him, and it was said to Abram, "Know for certainty that your seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they shall bring them into bondage, and afflict them four hundred years.

14 "And the nation also to whom they shall be in bondage I shall judge, and after that they shall come out from there with great possessions.

15 "And you shall go to your fathers in peace, and be buried in a good old age.

16 "But in the fourth generation they shall return here; for the wickedness of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17 And he awoke from his sleep, and he arose, and the sun had gone down; and there was a flame, and see, a smoking oven, and a burning torch passed between the pieces.

18 And on that day אֱלֹהִים made a Covenant with Abram, saying, "To your seed I shall give this land: from the river of Mitsrayim to the great river, the River Perath, the Qēynites, the Qenizzites, the Qaḡmonites, the Perizzites, and the Repha'im, the Phakorites, and the Hiwwites, and the Amorites, and the Kena'anites, and the Gīrgashites, and the Yeḡusites."

19 And the day passed, and Abram offered the pieces, and the birds, and their grain offerings, and their drink offerings, and the fire devoured them.

20 And on that day we made a Covenant with Abram accordingly, as we had Covenanted with Noah in this month; and Abram renewed the Festival and Law for himself forever.

21 And Abram rejoiced, and made all these matters known to Sarai his wife;

and he believed that he would have seed, but she did not bear.

22 And Sarai advised her husband Abram, and said to him, "Go in to Haġar, my Mitsrite female servant, it may be that I shall build up seed to you by her."

23 Abram listened to the voice of Sarai his wife, and said to her, "Do so." And Sarai took Haġar, her female servant, the Mitsrite, and gave her to Abram, her husband, to be his wife.

24 And he went in to her, and she conceived and bore him a son, and he called his name Yishma'el, in the fifth year of this week; and this was the eighty-sixth year in the life of Abram.

**15** And in the fifth year of the fourth week of this Yoḡel, in the third month, in the middle of the month, Abram celebrated the Festival of the First-Fruits of the grain harvest.

2 And he offered new offerings on the altar, the first-fruits of the produce to אֱלֹהִים: a heifer and a goat and a sheep on the altar as a burnt offering to אֱלֹהִים; their grain offerings and their drink offerings he offered on the altar with frankincense.

3 And אֱלֹהִים appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am El Shaddai - approve yourself before Me and be perfect.

4 "And I shall make My Covenant between Me and you, and I shall multiply you exceedingly."

5 And Abram fell on his face, and Elohim spoke with him, and said,

6 "See, My Law is with you, and you shall be the father of many nations.

7 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name from this time, even forever, shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of many nations.

8 "And I shall make you very great, and I shall make you into nations, and sovereigns shall come forth from you.

9 "And I shall establish My Covenant between Me and you, and your seed after you, throughout their generations, for an everlasting Covenant, so that I may be Elohim to you, and to your

seed after you,

10 to give to you the land where you have been a sojourner - the land of Kena'an - that you may possess it forever, and I shall be their Elohim."

11 And אֱלֹהִים said to Abram, "And as for you, you shall keep My Covenant, you and your seed after you, and circumcise every male among you, and circumcise your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of an everlasting Covenant between Me and you.

12 "And the child on the eighth day you shall circumcise. Every male throughout your generations, he that is born in the house, or whom you have bought with silver from any stranger, whom you have acquired who is not of your seed.

13 "He that is born in your house shall surely be circumcised, and those whom you have bought with silver shall be circumcised, and My Covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting Law.

14 "And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that being shall be cut off from his people, for he has broken My Covenant."

15 And Elohim said to Abram, "As for Sarai your wife, her name shall no longer be called Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

16 "And I shall barak her, and give you a son by her, and I shall barak him, and he shall become a nation, and sovereigns of nations shall proceed from him."

17 And Abram fell on his face, and rejoiced, and said in his heart, "Shall a son be born to him that is a hundred years old, and shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bring forth?"

18 And Abram said to Elohim, "Oh, let Yishma'el live before you!"

19 And Elohim said, "Yes, but Sarah shall also bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yitshaq, and I shall establish My Covenant with him, an everlasting Covenant, and for his seed after him.

20 "And as for Yishma'el I have also heard you, and see, I shall barak him,

and make him great, and multiply him exceedingly, and he shall bring forth twelve princes, and I shall make him a great nation.

21 "But My Covenant I shall establish with Yitshaq, whom Sarah shall bear to you, in these days, in the next year."

22 And He left off speaking with him, and Elohim went up from Abraham.

23 And Abraham did accordingly, as Elohim had said to him, and he took Yishma'el his son, and all that were born in his house, and whom he had bought with his silver, every male in his house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin.

24 And on the same day, Abraham was circumcised, and all the men of his house, and all those, whom he had bought with silver from the children of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

25 This Law is for all the generations forever, and there is no circumcision of the days, and no omission of one day out of the eight days; for it is an everlasting Law, ordained and written on the tablets of the shamayim.

26 And every one that is born, the flesh of whose foreskin is not circumcised on the eighth day, does not belong to the children of the Covenant which ~~אברהם~~ made with Abraham, but to the children of destruction; nor is there, moreover, any sign on him that he is of ~~אברהם~~, but to be destroyed and slain from the earth, and to be rooted out of the earth, for he has broken the Covenant of ~~אברהם~~ our Elohim.

27 For all the messengers of the presence and all the messengers of qodeshah have been so created from the day of their creation, and before the messengers of the presence and the messengers of qodeshah He has qadosh Yisra'el, that they should be with Him and with His qodesh messengers.

28 And you shall command the children of Yisra'el and let them observe the sign of this Covenant for their generations as an everlasting Law, and they shall not be rooted out of the land.

29 For the Command is ordained for a Covenant, that they should observe it forever among all the children of Yisra'el.

30 For Yishma'el and his sons and his brothers and Esaw, ~~אשר~~ did not cause to approach Him, and He did not choose them because they are the children of Abraham, because He knew them, but He chose Yisra'el to be His people.

31 And He qadosh them, and gathered them from among all the children of men; for there are many nations and many peoples, and all are His, and over all He has placed spirits in authority to lead them astray from Him.

32 But over Yisra'el He did not appoint any messenger or spirit, for He alone is their Ruler, and He shall preserve them and require them at the hand of His messengers and His spirits, and at the hand of all His powers in order that He may preserve them and barak them, and that they may be His and He may be theirs from this time and forever.

33 And now I announce to you that the children of Yisra'el shall not keep true to this Law, and they shall not circumcise their sons according to all this Torah; for in the flesh of their circumcision they shall omit this circumcision of their sons, and all of them, sons of Belya'al, shall leave their sons uncircumcised as they were born.

34 And there shall be great wrath from ~~אברהם~~ against the children of Yisra'el, because they have forsaken His Covenant and turned aside from His Word, and provoked and blasphemed, inasmuch as they do not observe the Law of this Torah; for they have treated their members like the gentiles, so that they may be removed and rooted out of the land. And there shall no more be pardon or forgiveness to them for all the sin of this straying forever.

**16** And on the new moon of the fourth month we appeared to Abraham, at the terebinth of Mamrê, and we talked with him, and we announced to him that a son would be

given to him by Sarah his wife.

2 And Sarah laughed, for she heard that we had spoken these words with Abraham, and we admonished her, and she became afraid, and denied that she had laughed on account of the words.

3 And we told her the name of her son - as his name is ordained and written in the tablets of the shamayim: Yitshaq,

4 and when we returned to her at an appointed time, she would have conceived a son.

5 And in this month אֱלֹהִים executed His judgments on Seḡom, and Amoraḥ, and Tseḡoyim, and all the region of the Yardēn, and He burned them with fire and sulphur, and destroyed them until this day, even as I have declared to you all their works, that they are evil and exceedingly wicked, and that they defile themselves and commit whoring in their flesh, and work uncleanness on the earth.

6 And, in like manner, Elohim shall execute judgment on the places where they have done according to the uncleanness of the Seḡomites, like the judgment of Seḡom.

7 But Lot we saved; for Elohim remembered Abraham, and sent him out from the midst of the overthrow.

8 And he and his daughters committed sin on the earth, such as had not been on the earth since the days of Aḡam till his time; for the man lay with his daughters.

9 And, see, it was commanded and engraved concerning all his seed, on the tablets of the shamayim, to remove them and root them out, and to execute judgment upon them like the judgment of Seḡom, and to leave no seed of the man on earth on the Day of condemnation.

10 And in this month Abraham moved from Heḡron, and departed and dwelt between Qaḡēsh and Shur in the mountains of Gerar.

11 And in the middle of the fifth month he moved from there, and dwelt at Be'ērsheḡa.

12 And in the middle of the sixth month

אֱלֹהִים visited Sarah and did to her as He had spoken, and she conceived,

13 and she bore a son in the third month. And in the middle of the month, at the time of which אֱלֹהִים had spoken to Abraham, on the Festival of the First-Fruits of the Harvest, Yitshaq was born.

14 And Abraham circumcised his son on the eighth day; he was the first that was circumcised according to the Covenant which is ordained forever.

15 And in the sixth year of the fourth week we came to Abraham, to Be'ērsheḡa, and we appeared to him, as we had told Sarah that we would return to her, and she would have conceived a son.

16 And we returned in the seventh month, and found Sarah with child before us, and we barak him, and we announced to him all the matters which had been established concerning him, that he should not die till he should bring forth six more sons, and should see them before he died; but in Yitshaq should his name and seed be called.

17 And all the seed of his sons should be gentiles, and be reckoned with the gentiles; but from the sons of Yitshaq, one should become a qodesh seed, and should not be reckoned among the gentiles.

18 For he should become the portion of the Most High, and all his seed had fallen into the possession of Elohim, that it should be to אֱלֹהִים a people for possession above all nations and that it should become a reign and kohenim and a qodesh nation.

19 And we went our way, and we announced to Sarah all that we had told him, and they both rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

20 And he built there an altar to אֱלֹהִים who had delivered him, and who was making him rejoice in the land of his sojourning, and he celebrated a Festival of joy in this month seven days, near the altar which he had built at Be'ērsheḡa.

21 And he built booths for himself and for his servants on this Festival, and

he was the first to celebrate the Festival of Sukkoth on the earth.

22 And during these seven days he brought each day to the altar a burnt offering to אֵלֹהִים: two bulls, two rams, seven sheep, one goat, for a sin offering, to make atonement for himself and for his seed.

23 And, as a slaughtering of thanksgiving: seven rams, seven young goats, seven sheep, and seven goats, and their grain offerings and their drink offerings. And he burned all the fat of them on the altar, a choice offering to אֵלֹהִים for a sweet smelling fragrance.

24 And morning and evening he burned fragrant substances: frankincense and galbanum, and fragrant gum, and nard, and myrrh, and spice, and cinnamon; all these seven he offered crushed, mixed together in equal parts, pure.

25 And he celebrated this Festival during seven days, rejoicing with all his heart and with all his being, he and all those who were in his house; and there was no stranger with him, nor any that was uncircumcised.

26 And he barak his Creator who had created him in his generation, for He had created him according to His good pleasure; for He knew and perceived that from him would arise the Branch of Righteousness for the everlasting generations, and from him a Qodesh Seed, so that it should become like Him who had made all matters.

27 And he barak and rejoiced, and he called the name of this Festival the Festival of אֵלֹהִים, a joy acceptable to the Most High Ēl.

28 And we barak him forever, and all his seed after him throughout all the generations of the earth, because he celebrated this Festival in its season, according to the witness of the tablets of the shamayim.

29 For this reason it is ordained on the tablets of the shamayim concerning Yisra'el, that they shall celebrate the Festival of Sukkoth seven days with joy, in the seventh month, acceptable before אֵלֹהִים - a Law forever throughout their generations

every year.

30 And to this there is no limit of days; for it is ordained forever regarding Yisra'el that they should celebrate it and dwell in booths, and put wreaths upon their heads, and take leafy branches, and willows of the stream.

31 And Abraham took branches of palm trees, and the fruit of good trees, and every day going round the altar with the branches seven times in the morning, he praised and gave thanks to his Elohim for all matters in joy.

**17** And in the first year of the fifth week, Yitshaq was weaned in this Yob'el, and Abraham made a great feast in the third month, on the day his son Yitshaq was weaned.

2 And Yishma'el, the son of Haḡar, the Mitsrite, was before the face of Abraham, his father, in his place, and Abraham rejoiced and barak Elohim because he had seen his sons and had not died childless.

3 And he remembered the words which He had spoken to him on the day on which Lot had parted from him, and he rejoiced because אֵלֹהִים had given him seed upon the earth to inherit the earth, and he barak with all his mouth the Creator of all matters.

4 And Sarah saw Yishma'el playing and dancing, and Abraham rejoicing with great joy, and she became jealous of Yishma'el and said to Abraham, "Drive out this female servant and her son; for the son of this female servant shall not be heir with my son, Yitshaq."

5 And the matter was evil in Abraham's sight, because of his female servant and because of his son, that he should drive them from him.

6 And Elohim said to Abraham "Let it not be evil in your sight, because of the child and because of the female servant. In all that Sarah has said to you, listen to her words and act; for in Yitshaq shall your name and seed be called.

7 "But as for the son of this female servant, I shall make him a great nation, because he is of your seed."

8 And Abraham rose up early in the morning and took bread and a flask

of water, and placed them on the shoulders of Haġar and the child, and sent her away.

9 And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Be'ērsheḃa. And the water in the flask was used up, and the child was thirsty, and was not able to go on, and fell down.

10 And his mother took him and placed him under an olive tree, and went and sat down opposite him, at the distance of a bow-shot; for she said, "Let me not see the death of my child." And as she sat she wept.

11 And a messenger of Elohim, one of the qodeshim, said to her, "Why do you weep, Haġar? Arise, take the child, and hold him in your hand; for Elohim has heard your voice, and has seen the child."

12 And she opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water, and she went and filled her flask with water, and she gave her child to drink. And she arose and went towards the wilderness of Paran.

13 And the child grew and became an archer, and Elohim was with him; and his mother brought him a wife from among the daughters of Mitsrayim.

14 And she bore him a son, and he called his name Neḃayoth; for she said, "אֱלֹהִים was near to me when I called upon him."

15 And it came to be in the seventh week, in the first year, in the first month in this Yoḃēl, on the twelfth of this month, there were voices in the shamayim regarding Aḃraham, that he was trustworthy in all that He told him, and that he loved אֱלֹהִים, and that in every affliction he was trustworthy.

16 And the prince Mastēma came and said before Elohim, "See, Aḃraham loves Yitshaq his son, and he delights in him above all other matters. Command him to offer him as a burnt offering on the altar, and You shall see if he shall do this command, and You shall know if he is trustworthy in all in which You try him."

17 And אֱלֹהִים knew that Aḃraham was trustworthy in all his afflictions; for He had tried him through his land and with

scarcity of food, and had tried him with the wealth of sovereigns, and had tried him again through his wife, when she was taken, and with circumcision, and had tried him through Yishma'ēl and Haġar, his female servant, when he sent them away.

18 And in all in which He had tried him, he was found trustworthy, and his being was not impatient, and he was not slow to act; for he was trustworthy and loved אֱלֹהִים.

**18** And Elohim said to him, "Aḃraham, Aḃraham." And he said, "See, here I am."

2 And He said, "Take your beloved son Yitshaq whom you love, and go to the high country, and offer him on one of the mountains which I shall point out to you."

3 And he rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took his two young men with him, and Yitshaq his son, and cut the wood for the burnt offering, and he went to the place on the third day, and he saw the place far off.

4 And he came to a well of water, and he said to his young men, "You stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad shall go on, and when we have worshipped we shall come again to you."

5 And he took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on Yitshaq his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife, and they went, both of them together to that place.

6 And Yitshaq said to his father, "Father." And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said to him, "See, the fire, and the knife, and the wood; but where is the sheep for the burnt offering, father?"

7 And he said, "Elohim shall provide a sheep for a burnt offering, my son." And he drew near to the place of the mountain of Elohim.

8 And he built an altar, and he placed the wood on the altar, and bound Yitshaq his son, and placed him on the wood which was upon the altar, and stretched out his hand to take the knife to slay Yitshaq his son.

9 And I stood before him, and before the prince of Mastēma, and אָבְרָהָם said, "Command him not to lay his hand on the lad, nor to do any matter to him, for I have shown that he reveres אָבְרָהָם."

10 And I called to him from the shamayim, and said to him, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he was afraid and said, "See, here I am."

11 And I said to him, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, neither do any matter to him; for now I have shown that you revere אָבְרָהָם, and have not withheld your son, your first-born son, from Me."

12 And the prince of Mastēma was put to shame, and Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and see, a single ram caught by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

13 And Abraham called that place 'אָבְרָהָם Yireh,' so that it is said, "אָבְרָהָם provides." That is Mount Tzion.

14 And אָבְרָהָם called Abraham by his name a second time from the shamayim, as He caused us to appear to speak to him in the Name of אָבְרָהָם.

15 And He said, "By Myself I have sworn, says אָבְרָהָם. Because you have done this matter, and have not withheld your son, your beloved son, from Me, that in beraḳah I shall baraḳ you and in multiplying I shall multiply your seed as the stars of the shamayim, and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your seed shall inherit the cities of its enemies,

16 "And in your seed all nations of the earth shall be baruḳ; because you have obeyed My voice, and I have shown to all that you are trustworthy to Me in all that I have said to you. Go in peace."

17 And Abraham went to his young men, and they arose and went together to Be'ērsheḃa, and Abraham dwelt by Be'ērsheḃa.

18 And he celebrated this Festival every year, seven days with joy, and he called it the Festival of אָבְרָהָם according to the seven days during which he went and returned in peace.

19 And accordingly it has been

ordained and written on the tablets of the shamayim regarding Yisra'ēl and its seed that they should observe this Festival seven days with the joy of a Festival.

**19** And in the first year of the first week, in the forty-second Yobēl, Abraham returned and dwelt opposite Heḃron, that is Qiryath Arba, fourteen years.

2 And in the first year of the third week of this Yobēl the days of the life of Sarah were accomplished, and she died in Heḃron.

3 And Abraham went to mourn over her and bury her, and we tried him, if his spirit was patient, but he was not bitter in the words of his mouth. And he was found patient in this, and was not disturbed,

4 for in patience of spirit he spoke with the children of Hēth, to the intent that they should give him a place in which to bury his dead.

5 And אָבְרָהָם gave him favour before all who saw him, and he pleaded with the sons of Hēth, and they gave him the land of the cave of Maḳpēlah opposite Mamrē, that is Heḃron, for four hundred pieces of silver.

6 And they pleaded with him, saying, "We shall give it to you for naught!" But he would not take it from their hands for naught, for he gave the price of the place, the silver in full, and he bowed down before them twice; and after this he buried his dead in the cave of Maḳpēlah.

7 And all the days of the life of Sarah were one hundred and twenty-seven years, that is, two YoḄelim and four weeks and one year: these are the days of the years of the life of Sarah.

8 This is the tenth trial with which Abraham was tried, and he was found trustworthy, patient in spirit.

9 And he did not speak; not a single word regarding the report in the land how that Elohim had said that He would give it to him and to his seed after him. And he pleaded a place there to bury his dead; for he was found trustworthy, and was recorded on the tablets of the shamayim as the

friend of Elohim.

10 And in the fourth year he took a wife for his son Yitshaq, and her name was Ribqah the sister of Laḥan and daughter of Bethu'el. And Bethu'el was the son of Milkah, who was the wife of Naḥor, the brother of Aḇraham.

11 And Aḇraham took a third wife, and her name was Qeturah, from among the daughters of his household servants, for Haḡar had died before Sarah.

12 And she bore him six sons, Zimran, and Yoqshan, and Meḡan, and Migyan, and Yishbaq, and Shuwaḡ, in the two weeks of years.

13 And in the sixth week, in the second year, Ribqah bore to Yitshaq two sons, Ya'aqoḇ and Ēsaw. And Ya'aqoḇ was smooth-skinned and an upright man, but Ēsaw was fierce, a man of the field, and hairy, and Ya'aqoḇ dwelt in tents.

14 And the youths grew, and Ya'aqoḇ learned to write; but Ēsaw did not learn, for he was a man of the field and a hunter, and he learned battle, and all his deeds were mighty.

15 And Aḇraham loved Ya'aqoḇ, but Yitshaq loved Ēsaw.

16 And Aḇraham saw the deeds of Ēsaw, and he knew that in Ya'aqoḇ his name and seed should be called. And he called Ribqah and gave command regarding Ya'aqoḇ, for he knew that she loved Ya'aqoḇ much more than Ēsaw.

17 And he said to her, "My daughter, watch over my son Ya'aqoḇ, for he shall be in my place on the earth, and for a beraḡah in the midst of the children of men, and for the esteem of the whole seed of Shēm.

18 "For I know that אֱלֹהִים shall choose him to be a people for possession unto Himself, above all peoples that are on the face of the earth.

19 "And see, Yitshaq my son loves Ēsaw more than Ya'aqoḇ, but I see that you truly love Ya'aqoḇ.

20 "Add still further to your kindness to him, and let your eyes be upon him in love; for he shall be a beraḡah to us on the earth from this time to all

generations of the earth.

20 "Let your hands be strong and let your heart rejoice in your son Ya'aqoḇ; for I have loved him far beyond all my sons. He shall be baruḡ forever, and his seed shall fill the whole earth.

22 "If a man could number the sand of the earth, his seed shall also be numbered.

23 "And all the bireḡoth with which אֱלֹהִים has baraḡ my seed and I, shall belong to Ya'aqoḇ and his seed always.

24 "And in his seed shall my name be baruḡ, and the name of my fathers, Shēm, and Noaḡ, and Haḡaḡ, and Mahalal'el, and Enosh, and Shēth, and Aḡam.

25 "And these shall serve to lay the foundations of the shamayim, and to strengthen the earth, and to renew all the luminaries which are in the expanse."

26 And he called Ya'aqoḇ before the eyes of Ribqah his mother, and kissed him, and baraḡ him, and said,

27 "Ya'aqoḇ, my beloved son, whom my being loves, may Elohim baraḡ you from above the expanse, and may He give you all the bireḡoth with which He baraḡ Aḡam, and Haḡaḡ, and Noaḡ, and Shēm. And all the words of which He told me, and all the matters which He promised to give me, may He cause to cling to you and to your seed forever, according to the days of the shamayim above the earth.

28 "And the spirits of Mastēma shall not rule over you or over your seed to turn you from אֱלֹהִים, who is your Elohim from this time and forever.

29 "And may אֱלֹהִים Elohim be a Father to you and you, the first-born son, and to the people always. Go in peace, my son."

30 And they both went out together from Aḇraham.

31 And Ribqah loved Ya'aqoḇ, with all her heart and with all her being, very much more than Ēsaw; but Yitshaq loved Ēsaw much more than Ya'aqoḇ.

**20** And in the forty-second Yoḇēl, in the first year of the seventh week, Aḇraham called Yishma'el, and



his twelve sons, and Yitṣḥaq and his two sons, and the six sons of Qeturah, and their sons.

2 And he commanded them that they should observe the Way of **𐤏𐤓𐤏**; that they should work righteousness, and each love his neighbour, and act in this manner among all men; that they should each so walk with regard to them as to do Right-Ruling and righteousness on the earth.

3 That they should circumcise their sons, according to the Covenant which He had made with them, and not deviate to the right hand or the left of all the paths which **𐤏𐤓𐤏** had commanded us; and that we should guard ourselves from all whoring and uncleanness.

4 And if any woman or female servant commit whoring among you, burn her with fire, and let them not commit whoring with her after their eyes and their heart; and let them not take to themselves wives from the daughters of Kena'an; for the seed of Kena'an shall be rooted out of the land.

5 And he told them of the judgment of the Repha'ites, and the judgment of the Seḡomites, how they had been judged on account of their wickedness, and had died on account of their whoring, and uncleanness, and each ones corruption through whoring:

6 "And guard yourselves from all whoring and uncleanness and from all pollution of sin, lest you make our name a curse and your whole life a hissing. And all your sons be destroyed by the sword and you become accursed like Seḡom and all your remnant as the sons of Amorah.

7. "I implore you, my sons, love the Elohim of the shamayim. And you, cling to all His Commands and do not walk after their idols, and after their uncleannesses,

8. "And do not make for yourselves moulded or carved mighty ones; for they are worthless, and there is no spirit in them. For they are work of hands, and all who trust in them trust in naught. Do not serve them, nor worship them.

9. "But you, serve the Most High ʿĒl, and worship Him continually: and trust in His face always, and work uprightly and righteousness before Him, that He may have pleasure in you and grant you His kindness, and send rain upon you morning and evening, and baraḵ all your works which you have wrought upon the earth, and baraḵ your bread and your water, and baraḵ the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, and the herds of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep.

10 "And you shall be for a beraḵah on the earth, and all nations of the earth shall desire you, and baraḵ your sons in my name, that they may be baruḵ as I am."

11 And he gave to Yishma'ēl and to his sons, and to the sons of Qeturah, gifts, and sent them away from Yitṣḥaq his son, and he gave all to Yitṣḥaq his son.

12 And Yishma'ēl and his sons, and the sons of Qeturah and their sons, went together and dwelt from Paran to the entering in of Babylon in all the land which is towards the East facing the desert.

13 And these intermixed with each other, and their name was called Arabs, and Yishma'ēlites.

**21** And in the sixth year of the seventh week of this YoḄēl Abraham called Yitṣḥaq his son, and commanded him saying, "I have become old, and do not know the day of my death, and am full of my days.

2 "And see, I am one hundred and seventy-five years old, and throughout all the days of my life I have remembered **𐤏𐤓𐤏**, and sought with all my heart to do His desire, and to walk uprightly in all His Ways.

3 "My being has hated idols, that I might observe to do the desire of Him who created me.

4 "For He is the living Elohim, and He is qodesh and trustworthy, and He is righteous beyond all, and with Him there is no partiality and no accepting of bribes; for Elohim is righteous, and executes right-ruling on all those who transgress His Commands and

despise His Covenant.

5 "And you, my son, shall observe His Commands and His Laws and His Righ-Rulings, and do not walk after the abominations and after the carved images and after the moulded images.

6 "And eat no blood at all, of beasts or cattle, or of any bird which flies in the shamayim.

7 "And if you slaughter whatever as an acceptable peace-offering, you slay it, and pour out its blood upon the altar, and all the fat of the offering offer on the altar with fine flour mixed with oil, with its drink-offering - offer them all together on the altar of burnt offering; it is a sweet fragrance before  $\text{אלהים}$ .

8 "And you shall offer the fat of the slaughtering of thanksgiving on the fire which is upon the altar, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them by the loins, and the appendage on the liver you shall remove together with the kidneys.

9 "And offer all these for a sweet fragrance acceptable before  $\text{אלהים}$ , with its grain-offering and with its drink-offering, for a sweet fragrance, the bread of the offering to  $\text{אלהים}$ .

10 "And eat its meat on that day and on the second day, and do not let the sun on the second day go down on it till it is eaten, and let none be left over for the third day; for it is not acceptable and let it no longer be eaten. And all who eat of it shall bring sin upon themselves; for thus I have found it written in the Books of my forefathers, and in the words of  $\text{חֲנוּךְ}$ , and in the words of  $\text{נֹחַ}$ .

11 "And you shall put salt on all your offerings, and do not let the salt of the Covenant be lacking in all your offerings before  $\text{אלהים}$ .

12 "And regarding the wood of the slaughterings, beware lest you bring wood for the altar in addition to these: cypress, dephran, sagad, pine, fir, cedar, juniper, palm, olive, myrrh, laurel, and citron, broom, and balsam.

13 And of these kinds of wood put upon the altar under the offering, such as have been tried as to their

appearance - and do not place any split or dark wood - hard and clean, without fault, a sound and new growth; and do not place old wood, for there is no longer fragrance in it as before.

14 "Besides these kinds of wood there is none other that you shall place, for the fragrance is dispersed, and the smell of its fragrance does not ascend to the shamayim.

15 "Observe this Command and do it, my son, that you may be upright in all your deeds.

16 "And at all times be clean in your body, and wash yourself with water before you approach to offer on the altar, and wash your hands and your feet before you draw near to the altar; and when you are done offering, wash your hands and your feet again.

17 "And let no blood appear upon you nor on your clothes; be on your guard, my son, against blood, be on your guard exceedingly; cover it with dust.

18 "And do not eat any blood, for it is the life; eat no blood whatsoever.

19 "And take no gifts for the blood of man, lest it be shed with impunity, without right-ruling; for it is the blood that is shed that causes the earth to sin, and the earth cannot be cleansed from the blood of man except by the blood of him who shed it.

20 "And take no bribe or gift for the blood of man: blood for blood, that you may be accepted before  $\text{אלהים}$ , the Most High  $\text{עֵל}$  - for He is the defence of the good - and that you may be preserved from all evil, and that He saves you from every kind of death.

21 "I see my son, that all the works of the children of men are sin and wickedness, and all their deeds are uncleanness and an abomination and a defilement, and there is no righteousness with them.

22 "Beware, lest you walk in their ways and tread in their paths, and sin a sin unto death before the Most High  $\text{עֵל}$ . Else He shall give you back into the hands of your transgression, and root you out of the land, and your seed likewise from under the shamayim, and your name and your seed shall

perish from the whole earth.

23 "Turn away from all their deeds and all their uncleanness, and observe the Law of the Most High Ēl, and do His desire and be upright in all matters.

24 "And He shall baraḵ you in all your deeds, and shall raise up from you the Branch of Righteousness through all the earth, throughout all generations of the earth, and my name and your name shall not be forgotten under the shamayim forever.

25 "Go in peace, my son. May the Most High Ēl, my Elohim and your Elohim, strengthen you to do His desire, and may He baraḵ all your seed and the remnant of your seed for generations forever, with all righteous birekoth, that you may be a beraḵah on all the earth."

26 And he went out from him rejoicing.

**22** And it came to be in the first week in the forty-fourth YoḲēl, in the second year, that is, the year in which Aḅraham died, that Yitshaḳ and Yishma'ēl came from Be'ērsheḅa to celebrate the Feast of Shaḅuoth - that is, the feast of the first-fruits of the harvest - to Aḅraham, their father. And Aḅraham rejoiced because his two sons had come.

2 For Yitshaḳ had many possessions in Be'ērsheḅa, and Yitshaḳ used to go and see his possessions and to return to his father.

3 And in those days Yishma'ēl came to see his father, and they both came together, and Yitshaḳ offered a slaughtering for a burnt offering, and presented it on the altar of his father which he had made in Heḅron.

4 And he offered a slaughtering of thanksgiving and made a feast of joy before Yishma'ēl, his brother. And Ribqah made new cakes from the new grain, and gave them to Ya'aqoḅ, her son, to take them to Aḅraham, his father, from the first-fruits of the land, that he might eat and baraḵ the Creator of all matters before he died.

5 And Yitshaḳ, too, sent by the and of Ya'aqoḅ to Aḅraham a best slaughtering of thanksgiving, that he

might eat and drink.

6 And he ate and drank, and baraḵ the Most High Ēl, who has created the shamayim and earth, who has made all the fatness of the earth, and given them to the children of men that they might eat and drink and baraḵ their Creator.

7 "And now I give thanks to You, my Elohim, because You have caused me to see this day. See, I am one hundred and seventy-five years, an old man and full of days, and all my days have been peace unto me.

8 "The sword of the adversary has not overcome me in all that You have given my children and I, all the days of my life until this day.

9 "My Elohim, may Your kindness and Your peace be upon Your servant, and upon the seed of his sons, that they may be to You a chosen nation and an inheritance from among all the nations of the earth from this time to forever of the generations of the earth, unto all the ages."

10 And he called Ya'aqoḅ and said, "My son Ya'aqoḅ, may the Elohim of all baraḵ you and strengthen you to do righteousness, and His desire before Him, and may He choose you and your seed that you become a people for His inheritance according to His desire always. And you, my son Ya'aqoḅ, draw near and kiss me."

11 And he drew near and kissed him, and he said, "Baruḵ be my son Ya'aqoḅ and all the sons of Elohim Most High, unto all the ages. May Elohim give unto you a Seed of Righteousness; and some of your sons may He qadosh in the midst of the whole earth. May nations serve you, and all the nations bow themselves before your seed.

12 "Be strong in the presence of men, and exercise authority over all the seed of Shēth. Then your ways and the ways of your sons shall be declared right, so that they shall become a qodesh nation.

13 "May the Most High Ēl give you all the birekoth with which He has baraḵ me and with which He baraḵ Noah and

Adam. May they rest on the qodesh head of your seed from generation to generation forever.

14 "And may He cleanse you from all unrighteousness and impurity, that you may be forgiven all transgressions - your sins of ignorance. And may He strengthen you, and barak you, and may you inherit the whole earth.

15 "And may He renew His Covenant with you, that you may be to Him a nation for His inheritance for all the ages, and that He may be to you and to your seed an Elohim in truth and righteousness throughout all the days of the earth.

16 "And you, my son Ya'aqob, remember my words, and observe the Commands of Abraham, your father. Separate yourself from the nations, and do not eat with them and do not do according to their works, and do not become their associate; for their works are unclean, and all their ways are defiled and an abomination and uncleanness.

17 "They offer their offerings to the dead and they worship evil spirits, and they eat over the graves, and all their works are worthless and emptyness.

18 "They have no heart to understand and their eyes do not see what their works are, and how they stray in saying to a piece of wood, 'You are my mighty one,' and to a stone, 'You are my master and you are my deliverer.'

19 "And as for you, my son Ya'aqob, may the Most High El help you. And the Elohim of the shamayim barak you and remove you from their uncleanness and from all their straying.

20 "Beware, my son Ya'aqob, of taking a wife from any seed of the daughters of Kena'an; for all his seed is to be rooted out of the earth.

21 "For, owing to the transgression of Ham, Kena'an strayed, and all his seed shall be destroyed from off the earth and all his remnant, and none springing from him shall be saved on the Day of judgment.

22 "And as for all the worshippers of idols and the profane, there shall be no

hope for them in the land of the living; and there shall be no remembrance of them on the earth; for they shall descend into the grave, and into the place of condemnation they shall go. As the children of Sedom were taken away from the earth, so shall all those who worship idols be taken away.

23 "Do not fear, my son Ya'aqob, and be not dismayed, O son of Abraham. May the Most High El preserve you from destruction, and may He deliver you from all the paths of straying.

24 "This house I have built for myself that I might put my name upon it in the earth, and it shall be named, the house of Abraham. It is given to you and to your seed forever; for you shall build my house and establish my name before Elohim forever. Your seed and your name shall stand throughout all generations of the earth."

25 And he ceased commanding him and to barak him.

26 And the two lay together on one bed, and Ya'aqob slept in the bosom of Abraham, his father's father and he kissed him seven times, and his affection and his heart rejoiced over him.

27 And he barak him with all his heart and said, "The Most High El, the Elohim of all, and Creator of all, who brought me out from Ur-Kasdim, that He might give me this land to inherit it forever, and that I might establish a qodesh seed - baruq be the Most High forever."

28 And he barak Ya'aqob and said, "My son, over whom with all my heart and my affection I rejoice, may Your favour and Your kindness be lifted up on him and upon his seed always.

29 "And do not forsake him, nor despise him from this time and forever, and may Your eyes be open on him and upon his seed, that You may preserve him, and barak him, and may qadosh him as a nation for Your inheritance.

30 "And barak him with all Your birekoth from this time and forever, and renew Your Covenant and Your favour with him and with his seed

according to all Your good pleasure unto all the generations of the earth."

**23** And he placed two fingers of Ya'aqoḅ on his eyes, and he baraḵ the Elohim of mighty ones, and he covered his face and stretched out his feet and slept the everlasting sleep, and was gathered to his fathers.

2 And through all this Ya'aqoḅ was lying in his bosom, and did not know that Aḅraham, his father's father, was dead.

3 And Ya'aqoḅ awoke from his sleep, and see, Aḅraham was cold as ice, and he said, "Father, father!"; but there was none that spoke, and he knew that he was dead.

4 And he arose from his bosom and ran and told Ribqah, his mother; and Ribqah went to Yitshaq in the night and told him; and they went together, and Ya'aqoḅ with them, and a lamp was in his hand, and when they had gone in they found Aḅraham lying dead.

5 And Yitshaq fell on the face of his father, and wept and kissed him.

6 And the voices were heard in the house of Aḅraham, and Yishma'el his son arose, and went to Aḅraham his father, and wept over Aḅraham his father, he and all the house of Aḅraham, and they wept with a great weeping.

7 And his sons Yitshaq and Yishma'el buried him in the cave of Maḵpēlah, near Sarah his wife, and they wept for him forty days, all the men of his house, and Yitshaq and Yishma'el, and all their sons, and all the sons of Qeturah in their places, and the days of weeping for Aḅraham were ended.

8 And he lived three YoḲelim and four weeks of years - one hundred and seventy-five years - and completed the days of his life, being old and full of days.

9 For the days of the forefathers, of their life, were nineteen YoḲelim; but after the Flood they began to grow less than nineteen YoḲelim, and to decrease in YoḲelim, and to grow old quickly, and to be full of their days by reason of much tribulation and the

wickedness of their ways, with the exception of Aḅraham.

10 For Aḅraham was perfect in all his deeds with אֱלֹהִים, and well-pleasing in righteousness all the days of his life; and see, he did not complete four YoḲelim in his life, when he had grown old by reason of the wickedness and was full of his days.

11 And all the generations which shall arise from this time until the Day of the great judgment shall grow old quickly, before they complete two YoḲelim, and their knowledge shall forsake them by reason of their old age.

12 And in those days, if a man lives a YoḲel and a half of years, they shall say regarding him, "He has lived long." But the greater part of his days are pain and sorrow and tribulation, and there is no peace.

13 "For calamity follows on calamity, and wound on wound, and tribulation on tribulation, and evil words on evil words, and sickness on sickness, and all evil judgments such as these, one with another, sickness and overthrow, and snow and frost and ice, and fever, and chills, and languishing, and scarcity of food, and death, and sword, and captivity, and all kinds of calamities and pains."

14 And all these shall come on an evil generation, which transgresses on the earth: their works are uncleanness and whoring, and pollution and abominations.

15 Then they shall say, "The days of the forefathers were many: to a thousand years, and were good; but see, the days of our life, if a man has lived many, are seventy years, and, if he is strong, eighty years, and those evil and there is no peace in the days of this evil generation."

16 And in that generation the sons shall convict their fathers and their elders of sin and unrighteousness, and of the words of their mouth and the great wickednesses which they do, and concerning their forsaking the Covenant which אֱלֹהִים made between them and Him, that they should observe and do all His Commands and

His Laws and all His Torot, without departing either to the right hand or to the left.

17 For all have done evil, and every mouth speaks wickedness and all their works are an uncleanness and an abomination, and all their ways are pollution, uncleanness and destruction.

18 See the earth shall be destroyed on account of all their works, and there shall be no seed of the vine, and no oil; for their works are altogether unbelieving, and they shall all perish together, beasts and cattle and birds, and all the fish of the sea, on account of the children of men.

19 And they shall strive, one with another, the young with the old, and the old with the young, the poor with the rich, and the lowly with the great, and the needy with the prince, on account of the Torah and the Covenant; for they have forgotten Command, and Covenant, and Festivals, and New Moons, and Shabbathoth, and Yobelim, and all Right-Rulings.

20 And they shall stand with swords, and battle to turn them back to the Way; but they shall not return until much blood has been shed on the earth, one by another.

21 And those who have escaped shall not turn from their wickedness to the Way of righteousness, but they shall all exalt themselves to deceit and wealth, that they may each take all that is his neighbour's, and they shall name the great Name, but not in truth and not in righteousness, and they shall defile the Most Qodesh Place with their uncleanness and the corruption of their pollution.

22 And a great punishment shall come upon the deeds of this generation from אַתָּא, and He shall give them over to the sword and to judgment and to captivity, and to be plundered and devoured.

23 And He shall wake against them - the sinners of the gentiles, who have neither kindness nor compassion, and who shall respect the face of none, neither old nor young, nor anyone, for

they are more wicked and mighty to do evil than all the children of men. And they shall use violence against Yisra'el and transgression against Ya'aqob, and much blood shall be shed upon the earth, and there shall be none to gather and none to bury.

24 In those days they shall cry aloud, and call and pray that they may be saved from the hand of the sinners, the gentiles; but none shall be saved.

25 And the heads of the children shall be white with grey hair, and a child of three weeks shall appear old like a man of one hundred years, and their stature shall be destroyed by tribulation and oppression.

26 And in those days the children shall begin to study the Laws, and to seek the Commands, and to return to the Way of Righteousness.

27 And the days shall begin to grow many and increase among those children of men, till their days draw near to one thousand years, and to a greater number of years than was their number of the days.

28 And there shall be no old man nor one who is not satisfied with his days, for all shall be children and youths.

29 And all their days they shall complete and live in peace and in joy, and there shall be no adversary nor any evil destroyer; for all their days shall be days of beraḡah and healing.

30 And at that time אַתָּא shall heal His servants, and they shall rise up and see great peace, and drive out their adversaries. And the righteous shall see and be thankful, and rejoice with joy forever and ever, and shall see all their judgments and all their curses on their enemies.

31 And their bones shall rest in the earth, and their spirits shall have much joy, and they shall know that it is אַתָּא who executes right-ruling, and shows kindness to hundreds and thousands and to all that love Him.

32 And you, Mosheh, shall write down these words; for so they are written, and recorded on the tablets of the shamayim for a witness for the generations forever.

24 And it came to be after the death of AḶrahām, that אַיִת̄Yitshāq barak̄ Yitshāq his son, and he went up from ḤeḶbron and went and dwelt at Be'ēr Laḥai Ro'i in the first year of the third week of this YoḶēl, seven years.

2 And in the first year of the fourth week a scarcity of food began in the land, besides the first scarcity of food, which had been in the days of AḶrahām.

3 And Ya'aqoḶ cooked lentil stew, and Ḷsaw came from the field hungry. And he said to Ya'aqoḶ his brother, "Give me of this red stew." And Ya'aqoḶ said to him, "Sell to me your birthright and I shall give you bread, and also some of this lentil stew."

4 And Ḷsaw said in his heart, "I shall die; of what profit to me is this birthright?" And he said to Ya'aqoḶ, "I give it to you."

5 And Ya'aqoḶ said "Swear to me, this day," and he swore unto him.

6 And Ya'aqoḶ gave his brother Ḷsaw bread and stew, and he ate till he was satisfied. But Ḷsaw despised his birthright; for this reason was Ḷsaw's name called EḶdom, on account of the red stew which Ya'aqoḶ gave him for his birthright.

7 And Ya'aqoḶ became the elder, and Ḷsaw was brought down from his dignity.

8 And a scarcity of food was over the land, and Yitshāq departed to go down into Mitsrayim in the second year of this week, and went to the sovereign of the Pelishtites, to Gerar, to AḶimeleḶ.

9 And אַיִת̄Yitshāq appeared to him and said to him, "Do not go down into Mitsrayim. Dwell in the land that I tell you, and sojourn in this land, and I shall be with you and barak̄ you.

10 For to you and to your seed I shall give all this land, and I shall establish My oath which I swore unto AḶrahām your father, and I shall multiply your seed as the stars of the shamayim, and shall give unto your seed all this land.

11 "And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be baruk̄, because your father obeyed My voice, and kept

My Charge and My Commands, and My Torot, and My Laws, and My Covenant. And now obey My voice and dwell in this land."

12 And he dwelt in Gerar three weeks of years.

13 And AḶimeleḶ commanded concerning him, and concerning all that was his, saying, "Any man that touches him or any that is his shall certainly die."

14 And Yitshāq grew strong among the Pelishtites, and he gained many possessions: oxen and sheep and camels and donkeys and a large household.

15 And he sowed in the land of the Pelishtites and brought in a hundred-fold, and Yitshāq became exceedingly great, and the Pelishtites envied him.

16 Now all the wells which the servants of AḶrahām had dug during the life of AḶrahām, the Pelishtites had stopped them up after the death of AḶrahām, and filled them with earth.

17 And AḶimeleḶ said to Yitshāq, "Go from us, for you are much mightier than we." And Yitshāq departed from there in the first year of the seventh week, and sojourned in the wadi Gerar.

18 And they dug again the wells of water which the servants of AḶrahām his father had dug, and which the Pelishtites had stopped up after the death of AḶrahām his father, and he called their names as AḶrahām his father had named them.

19 And the servants of Yitshāq dug a well in the wadi, and found running water, and the shepherds of Gerar strove with the shepherds of Yitshāq, saying, "The water is ours." And Yitshāq called the name of the well Ḷseq, "Because they strove with us."

20 And they dug a second well, and they strove for that too, and he called its name Sitnah. And he arose from there and they dug another well, and they did not strive for that, and he called the name of it Rehōboth. And Yitshāq said, "Now אַיִת̄Yitshāq has made room for us, and we have increased in the land."

21 And he went up from there to Be'ersheba in the first year of the first week in the forty-fourth Yobël.

22 And אֱלֹהִים appeared to him that night, on the new moon of the first month, and said to him, "I am the Elohim of Abraham your father; do not fear, for I am with you, and shall barak you and shall surely multiply your seed as the sand of the earth, for the sake of Abraham My servant."

23 And he built an altar there, which Abraham his father had first built, and he called on the Name of אֱלֹהִים, and he offered an offering to the Elohim of Abraham his father.

24 And they dug a well and they found running water.

25 And the servants of Yitshaq dug another well but did not find water, and they went and told Yitshaq that they had not found water, and Yitshaq said, "I have sworn this day to the Pelishtites and this matter has been announced to us."

26 And he called the name of that place the Be'ersheba; for there he had sworn to Abimelek and Ahuzzath his friend and Piqol the cammander of his army.

27 And Yitshaq knew that day that he had sworn to them under constraint to make peace with them.

28 And Yitshaq on that day cursed the Pelishtites and said, "Cursed be the Pelishtites unto the Day of wrath and displeasure from the midst of all nations. May Elohim make them a mockery and a curse and an object of wrath and displeasure in the hands of the sinners the gentiles and in the hands of the Kittim.

29 "And whoever escapes the sword of the enemy and of Kittim, may the righteous nation root out in judgment from under the shamayim; for they shall be the enemies and foes of my children throughout their generations on the earth.

30 "And no remnant shall be left to them, nor one that shall be saved on the Day of the wrath of judgment; for destruction and rooting out and expulsion from the earth is for the

whole seed of the Pelishtites, and there shall no longer be left a name for these Kaphtorim or a seed on the earth.

31 "For though he ascends to the shamayim, from there shall he be brought down. And though he makes himself strong on earth, from there shall he be dragged out. And though he hides himself among the nations, even from there shall he be rooted out. And though he descend into the grave, there also shall his punishment be great, and there also he shall have no peace.

32 "And if he goes into captivity, by the hands of those that seek his life shall they slay him on the way, and neither name nor seed shall be left to him on all the earth; for into everlasting reproach he shall depart."

33 And thus is it written and engraved concerning him on the tablets of the shamayim, to do unto him on the Day of judgment, so that he may be rooted out of the earth.

**25** And in the second year of this week in this Yobël, Ribqah called Ya'aqob her son, and spoke to him, saying, "My son, do not take a wife of the daughters of Kena'an, as Esaw, your brother, who took two wives of the daughters of Kena'an, and they have embittered my being with all their unclean deeds, for all their deeds are whoring and lust, and there is no righteousness with them, because of evil.

2 "And I love you exceedingly my son, and my heart and my affection barak you every hour of the day and watch of the night.

3 "And now, my son, listen to my voice, and do the desire of your mother, and do not take yourself a wife of the daughters of this land, but only of the house of my father, and of my father's relatives. You shall take a wife of the house of my father, and the Most High El shall barak you, and your children shall be a righteous generation and a qodesh seed."

4 And then Ya'aqob spoke to Ribqah, his mother, and said to her, "See,



mother, I am nine weeks of years old, and I neither know nor have I touched any woman, nor have I engaged myself to any, nor even thought of taking myself a wife of the daughters of Kena'an.

5 "For I remember, mother, the words of Abraham, our father, for he commanded me not to take a wife of the daughters of Kena'an, but to take for myself a wife from the seed of my father's house and from my relatives.

6 "I have heard before, that daughters have been born to Laḡan, your brother, and I have layed my heart on them to take a wife from among them.

7 "And for this reason I have guarded myself in my spirit against sinning or being corrupted in all my ways throughout all the days of my life; for with regard to lust and whoring, Abraham, my father, gave me many Commands.

8 "And, despite all that he has commanded me, these twenty-two years, my brother has strove with me and spoken frequently to me and said, 'My brother, take to wife a sister of my two wives.' But I refuse to do as he has done.

9 "I swear before you, mother, that all the days of my life I shall not take for myself a wife from the daughters of the seed of Kena'an, and I shall not act wickedly as my brother has done.

10 "Do not fear, mother; be assured that I shall do your desire and walk in uprightness, and not corrupt my ways, forever."

11 And afterward she lifted up her face to the shamayim and extended the fingers of her hands, and opened her mouth and barak the Most High Ēl, who had created the shamayim, and the earth, and she gave Him thanks and praise.

12 And she said, "Baruk be 𐤁𐤓𐤁𐤓 Elohim, and may His qodesh Name be baruk forever and ever; who has given me Ya'aqob as a pure son and a qodesh seed; for He is Yours, and his seed shall be Yours continually and throughout all the generations forever.

13 "Barak him, O Aḡonai, and place

in my mouth the birekoth of righteousness, that I may barak him."

14 And in that hour, when the spirit of righteousness descended into her mouth, she placed both her hands on the head of Ya'aqob, and said,

15 "Baruk are You, Aḡon of righteousness and Elohim of the ages! And may He barak you beyond all the generations of men. May He give you, my son, the path of righteousness, and reveal righteousness to your seed.

16 "And may He make your sons many during your life, and may they arise according to the number of the months of the year. And may their sons become many and great beyond the stars of the shamayim, and their numbers be more than the sand of the sea.

17 "And may He give them this good land as He said He would give it to Abraham and to his seed after him always, and may they hold it as an everlasting possession.

18 "And may I see to you, my son, baruk children during my life, and a baruk and qodesh seed may all your seed be.

19 "And as you have refreshed your mother's spirit during life, the womb of her that bore you barak you, and my breasts barak you and my mouth and my tongue praise you greatly.

20 "Increase and spread over the earth, and may your seed be perfect in the joy of the shamayim and earth forever; and may your seed rejoice, and on the great Day of peace may it have peace.

21 "And may your name and your seed endure to all the ages, and may the Most High Ēl be their Elohim, and may the Elohim of righteousness dwell with them, and by them may His Miqdash be built unto all the ages.

22 "Baruk is he that barak you, and all flesh that curses you falsely may it be cursed."

23 And she kissed him, and said to him "May 𐤁𐤓𐤁𐤓 of the world love you as the heart of your mother and her affection rejoice in you and barak you." And she ceased from birekoth.

26 And in the seventh year of this week Yitshaq called Ēsaw, his elder son, and said to him, "I am old, my son, and see, my eyes are dim in seeing, and I do not know the day of my death.

2 "And now take your hunting weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt and catch for me, my son, and make me a tasty dish, such as my being loves, and bring it to me that I may eat, and that my being may barak you before I die."

3 But Ribqah heard Yitshaq speaking to Ēsaw.

4 And Ēsaw went out early to the field to hunt and catch and bring home to his father.

5 And Ribqah called Ya'aqob, her son, and said to him, "See, I heard Yitshaq, your father, speak to Ēsaw, your brother, saying, 'Hunt for me, and make me a tasty dish, and bring to me that I may eat and barak you before אָרְבַּח before I die.'

6 "And now, my son, obey my voice in that which I command you. Go to your flock and fetch me two choice young goats, and I shall make them a tasty dish for your father, such as he loves, and you shall bring to your father that he may eat and barak you before אָרְבַּח before he dies, and that you may be baruk."

7 And Ya'aqob said to Ribqah his mother, "Mother, I shall not withhold any matter which my father would eat, and which would please him, only I fear, my mother, that he shall recognise my voice and want to touch me.

8 "And you know that I am smooth, and Ēsaw, my brother, is hairy, and I shall appear before his eyes as an evildoer, and shall do a deed which he had not commanded me, and he shall be wroth with me, and I shall bring upon myself a curse, and not a beraqah."

9 And Ribqah, his mother, said to him, "Your curse be upon me, my son, only obey my voice."

10 And Ya'aqob obeyed the voice of Ribqah, his mother, and went and

fetches two choice and fat young goats, and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared them such as he loved.

11 And Ribqah took the best garments of Ēsaw, her elder son, which was with her in the house, and she clothed Ya'aqob, her younger son, and she put the skins of the young goats upon his hands and on the exposed parts of his neck.

12 And she gave the meat and the bread which she had prepared into the hand of her son Ya'aqob.

13 And Ya'aqob went in to his father and said, "I am your son. I have done accordingly as you asked me. Arise and sit and eat of that which I have caught, father, that your being may barak me."

14 And Yitshaq said to his son, "How have you found so quickly, my son?"

15 And Ya'aqob said, "Because your Elohim caused me to find."

16 And Yitshaq said to him, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, if you are my son Ēsaw or not."

17 And Ya'aqob went near to Yitshaq, his father, and he felt him and said,

18 "The voice is Ya'aqob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Ēsaw," and he did not recognise him, because it was caused from the shamayim to remove his power of perception and Yitshaq did not recognise, for his hands were hairy as Ēsaw's, so that he barak him.

19 And he said, "Are you my son Ēsaw?" and he said, "I am your son." and he said, "Bring near to me that I may eat of that which you have caught, my son, that my being may barak you."

20 And he brought near to him, and he ate, and he brought him wine and he drank.

21 And Yitshaq, his father, said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." And he came near and kissed him.

22 And he smelled the smell of his garment, and he barak him and said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which אָרְבַּח has barak.

23 And may אָרְבַּח give you of the dew

of the shamayim and of the dew of the earth, and plenty of grain and oil. Let nations serve you, and peoples bow down to you.

24 "Be master over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you; and may all the birekoth with which אֱלֹהִים barak me and barak Abraham, my father, be given to you and to your seed forever. Cursed be he that curses you, and baruḵ be he that barak you."

25 And it came to be as soon as Yitshaq had made an end to barak his son Ya'aqob, and Ya'aqob had gone out from Yitshaq his father, Ėsaw, his brother, came in from his hunting.

26 And he also made a tasty dish, and brought to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise, and eat of my wild game that your being may barak me."

27 And Yitshaq, his father, said to him, "Who are you?" And he said to him, "I am your first born, your son Ėsaw. I have done as you have commanded me."

28 And Yitshaq was greatly astonished, and said, "Who is he that has hunted and caught and brought to me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have barak him? He shall be baruḵ, and all his seed forever."

29 And it came to be when Ėsaw heard the words of his father Yitshaq that he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Barak me, me too, father!"

30 And he said to him, "Your brother came with deceit, and has taken away your beraḵah." And he said, "Now I know why his name is called Ya'aqob. See, he has caught me by the heel these two times. He took away my birth-right, and now he has taken away my beraḵah."

31 And he said, "Have you not reserved a beraḵah for me, father?" And Yitshaq answered and said to Ėsaw, "See, I have made him your master, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with plenty of grain and wine and oil I have strengthened him. And what now shall

I do for you, my son?"

32 And Ėsaw said to Yitshaq, his father, "Have you but one beraḵah, O father? Barak me, me too, father!" And Ėsaw lifted up his voice and wept.

33 And Yitshaq answered and said to him, "See, far from the dew of the earth shall be your dwelling, and far from the dew of the shamayim from above.

34 "And by your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother. And it shall come to be when you become great, and shake his yoke from off your neck, you shall sin a complete sin unto death, and your seed shall be rooted out from under the shamayim."

35 And Ėsaw kept threatening Ya'aqob because of the beraḵah with which his father barak him, and he said in his heart, "May the days of mourning for my father now come, so that I may slay my brother Ya'aqob."

**27** And the words of Ėsaw, her elder son, were told to Ribqah in a dream, and Ribqah sent and called Ya'aqob her younger son, and said to him,

2 "See Ėsaw your brother shall take vengeance on you so as to kill you.

3 "Now, therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise and flee to Laḇan, my brother, to Ḥaran, and stay with him a few days until your brother's wrath turns away, and he removes his wrath from you, and forgets all that you have done; then I shall send and bring you from there."

4 And Ya'aqob said, "I am not afraid; if he wants to kill me, I shall kill him."

5 But she said to him, "Let me not be bereaved of both my sons on one day."

6 And Ya'aqob said to Ribqah his mother, "See, you know that my father has become old, and does not see because his eyes are dim, and if I leave him it shall be evil in his eyes, because I leave him and go away from you, and my father shall be wrath, and shall curse me. I shall not go. When he sends me, then only shall I go."

7 And Ribqah said to Ya'aqob, "I shall go in and speak to him, and he shall send you away."

8 And Ribqah went in and said to Yitshaq, "I loathe my life because of the two daughters of Hëth, whom Ēsaw has taken as wives; and if Ya'aqoḅ takes a wife from among the daughters of the land such as these, for what purpose do I further live? For the daughters of Kena'an are evil."

9 And Yitshaq called Ya'aqoḅ and barak him, and warned him and said to him,

10 "Do not take a wife of any of the daughters of Kena'an; arise and go to Aram-Naharayim, to the house of Bethu'ël, your mother's father, and take a wife from there of the daughters of Laḅan, your mother's brother.

11 And Ēl Shaddai barak you and increase and multiply you that you may become a company of nations, and give you the birekoth of my father Aḅraham, to you and to your seed after you, that you may inherit the land of your sojournings and all the land which Elohim gave to Aḅraham. Go in peace my son."

12 And Yitshaq sent Ya'aqoḅ away, and he went to Aram-Naharayim, to Laḅan the son of Bethu'ël the Aramean, the brother of Ribqah, Ya'aqoḅ's mother.

13 And it came to be after Ya'aqoḅ had arisen to go to Aram-Naharayim that the spirit of Ribqah was grieved after her son, and she wept.

14 And Yitshaq said to Ribqah, "My sister, do not weep on account of Ya'aqoḅ, my son; for he goes in peace, and in peace he shall return.

15 "The Most High Ēl shall preserve him from all evil, and shall be with him, for He shall not forsake him all his days.

16 "For I know that his ways shall be prospered in all matters wherever he goes, until he returns to us in peace, and we see him in peace.

17 "Do not fear on his account my sister, for he is on the upright path and he is a perfect man: and he is trustworthy and shall not perish. Do not weep."

18 And Yitshaq comforted Ribqah on account of her son Ya'aqoḅ, and barak

him.

19 And Ya'aqoḅ went from Be'ërsheḅa to go to Ḥaran on the first year of the second week in the forty-fourth Yoḅël. And he came to Luz on the mountains, that is, Bëyth Ēl, on the new moon of the first month of this week, and he came to the place in the evening and turned from the way to the west of the road that night, and he slept there; for the sun had gone down.

20 And he took one of the stones of that place and laid it under the tree, and he was journeying alone, and he slept.

21 And he dreamt that night, and see, a ladder put up on the earth, and the top of it reached to the shamayim, and see, the messengers of אֱלֹהִים ascended and descended on it. And see, אֱלֹהִים stood upon it,

22 and He spoke to Ya'aqoḅ and said, "I am אֱלֹהִים, Elohim of Abraham, your father, and the Elohim of Yitshaq. The land on which you are sleeping, to you I shall give it, and to your seed after you.

23 "And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall increase to the west and to the east, to the north and the south, and in you and in your seed, all the families of the nations shall be baruk.

24 "And see, I shall be with you, and shall keep you wherever you go, and I shall bring you again into this land in peace; for I shall not leave you until I do all that I told you of."

25 And Ya'aqoḅ awoke from his sleep, and said, "Truly this place is the house of אֱלֹהִים, and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place, which is none other than the house of Elohim, and this is the gate of the shamayim!"

26 And Ya'aqoḅ arose early in the morning, and took the stone which he had put under his head and put it up as a standing column for a sign, and he poured oil on the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bëyth Ēl; but the name of the place was Luz at the first.

27 And Ya'aqoḅ vowed a vow to אֱלֹהִים,

saying, "If אֱלֹהִים shall be with me, and shall keep me in this way that I go, and give me bread to eat and garments to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then אֱלֹהִים shall be my Elohim, and this stone which I have put up as a standing column for a sign in this place, shall be the house of אֱלֹהִים, and of all that You give me, I shall give the tenth to You, my Elohim."

**28** And he went on his journey, and came to the land of the East, to Laḅan, the brother of Riḅqah, and he was with him, and served him for Raḅël his daughter one week.

2 And in the first year of the third week he said to him, "Give me my wife, for whom I have served you seven years." And Laḅan said to Ya'aqoḅ. "I shall give you your wife."

3 And Laḅan made a feast, and took Lë'ah his elder daughter, and gave her to Ya'aqoḅ as a wife, and gave her Zilpah his female servant for an female servant. But Ya'aqoḅ did not know, for he thought that she was Raḅël,

4 and he went in to her, but see, she was Lë'ah! And Ya'aqoḅ was wroth with Laḅan, and said to him, "Why have you done this to me? Did not I serve you for Raḅël and not for Lë'ah? Why have you wronged me? Take your daughter and I shall go, for you have done evil to me."

5 For Ya'aqoḅ loved Raḅël more than Lë'ah; for Lë'ah's eyes were weak, and was very lovely of form, but Raḅël had lovely eyes and very lovely of form and appearance.

6 And Laḅan said to Ya'aqoḅ, "It is not done so in our country, to give the younger before the elder." And it is not right to do this; for so it is ordained and written in the tablets of the shamayim, that no one should give his younger daughter before the elder - but the elder one is given first and after her, the younger - and the man who does so, they lay guilt against him in the shamayim, and none is righteous that does this matter, for this deed is evil before אֱלֹהִים.

7 And command the children of Yisra'ël

that they do not this matter. Let them neither take, nor give the younger before they have given the elder, for it is very wicked.

8 And Laḅan said to Ya'aqoḅ, "Let the seven days of the feast of this one pass by, and I shall give you Raḅël, that you may serve me another seven years, that you may pasture my sheep as you did in the former week."

9 And on the day when the seven days of the feast of Lë'ah had passed, Laḅan gave Raḅël to Ya'aqoḅ, that he might serve him another seven years, and he gave to Raḅël Bilhah, the sister of Zilpah as a female servant.

10 And he served yet another seven years for Raḅël, for Lë'ah had been given to him for naught.

11 And אֱלֹהִים opened the womb of Lë'ah, and she conceived and bore Ya'aqoḅ a son, and he called his name Re'uḅën, on the fourteenth day of the ninth month, in the first year of the third week.

12 But the womb of Raḅël was closed, for אֱלֹהִים saw that Lë'ah was hated, but Raḅël loved.

13 And again Ya'aqoḅ went in to Lë'ah, and she conceived, and bore Ya'aqoḅ a second son, and he called his name Shim'on, on the twenty-first of the tenth month, and in the third year of this week.

14 And again Ya'aqoḅ went in to Lë'ah, and she conceived, and bore him a third son, and he called his name Lëwi, in the new moon of the first month in the sixth year of this week.

15 And again Ya'aqoḅ went in to her, and she conceived, and bore him a fourth son, and he called his name Yahuḡah, on the fifteenth of the third month, in the first year of the fourth week.

16 And on account of all this Raḅël envied Lë'ah, for she did not bear, and she said to Ya'aqoḅ, "Give me children!" And Ya'aqoḅ said, "Have I withheld from you the fruits of your womb? Have I forsaken you?"

17 And when Raḅël saw that Lë'ah had borne four sons to Ya'aqoḅ, Re'uḅën and Shim'on and Lëwi and Yahuḡah,

she said to him, "Go in to Bilhah my female servant, and she shall conceive, and bear a son to me."

18 And he went in to her, and she conceived, and bore him a son, and he called his name Dan, on the ninth of the sixth month, in the sixth year of the third week.

19 And Ya'aqoḅ went in again to Bilhah a second time, and she conceived, and bore Ya'aqoḅ another son, and Raḥēl called his name Naphtali, on the fifth of the seventh month, in the second year of the fourth week.

20 And when Lē'ah saw that she had become barren and ceased bearing, she was jealous, and she also gave her female servant Zilpah to Ya'aqoḅ as wife. And she conceived, and bore a son, and Lē'ah called his name Gaḍ, on the twelfth of the eighth month, in the third year of the fourth week.

21 And he went in to her again, and she conceived, and bore him a second son, and Lē'ah called his name Ashēr, on the second of the eleventh month, in the fifth year of the fourth week.

22 And Ya'aqoḅ went in to Lē'ah, and she conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Yissasḡar, on the fourth of the fifth month, in the fourth year of the fourth week, and she gave him to a nurse.

23 And Ya'aqoḅ went in to her again, and she conceived, and bore two, a son and a daughter, and she called the name of the son Zeḅulun, and the name of the daughter Dinah, in the seventh of the seventh month, in the sixth year of the fourth week.

24 And אִשָּׁה showed favour to Raḥēl, and opened her womb, and she conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Yosēph, on the new moon of the fourth month, in the sixth year in this fourth week.

25 And in the days when Yosēph was born, Ya'aqoḅ said to Laḅan, "Give me my wives and sons, and let me go to my father Yitshaq, and let me make myself a house, for I have completed the years in which I have served you for your two daughters, and I shall go to the house of my father."

26 And Laḅan said to Ya'aqoḅ, "Stay with me for your wages, and pasture my flock for me again, and take your wages."

27 And they agreed with one another that he should give him as his wages - those of the lambs and young goats which were born black and spotted and white were to be his wages.

28 And all the sheep brought forth spotted and speckled and black, variously marked, and they again brought forth lambs like themselves, and all that were spotted were Ya'aqoḅ's and those which were not were Laḅan's.

29 And Ya'aqoḅ's possessions multiplied exceedingly, and he possessed oxen and sheep and donkeys and camels, and male and female servants.

30 And Laḅan and his sons envied Ya'aqoḅ, and Laḅan took back his sheep from him, and he watched him with evil intent.

**29** And it came to be when Raḥēl had borne Yosēph, that Laḅan went to shear his sheep, for they were distant from him three days' journey.

2 And Ya'aqoḅ saw that Laḅan was going to shear his sheep, and Ya'aqoḅ called Lē'ah and Raḥēl, and spoke kindly to them that they should come with him to the land of Kena'an.

3 For he told them how he had seen it all in a dream, even all that He had spoken to him that he should return to his father's house. And they said, "To every place where you go, we shall go with you."

4 And Ya'aqoḅ baraḡ the Elohim of Yitshaq his father, and the Elohim of Aḅraham his father's father. And he arose and mounted his wives and his children, and took all his possessions and crossed the River, and came to the land of Gil'aḡ, but Ya'aqoḅ hid his intention from Laḅan and did not tell him.

5 And in the seventh year of the fourth week Ya'aqoḅ turned toward Gil'aḡ in the first month, on the twenty-first. And Laḅan pursued after him and overtook Ya'aqoḅ in the mountain of Gil'aḡ in

the third month, on the thirteenth.

6 But אַבְרָהָם did not allow him to injure Ya'aqoḇ, for He appeared to him in a dream by night. And Laḅan spoke to Ya'aqoḇ.

7 And on the fifteenth of those days Ya'aqoḇ made a feast for Laḅan, and for all who came with him, and Ya'aqoḇ swore to Laḅan that day, and Laḅan also to Ya'aqoḇ, that neither should cross the mountain of Gil'ad to the other with evil purpose.

8 And he made there a heap for a witness; therefore the name of that place is called Yeḡar Saḡaḡutha, after this heap.

9 But before they used to call the land of Gil'ad the land of the Repha'im; for it was the land of the Repha'im, and the Repha'im were born giants whose height was ten, nine, eight down to seven ammah.

10 And their dwelling was from the land of the children of Ammon to Mount Ḥermon, and the seats of their reign were Qarnayim and Ashtaroth, and Edre'i, and Mits'ar, and Be'on.

11 And אַבְרָהָם destroyed them because of the evil of their deeds; for they were very evil, and the Amorites dwelt in their place - wicked and sinful - and there is no people today which has filled all their sins, and they have no longer length of life on the earth.

12 And Ya'aqoḇ sent Laḅan away, and he departed to Aram-Naharayim, the land of the East, and Ya'aqoḇ returned to the land of Gil'ad.

13 And he passed over the Yabboq in the ninth month, on the eleventh. And on that day Ēsaw, his brother, came to him, and he was reconciled to him, and departed from him to the land of Sē'ir, but Ya'aqoḇ dwelt in tents.

14 And in the first year of the fifth week in this YoḄēl he crossed the Yardēn, and dwelt beyond the Yardēn, and he pastured his flocks from the Sea of Ayath to Bēyth She'an, and to Dothan and to the Ascent of Aqrabbim.

15 And he sent to his father Yitshaq of all his substance, garments, and food, and meat, and drink, and milk, and butter, and cheese, and some dates of

the wadi,

16 And to his mother Ribqah also four times a year, between the times of the months, between ploughing and reaping, and between fall and the rain and between winter and spring, to the tower of Aḅraham.

17 For Yitshaq had returned from Be'ērsheḅa and gone up to the tower of his father Aḅraham, and he dwelt there apart from his son Ēsaw.

18 For in the days when Ya'aqoḇ went to Aram-Naharayim, Ēsaw took a wife, Maḡalath, the daughter of Yishma'ēl, and he gathered together all the flocks of his father and his wives, and went up and dwelt on Mount Sē'ir, and left Yitshaq his father at Be'ērsheḅa alone.

19 And Yitshaq went up from Be'ērsheḅa and dwelt in the tower of Aḅraham his father on the mountains of Ḥebron,

20 And there Ya'aqoḇ sent all that he sent to his father and his mother from time to time - all they needed - and they barak Ya'aqoḇ with all their heart and with all their being.

**30** And in the first year of the sixth week he went up to Salem, to the east of Sheḡem, in peace, in the fourth month.

2 And there they carried off Dinah, the daughter of Ya'aqoḇ, into the house of Sheḡem, the son of Ḥamor, the Ḥiwvite, the prince of the land, and he lay with her and defiled her, and she was a little girl, a child of twelve years.

3 And he pleaded with his father and her brothers that she might be given to him as wife, but Ya'aqoḇ and his sons were wroth because of the men of Sheḡem, for they had defiled Dinah, their sister, and they spoke to them with evil intent and dealt deceitfully with them and deceived them.

4 And Shim'on and Lēwi came unexpectedly to Sheḡem and executed judgment on all the men of Sheḡem, and slew all the men whom they found in it, and left not a single one remaining in it. They slew all in anguish because they had dishonoured their sister Dinah.

5 And thus let it not be done again from

this time on, that a daughter of Yisra'ël be defiled; for judgment is ordained in the shamayim against them that they should destroy with the sword all the men of the Shekemites because they had acted shamefully in Yisra'ël.

6 And אִשָּׁרָא delivered them into the hands of the sons of Ya'aqoḇ that they might wipe them out with the sword and execute judgment upon them, and that it might not be done so again in Yisra'ël, that a maiden of Yisra'ël should be defiled.

7 And if there is any man in Yisra'ël who desires to give his daughter or his sister to any man who is of the seed of the gentiles, he shall certainly die, and they shall stone him with stones; for he has acted shamefully in Yisra'ël. And they shall burn the woman with fire, because she has dishonoured the name of the house of her father, and she shall be rooted out of Yisra'ël.

8 And do not let an adulteress and no uncleanness be found in Yisra'ël unto forever of the generations of the earth; for Yisra'ël is qodesh unto אִשָּׁרָא, and every man who defiles it shall certainly die: they shall stone him with stones.

9 For so it has been ordained and written in the tablets of the shamayim regarding all the seed of Yisra'ël: he who defiles it shall certainly die, and he shall be stoned with stones.

10 And to this Law there is no limit of days, and no remission, nor any atonement; but the man who has defiled his daughter shall be rooted out of the midst of all Yisra'ël, because he has given of his seed to Moleḵ, and acted wickedly so as to defile it.

11 And you, Mosheh, shall command the children of Yisra'ël and charge them not to give their daughters to the gentiles, and not to take for their sons any of the daughters of the gentiles, for this is an abomination before אִשָּׁרָא.

12 For this reason I have written for you in the words of the Law all the deeds of the Shekemites, which they did against Dinah, and how the sons of Ya'aqoḇ spoke, saying, "We shall not give our daughter to a man who is uncircumcised; for that is a reproach to

us."

13 And it is a reproach to Yisra'ël, to those who give, and to those who take the daughters of the gentiles; for this is unclean and an abomination to Yisra'ël.

14 And Yisra'ël shall not be free from this uncleanness if it has a wife of the daughters of the gentiles, or has given any of its daughters to a man who is of any of the gentiles.

15 For there shall be plague upon plague, and curse upon curse, and every judgment and plague and curse shall come if he does this matter, or hides his eyes from those who commit uncleanness, or those who defile the Miqdash of אִשָּׁרָא, or those who profane His qodesh name. The whole nation together shall be judged for all the uncleanness and wickedness of this.

16 And there shall be no respect of faces, and no receiving at his hands of first-fruits and offerings and burnt-offerings and fat, nor the fragrance of sweet insense, so as to accept it: and so it is for every man or woman in Yisra'ël who defiles the Miqdash.

17 For this reason I have commanded you, saying, "Witness this witness to Yisra'ël: see what became of the Shekemites and their sons - how they were delivered into the hands of two sons of Ya'aqoḇ, and they slew them under agony, and it was unto them for righteousness, and it is written down to them for righteousness.

18 And the seed of Lēwi was chosen for the kehunnah, and to be Lēwites, that they might serve before אִשָּׁרָא, as we, continually, and that Lēwi and his sons may be baruḵ forever; for he was ardent to execute righteousness and judgment and vengeance on all those who rose up against Yisra'ël.

19 And so they inscribe as a witness in his favour on the tablets of the shamayim beraḵah and righteousness before the Elohim of all:

20 And we remember the righteousness which the man fulfilled during his life, at all periods of the year; until a thousand generations they



shall record it, and it shall come to him and to his descendants after him, and he has been recorded on the tablets of the shamayim as a friend and a righteous man.

21 All this account I have written for you, and have commanded you to say to the children of Yisra'ël, that they should not commit sin nor transgress the Laws nor break the Covenant which has been ordained for them - that they should complete it and be recorded as friends.

22 But if they transgress and work uncleanness in every way, they shall be recorded on the tablets of the shamayim as adversaries, and they shall be destroyed out of the Book of Hai, and they shall be recorded in the Book of those who shall be destroyed and with those who shall be rooted out of the earth.

23 And on the day when the sons of Ya'aqoḇ slew Shekem, a writing was recorded in their favour in the shamayim that they had executed righteousness and uprightness and vengeance on the sinners, and it was written for a beraḡah.

24 And they brought Dinah, their sister, out of the house of Shekem, and they took captive all that was in Shekem, their sheep and their cattle and their donkeys, and all their wealth, and all their flocks, and brought them all to Ya'aqoḇ their father.

25 And he reproached them because they had put the city to the sword; for he feared those who dwell in the land; the Kena'anites and the Perizzites.

26 And the dread of אַיָּוָה was upon all the cities which are around about Shekem, and they did not rise to pursue after the sons of Ya'aqoḇ; for terror had fallen upon them.

**31** And on the new moon of the month, Ya'aqoḇ spoke to all the people of his house, saying, "Purify yourselves and change your garments, and let us arise and go up to Bëyth Èl, where I vowed a vow to Him on the day when I fled from the face of Èsaw my brother, because He has been with me and brought me into this land in

peace, and put you away the strange mighty ones that are among you."

2 And they gave up the strange mighty ones and that which was in their ears and which was on their necks, and the idols which Raḡël stole from Laḡan her brother she gave all to Ya'aqoḇ. And he burned and broke them to pieces and destroyed them, and hid them under a terebinth which is in the land of Shekem.

3 And he went up on the new moon of the seventh month to Bëyth Èl, and he built an altar at the place where he had slept, and he put up a standing column there, and he sent word to his father Yitshaq to come to him to his offering, and to his mother Riḡqah.

4 And Yitshaq said, "Let my son Ya'aqoḇ come, and let me see him before I die."

5 And Ya'aqoḇ went to his father Yitshaq and to his mother Riḡqah, to the house of his father Abraham, and he took two of his sons with him, Lëwi and Yahuḡah, and he came to his father Yitshaq and to his mother Riḡqah.

6 And Riḡqah came out from the tower to the front of it to kiss Ya'aqoḇ and embrace him, for her spirit had revived when she heard, "See Ya'aqoḇ your son has come!" And she kissed him.

7 And she saw his two sons, and she recognised them, and said to him, "Are these your sons, my son?" and she embraced them and kissed them, and baraḡ them, saying, "In you shall the seed of Abraham become great, and you shall prove a beraḡah on the earth."

8 And Ya'aqoḇ went in to Yitshaq his father, to the chamber where he lay, and his two sons were with him, and he took the hand of his father, and stooping down he kissed him, and Yitshaq clung to the neck of Ya'aqoḇ his son, and wept upon his neck.

9 And the darkness left the eyes of Yitshaq, and he saw the two sons of Ya'aqoḇ, Lëwi and Yahuḡah, and he said, "Are these your sons, my son? For they are like you."

10 And he said to him that they were

truly his sons, "And you have indeed seen that they are truly my sons."

11 And they came near to him, and he turned and kissed them and embraced them both together.

12 And the spirit of neḅuah came down into his mouth, and he took Lēwi by his right hand and Yahudāh by his left.

13 And he turned to Lēwi first, and began to barak him first, and said to him, "May the Elohim of all; the very Aḡon of all the ages, barak you and your children throughout all the ages.

14 "And may אֱלֹהִים give to you and to your seed greatness and great esteem, and cause you and your seed, from among all flesh, to approach Him to serve in His Miqdash as the messengers of the presence and as the qodeshim, as they, shall the seed of your sons be for esteem and greatness and qodeshah, and may He make them great unto all generations

15 "And they shall be princes and judges, and chiefs of all the seed of the sons of Ya'aqoḅ. They shall speak the Word of אֱלֹהִים in righteousness, and they shall rightly-rule all His Right-Rulings in righteousness. And they shall declare my Ways to Ya'aqoḅ and my paths to Yisra'ēl. The beraḡah of אֱלֹהִים shall be given in their mouths to barak all the seed of the beloved.

16 "Your mother has called your name Lēwi, and rightly has she called your name. You shall be joined to אֱלֹהִים and be the companion of all the sons of Ya'aqoḅ. Let His table be yours, and you and your sons shall eat of it. And may your table be full unto all generations, and your food not fail unto all generations.

17 "And let all who hate you fall down before you, and let all your adversaries be rooted out and perish. And baruḡ is he that barak you, and cursed is every nation that curses you."

18 And to Yahudāh he said, "May אֱלֹהִים give you strength and power to tread down all that hate you. A prince you shall be, you and one of your sons, over the sons of Ya'aqoḅ. May your name and the name of your sons go forth and cover every land and

region. Then shall the gentiles fear before your face, and all the nations shall quake.

19 "In you shall be the Help of Ya'aqoḅ, and in you be found the Deliverance of Yisra'ēl.

20 "And when you sit on the throne of the honour of your righteousness, there shall be great peace for all the seed of the sons of the beloved, And baruḡ shall he be that barak you, and all that hate you and afflict you and curse you shall be rooted out and destroyed from the earth and accursed."

21 And turning he kissed him again and embraced him, and rejoiced greatly; for he had seen the sons of Ya'aqoḅ his son in great truth.

22 And went forth from between his feet and fell down and worshipped Him. And he barak them, and rested there with Yitshaq his father that night, and they ate and drank with joy.

23 And he made the two sons of Ya'aqoḅ sleep, the one on his right hand and the other on his left and it was counted to him for righteousness.

24 And Ya'aqoḅ told his father all during the night, how אֱלֹהִים had shown him great kindness, and how He had prospered all his ways, and protected him from all evil.

25 And Yitshaq barak the Elohim of his father Abraham, who had not withdrawn His kindness and His righteousness from the sons of His servant Yitshaq.

26 And in the morning Ya'aqoḅ told his father Yitshaq the vow which he had vowed to אֱלֹהִים, and the vision which he had seen, and that he had built an altar, and that all was ready for the offering to be made before אֱלֹהִים as he had vowed, and that he had come to place him on an donkey.

27 And Yitshaq said to Ya'aqoḅ his son, "I am not able to go with you, for I am old, and not able to bear the way. Go in peace my son, for I am one hundred and sixty-five years this day; I am no longer able to journey. Appoint your mother and let her go with you.

28 "And I know, my son, that you have

come on my account, and may this day be baruḵ on which you have seen me alive, and I also have seen you, my son.

29 "May you prosper and complete the vow which you have vowed, and not put off your vow; for you shall be called to account concerning the vow. Now therefore make haste to perform it, and may He be pleased who has made all matters, to whom you have vowed the vow."

30 And he said to Ribqah, "Go with Ya'aqoḅ your son." And Ribqah went with Ya'aqoḅ her son, and Deḅorah with her, and they came to Bēyth Ēl.

31 And Ya'aqoḅ remembered the prayer with which his father had baraḵ him and his two sons, Lēwi and Yahudah, and he rejoiced and baraḵ the Elohim of his fathers, Abraham and Yitshaq.

32 And he said, "Now I know that I have an everlasting hope, and my sons also, before the Elohim of all." And thus is it ordained concerning the two; and they record it as an everlasting witness to them on the tablets of the shamayim how Yitshaq baraḵ them.

**32** And he stayed that night at Bēyth Ēl, and Lēwi dreamed that they had ordained and made him the kohēn of the Most High Ēl, he and his sons forever. And he awoke from his sleep and baraḵ אלהים.

2 And Ya'aqoḅ rose early in the morning, on the fourteenth of this month, and he gave a tithe of all that came with him, both of men and cattle, both of gold and every vessel and garment, he even gave tithes of all.

3 And in those days Raḥēl became pregnant with her son Binyamin. And Ya'aqoḅ counted his sons from him upwards and Lēwi fell to the portion of אלהים, and his father clothed him in the garments of the kehunnah and filled his hands.

4 And on the fifteenth of this month, he brought to the altar fourteen bulls from among the cattle, and twenty-eight rams, and forty-nine sheep, and seven lambs, and twenty-one young goats as

a burnt offering on the altar of offering, well pleasing as a sweet fragrance before Elohim.

5 This was his offering, because of the vow which he had vowed that he would give a tenth, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings.

6 And when the fire had consumed it, he burned incense on the fire over the fire, and for a slaughtering of thanksgiving: two bulls and four rams and four sheep, four goats, and two young goats; and thus he did daily for seven days.

7 And he and all his sons and his men were eating with joy there during seven days and beraḵah and thanking אלהים, who had delivered him out of all his tribulation and had given him his vow.

8 And he tithed all the clean beasts, and made a burnt offering, but the unclean beasts he gave to Lēwi his son, and he gave him all the beings of the men.

9 And Lēwi served as kohēn at Bēyth Ēl before Ya'aqoḅ his father in preference to his ten brothers, and he was a kohēn there, and Ya'aqoḅ gave his vow. Thus he tithed again the tithe to אלהים and qadosh it, and it became qodesh unto Him.

10 And for this reason it is ordained on the tablets of the shamayim as a Law for the tithe. Furthermore, to eat the tithe before אלהים from year to year, in the place where it is chosen that His Name should dwell, and to this Law there is no limit of days forever.

11 This Law is written that it may be fulfilled from year to year in eating the second tithe before אלהים in the place where it has been chosen, and none shall remain over from it from this year to the year following.

12 For in its year the seed shall be eaten till the days of the gathering of the seed of the year; and the wine till the days of the wine; and the oil till the days of its season.

13 And all that is left of it and becomes old, let it be regarded as polluted: let it be burned with fire, for it is unclean.

14 And so let them eat it together in the Miqdash, and let them not allow it to become old.

15 And all the tithes of the bulls and sheep shall be qodesh unto אֱלֹהִים, and shall belong to His kohenim, which they shall eat before Him from year to year; for so it is ordained and engraved regarding the tithe on the tablets of the shamayim.

16 And on the following night, on the twenty-second day of this month, Ya'aqob resolved to build that place, and to surround the courtyard with a wall, and to qadosh it and make it qodesh forever, for himself and his children after him.

17 And אֱלֹהִים appeared to him by night and barak him and said to him, "Your name shall not be called Ya'aqob, but they shall name your name Yisra'el."

18 And He said to him further, "I am אֱלֹהִים who created the shamayim and the earth, and I shall increase you and multiply you exceedingly, and sovereigns shall come forth from you, and they shall rightly rule everywhere; wherever the foot of the sons of men has trodden.

19 And I shall give to your seed all the earth which is under the shamayim, and they shall rightly rule all the nations according to their desires, and after that they shall gain possession of the whole earth and inherit it forever."

20 And He finished speaking with him, and He went up from him, and Ya'aqob looked till He had ascended into the shamayim.

21 And he saw in a vision of the night, and see, a Messenger descended from the shamayim with seven tablets in his hands, and He gave them to Ya'aqob, and he read them and knew all that was written therein which would come upon him and his sons throughout all the ages.

22 And He showed him all that was written on the tablets, and said to him, "Do not build this place, and do not make it an everlasting Miqdash, and do not dwell here; for this is not the place. Go to the house of Abraham your father and dwell with Yitshaq your

father until the day of the death of your father.

23 "For in Mitsrayim you shall die in peace, and in this land you shall be buried with honour in the grave of your fathers; with Abraham and Yitshaq.

24 "Do not fear, for as you have seen and read, so it shall all be. And you shall bring all matters to your remembrance."

25 And Ya'aqob said, "Aḏonai, how can I remember all that I have read and seen?" And He said to him, "I shall bring all matters to your remembrance."

26 And He went up from him, and he awoke from his sleep, and he remembered all which he had read and seen, and he wrote down all the words which he had read and seen.

27 And he celebrated there yet another day, and on it he slaughtered according to all that he slaughtered on the former days, and called its name, Addition, for this day was added, and the former days he called The Feast.

28 And so it was revealed that it should be, and it is written on the tablets of the shamayim. therefore it was revealed to him that he should celebrate it, and add it to the seven days of the feast.

29 And its name was called Addition, because it was recorded among the days of the Feast days, according to the number of the days of the year.

30 And in the night, on the twenty-third of this month, Deborah, Ribqah's nurse died, and they buried her beneath the city under the terebinth of the river, and he called the name of this place, The River of Deborah, and the terebinth, The Terebinth of the Mourning of Deborah.

31 And Ribqah went and returned to her house to his father Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob sent by her hand rams and sheep and goats that she should prepare a meal for his father such as he desired.

32 And he went after his mother till he came to the land of Qabratan, and he dwelt there.

33 And Raḥel bore a son in the night,

and called his name Ben-Oni, for she suffered in giving him birth. But his father called his name Binyamin, on the eleventh of the eighth month in the first of the sixth week of this YoÛël.

34 And Raḥël died there and she was buried in the land of Ephrath, the same is Bēyth Leḥem, and Ya'aqoḇ built a standing column on the grave of Raḥël, on the road above her grave.

**33** And Ya'aqoḇ went and dwelt to the south of Maḡdaladra'ēph. And he went to his father Yitshaq, he and Lē'ah his wife, on the new moon of the tenth month.

2 And Re'uḇēn saw Bilhah, Raḥël's female servant, the concubine of his father, washing in water in a secret place, and he loved her.

3 And he hid himself at night, and he entered the house of Bilhah, and he found her sleeping alone on a bed in her house.

4 And he lay with her, and she awoke and looked, and see, Re'uḇēn was lying with her in the bed, and she uncovered the border of her covering and seized him, and cried out, and discovered that it was Re'uḇēn.

5 And she was ashamed because of him, and released her hand from him, and he fled.

6 And she lamented because of this matter exceedingly, and did not tell it to anyone.

7 And when Ya'aqoḇ returned and sought her, she said to him, "I am unclean for you, for I have been defiled in regard to you; for Re'uḇēn has defiled me, and has lain with me in the night, and I was asleep, and did not discover until he uncovered my skirt and slept with me."

8 And Ya'aqoḇ was exceedingly wroth with Re'uḇēn because he had lain with Bilhah, because he had uncovered his father's skirt.

9 And Ya'aqoḇ did not approach her again because Re'uḇēn had defiled her. And as for any man who uncovers his father's skirt, his deed is exceedingly wicked, for he is abominable before ייאל.

10 For this reason it is written and

ordained on the tablets of the shamayim that a man should not lie with his father's wife, and should not uncover his father's skirt, for this is unclean. They shall certainly die together, the man who lies with his father's wife and the woman also, for they have wrought uncleanness on the earth.

11 And there shall be none unclean before our Elohim in the nation which He has chosen for Himself as a possession.

12 And again, it is written a second time, "Cursed is he who lies with the wife of his father, for he has uncovered his father's shame." And all the qodeshim of ייאל said "So be it, so be it."

13 And you, Mosheh, shall command the children of Yisra'ël that they observe this word: a punishment of death is for it, and it is unclean, and there is no atonement forever to atone for the man who has committed this, but he is to be put to death and slain, and stoned with stones, and rooted out from the midst of the people of our Elohim.

14 For to no man who does so in Yisra'ël is it permitted to remain alive a single day on the earth, for he is abominable and unclean.

15 And let them not say, "to Re'uḇēn was granted life and forgiveness after he had lain with his father's concubine." And to her also though she had a husband, and her husband Ya'aqoḇ, his father, was still alive.

16 For until that time there had not been revealed the Law and Right-Ruling and Torah in its completeness for all, but in your days, as a Law of seasons and of days, and an everlasting Law for the generations forever.

17 And for this Law there is no end of days, and no atonement for it, but they must both be rooted out in the midst of the nation, on the day on which they committed it, they shall slay them.

18 And you, Mosheh, shall write down for Yisra'ël that they may observe it, and do according to these words, and

not commit a sin unto death. For אלהים our Elohim is Judge, who does not respect faces and accepts no bribes.

19 And tell them these words of the Covenant, that they may hear and observe, and be on their guard in regard to them, and not be destroyed and rooted out of the land. For all they who do so are an uncleanness, and an abomination, and a contamination, and a pollution on the earth before our Elohim.

20 And there is no greater sin than the whoring which they commit on earth. For Yisra'el is a qodesh nation unto אלהים its Elohim, and a nation of inheritance, and a kehunnah and royal nation and for a possession. And no such uncleanness shall appear in the midst of the qodesh nation.

21 And in the third year of this sixth week Ya'aqob and all his sons went and dwelt in the house of Abraham, near Yitshaq his father and Ribqah his mother.

22 And these were the names of the sons of Ya'aqob: the first-born Re'ubēn, Shim'on, Lēwi, Yahuḏah, Yissasqar, Zebulun, the sons of Lē'ah; and the sons of Raḥēl, Yosēph and Binyamin; and the sons of Bilhah, Dan and Naphtali, and the sons of Zilpah, Gaḏ and Ashēr; and Dinah, the daughter of Lē'ah, the only daughter of Ya'aqob.

23 And they came and bowed themselves to Yitshaq and Ribqah. And when they saw them they barak Ya'aqob and all his sons, and Yitshaq rejoiced exceedingly, for he saw the sons of Ya'aqob, his younger son, and he barak them.

**34** And in the sixth year of this week of this forty-fourth Yoḥēl Ya'aqob sent his sons to pasture their sheep, and his servants with them, to the pastures of Shekem.

2 And the seven sovereigns of the Amorites assembled themselves together against them, to slay them, hiding themselves under the trees, and to take their cattle as plunder.

3 And Ya'aqob and Lēwi and Yahuḏah and Yosēph were in the house with

Yitshaq their father; for his spirit was sorrowful, and they could not leave him. And Binyamin was the youngest, and for this reason remained with his father.

2 And there came the sovereign of Tappuah, and the sovereign of Ḥatsor, and the sovereign of Sarēgan,

3 and the sovereign of Shiloh, 4 and the sovereign of Ga'ash, and the sovereign of Bēyth Ḥoron, and the sovereign of Shaqir-Ma'ani, and all those who dwell in these mountains, who dwell in the woods, in the land of Kena'an.

5 And they announced this to Ya'aqob saying, "See, the sovereigns of the Amorites have surrounded your sons, and plundered their herds."

6 And he arose from his house, he and his three sons and all the servants of his father, and his own servants, and he went against them with six thousand men, who carried swords.

7 And he slew them in the pastures of Shekem, and pursued those who fled, and he slew them with the edge of the sword. And he slew Arēsa and Taphu and Sarēgan and Shilo and Amanisaqir and Ga'ash, and he recovered his herds.

8 And he prevailed over them, and imposed tribute on them that they should pay him tribute: five fruit products of their land, and he built Roḥēl and Tamnatarēs

9 And he returned in peace, and made peace with them, and they became his servants until the day that he and his sons went down into Mitsrayim.

10 And in the seventh year of this week he sent Yosēph to the land of Shekem to learn about the welfare of his brothers from his house, and he found them in the land of Dothan.

11 And they dealt treacherously with him, and formed a plot against him to slay him. But changing their minds, they sold him to Yishma'elite merchants, and they brought him down into Mitsrayim. And they sold him to Potiphar, the eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the guard, priest of the city of Ēlew.

12 And the sons of Ya'aqoḄ slaughtered a young goat, and dipped the coat of Yosēph in the blood, and sent to Ya'aqoḄ their father on the tenth of the seventh month.

13 And he mourned all that night, for they had brought it to him in the evening. And he became feverish with mourning for his death, and he said, "An evil beast has devoured Yosēph!" And all the members of his house were grieving and mourning with him all that day.

14 And his sons and his daughter rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted for his son.

15 And on that day, Bilhah heard that Yosēph had perished, and she died mourning him, and she was living in Qaphratēph. And Dinah his daughter also died after Yosēph had perished, and there came these three mournings upon Yisra'ēl in one month.

16 And they buried Bilhah opposite the tomb of Rahēl, and Dinah his daughter, they also buried there.

17 And he mourned for Yosēph one year, and did not cease, for he said "Let me go down to the grave mourning for my son."

18 For this reason it is ordained for the children of Yisra'ēl that they should afflict themselves on the tenth of the seventh month - on the day that the news which made him weep for Yosēph came to Ya'aqoḄ his father - that on it they should make atonement for themselves with a young goat on the tenth of the seventh month, once a year, for their sins; for they had grieved the affection of their father regarding Yosēph his son.

19 And this day has been ordained that they should grieve thereon for their sins, and for all their transgressions and for all their strayings, so that they might cleanse themselves on that day once a year.

20 And after Yosēph perished, the sons of Ya'aqoḄ took unto themselves wives. The name of Re'uḇēn's wife is Aḡah and the name of Shim'on's wife is Aḡiba'ah, a Kena'anite; and the name of Lēwi's wife is Milkah, of the

daughters of Aram, of the seed of the sons of Terah; and the name of Yahūḡah's wife, Bētsu'ēl, a Kena'anite; and the name of Yissasḡar's wife, Hēzaqah; and the name of Zēḃulun's wife, Ni'imān; and the name of Dan's wife, Eḡlah; and the name of Naphtali's wife, Rasu'u, of Aram-Naharayim; and the name of Gaḡ's wife, Ma'aḡah; and the name of Ashēr's wife, Yonah; and the name of Yosēph's wife, Asenath, the Mitsrite; and the name of Binyamin's wife, Yasaqah.

21 And Shim'on repented, and took a second wife from Aram-Naharayim as his brothers.

**35** And in the first year of the first week of the forty-fifth YoḄēl Riḃqah called Ya'aqoḄ, her son, and commanded him regarding his father and regarding his brother, that he should honour them all the days of his life.

2 And Ya'aqoḄ said, "I shall do all as you have commanded me; for this matter shall be honour and greatness to me, and righteousness before אלהים, that I should honour them.

3 "And you too, mother, know from the time I was born until this day, all my deeds and all that is in my heart, that I always think good concerning all.

4 "And how should I not do this matter which you have commanded me, that I should honour my father and my brother!

5 "Tell me, mother, what perversity have you seen in me and I shall turn away from it, and kindness shall be upon me."

6 And she said to him, "My son, I have not seen in you all my days any perversity, but upright deeds. And yet I shall tell you the truth, my son: I shall die this, year, and I shall not survive this year in my life; for I have seen in a dream the day of my death, that I should not live beyond a hundred and fifty-five years. And see, I have completed all the days of my life which I am to live."

7 And Ya'aqoḄ laughed at the words of his mother, because his mother had said to him that she should die. But

she was sitting opposite to him in possession of her strength, and she was not weak in her strength; for she went in and out and saw, and her teeth were strong, and no sickness had touched her all the days of her life.

8 And Ya'aqob said to her, "Baruḵ am I, mother, if my days approach the days of your life, and my strength remain with me such as your strength! But you shall not die, for you are joking idly with me regarding your death."

9 And she went in to Yitshaq and said to him, "One petition I make unto you: make Ēsaw swear that he shall not injure Ya'aqob, nor pursue him with enmity; for you know Ēsaw's thoughts that they are perverse from his youth, and there is no goodness in him; for he desires after your death to kill him.

10 "And you know all that he has done since the day Ya'aqob his brother went to Ḥaran until this day; how he has forsaken us with his whole heart, and has done evil to us. He has taken your flocks to himself, and carried off all your possessions from before your face.

11 "And when we implored and pleaded with him for what was our own, he did as a man who was taking pity on us.

12 "And he is bitter against you because you baraḵ Ya'aqob your perfect and upright son; for there is no evil but only goodness in him, and since he came from Ḥaran unto this day he has not robbed us of any matter, for he brings us all in its season always, and rejoices with all his heart when we take at his hands. And he baraḵ us, and has not parted from us since he came from Ḥaran until this day, and he remains with us continually at home honouring us."

13 And Yitshaq said to her, "I, too, know and see the deeds of Ya'aqob who is with us, how that with all his heart he honours us, and I loved Ēsaw formerly more than Ya'aqob, because he was the first-born. But now I love Ya'aqob more than Ēsaw, for he has done many evil deeds, and there is no righteousness in him, for all his ways

are unrighteousness and violence.

14 "And now my heart is troubled because of all his deeds, and neither he nor his seed is to be saved, for they are those who shall be destroyed from the earth, and who shall be rooted out from under the shamayim, for he has forsaken the Elohim of Abraham and gone after his wives and after their uncleanness and after their straying; he and his children.

15 "And you command me, make him swear that he shall not slay Ya'aqob, his brother? Even if he swears he shall not keep his oath, and he shall do no good, but only evil.

16 "But if he desires to slay Ya'aqob, his brother; into Ya'aqob's hands he shall be given, and he shall not escape from his hands.

17 "And do not fear on account of Ya'aqob; for the Guardian of Ya'aqob is great and powerful and honoured, and praised more than the guardian of Ēsaw."

18 And Ribqah sent and called Ēsaw, and he came to her, and she said to him, "I have a petition, my son, to make unto you, and you shall promise to do it, my son."

19 And he said, "I shall do all that you say to me, and I shall not refuse your petition."

20 And she said to him, "I ask you that the day I die, you shall take me in and bury me near Sarah, your father's mother, and that you and Ya'aqob shall love each other, and that neither shall desire evil against the other, but mutual love only. And you shall prosper, my sons, and be honoured in the midst of the land, and no enemy shall rejoice over you, and you shall be a beraḵah and a kindness in the eyes of all those that love you."

21 And he said, "I shall do all that you have told me, and I shall bury you on the day you die near Sarah, my father's mother, as you have desired, that her bones may be near your bones.

22 "And Ya'aqob, my brother, also, I shall love above all flesh; for I have no brother in all the earth, but him only.



And this is no great merit for me if I love him; for he is my brother, and we were knit together in your body, and together we came forth from your womb, and if I do not love my brother, whom shall I love?

23 "And I, myself, beg you to urge Ya'aqob concerning me and concerning my sons, for I know that he shall surely be sovereign over my sons and I. For on the day my father barak him, he made him the higher, and I the lower.

24 "And I swear to you that I shall love him, and not desire evil against him all the days of my life, but only good." And he swore to her regarding all this matter.

25 And she called Ya'aqob before the eyes of Ēsaw, and gave him command according to the words which she had spoken to Ēsaw.

26 And he said, "I shall do your desire; believe me that no evil shall proceed from me or from my sons against Ēsaw, and I shall be first in none except in love only."

27 And they ate and drank, she and her sons that night, and she died, three Yobelim and one week and one year old, on that night. And her two sons, Ēsaw and Ya'aqob, buried her in the cave of Maḵpēlah near Sarah, their father's mother.

**36** And in the sixth year of this week, Yitshaq called his two sons, Ēsaw and Ya'aqob, and they came to him, and he said to them, "My sons, I am going the way of my fathers, to the everlasting dwelling where my fathers are.

2 "Therefore bury me near Abraham my father, in the cave of Maḵpēlah in the field of Ephron the Hittite, where Abraham purchased a grave to bury in; in the grave which I dug for myself, bury me there.

3 "And this I command you, my sons: that you do righteousness and uprightness on the earth, so that אלהים may bring upon you all that אלהים said that he would do to Abraham and to his seed.

4 "And love one another, my sons, your

brothers as a man who loves his own being, and let each seek how he may benefit his brother, and work together on the earth; and let them love each other as their own beings.

5 "And concerning the question of idols, I command and admonish you to reject them and hate them, and love them not; for they are full of deception for those that worship them, and for those that bow down to them.

6 "Remember my sons, אלהים Elohim of Abraham your father, and how I too worshipped Him and served Him in righteousness and in joy, that He might multiply you and increase your seed as the stars of the shamayim in multitude, and establish you on the earth as the plant of righteousness which shall not be rooted out unto all the generations forever.

7 "And now I shall make you swear a great oath - for there is no oath which is greater than it; by the Name esteemed and honoured and great and splendid and wonderful and mighty, which created the shamayim and the earth and all matters together - that you shall fear Him and worship Him.

8 "And that each shall love his brother with affection and righteousness, and that neither shall desire evil against his brother from this time and forever all the days of your life, so that you may prosper in all your deeds and not be destroyed.

9 "And if either of you plans evil against his brother; know that from this time on, every one that plans evil against his brother shall fall into his hand, and shall be rooted out of the land of the living, and his seed shall be destroyed from under the shamayim.

10 "But on the day of tribulation and abhorrence and displeasure and wrath, with flaming devouring fire as He burned Segom, so likewise shall He burn his land and his city and all that is his, and he shall be blotted out of the Book of the Instruction of the children of men, and not be recorded in the Book of Hai, but in that which is appointed to destruction. And he shall depart into everlasting abhorrence;

so that their condemnation may be always renewed in abomination and in abhorrence and in wrath and in torment and in displeasure and in plagues and in disease forever.

11 "I say and witness to you, my sons, according to the judgment which shall come upon the man who wishes to injure his brother."

12 And he divided all his possessions between the two on that day, and he gave the larger portion to him that was the first-born, and the tower and all that was about it, and all that Abraham possessed at Be'ērsheba.

13 And he said, "This larger portion I shall give to the first-born."

14 And Ēsaw said, "I have sold to Ya'aqoḅ and given my birthright to Ya'aqoḅ. Let it be given to him, and I have not a single word to say regarding it, for it is his."

15 And Yitshaq said, "May a beraḳah rest upon you, my sons, and upon your seed this day, for you have given me rest, and my heart is not pained concerning the birthright, lest you should do wickedness on account of it.

16 "May the Most High Ēl baraḳ the man that works righteousness; he and his seed forever."

17 And he ended commanding them and to baraḳ them, and they ate and drank together before him, and he rejoiced because there was one mind between them, and they went out from him and rested that day and slept.

18 And Yitshaq slept on his bed that day rejoicing; and he slept the everlasting sleep, and died one hundred and eighty years old. He completed twenty-five weeks and five years; and his two sons Ēsaw and Ya'aqoḅ buried him.

19 And Ēsaw went to the land of Eḡom, to the mountains of Sē'ir, and dwelt there.

20 And Ya'aqoḅ dwelt in the mountains of Hebron, in the tower of the land of the sojournings of his father Abraham, and he worshipped אלהים with all his heart and according to the visible commands accordingly as He had divided the days of his generations.

21 And Lē'ah his wife died in the fourth year of the second week of the forty-fifth Yoḅēl, and he buried her in the cave of Maḳpēlah near Ribqah his mother, to the left of the grave of Sarah, his father's mother.

22 And all her sons and his sons came to mourn over Lē'ah his wife with him, and to comfort him regarding her, for he was lamenting her.

23 For he loved her exceedingly after Raḥēl her sister died; for she was perfect and upright in all her ways and honoured Ya'aqoḅ, and all the days that she lived with him he did not hear from her mouth a harsh word, for she was gentle and peaceable and upright and honourable.

24 And he remembered all her deeds which she had done during her life, and he lamented her exceedingly; for he loved her with all his heart and with all his being.

**37** And on the day that Yitshaq the father of Ya'aqoḅ and Ēsaw died, the sons of Ēsaw heard that Yitshaq had given the portion of the elder to his younger son Ya'aqoḅ and they were very wroth.

2 And they strove with their father, saying, "Why has your father given Ya'aqoḅ the portion of the elder and passed over you, although you are the elder and Ya'aqoḅ the younger?"

3 And he said to them "Because I sold my birthright to Ya'aqoḅ for a small bowl of lentils. And on the day my father sent me to hunt and catch and bring him some that he should eat and baraḳ me, he came with deceit and brought my father food and drink, and my father baraḳ him and put me under his hand.

4 "And now our father has caused us to swear, he and I, that we shall not mutually devise evil, either against his brother, and that we shall continue in love and in peace each with his brother and not make our ways corrupt."

5 And they said to him, "We shall not listen to you to make peace with him; for our strength is greater than his strength, and we are more powerful

than he! We shall go against him and slay him, and destroy him and his sons. And if you shall not go with us, we shall do evil to you also.

6 "And now listen to us: let us send to Aram and Pelesheth and Mo'aḅ and Ammon, and let us choose for ourselves chosen men who are ardent for battle, and let us go against him and do battle with him, and let us destroy him from the earth before he grows strong."

7 And their father said to them, "Do not go, and do not make battle with him lest you fall before him."

8 And they said to him, "This too, is exactly your manner of doing from your youth until this day, and you are putting your neck under his yoke. We shall not listen to these words!"

9 And they sent to Aram, and to Aḡuram, to the friend of their father, and they hired along with them, one thousand fighting men, chosen men of battle.

10 And there came to them from Mo'aḅ and from the children of Ammon, those who were hired, one thousand chosen men; and from Pelesheth, one thousand chosen men of battle; and from Eḡom and from the Ḥorites one thousand chosen fighting men, and from the Kittim mighty men of battle.

11 And they said to their father, "Go out with them and lead them, or else we shall slay you."

12 And he was filled with wrath and displeasure on seeing that his sons were forcing him to go before, to lead them against Ya'aqoḅ his brother.

13 But afterward he remembered all the evil which lay hidden in his heart against Ya'aqoḅ his brother; and he remembered not the oath which he had sworn to his father and to his mother that he would plan no evil all his days against Ya'aqoḅ his brother.

14 And notwithstanding all this, Ya'aqoḅ did not know that they were coming against him to battle, but he was mourning for Lē'ah, his wife, until they approached very near to the tower with four thousand warriors and chosen men of battle.

15 And the men of Ḥebron sent to him saying, "See your brother has come against you, to fight you, with four thousand girded with the swords, and they carry shields and weapons!" For they loved Ya'aqoḅ more than Ēsaw, so they told him; for Ya'aqoḅ was a more generous and kind man than Ēsaw.

16 But Ya'aqoḅ would not believe until they came very near to the tower.

17 And he closed the gates of the tower; and he stood on the rampart and spoke to his brother Ēsaw and said, "Noble is the comfort with which you have come to comfort me for my wife who has died. Is this the oath that you swore to your father, and again to your mother before they died? You have broken the oath, and on the moment that you swore to your father you were condemned."

18 And then Ēsaw answered and said to him, "Neither the children of men nor the beasts of the earth have any oath of righteousness which in swearing they have sworn forever. But every day they plan evil, one against another, and how each may slay his adversary and foe.

19 "And you hate me, my children and I forever. And there is no observing the tie of brotherhood with you!

20 "Hear these words which I declare to you: If the boar can change its skin and make its bristles as soft as wool, or if it can cause horns to sprout forth on its head like the horns of a stag or of a sheep, then shall I observe the tie of brotherhood with you.

21 "And if the wolves make peace with the lambs so as not to devour or do them violence, and if their hearts are towards them for good, then there shall be peace in my heart towards you.

22 "And if the lion becomes the friend of the ox and makes peace with him, and if he is bound under one yoke with him and ploughs with him, then shall I make peace with you.

23 "And when the raven becomes white as the stork, then know that I have loved you and shall make peace

with you. You shall be rooted out, and your sons shall be rooted out, and there shall be no peace for you!"

24 And when Ya'aqoḅ saw that he was evilly disposed towards him with his heart, and with all his being so as to slay him, and that he had come leaping like the wild boar which comes upon the spear that pierces and kills it, and does not recoils from it;

25 then he spoke to his own and to his servants that they should attack him and all his companions.

**38** And after that Yahuḡah spoke to Ya'aqoḅ, his father, and said to him, "Bend your bow, father, and shoot your arrows and bring down the adversary and slay the enemy; and may you have the strength, for we shall not slay your brother, for he is such as you, and he is like you. Let us give him respect."

2 Then Ya'aqoḅ bent his bow and shot the arrow and struck Ēsaw, his brother, and slew him.

3 And again he shot out an arrow and struck Aḡoram the Aramean, on the left breast, and drove him backward and slew him.

4 And then the sons of Ya'aqoḅ went forth, they and their servants, dividing themselves into companies on the four sides of the tower.

5 And Yahuḡah went out in front, and Naphtali and Gaḡ with him and fifty servants with him on the south side of the tower, and they slew all they found before them, and not one of them escaped.

6 And Lēwi and Dan and Ashēr went out on the east side of the tower, and fifty with them, and they slew the fighting men of Mo'aḅ and Ammon.

7 And Re'uḅēn and Yissasḡar and Zeḅulun went out on the north side of the tower, and fifty men with them, and they slew the fighting men of the Pelishtites.

8 And Shim'on and Binyamin and Ḥanoḡ, Re'uḅēn's son, went forth on the west side of the tower, and fifty with them, and they slew of Eḡom and of the Ḥorites - four hundred men, mighty warriors; and six hundred fled.

And four of the sons of Ēsaw fled with them, and left their father lying slain, as he had fallen on the hill which is in Aḡoram,

9 and the sons of Ya'aqoḅ pursued after them to the mountains of Sē'ir. And Ya'aqoḅ buried his brother on the hill which is in Aḡoram, and he returned to his house.

10 And the sons of Ya'aqoḅ pressed hard upon the sons of Ēsaw in the mountains of Sē'ir, and bowed their necks so that they became servants of the sons of Ya'aqoḅ.

11 And they sent to their father whether they should make peace with them or slay them.

12 And Ya'aqoḅ sent word to his sons that they should make peace, and they made peace with them, and placed the yoke of servitude upon them, so that they paid tribute to Ya'aqoḅ and to his sons always.

13 And they continued to pay tribute to Ya'aqoḅ until the day that he went down into Mitsrayim.

14 And the sons of Eḡom have not released from the yoke of servitude which the twelve sons of Ya'aqoḅ had imposed on them until this day.

15 And these are the sovereigns that reigned in Eḡom before any sovereign reigned over the children of Yisra'ēl in the land of Eḡom.

16 And Balaq, the son of Be'or, reigned in Eḡom, and the name of his city was Dinḡaḡah.

17 And Balaq died, and Yoḅaḡ, the son of Zeraḡ of Botsrah, reigned in his place.

18 And Yoḅaḡ died, and Ḥusham, of the land of Tēman, reigned in his place.

19 And Ḥusham died, and Ḥaḡaḡ, the son of Beḡaḡ, who slew Miḡyan in the field of Mo'aḅ, reigned in his place, and the name of his city was Awith.

20 And Ḥaḡaḡ died, and Samlah, from Masrēḡah, reigned in his stead.

21 And Samlah died, and Sha'ul of Reḡoḅoth ha'Nahar, reigned in his place.

22 And Sha'ul died, and Ba'al-Ḥanan, the son of Aḡbor, reigned in his place.

23 And Ba'al-Ḥanan, the son of Aḳbor, died, and Haḡar reigned in his place, and the name of his wife was Mehētab'ēl, the daughter of Matrēḡ, the daughter of Mēy-Zahab.

24 These are the sovereigns who reigned in the land of Eḡom.

**39** And Ya'aqoḡ dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings in the land of Kena'an.

2 These are the generations of Ya'aqoḡ. And Yosēph was seventeen years old when they took him down into the land of Mitsrayim, and Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the guard bought him.

3 And he appointed Yosēph over all his house, and the berakāh of אֱלֹהִים came upon the house of the Mitsrite on account of Yosēph, and אֱלֹהִים prospered him in all that he did.

4 And the Mitsrite committed all into the hands of Yosēph; for he saw that אֱלֹהִים was with him, and that אֱלֹהִים prospered him in all that he did.

5 And Yosēph's appearance was handsome and his appearance was good-looking, and his master's wife lifted up her eyes and saw Yosēph, and she loved him, and pleaded with him to lie with her.

6 But he did not surrender his being, and he remembered אֱלֹהִים and the words which Ya'aqoḡ, his father, used to read from among the words of Abraham; that no man should commit whoring with a woman who has a husband; that for him the punishment of death has been ordained in the shamayim before the Most High Ēl, and the sin shall be recorded against him in the everlasting Books continually before אֱלֹהִים.

7 And Yosēph remembered these words and refused to lie with her.

8 And she pleaded with him for a year, but he refused and would not listen.

9 But she embraced him and held him fast in the house in order to force him to lie with her, and closed the doors of the house and held him fast. But he left his garment in her hands and broke through the door and fled outside from her presence.

10 And the woman saw that he would not lie with her, and she accused him in the presence of his master, saying, "Your iḡri servant, whom you love, sought to force me so that he might lie with me; and it came to be when I lifted up my voice that he fled and left his garment in my hands when I held him, and he broke through the door!"

11 And the Mitsrite saw the garment of Yosēph and the broken door, and heard the words of his wife, and threw Yosēph into prison into the place where the prisoners were kept whom the sovereign imprisoned.

12 And he was there in the prison, but אֱלֹהִים gave Yosēph favour in the sight of the chief of the prison guards and compassion before him, for he saw that אֱלֹהִים was with him, and that אֱלֹהִים made all that he did to prosper.

13 And he gave all matters into his hands, and the chief of the prison guards knew of naught that was with him, for Yosēph did all, and אֱלֹהִים perfected it.

14 And he remained there two years. And in those days Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim, was wroth against his two eunuchs, against the chief cupbearer and against the chief baker, and he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Yosēph was kept.

15 And the captain of the prison guards appointed Yosēph to serve them; and he served before them.

16 And they both dreamed a dream, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, and they told it to Yosēph.

17 And as he interpreted to them, so it befell them, and Pharaoh restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and the baker he slew, as Yosēph had interpreted to them.

18 But the chief cupbearer forgot Yosēph in the prison, although he had informed him what would befall him, and did not remember to inform Pharaoh how Yosēph had told him, for he forgot.

**40** And in those days Pharaoh dreamed two dreams in one night concerning a scarcity of food

which was to be in all the land. And he awoke from his sleep and called all the interpreters of dreams that were in Mitsrayim, and magicians, and told them his two dreams, but they were not able to declare.

2 And then the chief cupbearer remembered Yosēph and spoke of him to the sovereign, and he brought him out from the prison, and he told his two dreams before him.

3 And he said before Pharaoh that his two dreams were one, and he said to him, "Seven years of plenty shall come over all the land of Mitsrayim, and after that seven years of scarcity of food; such a scarcity of food as has not been in all the land.

4 "And now let Pharaoh appoint overseers in all the land of Mitsrayim, and let them store up food in every city throughout the days of the years of plenty, and there shall be food for the seven years of scarcity of food, and the land shall not perish through scarcity of food, for it will be very severe."

1 And אֱלֹהִים gave Yosēph favour and kindness in the eyes of Pharaoh, and Pharaoh said to his servants, "We shall not find such a wise and discerning man as this man, for the spirit of אֱלֹהִים is with him."

6 And he appointed him the second in all his reign and gave him authority over all Mitsrayim, and caused him to ride in the second chariot of Pharaoh.

7 And he clothed him in fine linen garments, and he put a gold chain upon his neck, and proclaimed before him, "Ēl Ēl wa'Abirēr." And he placed a ring on his hand and made him ruler over all his house, and magnified him, and said to him, "Only on the throne shall I be greater than you."

8 And Yosēph ruled over all the land of Mitsrayim, and all the princes of Pharaoh, and all his servants, and all who did the sovereign's business loved him, for he walked in uprightness, for he was without pride and arrogance, and he had no respect of faces, and did not accept bribes, but he judged all the people of the land in uprightness.

9 And the land of Mitsrayim was at peace before Pharaoh because of Yosēph, for אֱלֹהִים was with him, and gave him favour and kindness for all his generations before all those who knew him and those who heard concerning him. And Pharaoh's reign was well ordered, and there was no adversary and no evil one.

10 And the sovereign called Yosēph's name Tsaphnath Pa'nēah, and gave Yosēph as wife a the daughter of Potiphar, the daughter of the priest of On, the captain of the guard.

11 And on the day that Yosēph stood before Pharaoh he was thirty years old.

12 And in that year Yitshaq died. And it came to be as Yosēph had said in the interpretation of his two dreams - accordingly as he had said it - there were seven years of plenty over all the land of Mitsrayim, and the land of Mitsrayim produced abundantly, one measure to eighteen hundred measures.

13 And Yosēph gathered food into every city until they were full of grain until they could no longer count and measure it for its multitude.

**41** And in the forty-fifth Yobēl, in the second week, in the second year, Yahūḡah took for his first-born Ēr, a wife from the daughters of Aram, named Tamar.

2 But he hated, and did not lie with her, because his mother was of the daughters of Kena'an, and he wished to take a wife of the clan of his mother, but Yahūḡah, his father, would not permit him.

3 And this Ēr, the first-born of Yahūḡah, was wicked, and אֱלֹהִים slew him.

4 And Yahūḡah said to Onan, his brother, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her, and raise up seed for your brother."

5 And Onan knew that the seed would not be his, his brother's only, and he went into the house of his brother's wife, and spilled the seed on the ground, and he was wicked in the eyes

of אִשָּׁרָה, and He slew him.

6 And Yahudah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, "Remain in your father's house as a widow till Shēlah my son is grown, and I shall give you to him as a wife."

7 And he grew up, but Bedsu'ēl, the wife of Yahudah, did not permit her son Shēlah to marry. And Bedsu'ēl, the wife of Yahudah, died in the fifth year of this week.

8 And in the sixth year Yahudah went up to shear his sheep at Timnah. And they told Tamar, "See your father-in-law goes up to Timnah to shear his sheep."

9 And she put off her widow's clothes, and put on a veil, and adorned herself, and sat in the gate bordering the way to Timnah.

10 And as Yahudah was going along, he found her, and thought her to be a whore, and he said to her, "Let me come in unto you." And she said to him, "Come in." And he went in.

11 And she said to him, "Give me my hire." And he said to her, "I have naught in my hand except my seal that is on my finger, and my cord, and my staff which is in my hand."

12 And she said to him, "Give them to me until you send me my hire." And he said to her, "I shall send to you a young goat." And he gave them to her, and she conceived by him.

13 And Yahudah went to his sheep, and she went to her father's house.

14 And Yahudah sent a young goat by the hand of his shepherd, an Agullamite, but he did not find her, and he asked the people of the place saying, "Where is the whore who was here?" And they said to him, "There is no whore here with us."

15 And he returned and informed him, and said to him that he had not found her. "I asked the people of the place, and they said to me, 'There is no whore here.' " And he said, "Let her keep *them* lest we become a cause of mockery."

16 And when she had completed three months, it was revealed that she was with child, and they told Yahudah,

saying, "See Tamar, your daughter-in-law, is with child by whoring."

17 And Yahudah went to the house of her father, and said to her father and her brothers, "Bring her out, and let them burn her, for she has wrought uncleanness in Yisra'ēl!"

18 And it came to be when they brought her out to burn her that she sent to her father-in-law the seal and the cord, and the staff, saying, "Examine whose are these, for by him I am with child."

19 And Yahudah acknowledged, and said, "Tamar is more righteous than I am. And therefore let them not burn her."

20 And for that reason she was not given to Shēlah, and he did not approach her again.

21 And after that she bore two sons, Perets and Zerah, in the seventh year of this second week.

22 And after that the seven years of fruitfulness were accomplished, of which Yosēph spoke to Pharaoh.

23 And Yahudah acknowledged that the deed which he had done was evil, for he had lain with his daughter-in-law, and he reckoned it hateful in his eyes, and he acknowledged that he had transgressed and gone astray; for he had uncovered the skirt of his son. And he began to lament and to plead before אִשָּׁרָה because of his transgression.

24 And we told him in a dream that it was forgiven him because he pleaded earnestly, and lamented, and did not commit it again.

25 And he received forgiveness because he turned from his sin and from his ignorance, for he transgressed greatly before our Elohim; and every one that does so; every one who lies with his mother-in-law, let them burn him with fire that he may burn therein, for there is uncleanness and pollution upon them; with fire let them burn them.

26 And you shall command the children of Yisra'ēl that there be no uncleanness among them, for everyone who lies with his daughter-in-

law or with his mother-in-law has wrought uncleanness. Let them burn the man who has lain with her with fire, and also the woman, and He shall turn away wrath and punishment from Yisra'el.

27 And to Yahudāh we said that his two sons had not lain with her, and for this reason his seed was established for a second generation, and would not be rooted out.

28 For in singleness of eye he had gone and sought for punishment, namely, according to the right-ruling of Abraham, which he had commanded his sons, Yahudāh had sought to burn her with fire.

**42** And in the first year of the third week of the forty-fifth Yōḇēl, scarcity of food began to come into the land, and the rain refused to be given to the earth, for none whatsoever fell.

2 And the earth grew barren, but in the land of Mitsrayim there was food, for Yosēph had gathered the seed of the land in the seven years of plenty and had preserved it.

3 And the Mitsrites came to Yosēph that he might give them food, and he opened the storehouses where the grain of the first year was, and he sold it to the people of the land for gold.

4 And Ya'aqōḇ heard that there was food in Mitsrayim, and he sent his ten sons that they should obtain food for him in Mitsrayim, but he did not send Binyamin. And they arrived among those that went.

5 And Yosēph recognised them, but they did not recognise him, and he spoke to them and questioned them, and he said to them, "Are you not spies, and have you not come to search out the nakedness of the land?" And he put them in prison.

6 And after that he released them again, and detained Shim'on alone and sent off his nine brothers.

7 And he filled their sacks with grain, and he put their silver in their sacks, and they did not know.

8 And he commanded them to bring their younger brother, for they had told

him their father and their younger brother were living.

9 And they went up from the land of Mitsrayim and they came to the land of Kena'an; and they told their father all that had befallen them, and how the master of the country had spoken roughly to them, and had seized Shim'on till they should bring Binyamin.

10 And Ya'aqōḇ said, "You have bereaved me of my children! Yosēph is no more and Shim'on also is no more, and you shall take Binyamin away? Your wickedness has come upon me!"

11 And he said, "My son shall not go down with you lest it be he falls sick; for their mother gave birth to two sons, and one has perished, and this one also you shall take from me. If it came to be he took a fever on the road, you would bring down my old age with sorrow to the grave."

12 For he saw that their silver had been returned to every man in his sack, and for this reason he feared to send him.

13 And scarcity of food increased and became severe in the land of Kena'an, and in all lands except in the land of Mitsrayim, for many of the children of the Mitsrites had stored up their seed for food from the time when they saw Yosēph gathering seed together and putting it in storehouses and preserving it for the years of scarcity of food.

14 And on this the people of Mitsrayim fed themselves during the first year of their scarcity of food.

15 But when Yisra'el saw that scarcity of food was very severe in the land, and there was no deliverance, he said to his sons, "Go again, and obtain food for us so that we do not die."

16 And they said, "We shall not go. Unless our youngest brother goes with us, we shall not go."

17 And Yisra'el saw that if he did not send him with them, they should all perish by reason of scarcity of food.

18 And Re'uḇēn said, "Give him into my hand, and if I do not bring him back to you, slay my two sons instead of his being." But he said to him, "He shall



not go with you."

19 And Yahuḡah came near and said, "Send him with me, and if I do not bring him back to you, let me bear the blame before you all the days of my life."

20 And he sent him with them in the second year of this week on the first day of the month. And they came to the land of Mitsrayim with all those who went, and presents in their hands: fragrant gum and almonds and pine nuts and pure honey.

21 And they went and stood before Yosēph, and he saw Binyamin his brother, and he recognised him, and said to them, "Is this your youngest brother?" And they said to him, "It is he." And he said, "אני ארא' show favour to you, my son!"

22 And he sent him into his house and he brought out Shim'on to them and he made a feast for them, and they presented to him the gift which they had brought in their hands.

23 And they ate before him and he gave them all a portion, but the portion of Binyamin was seven times larger than that of any of theirs.

24 And they ate and drank and arose and remained with their donkeys.

25 And Yosēph devised a plan whereby he might learn their thoughts as to whether thoughts of peace prevailed among them. And he said to the one who was over his house, "Fill all their sacks with food, and return their silver to them into their sacks, and my cup, the silver cup out of which I drink, put it in the sack of the youngest, and send them away."

**43** And he did as Yosēph had told him, and filled all their sacks for them with food and put their silver in their sacks, and put the cup in Binyamin's sack.

2 And early in the morning they departed, and it came to be, that when they had gone from there, Yosēph said to the one over his house, "Pursue them, run and seize them, saying, 'You have repaid me evil for good! You have stolen from me the silver cup out of which my master drinks.' And bring

back to me their youngest brother, and fetch *him* quickly before I go out to my seat of judgment."

3 And he ran after them and said to them according to these words.

4 And they said to him, "Elohim forbid that your servants should do this matter, and steal from the house of your master any utensil, and also the silver which we found in our sacks the first time, we, your servants brought back from the land of Kena'an!"

5 "Why then should we steal any utensil? See here we are and our sacks; search, and wherever you find the cup, in the sack of any man among us, let him be slain, and we and our donkeys shall serve your master."

6 But he said to them, "Not so, the man with whom I find, him only shall I take as a servant, and you shall return in peace to your house."

7 And as he was searching in their sacks, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest, it was found in Binyamin's sack.

8 And they tore their garments, and loaded their donkeys, and returned to the city and came to the house of Yosēph, and they all bowed themselves on their faces to the ground before him.

9 And Yosēph said to them, "You have done evil." And they said, "What shall we say and how shall we defend ourselves? Our master has discovered the transgression of his servants. See, we are the servants of our master, and our donkeys also."

10 And Yosēph said to them, "I too fear אלהים. As for you, go to your homes and let your brother be my servant, for you have done evil. Do you not know that a man delights in his cup as I with this cup? And yet you have stolen it from me!"

11 And Yahuḡah said, "O my master, let your servant please speak a word in my master's ear. Your servant's mother bore two brothers to our father; one went away and was lost, and has not been found, and he alone is left of his mother, and your servant, our father loves him, and his life also is

bound up with the life of his.

12 "And it shall come to be, when we go to your servant our father, and the lad is not with us, that he shall die, and we shall bring down our father with sorrow to the grave.

13 "Now rather let me, your servant, remain instead of the boy as a servant to my master, and let the lad go with his brothers, for I became surety for him at the hand of your servant our father, and if I do not bring him back, your servant shall bear the blame to our father forever."

14 And Yosēph saw that they were all in good accord, one with another, and he could not refrain himself, and he told them that he was Yosēph.

15 And he spoke with them in the ḡri tongue and fell on their neck and wept. And they did not know him but they began to weep.

16 And he said to them, "Do not weep over me, but hurry and bring my father to me; and you see that it is my mouth that speaks and the eyes of my brother Binyamin see.

17 "For look, this is the second year of scarcity of food, and there are still five years without harvest or fruit of trees or ploughing.

18 "Come down quickly you and your households, so that you do not perish through scarcity of food, and do not be grieved for your possessions, for אֱלֹהִים sent me before you to put matters in order that many people might live.

19 "And tell my father that I am still alive, and you, look, you see that אֱלֹהִים has made me as a father to Pharaoh, and ruler over his house and over all the land of Mitsrayim.

20 And tell my father of all my esteem, and all the riches and esteem that אֱלֹהִים has given Me."

21 And by the command of the mouth of Pharaoh he gave them chariots and provisions for the way, and he gave them all long coats and silver.

22 And to their father he sent garments and silver and ten donkeys which carried grain, and he sent them away.

23 And they went up and told their father that Yosēph was alive, and was

measuring out grain to all the nations of the earth, and that he was ruler over all the land of Mitsrayim.

24 And their father did not believe it, for he was beside himself in his mind. But when he saw the wagons which Yosēph had sent, the life of his spirit revived, and he said, "It is enough for me if Yosēph lives! I shall go down and see him before I die."

**44** And Yisra'el took his journey from Ḥaran from his house on the new moon of the third month, and he went on the way of Be'ērsheḡa, and he offered an offering to the Elohim of his father Yitshaq on the seventh of this month.

2 And Ya'aqoḇ remembered the dream that he had seen at Bēyth Ēl, and he feared to go down into Mitsrayim.

3 And while he was thinking of sending word to Yosēph to come to him, and that he would not go down, he remained there seven days, if it came to be he should see a vision as to whether he should remain or go down.

4 And he celebrated the harvest Festival of the First-Fruits with old grain, for in all the land of Kena'an there was not a handful of seed, for scarcity of food was over all the beasts and cattle and birds, and also over man.

5 And on the sixteenth אֱלֹהִים appeared to him, and said to him, "Ya'aqoḇ, Ya'aqoḇ." And he said, "Here I am." And He said to him, "I am the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham and Yitshaq. Do not fear to go down into Mitsrayim, for there I shall make you a great nation.

6 "I shall go down with you, and I shall bring you up, and in this land you shall be buried, and Yosēph shall put his hands upon your eyes. Do not fear; go down into Mitsrayim."

7 And his sons rose up, and his sons' sons, and they placed their father and their possessions upon wagons.

8 And Yisra'el rose up from Be'ērsheḡa on the sixteenth of this third month, and he went to the land of Mitsrayim.

9 And Yisra'el sent Yahudāh before him to his son Yosēph to search out

the Land of Goshen, for Yosëph had told his brothers that they should come and dwell there that they might be near him.

10 And this was the choicest in the land of Mitsrayim, and near to him, for all and also for the cattle.

11 And these are the names of the sons of Ya'aqoḅ who went into Mitsrayim with Ya'aqoḅ their father:

12 Re'ubēn, the first-born of Yisra'ël; and these are the names of his sons: Ḥanoḳ, and Pallu, and Ḥetsron and Karmi - five.

13 Shim'on and his sons; and these are the names of his sons: Yemu'ël, and Yamin, and Ohaḡ, and Yaḳin, and Tsoḥar, and Sha'ul, the son of the Tsephathite woman - seven.

14 Lēwi and his sons; and these are the names of his sons: Gëreshon, and Qehath, and Merari - four.

15 Yahuḡah and his sons; and these are the names of his sons: Shëlah, and Perets, and Zerah - four.

16 Yissasḡar and his sons; and these are the names of his sons: Tola, and Puw'ah, and Yashuḅ, and Shimron - five.

17 Zeḅulun and his sons; and these are the names of his sons: Sereḡ, and Èlon, and Yaḥle'ël - four.

18 And these are the sons of Ya'aqoḅ, and their sons, whom Lë'ah bore to Ya'aqoḅ in Aram-Naharayim, six, and their one sister, Dinah. And all the beings of the sons of Lë'ah, and their sons, who went with Ya'aqoḅ their father into Mitsrayim, were twenty-nine, and Ya'aqoḅ their father being with them, they were thirty.

19 And the sons of Zilpah, Lë'ah's female servant, the wife of Ya'aqoḅ, whom she bore unto Ya'aqoḅ, Gaḡ and Ashër.

20 And these are the names of their sons who went with him into Mitsrayim: the sons of Gaḡ: Tsiphon, and Ḥaggi, and Shuni, and Etsbon, and Èri and Arëli, and Aroḡi - eight.

21 And the sons of Ashër: Yimnah, and Yishwah, and Yishwi, and Beri'ah, and Serah, their one sister - six.

22 All the beings were fourteen, and all

those of Lë'ah were forty-four.

23 And the sons of Raḥël, the wife of Ya'aqoḅ: Yosëph and Binyamin.

24 And there were born to Yosëph in Mitsrayim before his father came into Mitsrayim, those whom Asenath, daughter of Potiphar priest of On bore to him: Menashsheh, and Ephrayim - three.

25 And the sons of Binyamin: Bela and Beḡer, and Ashbël, Gera, and Na'aman, and Èḡi, and Rosh, and Muppim, and Ḥuppim, and Ard - eleven.

26 And all the beings of Raḥël were fourteen.

27 And the sons of Bilhah, the female servant of Raḥël, the wife of Ya'aqoḅ, whom she bore to Ya'aqoḅ, were Dan and Naphtali.

28 And these are the names of their sons who went with them into Mitsrayim. And the sons of Dan were Ḥushim, and Samon, and Asuḡi, and Iyakah, and Salomon - six.

29 And they died the year in which they entered into Mitsrayim, and there was left to Dan, Ḥushim alone.

30 And these are the names of the sons of Naphtali: Yaḥtsi'ël, and Guni, and Yëtser, and Shallum, and Iw.

31 And Iw, who was born after the years of scarcity of food, died in Mitsrayim.

32 And all the beings of Raḥël were twenty-six.

33 And all the beings of Ya'aqoḅ which went into Mitsrayim were seventy beings. These are his children and his children's children, in all seventy; but five died in Mitsrayim before Yosëph, and had no children.

34 And in the land of Kena'an two sons of Yahuḡah died, Èr and Onan, and they had no children, and the children of Yisra'ël buried those who perished, and they were reckoned among the seventy gentile nations.

**45** And Yisra'ël went into the country of Mitsrayim, into the land of Goshen, on the new moon of the fourth month, in the second year of the third week of the forty-fifth Yobël.

2 And Yosëph went to meet his father

Ya'aqob, to the land of Goshen, and he fell on his father's neck and wept.

3 And Yisra'ël said to Yosëph, "Now let me die since I have seen you, and now may אלהים Elohim of Yisra'ël be baruך, the Elohim of Aḅraham and the Elohim of Yitshaq who has not withheld His kindness and His favour from His servant Ya'aqob.

4 "It is enough for me that I have seen your face while I am still alive. Also, the vision is true which I saw at Bëyth Èl. Baruך be אלהים my Elohim forever and ever, and baruך be His Name!"

5 And Yosëph and his brothers ate bread before their father and drank wine, and Ya'aqob rejoiced with exceedingly great joy because he saw Yosëph eating with his brothers and drinking before him, and he baraך the Creator of all matters who had preserved him, and had preserved for him his twelve sons.

6 And Yosëph had given as a gift to his father and to his brothers, the right of dwelling in the land of Goshen and in Ra'amses and all the region round about, which he ruled over before Pharaoh. And Yisra'ël and his sons dwelt in the land of Goshen, the best part of the land of Mitsrayim. And Yisra'ël was one hundred and thirty years old when he came into Mitsrayim.

7 And Yosëph provided his father and his brothers and also their possessions with bread; as much as they required for the seven years of scarcity of food.

8 And the land of Mitsrayim suffered by reason of scarcity of food, and Yosëph acquired all the land of Mitsrayim for Pharaoh in return for food, and he got possession of the people and their cattle and all for Pharaoh.

9 And the years of scarcity of food were accomplished, and Yosëph gave to the people in the land seed and food that they might sow in the eighth year, for the river had overflowed all the land of Mitsrayim.

10 For in the seven years of scarcity of food it had not overflowed and had watered only a few places on the banks of the river, but now it

overflowed and the Mitsrites sowed the land, and it bore much grain that year.

11 And this was the first year of the fourth week of the forty-fifth Yobël.

12 And Yosëph took of the grain of the harvest the fifth part for the sovereign and left four parts for them for food and for seed, and Yosëph made it a law for the land of Mitsrayim until this day.

13 And Yisra'ël lived in the land of Mitsrayim seventeen years, and all the days which he lived were three Yobelim, one hundred and forty-seven years, and he died in the fourth year of the fifth week of the forty-fifth Yobël.

14 And Yisra'ël baraך his sons before he died and told them all that would befall them in the land of Mitsrayim; and he made known to them what would come upon them in the last days, and baraך them and gave to Yosëph two portions in the land.

15 And he slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the cave of Maḅpëlah in the land of Kena'an, near Aḅraham his father in the grave which he dug for himself in the cave of Maḅpëlah in the land of Heḅron.

16 And he gave all his books and the books of his fathers to Lëwi his son that he might preserve them and renew them for his children until this day.

**46** And it came to be that after Ya'aqob died, the children of Yisra'ël multiplied in the land of Mitsrayim, and they became a great nation, and they were of one accord in heart, so that brother loved brother and every man helped his brother, and they increased abundantly and multiplied exceedingly, ten weeks of years, all the days of the life of Yosëph.

2 And there was no adversary nor any evil all the days of the life of Yosëph which he lived after his father Ya'aqob, for all the Mitsrites honoured the children of Yisra'ël all the days of the life of Yosëph.

3 And Yosëph died, being a hundred and ten years old. He lived seventeen years in the land of Kena'an, and ten

years he was a servant, and three years in prison, and eighty years he was under the sovereign, ruling all the land of Mitsrayim.

4 And he died and all his brothers and all that generation.

5 And he commanded the children of Yisra'ël before he died, that they should carry his bones with them when they went out from the land of Mitsrayim.

6 And he made them swear regarding his bones, for he knew that the Mitsrites would not again take and bury him in the land of Kena'an, for Maḳamaran, sovereign of Kena'an, while dwelling in the land of Ashshur, fought in the valley with the sovereign of Mitsrayim and slew him there, and pursued after the Mitsrites to the gates of Ērmon.

7 But he was not able to enter, for another, a new sovereign, had become sovereign of Mitsrayim, and he was stronger than he, and he returned to the land of Kena'an, and the gates of Mitsrayim were closed, and none went out and none came into Mitsrayim.

8 And Yosēph died in the forty-sixth Yoḅēl, in the sixth week, in the second year, and they buried him in the land of Mitsrayim, and his brothers died after him.

9 And the sovereign of Mitsrayim went out to battle with the sovereign of Kena'an in the forty-seventh Yoḅēl, in the second week in the second year, and the children of Yisra'ël brought out all the bones of the children of Ya'aqoḅ except the bones of Yosēph, and they buried them in the field in the cave of Maḳpēlah in the mountain.

10 And the majority returned to Mitsrayim, but a few of them remained in the mountains of Ḥeḅron, and Amram your father remained with them.

11 And the sovereign of Kena'an was victorious over the sovereign of Mitsrayim, and he closed the gates of Mitsrayim.

12 And he devised an evil plan against the children of Yisra'ël of afflicting them; and he said to the people of

Mitsrayim,

13 "See the people of the children of Yisra'ël have increased and multiplied more than we. Come and let us deal wisely with them before they become too many, and let us afflict them with slavery before battle comes upon us and before they also fight against us. Maybe they shall join themselves with our enemies and go up out of our land, for their hearts and faces are towards the land of Kena'an."

14 And he appointed over them slave-masters to afflict them with slavery; and they built strong cities for Pharaoh - Pithom and Raamses, and they built all the walls and all the fortifications which had fallen in the cities of Mitsrayim.

15 And they made them serve with harshness, and the more they dealt evilly with them, the more they increased and multiplied.

16 And the people of Mitsrayim loathed the children of Yisra'ël.

**47** And in the seventh week, in the seventh year, in the forty-seventh Yoḅēl, your father went out from the land of Kena'an, and you were born in the fourth week, in the sixth year, in the forty-eighth Yoḅēl; this was the time of tribulation on the children of Yisra'ël.

2 And Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim, issued a command regarding them that they should throw all their male children which were born into the river.

3 And for seven months they threw them in until the day that you were born. And your mother hid you for three months, and they informed regarding her.

4 But she made an ark for you, and covered it with pitch and asphalt, and placed it in the reeds on the bank of the river, and she placed you in it seven days. And your mother came by night and nursed you, and by day Miryam, your sister, guarded you from the birds.

5 And in those days Tharmuth, the daughter of Pharaoh, came to bathe in the river, and she heard your voice crying, and she told her female

servants to bring you out, and they brought you to her.

6 And she took you out of the ark, and she had compassion on you.

7 And your sister said to her, "Shall I go and call to you one of the ibri women to nurse and suckle this infant for you?" And she said, "Go."

8 And she went and called your mother Yoķeķed, and she gave her wages, and she nursed you.

9 And afterwards, when you were grown up, they brought you to the daughter of Pharaoh, and you became her son. And Amram your father taught you writing, and after you had completed three weeks they brought you into the royal court, and you were three weeks of years at court until the time when you went out from the royal court and saw a Mitsrite smiting your friend who was of the children of Yisra'el, and you slew him and hid him in the sand.

11 And on the second day you found two of the children of Yisra'el striving together, and you said to him who was doing the wrong, "Why do you smite your brother?"

12 And he was wrath and displeased, and said "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you think to kill me as you killed the Mitsrite yesterday?" And you feared and fled on account of these words.

**48** And in the sixth year of the third week of the forty-ninth Yobel you departed and dwelt in the land of Miđyan five weeks and one year. And you returned to Mitsrayim in the second week in the second year in the fiftieth Yobel.

2 And you, yourself know what He spoke to you on Mount Sinai, and what prince Mastema desired to do with you when you were returning into Mitsrayim on the way when you met him at the lodging-place.

3 Did he not with all his power seek to slay you and deliver the Mitsrites out of your hand when he saw that you were sent to execute right-ruling and vengeance on the Mitsrites?

4 And I delivered you out of his hand,

and you performed the signs and wonders which you were sent to perform in Mitsrayim against Pharaoh, and against all his house, and against his servants and his people.

5 And אֱלֹהִים executed a great vengeance on them for Yisra'el's sake, and smote them through blood and frogs, gnats and dog-flies, and evil boils breaking out in sores; and their cattle by death; and by hail-stones. By these He destroyed all that grew for them; and by locusts which devoured the remnant which had been left by the hail, and by darkness; and of the first-born of men and beasts, and on all their idols אֱלֹהִים took vengeance and burned them with fire.

6 And all was sent through your hand, that you should declare these words before they were done, and you spoke with the sovereign of Mitsrayim before all his servants and before his people.

7 And all took place according to your words; ten great and terrible judgments came on the land of Mitsrayim that you might execute vengeance on it for Yisra'el.

8 And אֱלֹהִים did all for Yisra'el's sake, and according to His Covenant, which He had ordained with Abraham that He would take vengeance on them as they had brought them by force into bondage.

9 And the prince of Mastema stood up against you, and sought to cast you into the hands of Pharaoh, and he helped the Mitsrite magicians, and they stood up and wrought before you.

10 The evils indeed we permitted them to work, but the remedies we did not allow to be wrought by their hands.

11 And אֱלֹהִים smote them with evil sores, and they were not able to stand for we destroyed them so that they could not perform a single sign.

12 But despite all signs and wonders, the prince of Mastema was not put to shame, because he strengthened himself and cried to the Mitsrites to pursue after you with all the powers of the Mitsrites, with their chariots, and with their horses, and with all the hosts of the peoples of Mitsrayim.

13 And I stood between the Mitsrites and Yisra'ël, and we delivered Yisra'ël out of his hand, and out of the hand of his people, and אֱלֹהִים brought them through the midst of the sea as if it were dry land.

14 And all the peoples whom he brought to pursue after Yisra'ël, אֱלֹהִים our Elohim threw them into the midst of the sea, into the depths of the abyss beneath the children of Yisra'ël, even as the people of Mitsrayim had thrown their children into the river. He took vengeance on one million of them, and one thousand strong and energetic men were destroyed on account of one nursing child of the children of your people which they had thrown into the river.

15 And on the fourteenth day and on the fifteenth and on the sixteenth and on the seventeenth and on the eighteenth, the prince of Mastēma was bound and imprisoned behind the children of Yisra'ël that he might not accuse them.

16 And on the nineteenth we let them loose that they might help the Mitsrites and pursue the children of Yisra'ël.

17 And He hardened their hearts and made them stubborn, and the plan was devised by אֱלֹהִים our Elohim that He might smite the Mitsrites and cast them into the sea.

18 And on the fourteenth we bound him that he might not accuse the children of Yisra'ël on the day when they asked the Mitsrites for goods and garments; objects of silver, and objects of gold, and objects of bronze, in order to plunder the Mitsrites in return for the bondage in which they had forced them to serve.

19 And we did not lead out the children of Yisra'ël from Mitsrayim empty-handed.

**49** Remember the Command which אֱלֹהִים commanded you concerning the Pesah, that you should celebrate it in its season on the fourteenth of the first month, that you should kill it before it is evening, and that they should eat it by night in the evening, from the time of the setting of

the sun.

2 For on this night - the beginning of the Festival and the beginning of the joy - you were eating the Pesah in Mitsrayim, when all the powers of Mastēma had been let loose to slay all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim - from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the first-born of the captive female servant in the mill, and to the cattle.

3 And this is the sign which אֱלֹהִים gave them: Into every house on the lintels of which they saw the blood of a lamb of the first year, they should not enter into *that* house to slay, but should pass by, that all those should be saved that were in the house because the sign of the blood was on its lintels.

4 And the powers of אֱלֹהִים did all accordingly as אֱלֹהִים commanded them, and they passed over all the children of Yisra'ël, and the plague did not come upon them to destroy from among them any being, either cattle, or man, or dog.

5 And the plague was very grievous in Mitsrayim, and there was no house in Mitsrayim where there was not one dead, and weeping and lamentation.

6 And all Yisra'ël were eating the flesh of the Pesah lamb, and drinking the wine, and were praising and berakah, and giving thanks to אֱלֹהִים Elohim of their fathers, and were ready to go out from under the yoke of Mitsrayim; and from the evil bondage.

7 And remember this day all the days of your life, and observe it from year to year all the days of your life, once a year, on its day, according to all the Law thereof, and do not turn away from day to day, or from month to month.

8 For it is an everlasting Law, and engraved on the tablets of the shamayim regarding all the children of Yisra'ël that they should observe it every year on its day once a year, throughout all their generations; and there is no limit of days, for this is ordained forever.

9 And the man who is free from uncleanness, and does not come to observe it on occasion of its day, so as

to bring an acceptable offering before  $\text{אלהים}$ , and to eat and to drink before  $\text{אלהים}$  on the day of its Festival, that man who is clean and close at hand shall be cut off; because he did not offer the offering of  $\text{אלהים}$  in its appointed time, his guilt is upon him.

10 Let the children of Yisra'el come and observe the Pesah on the day of its appointed time, on the fourteenth day of the first month, between the evenings, from the third part of the day to the third part of the night, for two portions of the day are given to the light, and a third part to the evening.

11 This is that which  $\text{אלהים}$  commanded you that you should observe it between the evenings.

12 And it is not permissible to slay it during any period of the light, but during the period bordering on the evening, and let them eat it at the time of the evening until the third part of the night, and whatever is left over of all its flesh from the third part of the night and onwards, let them burn it with fire.

13 And they shall not boil it with water, nor shall they eat it raw, but roasted on the fire: they shall eat it with diligence, its head with its inward parts and its legs they shall roast with fire, and not break any of its bones; for of the children of Yisra'el no bone shall be crushed.

14 For this reason  $\text{אלהים}$  commanded the children of Yisra'el to observe the Pesah on the day of its fixed time, and they shall not break its bone; for it is a Festival day, and a day commanded, and there may be no passing over from day to day, and month to month, but on the day of its Festival let it be observed.

15 And you shall command the children of Yisra'el to observe the Pesah throughout their days, every year, once a year on the day of its fixed time, and it shall become a memorial well pleasing before  $\text{אלהים}$ , and no plague shall come upon them to slay or to smite in that year in which they celebrate the Pesah in its season in every respect according to His

command.

16 And they shall not eat it outside the Miqdash of  $\text{אלהים}$ , but before the Miqdash of  $\text{אלהים}$ , and all the people of the congregation of Yisra'el shall celebrate it in its appointed season.

17 And every man who has come upon its day shall eat it in the Miqdash of your Elohim, before  $\text{אלהים}$ ; from twenty years old and upward; for so is it written and ordained that they should eat it in the Miqdash of  $\text{אלהים}$ .

18 And when the children of Yisra'el come into the land which they are to possess, into the land of Kena'an, and put up the Mishkan of  $\text{אלהים}$  in the midst of the land in one of their tribes until the Miqdash of  $\text{אלהים}$  has been built in the land, let them come and celebrate the Pesah in the midst of the Mishkan of  $\text{אלהים}$ , and let them slaughter it before  $\text{אלהים}$  from year to year.

19 And in the days when the House has been built in the Name of  $\text{אלהים}$  in the land of their inheritance, they shall go there and slaughter the Pesah in the evening, at sunset, at the third part of the day.

20 And they shall offer its blood on the threshold of the altar, and shall place its fat on the fire which is upon the altar, and they shall eat its flesh roasted with fire in the court of the House which has been qadosh in the Name of  $\text{אלהים}$ .

21 And they may not celebrate the Pesah in their cities, nor in any place except before the Mishkan of  $\text{אלהים}$ , or before His House where His Name has dwelt; and they shall not go astray from  $\text{אלהים}$ .

22 And you, Mosheh, shall command the children of Yisra'el to observe the Laws of the Pesah, as it was commanded to you. You declare to them every year the Festival of Matstsoth, that they should eat unleavened bread seven days, and that they should observe its Festival, and that they bring an offering every day during those seven days of joy before  $\text{אלהים}$  on the altar of your Elohim.



23 For you celebrated this Festival with haste when you went out from Mitsrayim till you entered into the wilderness of Shur; for on the shore of the sea you completed it.

**50** And after this Law I made known to you the days of the Shabbathoth in the wilderness of Sin, which is between Ēlim and Sinai.

2 And I told you of the Shabbathoth of the land on Mount Sinai, and I told you of the YoḄel years in the Shabbathoth of years: but the year thereof I have not told you till you enter the land which you are to possess.

3 And the land also shall keep its Shabbathoth while they dwell upon it, and they shall know the YoḄel year.

4 Therefore I have ordained for you the yearly Shabbathoth and the years and the YoḄelim: there are forty-nine YoḄelim from the days of Aḡam until this day, and one week and two years, and there are still forty years to come for learning the Commands of אֱלֹהִים, until they pass over into the land of Kena'an, crossing the Yardēn to the west.

5 And the YoḄelim shall pass by, until Yisra'ēl is cleansed from all guilt of whoring, and uncleanness, and defilement, and sin, and straying, and dwell with confidence in all the land. And there shall no longer be an adversary or any evil one, and the land shall be clean from that time, forever.

6 And see, the Command regarding the Shabbathoth, I have written down for you and all the Right-Rulings of its Laws.

7 Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day is the Shabbath of אֱלֹהִים your Elohim. In it you shall do no manner of work, you and your sons, and your male servants and your female servants, and all your cattle and the sojourner also who is with you.

8 And the man that does any work on it shall die. Whoever profanes that day, whoever lies with his wife or whoever says he shall do whatever on it - that he shall depart on a journey thereon in regard to any buying or selling - and whoever draws water thereon which

he had not prepared for himself on the sixth day, and whoever takes up any burden to carry it out of his tent or out of his house shall die.

9 You shall do no work whatever on the Shabbath day except what you have prepared for yourselves on the sixth day, so as to eat, and drink, and rest, and guard the Shabbath from all work on that day, and to baraḵ אֱלֹהֵי your Elohim, who has given you a day of Festival, and a qodesh day, and a day of the qodesh reign for all Yisra'ēl is this day among their days forever.

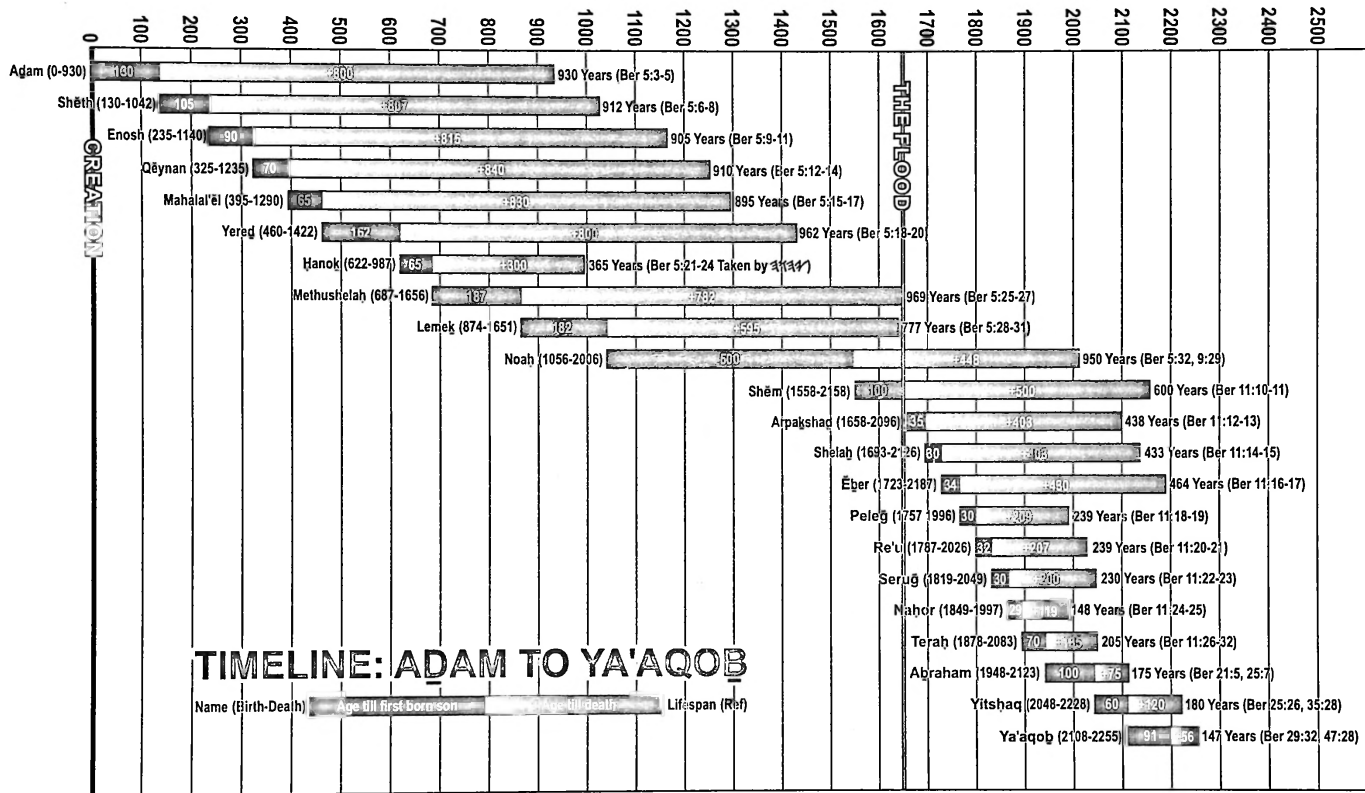
10 For great is the honour which אֱלֹהִים has given to Yisra'ēl that they should eat and drink and be satisfied on this Festival day, and rest thereon from all labour which belongs to the labour of the children of men, except burning frankincense and bringing offerings and slaughterings before אֱלֹהִים for days and for Shabbathoth.

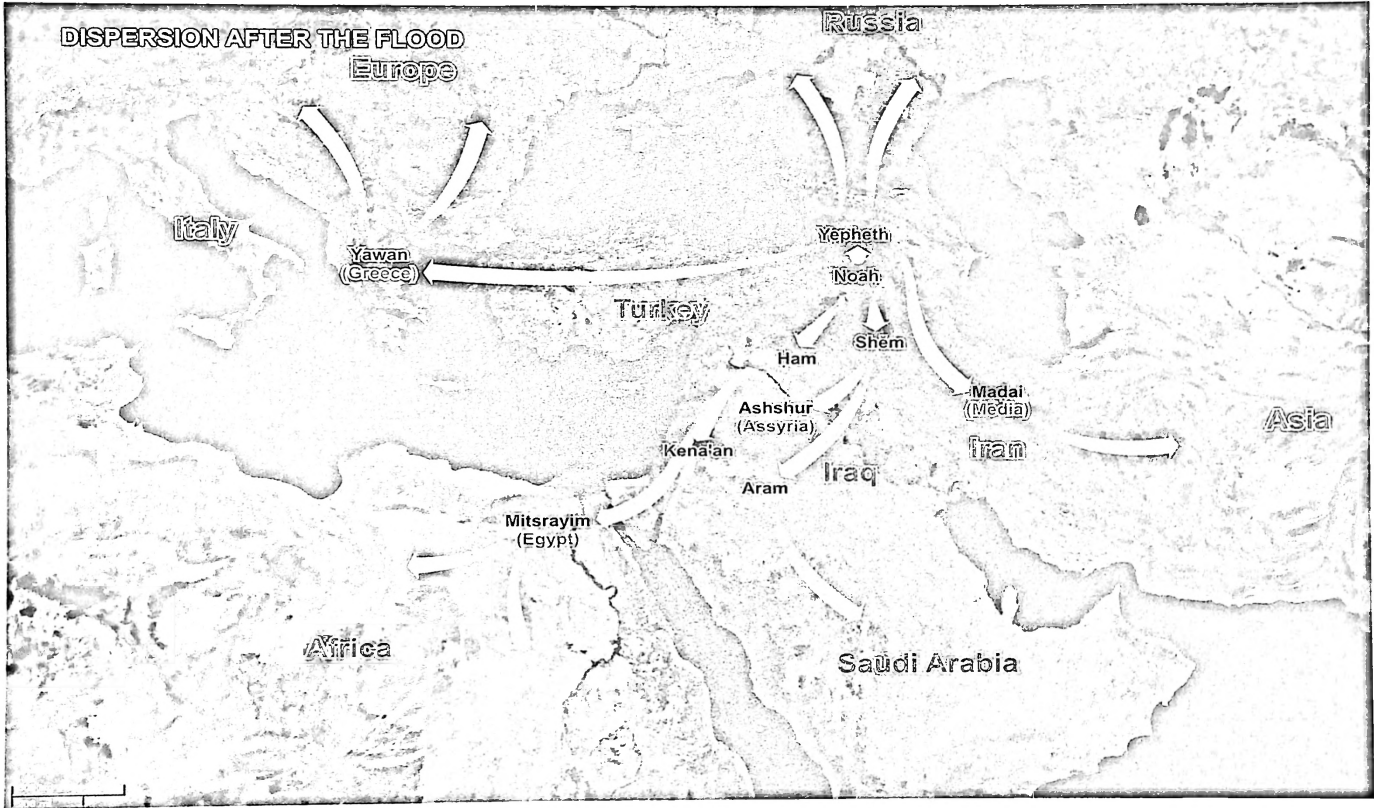
11 This work alone shall be done on the Shabbath-days in the Miqdash of אֱלֹהִים your Elohim; that they may atone for Yisra'ēl with offering continually from day to day for a memorial well-pleasing before אֱלֹהִים, and that He may receive them always from day to day accordingly as you have been commanded.

12 And every man who does any work thereon, or goes a journey, or tills his field, whether in his house or any other place, and whoever lights a fire, or rides on any beast, or travels by ship on the sea, and whoever smites or kills whatever, or slaughters a beast or a bird, or whoever catches an animal or a bird or a fish, or whoever fasts or goes to battle on the Shabbathoth:

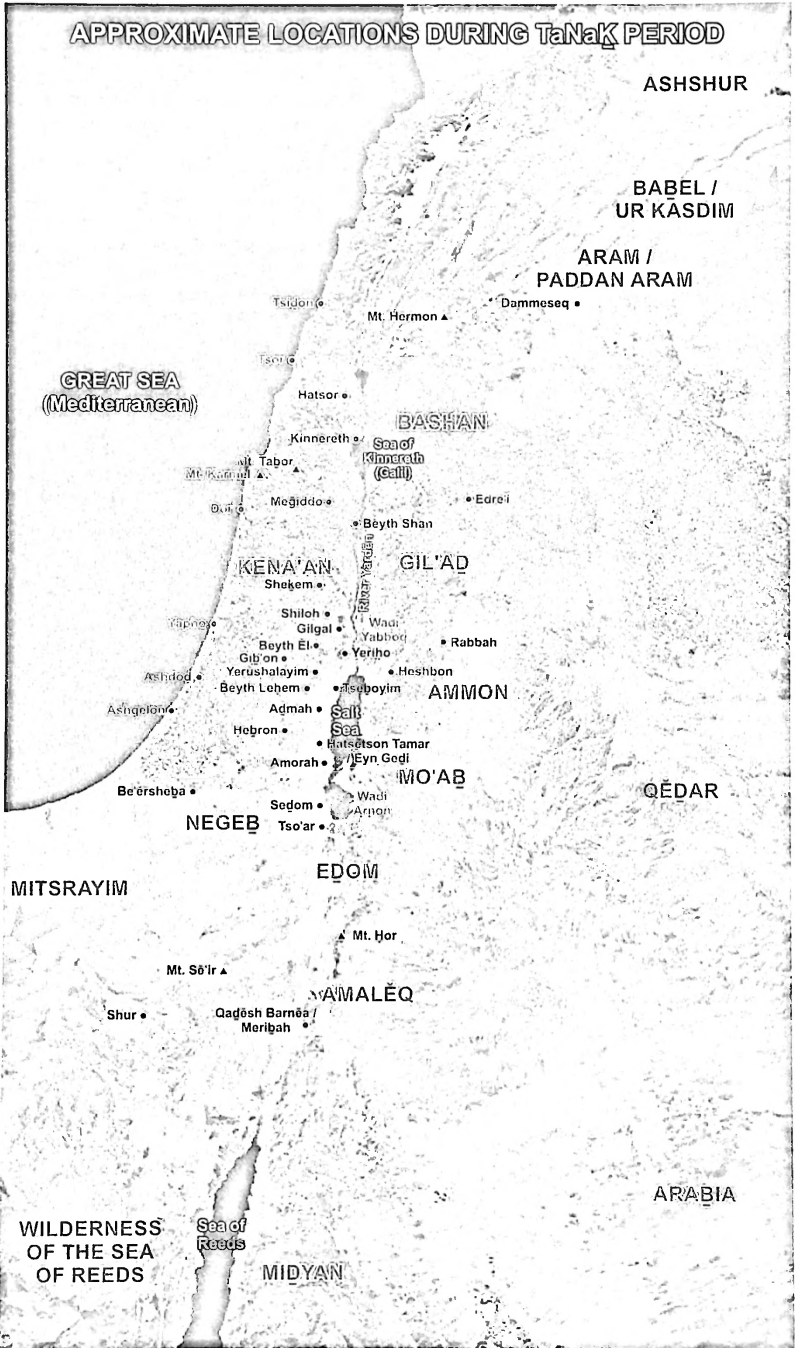
13 The man who does any of these matters on the Shabbath shall die, so that the children of Yisra'ēl shall observe the Shabbathoth according to the Commands regarding the Shabbathoth of the land, as it is written in the tablets, which He gave into my hands that I should write out for you the laws of the seasons, and the seasons according to the division of their days. Thus is completed the account of the division of the days.







APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS DURING TANAQ PERIOD



ASHSHUR

BABEL /  
UR KASDIM

ARAM /  
PADDAN ARAM

GREAT SEA  
(Mediterranean)

BASHAN

KENA'AN

GIL'AD

AMMON

MO'AB

QEDAR

NEGEB

EDOM

MITSRAYIM

AMALEQ

WILDERNESS OF THE  
SEA OF REEDS

MIDYAN

ARABIA