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THE CREATION OF THE WORLD



n the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without 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, "Let there be an expanse^a in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made^b the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. *And God called the expanse Heaven. ^c And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "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, ^d and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

"And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants" yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The 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. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds⁹ fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God 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. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "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

^aOr a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20 ^bOr fashioned; also verse 16 ^cOr Sky; also verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ^aOr Land; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ^cOr small plants; also verses 12, 29 ^fOr appointed times ^gOr flying things; see Leviticus 11:19–20

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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, "Let us make man^a in our image, after our likeness. And let 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; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "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." 29 And 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. 30 And to 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 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



hus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² 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.

^aThe Hebrew word for man (adam) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam ^bOr open country ^cOr earth; also verse 6 ^dOr spring

³So 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

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.

⁵When no bush of the field^b 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, 6 and a mist^d was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7then 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. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 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.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat^a of it you shall surely die."

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18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone: I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 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. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam^d there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 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. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 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."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.



THE FALL



ow 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, 'You⁹ shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said

tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ 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." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that it tere was to be desired to make one wise, ^h she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool 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?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The 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.

"Or when you eat b"Or corresponding to; also verse 20 c"Or And out of the ground the Lord God formed d"Or the man "Hebrew built Inhe Hebrew words for woman (ishshah) and man (ish) sound alike In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1-5 or to give insight Hebrew wind In Hebrew you is singular in verses 9 and 11

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^a 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. Your desire shall be contrary to^b your husband, but he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And 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,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all
the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall

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

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

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

"Hebrew seed; so throughout Genesis" Or shall be toward (see 4:7) "Eve sounds like the Hebrew for life-giver and resembles the word for living "Cain sounds like the Hebrew for gotten" Hebrew will there not be a lifting up [of your face]? "For is toward "Hebrew; Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate add Let us go out to the field

²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them

²²Then the LORD God said, "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 to 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



ow Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten^d 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. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 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 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?^e And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

*Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The

voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. 11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." 13 Cain said to the LORD. "My punishment is greater than I can bear." ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, 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 sevenfold." And the LORD put 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, beast of Eden.

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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.
If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

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



ADAM'S DESCENDANTS TO NOAH



his is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and fe-

male he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man^d when they were created. ³When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

⁶When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. ⁷Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁸Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

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

¹²When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. ¹³Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁴Thus 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. ¹⁷Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

^aOr My guilt is too great to bear ^bNod means wandering ^cSeth sounds like the Hebrew for he appointed ^dHebrew adam

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

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

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

²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief^c 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.

³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.



INCREASING CORRUPTION ON EARTH



hen man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the

daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide

in^d man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴The Nephilim^e 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 the LORD regretted 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 Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah 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. 12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood.⁹ Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, hits breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. 16 Make a roof 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, 17 For 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

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THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST



he book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ^a ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ^b ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, ^c and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, ^d and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and

Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ^e took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

Greek Aram; also verse 4 **Asaph* is probably an alternate spelling of Asa; some manuscripts Asa; also verse 8 **Amos is probably an alternate spelling of Amon; some manuscripts Amon; twice in this verse **Greek Salathiel; twice in this verse **Some manuscripts of the Christ **IThat is, legally pledged to be married

1:1 [Luke 3:23-38]; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:32, 69; John 7:42; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Rom. 1:3 2; Tim. 2:8; Rev. 22:16; Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16 1:2 Gen. 21:3; Gen. 25:26; Gen. 29:35 1:3 [Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chr. 21:1-5] 1:5 Josh. 6:25 1:6 1 Sam. 16:1; 17:12; 2 Sam. 12:24; 2 Sam. 12:10 1:7 For ver. 7-10, see 1 Chr. 3:10-14 1:8 [2 Kgs. 15:1; 1 Chr. 3:11, 12] 1:11 1 Chr. 3:15, 16; Esth. 2:6; Jer. 24:1; 27:20 1:12 1 Chr. 3:17-19; Luke 3:27; Ezra 3:2 1:16 Luke 3:23 1:17 Ch. 2:4; 11:2; 16:16; 22:42; 23:10; Mark 8:29; Luke 3:15; [John 1:41; 4:25] 1:18 Ver. 1; Mark 1:1; John 1:17; 17:3; [Ver. 16]; Luke 1:27; Luke 1:35 1:19 [Deut. 24:1] 1:20 Ch. 2:13, 19; [Ch. 2:12, 22] 1:21 Ver. 25; Luke 1:31; 2:21; Luke 2:11; Acts 4:12; 5:31; 13:23, 38; [Acts 3:26] 1:22 Ch. 2:14; 26:56; John 19:36; Ch. 2:15, 23; 4:14; Mark 14:49

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN



ow after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men^a from the east came to Je-

rusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose^b and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6"'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And

^aGreek magi; also verses 7, 16 ^bOr in the east; also verse 9

behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT

¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

HEROD KILLS THE CHILDREN

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

THE RETURN TO NAZARETH

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and IO77 MATTHEW · 2-4

his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.



JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY



n those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare^b the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise

up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, 'and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, ^d with whom I am well pleased."



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS



hen Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he

was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

^aOr the kingdom of heaven has come near ^bOr crying: Prepare in the wilderness ^cSome manuscripts omit to him ^aOr my Son, my (or the) Beloved

2:22 See ver. 12 2:23 ch. 4:13; Mark 1:9; Luke 1:26; 2:39; 4:16; John 1:45; See ch. 1:22 3:1 For ver. 1-12, see Mark 1:2-8; Luke 3:2-17; John 1:6, 7; Josh. 15:61; [Judg. 1:16] 3:2 ch. 4:17; Mark 1:15; ch. 10:7; Dan. 2:44; [ch. 6:10] 3:3 John 1:23; Cited from 1sa. 4:03; Luke 1:76 3:42 Kgs. 1:8; Zech. 13:4; [Heb. 11:37]; Lev. 11:22; 1 Sam. 14:26 3:6 Acts 19:18 3:7 ch. 23:13; Cit. 22:23; ch. 12:34; 23:33; Ps. 140:3; Rom. 5:9; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; 1 Thess. 1:10 3:8 Acts 26:20 3:9 John 8:39; [ch. 4:3] 3:10 ch. 7:19; Luke 13:7, 9; John 15:2, 6 3:11 John 1:26; Acts 15; Acts 13:24; 19:4; John 1:10, 27; 3:30, 31; Acts 13:25; John 1:33; Acts 11:16; [Isa. 4:4; Mal. 3:2, 3; Acts 2:3] 3:12 Isa. 30:24; ch. 13:20; Mal. 4:1; Mark 9:43, 48 3:13 For ver. 13-17, see Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22; [John 1:32-34]; ch. 2:22 3:14 [John 13:6] 3:16 Acts 7:56; John 1:32, 33; [Luke 4:18, 21; Acts 10:38] 3:17 John 12:28; ch. 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17; [Ps. 2:7; Isa. 4:21; Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:13; 1 John 5:9] 4:1 For ver. 1-11, see Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13; [Heb. 2:18; 4:15] 4:2 [Deut. 9:9, 18; 1 Kgs. 19:8]; [John 4:6, 7] 4:3 1 Thess. 3:5; See ch. 14:33; [ch. 3:9] 4:4 Ver. 7, 10; Eph. 6:17; Cited from Deut. 8:3; [John 4:34]

"'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

^aOr the kingdom of heaven has come near ^bThe Greek word anthropoi refers here to both men and women

- "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
- the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."^a

JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ^{b 20}Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

JESUS MINISTERS TO GREAT CROWDS

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

4:5 Luke 4:9; ch. 27:53; Neh. 11:18; Isa. 48:2; 52:1; Rev. 11:2; [Ps. 46:4; 48:1; Rev. 21:2; 22:19] 4:6 Cited from Ps. 91:11, 12
4:7 ver. 4, 10; Cited from Deut. 6:16; [Isa. 7:12] 4:8 Luke 4:5
4:10 See 1 Chr. 21:1; ver. 4, 7; Cited from Deut. 6:19; 1 Sam. 7:3
4:11 ch. 26:53; Luke 22:43
4:12 ch. 14:3; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:19, 20; [John 3:24]; Luke 4:14
4:13 See ch. 2:23; [ch. 9:1]; John 6:1; Josh. 19:32-34
4:14 See ch. 1:22
4:15 Cited from Isa. 9:1, 2
4:16 Isa. 4:27; Luke 1:79; Job 3:5; Ps. 23:4; Amos 5:8
4:17 Mark 1:14; ch. 3:2
4:18 For ver. 18-22, see Mark 1:16-20; [Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42]; ver. 13
4:19 Ch. 13:47
4:23 Mark 1:39; ch. 9:35; 13:54; Mark 1:21; Luke 4:15; John 18:20; ch. 24:14; Luke 4:43; [ch. 13:19]; ch. 8:16; 14:35, 36;
Mark 1:34; 6:55, 56
4:24 Luke 2:2; [See ver. 23 above]; ch. 8:6; [John 10:21]; ch. 17:15;
ch. 9:2, 6
4:25 Mark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17; Mark 5:20

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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



eeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

THE BEATITUDES

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^a of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SALT AND LIGHT

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that be they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

CHRIST CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW

17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

ANGER

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember

^aGreek huioi; see Preface ^bOr house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before others that ^cSome manuscripts insert without cause ^dGreek says Raca to (a term of abuse) ^eGreek Gehenna; also verses 29, 30

5:1 Ch. 15:29; Luke 4:20 5:2 Ps. 78:2 5:3 For ver. 3-12, [Luke 6:20-23]; [Isa. 61:1; 66:2]; [Luke 12:32] 5:4 Isa. 61:2, 3; John 16:20; 2 Cor. 17; 7:10; Rev. 21:4; [James 4:9, 10] 5:5 Ps. 37:11 5:6 Ps. 42:2; Isa. 55:1, 2; John 7:37; 2 Tim. 2:22; [ch. 6:33] 5:7 ch. 18:33; 25:34-36; Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:36; 2 Tim. 1:16; Heb. 6:10 5:8 Ps. 42:4; 2 Tim. 2:22; [n Pet. 1:22]; Heb. 1:21:4; 1 John 3:2, 3; Rev. 22:4; [n Cor. 13:12] 5:9 James 3:18; 1 John 3:1; Rom. 8:14 5:10 2 Tim. 2:12; James 5:11; 1 Pet. 3:14; [See ver. 3 above] 5:11 Heb. 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:14; John 15:21 5:12 Acts 5:41; Rom. 5:3; 2 Cor. 12:10; Col. 1:11, 24; Heb. 10:34; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 4:13; See ch. 21:35 5:13 Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34 5:14 Eph. 5:8; Phil. 2:15; [Dohn 8:12] 5:15 Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33 5:16 Philem 6; 1 Pet. 2:12; John 15:8; 2 Cor. 9:13; Phil. 1:11; [ch. 9:8] 5:17 Rom. 3:3; ch. 7:12; [Rom. 10:4; 13:8; Gal. 3:24] 5:18 Luke 16:17; [ch. 24:35] 5:19 [n Cor. 3:12-15]; [Gal. 3:10; James 2:10]; ch. 11:11; 18:1-4 5:20 [Rom. 10:3; Phil. 3:9]; John 3:5 5:21 ver. 33; [ver. 27, 31, 38, 43]; Cited from Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; [ch. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11]; [Deut. 16:18] 5:22 John 3:15; [See ver. 21 above]; ch. 18:9; Mark 9:43; James 3:6; [ver. 29] 5:23 (ch. 6:15; Mark 11:25]; ch. 8:4; 23:18

that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.^a

LUST

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

DIVORCE

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

^aGreek kodrantes, Roman copper coin (Latin quadrans) worth about 1/64 of a denarius (which was a day's wage for a laborer) ^bOr the evil one ^cGreek chiton, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin ^dOr brothers and sisters. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, the plural Greek word adelphoi (translated "brothers") may refer either to brothers or to brothers and sisters

OATHS

³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King, ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.^b

RETALIATION

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, 'let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, d what more are vou doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

5:25 Luke 12:58, 59 5:26 [ch. 18:34, 35] 5:27 See ver. 21; Cited from Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18 5:28 Job 31:1; Prov. 6:25; [2 Sam. 11:2] 5:29 ch. 18:8, 9; Mark 9:43:48; [ch. 13:41; Luke 17:1]; ch. 10:28; 23:15, 33; Luke 12:5; [ver. 22] 5:30 [See ver. 29 above]; [See ver. 29 above]; See ver. 29 above]; Csee ver. 29 above]; Csee