

GENESIS

THE CREATION

1 ^aIn the beginning ^bGod ^ccreated the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was ^{1a}formless and void, and ^bdarkness was over the ²surface of the deep, and ^cthe Spirit of God ^dwas ³moving over the ³surface of the waters. ³Then ^aGod said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was ^agood; and God ^bseparated the light from the darkness. ⁵^aGod called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And ^bthere was evening and there was morning, one day.

⁶Then God said, “Let there be ⁴an ^aexpanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷God made the ⁵expanse, and separated ^athe waters which were below the ⁵expanse from the waters ^bwhich were above the ⁵expanse; and it was so. ⁸God called the ⁵expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹Then God said, “^aLet the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let ^bthe dry land appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land earth, and the ^agathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth sprout ^{6a}vegetation, ⁷plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after ⁸their kind ⁹with seed in them”; and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth

⁶vegetation, ⁷plants yielding seed after ⁸their kind, and trees bearing fruit ⁹with seed in them, after ⁸their kind; and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴Then God said, “Let there be ^{10a}lights in the ^{5b}expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for ^csigns and for ^dseasons and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for ¹⁰lights in the ⁵expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two ¹⁰great lights, the ^agreater ¹²light ¹²to govern the day, and the lesser ¹²light ¹²to govern the night; *He made* ^bthe stars also. ¹⁷^aGod placed them in the ⁵expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and ¹²to ^agovern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, “Let the waters ¹³teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth ¹⁴in the open ⁵expanse of the heavens.” ²¹God created ^athe great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and

¹Or a waste and emptiness ²Lit face of ³Or hovering ⁴Or a firmament ⁵Or firmament ⁶Or grass ⁷Or herbs ⁸Lit its ⁹Lit in which is its seed ¹⁰Or luminaries, light-bearers ¹¹Or luminary, light-bearer ¹²Lit for the dominion of ¹³Or swarm ¹⁴Lit on the face of

1:1 ^aPs 102:25; Is 40:21; John 1:1, 2; Heb 1:10 ^bPs 89:11; 90:2; Acts 17:24; Rom 1:20; Heb 11:3 ^cJob 38:4; Is 42:5; 45:18; Rev 4:11 ^{1:2} ^aJer 4:23 ^bJob 38:9 ^cPs 104:30; Is 40:13, 14 ^dDeut 32:11; Is 31:5 ^{1:3} ^aPs 33:6, 9; 2 Cor 4:6 ^{1:4} ^aPs 145:9, 10 ^bIs 45:7 ^{1:5} ^aPs 74:16 ^bPs 65:8 ^{1:6} ^aIs 40:22; Jer 10:12; 2 Pet 3:5 ^{1:7} ^aJob 38:8-11 ^bPs 148:4 ^{1:9} ^aPs 104:6-9; Jer 5:22; 2 Pet 3:5 ^bPs 24:1, 2; 95:5 ^{1:10} ^aPs 33:7; 95:5; 146:6 ^{1:11} ^aPs 65:9-13; 104:14; Heb 6:7 ^{1:14} ^aPs 74:16; 136:7 ^bPs 19:1; 150:1 ^cJer 10:2 ^dPs 104:19 ^{1:16} ^aPs 136:8, 9 ^bJob 38:7; Ps 8:3; Is 40:26 ^{1:17} ^aJer 33:20, 25 ^{1:18} ^aJer 31:35 ^{1:21} ^aPs 104:25-28

every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

²⁴“Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after ¹their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after ¹their kind”; and it was so. ²⁵God made the ^abeasts of the earth after ¹their kind, and the cattle after ¹their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let ^aUs make ^bman in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them ^crule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the ²sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷God created man ^ain His own image, in the image of God He created him; ^bmale and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, “^aBe fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the ²sky and over every living thing that ³moves on the earth.” ²⁹Then God said, “Behold, ^aI have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the ⁴surface of all the earth, and every tree ⁵which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰and ^ato every beast of the earth and to every bird of the ²sky and to every thing that ³moves on

the earth ⁶which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food”; and it was so. ³¹God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very ^agood. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

THE CREATION OF MAN AND WOMAN

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all ^atheir hosts. ²By ^athe seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and ^bHe rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created ⁷and made.

⁴^aThis is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in ^bthe day that the LORD God made earth and heaven. ⁵^aNow no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, ^bfor the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to ⁹cultivate the ground. ⁶But a ¹⁰mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole ⁴surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed man of ^adust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and ^bman became a living ¹¹being. ⁸The LORD God planted a ^agarden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow ^aevery tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; ^bthe tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰Now a ^ariver ¹²flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four ¹³rivers.

¹Lit its ²Lit heavens ³Or creeps ⁴Lit face of ⁵Lit in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed ⁶Lit in which is a living soul ⁷Lit to make ⁸Lit These are the generations ⁹Lit work, serve ¹⁰Or flow ¹¹Lit soul ¹²Lit was going out ¹³Lit heads

1:24 ^aGen 2:19; 6:20; 7:14; 8:19 1:25 ^aGen 7:21, 22; Jer 27:5 1:26 ^aGen 3:22; 11:7 ^bGen 5:1; 9:6; 1 Cor 11:7; Eph 4:24; James 3:9 ^cPs 8:6-8 1:27 ^aGen 5:1f; 1 Cor 11:7; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10 ^bMatt 19:4; Mark 10:6 1:28 ^aGen 9:1, 7; Lev 26:9; Ps 127:3, 5 1:29 ^aPs 104:14; 136:25 1:30 ^aPs 145:15, 16; 147:9 1:31 ^aPs 104:24, 28; 119:68; 1 Tim 4:4 2:1 ^aDeut 4:19; 17:3 2:2 ^aEx 20:8-11; 31:17 ^bHeb 4:4, 10 2:4 ^aJob 38:4-11 ^bGen 1:3-31 2:5 ^aGen 1:11 ^bPs 65:9, 10; Jer 10:12, 13 2:7 ^aGen 3:19 ^b1 Cor 15:45 2:8 ^aGen 13:10; Is 5:3; Ezek 28:13 2:9 ^aEzek 47:12 ^bGen 3:22; Rev 2:7; 22:2, 14 2:10 ^aPs 46:4

¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of ^aHavilah, where there is gold. ¹²The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is ³⁰Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the ^{5b}Euphrates.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. ¹⁶The LORD God ^acommanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not ⁶eat, for in the day that you eat from it ^ayou will surely die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; ^aI will make him a helper ⁷suitable for him." ¹⁹Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the ⁸sky, and ^bbrought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the ⁸sky, and to every beast of the field, but for ⁹Adam there was not found ^aa helper ⁷suitable for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a ^adeep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²²The LORD God ¹⁰fashioned into a woman ^athe rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. ²³The man said,

"^aThis is now bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
¹¹She shall be called ¹²Woman,

Because ¹¹she was taken
out of ¹³Man."

²⁴For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

THE FALL OF MAN

3 Now ^athe serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from ¹⁴any tree of the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "^aFrom the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and ^ayou will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they ^aknew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ¹⁵loin coverings.

⁸They heard the sound of ^athe LORD God walking in the garden in the ¹⁶cool of the day, ^band the man

¹Lit surrounds ²Lit is the one surrounding ³Heb *Hid-dekel* ⁴Lit is the one going ⁵Heb *Perath* ⁶Lit eat from it ⁷Lit corresponding to ⁸Lit heavens ⁹Or man ¹⁰Lit built ¹¹Lit This one ¹²Heb *Ishshah* ¹³Heb *Ish* ¹⁴Or every ¹⁵Or girdles ¹⁶Lit wind, breeze

2:11 ^aGen 25:18 2:14 ^aDan 10:4 ^bGen 15:18 2:16 ^aGen 3:2, 3 2:17 ^aDeut 30:15, 19, 20; Rom 6:23; 1 Tim 5:6; James 1:15 2:18 ^a1 Cor 11:9 2:19 ^aGen 1:24 ^bGen 1:26 2:20 ^aGen 2:18 2:21 ^aGen 15:12 2:22 ^a1 Cor 11:8, 9 2:23 ^aGen 29:14; Eph 5:28, 29 2:24 ^aMatt 19:5; Mark 10:7, 8; 1 Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31 2:25 ^aGen 3:7, 10, 11 3:1 ^a2 Cor 11:3; Rev 12:9; 20:2 3:2 ^aGen 2:16, 17 3:4 ^aJohn 8:44; 2 Cor 11:3 3:5 ^aIs 14:14; Ezek 28:2, 12-17 3:6 ^aRom 5:12-19; 1 Tim 2:14; James 1:14, 15; 1 John 2:16 3:7 ^aIs 47:3; Lam 1:8 3:8 ^aGen 18:33; Lev 26:12; Deut 23:14 ^bJob 31:33; Ps 139:1-12; Hos 10:8; Amos 9:3; Rev 6:15-17

and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “^aWhere are you?” ¹⁰He said, “^aI heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” ¹¹And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ^{12^a}The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “^aThe serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “^aBecause you have done this,

Cursed are you more
than all cattle,
And more than every
beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And ^bdust you will eat
All the days of your life;

¹⁵ And I will put ^aenmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed
and her seed;

^bHe shall ¹bruise you
on the head,
And you shall bruise
him on the heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply
Your pain ²in childbirth,
In pain you will ^abring
forth children;
Yet your desire will be
for your husband,
And ^bhe will rule over you.”

¹Or crush ²Lit and your pregnancy, conception ³Or sorrow ⁴Lit plant ⁵I.e. living; or life ⁶Lit knew ⁷I.e. gotten one ⁸Or man, the LORD

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;

^aCursed is the ground
because of you;

^bIn ³toil you will eat of it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles
it shall grow for you;
And you will eat the
⁴plants of the field;

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you ^areturn to the ground,
Because ^bfrom it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.”

²⁰ Now the man called his wife’s name ^{5^a}Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living. ²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of ^aUs, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from ^bthe tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴ So ^aHe drove the man out; and at the ^beast of the garden of Eden He stationed the ^ccherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to ^dthe tree of life.

CAIN AND ABEL

4 Now the man ⁶had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to ⁷Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a ⁸manchild with *the help of the LORD*.” ²Again,

^{3:9} ^aGen 4:9; 18:9 ^{3:10} ^aEx 20:18, 19; Deut 5:25 ^{3:12} ^aJob 31:33; Prov 28:13 ^{3:13} ^{a2} Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:14 ^{3:14} ^aDeut 28:15-20 ^{b1s} Is 65:25; Mic 7:17 ^{3:15} ^aRev 12:17 ^bRom 16:20 ^{3:16} ^aJohn 16:21; 1 Tim 2:15 ^{b1} Cor 14:34 ^{3:17} ^aGen 5:29; Rom 8:20-22; Heb 6:8 ^bJob 5:7; 14:1; Eccl 2:23 ^{3:19} ^aPs 90:3; 104:29; Eccl 12:7 ^bGen 2:7 ^{3:20} ^{a2} Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13 ^{3:22} ^aGen 1:26 ^bGen 2:9; Rev 22:14 ^{3:24} ^aEzek 31:11 ^bGen 2:8 ^cEx 25:18-22; Ps 104:4; Ezek 10:1-20; Heb 1:7 ^dGen 2:9

she gave birth to his brother Abel. And ^aAbel was ^ba keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³So it came about ¹in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. ⁴^aAbel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And ^bthe LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; ⁵but ^cfor Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So ^bCain became very angry and his countenance fell. ⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, “^aWhy are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷“If you do well, ³will not *your countenance* be lifted up? ^bAnd if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, ^cbut you must master it.” ⁸Cain ³told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and ^akilled him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “^aWhere is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰He said, “What have you done? ^aThe voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground. ¹¹Now ^ayou are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²^aWhen you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; ^byou will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is too great to bear!” ¹⁴Behold, You have ^adriven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and ^bI will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and ^cwhoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain,

vengeance will be taken on him ^asevenfold.” And the LORD ^{4b}appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

¹⁶Then Cain went out from the presence ^aof the LORD, and ⁵settled in the land of ⁶Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷Cain ⁷had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son. ¹⁸Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad ⁸became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael ⁸became the father of Methushael, and Methushael ⁸became the father of Lamech. ¹⁹Lamech took to himself ^atwo wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah. ²⁰Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* livestock. ²¹His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²²As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives,
“Adah and Zillah,
Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,
^aFor I ⁹have killed a man
for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;
²⁴ If Cain is avenged ^asevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-
sevenfold.”

²⁵^aAdam ⁷had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him ¹⁰Seth, for, *she*

¹Lit at the end of days ²Or surely you will be accepted
³Lit said to ⁴Or set a mark on ⁵Lit dwelt ⁶I.e. wandering
⁷Lit knew ⁸Lit begot ⁹Or kill ¹⁰Heb Sheth

4:2 ¹Luke 11:50, 51 ²Gen 46:32; 47:3 4:4 ³Heb 11:4 ⁴1 Sam 15:22 4:5 ¹1 Sam 16:7 ²Is 3:9; Jude 11 4:6 ¹Jon 4:4 4:7 ²Jer 3:12; Mic 7:18 ³Num 32:23 ⁴Job 11:4, 15; Rom 6:12, 16 4:8 ^aMatt 23:35; Luke 11:51; 1 John 3:12-15; Jude 11 4:9 ^aGen 3:9 4:10 ^aNum 35:33; Deut 21:1-9; Heb 12:24; Rev 6:9, 10 4:11 ^aGen 3:14; Deut 28:15-20; Gal 3:10 4:12 ^aDeut 28:15-24; Joel 1:10-20 ^bLev 26:17, 36 4:14 ^aGen 3:24; Jer 52:3 ^bDeut 28:64-67 ^cNum 35:19 4:15 ^aGen 4:24 ^bEzek 9:4, 6 4:16 ^a2 Kin 24:20; Jer 23:39; 52:3 4:19 ^aGen 2:24 4:23 ^aEx 20:13; Lev 19:18; Deut 32:35; Ps 94:1 4:24 ^aGen 4:15 4:25 ^aGen 5:3

said, "God¹ has appointed me another² offspring in place of Abel, ^bfor Cain killed him."²⁶ To Seth, to him also ^aa son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began ^bto call ³upon the name of the LORD.

DESCENDANTS OF ADAM

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him ^ain the likeness of God. ²He created them ^amale and female, and He ^bblessed them and named them ⁴Man in the day when they were created.

³When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he ⁵became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. ⁴Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ⁵So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

⁶Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh. ⁷Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ⁸So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

⁹Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan. ¹⁰Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ¹¹So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

¹²Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.

¹³Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ¹⁴So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

¹⁵Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.

¹⁶Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ¹⁷So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

¹⁸Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. ¹⁹Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ²⁰So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

²¹Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. ²²Then Enoch ^awalked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ²³So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴^aEnoch walked with God; and he was not, for God ^btook him.

²⁵Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. ²⁶Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ²⁷So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.

²⁸Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. ²⁹Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will ⁶give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from ^athe ground which the LORD has

¹Heb *shath* ²Lit *seed* ³Or by ⁴Lit *Adam* ⁵Lit *begot*, and so throughout the ch ⁶Lit *comfort us in*

4:25 ^bGen 4:8 4:26 ^aLuke 3:38 ^bGen 12:8; 26:25; 1 Kin 18:24; Ps 116:17; Joel 2:32; Zeph 3:9; 1 Cor 1:2 5:1 ^aGen 1:26, 27; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10 5:2 ^aMatt 19:4; Mark 10:6 ^bGen 1:28 5:22 ^aGen 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15; Mic 6:8; Mal 2:6; 1 Thess 2:12 5:24 ^{a2} Kin 2:11; Jude 14 ^{b2} Kin 2:10; Ps 49:15; 73:24; Heb 11:5 5:29 ^aGen 3:17-19; 4:11

cursed.”³⁰ Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.³¹ So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

³²Noah was ^afive hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

THE CORRUPTION OF MANKIND

6 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were ^bbeautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.³ Then the LORD said, ^a“My Spirit shall not ²strive with man forever, ^{3b}because he also is flesh; ⁴nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”⁴ The ^aNephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that ^aevery intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.⁶ ^aThe LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was ^bgrieved ⁵in His heart.⁷ The LORD said, ^a“I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the ⁶sky; for ^bI am sorry that I have made them.”⁸ But ^aNoah ^bfound favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹These are the *records* of the generations of Noah. Noah was a ^arighteous

man, ^bblameless in his ⁸time; Noah ^cwalked with God.¹⁰ Noah ⁹became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was ^acorrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was ^bfilled with violence.¹² God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for ^aall flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

¹³Then God said to Noah, ^a“The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.¹⁴ Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall ¹⁰cover it inside and out with pitch.¹⁵ This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred ¹¹cubits, its breadth fifty ¹¹cubits, and its height thirty ¹¹cubits.¹⁶ You shall make a ¹²window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from ¹³the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.¹⁷ Behold, ^aI, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.¹⁸ But I will establish ^aMy covenant with you; and ^byou shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.²⁰ ^aOf the

¹Lit good ²Or rule in; some ancient versions read abide in ³Or in his going astray he is flesh ⁴Or therefore ⁵Lit to ⁶Lit heavens ⁷Lit complete, perfect; or having integrity ⁸Lit generations ⁹Lit begot ¹⁰Or pitch ¹¹I.e. One cubit equals approx 18 in. ¹²Or roof ¹³Lit above

5:32 ^aGen 7:6 6:3 ^aGal 5:16, 17; 1 Pet 3:20 ^bPs 78:39 6:4 ^aNum 13:33 6:5 ^aGen 8:21; Ps 141:3; Prov 6:18; Matt 15:19; Rom 1:28-32 6:6 ^aGen 6:7; Jer 18:7-10 ^bIs 63:10; Eph 4:30 6:7 ^aDeut 28:63; 29:20 ^bGen 6:6; Amos 7:3, 6 6:8 ^aMatt 24:37; Luke 17:26; 1 Pet 3:20 ^bGen 19:19; Ex 33:17; Luke 1:30 6:9 ^aPs 37:39; 2 Pet 2:5 ^bGen 17:1; Deut 18:13; Job 1:1 ^cGen 5:24 6:11 ^aDeut 31:29; Judg 2:19 ^bEzek 8:17 6:12 ^aPs 141:3 6:13 ^aIs 34:1-4; Ezek 7:2; 3; Amos 8:2; 1 Pet 4:7 6:17 ^a2 Pet 2:5 6:18 ^aGen 9:9-16; 17:7 ^bGen 7:7 6:19 ^aGen 7:2, 14, 15 6:20 ^aGen 7:3

birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹As for you, take for yourself some of all ^afood which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.” ²²“Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

THE FLOOD

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you *alone* I have seen *to be* ^arighteous before Me in this ¹time. ²You shall take ²with you of every ^aclean animal ³by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female; ³also of the birds of the ^asky, ³by sevens, male and female, to keep ⁵offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For after ^aseven more days, I will send rain on the earth ^bforty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land ^cevery living thing that I have made.” ⁵“Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁶Now Noah was ^asix hundred years old when the flood of water ⁶came upon the earth. ⁷Then ^aNoah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood. ⁸^aOf clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹there

went into the ark to Noah ⁷by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰It came about after ^athe seven days, that the water of the flood ⁸came upon the earth. ¹¹In the ^asix hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all ^bthe fountains of the great deep burst open, and the ⁹floodgates of the sky were opened. ¹²^aThe rain ⁶fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

¹³On the very same day ^aNoah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after ¹⁰their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, ¹¹all sorts of birds. ¹⁵So they went into the ark to Noah, ^aby twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life. ¹⁶Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

¹⁷Then the flood ⁶came upon the earth for ^aforty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. ¹⁸The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark ¹²floated on the ¹³surface of the water. ¹⁹The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains ¹⁴everywhere under the heavens were covered. ²⁰The water prevailed fifteen ¹⁵cubits higher, ^aand the mountains were covered. ²¹^aAll flesh that ¹⁶moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; ²²of all that was on

¹Lit *generation* ²Lit to ³Lit *seven seven* ⁴Lit *heavens* ⁵Lit *seed* ⁶Lit *was* ⁷Lit *two two* ⁸Lit *were* ⁹Or *windows of the heavens* ¹⁰Lit *its* ¹¹Lit *every bird, every wing* ¹²Lit *went* ¹³Lit *face* ¹⁴Lit *which were under all the heavens* ¹⁵I.e. One cubit equals approx 18 in. ¹⁶Or *crept*

6:21 ^aGen 1:29, 30 6:22 ^aGen 7:5; Heb 11:7 7:1 ^aGen 6:9 7:2 ^aLev 11:1-31; Deut 14:3-20 7:4 ^aGen 7:10 ^bGen 7:12, 17 ^cGen 6:7, 13 7:5 ^aGen 6:22 7:6 ^aGen 5:32 7:7 ^aGen 6:18; 7:13; Matt 24:38f; Luke 17:27 7:8 ^aGen 6:19, 20; 7:2, 3 7:10 ^aGen 7:4 7:11 ^aGen 7:6 ^bGen 8:2 7:12 ^aGen 7:4, 17 7:13 ^aGen 6:18; 7:7 7:15 ^aGen 6:19; 7:9 7:17 ^aGen 7:4 7:20 ^aGen 8:4 7:21 ^aGen 6:7, 13, 17; 7:4

the dry land, all ^ain whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. ²³Thus He blotted out ¹every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the ²sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only ^aNoah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴^aThe water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

THE FLOOD SUBSIDES

8 But ^aGod remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and ^bGod caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. ²Also ^athe fountains of the deep and the ³floodgates of the sky were closed, and ^bthe rain from the sky was restrained; ³and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end ^aof one hundred and fifty days the water decreased. ⁴In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, ^athe ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the ^awindow of the ark which he had made; ⁷and he sent out a raven, and it ⁴flew here and there until the water was dried up ⁵from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; ⁹but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the ⁶surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her,

and brought her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹The dove came to him toward ⁷evening, and behold, in her ⁸beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. ¹²Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out ^athe dove; but she did not return to him again.

¹³Now it came about in the ^asix hundred and first year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, the water was dried up ⁵from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the ⁶surface of the ground was dried up. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may ^{9a}breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out ^{10b}by their families from the ark.

²⁰Then Noah built ^aan altar to the LORD, and took of every ^bclean animal and of every clean bird and offered ^cburnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD ^asmelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said ¹¹to Him-

¹Lit all existence ²Lit heavens ³Or windows of the heavens ⁴Lit went out, going and returning ⁵Lit from upon ⁶Lit face ⁷Lit the time of evening ⁸Lit mouth ⁹Or swarm ¹⁰Or according to their kind ¹¹Lit to His heart

7:22 ^aGen 2:7 7:23 ^aMatt 24:38, 39; Luke 17:26, 27; Heb 11:7; 1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 2:5 7:24 ^aGen 8:3 8:1 ^aGen 19:29; Ex 2:24; 1 Sam 1:19; Ps 105:42 ^bEx 14:21; 15:10; Job 12:15; Ps 29:10; Is 44:27; Nah 1:4 8:2 ^aGen 7:11 ^bGen 7:4, 12 8:3 ^aGen 7:24 8:4 ^aGen 7:20 8:6 ^aGen 6:16 8:12 ^aJer 48:28 8:13 ^aGen 7:6 8:17 ^aGen 1:22, 28 8:20 ^aGen 12:7, 8; 13:18; 22:9 ^bGen 7:2; Lev 11:1-47 ^cGen 22:2; Ex 10:25 8:21 ^aEx 29:18, 25

self, “I will never again ^bcurse the ground on account of man, for ‘the ¹intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; ^aand I will never again ²destroy every living thing, as I have done.

²²“While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat,
And ^asummer and winter,
And ^bday and night
Shall not cease.”

COVENANT OF THE RAINBOW

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ^a“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the ³sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. ³Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, ^aas I gave the green plant. ⁴Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, ^aits blood. ⁵Surely I will require ^{4a}your lifeblood; ^{5b}from every beast I will require it. And ⁵from every man, ⁵from every man’s brother I will require the life of man.

⁶ ^a“Whoever sheds man’s blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For ^bin the image of God
He made man.

⁷ “As for you, ^abe fruitful and multiply;
⁶Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.”

⁸Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹“Now

behold, ^aI Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your ⁷descendants after you; ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall ^anever again be cut off by the water of the flood, ^bneither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is ^athe sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for ⁸all successive generations; ¹³I set My ^abow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵and ^aI will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and ^bnever again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the ^aeverlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁸Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and ^aHam was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹These three *were* the sons of Noah, and ^afrom these the whole earth was ⁹populated.

²⁰Then Noah began ¹⁰farming and planted a vineyard. ²¹He drank of the wine and ^abecame drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

¹Or inclination ²Lit smite ³Lit heavens ⁴Lit your blood of your lives ⁵Lit from the hand of ⁶Lit Swarm in the earth ⁷Lit seed ⁸Or everlasting generations ⁹Lit scattered ¹⁰Lit to be a farmer

8:21 ^bGen 3:17; 6:7, 13, 17; Is 54:9 ^cGen 6:5; Ps 51:5; Jer 17:9; Rom 1:21; 3:23; Eph 2:1-3 ^dGen 9:11, 15 **8:22** ^aPs 74:17 ^bJer 33:20, 25 ^{9:1} ^aGen 1:28; 9:7 **9:3** ^aGen 1:29 **9:4** ^aLev 7:26f; 17:10-16; 19:26; Deut 12:16, 23; 15:23; 1 Sam 14:34; Acts 15:20, 29 **9:5** ^aEx 20:13; 21:12 ^bEx 21:28, 29 **9:6** ^aEx 21:12-14; Lev 24:17; Num 35:33; Matt 26:52 ^bGen 1:26, 27 **9:7** ^aGen 9:1 **9:9** ^aGen 6:18 **9:11** ^aGen 8:21 ^bIs 54:9 **9:12** ^aGen 9:13, 17; 17:11 **9:13** ^aEzek 1:28 **9:15** ^aLev 26:42, 45; Deut 7:9; Ezek 16:60 ^bGen 9:11 **9:16** ^aGen 17:13, 19; 2 Sam 23:5 **9:18** ^aGen 9:25-27; 10:6 **9:19** ^aGen 9:1, 7; 10:32; 1 Chr 1:4 **9:21** ^aProv 20:1