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World for Man.

God's Plan of Assisting Man
in Developing the World for
Man's Benefit and God's Glory

God's Plan of Man's Salvation
From Death to Eternal Life

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"The Wilderness and the Desert shall Blossom as the Rose"

—Isaiah 35:1

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PREFACE

THE Holy Bible is the best and most read book in the world. Yet how many people in this country and elsewhere, who seldom read its pages, and more never open its lids. Some do not read it, through carelessness and indifference; others call it dry and uninteresting; and still others through inherited or acquired prejudice, which comes from the lack of knowledge and appreciation of the practical wisdom the sacred pages of the Bible contain and the great benefit they impart to mankind. Many books have been written and are being written on and about the blessed book in the effort to remove prejudice against it, increase the interest in it, develop knowledge of God's purposes, man's beginning, man's development, the life-giving power its pages contain, and the reasons man should imbibe and practice its principles, to receive the greatest good in this time and in the world to come eternal life.

It is the prayer of the author that this little volume will render much assistance along these lines. If it does he will feel fully compensated, and have no apology for its introduction.

CREATION OF THE WORLD

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In the beginning God made the heavens;
And then created He also the earth.
Then all the earth had no form and was void;
And no man lived, to judge of its worth.

Darkness was on the face of the waters—
God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
He divided the light from the darkness
And saw the light he had made was just right.

God saw that the light He had made was good—
He called the light day, for thus He did say
That the darkness shall be called night; and the
Evening and morning were the first day.

And God said "Let there be a firmament—
The waters from the waters to divide."
And God made the firmament in the midst,
And the waters were divided betide.

Let the waters under the heaven be gathered
Together; and let the dry land appear.
Waters be called the sea, dry land the earth;
God saw it was good; and that, man should revere.

The firmament God called the heaven;
And the waters then called He the sea;
The dry land God called the earth; and the
Evening and morning were the next day.

God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass and tree;
Let the herb and the tree bring forth their seed."
And the earth brought forth seed and fruit for food,
After its kind; God knew man would have need.

The tree yielding its fruit after its kind,
And the herb yielding seed as He did say;
God saw it was good, and done in His way,
And evening and morning were the third day.

God said, "Let there be light in the heaven—
To divide every day from the night;
Let them be signs, for days, seasons and years;
And the welfare of man in my sight.

"And let them be lights in the firmament,
To give light upon the earth;" and it, was so.
God made two great lights. The greater by day
The lesser by night, and stars made He to glow.

God then set up the lights in the heavens,
To divide darkness from light; His own way.
When He beheld it, He saw it was good,
And the evening and morning were the fourth day.

"Abundantly let the waters bring forth;
And the firmament everything living;"
God created great whales; and all creatures
That move in the earth, and fowl that hath wing.

God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful,
Multiply and fill all the earth this way;
The waters in the seas; and earth with fowl."
And the evening and morning were the fifth day.



And God said, "Let the earth bring forth cattle;
Beasts and all the living things that eat food"
Then made He beast, cattle and creeping thing
After its kind, and God saw it was good.

God said, "Let us make man in our image;
After our likeness then shall the man be.
Over the earth, let him have dominion;
And all creeping things and fish of the sea."

So the Lord then made man in His image;
In the image of God, created He him.
That man should control all parts of the earth,
Both male and female, created He them.

And God then blessed them and unto them said
"Be fruitful. - The earth replenish; subdue.
Have dominion over fish and fowl; and
All livings things I've created for you.

"I've given you tree in which there is fruit,
In all the earth; every herb bearing seed.
All these have I given to you for meat,
And these shall produce as much as you need.

"To fowl of the air, beast and creeping thing
On earth; give I herb for meat in this way."
God saw all He had done was very good;
And evening and morning were the sixth day.

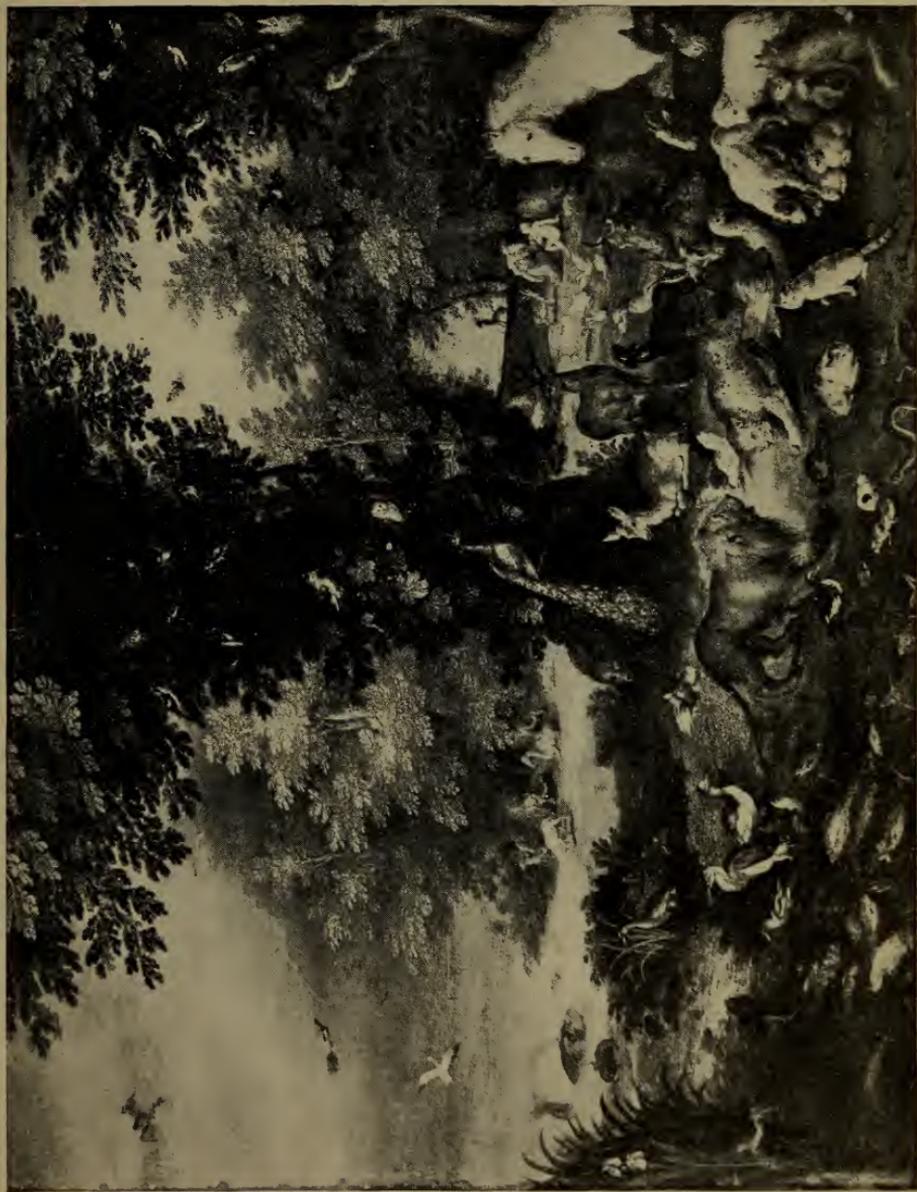
GOD MADE MAN

Thus were perfect earth and heaven,
And all the host; and on the day seven,
All the work which God made was ended;
And to rest that day He intended.
The seventh day was then by God blest,
And sanctified; in that He had rest.

When made, these are the generations
Of the earth; and also the heavens.
Of every plant in the earth God knew,
And herb of the field, before it grew.

For the Lord had not caused it to rain;
To till the soil there was not a man;
But there went up a mist from the ground,
That watered the face of all the land round.

When God formed man out of earth's dust,
The breath of life breathed into him first;
And then man, a living soul became.
In His own image, was man made the same.



GARDEN OF EDEN

The Lord God planted a garden.
He planted it eastward in Eden.
And He put there the man He had formed;
With every tree that grew from the ground,
And in the midst of the garden stood,
The tree of knowledge of evil and good.

And a river went out of Eden;
To water God's beautiful garden.
From thence then the river was parted,
And became four heads, which were there started.

The name of the first river Pison,
The name of the second is Gihon,
The name of the third, Hidikil is;
And the name of the fourth Euphrates.

In the garden God then put the man,
To dress and keep it and gave command,
That of every tree, thou mayest eat food,
But that of knowledge of evil and good
"Of that tree, thou shalt not eat," saith I,
"For the day thou doest, thou'lt surely die."

CREATION OF WOMAN

Every fowl of the air God had formed,
And beast of the field, out of the ground,
These the Lord brought unto Adam;
To see by what name he would give them.
Beast, fowl, cattle: each gave he a name;
But no helpmeet for Adam there came.

A deep sleep upon Adam God caused;
Took out a rib, and then the flesh closed.
Of the rib God had then taken from man,
The Lord then made, also, a woman.

Of my flesh and bone is a women;
Because she was taken from out man.
Leave father and mother shall he,
Cleave to wife, and one flesh shall they be.

SUBTILE SERPENT

Now the serpent was more subtle
Than any beast God made.
For he weakened woman's will,
And he thus to her said:
"Yea, hath God said, of every tree
In the garden shall ye
Not eat?" And the woman said, "We
May eat of the good tree,
But of the tree in the midst,
God hath said ye shall nei-
Ther eat nor touch; for then He saidst,
Ye both shall surely die."
The serpent, did to her thus say,
"Ye shall not surely die,
For God doth know, that in the day
Ye eat thereof, your eye
Will be opened, and as gods be,
Knowing evil and good."
When the woman then saw the tree,
That it was good for food;
That it was pleasant to the eyes,
A tree to be desired,
And the fruit of it make one wise,
She took and then admired,
The fruit thereof, and did eat;
Also gave her husband;
He, also, partook of the fruit;
And then their eyes were opened.

ADAM AND EVE HIDDEN

They heard the Lord in the garden
In the cool of the day.
His wife and Adam were hidden;
To stay out of His way,
Where God could not see them, they say.

The Lord God called unto Adam,
"Where now art thou?" He said.
"I heard thy voice in the garden;
I hid, and was afraid;
Thy sight did I want to evade."

"Hast thou eaten fruit of the tree
I commanded thee not?"
He said, "The woman thou gavest me,
Gave and I ate that,
Much to my sorrow I wot."

The Lord said unto the woman,
"What is this thou defile?"
"I ate the fruit," said the woman,
"The serpent did me beguile,
When I harkened to him the while."

LORD'S JUDGMENT AND MERCY

The Lord unto the serpent said,
"Because this done thou hast;
Above all beasts thou art cursed.
All thy life go thou must,
On thy belly and eat the dust.

"Now between the woman and thee,
Thy seed and hers as well,
Enmity, shall there always be.
Its bruise, thy head shall feel,
And also thou, shalt bruise his heel."

Then said He to the woman,
"Increased, thy sorrow be.
In sorrow shalt thou bear children.
To thy husband shall be
Thy wish. He shall rule over thee."

And thus unto Adam said He,
"Because thou didst hearken
To thy wife, and ate of the tree,
Of which I did token;
Saying: thou shalt not eat of it,
Cursed is now the ground.
Of it, in sorrow shalt thou eat,
While doth thy life abound.

"Thorns and thistles, shall it bring thee,
 And herb shalt thou, now eat;
 In sweat of thy face shall it be,
 Thou eat thy bread and meat,
 'Til thou return unto the ground;
 From whence by me thou came;
 For from dust of earth thou was found;
 Thou soon shalt be the same."

As she was the mother of all,
 Adam named his wife Eve.
 When they made answer to God's call,
 Them he did not deceive;
 And with clothes, did their fears relieve.

DRIVEN FROM THE GARDEN

Said the Lord, "The man has become,
 As one of us; to know
 Good and bad in his earthly home.
 A wrong thing here below,
 Lest he put forth his hand and sever
 Too of the tree of life,
 And eat; and then live forever;
 Both Adam and his wife."

Therefore, the Lord, Adam forth sent
 From the garden of Eden;
 To till the ground; 'twas God's intent,



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EXPULSION OF ADAM AND EVE FROM THE GARDEN.

From whence the man was taken;
Though him the Lord had not forsaken.

So God drove out the man and wife;
And placed at the garden,
To keep the way of the tree of life,
Cherubims as warden;
And a flaming sword as guardian.

CAIN AND ABEL'S SACRIFICE

To Adam and Eve two sons were born.
Cain the elder, tilled the ground for corn;
And Adel tended his flocks of sheep;
With manly vigor their own did keep.

Of each an offering, God made demand.
And Cain brought of the fruits of his land.
Best of his flocks did Abel select.
And to his offering, God had respect.

The best fruits of his land, Cain kept back.
Which showed, in love for God, he was most slack.
Because for Abel's, God had respect,
And Cain's offering, God did reject,
Cain was wroth; and very angry grew;
And when in the field, his brother he slew.

When God said, "Cain where is thy brother?"
He said, "Am I my brothers keeper?"

When Cain made answer to God he lied.
And God, from the face of Cain did hide;

And said, "Now thou art cursed from the land,
Which took thy brother's blood from off thy hand.
Thou shalt not get, the strength of thy land;
But a fugitive be; and a vagabond."

"I'm punished more than I can bear,"
Said Cain, "Men will slay me any where."
Therefore the Lord then to Cain thus told,
"Vengeance shall be on such, seven fold."

The Lord then set a mark upon Cain,
Lest he, by other men, should be slain.
Then went Cain, from the presence of God,
And dwelt far east; in the land of Nod.

CAIN'S DESCENDANTS

Cain's son was Enoch, his first born.
To Enoch was born his son Irad.
To Irad was born Mehujael,
And to him was born Mathusael;
And he was the father of Lamech.
Jabel and Jubel and Tubal Cain,
Sons to their father Lamech were born.
Jabel was father of such as dwell
In tents; and of such as have cattle.



Jubal his brother, the father was
Of such as handle organ and harp;
An instructor of artificers,
In brass and iron, was Tubal Cain.

Said Lamech to Adah and Zilla
His wives, "Hearken ye unto my speech.
I have slain a man to my wounding
If Cain shall be avenged seven fold
Surely Lamech seventy and seven fold."

GENERATIONS OF ADAM

Adam and Eve had the third son Seth.
For God did give them another seed,
Instead of young Abel slain by Cain.
And to Seth also was born a son;
Enos his name was; then began men
To call upon the name of the Lord.

The generations of Adam are these:
When an hundred and thirty years old,
In his own likeness after his image,
There was born unto him his son Seth.
Other sons and daughters had he
And died aged years nine hundred and thirty.

Unto Seth was born Enos. Sons and
Daughters had he more. All his days were
Nine hundred thirty-five years and died.

Enos begat Cainan and other
Sons and daughters. And all his days were
Nine hundred and five years; and he died.

All the days of Cainan were years nine
Hundred and ten; and he died leaving
Mahalael and sons and daughters.

To Mahalael was born Jared
And sons and daughters. All his days were
Eight hundred ninety-five years and died.

Enoch begat Methuselah and
Sons and daughters. All of his days were
Three hundred sixty-five years. Enoch
Walked with God; and was not, God took him.

Methuselah's son was Lamech. And
Other sons and daughters had he.
Now all the days of Methuselah
Were nine hundred sixty and nine years.
Then came the death of the oldest man.

Lamech begat a son and called his
Name Noah; saying, "This shall comfort
Us concerning our work and the toil
Of our hands, because of all the ground
Which the Lord God hath heretofore cursed.

All the days of Lamech were seven
Hundred seventy-seven years and he died.

Noah was five hundred years old and
His sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

NOAH'S ARK

Men greatly increased on the earth's face,
And giants became among their race;
And when the sons became fully grown;
They were mighty men of great renown.

God saw wickedness of men grow great.
Only evil thoughts were in his heart.
When God saw the wickedness of man,
It made him grieve. Only such things can;
And say, "Man and beast will I destroy;
For in wickedness can be no joy."
Noah only in God's sight found grace;
Perfect he walked with God, in his race.

God said, "The end of all flesh is come.
With all the earth will I destroy them.
Make now an ark of gopher wood;
As I shall fashion, make thou it good.
And behold, I'll bring a flood on earth,
To destroy all flesh wherein is breath.
But with thee will I fix my covenant;
To people the earth; shall thou be sent.

"As thou doest perfect walk without guilt,
Thy house I'll save in the ark when built.
Of all flesh, two of every living thing,
Into the ark shalt thou also bring.

Both male and female shall they all be;
There shalt thou keep them alive for me.
For thee and them, in the ark take food;
For all to eat while exists the flood.

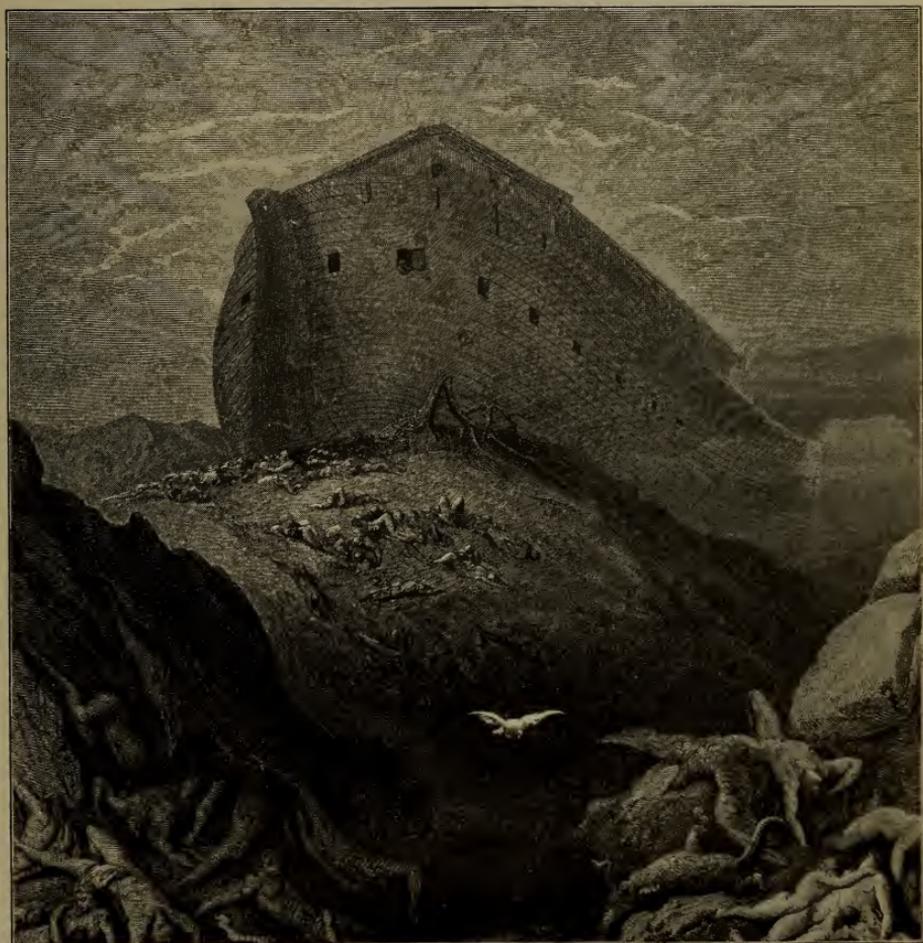
One hundred years Noah labored well,
To build the ark as God him did tell;
And he put therein; such as God would
Preserve alive; from the awful flood.

THE FLOOD

When the ark was built as God had planned,
And all things done, as He gave command,
Noah went in and his wife with him;
And his three sons, and their wives with them.
When all in, as God's command had been,
God saw all was good, and shut them in.

Then fountains of the great deep broke up,
And the windows of heaven were ope.
Forty days and nights; the rain came down,
And all flesh without the ark, was drown.

Waters upon all the earth prevailed;
O'er hills and mountains the ark then sailed.
God saved the ark and all flesh therein;
Without, all flesh was drowned for sin.



One hundred and fifty days the flood
Prevailed. Hills and mountains beneath it stood.
All flesh that moved on earth then died;
And all living substance was destroyed;
But Noah only alive remained,
And they with him, whom the ark sustained.

The fountains and windows God detained,
And rain from heaven He restrained;
Made the waters from the earth abate,
And the ark to rest on Ararat.

Forth from the ark, Noah sent a dove,
To see if waters from the earth did move.
With an olive leaf, the dove came back,
And Noah took her within the ark.

Again sent he, the dove as before,
And it returned to the ark, no more;
For no more rain was there in the sky;
And all the face of the earth was dry.

God spake to Noah, "Thus shall it be,
Thou leave the ark and thy wife with thee.
Bring thy sons three, each with his wife;
And all from the ark, in which there is life."

Noah went forth and also his kin;
And beast, fowl and creeping thing therein,
Went forth from the ark that Noah had made,
According to all that God had said.

Then to the Lord he built and alter;
Offered beast and fowl without falter
Then said the Lord, "I will not again
Curse the ground more for the sake of man;
And will not smite the earth any more
Nor living things as I've done before.

"Seed time and harvest while earth remain,
Shall come to pass and not cease again.
Cold, heat, winter's winds and summer's peace,
And daylight and night shall no more cease.

GOD BLESSES NOAH AND HIS SONS

Noah and his sons did God then bless
By them the Lord would the earth increase.
"Fear of you on beast and fowl shall be
And upon the fishes of the sea.
All on earth that moveth, shall you, dread.
And into your hand are they delivered.

"All that moves and lives shall be your meat,
With the green herbs I give you to eat.
Flesh, shall ye not eat with the life blood,
Flesh that hath life shall not be for food.

"Of beast and man your blood I'll demand;
Man's life I'll require at brother's hand;
Whoso shed man's blood, death be his damage;
For God made man in His own image."



"Be fruitful," said God, "and multiply;
Make the earth bring forth abundantly.
My covenant with you, have I agreed;
Which also shall be unto your seed;
And every creature that is living,
All fowl, cattle, beast and other thing
With flesh; shall never be cut off again,
Nor earth, by flood be destroyed for sin.

"Of my covenant this is token
With all the earth, and shall not be broken.
Now in the cloud do I set my bow;
To remind me of my covenant with you;
And in the cloud shall my bow be seen,
To show my covenant all flesh between."

NOAH BLESSES HIS SONS

Noah's sons that from the ark came forth,
Were thus named Shem and Ham and Japheth.
By these three sons was earth o'er spread;
And of Canaan's tribe Ham was the head.
Noah cursed Ham for the wrong he had done;
And made him servant to all his brethren.

Then Noah gave his blessing to Shem
And Japheth; that God would deal well with them.
"Enlarge," said Noah, "God Japheth shall,
And he in the tents of Shem shall dwell."
Nine hundred fifty-five years did Noah live;
Then to God, his righteous soul did give.

GENERATIONS OF NOAH

The generations of Noah's sons, Shem
Ham and Japheth after the flood are:
The sons of Japheth; Gomer, Magog,
Madai, Javan, Tubal, Mesheck, Tiras.
Sons of Gomer, Ashkenaz, Riphath,
And Togarmath were. And the sons of
Javin, Elisha, Tarshish, Kittim and
Dodanim. Among all of these were
The Isles of the Gentiles divided
(Which compose the country of Europe)
Every one after his own tongue
After their families and nations.

The sons of Ham; Cush, Mizraim and Phut,
And Canaan. The sons of Cush; Seba,
Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah,
And Sabte-chah. The sons of Raamah
Were Sheba and Dodan.

MEN OF RENOWN

The renowned son of Cush was Nimrod;
Who would rather hunt than reverence God.
When his reign in the kingdom began,
He built Erech, Accad and Babylon.

And there was built, by Shem's son, Ashur,
Who went forth from the land of Shinar,
The noted cities of Nineveh,
Resin and Rehoboth and Calah.

Mizraim was father of Ludim
Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
Pathrusim and also Casluhim;
Who was the father of Philistim
And Caphtorim.

Canaan the son of Ham was father
Of Sidon and of Heth another.
Also father of the Jebusite,
The Amorite and the Girgasite,
The Hivelte, Arkite, the Sinite
Arvadite and Hamathite.

Afterwards were they all spread abroad;
From Sidon to Gomorrah and Sodom.
To Admah, Lasha and Zoboim.
These are the families of Ham's sons
After their tongues, countries and nations.

Unto Shem, father of the Hebrew,
Were born his decendants not a few.
Aram, Arphaxed, Lud and Ashur.
Unto Aram, Hul, Uz and Gether.
Salah was Arphaxads only son
And unto Salah was Eber born.

Unto Eber were born two sons; one
Was Peleg and the other Joktan.

Unto Joktan, Almodad, Jerah,
Sheleph Hazarmeveth and Diklah,
Hadoram, Uzal, Obal, Sheba,
Adimeal and Ophir, Havilah
And Jobal. All of these names thirteen
Were the names of the sons of Joktan.

Their dwelling was from Mesha not far;
As thou goest east, unto Mount Sephar.
These were the families of Shem's sons;
After their tongues and their nations.

And the families of Noah's sons
After all of their generations.
And these were the nations which their God
Divided on earth, after the flood.

THE TOWER OF BABEL

All on earth was of one language,
And journeyed from the east,
Til they found a place in Shinar,
And there they dwelt in peace.

Then they one to another said,
Let's make a city quick;
Of stone and of slime for mortar;
And earth we'll burn for brick.



Let us also build a tower;
Whose top may reach to heav'n;
Lest we all be scattered abroad;
And to us no name be given.

The Lord came down to see the city
And tower which they built;
And said they of one language are,
And tempted unto guilt.

Let us go down their speech confound;
That one another they,
May not their speech then understand;
Nor know each others way.

The Lord, them scattered abroad
From thence. And it was well.
They all ceased to build the city
And called its name Babel.

FATHER OF THE HEBREW NATION

Of Hebrews Eber was father.
And father of sons two.
Peleg and Joktan
And Peleg was father of Rue.

Rue was the father of Serug.
Nahor was Serug's son
Serug had daughters
And of Nahor's sons, Terah was one

When Terah was three score and ten,
Abram, Nahor, Haran,
Three sons were born;
And Abram became a great man.

Haran was father of Milcah,
Iscah and his son Lot.
Their father died
Before Terah, and he was not.

Then Nahor and Abram took wives.
Milcah, wife of Nahor.
Abram took Sarai.
Daughters of brother and father.

Then Terah took Abram his son,
Lot the son of Haran,
And Abrams wife
To go to the land of Canaan;
But tarried they on the way,
And dwelt in the land of Charran.

CALL OF ABRAM

"Abram!" said the Lord,
"Hear thou my word.
Get out of the country;
And from thy relation;
To a land I'll show thee,
Make thee a great nation.



“There thee will I bless;
Also caress.
Thou a blessing shall be.
I’ll make thee a great name.
They that also bless thee,
I will bless them the same.”

Then Abram went out,
With wife and Lot,
As the Lord did command,
And all souls they had got,
In Abram’s home land;
And Canaan they sought.

When Abram passed through
Moreh’s plain to
Canaan, he well knew
Dwelt Canaanites in it;
Then said the Lord, “Unto
Thy seed, will I give it.”

From there Abram went
Unto a mount,
Pitched, near Bethel his tent,
And an alter there built.
Praising God was his bent,
In the land where he dwelt.

Without imagine
Came a sore famine;
Which made Abram go down,
With his family and Lot,
In Egypt to sojourn,
Where the famine was not.

ABRAM AND LOT

Abram and wife, up from Egypt, went out,
And there went with them, his brother's son Lot.
He journeyed from south to Bethel quite far,
To where before, he had built the altar.
While Abram was rich in silver and gold,
He trusted in God—in worship was bold.

Many flocks, herds and tents, also, had Lot;
And so great were their flocks that all could not,
Together, find pasture to keep their flocks well,
And together, for strife, they could not both dwell.

Abram then said, "Let there not come between
Me and thee; nor by our herdsmen be seen,
Any strife. For brethren be thee and me
And no strife between our herdsmen should be.

"Separate thy flocks and thyself from me.
Behold! Is not the whole land before thee?
If thou to the left hand go, the right I'll take.
If thou the right, left I'll go for thy sake."

Lot then chose him the plains of all Jordan,
Which was well watered; like as a garden.
Canaan, to dwell in, was chosen by Abram;
And Lot pitched his tent near sinful Sodom.

And unto Abram then thus said the Lord,
"Look northward, southward, westward and eastward.
Forever, all the land will I give thee.
Thy seed as the dust for number shall be.

Arise; and walk all its length and breath through.
I now unto thee my covenant renew."

Abram then came and in Hebron He dwelt;
And there, to the Lord, an altar he built.

Lot captive was taken, in the kings wars;
Also goods, victuals with women and wares.
Abram and servants pursued unto Dan,
And smote them, and brought back young Lot again;
With the goods and wares, also the women;
And they were all saved from such evil men.

And Melchizedeck, the king of Salem,
Priest of the Most High God blessed Abram;
And said, "Blessed be Abram of the Most High God;
Who hath delivered to thee thy foes with a rod."
And he brought to Abram both wine and bread;
And gave to him tithes, of all that he had.

The king of Sodom said Abram unto,
"Give me the persons, and the goods keep thou."
And Abram said, "What is thine I'll not take;
Lest thou shouldst say, 'Abram rich I do make';
Save only, what the young men have eaten,
And from Aner, Eschol and Mamre were taken"

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAM

After these things came the word of the Lord
Saying; "Abram! I'm thy shield and reward.
Look toward heaven; number the stars thou see;"
Said God unto him; "so shall thy see be."
Abram believed in the word of the Lord;
And judged it to him, for righteous reward.

"I am the Lord that brought thee from Chaldee;
To inherit this land, I now give to thee."
And Abram said, "Lord, how shall I this know?"
Then said the Lord unto him, "Do thou go,
Take for me an heifer three years old,
And a she goat as to thee I have told;
A three year old ram and a turtle dove;
And a young pigeon, whose flesh thou dost love."

Then took he all these and them did divide,
And he laid each piece, the other beside.
When fowls came down on those carcass that day,
Abram was watchful and drove them away.

At night a deep sleep fell upon Abram;
Lo, horrors of darkness fell upon him.
"Know, for a surety," unto Abram God said;
"In a strange land, not theirs, shall thy seed
Serve their masters in great labor and tears;
And they shall afflict them four hundred years.
I will judge that nation, whom they shall serve,
Then shall they come out, with great wealth and reserve.

“And thou to be, a good old age shalt grow;
And then to thy fathers in peace shalt go.
The fourth generation shall come again;
For not yet full is the Amorites' sin.”

In the same day, the Lord made a covenant
With Abram, saying: “This land do I grant
To all thy seed, from Egypt's great river;
The great river Euphrates forever.”

With Sarai, her handmaid, Hagar, did dwell;
Who bore a son and named him Ishmael.
An angel of the Lord to Hagar said:
“Exceedingly broad, shall thy seed be spread.

“Thy son shall be as a man that is wild;
And his acts to'rd men, will never be mild.
His hand shall be against every man; and
Against him will be every man's hand.
In presence of his brethren, he shall dwell;
And his name shall be called Ishmael.”

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

When Abram was near an hundred
Years old, the Lord to him drew nigh,
And said, “All Mighty God am I.
Walk before Me.” Abram wondered.

"Be thou perfect; and my cov'nant
Between me and thee e'r shall be.
I'll thee increase exceedingly,
And give thee all that thou shalt want."

Abram, upon his face then fell.
To what God said he gave consent.
"Behold; with thee is my covenant;
With my servant it shall be well.

"Father of nations shalt thou be.
No more Abram shall be thy name,
But Abraham; be it the same;
For father of nations I've made thee.

"To thee, and thy generation,
Will I give all the land wherein,
Thou art stranger, even Canaan;
For an eternal possession.

"And I will stablish my covenant,
Forever; between thee and Me
And to all thy seed after thee,
For an everlasting event.

"I will be a God unto thee,
And also a God to thy seed;
For a God all people have need,
And ye all, my servants shall be."

Then God unto Abraham said,
"Therefore thou keep my covenant
And thy seed; in very event;
E'n the cov'nant which I have made.

"My cov'nant between me and thee
And after thee, thy seed beside;
Every man child shall be circumcised;
As a token twixt you and me.

"Every man child, when eight days old,
Shall he circumcised by you;
As well the stranger, with you too
As they who are born inside thy fold.

"He that is born, thy house within
And he that is bought with thy gold,
Must needs be circumcised, you're told,
Just the same as those of thy kin.

"In your flesh shall my covenant be;
With you it shall always abide.
Every man child uncircumcised,
Cut off from his people; be he."

And God unto Abraham said,
"Thou shalt not call thy wife Sarai;
But now shalt thou call her Sarah;
For that shall her name be instead.

"I will bless and give her a son.
Of nations shall she be mother.
Kings of peoples shall be of her;
For her son shall be a great man.

"Isaac, shalt thou call then his name.
I'll establish my cov'nant with him;
Everlasting be it in time
And with all his seed, just the same.

"Ishmael I also have blessed;
 Him I also will multiply.
 Make him fruitful exceedingly,
 And him a great nation bequest.

"But with Isaac, I'll establish my
 Cov'nant, thy son, Sarah shall bear
 At this same set time the next year;
 In old age, before she shall die."

ABRAHAM CIRCUMCISED

Abraham took Ismael then born,
 And all that dwelt in his household,
 And all that were bought with his gold,
 As to him God said in the morn;

And circumcised them as God said.
 The self same day was every male,
 Circumcised, by him, without fail;
 No other way would do instead.

Abraham was circumcised when
 Years old, he was ninety and nine.
 And Ishmael, years thirteen had seen
 At the same time, so were the men.



ANGELS ENTERTAINED

The Lord appeared to Abraham,
As he sat in his tent door way,
In Mamrè, in the heat of the day.
And he looked, and lo, here by him,

Three men whom he then saw, there stood.
And he ran and bowed to the ground,
And said, "My Lord, if now I've found
Grace in thy sight, I'll fetch you some food.

"Also water and wash your feet.
And rest yourselves under the tree.
Pass not away I do pray thee,
Until I prepare you some meat.

"I'll fetch you a morsel of bread,
That it comfort your hearts then some,
For therefore to your servant ye come."
And said they, "So do as thou said."

Abraham to Sarah hasted,
"Get ready quickly, and do make
Three measures of meal into cake."
And Sarah then did as he said.

And Abraham ran to the herd,
And fetched a calf tender and good,
Gave it a man, who dress it would,
According to Abraham's word.

Butter and milk before them sat he,
And the calf which the young man dressed,
Of which they ate, while they did rest
And he, stood by them, under the tree.

PROMISE OF A SON

They said to him, "Where is thy wife?"
He said, "In the tent she has gone."
They said, "Thy wife shall have a son,
According to the time of life."

Abraham and Sarah were old,
And both many years had striven,
And scarce could believe they'd be given
A son, as the Lord had them told.

"This is not too hard for the Lord;
At the appointed time I'll return;
And Sarah shall have thee a son;
According to which is my word"

ANGLES GO TO SODOM

Then the men rose up from Abraham's tent. Sodom they had in view.

As they went, said the Lord, "Shall I hide now from him, this thing which I do?"

Seeing he shall become a great people, yea, and every nation Of earth shall in him be blessed; and his house in every station,

Will he command; and all they shall he keep in the way of the Lord,

To do justice; that the Lord may bring him, what He saith by His word?

The Lord said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great,

And their sin is very grievous, I will go down and see their state;

Whether they have done according to the cry." And the men to-ward

Sodom turned; but faithful Abraham's face stood near before the Lord.

ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR SODOM

Then Abraham said, "Wilt thou the righteous with the wicked consume?"

If there be fifty righteous there, wilt thou not spare Sodom for them?"

The Lord said, "If I find righteous souls in Sodom even fifty,

Then for their sakes I will spare all the place; and those in the city."

"I am but dust and ashes, which to the Lord do speak," said Abraham.

"If there lack five of the fifty, wilt thou then the city consume?"

He said, "If I find forty and five, for them I will save Sodom."

"Peradveniure, there shall be found forty;" again Abraham spake.

And the Lord said, "I'll not destroy it for forty righteous soul's sake."

Abraham said unto Him, "Oh, let not my Lord show displeasure;

Again I will speak; there shall be found there thirty peradventure."

He said, "I will not destroy it if thirty be found there for sure."

"Behold, again; if twenty be found, have I to the Lord thus spake."

And the Lord said to him, "I will not destroy it for twenty's sake."

"Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but this once again;

"Peradventure," said Abraham, "there shall be found there righteous ten."

And he to Abraham said, "I'll not destroy it, for the sake of ten."

When the Lord left communing with Abraham, He on His way went.

While Abraham went from the Lord, and returned again unto his tent.

ANGELS VISIT LOT

There came two angels at night to Sodom;
And Lot rising up to meet them;
Then bowed himself with his face to the ground.
Pleased to see the friends he had found.

He said, "I pray you to my house turn in;
Tarry with me all night; you then,
Shall rise up early and go on your way."
"Nay, we'll stay in the street," said they.

But when upon them he greatly had pressed,
They turned in and Lot made a feast;
And before the angels to rest lay down
Men of Sodom compassed them round.

"Where are the men?" then called they unto Lot,
"Which came to night; to us bring them out."
"I pray you brethern do naught to these men,
While under my roof, they remain."

"You sojourn; not our judge; stand back," said they.
"Or we'll deal worse with thee," they say.
They came to Lot's house and on him pressed sore.
Men pulled Lot in; and then shut the door

Then the men outside with blindness were smote.
And were worried; both small and great.
The men said to Lot, "What kindred thou hast,
Bring out of this place in great haste.

"The Lord hath sent us to destroy this place,
 For their great cry before His face."
 Then Lot went out and he said to his kin,
 "God, will Sodom destroy for sin.

"Up get you out; e'er this place shall be shocked."
 To them he seemed as one that but mocked.
 Then the angels arose in the morning,
 And hastened Lot; to him saying,
 "Lest in this great crime it will thee consume,
 Flee; with thy daughters and wife from the doom.

While they lagged, the men on their hands laid hold.
 And Lot, daughters and wife were told,
 The Lord in mercy and full of pity,
 Brought them forth without the city.

When the Lord brought forth Lot, daughters and wife
 He said to them, "Escape for your life;
 Flee to the mountains, stay not in the plain;
 Look not behind; lest you be slain."

And Lot said to them, "Oh, not so my Lord;
 Thy servant found grace and reward
 And mercy, showed to my daughters and wife
 And thy servant, in saving our life.

"Escape to the mountains? That cannot I;
 Lest evil o'ertake and I die.
 Behold this city to flee to is near;
 It's a small one, let me 'scape here."



LOT FLEES TO ZOAR

God said to Lot, "I've accepted thee; see
That I'll not o'erthrow this city
For the which to me, thou hast thus spoken;
Escape thou thither and hastern,
For I can do nothing till thou come there."
So the Lord that city, named Zoar.

The sun was risen when Lot entered Zoar
And the Lord rained brimstone and fire
From heaven, upon Sodom and Gomorro,
And those cities did God overthrow;

The inhabitants and all the plain round;
And that which then, grew on the ground.
But Lots wife looked back; then there, made a halt;
And she became, a pillar of salt.

Abraham, early got up on the morrow,
And looked toward Sodom and Gomorro,
And all the land of the plain; and saw smoke,
Go up like a furnace of coke.

When God destroyed all the towns of the plain,
He thought of Abraham, again;
And He sent Lot out of the fiery doom
Of Sodom where Lot had his home.

Lot and his daughters went up out of Zoar;
For to dwell there, they all did fear.
Then they all dwelt in a cave in the mountain.
There his daughters made Lot drunken.

Then they all did that which neither should not,
And Moab became the son of Lot.
When they dwelt in Sodom, Lot loved mammon;
And now from him, decended Ammon.

ABRAHAM, FATHER OF NATIONS

A better life
Did Abraham live,
He loved the Lord
With all his might
And lived the way
God said was right.
His flocks and herds
Did him much please,
But he loved his God,
Much more than these.

His love for God
Gave him great faith,
To do God's will
In what He saith.

He asked God's help
In all his labors,
And showed God's goodness
To all his neighbors.

For Abrahams kindness
In all his stations,
The Lord then made him
Father of nations.

And great in numbers
Did the Lord decree,
As the stars in heaven
So thy seed shall be.

In a deep sleep, God
Made Abraham see,
That in a strange land
His seed shall yet be.

In a land not theirs
Shall they be 'flicted,
Four hundred years.
Then with great substance
Shall they all come out;
And into this land;
Without any doubt;
With their flocks and herds
Their spear and their bow,
To dwell in Canaan,
As God did foreknow.

ISAAC BORN

To Abraham and Sarah was born a son;
In old age; as God had spoken
Him he named Isaac; and when eight days old
Was circumcised as God had told.

When the child grew, Sarah weaned him her way.
And a great feast was made that same day.
Then Hagar and child, in his house, did not right;
Which thing was grievous, in Abraham's sight.

"Grieve not," said the Lord; "Unto me hearken.
 Ishmael, will yet be a nation."
 Hagar's lad grew; and God gave him his name;
 Then he, a great archer became.
 From Egypt's wilderness took he a wife,
 And in Paran's wilds spent all his life.

ABRAHAM AND ABIMELECH

At that time Abimelech to Abraham spake,
 "Deal thou well with me for my sake."
 Then Abraham did to Abimelech tell;
 "Thy servant took, my servants well."

A covenant they made, and swear, both they;
 Then called they that place, Beer-she-ba.
 Abraham there planted a grove to the Lord;
 And called he on the Eternal Word.

ABRAHAM'S FAITH

Abraham's faith the Lord would attest;
 To know whether Isaac or God, he loved best.
 "Take thy son Isaac whom now thou dost love,
 On one of the mountains I'll tell thee of.
 For a burnt offering, then offer him there,
 Upon an altar; which build thou with care."



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SACRIFICE OF ABRAHAM.

Abraham rose early; saddled his ass,
And journeyed three days, then came to the place,
Where they were to take, knife, wood and the fire,
An offering to make, as God did desire.

The son took the wood, the fire, Abraham.
"Behold," said the son, "where now is the lamb?"
With faith in his God, "My son," he replied,
"A lamb for an offering, the Lord will provide."

Bound on the altar he laid his loved lad;
For a burnt offering to Abraham's God.
The knife took Abraham, to slay there his son,
When to him called, an angel from heaven;
And said, "Lay not thine hand upon thy loved lad;
Nor do to him harm, so hath thy God said,
For now I do know and can plainly see;
Thou hast not withheld thy loved son from me."
In the bush was caught a ram by his horn,
Which Abraham offered, instead of his son.

"With Abraham's offering," the Lord thus saith,
"The world shall be blest through Abraham's faith."
That place Abraham called, Jehovah-jirah;
As it is said, in that mount to this day.

The angel of the Lord, called Abraham again,
And said, "As thou hast withheld not thy son,
I will bless thee, and thy seed I'll increase;
As stars of heaven, and sands of the seas.

"The gate of his enemies shall he possess;
And in thy seed, I, all nations shall bless;

For thou my servant, hast obeyed my voice;
And offered to me the child of thy choice."
Abraham and Isaac returned that day,
And Abraham then dwelt, at Beer-she-ba.

SARAH'S DEATH

Aged years one hundred and twenty-seven,
Sarah died and was buried in Canaan.
There Abraham buried his loved wife Sarah,
At Mamre; in, the cave of Machpelah.

When Isaac's good mother gave up the ghost,
She was well prepared to join the great host.
She lived a pure life, and did what she could,
To prosper God's cause, which He said was good.

ISAAC GETS A WIFE

Abraham was old in age well stricken;
Blest in all things, till by God he was taken.
He said to his servant, the oldest one,
"Take not in Canaan, a wife to my son.
But go to my home, where I began life,
And to my kindred; and take him a wife."

"Should the woman not come into this land,
That I take thy son there; is it thy command?"
And Abraham said to his servant, "beware,
That thou, my son, do not bring over there."

“The Lord God of heaven unto me swear,
Thou shalt take a wife, to thy son, from there.
If the woman will not, with thee come here,
Then from this, thy oath, thou shalt be clear.
Only do not my son to that land bring.”
And the servant there swear, concerning that thing.

Of his master’s camels, then took the servant,
And unto the city of Nahor, he went.
His camels kneeled down by a well, at eve’n
Time, when water was drawn by the women.

He said, “Lord God of my master, I pray
Show kindness and send me good speed this day.
Let it be that the damsel to whom I say,
‘Let down thy pitcher, that I drink I pray,’
And she shall say, ‘Drink, thy camels also;’
Let the same be she, thou hast chosen to go,
And appointed for Isaac; I shall know;
And thou kindness, to my master does show.”

While he yet spake, came Bethuel’s daughter
Rebekah, for a pitcher of water.
The damsel, very fair to look upon,
To fill her pitcher, at the well, went down.

The servant said, as he ran to meet her,
“Let me I pray the, drink from thy pitcher.”
She hasted and said. “Yea, drink, my lord,” and
She gave him a drink, from that in her hand.

And when she had done thus giving him drink,
said, “I’ll give thy camels, also, I think;”

And emptied her pitcher into the trough,
And drew for his camels water enough.
The servant, wondering at her, said naught.
He knew not yet if he prospered or not.

When all his camels their drinking had done,
Gold bracelets and rings gave to her, the man;
And he said, "Whose daughter art thou? tell me,
Has thy father room to lodge us I pray thee?"
She said to him, "Bethuel's daughter am I,
There's provender plenty and room to lie."

The man bowed down, and worshiped the Lord
Of his master, "who has truth in His word,
And hath great mercy to Abraham shown,
And hath me led to the kin of his own."

Rebekah, for this was the damsel's name,
Whose father was nephew to Abraham,
Then ran and told these things to her mother;
Also to Laban, who was her brother.

When Laban was shown the bracelets of gold.
And heard what his sister Rebekah then told,
He went out, to the man and spake this word,
Saying, "Come thou in, thou blessed of the Lord;
There's room for thee, and the camels prepared."
Then came he in, and his camels ungird,
Provided them straw and provender then,
And water to wash the feet of the men.

When this was done, they before him, set meat.
Said he, "My errand I'll tell, e're I do eat.



I am Abraham's servant—he blessed of the Lord.
He's become great; 'cause he trusted God's word.
He hath given him herds, silver and gold,
Manservants, maidservants and flocks untold.

"Master's wife Sarah, to him bear a son;
Give him, all he hath, my master hath done.
He made me swear, "Thou shalt not to my son,
Take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;
But shalt go to the house of my father,
And then take thee a wife for him thither."

"I said, "The woman may not come with me."
Said he, "The Lord will his angel, send thee,
Thy way to take of the house of my father,
A wife to my son; the angel will prosper.
When thou comest to my kindred, and they doeth
Not give one, thou shalt be clear from thy oath."

"Now tell me; if ye will send him the gift;
If not, tell me; that I turn, right or left."
Answering said they, "The thing comes from God,
We cannot now speak to thee, bad or good;
Rebekah's before thee, take her then go;
Let her his wife be; for God hath said so."

When Abraham's servant heard this their word,
He bowed to the earth, and worshipped the Lord,
Rebekah, gave gems, raiment to clothe her;
And precious things, gave he to her mother.

Then they did all eat. He tarried all night,
And said, "Send me away by the morning light."

Her mother said, "Let her abide days ten,
After that, shall she go with thee then."
He said, "Seeing the Lord doth me prosper;
Hinder me not, to go to my master."

"We'll call the damsel," said they, "and inquire;"
And they called Rebekah and said unto her,
"Daughter, wilt thou go with this man or no?"
And she said unto them, "Yea, I will go."

ISAAC AND REBEKAH

Then sent they Rebekah and nurses away,
With Abraham's servant and men that day.
They blessed Rebekah and said unto her,
"Of thousands of millions be thou mother;
Let it be that thy seed, possess the gate,
Of all the nations of those which do hate."
Then Rebekah arose, and with her damsels,
Went with the servant, and rode upon camels.

Isaac was coming by way of the well;
For in the south sountry, then he did dwell;
He went out at even into the field;
As the camels were coming, them he beheld.

When Rebekah saw Isaac she then alighted.
And he went to meet her very much delighted.
He took Rebekah, to be his loved wife;
And she gave him good cheer, throughout all his life.



ABRAHAM'S DEATH

Then Abraham took Keturah to wife,
And had six more sons ere he gave up his life.
Before he was called to go to his grave,
All that he had, to son Isaac he gave.

He had lived years, three score and fifteen;
A righteous man, all his life he had been.
Full of years, he gave up the ghost and expired;
And his grave is by Sarah's as he desired.

ESAU AND JACOB

When Isaac took, fair Rebekah to wife,
He then had spent, forty years of his life.
For his wife, Isaac entreated the Lord.
"Two nations shall she bear." Thus were His word.
"One shall be stronger than is the other;
And the elder shall serve, his younger brother."

The first born was hairy, also was red.
His name shall be Esau; parents both said.
The brother younger, to look on was fair,
His name shall be Jacob, both parents declare.

Then the boys grew and soon became men.
And there was something for each to do then.
Esau, to be a sly hunter began;
Jacob dwelt in tents; and was a plain man.

Isaac loved Esau, for he brought him good meat.
Rebekah loved Jacob. He was discreet.

When Esau came hungry and faint from the field,
To his pleading for potage, Jacob did yield.
Esau ate potage Jacob sod in his sight;
And for it sold Jacob, his lawful birth right.
Pottage Jacob gave Esau, and bread beside,
Which Esau then ate; and his birthright despised.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISAAC

There came a sore famine, Isaac did fear;
And then he went south, even to Gerar.
"Go not to Egypt," the Lord to him said,
"But dwell in the land I'll tell thee instead.

"Sojourn in this land, and thou shalt not need.
All these countries, I'll give thee and thy seed.
I'll perform the oath to thy father was given;
And increase thy seed as stars of the heaven.

In thy seed shall all nations be blessed;
For thy father obeyed my voice with a zest;
And kept my commandments, statutes and charge;
E'n for his sake; I'll thy borders enlarge."

The Lord prospered Isaac, while in Gerar he staid,
But heathen caused grief, o'er wells he there made.
And from thence he went up, to Beersheba.
To him the Lord spake at night and by day,



Saying, "Fear thou not, for I will now make
Thy seed to multiply; for Abraham's sake."
Isaac, built there an altar, pitched there his tent,
And worshipped the Lord, wherever he went.

The Philistine king from Gerar came there;
Said Isaac, "Ye hate me, wherefore come here?"
Then said he, "The Lord is with thee I see;
Let there be covenant betwixt us and thee."

They drank and ate, for he made them a feast;
Covenant they made, and departed in peace.
"Water we've found," said his servants that day,
Therefore that city he called Beer-she-ba.

ISAAC BLESSES HIS SONS

Esau wed Hittites when forty years old
Which caused great grief to his parents, its told.
When Isaac was old and his eyes had grown dim,
He called his son Esau, and said unto him,

"Take now thy weapons and bring me good meat;
Some venison make savory, of which I may eat,
That my soul may thee bless before I shall die;
Let nations bow down and with thee not vie."

When Rebekah o'erheard what Isaac did say,
She said unto Jacob, "My voice now obey.
Thy brother shall serve thee the Lord said to me.
So thy father's blessing must be given to thee.

Obey my commands and thy father caress;
And Jacob, not Esau, will Isaac then bless."
While Esau with bow, for venison was seeking;
She was planning to get Jacob the blessing.

"Go bring me two kids; us, it doeth behoove,
To make savory meat thy father doeth love.
It, shalt thou bring me, that he may eat and thy—
Father shall bless thee, before he shall die."

Said Jacob, "Hairy, brother Esau does be.
Peradventure, father, there will feel me.
Then I to father may seem a deceiver,
And a curse, on me, will then he deliver."

"Let on me be the curse," his mother then said;
"Only obey thou my voice. Fetch me the kid."
He obeyed, and brought them unto his mother,
And she made savory meat, loved by his father.

Rebekah took raiment of her son Esau,
And put them on Jacob without any flaw.
Goat skins on his hands, and the smoothe of his neck,
And with savory meat she then, Jacob did deck.

He came to his father and to him thus said,
"I'm Esau thy first born; I've done as thou bade,
Arise now my father, and eat I pray thee,
Of my venison; that thy soul may bless me."

"How is it my son, thou so soon hast it caught?"
"Because." said Jacob, "the Lord to me, it brought."
"Come near, I pray thee, that I maynow wot,
Whether thou art, my real son Esau, or not."

Then Isaac felt Jacob, when he near him did draw,
Saying, "Its Jacob's voice, but hands of Esau."
As Esau was hairy, and so was the other,
Jacob got the blessing designed for his brother.

Said Isaac, "Art thou Esau, my very son?"
And Jacob said, "My father I am the one."
"My son bring now thy venison near to me;
Of it, I will eat that my soul may bless thee."
And he brought it near, and of it, he did dine.
To him Jacob brought, and his father drank wine.

Said his father, "Come near and kiss me, my son."
And Jacob kissed him, as he often had done.
Smelling his raiment, said, "The smell of my son,
Is the smell of a field; God's blessing has won.

"Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven;
Corn, wine and fatness of the earth a plenty;
Let peoples thee serve. To thee nations bow down.
Be lord over thy brethren. Let thy mother's sons
Bow down to thee. Cursed be every one that
Curseth thee; and blessed be he, that blest thee."

Scarcely had Jacob received Isaac's blessing,
When Esau his brother, came from his hunting.
To his father he too brought some savory meat,
Saying, "Father, arise. thy son's venison eat;
That thy soul may bless me, even bless me now."
His father said unto him, "Who then art thou?"

He said, "Father, I'm Esau thy first born son."
Isaac said, "Who? Where's he that brought me venison?
And of all I have eaten before thou camest,
And have blest him. Yea and he shall be blest.

When Esau had heard these words of his father,
His cry was both great and exceeding bitter.
And said to his father, "Bless thou, also, me.
O my father, let me have a blessing from thee."
He said, "Thy brother coming with subtilty;
Hath taken away, thy blessing from thee."

Said Esau, "Is not Jacob, brother's right name;
For he has supplanted me two times the same.
And my birthright and blessing from me took he,
Hast thou not reserved now a blessing for me?"

Isaac unto Esau then answered, "Behold,
He's thy lord; his brethern, his servants, I've told.
And I have sustained him with wine and with corn.
What now shall I do unto thee my first born."
"Hast thou but one blessing my father?" said Esau,
And wept. And said, "Bless me even me also."

Then answered his father, and said unto him,
"Behold; thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the
Earth; and of the dew of heaven from above.
And by thy sword shalt thou live; and thy brother
Serve. And it shall come to pass when thou shalt
Have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke
From off thy neck.

JACOB GOES TO HARAN

Because of the blessing, Esau Jacob did hate.
"The days of our mourning," he said in his heart,
"For my father, will here at hand be some day,
Then in revenge, my brother Jacob I'll slay."

These words of Esau to Rebekah were told;
She then sent for Jacob saying to him, "Behold,
Esau thy brother, doth purpose to kill thee.
My son; obey now my voice, therefore and flee
Thou now and make haste; to Laban my brother;
He liveth in Haran with Nahor his father;
And then tarry with him, there for a few days,
Till the fury of Esau, thy brother, allays;
Then again will I send, and fetch thee from thence;
Why should I be deprived of both you at once."

She then said to Isaac, "I'm weary of life,
If Jacob take the daughters of Heth to wife,
Such as are those daughters, that live about here;
My life to myself, shall no good do, I fear."

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessing him saith,
"Take not thee to wife, of the daughters of Heth.
But go thou to Haran and take thee a wife;
And God Almighty bless thee, all of thy life.
Make thee very fruitful and multiply thee;
A multitude of people mayest thou be.
Give Abraham's blessing to thee and thy seed;
And inherit this land, all thou mayest need."
Then Isaac sent Jacob away to Haran,
To Rebekah's good brother the Syrian.

JACOB'S DREAM

When Jacob went out toward Haran,
He lighted upon a place certain;
Which the people of Luz did then keep;
He took some stones for his pillow,
And lay down in that place, to get sleep.

He dreamed he a ladder saw standing.
Which from earth to heaven was reaching.
And behold above it stood the Lord.
Angels ascending and decending,
When He said, "Hear now Jacob, my word.

"I am the Lord God of Abraham.
And the Lord God of Isaac the same.
This land to thee and thy seed will I give.
They shall be as the dust of the earth,
In all parts of the world, shall they live.

"Thee and thy seed shall bless all the earth.
I will be with thee where 'ere thou goest forth.
Thee will I keep and thee will not leave;
And will bring thee again to this land,
Which I, unto thy forefathers gave."



JACOB'S VOW

Said Jacob, when awakened
From out of his sleep,
"Surely the Lord was here
And me He did keep.

This the house of God is;
And the gate of heaven.
I'll set up a pillar,
When thanks, I have given.

The pillar was the stone
Whereon lay his head;
When he awoke from his dream
With fear and with dread.

On the stone he poured oil,
Then vowed he a vow,
To serve God, all his life;
Yea even from now.

First that place was called Luz;
Of the which he doth tell;
And there changed he its name;
And called it Beth el.

This stone shall God's house be;
Though mine be a tent.
Of all thou shalt give me,
I will give thee a tenth.

JACOB AND RACHEL

Thence on his journey young Jacob pursued;
And while on his way God's goodness reviewed;
Until to the land of Haran he came,
Where then dwelt his uncle, Laban by name.

He beheld there wells, where flocks were watered;
And flocks and herdmen then were there gathered.
Said Jacob to them, "Bretheren whence be ye?"
And to him say they, "Of Haran are we."
"Know ye there Laban, the son of Nahor?"
"Yea. Behold, here cometh Rachel his daughter."

When Jacob saw Rachel tending the sheep,
And told her his name for joy they did weep.
Then to her father she ran with much fleet,
And Laban, with love, did Jacob then greet.
He showed love for Jacob in various ways;
And in Laban's house he lived many days.

"Why should thou serve me," said Laban, "for naught.
Tell me thy wages, when thou shalt have wrought."
Jacob remembering the words of his father.
Told him, "Thee now will I serve for thy daughter."

Daughters had Laban both Rachel and Leah.
For them Jacob served him for fourteen year.
Then gave he to Jacob, his daughters, for wives;
Both of whom lived with him, all of their lives.

In Laban's service the Lord, Jacob blest.
His flocks and his herds were greatly increased.
He also was blest with numerous children;
Whom the Lord promised, him should be given.

When Joseph was born, it then came to pass,
Jacob desired, to go back to his place.
"Give me my wives and my children," said he,
Unto Laban, "for whom I've served thee."

"If I've found favor, tarry I pray thee,"
Said Laban. "For thy sake, God hath blessed me.
Appoint me thy wages, it will I give."
"Give me a share in the flocks as they live."
"Thus be it," said Laban, "as is thy word."
And Jacob increased in flock and in herd.

Laban's sons came, to him with the story,
Jacob had both, the flocks and the glory;
And all of our wealth, both cattle and money.
Then Jacob beheld the look of Laban,
That he was not, as before he had been.

The Lord said to Jacob, "Give ear to me.
Return to thy land; I will be with thee;
And give thee great blessings, there wilt thou see."
Jacob then sent, and to him, called his wives;
And tells them what knowledge, from God he derives.

How the Lord, unto him, said in a dream,
"I am the God of Bethel; where thou hast been,
And built there a pillar, which I have seen;
Anointed that pillar, and vowed me a vow.
Arise Return to thy land even now."

Then both of his wives, thus to him answered,
 "We're now as strangers, by father considered;
 For he hath sold us, and our price devoured."
 They said to him further, 'tis our wish too,
 That whatso'er God, hath said to thee, do."

JACOB GOES TO CANAAN

Jacob arose with his wives and his sons,
 And all of his flocks, yea there he left none;
 To go to his father in Canaan.
 Her father's images, Rachel took with her;
 Then they all fled, and passed o'er the river.

When Laban was told that Jacob had fled,
 He took some brethren and after him sped,
 And him pursued, even to Gille-ed.
 And God came to Laban, in a dream, by night;
 Saying, "Speak not to Jacob, wrong nor right."

Laban said to Jacob, "Why didst thou flee;
 And steal my daughters as captives from me;
 Why went thou in secret? Art thou not free?
 Why didst thou not tell me; not do me wrong;
 That thee I might send, with mirth and with song.

"By this way of doing, foolish, thou wert.
 I have the power to do thee much hurt;
 If I, against thee, my power assert.
 But your father's God last night to me said;
 "Speak not thou to Jacob, good neither bad."

“Though thou wouldst needs to thy fathers be gone,
Yet wherefore my gods, hast thou then stolen;
And the love twixt thee, and me, now broken.”
Jacob answering said, “Because I did fear;
Peradventure, thou would take, my wives from me here.

“With whomsoever thou, thy gods doest here find,
Let him not live; if it be in thy mind.”
For Jacob knew not, them Rachel purloined.
Rachel the gods of her father had hid;
His gods he found not, though search for them did.

JACOB CHIDES LABAN

Jacob was wroth; and with Laban he chode,
Saying, “What is my sin; thou hast me pursued
So hotly, e’er I had gone yet far on my road.
Thou searched all my stuff and what hast thou found.
Let brethren judge; and their judgment be sound.

“In thy house have I served, these twenty years;
Six for thy cattle, fourteen for thy daughters;
And all of that time, in God’s love and His fears.
The God of my fathers who there was with me,
Hath seen my affliction, and hast rebuked thee.”

Said Laban, “These thou named are all mine,
What can I do with that, thou sayest is thine;
To do what is right should be our design;
Now therefore let there a covenant be;
For a sure witness, between me and thee,”

COVENANT OF JACOB AND LABAN

Jacob took stones, both he and his brethren,
Then made they a heap and all ate thereon;
And love was restored in the heart of each one.
These stones shall be for witness they said;
Therefore is the name of it, Gille-ed

Laban, to Jacob, then further did say,
"This heap is witness between us this day,
That the covenant we've made is the Lord's way.
And the Lord watch, between me and thee, ever;
While we are absent, one from another."

Laban then said, "If thou my daughters distress,
Or beside them take other wives to caress,
See, betwixt me and thee, God is witness.
This pillar," Laban to Jacob then said,
"Shall be witness to the cov'nant we've made."

"I'll not pass this heap, to do harm to thee.
Thou shalt not pass it to do harm to me.
And this pillar of stones witness shall be."
The God of their fathers, judged twixt them there;
By fear of his father, Jacob then swear.

On the mount, Jacob sacrifice offered,
And called on his brethren, there to eat bread,
And tarried all night in mount Gille-ed.
Next morning Laban, his children then kissed;
And went to his home, when them he had blessed.

JACOB PREPARES TO MEET ESAU

Then Jacob went again on his way;
And angels of God came to see him.
Then said he, to those that were foremost,
This is God's host.
And he called that place, Ma-ha-na-im.

Then sent he, Esau a message,
Far into the country of Edom.
Saying, "With Laban I've sojourned,
Now I've returned;
To find grace in thy sight, have I come."

"Esau doth come with four hundred men,
To meet thee;" Jacob's servants brought word.
When all these words, to Jacob were said,
He was afraid,
Esau would them, all slay with the sword.

Jacob forthwith then went to his God.
And with reverence did fervently pray,
That God would now, his promise fulfill,
Made at Beth-el,
And the passions of Esau would stay.

Then Jacob took, out from his own flocks,
E'en a very great number of these;
To be for his brother a present.
This to him sent
That it might, his fierce anger appease.

JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL

His wives and sons, sent he o'er Jabbok,
And there Jacob was left without home.
While there at night, a man to him came,
Without a name,
To give Jacob a blessing had come.

The man then with Jacob did wrestle;
Til the night was fast breaking away.
To him said the man, "Pray let me go;"
Jacob said, "No;
Except thou doth, here bless me to-day."

When the man, prevailed not against him,
He touched then the hollow of his thigh;
And Jacob's thigh was then out of joint,
With no affront;
For the Lord was with Jacob close by.

To him said the man, "No more Jacob,
But Isreal shall now be thy name.
As a prince thou hast power and prevailed.
And much availed;
With thy God and men also, the same."

Then the man's name, wished Jacob to know,
Who had blessed him past a denial;
Since I, my God, have seen face to face,
And live by grace,
This place shall be called Pe-ni-al.



JACOB MEETS ESAU

When Jacob beheld his brother,
Now coming down with four hundred men;
Seven times bowed he to the ground;
And favor found;
For his children, and all of his women.

Then Esau ran down to meet Jacob.
Embraced him and fell on his neck.
They wept, and each other they kissed,
Both were there blessed;
And each was saved from becoming a wreck.

Then Esau spied women and children;
And said, "Who are these that be with thee?"
"Children which God hath unto me given;
Blessings from heaven;"
As Esau these, then plainly could see.

Then Leah with Rachel and children,
Came near unto Esau and bowed.
Bowed also their handmaids and children,
Now nearly men,
And pleasure in all, Esau then showed.

Then said Esau, "What meaneth these flocks?"
"That I in thy sight find grace my Lord."
"Keep them to thyself. I have enough,
Though it be rough;
And be generous to thee can afford."

Then Jacob said, "Nay, thee do I pray,
If I now have found grace in thy sight;
My presents receive at my hand;
 'Tis my command,
Since I have thee seen; and with thee, am right.

"Take my blessing that is to thee brought;
For generously God, dealt with me here."
When urged he him, with kindly look,
 Esau it took.

Then from Jacob, was banished all fear.

"Let my lord pass before me," said Jacob.
"I will lead, as the cattle doth go,
And children, able to endure,
 Even to Seir;
For youth is tender, my lord doth know."

Said Esau, "Let me now with thee leave
Some of the folk that be with me here."

"Nay. But let me find grace in thy sight;
For it is right."

Said Jacob, while his servants stood near.

So Esau returned that day toward Seir,
And Jacob toward Succoth did face.
There built him an house, booths for cattle,
 There to settle.

Therefore Succoth's the name of that place.

Then came he to Shalem in Canaan.

Bought there ground and pitched on a parcel;
And there he erected an altar,
 Without falter;
And called it El-elohe-Isreal.

JACOB CALLED ISREAL

Seven years in Succoth, Jacob dwelt in a tent.
The trouble he had there, made him sorry he went.
Inducements to join the ungodly were offered;
And for wrongs that his sons did, Jacob much suffered.
Strange gods to his children, by the heathen were sold;
And all the evils they did, to Jacob were told.

God said to Jacob, "Arise; go thou to Beth-el.
And make there an altar, it shall with thee, be well."
Then said he, to his household, and all those therein,
"Put away your strange gods and be every one clean."
Then gave they to Jacob, gods, earrings and cloaks.
And he buried them in Shechem, under the oaks.

From Succoth they journeyed, wives, sons and flocks too.
For fear of God, in the cities, none dared them pursue.
Then they all came to Luz, named Bethel, the other.
Where God met Jacob, when he fled from his brother.

There appeared God again e'er he was installed,
Saying, "No more Jacob, shalt thou be called,
But from henceforth, shalt thou now be Isreal;
And he built there an altar, called El-bethel."

The Lord said to Jacob, "God Almighty am I.
I possess all the earth, and my throne is on high.
Land I gave to thy fathers, because they served me,
I will give all to thee, and thy seed after thee.

"Be fruitful and multiply, in all thy new stations.
 Of thee and thy seed; will I make many nations.
 From thee and thy seed, shall come a great many kings."
 And God went from him, when he had told him these things.

Jacob set up a pillar, and made it of stone.
 Drink offering poured on it; then oil poured thereon
 The promise God made him, pleased Jacob real well.
 And the place God spake with him, called he Bethel.

DEATH OF RACHEL AND ISAAC

To Rachel, was born their youngest son.
 She named him Benoni; Jacob, Benjamin.
 Then Rachel died, when Benjamin was born;
 And with very great grief, Jacob did mourn.

A very good wife she had been to him,
 And he laid her to rest in Bethlehem.
 Over her grave, he set up a pillar,
 To show mankind, the love he had for her.

Ruben, Asher, Simeon and Levi,
 Zebulon Gad, Dan and Naphtali,
 Issacher, Iudah, Joseph, Benjamin,
 The twelve sons of Jacob, were all strong men.

Jacob then journeyed, and to Mamre they came.
 Where dwelt his loved father, Isaac by name;
 Whose face he'd not seen for years before,
 And whose years now are, an hundred fourscore.

Isaac died full of days, and gave up the ghost.
Was gathered to his people, now a great host.
And buried beside, his beloved Rebekah,
By his two sons in the grave of Mach-pela.

ESAU AND EDOM

Isaac's son Esau, was most disloyal.
His parents obeyed he seldom.
He married the daughters of Canaan,
And fathered the tribes of Edom.

From Canaan they all went to Edom,
Among the rough mountains of Seir.
The Lord God of Isaac they worshipped not;
But bowed to dumb idols in fear.

JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN

In Canaan Jacob dwelt,
With flocks and herds many.
Prejudice his sons felt.
They loved not Joseph any.

They their flocks were feeding,
In the pastures round.
The sons bad lives leading,
Were by young Joseph found.

And Jacob he did tell,
Which much his sons displeas'd,
That they did not do well.
Their hatred then increased.

Jacob loved Joseph more
Than all his sons beside;
Which made them hate him sore,
The sequel, doth betide.

He, of colors many,
Made Joseph a new coat,
Like it was not any;
It made his brothers gloat.

They thought their father par-
Tial, and their brother proud.
Them it filled with envy,
Their hearts with hatred crowd.

Joseph, dream'd a dream,
Which he his brethren told.
Their hatred did inflame
More even, than four fold.

"I dream'd we all were binding
Sheaves, in the field, and lo,
My sheaf up was standing;
And your sheaves did not so;
But stood they in the row,
And to my sheaf did bow."

Joseph dream'd another dream
"Behold, that dream is this.
Unto me did it then seem,
While sleeping and in bliss,

That the sun and the moon,
With eleven stars bowed down;
And with awful rever-ence,
To me, made o-bei-sance."

JOSEPH HATED BY HIS BRETHREN

"Can it be that thou o'er us shall reign?
Domineer over us would thou fain?"
Disgusted at Joseph's words; and mad,
Fain would his brethren have killed the lad.

Joseph's father rebuking him said,
"What's this, that so to dream, wast thou made,
Shall thy brethren, thy mother and me,
Come indeed, to bow down to thee?"
His brethren were filled with envying;
But his father observed the saying.

To Shechem where his brethren went
To pasture then, their father's flock,
Where feed was good for all his stock,
To see them well, was Joseph sent.

While on his way, he met a man,
As he about was wandering,
And to find his brethren, trying,
Who said, "Thy brethren, are in Doth-an."

To Dothan then young Joseph went,
And found his brethren in a lot,
Against him planning an evil plot,
To do him harm, was their intent.

JOSEPH CAST IN A PIT

His brethren saw Joseph,
While yet afar off.
Come let us him slay
To each other did say;
Cast him into some pit;
For nought else is he fit.
Then to father we'll say,
Evil beasts did him slay;
And then shall we see,
What his dreams come to be.

But Ruben his brother,
Would him then deliver
To his father again,
Said, "Let us him not kill,
Shed no blood, but we will,
Cast him into this pit,
And we'll keep him in it."

Then they stripped off his coat
Over which they did gloat;
That coat of colors many;
Other coats he'd not any.

Him they cast in the pit,
With no water in it;
And sat down to eat bread;
When came from Gille-ed
A company of men,
Whom his brethren saw then,
With camels were equipped,
Going down to Egypt.



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JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT.

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JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT

Judah spake and did say,
"What profit if we slay,
Brother; and hide his blood;"
So sell him Judah would.

"Let's sell him," Judah said,
"No harm, on him, be laid.
To Egypt he'll be sent;"
His brethren were content.

Him drew they from the pit,
Near which they all did sit.
For silver they him sold,
Twenty pieces, we are told.
To say, Joseph had nought;
When to Egypt he was brought.

They killed then a goat,
And took Joseph's new coat;
It they dipped in the blood,
And fool father they would.

It to Jacob they brought,
Of their fraud, he knew nought.
Said "This coat we found so;
Is it Joseph's, or no?"

JACOB MOURNES FOR JOSEPH

When Jacob his son's bloody coat did see,
His grief for Joseph was beyond degree.
And weeping, said, "Some evil beasts no doubt,
That roam the forests of Dothan about,

Have rent in pieces, Joseph my son;
And devoured his body both flesh and bone."
Then rent he his clothes, and sack cloth put on;
And mourned many days, for Joseph his son.

His sons and daughters, him comfort they would;
But all their efforts, did father no good.
Said he, "Into the grave, I will go down;
Mourning and weeping, for Joseph my son."

JOSEPH SOLD TO POTIPHAR

Ishmeelites brought Joseph down
To Egypt and there sold,
Him, to Pharaoh's captain;
Who paid Egyptian gold.

Pharaoh's captain Potiphar,
Now for a servant sought.
He saw that Joseph trusted God,
And then he Joseph, bought.

When he saw that God was with him,
And what he did was good;
He put all things in Joseph's hands,
To use the way he would.

Joseph became a prosperous man.
His master prospered too.
Because he trusted in the Lord;
And to his chief was true.

He then was made to oversee
Potiphar's house and field.
God blessed the house, for Joseph's sake;
And made his lands, to yield.

JOSEPH PUT IN PRISON

Potiphar's wife, was not a good woman;
She said many things about Joseph not true.
This she well knew.
And told lies, to her husband, not a few.

Potiphar believed that Joseph did wrong
Then kindling his wrath, with derision,
Made a decision,
That Joseph, his servant, be put into prison.

Potiphar then, put Joseph in ward.
A place where all the king's prisoners were bound;
On the cold ground,
He was kept; though in him no fault could be found

JOSEPH PROSPERS IN PRISON

The Lord was with Joseph,
While e'en in the prison;
And showed him much mercy,
In fact and in vision.

God heard Joseph's prayers;
And them did he answer;
By giving him favors
In sight of the keeper.

Into Joseph's hands were
The prisoner's committed;
Because he had wisdom.
For that he was fitted.

He did all that was done,
In the prison whate'er;
For the Lord did him help,
And made it to prosper.

In the prison and place
Where was Joseph then bound,
The baker and butler;
Pharoah's servants were found.

While there in the dungeon,
They were in Joseph's care.
He treated them kindly,
All the time they were there.

Both dreamed the same night,
And behold; they were sad.
Joseph looking on them,
Said, "Why look ye, so bad."

Then answering, they say,
"Both our dreams made us fear;
For we do not them know;
None can tell them in here."

JOSEPH INTERPRETS DREAMS

"Do not interpreta-
Tions, belong to the Lord?
Tell me them," said Joseph,
"I pray you, every word."

The chief butler then told
First to Joseph, his dream;
"Behold; a vine before
Me, for so it did seem.

"In it were three branches,
Buds and blossoms in shapes,
Shot forth in the clusters,
And in them ripe grapes.

"I pressed the ripe grapes,
Into Pharaoh's gold cup;
Put it into his hand,
And of it, he did sup."

Then unto the butler
Joseph pleasantly says,
"Thy dream I will tell thee.
Three branches are three days.
In three days will Pharaoh,
Thee, restore to thy place;
And again have his grace "

JOSEPH'S REQUEST

Then Joseph to the butler did say,
Think of me, and show kindness, I pray.
Make mention of me before Pharaoh's face;
That he bring me out of this loathsome place.

"For indeed was I stolen away,
From my home in the Hebrew nation;
And now have I done nothing that they
Should cast, and keep me, here in this dungeon.

The butler's dream was as Joseph spoke,
"He'll restore the chief butler his lot."
But while living in luxury, Joseph's
Kindness, in prison, the butler forgot.

On his birthday, made Pharaoh a feast;
And the butler restored to his place.
He gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand;
And again, he looked into his face.

JOSEPH'S INTERPRETATION TRUE

When the chief baker saw
Joseph's meaning was good;
Have Joseph interpret,
His dream, also, he would.

Said he, "In my dream be-
Hold; I had on my head,
Three white baskets for Pha-
Raoh, full of all kinds of bread.

"And the birds then did eat
The good bread, on my head."

"The meaning of thy dream
Is this," then Joseph said:

"The baskets are three days.
Pharaoh within that time,
Shall take thee out of here,
And punish thee for crime.

"Thy head shall he lift up
And hang thee on a tree;
Birds shall eat thy flesh,
When hanging; from off thee."

On the third day Pharaoh
Made a feast, his birth day;
To all of his servants;
But the baker, they say.

While Pharaoh feasted, the
Baker, hanging, was dead;
According to his dream;
Just as Joseph had said.

PHARAOH'S DREAM

Two years to Joseph, did a long time seem,
After he told the chief butler his dream;
He was still shut up; in the same prison,
When Pharaoh dreamed; and then had a vision.

Behold; as he by the river brink stood,
Up came from it, seven kine that were good;
Fat fleshed, sleek and very well favored,
Which went in a meadow; there were they fed.

And behold; seven other kine were seen,
Come up from the river; ill favored and lean.
Then by the river, brink, all the kine stood;
And the lean kine, ate up, those that were good.

Pharaoh, behold, a second time dreamed;
And before him a wonder there seemed.
Seven ears of good corn grew on one stalk;
The like of which he'd ne'r seen, nor heard talk.

And behold, seven more ears that were thin,
Sprung up after them, all blasted with wind;
And ate up the seven good ears did seem,
When Pharaoh awoke; and behold; 'twas a dream.

He being troubled, early next morning,
Sent for magicians, to tell his dreams meaning.
Of all magicians, and of all wise men,
The dreams to Pharaoh, not one could explain.



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JOSEPH INTERPRETING PHARAOH'S DREAM.

Pharaoh's chief butler to him did then say,
"I recall my faults; forgot till this day.
When Pharaoh was wroth he put us in ward;
I and his baker, with captain as guard.

"Both of us dreamed one night in the prison,
Which troubled us much; in mind and in vision.
And a Hebrew was there, serving the guard;
Who interpreted our dreams, yea, word for word.
The meaning he gave us never was changed.
Me he restored, the baker he hanged."

PHARAOH'S DREAM INTERPRETED

Sent Pharaoh for Joseph, and had him then brought,
From the dark dungeon, now hastily out.
New garments put on, and his face shaved clean,
He appeared to Pharaoh, as a man not mean.

To him said Pharaoh, "I have dreamed a dream,
None can interpret, to me it doth seem.
Not one has yet told, the meaning to me,
Dreams, thou interpret, I've heard say of thee."

Answering Pharaoh, Joseph said unto him,
"It is not in me; to explain thy dream.
If to trust man, more than God, thou will cease,
God shall give Pharaoh, an answer of peace."

Pharaoh, to Joseph, repeated his dream,
Which to the wise men was hidden, did seem.
Said Joseph to him, "Thy dream is not two.
God shall show Pharaoh what thing he will do.

"Seven good kine, seven ears of good corn,
Are both seven years; the dream is but one.
The seven ill favored kine that were thin
The seven ears of corn blasted with wind,

"Shall be seven years more, of famine sore,
Through all the land of Egypt, and more.
Behold there shall come, throughout all this land,
Seven years of fullness, great plenty, and

"After them famine, for seven years more,
Shall consume the land, both greivous and sore.
Because Pharaoh's dream came to him twice,
God, this thing, will bring to pass in a trice."

JOSEPH'S WISE COUNSEL

"Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man,
Discreet, wise and the best fitted he can.
With power from thee, must he be equipped;
And set him over, the land of Egypt.

"Let him appoint officers, over the land,
Who in the seven years of plenty and,
Fullness of corn, will then gather the food,
That comes, in the seven years, that are good.

"Let them lay up corn under Pharaoh's hand.
In all the cities, all over the land.
To be used for food in the years of dearth,
That no people perish, in all the earth."

Pharaoh was pleased with Joseph's wise plan;
So were his servants, yea every man.
And he to them said, "Can we find, such as this,
A wise man, in whom God's spirit now is?"

JOSEPH MADE RULER OF EGYPT

Said Pharaoh to Joseph, "Thou art most wise,
God hath shown thee things, good in mine eyes.
Thou shalt be ruler in all my house and,
Over my people, in all this broad land.

"See, I've set thee over all the land now;
In the throne only, I'm greater than thou."
Then put he his ring on Joseph's hand,
Dressed him in clothes of fine linen and,
Around his neck he put a gold chain;
To show all men, that Joseph doth reign.

He rode in the king's, second chariot,
Which Pharaoh then, for Joseph had brought.
Joseph, made he, in the chariot to ride,
Before him, bow the knee, then they all cried.

Pharaoh made Joseph rule over the land.
Without him none dare, lift foot or hand.
From Pharaoh's presence Joseph went out
To view all the country round there about.
And then in the seven plenteous years,
When the corn grew with many large ears,
He gathered and laid up, all of the food;
In all the cities stored he it good.
He gathered the corn as sand of the sea;
Without number; as much as could be.

SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE

Seven years of plenty in the land,
With large ears of corn were ended, and
The seven years of famine was come;
With its dire effects, in every home.

Then the famished people cried for bread,
According as, that Joseph had said.
The famished people to Pharaoh cried.
He said, "Go to Joseph; he will provide."

To Joseph, such he sent not a few;
And told them, what he saith, you do.
So Joseph sold corn, he had in store,
While o'er the earth the famine waxed sore.

EPHRAIM AND MANASSAH

When Joseph stood before Pharaoh,
He'd spent thirty years of his life.
The daughter of the priest of On,
Asenath, took he then to wife.

Unto him were born two sons.
Manassah, the first born they name;
"For God hath made me forget my
Toil, and my father's house, the same."

Ephraim, called he the second son,
"For in the land of my affliction,
God," said he, "hath made me fruitful,
And great respect of Pharaoh won."

JACOB SENDS TO BUY CORN

Now when Jacob saw that in Egypt there was corn,
He said to his sons, "Why do you look so forlorn.
Behold; corn is plenty in Egypt I've heard say,
Now get you down there, and do not thither delay.
Why look on one another; go down there and buy;
For us from thence; that we may all live, and not die."

Then Joseph's ten brethren into Egypt went down;
(But Benjamin his brother went not) to buy corn.
To Egypt Jacob sent not young Benjamin down,
Lest mischief would befall, peradventure, his son.

When Isreal's ten sons came down into Egypt,
With asses, sacks and money to get corn, were equipt.
They came to Joseph, and told of Canaan's great dearth,
Asked of him food, and bowed their face to the earth.

Joseph knew all his brethren, but they knew him not.
He spoke to them roughly. Said, "Ye are spies do doubt.
To see how the nakedness of the land doth seem."
And he remembered the dreams, of them he did dream.

Then they unto him said, "Nay, my lord, but to buy,
Food are we thy servants come down, lest we all die.

We are one man's sons as thou shalt see with thine eyes;
And we are all true men. Thy servants are no spies."
Joseph said to them, "Nay, but ye come for to see,
The nakedness of the land, and how it may be."

JOSEPH TREATS BRETHREN AS SPIES

Said they, "We are twelve brothers, all sons of one man.
The youngest is with father, back in Canaan.
And behold, there is one of our brothers is not."
Then unto them said he, "This surely is that,
That I spake unto you saying; ye are all spies.
Hereby ye shall be proved. It shall be in this wise.
By the life of Pharaoh, ye shall never go hence;
Except your youngest brother, come down here, from thence.

"Send you one, and let him fetch your youngest brother,
While ye are in prison; then can I see whether,
You tell me the truth or you speak to me lies;
Else, by the life of Pharaoh, are ye all spies."

Then he put them together, in prison three days;
That they, might remember and repent of their ways.
Then Joseph said to them, in ward the third day;
"This do ye and live. For in God's fear I do say,
If what you say be true, let one of your brethren,
Be here safely bound, in the house of your prison,
While all the rest of you go, and carry the food,
And bring with you your brother, to prove your words good.
Bring your brother to me, and your words verify;
If this thing you do, then shall ye live and not die."

Then they all said, one to the other,
"We're verily guilty concerning our brother.
In that we saw, his soul anguish and fear;
When he besought us, and we would not hear.
Therefore upon us has come this distress;
So far from our father, he cannot us bless.

When, then said Ruben, "Slay him you all would
Spake I not to you, shed not the child's blood?
And ye would not hear, but slay him desired.
Behold, therefore now, his blood is required."

They did not know, Joseph them understood;
For then, speak he by interpreter would.
He then went away and wept and returned,
To them again; and with them communed.

There he bound Simeon before all their eyes;
And filled then their sacks with corn on this wise;
He commanded their money them to restore,
In every man's sack, and give him corn more,
For provender; to use on their way back.
And then they departed with corn in each sack.

When one then opened his sack to get food,
Behold, in his sack the money he espied.
Said he to his brethren, "My money's restored;
Its in my sacks mouth, as sure as my word."
Then their hearts failed them, and they were afraid.
Saying, "What now is this, God on us hath laid."

Then came they to Jacob in Canaan
And told him, in Egypt, all that was done.

When they opened their sacks it came to pass;
Each man's money, in his sack was; alas.
Every man's money before them was laid;
Then were the sons, and their father afraid.

JACOB'S BEREAVEMENT

Then said Jacob unto his sons,
"Me have ye bereaved of my
Children. Joseph is not; and Simeon
Is not. Now will ye take away
Benjamin. All these things are against
Me."

"Into my hands deliver thy son.
To thee will I restore him again.
If I bring him not again to thee,
Then thou my two sons, shall slay;"
Said Ruben.

"His brother is dead. He's left alone.
My son shall not go;" said his father.
"If there mischief befall him on
The way, then shall ye with sorrow
Bring down my gray hairs to the grave."

The famine was sore in the land,
Where then Jacob dwelt, of Canaan.
And when they had eaten the corn,
"Go for more food," said Jacob again.

JUDAH PLEADS WITH HIS FATHER

Judah then said unto Jacob,

“The man did protest and say farther,
‘Ye shall no more see my face,
Except, there be with you, your brother.’

“If thou wilt send Benjamin too,
We’ll go for thee down and buy food.
But if thou wilt not send him, we
Will not go, ’twill do us no good.”

“Wherefore dealt ye with me so ill
As to tell the man there, whether,
In the country from whence you came,
Ye have there yet a young brother.”

Then said they all to their father.

“The man asked us strictly our state,
And our kindred. Could we cer-
Tainly know, what would then be our fate?

“Is your father alive,” said he,
“And have you another brother?
So we told him of all these words,
Yea, just according to tenor.”

Then Judah said to his father,
“Send the lad, and we will go now;
That we may all live and not die,
Both we, our little ones, and thou.

"Then will I be surety for him;
Of my hand, him shalt thou require.
If I bring him not unto thee,
Blame me forever, if thou desire."

Then to them their father thus spake:
"If so it must be, now this do,
Balm, spice, nuts, myrrh; a present take;
Good almonds and honey with you.

"Take of the best fruit of the land.
What was in your sacks, back again.
Double the money in your hand;
And now your brother Benjamin."

"Arise; go again to the man,
And get us more food if you can.
God Almighty have mercy on you.
That the man may not be deceived.
And give me Simeon, Benjamin too.
If I be bereaved, I am bereaved."

JACOB SENDS BENJAMIN TO EGYPT

The men took the present as Jacob had said,
And went down to Egypt again to buy bread.
They also took money; this time 'twas double;
And also Benjamin; them to save trouble.

When they all came down, before Joseph they stood.
Hoping to find him in an agreeable mood.
When he saw Benjamin, he took them home soon;
That they might all dine with him, that day, at noon.

The servant then brought them all into the home,
Then seated he them, all alone in the room,
And provided all things as Joseph had said.
But because they were brought, the men were afraid;
And said, "For the money we took back, again,
He'll take all our asses, and make us bondmen.

JACOB' SONS AND JOSEPH'S SERVANT

With the steward, then they communed,
As by Joseph's door they all stood;
And said, "Thy servants assumed,
To come down again and buy food.

"When here before, came it to pass,
That at the inn, on our way back,
We opened the sacks to feed the ass,
Money, behold, we found in each sack.

"Who put it in there, we cannot tell.
We've brought it all back, the full weight,
That with us all it may be well;
And we may find grace in thy sight.

More money have we brought this morn,
With which we may purchase more food.
Please sell us, thy servants more corn.
Yea, as much as do seemeth thee good."

Said the steward, to you be peace;
"Fear not, the God of your father,
And your God, cause your fear to cease;
For He hath given you treasure."

He then brought Simeon from prison,
Gave them water to wash their feet.
To the asses gave provision,
Then made ready, Joseph to meet.

JOSEPH'S BRETHERN BOW BEFORE HIM

When Joseph came, the presents they brought;
And bowed themselves, to him, to the earth.
The welfare, of their father he sought;
"Doth he yet live in that land of dearth?"
"Our father is yet alive," they said;
Then all made obeisance, and bowed the head.

When Joseph saw, brother Benjamin,
"Is this of whom you spake, your brother?
God be gracious unto thee my son."
Thus spake he, to the son of his mother.
Then he made haste, and sought where to weep;
Into his chamber, where he doth sleep.

He washed his face, and went out again,
For him by himself, was set thereon bread,
After his feeling he did refrain,
And the brothers by themselves were fed.
Because if one eats, in that nation,
With Hebrews, 'tis abomination.

Before Joseph they then set Ruben;
Which seat was his; according to birth.

They also sat down young Benjamin;
Wherein was his, according to youth.
For so in Egypt it is the usage,
That birthright at meat accords with one's age.

Messes were sent before each other,
And five times so much to Benjamin
Made them marvel one to another,
Why such favor, to him should be given.
Each ate his mess, without any worry,
All then drank, and with him made merry.

CUP IN BENJAMIN'S SACK

Joseph commanded his steward then,
To fill with food the sacks of the men.
"Fill them all as much as they'll carry,
In every sack, put the man's money.

And the youngest, who, with me did sup,
Put with his money, my silver cup."
As Joseph said the man did according;
And sent them off, early next morning.

Not very far off, had they gone when,
Joseph said, "Up; follow the men;
Say to them so 'twill be understood,
Why reward ye, evil for good.
Is not this, in which doth my lord drink?
Indeed divineth; do ye not think?"

When he came to them, he spake that way.
They said to him, "Why doth my lord say,
These words of thy servants as he did;
That they should do this thing, God forbid.

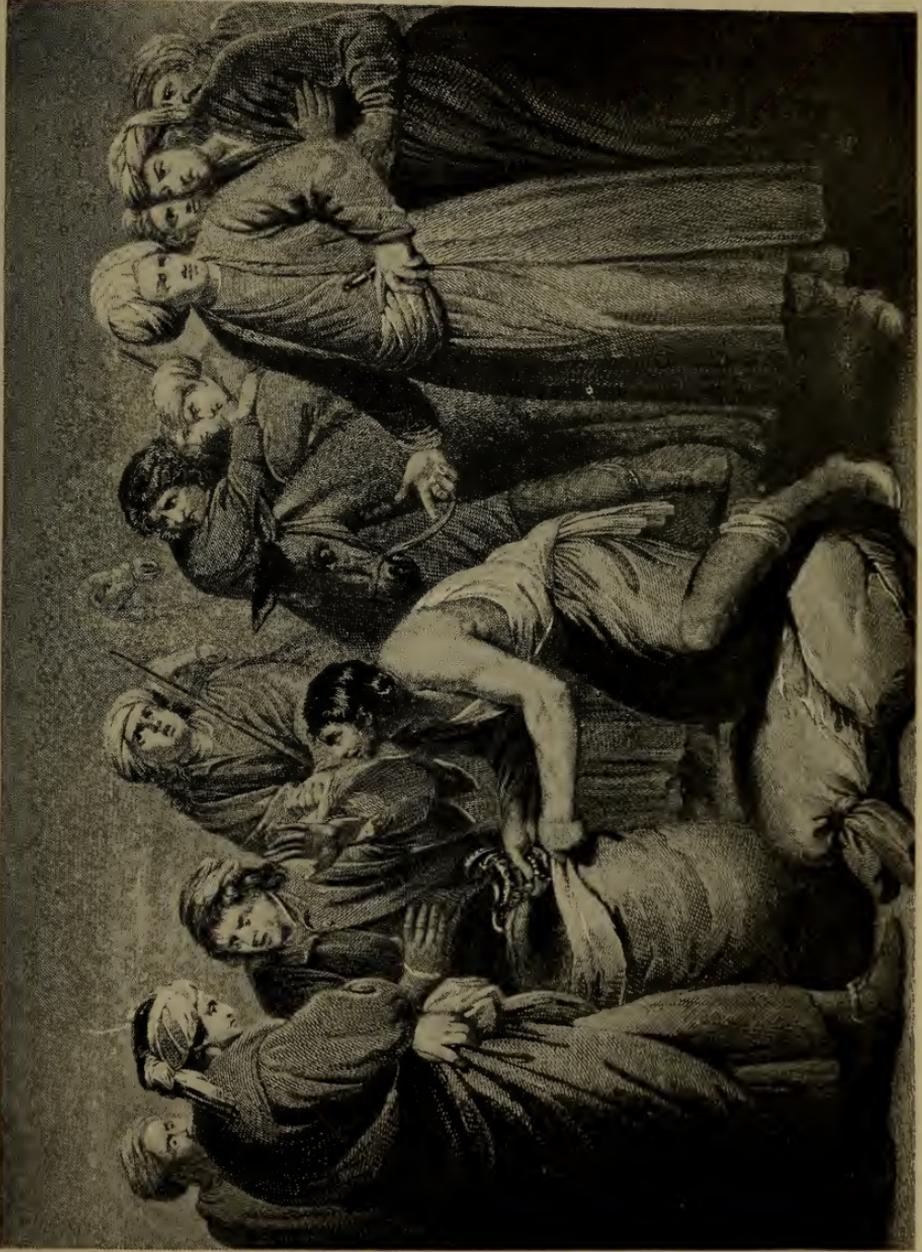
"The money found in our sacks behold
Which we, before, to my lord have told,
We brought back with us out of Canaan,
And returned it to my lord again.

"How then of us can it now be told,
We stole from my lord, silver and gold.
If with thy servants the cup be found,
Let him die; and we also be bound."

"According to all your words," saith he,
"With whom 'tis found, shall my servant be,
A bondman then shall he be nameless,
And all of you, be free and blameless."

And when every man, took down his sack,
Then filled with corn, on the asses back,
The search began at the eldest son;
And ended with that, of Benjamin.

The cup was found in Benjamin's sack;
Then rent they their clothes, and all turned back,
To the city where Joseph was found,
And all before him, fell to the ground.
Then Joseph said, "What's this ye have done.
Wot ye not now, that I can divine?"



JOSEPH'S BRETHREN HUMBLD

Then Judah said, "What shall we speak or say,
Or how shall we clear ourselves from a crime;
God has found out thy servant's iniquity,
And behold, we're my lord's servants all time;
Both we and he, with whom was the cup found,
Are my lord's servants, to be to thee bound."

Joseph said, "That I should do this, God forbid.
Let him, in whose hand, was the cup, be bound.
Go you to your father, tell what you did,
That in none but your brother, was there wrong found.
The rest of you go to your father in peace.
And then my anger against you shall cease."

JUDAH PLEADS FOR BENJAMIN

Then came Judah to him and thus said, "Oh!
My lord, let thy servant to thee a word say,
For thou art even as Pharaoh, we know;
Let not thine anger, burn against me, this day.

"When my lord asked us have ye a father,
My lord also asked, have ye a brother.
We said to my lord, we have a father,
With his child of old age; and no mother.

"A little one alone, whose brother is dead;
And his father doth love most profound.
Bring him to me, thou to thy servants said,
That in you, the truth of your words be found.

"Thou saidst to thy servants, him you must bring,
That I may upon him then set mine eye.
And we said. my lord, we can't do this thing,
For if the lad leave him, our father will die.

"Thou saidst to thy servants without refrain,
Bring down your young brother along with you,
If you would my face, see ever again.
All thy words we made known, father thereto.

"Our father said to us, go down there again;
And buy there for us, a little more food.
We said we can't see the face of the man,
Except our brother be with us, for good.

"Thy servant, our father, unto us said,
To my wife ye know that two sons were born.
The one went from me, and now he is dead;
Surely my son, has in pieces been torn.

"This child also, if it be such a thing
That mischief befall, and him not save,
And I'll never see him, then shall ye bring
Down my gray hairs, with sorrow to the grave.

"When unto thy servant my father, I
Come and have not us the lad by thy leave,
Thy servant our father, surely shall die
And then with sorrow he'll go down to the grave.

"Surety for the lad thy servant became,
And if I bring him not to my father,
Then shall thy servant, bear all the blame
For the lad, to our father, forever.

“Do therefore I pray thee, now let me stay
With thee, instead of the lad, a bond man.
And thy servant will serve in my lords way;
But let the young lad go back with his brethren.

“For how shall I go up to my father,
And the lad of his love be not with me.
I cannot do so, lest peradventure,
The evil, shall come on my father, I see.”

JOSEPH MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

Refrain himself Joseph could not;
Before all them that there stood,
And he caused other men to go out,
While he to his brethren would,

Himself to them all make known,
And there he then wept aloud;
With no other men but his own.
Yet some, of the 'Gyptians, him heard.

When Joseph to his brethren said,
“I am Joseph your brother,
Is my father alive, not dead?”
Then no words, could they utter.

Troubled were they at his presence;
Said he to them all, “Come near.”
They all were pricked in their conscience,
But had no reason to fear.

Said he, "I am Joseph your brother;
Whom, into Egypt you sold.
But grieve not with one another;
And all your anger, withhold.

"You're not at fault, (that I reserve)
That hither ye me then sold;
For God sent me, life to preserve;
For I the famine foretold.

"These two years has the famine been,
In all of the land throughout;
And five more years will yet be seen,
Before the famine is out.

"God sent me here you to reserve,
From destruction by the dearth;
And your posterity preserve,
To live, upon all the earth.

"'Twas not you that sent me hither,
But our God hath me equipped,
To be to Pharaoh a father;
And rule in the land of Egypt."

JOSEPH SENDS FOR HIS FATHER

"Go ye up to my father in haste.
Go ye up now; there's no time to waste.
Say to him, 'Thus saith Joseph thy son,
Tarry not but to Egypt come down.



JOSEPH MAKING HIMSELF KNOWN TO HIS BRETHREN.

God hath made me o'er Egypt the lord;
 And here shalt thou dwell, doubt not my word.

"In Goshen shalt thou be near to me.
 Thy flocks and herds, bring down with thee.
 Thou, thy children and children's children;
 And all thou hast, here with thee bring then.

"Here will I nourish, thee and all thine;
 For five more years, yet of the famine.
 Here shalt thou dwell in security;
 Lest all thou hast, come to poverty.'

"Behold your eyes, and Benjamin's too,
 See 'tis my mouth that speaketh to you.
 Of all my glory, my father tell;
 In Egypt where thy son doth now dwell;
 Of all my glory that ye have seen,
 In Joseph's house, where ye all have been."

He fell and wept on Benjamin's neck.
 And Benjamin wept on Joseph's neck.
 He kissed his brethren and wept on them;
 And then his brethren talked with him.

PHARAOH AND SERVANTS PLEASED

The fame was heard in Pharaoh's house;
 Saying, Joseph's brethren are come.
 All his servants and Pharaoh were pleased;
 And prepared to make them a home.

"Say to thy brethren," said Pharaoh,
"Lade yourt beasts and go. This do ye;
Get you to the land of Canaan,
Take your father, and come to me.

"I'll give you the good of the land.
Of Egypt ye shall eat of the fat.
Take ye the wagons of Egypt;
Now thou art commanded, do that.

"Bring down now your father and come;
With your little ones, and your wives.
Regard not your stuff; for the good
Of this land will save all your lives."

SENDS PRESENTS TO JACOB

Joseph's brethren then did as Pharaoh had said;
And Joseph then gave them new wagons instead
Of asses, to bring father Jacob down there.
And according to command, he gave good fare,
To all his brethren, to last many a day;
While on their journey, for use on the way.

He gave each brother a change of raiment.
And to young Benjamin, five changes were sent.
Silver also he gave him; pieces three hundred.
At Joseph's kindness his brethren much wondered.
To his father, also, he sent equipped,
Ten asses laden, with good things of Egypt.
Ten she asses laden with corn, meat and bread;
For father to eat, by the way, Joseph said.

So he sent his brethren to Canaan that day,
Saying, "See that ye fall not out by the way."
Then went they from Egypt, to Jacob their father,
And told him they saw there, Joseph their brother;
Saying "Joseph's alive, and is governor
Of the country of Egypt; all the land o'er."

Jacob's heart fainted; them he did not believe.
They told Joseph's words, so they would not deceive.
When the wagons he saw, that Joseph had sent
For him, his spirit revived and giving vent
To his soul, said, "My son is alive know I.
It is enough, him will I see e're I die."

GOD SPEAKS TO JACOB IN VISION

Isreal, with all he had, took his journey,
And offered a sacrifice at Beersheba.
That unto the God of Isaac, he there might,
Have God speak to him, in the visions of night.

God said, "Jacob, Jacob!" He said, "Here am I."
"I'm God of thy father; fear not to come nigh.
Go down to Egypt. I'll give thee good station.
Fear not; I'll go with thee and make thee a nation.

"With thee into Egypt, I now will go down.
And I will surely bring thee up here again."
From Beersheba Jacob rose up, and his sons,
Carried their father and all their little ones,

And their wives, in wagons which Pharaoh had sent;
 And they took their cattle, and goods, and all went
 Into Egypt from the land of Canaan they came;
 Jacob, and all his posterity the same.

ISREALITES WHO GO INTO EGYPT

These are the names of the children of Isreal,
 Which came into Egypt. Jacob; and son
 Ruben, Jacob's first born and his four sons,
 Hanoah, Phallu and Hezron and Carmi.
 The sons of Simeon—Jemuel, Jamin,
 Ohad, Jachin and Zoar and Shaul.
 Of Levi—Gershon, Kohath, Merari.
 Of Judah—Shelah, Pharez and Zarah.
 The sons of Pharez, Hezron and Hamul.
 The sons of Issachar, Tola Phuvah, Job, Shimron.
 Of Zebulon—Sered, Elon, Jah-leel.
 Decendants of Leah with Dinah her daughter.
 Of Gad—Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon,
 Eri and Arodi and Areli.
 Of Asher—Jimnah, Ishuaah, Isui,
 And Beriah and Serah, their sister.
 The sons of Beriah, Heber, Malchiel.
 Of Rachel, his wife—Joseph and Benjamin.
 Of Joseph—Manasseh and Ephraim.
 Of Benjamin—Belah, Becher, Ashbel,
 Gera and Naaman, Eri and Rosh.
 And Muppim and Huppim and also Ard.



Of Dan—Hushim. Of Naphteli—Guni,
Jahzeel and Jezer and Shellem.
So all the souls which came to Egypt were
Three score and ten.

JOSEPH MEETS HIS FATHER

Jacob before him sent Judah
To Joseph, for him to all guide.
Them into the land of Goshen;
His sons, and all kindred, beside.

Joseph made ready his chariot,
And went up to meet Isreal.
To him he presented himself;
And wept on his neck, a good while.

Then Isreal said unto Joseph,
"Since thou yet art alive, and I,
Have seen thy dear face now again;
In peace, I am ready to die."

JOSEPH COUNSELS HIS BRETHREN

Joseph said unto his brethren,
"Now will I let Pharaoh see,
That you and my father's household,
From Canaan, have come down to me.

"That all of the men are shepherds,
Their trade hath been to feed cattle;
And have brought their flocks and their herds,
Now here, in Goshen to settle.

"When Pharaoh shall call, and shall say,
'What now is your occupation?'
Say ye, 'It is about cattle;'
That ye may all dwell in Goshen.

"'That such hath been thy servant's trade,
And such, was our father's station.'
For every shepherd, to Egyptians,
Is now an abomination."

JOSEPH PRESENTS HIS BRETHREN TO PHARAOH

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh,
"My father, brethren, flocks and herds,
And all they have, are come out of
Canaan, according to my words.

"And are in the land of Goshen."
Then took he some of his brethren,
And them presented to Pharaoh.
Of his kindred, even five men.

And Pharaoh said to his brethren,
"What now is your occupation?"
They said, "Thy servants are shepherds.
Like unto our father's station."

They said moreover to Pharaoh,
"The famine is sore in Canaan;
We cannot get feed for our flocks,
We pray, let us dwell in Goshen."

Then Pharaoh spake unto Joseph,
"Thy father and brethren are come.
The land of Egypt's before thee,
Take thou the best, and make that their home.

"Let them dwell in the land of Goshen.
If there be men that are supple,
Or if thou know men active,
Make them to rule, over my cattle.

JACOB BLESSES PHARAOH

Then Joseph brought in his father,
And him, he set before Pharaoh;
And Pharaoh was blessed by Jacob;
Then they both each other did know.

Pharaoh then said unto Jacob,
"Canst thou tell me how old art thou?"
Jacob then said unto Pharaoh,
"The days of my pilgrimage now,

"Are an hundred and thirty years.
Few and evil have the years been;
And have not attained to the days,
Of the years my fathers have seen."

Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and from
Before him went out with his son.
Joseph placed father and brethren;
In the land. The land of Goshen.

Joseph then gave all his brethren,
In Egypt, the best of the land.
This is the land of Rameses;
As Pharaoh had given command.

Joseph then nourished his father,
He also nourished his brethren;
And all of his father's household;
With bread, because of the famine.

JOSEPH SELLS CORN

Throughout all the land, no bread was found in
Egypt; nor Canaan, because of the famine.
All the country by famine was tainted;
By reason of which, all the the land fainted.

Joseph then gathered the money there found,
In Egypt and Canaan, all the land round.
For all the corn which the people had bought;
And gave it to Pharaoh, for whom it was brought.

When money had failed in Egypt and Canaan,
And people would die, for bread, they had none;
Joseph then said, "Give me your cattle I'll give you bread."



And they gave him their cattle as Joseph had said;
In exchange for horses and herds they fed;
Asses and flocks, for that year, gave he bread.

The second year, unto Joseph they came
And said, "We are needing more bread the same.
We've nought but our bodies, and lands now to buy,
Give us bread for them, for why shall we die."

Joseph bought the land from every man in
Ēgypt, that would not yield, for the famine.
Then to the cities all people he moved,
From the lands in Ēgypt, where ever they roved.
But the lands of the priests Pharaoh bought not.
For he gave them the food, which they all got.

Joseph then said to the people, "Behold,
To Pharaoh, yourselves and your lands you sold.
Lo, here is seed for you, go now and sow
The land; and where it has yielded you know,
Ye shall give the one-fifth unto Pharaoh;
While the four parts to you for seed, shall go;
And for food for all them of your household,
And for your children, as Pharaoh hath told."

ISREAL'S REQUEST OF JOSEPH

O'er the land of Egypt, Isreal dwelt therein;
And they had their possessions in rich Goshen;
And grew exceedingly and multiplied;
For seventeen years, before Jacob died.

One hundred, forty and seven years old,
Then Jacob was, as the Bible hath told.
When the time drew nigh that Isreal must die.
He called his son Joseph, and said, "Now if I
Have found grace in thy sight, pray thee come nigh,
And put thou thy hand under my thigh.
Deal very kindly and truly with me,
And do not bury me here, I pray thee;
But out of Egypt, shalt thou me carry,
And with my fathers shalt thou me bury."

Spake Joseph, "As thou hast said will I do."
He said, "Swear to me;" and he swear unto
Him and answered, "I will do as thou said;"
And Isreal bowe himself, on the bed's head.

ISREAL TELLS JOSEPH GOD'S PROMISE

After these things, Joseph by one was told,
That very sick was his father, behold.
He took his two sons and went to his home.
One told Jacob, behold, Joseph is come
Unto thee; and he sat up on his bed
And unto Joseph, his father, there said:

"God Almighty appeared to me at Luz,
In the land of Canaan; and blessed me there,
And said, 'Behold, I will make thee fruitful;
And of thee a multitude of people.
To thee and thy seed, this land will I give
For a possession that is everlasting.'

"Thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh,
Born in Egypt before I came to thee
Into Egypt; they are mine as Ruben and
Simeon; they shall be mine. And thy children
After them shall be thine. After the name
Of their brethren in their inheritance
Shall they hereafter be called.
When from Padan I came, Rachel died in
The land of Canaan near unto Ephrath;
And there I buried her, in Bethlehem.

ISREAL BLESSES JOSEPH'S SONS

As Isreal saw Joseph with his dim eyes,
He said unto Joseph, "Pray who are these!"
"My sons whom God gave to me in this place."
Jacob said, "Bring them to me. Them will I bless."

Now, for age, the eyes of Isreal were dim;
And Joseph's sons were brought near unto him
Them Isreal kissed, and them did embrace;
And said, "I had not thought to see thy face,
But lo! me also thy seed hath God showed."
And before his father, Joseph there bowed.

Joseph took Ephraim, toward Isreal's left hand
And Manasseh toward Isreal's right; and
Then Isreal with his right hand outstretched
Laid it upon Ephraim, the younger son's head.
Wittingly guiding, to Manasseh his left,
He there, the first born, of his blessing bereft.

Isreal blessed Joseph and said, "God, before
Whom my fathers, Isaac and Abraham walked,
God, which fed me all my life, to this day,
The angel, which redeemed me from evil,
Bless the lads. Let my name be named on them.
And the name of my father Abraham
And Isaac. And let them grow into a
Multitude, in the midst of the earth.

When Isreal's right hand was on Ephraim,
Joseph it saw, and the thing displeased him.
He held Isreal's hand from Ephraim's unto
Manasseh's head, and said, "Father not so;
For this is Manasseh, my first born son;
Pray put thou thy right hand, his head, upon."

His father refused, and said, "It I know;
He shall become a great people, also;
But Ephraim shall be greater than he;
A great many nations, shall Ephraim's seed be."

Thus did Isreal bless them, that self same day;
"In thee, shall Isreal bless," thus he did say.
"As Ephraim and Manasseh, God make thee.
Ephraim before Manasseh; then set he."

Isreal said to Joseph, "Behold, I die;
God shall be with you as He was with I;
And bring you to the land of your father;
Thee have I given, which I did gather
From the Amorite, with sword and with bow,
One portion, above thy brethren, I vow."



JACOB BLESSES HIS SONS

Jacob called unto all his sons, and said;
"Gather yourselves together that I may
Tell you that which in the last days shall you
Befall. Gather yourselves together and
Hear, ye sons of Jacob, and unto Isreal,
Your father do you all now hearken.

"Ruben, thou art my first born,
And my might. The beginning of my strength,
Excellency of dignity
And excellency of power.
Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel;
Because to thy father's bed thou wentest,
Then defilest thou it. He went up to my couch.
Simeon and Levi are two brethren.
Istruments of cruelty are in their habitations.
Come thou not into their secret, O my soul?
Unto their assembly, mine honor be
Not thou united For in their self will
They digged down a wall; and in their
Fierce anger slew they a man.
Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce;
And their wrath, for it was cruel.
In Jacob will I divide them
And scatter them in Isreal.

"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise.
Thy hand shall be in the neck of their enemies.
Before thee shall thy father's children bow down.

Judah is a lion's whelp. He stooped down;
He crouched as a lion, and as an old lion,
Who shall rouse him up.

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a law giver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh come; and unto him shall
The gathering of the people be.

Binding his foal unto the vine, and his
Asses colt, unto the choice vine.

He washed his garments in wine, and his
Clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes shall
Be red with wine and his teeth, white with milk.

Zebulon shall dwell at the haven of the sea;
And he shall be for an haven of ships;
And his border, shall be unto Zidon.

Issachar is a strong ass, crouching down
Between two burdens; and he saw that rest
Was good and the land, that it was pleasant,
And bowed his shoulder, to bear and become
A servant unto tribute.

Dan shall judge his people as one of the
Tribes of Isreal. Dan shall be a serpent
By the way. An adder in the path that
Biteth the horse heels. So that his rider
Shall fall backward I have waited for thy
Salvation, Oh Lord.

Gad, a troop shall overcome him,
But he shall overcome at last.

Out of Asher, his bread shall be fat;
And he shall yield royal dainties.

Naptali is a hind let loose;
He giveth goodly words.

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a
Fruitful bough by the well. Whose branches
Run over the wall. The archers have
Sorely grieved him and shot at him and
Hated him. But his bow abode in strength.
The arms of his hands were made strong by the
Mighty God of Jacob. From thence is the
Shepherd, the stone of Isreal. Even by
The God of thy father, who shall help thee;
And by the Almighty who shall bless thee,
With blessings of heaven above;
Blessings of the deep that lieth under;
Blessings of the womb and the breasts;
The blessings of thy father have
Prevailed above the blessings of
My progenitors, unto the
Utmost bounds of the everlasting
Hills. They shall be on the head of
Joseph. They shall be on the crown
Of the head of him that was
Separate from his brethren.

“Benjamin shall raven as a
Wolf. In the morning he shall
Devour the prey and at night
He shall divide the spoil.

JACOB'S DEATH

All of these, the twelve tribes of Isreal make,
And this is it, that Jacob to them spake.
Every one, he then and there blessed;
According to such blessings, as he thought best.

Them he charged, and unto them uttered,
To my people am I to be gatered,
With my fathers; bury me in the site,
That's in the filed of Ephron, the Hittite.

In the cave that is in Machpelah and,
Which Abraham bought for burying land.
There was buried Abraham and Sarah;
Also Isaac, Rebekah and Leah.

When Jacob thus, his sons had commanded,
He gathered his feet up, into his bed;
Then he gave up the ghost and yielded;
And unto his people was gathered.

MOURNING FOR JACOB

Then Joseph, on his father's face fell;
Wept on, and kissed him, God's word doth tell.
The body of Isreal then was embalmed,
By Joseph's physicians at his command;
And for him were fulfilled, full forty days;
So are the days they embalm, in such ways.

Three score and ten days Egyptians mourned;
When said Joseph to Pharaoh, "If I've found
Grace in thy sight; my father made me
Swear saying, 'Lo, I die. I pray thee
Bury thou me in Canaan's land
In my grave which I digged for me;' and

Now let me take him to Canaan;
Bury him there, and I'll come again."
Pharaoh said, "Go and bury him there;
According as he, made thee to swear."

JACOB BURIED IN CANAAN

Then Joseph went up to bury his father,
And also went Pharaoh's servants, up thither;
And Joseph's house and the house of his brethren;
But their children and flocks, left they in Goshen.
Both chariots and horsemen, there went up in state;
And the company that went, was then very great.
When to Atad they came; that's beyond Jordan,
They mourned, with great, and loud lamentation.
Full seven days, mourned he there, for his father;
And there the people, of Canaan, did gather.
When they saw the Egyptians, mourning for him,
Then called they that place, Abel-miz-ra-im.
All Isreal's sons, him, in Canaan they buried;
According as he, them do, had commanded.
Joseph and brethren unto Egypt returned,
And all they that went; and for Isreal mourned.

JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BRETHREN

When Joseph's brethren saw their father was dead,
"Peradventure, Joseph will hate us," they said;
"And will now requite us for the evil we did."
Then sent they messengers, to Joseph and said;

"Thy father commanded before he was dead,
 'Say ye to Joseph: forgive now thy brethren,
 I pray thee, their evil, sore trespass and sin,
 They did unto thee, when living together;
 Servants we're now, of the God of thy father.'"

Then Joseph wept, when they asked of him grace,
 And his brethren all went and fell down at his face,
 And said, "Behold, we be thy servants, we wot."
 But Joseph said to his brethren, "Fear ye not.
 For am I in the place of God? As for you,
 Ye thought evil against me, but God unto
 Good To bring to pass as ye see this day,
 To save much people alive, in God's own way.
 Now therefore, fear ye not, I will nourish ye;
 And your little ones." To them kindly, spake he.
 Then all dwelt in Egypt, without farther fears,
 While Joseph there lived and hundred ten years.

JOSEPH'S REQUEST

His children he saw, to the third generation;
 Growing in numbers, in Egypt's rich nation.
 Then he said to his brethren, "Now I must die;
 God will bring you out of this land, this do I
 Know; unto the land as you all are aware,
 Unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, He sware"

Then took he an oath, of Isreal's children and said:
 "God surely will visit you when I am dead.
 Ye shall carry my bones, up with you from hence,
 And bring them in Canaan; when ye go thence."
 Then Joseph died, aged an hundred and ten;
 Was in Egypt, embalmed and put in a coffin.

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