בראשית Bereshit

Genesis 1:1-6:8

- 1 When God began to ci בְּרֵאשֹיִת בִּרָא אֱלֹהְים אָת הַשִּׂמְיִם וְאָת הָאָרֶץ: create Others "In the l
 - When God began to create*When God began to create Others "In the beginning God created." heaven and earth—
- ָנבֿהוּ וְחְשֶׁךְ עַל־פָנֶי תְהָוֹם וְרַוּחַ אֱלֹהֹים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פָנֶי הַמִּיִם: וִהָאַרֵץ הַיִּתָה תֹהוּ
- 2 the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from*a wind from Others "the spirit of." God sweeping over the water—
- ַוֹלָאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהַי אֲוֹר וַיְהִי־אְוֹר:
- 3 God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- י הַקְּיִם אֶת־הָאוֹר כִּי־טֵוֹב וַיַבְדָּל אֱלֹהִים בְּין הָאוֹר וּבְין הַחְשֶׁךְ: עַּלַהְים אֶת־הָאוֹר כִּי־טֵוֹב וַיַבְדָּל אֱלֹהִים בְּין הָאוֹר וּבְין הַחְשֶׁךְ: sepa
 - 4 God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.
 - ּן לָאוֹרْ זֹוֹם וְלַחְשֶׁךְ קָרָא לֻיִּלָה וְיָהִי־עֶרֶב וְיְהִי־בֻקָּר יְוֹם אֶחְד: וַיָּקרָא אֱלֹהִים
- 5 God called the light Day and called the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a first day.*a first day Others "one day."
- אֱלֹהִים יְהָי רָקִיעַ בְּתַוֹךְ הַמֻיִם וִיהַי מַבְהִּיל בְּין מַיִם לָמַיִם: וַיִּאמֵר
- 6 God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water."
- אֲשֶׁרֹ מִתְּחַת לָרָלִיע וּבֶין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִעְל לִרָקִיע וְיְהִי־כֵן: וַיַעשׁ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָרָלִיע וַיַבְבֵּל בֵּין הַמַּיִם
- 7 God made the expanse, and it separated the water which was below the expanse from the water which was above the expanse. And it was so.
- וִיִקרָא אֱלֹהָים לָרָקִיעַ שַׂמַיִם וְיְהִי־עֶרֶב וְיְהִי־בֻקֹר יְוֹם שֹנְי:
- 8 God called the expanse Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
- הַמַּיִם מִתְּחַת הַשָּׁמַׂיִם אֶל־מִקוֹם אֶחָׂד וְתֵרָאֶה הַיַּבְּשֶׁה וְיְהִי־כְן: וַיָּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקוֹוּ
- 9 God said, "Let the water below the sky be gathered into one area, that the dry land may appear." And it was so.
- ּו לַיַבְּשָׂהֹ אֶּבֶץ וּלְמִקנָה הַמַיִם קרָא יַמִים וַיָּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טִוֹב: וַיִּקרָא אֱלֹהִים
- 10 God called the dry land Earth and called the gathering of waters Seas. And God saw that this was good.
- 11 לֶרַע עָץ פְּרִّי עְשֶׁה פְּרִיּ לְמִילוֹ אֲשֶׂר זַרְעוֹ־בְּוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְיְהִי־בְן: וַיַּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תִּדְשָא הָאָרֶץ הֶשֶׁא עְשֶׁב מַזְרָיע
- 11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.
 - ּוְעֶץ עְשֶׂה־פְּרָי אֲשֶׂר זַרְעוֹ־בִוֹ לְמִינֵהוּ וַיָּרְא אֱלֹהְים כִּי־טִוֹב: וַתוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ דֶּשֶׂא עָשֶׂב מַזְרָיע זֶׁרַע לְמִינַהוּ
- 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that this was good.
- :13 וְיְהִי־עֶרֶב וְיְהִי־בֻקְר יְוֹם שְלִּישִי
- 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

- בין הַלָּילָה וְהַיָּו לְאַתֹּת וּלְמַוֹעֵלִים וּלַיָמִים וְשַׂנִים: 14 God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of ויאמר אלהים יהי מארת ברקיע השמים להבדיל
 - the sky to separate day from night; they shall serve as signs for the set times—the days and the years;
 - 15 והָיָוּ לִמְאוֹרתֹ בַּרִקִיעָ הַשַּׁמַיִם לִהָאִיר עַל־הָאָרֵץ וַיִּהִי־כֵּן:
 - and they shall serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth." And it was so.
- 16 הַלִּילָה וִאֶת־הַמָּאָוֹר הַקָּטוֹ לְמֵמְשַׂלֵת הַלַּילָה וִאֶת הַכּוֹכְבִים: אַלהִים אַת־שֹנֵי הַמָּארָת הַגִּדֹלִים אַת־הַמַאוֹר הַנָּדל לִמֵמְשֵׁלֵת
 - God made the two great lights, the greater light to dominate the day and the lesser light to dominate the night, and the stars.

 - 17 And God set them in the expanse of the sky to ניתן אתם אַלהים ברקיע השמים להאיר על־האַרץ: shine upon the earth,
- 18 ובַלַיִלָה וּלַהַבַּהִיל בַין הָאור וּבָין הַחְשֵׁך וַיָּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוב: ולמשל ביום
 - to dominate the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good.

 - 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- עבץ נָפַש חַיָה וִעוֹף יִעוֹפַף על־הָאָבץ על־פַנִי רִקיע הַשַבּיִם: ויאמר אלהים ישרצו המים
- God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."
- הַמַּיִם לִמִינָהֵם וִאֵּת כַּל־עוף כָנָף לִמִינָהוּ וַיָּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוב: אַת־הַתַּנִינָם הַגִּדלַים וּאָת כָּל־נֶפֵשׁ הַחַיָה ו הַרֹּמֵשׁת אַשׁרָּ שִׁרְצוֹי וַיִברָא אֱלֹהְים
- God created the great sea monsters, and all the living creatures of every kind that creep, which the waters brought forth in swarms, and all the winged birds of every kind. And God saw that this was good.
- לאמר פרו ורבו ומלאו את־המים בימים והעוף ירב בארץ: וַיבַרֶךָ אתם אֱלהים
 - 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile and increase, fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

 - 23 And there was evening and there was morning, נְיָהִי־בְּקְר יְוֹם חֲמִישִׂי: a fifth day.
- נַפַשׁ חַיָּה לִמִינָה בַהַמָּה וָרֶמֵשׁ וִחַיִתוֹ־אַרֵץ לִמִינָה וַיִּהִי־כֵּן: ויאמר אלהים תוצא הארץ
- God said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: cattle, creeping things, and wild beasts of every kind." And it was so.
- לִמִינַה וִאָת כָּל־רֶמֶשׁ הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינֵהוּ וַיְרְא אֱלֹהְים כִּי־טְוֹב: וַיָעשׁ אֱלֹהִים אֱת־חַיַּת הָאְרֵץ לִמִינָה וִאֲת־הַבַּהַמְה
- God made wild beasts of every kind and cattle of every kind, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. And God saw that this was good.
- הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבִּהַמָּה וּבַכָּל־הָאָרֵץ וּבַכָל־הָרָמֵשׁ הַרֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֵץ: אַלהֹים נַעַשָּה אָדָם בִּצַלִמֵנוּ כִּדִמוּתַנוּ וִיִרְדוּ בִדְגַּת הַיָּם וּבַעוף ויאמר
- And God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth."
- בְצַלְמוֹ בְצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָרָא אתְוֹ זָכָר וּנְקְבָה בָּרָא אתְם: וַיָבַרָא אֱלֹהַים | אַת־הַאַדַם
- And God created humankind in the divine image, creating it in the image of God—creating them male and female.

- 28 וּרְדֵּוּ בִּדְגָת הַיָּם וּבְעַוֹף הַשָּׁמַׂיִם וּבְכָל־חַיָה הְּרֹמְשֶׁת עַל־הָאָרֶץ: אֱלֹהִים נִיּאמֶר לָהֶם אֱלֹהִים פְּרְוּ וּרְבָוּ וּמִלְאָוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וְכִבְשֻׁהְ נִיבַרֶדָ אֹתַם
 - 28 God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; and rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and all the living things that creep on earth."
- ּוְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֶץ אֲשֶׂר־בִּוֹ פְּרִי־עֶץ זֹרָע זָרַע לָכֶם יְהְיֶה לְאָכְלְה: הְנֵה נָתַׂתִּי לָכֶם אֶת־כָּל־עֲשֶׂב ו זֹרָע זֶרַע אֲשֶׂר עַל־פְּנֵי כִל־הָאִׁרֶץ וַיָּאמֵר אֱלֹהִים
- 29 God said, "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; they shall be yours for food.
- על־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׂרִ־בּוֹ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה אֶת־כָּל־יָרֶק עְשֶׁב לְאָכְלֶה נִיְהִי־כֵּן: וְּלְכָל־חִיַּת הָאָרֶץ וּלְכָל־עוֹף הַשָּׁלֵיִם וּלְכַל ו רוֹמֶשׁ
 - 30 And to all the animals on land, to all the birds of the sky, and to everything that creeps on earth, in which there is the breath of life, [I give] all the green plants for food." And it was so.
 - עָשָּׂה וְהִנֵּה־טֻוֹב מְאֻד וְיְהִי־עֶרֶב וְיְהִי־בְׂקֶר יְוֹם הַשִּׁשִׂי: וַיָּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶּׂר
- 31 And God saw all that had been made, and found it very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

- נִיכַלֵּו הַשָּׁמִים וִהָאָרֵץ וִכָל־צַבָאָם:
- 1 The heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array.
- אֲשֶׂר עְשֶׂה וַיִשְׂבֵּת בַּיַוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי מִכָּל־מְלַאַכְתָּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עְשָׁה: וַיְכָל אֱלֹהִים בַּיִוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי מְלַאַכְתָוֹ
- 2 On the seventh day God finished the work that had been undertaken: [God] ceased*ceased Or "rested." on the seventh day from doing any of the work.
- אֹתֶוֹ כֵּי בְּוֹ שָׁבַתֹּ מִכָּלִ־מְלַאַכְתוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בִּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַּצְשְׁוֹת: וִיְבַרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יַוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקְדֶּשׁ
- 3 And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy—having ceased on it from all the work of creation that God had done.
- וְהָאָרֶץ בְּהִבְּרְאָם בְּיוֹם עֲשֶׁוֹת יְהוֹּה אֱלֹהִים אָרֶץ וְשִׁמְיִם: אֶלֶה תוֹלְדְוֹת הַשִּׁמְיִם
- 4 Such is the story of heaven and earth when they were created. When God הוהי made earth and heaven—
- הִמְטִיר יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים על־הָאָֹכֶץ וְאָדָם אַֹיִן לְעַבָּד אֶת־הְאֲדָמְה: הַשֹּׁדֶּה טָרֶם יְהְיֶָה בָאָרֶץ וְכָל־עָשֶׁב הַשִּׁדֶה טָרֶם יִצְמְח כִּיּ לֹא וכֹל ו שִׁיח
- 5 when no shrub of the field*shrub of the field I.e., suitable for pasturage. was yet on earth and no grasses of the field*grasses of the field I.e., cereal grasses, suitable as crops. had yet sprouted, because God הוהי had not sent rain upon the earth and there were no human beings to till the soil,
- וֹאֵד יָעֵלֶה מִן־הָאָרֵץ וִהְשַׂקָה אֶת־כָּל־פָּנֶי הָאַדָמַה:
- 6 but a flow would well up from the ground and water the whole surface of the earth—

מִן־הָאֶדָמִׂה וַיִּפְּח בְּאַפִּיו נִשִּׁמְת חַיֵּים וַיְהְי הָאָדָם לְנָפֶשׁ חַיָּה: וַיִּּיצֵר יְהוָֹה אֱלֹהִים אֵת־הַאַדָם עַפַּר

7 God הוהי formed the Human*the Human I.e., the progenitor of the species and the point of origin for human society. Heb. ha-'adam; trad. "man." In the eyes of ancient Israel, the typical initiator of a lineage was male, and so the first human being would also have been imagined as male. See further the Dictionary under 'adam. from the soil's humus,*soil's humus Heb. 'afar min ha-'adamah, rendered to emulate the wordplay with Heb. ha-'adam "the Human"; more precisely, "loose dirt from the soil." NJPS "dust of the earth." blowing into his nostrils the breath of life: the Human became a living being.

יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהָים גַּן־בְּעֶדֶן מִקְדֶם וַיִּשֶׂם שִׂם אֶת־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׂר יָצְר: וִיִּשֵׂע 8 God הוהי planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the Human who had been fashioned.

ּוְטַוֹב לְמַאֲכֶל וְעָץ הְחַיִּים בְּתַוֹךְ הַנָּן וְלֵּץ הַדָּעַת טָוֹב וָרְע: וַצִּצַתַּח יְהֹנָה אֱלֹהִים מִן־הַאֲדָמָה כָּל־עָץ נֶחמָד לְמַרְאָה

9 And from the ground God הוהי caused to grow every tree that was pleasing to the sight and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and bad.

ָמֵלֶדֶן לְהַשִּׂקוֹת אֶת־הַגָּן וּמִשָּׁם יִפָּבֵּד וְהָיָה לְאַרְבַּעָה רָאשִים: ונָהָר יצֵא

10 A river issues from Eden to water the garden, and it then divides and becomes four branches.

הָאֶחָד פִּישֶׂוֹן הַוּא הַסֹבֵב אָת כָּל־אָרֶץ הְחֲוִילָה אֲשֶׂר־שָׂם הַזָּהְב: שֵׁם

11 The name of the first is Pishon, the one that winds through the whole land of Havilah, where the gold is.

:וְּהָבֶ הָאָבֶץ הַהָּוֹא טֵוֹב שָׁם הַבְּדְלַח וְאָבֶן הַשִּוֹהַם:

12 (The gold of that land is good; bdellium is there, and lapis lazuli.*lapis lazuli Others "onyx"; meaning of Heb. shoham uncertain.)

13 וְשֵׂם־הַנָּהָר הַשַּׂנִי גִּיחֵוֹן הַוּא הַסוֹבֵב אָת כָּל־אֶרֶץ כְּוּשׁ:

13 The name of the second river is Gihon, the one that winds through the whole land of Cush.

14 תְּבֶּלֶל הָוּא הָהֹלֶךְ קְדְמַת אַשְׂוּר וְהַנָּהָר הָרְבִיעִי הְוּא פְּרָת: וְשֵׂם הַנָּהָר הַשִּׂלִישִיּ

14 The name of the third river is Tigris, the one that flows east of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאִדֶם וַיַּנִּחָהוּ בְגַן־עַׂדֶן לְעַבְדָה וּלְשַׂמְרָה: ויהח

15 God הוהי settled the Human in the garden of Eden, to till it and tend it.

16 וַיְצַוֹ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָדָם לֵאמֵר מכָל עָץ־הַגָּן אָכָל תאבֶל:

16 And God הוהי commanded the Human, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you are free to eat;

ין עוֹב וָלָע לְא תֹאכֶל מִמְנֵּוּ כִּי בְּיֶוֹם אֲכַלְךְ מִמֶנּוּ מִוֹת תָמְוּת: וּמֵעֵץ הַדַּעַת

17 but as for the tree of knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat of it; for as soon as you eat of it, you shall die."

18 יְהֹוָה אֱלֹחִים לֹא־טָוֹב הֵיָוֹת הָאָדָם לְבַדֵּוֹ אֶעֱשֶׂה־לָּוֹ עְזֶר כְנֶגְהְּוֹ: וַיֹּאמֶר

18 God הוהי said, "It is not good for the Human to be alone; I will make a fitting counterpart for him."

- 19 מַה־יִּקרָא־לֵוֹ וְכִלֹּ אֲשֶּׁר יִּקרָא־לְוֹ הְאָדֶם נָפֶשׁ חַיָּה הְוּא שְׂמְוֹ: כַלִּיחַיָּת הַשִּׁבֶה וְאֵתֹ כָלִיעְוֹף הַשָּׁמִיִם וַיָּבֵא אֶלִּיהְאָדָם לִרְאִוֹת וַיִּצֵר יָהוֹה אֱלֹהִים מֵן־הַאֲדָמֵה
 - 19 And God הוהי formed out of the earth all the wild beasts and all the birds of the sky, and brought them to the Human to see what he would call them; and whatever the Human called each living creature, that would be its name.
- 20 וּלְעַוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְכֻל חַיָּת הַשָּׁדְה וּלְאָדֶּם לְא־מַצְא עָזֶר כְּנֶגְהְוֹ: וַיִּקְלֵא הַאָדֵם שַׁמֹוֹת לָכֵל־הַבָּהַמֵה
 - 20 And the Human gave names to all the cattle and to the birds of the sky and to all the wild beasts; but no fitting counterpart for a human being was found.
 - 21 על־הָאָדָם וַיִּישֶׁן וַיִּלְּח אַחַתֹּ מִצֵּלְעֹתִּיו וַיִּסְגְּר בַּשִׂר תַּחְתְּנָה: וַיַּפֵּל יְהוֹּה אֱלֹהִים | תַּרְבֵּמָה
 - 21 So God הוהי cast a deep sleep upon the Human; and, while he slept, [God] took one of his sides*sides Heb. ela'ot, trad. "ribs." Cf. 1 Kings 6.34; Exod. 25.12; 26.20, 26–27, 35; 30.4. and closed up the flesh at that site.
 - ּוּ אֶת־הַצֵּלָע אֲשֶׂר־לָקח מִן־הָאִדָם לְאִשֶׂה וַיְבִאָהָ אֶל־הָאָדְם: וַיִּבֵּלָ יָהֹוָה אֵלהִים
- 22 And God הוהי fashioned the side that had been taken from the Human into a woman, bringing her to the Human.
- ַמְעָצַמַי וּבַשַּׂרְ מִבְשַּׂרִי לְזֹאת יִקּרָא אִשָּׂה כִּי מֵאִישׁ לֻקְּחָה־זְּאת: נִיאמֶר הָאָדָם זָאת הַפַּעם עָצֶם
- Then the Human said, "This one at lastIs bone of my bonesAnd flesh of my flesh. This one shall be called Woman, "Woman Heb. 'ishshah; so trad. More precisely in context, "a (female) member of the human species." See next note and the Dictionary under 'ish. For from a Human*a Human More precisely, "the (formerly lone) member of the human species." NJPS "man"; trad. "Man." See the Dictionary under 'ish. was she taken."
- יָעַזָב־אִּישׂ אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אִמֵּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׂתֹּוֹ וְהָיָוּ לְבַשִּׂר אֶחְד: על־כּוֹ
- 24 Hence a man*man So trad.; Heb. 'ish. Contrast the previous verse. leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife,*wife So trad.; Heb. 'ishshah (with possessive suffix). Cf. the previous note and contrast the previous verse. so that they become one flesh.
- ויָהיָוּ שנֵיהֶם עַרוּמִים הַאַדָם וִאָשַתוּ וַלָּא יִתְבַשַשוּוּ:
- 25 The two of them were naked,*naked Heb. 'arummim, play on 'arum "shrewd" in 3.1. the Human*the Human Heb. ha-'adam; trad. "the man." See note at v. 7. and his wife, yet they felt no shame.

- וַיֹּאמֶרֹ אֶל־הַאִּשָּׁה אָף כִּי־אָמֵר אֱלֹהִים לָּא תְאַכְלוּ מִכְּל עָץ הַגָּן: וְהַנָּחָשׁ הַיָּה עָרוּם מִכֹּל חַיָּת הַשִּׁרֶה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׁה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים
- 1 Now the serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild beasts that God הוהי had made. It said to the woman, "Did God really say: You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?"
- וַתְאמֵר הָאִשָּׁה אֵל־הַנָּחָשׁ מִפְּרֵי עֶץ־הַנָּן נֹאכֵל:
- 2 The woman replied to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the other trees of the garden.

- אָמַר אֵלהִים לָא תִאכלוֹ מִמֵנוּ וּלָא תִגִּעוּ בַּוּ פַּן־תִּמְתוּן: ומפרי העל אשר בתוך הגן
- It is only about fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said: 'You shall not eat of it or touch it, lest you die."
- וַיאמר הַנַחַש אַל־הַאשה לא־מות תמתון:
- And the serpent said to the woman, "You are not going to die,
- אָכָלְכֶם מִמֶּנוּ וְנִפְּקְחָוּ עִינֵיכָם וִהְיִיתֶם כֵאלֹהִים יֹדְעֵי טִוֹב וַרַע: כי ידע אלהים כי ביום
- but God knows that as soon as you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like divine beings who know*divine beings who know Others "God, who knows." good and bad."
- לְהַשַּׂכִּיל וַתִּקָח מִפִּרְיֻוֹ וַתֹּאכֶל וַתִּתָן גַּם־לְאִישָה עִמָה וַיֹאכְל: ַכִּי טוֹבٌ הָעָץ לִמַאַכָּלֹ וֹכִי תַאֲנָה־הַוֹּא לָעִינִּיִם וְנֵחִמְדֹ הַעֵץ וַתַרֵא הַאִשַׂה
- When the woman saw that the tree was good for eating and a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable as a source of wisdom, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave some to her husband, and he ate.
- וַיָּדְעוֹ כָּי עִירָמָם הָם וַיִּתְפְּרוֹ עֲלֶה תְאֵנָה וַיַּעֲשִוֹּ לָהָם חֵגֹרְת: וַתִּפָּלְחִנָה עֵינֵי שׁנֵיהֵם
- Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they perceived that they were naked; and they sewed together fig leaves and made themselves loincloths.
- הַיָּוֹם וַיִּתַחַבֵּא הָאָדָם וִאְשַׁתוֹ מִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים בתוך עץ הַגְּוַ: וַיִשִׁמִעוֹ אַת־קוֹל יִהוָה אֵלהַים מתהַלֶּךְ בַּגּּן לְרָוּחַ
- They heard the sound of God הוהי moving about in the garden at the breezy time of day; and the Human and his wife hid from God הוהי among the trees of the garden.
- וַיָּקרָא יָהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֱל־הַאַדָם וַיִּאמֵר לוֹ אַיֶּכַה:
- God הוהי called out to the Human and said to him, "Where are you?"
- 10 ניאמר אַת־קלך שַמַעתי בַּגַּן וָאִירָא כִי־עִירָם אַנְכִי וַאַחַבַא:
- He replied, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."
- 11 עירם אָתָה הַמון־הָעָץ אֲשֹר צוִיתִיךָ לִבְלִתִי אַכָל־מִמֵנוּ אָכָלִתְ: וַיืאמֵר מַי הגַיד לַךַ כַי
- "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat of the tree from which I had forbidden you to eat?"
- 12 הַאָדָם הָאִשָּה אֲשֵר נָתַתָּה עַמַדִי הוא נַתנָה־לִי מוְ־הָעַץ וָאכֵל: ויאמר
- The Human said, "The woman You put at my side—she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
- said to the woman, "What is this" לאשה מהיזאת עשית ותאמר הנחש השיאני ואכלי וַלֹּאמֵר יִהוָה אֱלֹהֵים
 - you have done!" The woman replied, "The serpent duped me, and I ate."
- 14 ומכל חיַת הַשַּׁרָה עַל־גַחנַךְ תַלַּךְ וִעָפַר תאכַל כָל־יִמֵי חַיֵּיךְ: אַלהִים ו אַל־הַנָּחָשٌ כִי עָשִית זאת אָרִוּר אַתָּה מכָל־הַבַּהַמָּה וַיּאמֵר יהוָה
 - Then God הוהי said to the serpent,"Because you did this, More cursed shall you be Than all cattleAnd all the wild beasts:On your belly shall you crawlAnd dirt shall you eatAll the days of your life.
 - 15 זַרְעַךָּ וּבֶין זַרְעָה הָוֹא יִשׁוּפַּךָ רֹאשׁ וְאַתְּה תְשׁוּפֵנוּ עָקְב: וָאֵיבַה ו אַשֿית בִינַךָּ וּבֵין הַאָשַה וּבֵין
 - I will put enmityBetween you and the woman, And between your offspring and hers;They shall strike at your head,And you shall strike at their heel."

- בּעֶצֶב תַּלְּדֶי בְנֶים וְאֶל־אִישֵׂךְ תְּשְוּקתֹֹךְ וְהְוּא יִמְשָּלּ־בְּךְ: בְּנֶים וְאֶל־אִישֵׂךְ תְּשְוּקתֹֹךְ וְהְוּא יִמְשָּלּ־בְּךְ: And to the woman [God] said,"I will greatly אַל־הָאִשָּה אָמַר הַרְבָּה אַרְבֵּה עַּבְּוֹנְךְ וְהְרַּגַׂךְ expandYour hard labor—and your
 - And to the woman [God] said, "I will greatly expandYour hard labor—and your pregnancies; In hardship shall you bear children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." *rule over you (So NJPS.) I.e., for matters of sexual relations he will have the last word.
- 17 מִמְנּוּ אֲרוּרָה הָאֲדִמָה בְּעֲבוּוּלֶדְ בְּעָצִבוּן הְּאַכְלֶנָּה כִּלְ יְמְי חַיֶּידְ: לְקוֹל אִשְׁתֶּלֶּ וַתֹּאכַל מִן־הָלֶץ אֲשָׁר צִוִּיתִידָ לֵאמֹר לְא תאכְל וּלָאָדָם אָמַר כִּי־שַּׁמֵעתַּ
 - 17 To Adam [God] said, "Because you did as your wife said and ate of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'Cursed be the ground because of you;By hard labor shall you eat of itAll the days of your life:
 - 18 וְקוֹץ וְדַרְדֶּר תַּצְמֵיח לֶךְ וְאָכַלְתָּ אֶת־עֶשֶׂב הַשַּׂדֶה:
- 18 Thorns and thistles shall it sprout for you.But your food shall be the grasses of the field;
 - 19 אֶל־הַאֲדָמַה כָּי מִמֶנָּה לַקְחְתָּ כִּי־עָפַר אַׁתָּה וְאֶל־עָפָר תְשוֹּב: בַּזֵעָת אַפִּיךָ תַּאַכַל לֶחֶם עָד שוְּבְךָ
 - 19 By the sweat of your browShall you get bread to eat,Until you return to the ground—For from it you were taken.For dust*dust Heb. 'afar. Cf. the second note at 2.7. you are,And to dust you shall return."
 - יַיִקרָא הָאָדֶם שָם אִשְׁתְּוֹ חַוָּה כֶּי הָוֹא הְיְתָה אָם כָּל־חִי:
 - 20 The Human named his wife Eve,*Eve Heb. awwa. because she was the mother of all the living.*living Heb. ai.
 - וַיַּלְבִּשְׂם: אֱלֹהִים לְאָדָם וּלְאִשְׂתְוֹ כָּתְנָוֹת עָוֹר וַיַלְבִשְׁם:
- 21 And God הוהי made garments of skins for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.
- ְּוְעָתָּה וּ פֶּן־יִשְׁלָּח יָדוֹ וְלָקּחֹ גָּם מֵעֶץ הְחַיִּים וְאָכֵל וָחִי לְעלִם: וֹ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים הָן הָאָדָם הִיָּה כְּאַחַד מִמֶּנוּ לָדְעַת טִוֹב וָרְע וַ יָּאמֵר
- 22 And God הוהי said, "Now that humankind has become like any of us, knowing good and bad, what if one should stretch out a hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever!"
- יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִנַּן־עֶדֶן לַעֲבֹדֹ אֶת־הָאֲדָמַה אֲשֶׂר לַקח מִשְׁם: וַיְשַלְּחָהוּ
- 23 So God הוהי banished humankind*humankind Moved up from v. 24 for clarity. from the garden of Eden, to till the humus*humus Lit. "soil." See the second note at 2.7. from which it was taken:
- 24 וְאֵׂת לְהַט הַחֶּרֶבׁ הַמִּתְהַפֶּׁכֶת לִשְׁמִּר אֶת־דֶּרֶךְ עָץ הְחַיְיִם: נִיגַרֵשׁ אֵת־הַאָּדָם וַיַשִׁכֵּן מִלְּדֵם לֹגַן־עַדֵן אַת־הַכַּרָבִים
 - 24 it was driven out; and east of the garden of Eden were stationed the cherubim and the fiery ever-turning sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.

אָשֹׂתְוֹ וַתַּבָּר וַתַּלֶּד אֶת־לִּיוָ וַתֹּאמֶר קנֶיתִי אִישׁ אֶת־יְהֹוָה: וָהָאָדָם יָדַע אַת־חַוָּה

Now the Human knew*knew Heb. yada', often in a sexual sense. his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gained*gained Echoing the Heb. wordplay: qanithi, connected with "Cain"; lit. "created, acquired." a person*a person Or "someone new." Lit. "a participant whose involvement defines the depicted situation." Unlike "man" in contemporary English, Heb. 'ish can include infants in its denotative scope, as here and in Isa. 66.13. NJPS "male child"; trad. "man." Cf. note at Num. 30.4 and see the Dictionary under 'ish. with the help of*with the help of Or "as did"; precise force of Heb. 'et uncertain. הוהי."

אַת־אָחיו אַת־הַבֵּל וַיִהִי־הֵבֵל רְעָה צֹאן וּלְיִן הָיָה עבֶד אַדָּמַה: וַתְּסֵף לָלֵדֵת

She then bore his brother Abel. Abel became a keeper of sheep, and Cain became a tiller of the

וַיִהִי מִקץ יָמַים וַיָבֵא קֹיוַ מִפָּרִי הָאֵדָמָה מִנִחָה לַיהֹוָה:

3 In the course of time, Cain brought an offering to from the fruit of the soil;

מבכרות צאנו ומחלבהן וישע יהוה אל-הבל ואל-מנחתו: וַהַבל הביא גַם־הוּא

and Abel, for his part, brought the choicest of the firstlings of his flock. הוהי paid heed to Abel and his offering,

ואַל־קין ואַל־מַנַחָתוֹ לָא שַעָה וַיָּחַר לִקִין מאד וַיִּפַלְוּ פַנַיו:

but to Cain and his offering [God] paid no heed. Cain was much distressed and his face fell.

וַיִאמֵר יִהוָה אֵל־קִין לָמָה חַרָה לָךְ וּלָמַה נָפַלוּ פָנֵיךָ:

And הוהי said to Cain,"Why are you distressed, And why is your face fallen?

לָא תֵיטִיב לַפַּתַח חַטָאת רבַץ וִאַלֵּיךָ תִשְוֹקתוֹ וִאַתָה תִמְשַׁל־בִּו: הַלוֹא אַם־תִיטִיבֹ שאת ואם

*Meaning of verse uncertain. Surely, if you do right, There is uplift. But if you do not do right Sin couches at the door;Its urge is toward you,Yet you can be its master."

אָחָיו וַיִהִיוֹתָם בַּשָּׁבֶה וַיָּקם קִין אֱל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ: וַיְאמֵר קיִן אֵל־הֶבֵל

Cain said to his brother Abel ...*... Ancient versions, including the Targum, read "Come, let us go out into the field." and when they were in the field, Cain set upon his brother Abel and killed him.

אֶל־לִין אָי הֶבֶל אָחְיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לָא יִדַעַתִי הֲשֹמֵר אָחי אָנְכִי: ויאמר יהוה

said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

וַיִּאמֵר מָה עָשַית קול דִּמָי אָחִיךָ צעַקִים אַלַי מן־הָאַדָּמַה:

10 "What have you done? Hark, your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground!

11 מן־הָאֲדָמָהֹ אֲשָׂר פָצְתְּה אֶת־פִּיה לָקְחַת אֶת־הְמֵי אָחִיךָ מִיָּדֶךְ: ועתה אָרור אֶתָה

Therefore, you shall be more cursed than the ground,*more cursed than the ground See 3.17. which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 If you till the soil, it shall no longer yield its תַעבר אֱת־הָאֲדָמָה לָא־תֹסֶף תַת־כֹחָה לָךְ נָע וָנָד תְהֵיֶה בַאְרֵץ: כַי

strength to you. You shall become a ceaseless wanderer on earth."

- אל־יְהוָה נְּדְוֹל עֲוֹנִי מַנְשֵׁא:*)בספרי ספרד ואשכנז מַנְשֵׁוֹא, "My punishment is too great to bear! יהרְגָנִי: אָסָתֶר וְהִיִּיתִי נָע וָנָדֹ בָּאֶׂרֶץ וְהִיָה כָל־מצְאָי יְהַרְגָנִי: Since You have banished me this day from the הַן גַּרָשת אתי הַיום מַעל פַנֵי הַאַדַמַה soil, and I must avoid Your presence and become a restless wanderer on earth—anyone who meets me may kill me!" יָקם וַיָּשֵׁם יִהֹוָה לִלְיִן אות לִבְלְתֵי הַכּוֹת־אֹתוֹ כַל־מצאו: said to him, "I promise, if anyone kills Cain, וַיָּאמֵר לִוֹ יִהוָה לָכֵן כָל־הרֶג לִין שבעתים sevenfold vengeance shall be exacted." And הוהי put a mark on Cain, lest anyone who met him should kill him. and settled in the הוהי and settled in the presence of וַיַּצֵא קין מַלְפּנָי יְהוָה וַיָשֶׁב בַּאָרֵץ־נוֹד קדמת־עְדַן: land of Nod, east of Eden. וַתְלֶד אֶת־חֲגֶוֹךְ וַיְהִיֹּ בַּנֶה עִיר וַיִּקְרָאׁ שָׂם הָעִיר כְשֵׂם בְּנָוֹ חֲנְוֹךְ: Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore 17 וַיָדַע קִּין אַת־אשׁתוּ וַתְהַר Enoch. And he then founded a city, and named the city after his son Enoch. 18 וּמְחִיָּיאֵל יָלַד אֶת־מְתַוּשָאֵל וּמְתוּשָאָל יָלָד אֶת־לָמֶךְ: To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad begot וַיִּנָלֶד לַחַנוּך אֲת־עִירָד וִעִירָד יָלַד אֵת־מִחוּיָאֻל Mehujael, and Mehujael*Mehujael Heb. Meiya'el. begot Methusael, and Methusael begot Lamech. 19 וַיִּקְח־לוּ לֵמֵךְ שׁתֵי נָשַים שַם הָאַחַת עָדָה וְשֵׁם הַשַּׁנִית צַלָּה: Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other was Zillah. 20 Adah bore Jabal; he was the ancestor of those who dwell in tents and amidst herds. 21 ושם אָחִיו יוּבָל הָוּא הָיָה אַבִּי כָל־תֹפֶשׁ כִנְּוֹר וִעוּגָב: And the name of his brother was Jubal; he was the ancestor of all who play the lyre and the pipe. ּלְיִן לֹשֵׁשׁ כָּל־חֹרֶשׁ נְחְשֶׁת וּבַרְזֵל וְאֲחְוֹת תְּוּבַל־קִיִן נְעֲמְה: וְצֵלָה גַם־הִוֹא יָלְדָה אֶת־תִּוּבַל As for Zillah, she bore Tubal-cain, who forged all implements of copper and iron. And the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. ַנשַי לַמֵך הַאַזָנָה אָמַרָתִי כִּי אִישׁ הַלַּגִתִּי לִפַּצִעִי וַיֵּלֵד לִחַבַּרָתִי: 23 And Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, וַיֹּאמֵר לַמֵך לנָשַיו עדה וצלַה שמען קולי hear my voice;O wives of Lamech, give ear to my speech.I have slain a person for wounding me, And a lad for bruising me. בִי שַבַעַתִים יָקם־קיַן וִלְמֵךְ שַבַעִים וִשַבעָה: 24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold." ַשְת כַּי שָת־לִי אֱלֹהִים זָרַע אַחֵר תַּחַת הֶבֶל כָּי הֲרָגְוֹ קיִן: Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son וַלַּדַע אָדָם עוד אַת־אִשֹׁתוֹ וַתַּלֵד בֵּן וַתִּקרָא אַת־שִׁמוֹ and named him Seth, meaning, "God has provided me with*provided me with Or
 - בּיַקרָא אֶת־שַׂמְוֹ אֲנֵוֹשׁ אַז הוּחַלַל לִקרָא בְּשֶׁם יְהֹוָה: 26 And to Seth, in turn, a son was born, and he named him Enosh. It was then that הוהי began to be invoked by name.

Cain had killed him.

"established for me"; Heb. shath, connected with "Seth." another offspring in place of Abel," for

- תולדת אָדָם בִיוֹם בַּרָא אֱלֹהִים אָדָם בִּדְמוֹת אֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה אֹתוֹ: וַה לַפַר*)בספרי תימן לַפַר בסמ"ך גדולה(
- This is the record of Adam's line.—When God created humankind, it was made in the likeness of God;
- ונקבה בַּרָאָם וַיִבֶּרֶךָ אתָם וַיִּקרָא אֱת־שַׁמַם אָדָם בִּיוֹם הְבַּרַאַם: זַכֶּר
- male and female were they created. And when they were created, [God] blessed them and called them Humankind.*Humankind Heb. 'adam; NJPS "Man," trad. "Adam." —
- שלשים ומאַת שנה וַיִּולֶד בַּדְמוּתוּ כַצַלְמוּ וַיִּקרָא אַת־שמוּ שׁת: ויחי אדם
- When Adam had lived 130 years, he begot a son in his likeness after his image, and he named him Seth.
- אַחַרֵי הוֹלִידָוֹ אַת־שַׂת שִׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׂנָה וַיִּוֹלֵד בָּנִים וּבַנְוֹת: וַיִהיָוּ יִמֵי־אָדָם
- After the birth of Seth, Adam lived 800 years and begot sons and daughters.
- אָדָם אָשֶר־חַי תשַע מאות שנה ושלשים שנה ויַמת: וַיְהְיוֹ כָּל־יְמַי
- All the days that Adam lived came to 930 years; then he died.
- וַיִּחִי־שֵׂת חָמֵשׁ שַנִים וּמִאָת שַנָה וַיִּוֹלֵד אַת־אֵנְושׁ:
- When Seth had lived 105 years, he begot Enosh.
- את־אַנוש שַבַע שַנִים ושמנה מַאות שנה וַיִּולֵד בָנִים ובָנות: וַיִּחִי־שֵׁת אַחֵרֵי הוֹלִידְוֹ
- After the birth of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and begot sons and daughters.
 - כַל־יִמֵי־שֵׂת שֹתַים עשֹרֵה שׁנָה וּתְשַע מַאות שׁנָה וַיָּמְת:
- All the days of Seth came to 912 years; then he died.
- וַיְחַי אַנוש תשעים שנה וַיְוּלֶד אַת־קִינַן:
- When Enosh had lived 90 years, he begot Kenan.
- חַמַש עשׁרֵה שׁנָה וּשִׁמנֶה מַאוֹת שׁנָה וַיִּוֹלֵד בַּנִים וּבַנְוֹת: וַיִחִי אֵנוש אַחַרי הולידו אַת־קִינַן
- 10 After the birth of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and begot sons and daughters.
- וַיִּהִיוֹ כַל־יִמֵי אֵנוֹשׁ חַמֵשׁ שַנִּים וּתשַע מַאוֹת שַנָה וַיַּמִת:
 - All the days of Enosh came to 905 years; then he died.
 - 12 נִיחַי קִינָן שֹבַעִים שַנָה נַיִוֹלֵד אֵת־מַהַלַּלִאֵל:
- When Kenan had lived 70 years, he begot Mahalalel.
 - 13 אַרבַעִים שַנָּה וּשַמנָה מֵאות שַנָה וַיִּוֹלֵד בַנִים וּבְנִוֹת: וַיִחִי קִינַן אַחֲרֵיּ הוּלִידוּ אַת־מַהַלְלְאַל
- After the birth of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and begot sons and daughters.

 - בוֹיִם יִתְשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וִיְמַת: 14 All the days of Kenan came to 910 years; then he died.
- 15 וַיְחָי מְהֲלַלְאֵל חָמֶשׁ שִׁנִים וְשִׁשִׂים שַׁנָה וַיִּוֹלֵד אֵת־יַבֵד:
- When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he begot Iared.
- אָת־לֶּכֶד שְלְשִׁים שׁלָּה וּשְׂמְנֶה מֵאִוֹת שׁנֶה וּיִוֹלֶּד בַּנִים וּבִּנְוֹת: After the birth of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 נְיְחְיַ מְהַלְּאֵל אָחְרֵיִּ הוֹלִידִוֹ years and begot sons and daughters.

 - מהללאל חמש ותשעים שלה ושמנה מאות שנה ויַמת: ויהיו כל־ימי
 - 17 All the days of Mahalalel came to 895 years; then he died.
 - . זיִחי־יבֶּר שׁתַיִם וְשַשִּים שָנָה וּמָאָת שַּנָה וַיִּוּלֶּד אַת־חַנְוּך: When Jared had lived 162 years, he begot Enoch.
- 19 אַחַבֵי הוֹלִידָו אַת־חַנוֹך שִמנֶה מֵאוֹת שׁנָה וַיִּוֹלֵד בַנִים וּבְנְוֹת: וַיִּחִי־יֵּרֵד
- After the birth of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and begot sons and daughters.

- :בָל־יְמֵי־לֶּבֶד שְׁתְיִם וְשִׁשִׁיםׁ שַׁלָּה וּתְשָׁע מֵאָוֹת שִׁנְה וַיָּמְת. 20 All the days of Jared came to 962 years; then he נִיְהִיוּ died.
 - :וְיְחֶלָּה אָת־מְתוּשְלָּח עַנָה וְיִוּלֶּד אֶת־מְתוּשְלָּח 21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he begot Methuselah.
- 22 After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch walked נְיִתְהַלֵּדְ שְלְשׁ מֵאְוֹת שַׁנָה וַיְּוֹלֶד בַּנְים וּבַנְוֹת: with God 300 years; and he begot sons and daughters.
- בה: מַאָר וּשׁלְשׁ מַאָּוֹת שׁנָה וּשׁלָשׁ מַאָּוֹת שׁנָה: 23 All the days of Enoch came to 365 years.
- :ביִּלְקָח אֹתְוֹ אֱלֹהִים וְאֵינֶּנוּ כִּי־לָקְח אֹתְוֹ אֱלֹהִים נִיִּתְהַלֶּךְ חֲנָוֹךְ אֶת־הְאֱלֹהְים וְאֵינֶנוּ כִּי־לָקְח אֹתְוֹ אֱלֹהִים: 24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, for God took him.
- :וְיְחִי מְתוּשֶׁלַּח שָׁבַע וּשְׂמֹנְים שִׂנָה וּמְאָת שַנָה וַיְוֹלֶּד אֶת־לְמֶךְ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he begot Lamech.
 - 26 After the birth of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 שְׁתְיִם וּשְׂמְוֹנִיםׁ שָּׁלָה וּשְׂבְע מֵאְוֹת שָׁנָה וַיְּוֹלֶד בִּנְים וּבְנְוֹת: יְחֵי מִתוּשַׂלָח אָחֵבֵי הוֹלִידִוֹ אַת־לְמַךְ years and begot sons and daughters.
 - ביְמְעוֹ שְׁנֶה וּתְשָׁע מֵאָוֹת שְׁנֶה וּיִמְעוֹ מְאָוֹת שְׁנֶה וּיִמְעוֹ מִאָּוֹת שְׁנֶה וַיִּמְת: 27 All the days of Methuselah came to 969 years; נְיִהִיוֹּ כַּלִּייִמֵי then he died.
 - :נְיְחִי־לֶּמֶךְ שֹׁתְיִם וּשְׁמנְיִם שׁנָה וּמְאָת שׁנָה וַיִּוֹלֶּד בְּן When Lamech had lived 182 years, he begot a son.
- 29 And he named him Noah, saying, "This one will ripping in יְנַחְמָנוֹ וּמַנְצְּבְנוֹן יָדֵינוּ מִן־הְאָדָּמִׂה אֲשֶׂר אֲרְהָה יְהֹוָה יִהֹוָה provide us relief*relief Connecting Noah with Heb. niam "to comfort"; cf. 9.20ff. from our work and from the toil of our hands, out of the very soil which הוהי placed under a curse."
 - בּנְים וּבְנְים וּבְנִים וּבְּנִים וּבְּנִים וּבְּנִים וּבְּנִים וּבְּנִים וּבְנִים וּבְנִים וּבְּנִים וּבְּיִים וּבְּיוֹם וּבְּיִים וּבְּים וּבְּיים וּבְּיִים וּבְּיִים וּבְּיִים וּבְּיִים וּבְּיִים וּב
 - :שְבַע וְשִׂבְעִיםׁ שָׁנָה וּשְׁבְע מֵאְוֹת שָׁנָה וּשְׂבְע 31 All the days of Lamech came to 777 years; then נְיָהוֹ כָּל־יִמֵי־לַמֵּךְ he died.
 - :32 When Noah had lived 500 years, Noah begot בַּן־חֲמֶשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנֶה וַיִּוֹלֶד נֹח אֶת־שָׁם אֶת־חָם וְאֶת־יָפֶּת: יַיִּהִיּנֹח Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

- ילָרְוּ יִלְּרְוּ יָלְרְּוּ לָהְם לְרָב עַלֹּ־פְנְי הָאֲדָמֵה וּבַנְוֹת יֻלְּדְוּ לָהְם: When humankind began to increase on earth and daughters were born to them,
 - the [males among the] divine beings*divine beings Others "sons of God." saw how pleasing the human women were and took wives from among those who delighted them.—
- (אַקְרָים שַׁנְה: said, "My breath shall not abide*abide הוהי said, "My breath shall not abide*abide אַלְיִם בְּשַׁנְם הְּוֹא בָשֶׂר וְהְיָּוֹ יָמִיוּ מֵאָהּ וְעֶשַּׂרְיִם שַּׁנְהּ said, "My breath shall not abide*abide Meaning of Heb. uncertain. in humankind forever, since it too is flesh; let the days allowed them be one hundred and twenty years."—

- הְאָדָּם וְיָלְדְוּ לָחֲם הָמָה הַגִּבּרֶים אֲשֶׁר מֵעוֹלָם אַנְשֶּׁי הַשֶּׁם: בִּיָּמֵים הָהֵם וְגָם אְחֲבֵי־כֵּן אֲשֶּׁר יָבֹאוּ בְּנָי הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל־בְּנָוֹת הַנִּפִּלִים הָיָוּ בַאָּרֵי
- 4 It was then, and later too, that the Nephilim appeared on earth—when divine beings cohabited with the human women, who bore them offspring. Such were the heroes of old, the men of renown.
- ַבְבָּה רָעָת הָאָדָם בָּאֶרֶץ וְכָל־יֵּצֶר מַחְשְׂבְת לִבּוֹ רָק רְע כָּל־הַיְוֹם: וַיַּרָא יָהוֹה כִּי
- 5 הוהי saw how great was human wickedness on earth—how every plan devised by the human mind was nothing but evil all the time.
- וִינָתם יִהוָֹה כִי־עְשָׂה אֵת־הָאָדָם בַּאָרֵץ וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֵל־לִבִּוֹ:
- 6 And הוהי regretted having made humankind on earth. With a sorrowful heart,
- עד־בְּהֵלָּה עַד־רֶמֶשׁ וְעַד־עַוֹף הַשָּׁמֻיִם כִּי נִחְמְתִּי כִּי עֲשִׁיתְם: יְהֹוָה אֶמְחֶה אֶת־הָאִדָם אֲשֶׁר־בִּוֹּאתִי מֵעַל פְנֵי הְאֲדָמָה מֵאִדָם וַיָּאמֵר
- 7 הוהי said, "I will blot out from the earth humankind whom I created—humans together with beasts, creeping things, and birds of the sky; for I regret that I made them."
- וְנַתַ מָצָא חֻן בְעֵינָי יְהֹוָה:
- 8 But Noah found favor with הוהי.