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The Creation of the World

1 In the ^abeginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was ^bwithout form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, ^d“Let there be an expanse^e in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made^f the expanse and ^gseparated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were ^habove the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven.ⁱ And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, ^e“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth,^j and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, ^h“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants^k yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for ^lsigns and for ^mseasons,ⁱ and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God ^hmade the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to ⁿrule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

1:1 ^a Job 38:4-7; Ps. 33:6; 136:5; Isa. 42:5; 45:18; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:15; 17:24; Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:10; 11:3; Rev. 4:11
1:2 ^b Jer. 4:23
1:3 ^c 2 Cor. 4:6
1:6 ^d Job 37:18; Ps. 136:5; Jer. 10:12; 51:15
1:7 ^e Prov. 8:27-29 / Ps. 148:4
1:9 ^f Job 38:8-11; Ps. 33:7; 136:6; Jer. 5:22; 2 Pet. 3:5
1:11 ^g Ps. 104:14

1:14 ^h Jer. 10:2; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; 3:15; Matt. 24:29; Luke 21:25 / Ps. 104:19
1:16 ⁱ Deut. 4:19; Ps. 136:7-9
1:18 ^j Jer. 31:35

1:21 ^k Ps. 104:25, 26
1:22 ^l ch. 8:17; 9:1
1:26 ^m ch. 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8
ⁿ ch. 5:1; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; James 3:9
^o ch. 9:2; Ps. 8:6-8; James 3:7
1:27 ^p ch. 2:18; 21-23; 5:2; Mal. 2:15; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6
1:28 ^q ch. 9:1, 7
1:29 ^r ch. 9:3; Ps. 104:14, 15; 145:15, 16
1:30 ^s Ps. 147:9

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds^t fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So ^uGod created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, ^v“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, ^w“Let us make man^v in our image, ^xafter our likeness. And ^ylet them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
^zmale and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, ^v“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And ^uto every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it

¹ Or a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20 ² Or fashioned; also verse 16 ³ Or Sky; also verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ⁴ Or Land; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ⁵ Or small plants; also verses 12, 29 ⁶ Or appointed times ⁷ Or flying things; see Leviticus 11:19-20 ⁸ The Hebrew word for man (adam) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam

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was so.³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

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

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Then the LORD God said, “It is not

1:31 v Eccles. 7:29; 1 Tim. 4:4
2:1 v Deut. 4:19; Ps. 33:6
2:2 v Ex. 20:8-11; 31:17; Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4
2:4 v ch. 1:1
2:5 v [ch. 1:11, 12] v ch. 3:23
2:7 v ch. 3:19, 23; 18:27; Ps. 103:14; Eccles. 12:7; 1 Cor. 15:47 v ch. 7:22; Job 33:4; Isa. 2:22 v Job 27:3 v Cited 1 Cor. 15:45
2:8 v ver. 15; ch. 13:10; Isa. 51:3; Ezek. 28:13; 31:8; Joel 2:3
2:9 v ch. 3:22; Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14 v ver. 17
2:11 v ch. 10:7, 29; 25:18; 1 Sam. 15:7
2:14 v Dan. 10:4
2:15 v ver. 8
2:17 v ch. 3:1-3, 11, 17 v Rom. 6:23; James 1:15

2:18 v 1 Cor. 11:9; 1 Tim. 2:13
2:19 v ch. 1:20, 24 v Ps. 8:6
2:21 v ch. 15:12; 1 Sam. 26:12
2:23 v ch. 29:14; Judg. 9:2; 2 Sam. 5:1; 19:13; [Eph. 5:28-30] v 1 Cor. 11:8
2:24 v Cited Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31; [Ps. 45:10; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11]
3:1 v Matt. 10:16; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; 20:2
3:3 v ch. 2:17
3:4 v ver. 13; John 8:44; [2 Cor. 11:3]
3:6 v 1 Tim. 2:14 v ver. 12, 17; Hos. 6:7
3:7 v ver. 5 v ch. 2:25

good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Fall

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

¹ Or open country ² Or earth; also verse 6 ³ Or spring ⁴ Or when you eat ⁵ Or corresponding to; also verse 20 ⁶ Or And out of the ground the LORD God formed ⁷ Or the man ⁸ Hebrew built ⁹ The Hebrew words for woman (ishshah) and man (ish) sound alike ¹⁰ In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1-5 ¹¹ Or to give insight

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool² of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”³ ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, ⁴“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, ⁴“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring² and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

⁷Your desire shall be for¹ your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it;’

^mcursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; ^ofor you are dust, and ^pto dust you shall return.”

3:8 ¹[Ps. 139:1-12; Jer. 23:23, 24]

3:10 ¹ver. 7; ch. 2:25

3:12 ⁴ch. 2:18; Job 31:33

3:13 ¹ver. 4;

2 Cor. 11:3;

1 Tim. 2:14

3:14 ¹Isa. 65:25; Mic. 7:17

3:15 ¹Isa. 7:14;

Mic. 5:3; Matt. 1:23, 25; Luke 1:34, 35; Gal. 4:4; 1 Tim. 2:15

¹Rom. 16:20; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:1-3, 10

3:16 ¹[John 16:21] / ch. 4:7; Song 7:10

¹1 Cor. 11:3;

14:34; Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:11, 12; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1, 5, 6

3:17 ¹ch. 2:17

^mch. 5:29;

[Rom. 8:20-22]

²Eccles. 2:22, 23

3:19 ¹ch. 2:7;

Ps. 103:14 ²Job 34:15; Ps. 104:29; Eccles. 3:20; 12:7; Rom. 5:12

3:22 ¹ver. 5

¹ch. 2:9

3:23 ¹ch. 2:5

3:24 ¹Ps. 18:10;

104:4; Heb. 1:7; [Ex. 25:18-22; Ezek. 28:11-16]

4:3 ¹Lev. 2:12; Num. 18:12

4:4 ¹Ex. 13:12; Num. 18:17;

Prov. 3:9 ²Heb. 11:4

4:5 ¹[Prov. 21:27]

4:7 ¹Eccles. 8:12, 13; Isa. 3:10, 11; Rom. 2:6-11 ¹ch. 3:16

4:8 ¹Matt. 23:35; Heb. 12:24; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11

4:9 ¹John 8:44

4:10 ¹Heb. 12:24; [Rev. 6:10]

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.¹ ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, ⁴“Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden ⁵to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten¹ a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of “the fruit of the ground,” and Abel also brought of “the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but not for Cain and his offering; he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? ²And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for¹ you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, ⁶“I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now ^dyou are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My ^opunishment is greater than I

¹Hebrew *wind* ²In Hebrew *you* is singular in verses 9

and 11 ³Hebrew *seed*; so throughout Genesis ⁴Or

against ⁵Eve sounds like the Hebrew for *life-giver* and

resembles the word for *living* ⁶Cain sounds like the

Hebrew for *gotten* ⁷Hebrew *will there not be a lifting up* [of

your face]? ⁸Or *against* ⁹Hebrew; Samaritan,

Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate add *Let us go out to the field*

4:11 ¹Deut. 27:24; [Num. 35:33] **4:13** ¹ch. 19:15

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can bear.¹⁴ Behold, ^fyou have driven me today away from the ground, and ^gfrom your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth,^h and whoever finds me will kill me.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him ⁱsevenfold.” And the LORD ^jput a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod,^k east of Eden.

¹⁷Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.¹⁸ To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.¹⁹ And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.²⁰ Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.²¹ His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.²² Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what
I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.

²⁴ ^kIf Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-
sevenfold.”

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed^l for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.”²⁶ To ^mSeth also a son was born, and he called his name ⁿEnosh. At that time people began ^oto call upon the name of the LORD.

Adam's Descendants to Noah

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, ^phe made him in the likeness of God.² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man^q when they were created.³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and ^rnamed him Seth.^{4a} The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters.⁵ Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years,^r and he died.

⁶When Seth had lived 105 years, ^she fa-

4:14 ^fJob 15:20-24
^g2 Kgs. 24:20; Ps. 51:11; 143:7; Jer. 52:3
^hch. 9:6; Num. 35:19

4:15 ⁱPs. 79:12
^j(Ezek. 9:4, 6; Rev. 14:9, 11)

4:24 ^kver. 15

4:26 ^l1 Chr.

¹1; Luke 3:38

^mch. 5:6 ⁿPs.

116:17; Zeph.

3:9; Zech. 13:9

5:1 ^oSee ch.

1:26, 27

5:3 ^pch. 4:25

5:4 ^qFor ver. 4-

32, see 1 Chr.

1:1-4; Luke

3:36-38

5:5 ^rch. 3:19

5:6 ^sch. 4:26

thered Enosh.⁷ Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters.⁸ Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

⁹When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan.¹⁰ Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters.¹¹ Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

¹²When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel.¹³ Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters.¹⁴ Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

¹⁵When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared.¹⁶ Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters.¹⁷ Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

¹⁸When Jared had lived 162 years he fathered Enoch.¹⁹ Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters.²⁰ Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

²¹When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah.²² Enoch ^uwalked with God^v after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters.²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years.²⁴ Enoch ^wwalked with God, and he was not,^v for God took him.

²⁵When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech.²⁶ Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters.²⁷ Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

²⁸When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground^w that the LORD has cursed this one shall bring us relief^x from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.”³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters.³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³²After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered ^yShem, Ham, and ^zJapheth.

Increasing Corruption on Earth

6 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.³ Then the LORD said, “^{4a}My Spirit shall not abide in^v man forever, ^{4b}for he is flesh: his days

^vOr My guilt is too great to bear ^vNod means wandering
^vSeth sounds like the Hebrew for he appointed ^vHebrew adam ^vSeptuagint pleased God ^vSeptuagint was not found ^vNoah sounds like the Hebrew for rest ^vOr My Spirit shall not contend with

5:18 ^jJude 14

5:22 ^pver. 24;

ch. 6:9; [Mic.

6:8; Mal. 2:6]

5:24 ^q[See ver.

22 above]

^rHeb. 11:5;

[2 Kgs. 2:11]

5:29 ^wch. 3:17

5:32 ^xch. 6:10

^ych. 10:21

6:3 ^z1 Pet. 3:19;

20; [Neh. 9:30;

Gal. 5:16, 17]

^zPs. 78:39

shall be 120 years.”⁴The Nephilim¹ were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.⁶And ⁴the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.⁷So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”⁸But Noah¹ found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah and the Flood

⁹These are the generations of Noah. ²Noah was a righteous man, ³blameless in his generation. Noah¹ walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God¹ saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, ²for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, ¹⁴“I have determined to make an end of all flesh,¹ for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood.¹ Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits,¹ its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof¹ for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But¹ I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.”²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

6:5 ¹Ps. 14:2, 3
¹ ch. 8:21; Job 14:4; 15:14; Ps. 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:19; Rom. 3:23

6:6 ¹1 Sam. 15:11; 2 Sam. 24:16; Joel 2:13; [Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29] ¹ Isa. 63:10; Eph. 4:30

6:8 ¹ch. 19:19; Ex. 33:12, 13, 16, 17

6:9 ¹ch. 7:1; Ezek. 14:14, 20; 2 Pet. 2:5
¹ Job 1:1, 8; Luke 1:6 ¹ch. 5:22, 24; [Heb. 11:7]

6:12 ¹Ps. 14:2, 3; 53:2, 3 ¹ Job 22:15-17

6:13 ¹Ezek. 7:2, 3, 6

6:17 ¹ch. 7:4; 2 Pet. 2:5

6:18 ¹ch. 9:9, 11

6:22 ¹Heb. 11:7; [Ex. 40:16]

7:1 ¹Matt. 24:38, 39; Luke 17:26, 27; Heb. 11:7; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5
¹ ch. 6:9

7:2 ¹ch. 8:20; [Lev. 11]

7:4 ¹ver. 12, 17; [Job 37:11-13] ¹ ch. 6:17

7:5 ¹ch. 6:22

7:11 ¹ch. 8:2; Prov. 8:28; [Amos 9:6] ¹ch. 8:2; 2 Kgs. 7:19;

Isa. 24:18; Mal. 3:10; [Ps. 78:23]

7:15 ¹ch. 6:20

7:16 ¹ver. 2, 3

7:17 ¹ver. 4, 12

7 Then the LORD said to Noah,¹ “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals,¹ the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, ³and seven pairs¹ of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days¹ I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights,¹ and every living thing¹ that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.”⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, ¹⁴and they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. ¹⁵They³ went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰The waters prevailed above the

¹ Or giants ¹ Hebrew *The end of all flesh has come before me*

² An unknown kind of tree; transliterated from Hebrew

³ A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters ⁴ Or

skylight ⁵ Or seven of each kind of clean animal ¹ Or seven of

each kind ¹ Hebrew *all existence*; also verse 23

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head of Manasseh, ¹crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). ¹⁵And he blessed Joseph and said,

“The God ^mbefore whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ ⁿthe angel who has ^oredeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let ^pmy name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them ^qgrow into a multitude^r in the midst of the earth.”

¹⁷When Joseph saw that his father ^rlaid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. ¹⁸And Joseph said to his father, “Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.” ¹⁹But his father refused and said, ^r“I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, ^shis younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude^t of nations.” ²⁰So he blessed them that day, saying,

“By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying,
“God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.””

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. ²¹Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die, but ^uGod will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers. ²²Moreover, I have given to ^vyou rather than to your brothers one mountain slope^v that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.”

Jacob Blesses His Sons

49 ^wThen Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you ^xin days to come.

- ² “Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.
³ “Reuben, you are ^ymy firstborn, my might, and the ^zfirstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.
⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence,

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because you ^awent up to your father’s bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

- ⁵ ^b“Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons ^cof violence are their swords.
⁶ Let my soul come not into their council; ^dO my glory, ^ebe not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they ^fhamstrung oxen.
⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will ^gdivide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.
⁸ “Judah, ^hyour brothers shall praise you; ⁱyour hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; ^jyour father’s sons shall bow down before you.
⁹ Judah is ^ka lion’s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. ^lHe stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
¹⁰ The ^mscepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff ⁿfrom between his feet, until tribute comes to him; ^oand to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
¹¹ Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes.
¹² His ^peyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.
¹³ ^p“Zebulun shall dwell at the ^qshore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon.
¹⁴ ^r“Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. ¹⁵ He saw that a resting place was good,

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- and that the land was pleasant,
so he bowed his shoulder to bear,
and became a servant at forced
labor.
- 16 ^t“Dan shall ^ujudge his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 Dan ^vshall be a serpent in the way,
a viper by the path,
that bites the horse’s heels
so that his rider falls backward.
- 18 I ^wwait for your salvation, O LORD.
- 19 ^x“Raiders shall raid ^yGad,¹
but he shall raid at their heels.
- 20 ^z“Asher’s food shall be rich,
and he shall yield royal delicacies.
- 21 ^a“Naphtali is a doe let loose
that bears beautiful fawns.¹
- 22 “Joseph is ^ba fruitful bough,
a fruitful bough by a spring;
his branches run over the wall.¹
- 23 The archers ^cbitterly attacked him,
shot at him, and harassed him
severely,
- 24 yet ^dhis bow remained unmoved;
his arms¹ were made agile
by the hands of the ^eMighty One of
Jacob
(from there is ^fthe Shepherd,¹ ^gthe
Stone of Israel),
- 25 ^hby the God of your father who will
help you,
by ⁱthe Almighty¹ who will bless
you
with blessings of heaven above,
blessings of the deep that crouches
beneath,
blessings of the breasts and of the
womb.
- 26 The blessings of your father
are mighty beyond the blessings of
my parents,
up to the bounties ^kof the
everlasting hills.¹
May they be ^lon the head of Joseph,
and on the brow of him who was set
apart from his brothers.
- 27 ^m“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf,
in the morning devouring the prey
and at evening ⁿdividing the spoil.²

Jacob’s Death and Burial

²⁸All these are the twelve tribes of Israel.
This is what their father said to them as he
blessed them, blessing each with the blessing
suitable to him. ²⁹Then he commanded
them and said to them, “I am to be ^ogath-

ered to my people; ^pbury me with my fathers
^qin the cave that is in the field of
Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰in the cave that is in
the field at Machpelah, to the east of
Mamre, in the land of Canaan, ^rwhich Abra-
ham bought with the field from Ephron
the Hittite to possess as a burying place.
³¹There they buried Abraham and Sarah
his wife. There ^tthey buried Isaac and Re-
bekah his wife, and there I buried Leah—
³²the field and the cave that is in it were
bought from the Hittites.” ³³When Jacob
finished commanding his sons, he drew up
his feet into the bed and breathed his last
and ^uwas gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph ^vfell on his father’s face
and wept over him and kissed him.
²And Joseph commanded his servants the
physicians to ^wembalm his father. So the
physicians embalmed Israel. ³Forty days
were required for it, for that is how many
are required for embalming. And the Egyp-
tians ^xwept for him seventy days.

⁴And when the days of weeping for him
were past, Joseph spoke to the household
of Pharaoh, saying, ^y“If now I have found
favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of
Pharaoh, saying, ⁵My father made me
swear, saying, ‘I am about to die; in my
tomb ^zthat I hewed out for myself in the
land of Canaan, there shall you bury me.’
Now therefore, let me please go up and
bury my father. Then I will return.” ⁶And
Pharaoh answered, “Go up, and bury your
father, as he made you swear.” ⁷So Joseph
went up to bury his father. With him went
up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of
his household, and all the elders of the land
of Egypt, ⁸as well as all the household of Jo-
seph, his brothers, and his father’s house-
hold. Only their children, their flocks, and
their herds were left ^ain the land of Goshen.
⁹And there went up with him both chariots
and horsemen. It was a very great company.
¹⁰When they came to the threshing floor of
Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, ^bthey
lamented there with a very great and grievous
lamentation, and he ^cmade a mourning
for his father seven days. ¹¹When the in-
habitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw
the mourning on the threshing floor of
Atad, they said, “This is a grievous mourn-
ing by the Egyptians.” Therefore the place
was named Abel-mizraim; ¹it is beyond the
Jordan. ¹²Thus his sons did for him as he
had commanded them, ¹³for ^dhis sons car-
ried him to the land of Canaan and buried