

# Genesis

## THE CREATION

- 1** <sup>a</sup>In the beginning <sup>b</sup>God <sup>c</sup>created the heavens and the earth.  
**2** And the earth was a <sup>a,1</sup>formless and desolate emptiness, and <sup>b</sup>darkness was over the <sup>2</sup>surface of the deep, and <sup>c</sup>the Spirit of God <sup>d</sup>was hovering over the <sup>2</sup>surface of the waters.  
**3** Then <sup>a</sup>God said, “<sup>1</sup>Let there be light”; and there was light.  
**4** God saw that the light was <sup>a</sup>good; and God <sup>b</sup>separated the light from the darkness.  
**5** <sup>a</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” And <sup>b</sup>there was evening and there was morning, one day.  
**6** Then God said, “Let there be <sup>1</sup>an <sup>a</sup>expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”  
**7** God made the <sup>1</sup>expanse, and separated <sup>a</sup>the waters that were below the <sup>1</sup>expanse from the waters <sup>b</sup>that were above the <sup>1</sup>expanse; and it was so.  
**8** God called the <sup>1</sup>expanse “heaven.” And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.  
**9** Then God said, “<sup>a</sup>Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let <sup>b</sup>the dry land appear”; and it was so.  
**10** And God called the dry land “earth,” and the <sup>a</sup>gathering of the waters He called “seas”; and God saw that it was good.  
**11** Then God said, “Let the earth sprout <sup>1,a</sup>vegetation, <sup>2</sup>plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit according to <sup>3</sup>their kind <sup>4</sup>with seed in them”; and it was so.  
**12** The earth produced <sup>1</sup>vegetation, <sup>2</sup>plants yielding seed according to <sup>3</sup>their kind, and trees bearing fruit <sup>4</sup>with seed in them, according to <sup>3</sup>their kind; and God saw that it was good.  
**13** And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.  
**14** Then God said, “Let there be <sup>1,a</sup>lights in the <sup>2,b</sup>expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and they shall <sup>3</sup>serve as <sup>c</sup>signs and for <sup>d</sup>seasons, and for days and years;  
**15** and they <sup>1</sup>shall serve as lights in the <sup>2</sup>expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.  
**16** God made the two great lights, the <sup>a</sup>greater light <sup>1</sup>to govern the day, and the lesser light <sup>1</sup>to govern the night; *He made* <sup>b</sup>the stars also.  
**17** <sup>a</sup>God placed them in the <sup>1</sup>expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,  
**18** and <sup>1</sup>to <sup>a</sup>govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

**1:1** <sup>a</sup>Ps 102:25; Is 40:21; John 1:1, 2; Heb 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps 89:11; 90:2; Acts 17:24; Rom 1:20; Heb 11:3 <sup>c</sup>Job 38:4; Is 42:5; 45:18; Rev 4:11 **1:2** <sup>a</sup>Jer 4:23 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps 104:30; Is 40:13, 14 <sup>d</sup>Deut 32:11; Is 31:5 **1:3** <sup>a</sup>Ps 33:6, 9; 2 Cor 4:6 **1:4** <sup>a</sup>Ps 145:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Is 45:7 **1:5** <sup>a</sup>Ps 74:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 65:8 **1:6** <sup>a</sup>Is 40:22; Jer 10:12; 2 Pet 3:5 **1:7** <sup>a</sup>Job 38:8-11 <sup>b</sup>Ps 148:4 **1:9** <sup>a</sup>Ps 104:6-9; Jer 5:22; 2 Pet 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps 24:1, 2; 95:5 **1:10** <sup>a</sup>Ps 33:7; 95:5; 146:6 **1:11** <sup>a</sup>Ps 65:9-13; 104:14; Heb 6:7 **1:14** <sup>a</sup>Ps 74:16; 136:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps 19:1; 150:1 <sup>c</sup>Jer 10:2 <sup>d</sup>Ps 104:19 **1:16** <sup>a</sup>Ps 136:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:7; Ps 8:3; Is 40:26 **1:17** <sup>a</sup>Jer 33:20, 25 **1:18** <sup>a</sup>Jer 31:35

**1:2** <sup>1</sup>Or waste <sup>2</sup>Lit face of **1:3** <sup>1</sup>i.e., a command, not a request; and so throughout the ch **1:6** <sup>1</sup>Or a firmament; i.e., atmosphere and space **1:7** <sup>1</sup>Or firmament **1:8** <sup>1</sup>Or firmament **1:11** <sup>1</sup>Or grass <sup>2</sup>Or herbs <sup>3</sup>Lit its <sup>4</sup>Lit in which is its seed **1:12** <sup>1</sup>Or grass <sup>2</sup>Or herbs <sup>3</sup>Lit its <sup>4</sup>Lit in which is its seed **1:14** <sup>1</sup>Or luminaries, light-bearers, and so throughout the ch <sup>2</sup>Or firmament; i.e., atmosphere and space <sup>3</sup>Lit be for **1:15** <sup>1</sup>Lit be for <sup>2</sup>Or firmament **1:16** <sup>1</sup>Lit for the dominion of **1:17** <sup>1</sup>Or firmament **1:18** <sup>1</sup>Lit for the dominion of

<sup>13</sup>“No hand shall touch him, but <sup>a</sup>he shall certainly be stoned or <sup>1</sup>shot through; whether animal or person, *the violator* shall not live.’ When the ram’s horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to <sup>b</sup>the mountain.”

<sup>14</sup>So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.

<sup>15</sup>He also said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.”

<sup>16</sup><sup>a</sup>So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were <sup>1</sup>thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud over the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.

<sup>17</sup>And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the <sup>1</sup>foot of the mountain.

#### THE LORD VISITS SINAI

<sup>18</sup><sup>a</sup>Now Mount Sinai *was* all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it <sup>b</sup>in fire; and its smoke ascended like <sup>c</sup>the smoke of a furnace, and <sup>d</sup>the entire mountain <sup>1</sup>quaked violently.

<sup>19</sup>When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and <sup>a</sup>God answered him with <sup>1</sup>thunder.

<sup>20</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>the LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

<sup>21</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses: “Go down, <sup>1</sup>warn the people, so that <sup>a</sup>they do not break through to the LORD to stare, and many of them <sup>2</sup>perish.

<sup>22</sup>“Also have the <sup>a</sup>priests who approach the LORD consecrate themselves, or else the LORD will break out against them.”

<sup>23</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You <sup>1</sup>warned us, saying, “Set boundaries around the mountain and consecrate it.””

<sup>24</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go down and come up *again*, <sup>a</sup>you and Aaron with you; but do not let the <sup>b</sup>priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, or He will break out against them.”

<sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**20** Then God spoke all these words, saying,  
<sup>2</sup><sup>a</sup>“I am the LORD your God, <sup>b</sup>who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>1</sup>slavery.

<sup>3</sup><sup>a</sup>“You shall have no other <sup>b</sup>gods <sup>1</sup>before Me.

<sup>4</sup><sup>a</sup>“You shall not make for yourself <sup>1</sup>an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup><sup>a</sup>“You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a <sup>b</sup>jealous God, <sup>c</sup>inflicting the <sup>1</sup>punishment of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

<sup>6</sup>but showing <sup>1</sup>favor to <sup>a</sup>thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

<sup>19:13</sup><sup>1</sup>i.e., with arrows <sup>19:16</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit sounds  
<sup>19:17</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit lower part <sup>19:18</sup><sup>1</sup>Or trembled  
<sup>19:19</sup><sup>1</sup>Or a voice; lit a sound  
<sup>19:21</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit testify to <sup>2</sup>Lit fall  
<sup>19:23</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit testified to <sup>19:24</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit Go, descend <sup>20:2</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit slaves <sup>20:3</sup><sup>1</sup>Or besides Me <sup>20:4</sup><sup>1</sup>Or a carved image  
<sup>20:5</sup><sup>1</sup>i.e., punishment for the wrongdoing <sup>20:6</sup><sup>1</sup>Or faithfulness  
<sup>19:13</sup><sup>a</sup>Heb 12:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex 19:17 <sup>19:16</sup><sup>a</sup>Heb 12:18, 19, 21 <sup>19:18</sup><sup>a</sup>Deut 4:11; Ps 104:32; 144:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex 3:2; 24:17; Deut 5:4; 2 Chr 7:1-3; Heb 12:18 <sup>c</sup>Gen 15:17; 19:28 <sup>d</sup>Judg 5:5; Ps 68:7, 8; Jer 4:24 <sup>19:19</sup><sup>a</sup>Ps 81:7 <sup>19:20</sup><sup>a</sup>Neh 9:13  
<sup>19:21</sup><sup>a</sup>Ex 3:5; 1 Sam 6:19 <sup>19:22</sup><sup>a</sup>Ex 19:24; 24:5; Lev 10:3; 21:6-8  
<sup>19:23</sup><sup>a</sup>Ex 19:12 <sup>19:24</sup><sup>a</sup>Ex 24:1, 9, 12 <sup>b</sup>Ex 19:22 <sup>20:2</sup><sup>a</sup>Lev 26:1; Deut 5:6; Ps 81:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex 13:3; 15:13, 16; Deut 7:8 <sup>20:3</sup><sup>a</sup>Deut 6:14; 2 Kin 17:35; Jer 25:6; 35:15 <sup>b</sup>Ex 15:11; 20:23 <sup>20:4</sup><sup>a</sup>Lev 19:4; 26:1; Deut 4:15-19; 27:15  
<sup>20:5</sup><sup>a</sup>Ex 23:24; Josh 23:7; 2 Kin 17:35 <sup>b</sup>Ex 34:14; Deut 4:24; Josh 24:19; Nah 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ex 34:6, 7; Num 14:18, 33; Deut 5:9, 10; 1 Kin 21:29; Jer 32:18 <sup>20:6</sup><sup>a</sup>Deut 7:9

18 “And the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, <sup>a</sup>“Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are eliminated.’

19 “Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? <sup>a</sup>“Instead, you loudly rushed upon the spoils and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD!”

20 Then Saul said to Samuel, <sup>a</sup>“I did obey the voice of the LORD, for I went on the mission on which the LORD sent me; and I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites.

21 “But <sup>a</sup>the people took *some* of the spoils, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things designated for destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”

22 Samuel said,

“<sup>a</sup>Does the LORD have as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices  
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, <sup>b</sup>to obey is better than a sacrifice,

And to pay attention is *better* than the fat of rams.

23 “For rebellion is *as reprehensible as* the sin of <sup>a</sup>divination,

And insubordination is *as reprehensible as* <sup>b</sup>false religion and idolatry.

Since you have rejected the word of the LORD,

<sup>c</sup>He has also rejected you from *being* king.”

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, <sup>a</sup>“I have sinned, for <sup>b</sup>I have violated the command of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

25 “Now then, <sup>a</sup>please pardon my sin and return with me, so that I may worship the LORD.”

26 But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you; for <sup>a</sup>you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.”

27 Then Samuel turned to go, but <sup>a</sup>Saul grasped the edge of his robe, and it tore off.

28 So Samuel said to him, <sup>a</sup>“The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor, who is better than you.

29 “Also the <sup>1,a</sup>Glory of Israel <sup>b</sup>will not lie nor change His mind; for He is not a man, that He would change His mind.”

30 Then Saul said, “I have sinned; <sup>a</sup>but please honor me now before the elders of my people and before *all* Israel, and go back with me, <sup>b</sup>so that I may worship the LORD your God.”

31 So Samuel went back following Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.

32 Then Samuel said, “Bring me Agag, the king of the Amalekites.” And Agag came to him <sup>1</sup>cheerfully. And Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is gone!”

33 But Samuel said, <sup>a</sup>“As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.” And Samuel cut Agag to pieces before the LORD at Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to <sup>a</sup>Ramah, but Saul went up to his house at <sup>b</sup>Gibeah of Saul.

35 And <sup>a</sup>Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, though Samuel <sup>b</sup>mourned for Saul. And the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

15:18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 15:3 15:19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 14:32 15:20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 15:13 15:21 <sup>a</sup>Ex 32:22, 23; 1 Sam 15:15  
15:22 <sup>a</sup>Ps 40:6-8; 51:16, 17; Is 1:11-15; Mic 6:6-8; Heb 10:6-9 <sup>b</sup>Jer 7:22, 23; Hos 6:6; Matt 12:7;  
Mark 12:33 15:23 <sup>a</sup>Deut 18:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen 31:19, 34 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam 13:14 15:24 <sup>a</sup>Num 22:34; 2 Sam 12:13;  
Ps 51:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov 29:25; Is 51:12, 13 15:25 <sup>a</sup>Ex 10:17 15:26 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 13:14; 16:1  
15:27 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin 11:30, 31 15:28 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 28:17, 18; 1 Kin 11:31 15:29 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr 29:11 <sup>b</sup>Num 23:19;  
Ezek 24:14; Titus 1:2 15:30 <sup>a</sup>John 5:44; 12:43 <sup>b</sup>Is 29:13 15:33 <sup>a</sup>Gen 9:6; Judg 1:7; Matt 7:2  
15:34 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 7:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam 11:4 15:35 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 19:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam 16:1

15:18 <sup>a</sup>Lit way

15:20 <sup>a</sup>Lit way

15:24 <sup>a</sup>Lit mouth

15:29 <sup>a</sup>Or Splendor

15:32 <sup>a</sup>Or in chains

15:35 <sup>a</sup>I.e., God's rejection of Saul

## PSALM 26

## PROTESTATION OF INTEGRITY AND PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

A *Psalm* of David.

- 1 <sup>1,a</sup>Vindicate me, LORD, for I have <sup>b</sup>walked in my integrity,  
And I have <sup>c</sup>trusted in the LORD <sup>2,d</sup>without wavering.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Examine me, LORD, and put me to the test;  
<sup>b</sup>Refine my <sup>1</sup>mind and my heart.
- 3 For Your <sup>a,1</sup>goodness is before my eyes,  
And I have <sup>b</sup>walked in Your truth.
- 4 I do not <sup>a</sup>sit with <sup>1</sup>deceitful people,  
Nor will I go with <sup>2,b</sup>pretenders.
- 5 I <sup>a</sup>hate the assembly of evildoers,  
And I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I will <sup>a</sup>wash my hands in innocence,  
And I will go around <sup>b</sup>Your altar, LORD,
- 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of <sup>a</sup>thanksgiving  
And declare all Your <sup>1</sup>wonders.
- 8 LORD, I <sup>a</sup>love the dwelling of Your house,  
And the place <sup>1</sup>where Your <sup>b</sup>glory remains.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Do not <sup>1</sup>take my soul away *along* with sinners,  
Nor my life with <sup>b</sup>men of bloodshed,
- 10 In whose hands is a <sup>a</sup>wicked scheme,  
And whose right hand is full of <sup>b</sup>bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I will <sup>a</sup>walk in my integrity;  
<sup>b</sup>Redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 <sup>a</sup>My foot stands on <sup>b</sup>level ground;  
In the <sup>c</sup>congregations I will bless the LORD.

## PSALM 27

## A PSALM OF FEARLESS TRUST IN GOD.

A *Psalm* of David.

- 1 The LORD is my <sup>a</sup>light and my <sup>b</sup>salvation;  
Whom should I fear?  
The LORD is the <sup>1,c</sup>defense of my life;  
<sup>a</sup>Whom should I dread?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to <sup>a</sup>devour my flesh,  
My adversaries and my enemies, they <sup>b</sup>stumbled and fell.
- 3 If an <sup>a</sup>army encamps against me,  
My heart will not fear;  
If war arises against me,  
In *spite of* this I am <sup>b</sup>confident.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:  
That I may <sup>b</sup>dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
To behold <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>beauty of the LORD  
And to <sup>2,d</sup>meditate in His temple.

26:1<sup>a</sup>Lit *Judge* <sup>2</sup>Lit *I do not slide*  
 26:2<sup>1</sup>Lit *kidneys*, figurative for inner man  
 26:3<sup>1</sup>Or *faithfulness* 26:4<sup>1</sup>Or *worthless men*; lit *men of falsehood* <sup>2</sup>Or *dissemblers, hypocrites* 26:7<sup>1</sup>Or *miracles*  
 26:8<sup>1</sup>Lit *of the tabernacle of Your glory*  
 26:9<sup>1</sup>Lit *gather* 27:1<sup>1</sup>Or *refuge*  
 27:4<sup>1</sup>Lit *delightfulness* <sup>2</sup>Lit *inquire*  
 26:1<sup>a</sup>Ps 7:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin 20:3; Prov 20:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps 13:5; 28:7 <sup>d</sup>Heb 10:23  
 26:2<sup>a</sup>Ps 17:3; 139:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps 7:9 26:3<sup>a</sup>Ps 48:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin 20:3; Ps 86:11  
 26:4<sup>a</sup>Ps 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps 28:3 26:5<sup>a</sup>Ps 31:6; 139:21 26:6<sup>a</sup>Ps 73:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps 43:3, 4  
 26:7<sup>a</sup>Ps 9:1 26:8<sup>a</sup>Ps 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps 24:7 26:9<sup>a</sup>Ps 28:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps 139:19  
 26:10<sup>a</sup>Ps 37:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps 15:5 26:11<sup>a</sup>Ps 26:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps 44:26; 69:18 26:12<sup>a</sup>Ps 40:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ps 27:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps 22:22 27:1<sup>a</sup>Ps 18:28; Is 60:20; Mic 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex 15:2; Ps 62:7;  
 118:14; Is 33:2; Jon 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps 28:8 <sup>d</sup>Ps 118:6 27:2<sup>a</sup>Ps 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps 9:3  
 27:3<sup>a</sup>Ps 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 4:6 27:4<sup>a</sup>Ps 26:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps 23:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps 90:17 <sup>d</sup>Ps 18:6

- 10 Go through, <sup>a</sup>go through the gates,  
Clear a way <sup>1</sup>for the people!  
<sup>b</sup>Build up, build up the <sup>c</sup>highway,  
Remove the stones, lift up a <sup>d</sup>flag over the peoples.
- 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the <sup>e</sup>end of the earth:  
<sup>b</sup>Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your <sup>c</sup>salvation is coming;  
<sup>d</sup>Behold His reward is with Him, and His compensation before Him.”
- 12 And they will call them, <sup>a</sup>“The holy people,  
The <sup>b</sup>redeemed of the LORD”;  
And you will be called, “Sought Out, A City <sup>c</sup>Not Abandoned.”

## GOD’S VENGEANCE ON THE NATIONS

- 63** Who is this who comes from <sup>a</sup>Edom,  
With <sup>b</sup>garments of <sup>1</sup>glowing colors from <sup>c</sup>Bozrah,  
This One who is majestic in His apparel,  
<sup>2</sup>Marching in the greatness of His strength?  
“It is I, the One who speaks in righteousness, <sup>d</sup>mighty to save.”
- 2 Why is Your apparel red,  
And Your garments like one who <sup>a</sup>treads in the wine press?
- 3 <sup>a</sup>“I have trodden the wine trough alone,  
And from the peoples there was no one with Me.  
I also <sup>b</sup>trod them in My anger  
And <sup>c</sup>trampled them in My wrath;  
And <sup>d</sup>their <sup>1</sup>lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments,  
And I <sup>2</sup>stained all My clothes.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>“For the <sup>a</sup>day of vengeance was in My heart,  
And My year of redemption has come.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>“I looked, but there was <sup>a</sup>no one to help,  
And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold;  
So My <sup>b</sup>own arm brought salvation to Me,  
And My wrath upheld Me.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>“I <sup>a</sup>trampled down the peoples in My anger  
And made them <sup>b</sup>drunk with My wrath,  
And I <sup>c</sup>poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

## GOD’S ANCIENT MERCIES RECALLED

- 7 I will make mention of the <sup>a</sup>mercies of the LORD, *and* the praises of  
the LORD,  
According to all that the LORD has granted us,  
And the great <sup>b</sup>goodness toward the house of Israel,  
Which He has granted them according to His <sup>c</sup>compassion  
And according to the abundance of His mercies.
- 8 For He said, “Certainly they are <sup>a</sup>My people,  
Sons who will not deal falsely.”  
So He became their <sup>b</sup>Savior.

**62:10** <sup>1</sup>Lit of  
**63:1** <sup>1</sup>Or crimson  
<sup>2</sup>Lit Inclining  
**63:3** <sup>1</sup>Lit juice  
<sup>2</sup>Lit defiled  
**63:6** <sup>1</sup>Lit  
brought down  
their juice to  
the earth

**62:10** <sup>a</sup>Is 26:1; 60:11, 18 <sup>b</sup>Is 57:14 <sup>c</sup>Is 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 49:11 <sup>d</sup>Is 11:10, 12; 49:22  
**62:11** <sup>a</sup>Is 42:10; 49:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt 21:5; Zech 9:9 <sup>c</sup>Is 51:5 <sup>d</sup>Is 40:10; Rev 22:12 **62:12** <sup>a</sup>Deut 7:6; Is 4:3;  
1 Pet 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Is 35:9; 51:10 <sup>c</sup>Is 41:17; 42:16; 62:4 **63:1** <sup>a</sup>Ps 137:7; Is 34:5, 6; Ezek 25:12-14; 35:1-15;  
Obad 1-14; Mal 1:2-5 <sup>b</sup>Is 63:2 <sup>c</sup>Is 34:6; Jer 49:13; Amos 1:12 <sup>d</sup>Zeph 3:17 **63:2** <sup>a</sup>Rev 19:13, 15  
**63:3** <sup>a</sup>Rev 14:20; 19:15 <sup>b</sup>Is 22:5; 28:3 <sup>c</sup>Mic 7:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev 19:13 **63:4** <sup>a</sup>Is 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Jer 51:6  
**63:5** <sup>a</sup>Is 59:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 44:3; Is 40:10; 52:10 **63:6** <sup>a</sup>Is 22:5; 34:2; 65:12 <sup>b</sup>Is 29:9; 51:17, 21  
**63:7** <sup>a</sup>Ps 25:6; 92:2; Is 54:8, 10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin 8:66; Neh 9:25, 35  
<sup>c</sup>Ps 51:1; 86:5, 15; Is 54:7, 8; Eph 2:4 **63:8** <sup>a</sup>Ex 6:7; Is 3:15; 51:4  
<sup>b</sup>Is 60:16

<sup>26</sup>So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

<sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I told you already and you did not <sup>b</sup>listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”

<sup>28</sup>They spoke abusively to him and said, “You are His disciple, but <sup>a</sup>we are disciples of Moses.

<sup>29</sup>“We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, <sup>a</sup>we do not know where He is from.”

<sup>30</sup>The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is the amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes!

<sup>31</sup>“We know that <sup>a</sup>God does not listen to sinners; but if someone is <sup>1</sup>God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him.

<sup>32</sup>“Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

<sup>33</sup>“<sup>a</sup>If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “<sup>a</sup>You were born entirely in sins, and *yet* you are teaching us?” So they <sup>1,b</sup>put him out.

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<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had <sup>1,a</sup>put him out, and upon finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the <sup>b</sup>Son of Man?”

<sup>36</sup>He answered <sup>b</sup>by saying, “And <sup>a</sup>who is He, <sup>2</sup>Sir, that I may believe in Him?”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and <sup>a</sup>He is the one who is talking with you.”

<sup>38</sup>And he said, “I believe, Lord.” And he <sup>a</sup>worshiped Him.

<sup>39</sup>And Jesus said, “<sup>a</sup>For judgment I came into this world, so that <sup>b</sup>those who do not see may see, and <sup>c</sup>those who see may become blind.”

<sup>40</sup>Those who were with Him from the Pharisees heard these things and said to Him, “<sup>a</sup>We are not blind too, are we?”

<sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “<sup>a</sup>If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now *that* you maintain, “We see,” your sin remains.

#### PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**10** “Truly, truly I say to you, the one who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is <sup>a</sup>a thief and a robber.

<sup>2</sup>“But the one who enters by the door is <sup>a</sup>a shepherd of the sheep.

<sup>3</sup>“To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep listen to <sup>a</sup>his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and <sup>b</sup>leads them out.

<sup>4</sup>“When he puts all his own *sheep* outside, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know <sup>a</sup>his voice.

<sup>5</sup>“However, a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know <sup>a</sup>the voice of strangers.”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus told them this <sup>a</sup>figure of speech, but they did not understand what the things which He was saying to them <sup>1</sup>meant.

<sup>9:27</sup><sup>a</sup>John 9:15 <sup>b</sup>John 5:25 <sup>9:28</sup><sup>a</sup>John 5:45; Rom 2:17 <sup>9:29</sup><sup>a</sup>John 8:14  
<sup>9:31</sup><sup>a</sup>Job 27:8f; 35:13; Ps 34:15f; 66:18; 145:19; Prov 15:29; 28:9; Is 1:15; James 5:16ff  
<sup>9:33</sup><sup>a</sup>John 3:2; 9:16 <sup>9:34</sup><sup>a</sup>John 9:2 <sup>b</sup>John 9:22, 35; 3 John 10 <sup>9:35</sup><sup>a</sup>John 9:22, 34;  
3 John 10 <sup>b</sup>Matt 4:3 <sup>9:36</sup><sup>a</sup>Rom 10:14 <sup>9:37</sup><sup>a</sup>John 4:26 <sup>9:38</sup><sup>a</sup>Matt 8:2  
<sup>9:39</sup><sup>a</sup>John 3:19; 5:22, 27 <sup>b</sup>Luke 4:18 <sup>c</sup>Matt 13:13; 15:14 <sup>9:40</sup><sup>a</sup>Rom 2:19  
<sup>9:41</sup><sup>a</sup>John 15:22, 24 <sup>b</sup>Prov 26:12 <sup>10:1</sup><sup>a</sup>John 10:8 <sup>10:2</sup><sup>a</sup>John 10:11f  
<sup>10:3</sup><sup>a</sup>John 10:4f, 16, 27 <sup>b</sup>John 10:9 <sup>10:4</sup><sup>a</sup>John 10:5, 16, 27 <sup>10:5</sup><sup>a</sup>John 10:4, 16, 27  
<sup>10:6</sup><sup>a</sup>John 16:25, 29; 2 Pet 2:22

<sup>9:31</sup><sup>1</sup>Or *devout*  
<sup>9:32</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit *From the age it was not heard* <sup>9:34</sup><sup>1</sup>i.e., prob. excommunication from the synagogue <sup>9:35</sup><sup>1</sup>See note v 34  
<sup>9:36</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit *and said*  
<sup>2</sup>Or *Lord*  
<sup>10:6</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit *were*

## THE DANGER OF FALLING AWAY

**6** Therefore <sup>a</sup>leaving <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>elementary teaching about the <sup>2</sup>Christ, let us press on to <sup>3,c</sup>maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from <sup>d</sup>dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup>of <sup>a</sup>instruction about <sup>1</sup>washings and <sup>b</sup>laying on of hands, and about the <sup>c</sup>resurrection of the dead and <sup>e</sup>eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup>And this we will do, <sup>a</sup>if God permits. <sup>4</sup>For it is <sup>a</sup>impossible, in the case of those who have once been <sup>a</sup>enlightened and have tasted of <sup>b</sup>the heavenly gift and have been made <sup>c</sup>partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and <sup>a</sup>have tasted the good <sup>b</sup>word of God and the powers of <sup>c</sup>the age to come, <sup>6</sup>and *then* have <sup>1</sup>fallen away, to <sup>a</sup>restore them again to repentance, <sup>2,b</sup>since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. <sup>7</sup>For ground that drinks the rain which often <sup>1</sup>falls on it and produces vegetation useful to those <sup>a</sup>for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; <sup>8</sup>but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and <sup>1,a</sup>close to being cursed, and <sup>2</sup>it ends up being burned.

## BETTER THINGS FOR YOU

<sup>9</sup>But, <sup>a</sup>beloved, we are convinced of better things regarding you, and things that <sup>1</sup>accompany salvation, even though we are speaking in this way. <sup>10</sup>For <sup>a</sup>God is not unjust so as to forget <sup>b</sup>your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, by having <sup>c</sup>served and by *still* serving the <sup>1</sup>saints. <sup>11</sup>And we desire that each one of you demonstrate the same diligence <sup>1</sup>so as to realize the <sup>a</sup>full assurance of <sup>b</sup>hope until the end, <sup>12</sup>so that you will not be sluggish, but <sup>a</sup>imitators of those who through <sup>b</sup>faith and endurance <sup>c</sup>inherit the promises. <sup>13</sup>For <sup>a</sup>when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear an oath by no one greater, He <sup>b</sup>swore by Himself, <sup>14</sup>saying, <sup>a</sup>“INDEED I WILL GREATLY BLESS YOU AND I WILL GREATLY MULTIPLY YOU.” <sup>15</sup>And so, <sup>a</sup>having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup><sup>a</sup>For people swear an oath by <sup>1</sup>one greater *than themselves*, and with them <sup>b</sup>an oath *-serving* as confirmation is an end of every dispute. <sup>17</sup><sup>1</sup>In the same way God, desiring even more to demonstrate to <sup>a</sup>the heirs of the promise <sup>2,b</sup>the fact that His purpose is unchangeable, <sup>3</sup>confirmed it with an oath, <sup>18</sup>so that by two unchangeable things in which <sup>a</sup>it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to hold firmly to <sup>b</sup>the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup><sup>1</sup>This <sup>a</sup>hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and reliable and one which <sup>b</sup>enters <sup>2</sup>within the veil,

**6:1**<sup>1</sup> Lit word of the beginning  
<sup>2</sup> i.e., Messiah <sup>3</sup> Or perfection  
**6:2**<sup>1</sup> Or baptisms **6:6**<sup>1</sup> Or committed  
apostasy; i.e., renounced the faith  
<sup>2</sup> Or while **6:7**<sup>1</sup> Lit comes **6:8**<sup>1</sup> Lit near  
to a curse <sup>2</sup> Lit whose end is for burning  
**6:9**<sup>1</sup> Or belong to **6:10**<sup>1</sup> Lit holy ones;  
i.e., God's people **6:11**<sup>1</sup> Lit to the full  
**6:16**<sup>1</sup> Or Him who is greater  
**6:17**<sup>1</sup> Lit In which <sup>2</sup> Lit the unchange-  
ableness of His <sup>3</sup> Or mediated  
**6:19**<sup>1</sup> Lit Which hope we have  
<sup>2</sup> Or inside

**6:1**<sup>1</sup> Phil 3:13f <sup>b</sup> Heb 5:12 <sup>c</sup> Heb 5:14 <sup>d</sup> Heb 9:14 **6:2**<sup>1</sup> John 3:25;  
Acts 19:3f <sup>a</sup> Acts 6:6 <sup>c</sup> Acts 17:31f **6:3**<sup>1</sup> Acts 18:21 **6:4**<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor 4:4, 6;  
Heb 10:32 <sup>b</sup> John 4:10; Eph 2:8 <sup>c</sup> Gal 3:2; Heb 2:4 **6:5**<sup>1</sup> 1 Pet 2:3  
<sup>b</sup> Eph 6:17 <sup>c</sup> Heb 2:5 **6:6**<sup>1</sup> Matt 19:26; Heb 10:26f; 2 Pet 2:21; 1 John 5:16  
<sup>b</sup> Heb 10:29 **6:7**<sup>2</sup> Tim 2:6 **6:8**<sup>1</sup> Gen 3:17f; Deut 29:22ff **6:9**<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor 10:14;  
2 Cor 7:1; 12:19; 1 Pet 2:11; 2 Pet 3:1; 1 John 2:7; Jude 3 **6:10**<sup>1</sup> Prov 19:17;  
Matt 10:42; 25:40; Acts 10:4 <sup>b</sup> 1 Thess 1:3 <sup>c</sup> Rom 15:25; Heb 10:32-34  
**6:11**<sup>1</sup> Heb 10:22 <sup>b</sup> Heb 3:6 **6:12**<sup>1</sup> Heb 13:7 <sup>b</sup> 2 Thess 1:4; James 1:3;  
Rev 13:10 <sup>c</sup> Heb 1:14 **6:13**<sup>1</sup> Gal 3:15, 18 <sup>b</sup> Gen 22:16; Luke 1:73  
**6:14**<sup>1</sup> Gen 22:17 **6:15**<sup>1</sup> Gen 12:4; 21:5 **6:16**<sup>1</sup> Gal 3:15 <sup>b</sup> Ex 22:11  
**6:17**<sup>1</sup> Heb 11:9 <sup>b</sup> Ps 110:4; Prov 19:21; Heb 6:18 **6:18**<sup>1</sup> Num 23:19; Titus 1:2  
<sup>b</sup> Heb 3:6; 7:19 **6:19**<sup>1</sup> Ps 39:7; 62:5; Acts 23:6; Rom 4:18; 5:4, 5; 1 Cor 13:13;  
Col 1:27; 1 Pet 1:3 <sup>b</sup> Lev 16:2, 15; Heb 9:3, 7

## THE ANGEL AND THE LITTLE SCROLL

**10** I saw another <sup>a</sup>strong angel <sup>b</sup>coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the <sup>c</sup>rainbow was on his head, and <sup>d</sup>his face was like the sun, and his <sup>e</sup>feet like pillars of fire;  
<sup>2</sup>and he had in his hand a <sup>a</sup>little scroll, which was open. He placed <sup>b</sup>his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;  
<sup>3</sup>and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>a</sup>as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the <sup>b</sup>seven peals of thunder <sup>1</sup>uttered their voices.  
<sup>4</sup>When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, <sup>a</sup>I was about to write; and I <sup>b</sup>heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land <sup>a</sup>raised his right hand to heaven,  
<sup>6</sup>and swore by <sup>b</sup>Him who lives forever and ever, <sup>c</sup>who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that <sup>d</sup>there will no longer be a delay,  
<sup>7</sup>but in the days of the voice of the <sup>a</sup>seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then <sup>b</sup>the mystery of God is finished, as He announced to His servants the prophets.  
<sup>8</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, “Go, take <sup>b</sup>the scroll which is open in the hand of the angel who <sup>b</sup>stands on the sea and on the land.”  
<sup>9</sup>And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, “<sup>a</sup>Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”  
<sup>10</sup>I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.  
<sup>11</sup>And <sup>a</sup>they <sup>\*</sup>said to me, “You must <sup>b</sup>prophesy again concerning <sup>c</sup>many peoples, nations, languages, and <sup>d</sup>kings.”

## THE TWO WITNESSES

**11** Then there was given to me a <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>measuring rod like a staff; <sup>2</sup>and <sup>b</sup>some-one said, “Get up and measure the <sup>3</sup>temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.  
<sup>2</sup>“<sup>1</sup>Leave out the <sup>a</sup>courtyard which is outside the <sup>2</sup>temple and do not measure it, because <sup>b</sup>it has been given to the nations; and they will <sup>b</sup>trample <sup>c</sup>the holy city for <sup>d</sup>forty-two months.  
<sup>3</sup>“And I will grant *authority* to my two <sup>a</sup>witnesses, and they will prophesy for <sup>b</sup>1,260 days, clothed in <sup>c</sup>sackcloth.”  
<sup>4</sup>These are the <sup>a</sup>two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup>And if anyone wants to harm them, <sup>a</sup>fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and *so* if anyone wants to harm them, <sup>b</sup>he must be killed in this way.

**10:1**<sup>a</sup> Rev 5:2 <sup>b</sup> Rev 18:1; 20:1 <sup>c</sup> Rev 4:3 <sup>d</sup> Matt 17:2; Rev 1:16 <sup>e</sup> Rev 1:15 **10:2**<sup>a</sup> Rev 5:1; 10:8-10  
<sup>b</sup> Rev 10:5, 8 **10:3**<sup>a</sup> Is 31:4; Hos 11:10 <sup>b</sup> Ps 29:3-9; Rev 4:5 **10:4**<sup>a</sup> Rev 1:11, 19 <sup>b</sup> Rev 10:8 <sup>c</sup> Dan 8:26;  
12:4, 9; Rev 22:10 **10:5**<sup>a</sup> Deut 32:40; Dan 12:7 **10:6**<sup>a</sup> Gen 14:22; Ex 6:8; Num 14:30; Ezek 20:5  
<sup>b</sup> Rev 4:9 <sup>c</sup> Ex 20:11; Rev 4:11 <sup>d</sup> Rev 6:11; 12:12; 16:17; 21:6 **10:7**<sup>a</sup> Rev 11:15 <sup>b</sup> Amos 3:7; Rom 16:25  
**10:8**<sup>a</sup> Rev 10:4 <sup>b</sup> Rev 10:2 **10:9**<sup>a</sup> Jer 15:16; Ezek 2:8; 3:1-3 **10:11**<sup>a</sup> Rev 11:1 <sup>b</sup> Ezek 37:4, 9 <sup>c</sup> Rev 5:9  
<sup>d</sup> Rev 17:10, 12 **11:1**<sup>a</sup> Ezek 40:3-42:20; Zech 2:1; Rev 21:15f <sup>b</sup> Rev 10:11 **11:2**<sup>a</sup> Ezek 40:17, 20  
<sup>b</sup> Luke 21:24 <sup>c</sup> Is 52:1; Matt 4:5; 27:53; Rev 21:2, 10; 22:19 <sup>d</sup> Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:6; 13:5  
**11:3**<sup>a</sup> Rev 1:5; 2:13 <sup>b</sup> Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:6; 13:5 <sup>c</sup> Gen 37:34; 2 Sam 3:31; 1 Kin 21:27; 2 Kin 19:1f;  
Neh 9:1; Esth 4:1; Ps 69:11; Joel 1:13; Jon 3:5f, 8 **11:4**<sup>a</sup> Ps 52:8; Jer 11:16; Zech 4:3, 11, 14  
**11:5**<sup>a</sup> 2 Kin 1:10-12; Jer 5:14; Rev 9:17f <sup>b</sup> Num 16:29, 35

**10:3**<sup>1</sup> Or *spoke*  
**11:1**<sup>1</sup> Lit *reed*  
<sup>2</sup> Lit *saying*  
<sup>3</sup> Or *sanctuary*  
**11:2**<sup>1</sup> Lit  
*Throw out*  
<sup>2</sup> Or *sanctuary*