

trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.”¹⁴ So Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments.¹⁵ And he said to the people, “Be ready by the third day; do not go near a woman.”

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God; and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.¹⁸ And Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.¹⁹ And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.²⁰ And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.²¹ And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to gaze and many of them perish.²² And also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out upon them.”²³ And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for thou thyself didst charge us, saying, ‘Set bounds about the mountain, and consecrate it.’”²⁴ And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.”²⁵ So Moses went down to the people and told them.

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nd God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³“You shall have no other gods before^a me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;⁵ you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work;¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maid-servant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates;¹¹ for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹³“You shall not kill.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

¹⁸Now when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the

^a20.3 Or *besides*

19.16 Heb 12.18, 19; Ex 40.34 19.18 Ps 104.32; Heb 12.18; Gen 19.28; Ps 68.7, 8 19.19 Heb 12.21; Ps 81.7 19.21 Ex 3.5 19.22 Lev 10.3; 2 Sam 6.7 19.23 ver 12 20.1 Deut 5.22 20.2 Deut 5.6, 7, 8 20.3 Jer 35.15 20.4 Lev 26.1; Deut 4.15–19; Ps 97.7 20.5 Isa 44.15, 19; Deut 4.24; Jer 32.18 20.6 Deut 7.9 20.7 Lev 19.12; Mt 5.33 20.8 Ex 23.12; 31.15 20.9 Ex 34.21; Lk 13.14 20.11 Gen 2.2, 3 20.12 Lev 19.3; Mt 15.4; Mk 7.10; Eph 6.2 20.13 Rom 13.9 20.14 Mt 19.18 20.15 Mt 19.18 20.16 Ex 23.1; Mt 19.18 20.17 Rom 7.7; 13.9 20.18 Heb 12.18; Ex 19.18

sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, ¹⁹and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin.”

²¹And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. ²²And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. ²³You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. ²⁴An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. ²⁵And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you wield your tool upon it you profane it. ²⁶And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.’

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“**N**ow these are the ordinances which you shall set before them. ²When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. ³If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s and he shall go out alone. ⁵But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’ ⁶then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him

^a 21.8 Another reading is *so that he has not designated her*

to the door or the doorpost; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for life.

⁷“When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. ⁸If she does not please her master, who has designated her^c for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed; he shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has dealt faithlessly with her. ⁹If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. ¹⁰If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. ¹¹And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

¹²“Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. ¹³But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. ¹⁴But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him treacherously, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die.

¹⁵“Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.

¹⁶“Whoever steals a man, whether he sells him or is found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

¹⁷“Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

¹⁸“When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but keeps his bed, ¹⁹then if the man rises again and walks abroad with his staff, he that struck him shall be clear; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall have him thoroughly healed.

²⁰“When a man strikes his slave, male or female, with a rod and the slave dies under his hand, he shall be punished. ²¹But if the slave survives a day or two, he is not to be punished; for the slave is his money.

²²“When men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that there is a miscarriage, and yet no harm follows, the one

20.19 Deut 5:23–27 20.20 Ex 14:13; 15:25; Deut 4:10 20.21 Deut 5:22 20.22 Neh 9:13 20.23 ver 3; Ex 32:1, 2, 4 20.24 Lev 1:2; Deut 12:5; Gen 12:2 20.25 Deut 27:5, 6 21.1 Deut 4:14 21.2 Lev 25:39–41; Deut 15:12–18 21.6 Ex 22:8, 9, 28 21.7 Neh 5:5; ver 2, 3 21.10 1 Cor 7:3, 5 21.12 Gen 9:6; Lev 24:17 21.13 Num 35:22; Deut 19:4, 5 21.14 Deut 19:11, 12; Heb 10:26; 1 Kings 2:28–34 21.16 Deut 24:7 21.17 Lev 20:9; Mt 15:4; Mk 7:10 21.21 Lev 25:45, 46

I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Ken’ites departed from among the Amal’ekites.⁷ And Saul defeated the Amal’ekites, from Hav’ilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt.⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amal’ekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; all that was despised and worthless they utterly destroyed.

¹⁰The word of the LORD came to Samuel:
¹¹“I repent that I have made Saul king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry; and he cried to the LORD all night.¹² And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, “Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned, and passed on, and went down to Gilgal.”¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the LORD; I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”¹⁴ And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”¹⁵ Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amal’ekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.”¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Say on.”

¹⁷And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.¹⁸ And the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amal’ekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’¹⁹ Why then

did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop on the spoil, and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?”²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, I have brought Agag the king of Am’alek, and I have utterly destroyed the Amal’ekites.²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”²² And Samuel said,

“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”

²⁴And Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.²⁵ Now therefore, I pray, pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD.”²⁶ And Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.”²⁷ As Samuel turned to go away, Saul laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it tore.²⁸ And Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.²⁹ And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent.”

15.7 1 Sam 14.48; Gen 16.7; 25.17, 18; Ex 15.22 15.8 1 Kings 20.34ff; 1 Sam 30.1 15.9 ver 3, 15 15.11 Gen 6.6, 7; 2 Sam 24.16; 1 Kings 9.6, 7; 1 Sam 16.1 15.12 Josh 15.55 15.13 Gen 14.19; Judg 17.2 15.15 ver 9, 21; Gen 3.12 15.17 1 Sam 9.21 15.18 ver 3 15.19 1 Sam 14.32 15.20 ver 13 15.21 ver 15 15.22 Isa 1.11–13; Mic 6.6–8; Heb 10.6–9; Hos 6.6; Mk 12.22 15.23 1 Sam 13.14 15.24 2 Sam 12.13; Prov 29.25; Isa 51.12, 13 15.26 1 Sam 13.14 15.27 1 Kings 11.30, 31 15.28 1 Sam 28.17 15.29 1 Chr 29.11; Num 23.19; Ezek 24.14

³⁰Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God." ³¹So Samuel turned back after Saul; and Saul worshiped the LORD.

³²Then Samuel said, "Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amal'ekites." And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

³³And Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

³⁴Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gib'e-ah of Saul. ³⁵And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

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he LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹²And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

¹⁴Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. ¹⁵And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. ¹⁶Let our lord now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is skilful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." ¹⁷So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well, and bring him to me." ¹⁸One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skilful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the LORD is with him."

15.30 Jn 12.43; Isa 29.13 **15.33** Gen 9.6; Judg 1.7 **15.34** 1 Sam 7.17; 11.4 **15.35** 1 Sam 19.24; 16.1 **16.1** 1 Sam 15.23, 35; 9.16; 2 Kings 9.1; Ps 78.70; Acts 13.22 **16.2** 1 Sam 20.29 **16.3** Ex 4.15; 1 Sam 9.16 **16.4** Lk 2.4; 1 Kings 2.13; 2 Kings 9.22
16.5 Ex 19.10 **16.6** 1 Sam 7.13 **16.7** Isa 55.8; 1 Kings 8.39; 1 Chr 28.9 **16.8** 1 Sam 17.13 **16.9** 1 Sam 17.13
16.11 1 Sam 17.12 **16.12** 1 Sam 17.42; 9.17 **16.13** 1 Sam 10.1, 6, 9, 10 **16.14** Judg 16.20; 1 Sam 18.10
16.16 ver 23; 1 Sam 18.10; 19.9; 2 Kings 3.15 **16.18** 1 Sam 17.32-36; 3.19

- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth
shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.^f
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ Yea, to him^g shall all the proud
of the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who
go down to the dust,
and he who cannot keep
himself alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
men shall tell of the Lord to
the coming generation,
- ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance
to a people yet unborn,
that he has wrought it.

—■■■■— **PSALM 23** —■■■■—

A Psalm of David.

- T**he LORD is my shepherd, I shall
not want;
² he makes me lie down
in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;^h
- ³ he restores my soul.ⁱ
He leads me in paths of righteousness^j
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,^w
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.
- ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely^x goodness and mercy^y
shall follow me
all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD
for ever.^z

—■■■■— **PSALM 24** —■■■■—

A Psalm of David.

- T**he earth is the LORD's and the
fulness thereof,
the world and those
who dwell therein;
- ² for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.
- ³ Who shall ascend the hill
of the LORD?
And who shall stand in
his holy place?
- ⁴ He who has clean hands
and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his
soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.
- ⁵ He will receive blessing
from the LORD,
and vindication from the
God of his salvation.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of
those who seek him,
who seek the face of the
God of Jacob.^a
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up,^b O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Selah

^a 22.27 Gk Syr Jerome: Heb *thee* ^b 22.29 Cn: Heb *they have eaten and* ^c 23.2 Heb *the waters of rest*
^d 23.3 Or *life* ^e 23.3 Or *right paths* ^f 23.4 Or *the valley of deep darkness* ^g 23.6 Or *Only* ^h 23.6 Or *kindness*
ⁱ 23.6 Or *as long as I live* ^j 24.6 Gk Syr: Heb *thy face, O Jacob* ^k 24.9 Gk Syr Jerome Tg Compare verse 7: Heb *lift up*

22.27 Ps 2:8; 86:9 22.28 Ps 47:7, 8; Mt 6:13 22.29 Isa 27:13; Ps 95:6 22.30 Ps 102:28; 71:18 22.31 Ps 78:6 23.1 Isa 40:11;
1 Pet 2:25 23.2 Ezek 34:14; Rev 7:17 23.3 Ps 19:7; 5:8 23.4 Ps 138:7; Job 3:5; Ps 27:1; Isa 43:2 23.5 Ps 78:19; 31:19;
92:10; 16:5 23.6 Ps 25:7, 10; 27:4-6 24.1 Ex 9:29; Job 41:11; 1 Cor 10:26; Ps 89:11 24.3 Ps 15:1; 2:6; 65:4
24.4 Job 17:9; Mt 5:8; Ps 15:4 24.5 Deut 11:26, 27; Isa 46:13; Ps 25:5 24.7 Isa 26:2;
1 Cor 2:8 24.8 Ps 89:13; 78:3-6 24.9 Zech 9:9; Mt 21:5

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

—❖❖❖ PSALM 25 ❖❖❖—

A Psalm of David.

To thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
² O my God, in thee I trust,
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Yea, let none that wait for
thee be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are
wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know thy ways, O LORD;
teach me thy paths.

⁵ Lead me in thy truth, and teach me,
for thou art the God of
my salvation;
for thee I wait all the day long.

⁶ Be mindful of thy mercy, O LORD,
and of thy steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my
youth, or my transgressions;
according to thy steadfast
love remember me,
for thy goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs
sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are
steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant
and his testimonies.

¹¹ For thy name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

¹² Who is the man that fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way
that he should choose.

¹³ He himself shall abide in prosperity,
and his children shall
possess the land.

¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is
for those who fear him,
and he makes known to
them his covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet
out of the net.

¹⁶ Turn thou to me, and be
gracious to me;
for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷ Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me^a out of my distresses.

¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent
hatred they hate me.

²⁰ Oh guard my life, and deliver me;
let me not be put to shame,
for I take refuge in thee.

²¹ May integrity and uprightness
preserve me,
for I wait for thee.

²² Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.

—❖❖❖ PSALM 26 ❖❖❖—

A Psalm of David.

Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the
LORD without wavering.

² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

³ For thy steadfast love is
before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to thee.^b

^a 25.17 Or *The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me*

^b 26.3 Or *in thy faithfulness*

25.1 Ps 86.4 25.2 Ps 31.6; 41.11 25.3 Isa 49.23; 33.1 25.4 Ps 5.8; 86.11 25.5 Jn 16.13; Ps 24.5; 40.1 25.6 Ps 103.17; Isa 63.15
25.7 Job 13.26; Jer 3.25; Ps 51.1 25.8 Ps 106.1; 92.15; 32.8 25.9 Ps 23.3; 27.11 25.10 Ps 40.11; 103.18 25.11 Ps 31.1;
Rom 5.20 25.13 Prov 19.23; Ps 37.11 25.14 Prov 3.32; Jn 7.17 25.15 Ps 141.8 25.16 Ps 69.16 25.17 Ps 88.3; 107.6
25.18 2 Sam 16.12 25.19 Ps 3.1; 27.12 25.21 Ps 41.12; ver 3 25.22 Ps 130.8 26.1 Ps 7.8;
Prov 20.7; Ps 25.2; Heb 10.23 26.2 Ps 7.9; 66.10 26.3 2 Kings 20.3

those who go down to the
pit cannot hope
for thy faithfulness.

¹⁹ The living, the living, he thanks thee,
as I do this day;
the father makes known
to the children
thy faithfulness.

²⁰ The LORD will save me,
and we will sing to stringed
instruments^a
all the days of our life,
at the house of the LORD.

²¹ Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a
cake of figs, and apply it to the boil, that
he may recover."²² Hezeki'ah also had said,
"What is the sign that I shall go up to the
house of the LORD?"

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At that time Mero'dach-bal'adan
the son of Bal'adan, king of
Babylon, sent envoys with
letters and a present to Heze-
ki'ah, for he heard that he had been sick
and had recovered.² And Hezeki'ah wel-
comed them; and he showed them his trea-
sure house, the silver, the gold, the spices,
the precious oil, his whole armory, all that
was found in his storehouses. There was
nothing in his house or in all his realm that
Hezeki'ah did not show them.³ Then Isaiah
the prophet came to King Hezeki'ah, and
said to him, "What did these men say? And
whence did they come to you?" Hezeki'ah
said, "They have come to me from a far
country, from Babylon."⁴ He said, "What
have they seen in your house?" Hezeki'ah
answered, "They have seen all that is in my
house; there is nothing in my storehouses
that I did not show them."

⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezeki'ah, "Hear the
word of the LORD of hosts: ⁶Behold, the days
are coming, when all that is in your house,
and that which your fathers have stored

up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon;
nothing shall be left, says the LORD.⁷ And
some of your own sons, who are born to
you, shall be taken away; and they shall be
eunuchs in the palace of the king of Bab-
ylon."⁸ Then said Hezeki'ah to Isaiah, "The
word of the LORD which you have spoken is
good." For he thought, "There will be peace
and security in my days."

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Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare^b is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from
the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

- ³ A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way of the LORD,
Make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and
hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall
become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the LORD
shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the
LORD has spoken."
⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the
flower of the field.

^a 38.20 Heb *my stringed instruments* ^b 40.2 Or *time of service*

38.19 Ps 118.17; Deut 6.7; Ps 78.5-7 38.20 Ps 86.5; 33.1-3; 104.33; 116.17-19 38.21 2 Kings 20.7, 8 39.1 2 Kings 20.12-19;
2 Chr 32.31 39.2 2 Chr 32.25, 31; 2 Kings 18.15, 16 39.3 2 Sam 12.1; 2 Chr 16.7; Jer 5.15 39.5 1 Sam 13.13, 14; 15.16
39.6 Jer 20.5 39.7 Dan 1.2-7 39.8 2 Chr 32.26; 1 Sam 3.18; 2 Chr 34.28 40.1 Isa 12.1 40.2 Isa 35.4;
41.11-13; 33.24; Jer 16.18 40.3 Mt 3.3; Jn 1.23; Mal 3.1 40.4 Isa 45.2
40.6 Job 14.2; Ps 102.11; 103.15; 1 Pet 1.24, 25

- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the
LORD blows upon it;
surely the people is grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God
will stand for ever.
- 9 Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;^a
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of
good tidings,^b
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”
- 10 Behold, the Lord GOD
comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd,
he will gather the lambs
in his arms,
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that
are with young.
- 12 Who has measured the waters
in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the
heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the
earth in a measure
and weighed the
mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?
- 13 Who has directed the Spirit
of the LORD,
or as his counselor has
instructed him?
- 14 Whom did he consult for
his enlightenment,
and who taught him the
path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way
of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the nations are like
a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as the
dust on the scales;
behold, he takes up the
isles like fine dust.
- 16 Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,
nor are its beasts enough
for a burnt offering.
- 17 All the nations are as
nothing before him,
they are accounted by him as less
than nothing and emptiness.
- 18 To whom then will you liken God,
or what likeness compare with him?
- 19 The idol! a workman casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays
it with gold,
and casts for it silver chains.
- 20 He who is impoverished^c
chooses for an offering
wood that will not rot;
he seeks out a skilful craftsman
to set up an image that
will not move.
- 21 Have you not known? Have
you not heard?
Has it not been told you
from the beginning?
Have you not understood from
the foundations of the earth?
- 22 It is he who sits above the
circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are
like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens
like a curtain,
and spreads them like a
tent to dwell in;

^a 40.9 Or *O herald of good tidings to Zion*^b 40.9 Or *O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem*^c 40.20 Heb uncertain

40.7 Ps 90.5, 6; ver 24 40.8 Isa 55.11; Mt 5.18; 1 Pet 1.24, 25 40.9 Isa 60.1; 52.7; Acts 10.36; Rom 10.15 40.10 Isa 59.16, 18; 62.11; Rev 22.12 40.11 Ezek 34.23; Mic 5.4; Jn 10.11; Heb 13.20 40.12 Isa 48.13; Job 38.8–11; Heb 1.10–12
40.13 Rom 11.34; 1 Cor 2.16 40.15 Jer 10.10; Isa 17.13; 29.5 40.17 Isa 29.7; 30.28 40.18 ver 25; Isa 46.5; Mic 7.18; Acts 17.29 40.19 Isa 41.6, 7; 44.12; Jer 10.3 40.20 Isa 41.7; Jer 10.3–5
40.21 Ps 19.1; Acts 14.17; Rom 1.19 40.22 Job 22.14; Num 13.33; Isa 42.5; 44.24; Ps 104.2

²³ who brings princes to nought,
and makes the rulers of
the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted,
scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem
taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them,
and they wither,
and the tempest carries
them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him?
says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their
host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hid from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded
by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have
you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary,
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might
he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall
fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with
wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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listen to me in silence,
O coastlands;
let the peoples renew
their strength;
let them approach, then
let them speak;
let us together draw near
for judgment.

² Who stirred up one from the east
whom victory meets at
every step?
He gives up nations before him,
so that he tramples
kings under foot;
he makes them like dust
with his sword,
like driven stubble with his bow.

³ He pursues them and
passes on safely,
by paths his feet have not trod.

⁴ Who has performed and done this,
calling the generations
from the beginning?
I, the LORD, the first,
and with the last; I am He.

⁵ The coastlands have seen
and are afraid,
the ends of the earth tremble;
they have drawn near and come.

⁶ Every one helps his neighbor,
and says to his brother,
“Take courage!”

⁷ The craftsman encourages
the goldsmith,
and he who smooths with
the hammer him who
strikes the anvil,
saying of the soldering, “It is good”;
and they fasten it with nails so
that it cannot be moved.

40.23 Job 12.21; Ps 107.40; Isa 5.21 **40.24** Isa 17.10, 11; ver 7; Isa 17.13; 41.16 **40.25** ver 18 **40.26** Isa 51.6; 42.5; Ps 147.4; 89.11–13; Isa 34.16 **40.27** Isa 49.4, 14; 54.8; Lk 18.7, 8; Isa 25.1 **40.28** Ps 90.2; 147.5; Rom 11.33 **40.29** Isa 50.4; Jer 31.25; Isa 41.10 **40.31** Ps 103.5; 2 Cor 4.8–10, 16; Deut 32.11; 2 Cor 4.1; Heb 12.3 **41.1** Zech 2.13; Isa 40.31; 34.1; 43.26 **41.2** Isa 45.1–3; 46.11; 42.6; 2 Chr 36.23; Isa 29.5; 40.24 **41.4** Isa 44.7; 46.10; 43.10; 44.6; Rev 1.17; 22.13 **41.5** Ps 67.7 **41.6** Isa 40.19 **41.7** Isa 40.19, 20

glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward." ³⁷Peter said to him, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times.

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Let not your hearts be troubled; believe^a in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way where I am going."^b ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the

Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; ¹⁴if you ask^c anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance

^a14.1 Or you believe ^b14.4 Other ancient authorities read where I am going you know, and the way you know ^c14.14 Other ancient authorities add me

13.33 Jn 7:33, 34 13.34 Lev 19:18; Jn 15:12; 1 Pet 1:22; 1 Jn 2:7; 3:11; 4:10 13.35 1 Jn 3:14; 4:20 13.36 Jn 21:18; 2 Pet 1:14
13.37 Mt 26:33-35; Mk 14:29-31; Lk 22:33, 34 14.1 Jn 16:23, 24 14.3 Jn 12:26 14.6 Jn 10:9; 8:32; 1.4; 11:25
14.9 Jn 12:45 14.10 Jn 10:38; 5:19; 12:49 14.11 Jn 5:36; 10:38 14.15 Jn 15:10; 1 Jn 5:3 14.16 Jn 15:26;
16:7; 1 Jn 2.1 14.17 Jn 16:13; 1 Jn 4:6; 1 Cor 2:14 14.20 Jn 10:38 14.21 1 Jn 2:5; 5:3
14.23 1 Jn 2:24; Rev 3:20 14.24 Jn 7:16; 8:28; 12:49

all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go hence.

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“**I** am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants,^a for the servant^b does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷This I command you, to love one another.

¹⁸“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant^c is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³He who hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵It is to fulfil the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' ²⁶But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; ²⁷and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^a15.15 Or *slaves* ^b15.15 Or *slave* ^c15.20 Or *slave*

14.26 Jn 15.26; 16.7, 13; 1 Jn 2.20, 27 14.27 Jn 16.33; Phil 4.7; Col 3.15 14.28 ver 3.18; Jn 5.18; 10.29, 30; Phil 2.6 14.30 Jn 12.31
14.31 Jn 10.18; 12.49; 18.1 15.3 Jn 13.10; 17.17; Eph 5.26 15.4 1 Jn 2.6 15.7 Jn 14.13; 16.23 15.8 Mt 5.16; Jn 8.31
15.10 Jn 14.15-23 15.11 Jn 17.13 15.12 Jn 13.34 15.13 Rom 5.7, 8; Jn 10.11 15.14 Mt 12.50 15.16 Jn 6.70; 14.13
15.18 1 Jn 3.13 15.20 Mt 10.24; Lk 6.40; Jn 13.16 15.21 Mt 12.24; Lk 6.40; Jn 13.16 15.22 Jn 9.41; Rom 1.20
15.23 1 Jn 2.23 15.24 Jn 5.36 15.25 Ps 35.19; 69.4 15.26 Jn 14.16, 17, 26; 1 Jn 2.1; 5.7
15.27 Lk 24.48; Acts 2.32; 3.15; 5.32; 10.39; 13.31; 1 Jn 4.14

in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. ¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷So then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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here is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,^a he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live

according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

¹²So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation

^a8.3 Or *and as a sin offering*

7.15 Gal 5:17 7.18 ver 25 7.22 Ps 1:2; 2 Cor 4:16; Eph 3:16 7.23 Gal 5:17 8.1 Rom 5:16 8.2 1 Cor 15:45; Rom 6:14, 18; Jn 8:32, 36 8.3 Acts 13:39; Heb 7:18; Phil 2:7; Heb 2:14 8.4 Gal 5:16, 25 8.5 Gal 5:19–25 8.6 Rom 6:21; Gal 6:8 8.7 Jas 4:4 8.9 1 Cor 3:16; Gal 4:6; Phil 1:19; 1 Jn 4:13 8.11 Acts 2:24; Jn 5:21; 1 Cor 6:14 8.13 Gal 6:8; Col 3:5 8.14 Gal 5:18 8.15 2 Tim 1:7; Heb 2:15; Gal 4:5, 6 8.16 2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13 8.17 Gal 4:7; 2 Tim 2:12; 1 Pet 4:13

itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because^a the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that in everything God works for good^b with those who love him,^c who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; ³⁴who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?^d ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit, ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed for ever.^e Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his descendants; but "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named."⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are reckoned as descendants. ⁹For this is what the promise said, "About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son."¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were

^a 8.27 Or *that* ^b 8.28 Other ancient authorities read *in everything he works for good, or everything works for good* ^c 8.28 Greek *God* ^d 8.34 Or *It is Christ Jesus . . . for us* ^e 9.5 Or *Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever*

8.23 2 Cor 1.22; 5.2, 4; Gal 5.5 8.26 Mt 20.22; Eph 6.18 8.27 Ps 139.1, 2; Lk 16.15; Rev 2.23 8.28 ver 32 8.29 Rom 11.2; 1 Pet 1.2, 20; Eph 1.5, 11; Phil 3.21; Heb 1.6 8.30 Eph 1.5, 11; Rom 9.24; 1 Cor 6.11 8.31 Rom 4.1; Ps 118.6 8.33 Lk 18.7; Isa 50.8, 9 8.34 Col 3.1; Heb 1.3; 7.25; 9.24; 1 Jn 2.1 8.36 Ps 44.22; 2 Cor 4.11 8.37 1 Cor 15.57; Rev 1.5 8.38 Eph 1.21; 1 Pet 3.22 9.1 2 Cor 1.23; 11.10; 1 Tim 2.7 9.3 Ex 32.32 9.4 Acts 3.25; Ps 147.19; Heb 9.1 9.5 Col 1.16–19; Jn 1.1; Rom 1.25 9.6 Num 23.19; Rom 2.28, 29; Gal 6.16 9.7 Gal 4.23; Heb 11.18 9.9 Gen 18.10 9.10 Gen 25.21