

The Bible: In the Beginning

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NARRATOR: iIn the beginning, God created/i ithe Heaven and the Earth./i 2. 00: iAnd the Earth/i iwas without/i iform and void& /i 3 00: i& and darkness/i iwas upon the face/i iof the deep./i 4 00: iAnd the Spirit of God/i imoved upon the face/i iof the waters./i 5 00: iAnd God said,/i i"Let there be light. /i 00: iAnd there was light./i 00: iAnd God divided the light/i ifrom the darkness./i 8 00: iAnd God called/i ithe light day. /i

00: iAnd the darkness/i iHe called night. /i 10 00: iAnd the evening/i iand the morning/i iwere the first day./i 11 00: iAnd God said,/i i Let there be a firmament& /i 12 00: i& in the midst/i iof the waters./i 13 00:

iAnd let it/i
idivide the waters/i
ifrom the waters. /i
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iAnd God called/i
ithe firmament heaven. /i
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iAnd the evening/i
iand the morning/i
iwere the second day./i
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iAnd God said:

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iLet the waters/i iunder the heaven& /i 18

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i& be gathered together/i
iunto one place& /i
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i& and let/i
ithe dry land appear. /i
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iThe gathering together/i iof the waters& /i
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i& called He seas. /i
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iAnd He called/i ithe dry land earth. /i 23

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iAnd God said,/i
i Let the earth/i
ibring forth grass& /i
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i& the herb yielding seed/i
iand the fruit tree/i
iyielding fruit& /i
25

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i& whose seed is in itself/i
iupon the earth. /i

26 00: iAnd the evening/i iand the morning/i iwere the third day./i 2.7 00: iAnd God said, Let there/i ibe lights in the firmament/i iof the heaven& /i 28

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i& and let them be/i ifor signs and for seasons& /i 29

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i& and for days and years. /i 30

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iAnd God made/i itwo great lights:/i 31

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iThe greater light,/i ito rule the day& /i 32

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i& and the lesser light,/i ito rule the night./i 33

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iHe made the stars also./i 34

00:

iAnd God set them/i

iin the firmament/i iof the heaven& /i 35 00: i& to give light/i iupon the Earth./i 36 00: iAnd the evening/i iand the morning/i iwere the fourth day./i 37 00: iAnd God said,/i i Let the waters bring/i iforth abundantly& /i 38 00: i& the moving creature/i ithat hath life& /i 39 00: i& and fowl that fly/i iabove the earth/i 40 00: iin the open/i ifirmament of heaven. /i 41 00: (SEAGULLS SQUAWK) 42

00:

iAnd God created/i
igreat whales& /i
43

00: i& and every living creature/i ithat moveth& /i 44 00: i& which the waters/i ibrought forth abundantly/i iafter their kind./i 45 00: iGod blessed them, saying:/i 46 00: i Be fruitful and multiply/i iand fill the waters& /i 47 00: i& and the seas. /i 48 00: iAnd the evening/i iand the morning/i iwere the fifth day./i 49 00: iAnd God said,/i i Let the earth bring forth& /i 50 00: i& the living creature/i iafter his kind./i 51 00: iAnd everything/i

ithat creepeth upon the earth/i

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i& cattle and/i
ithe beast of the earth/i
iafter his kind. /i
53
00:
iAnd God saw that it was good./i
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iAnd God said:
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00:
i Let us make man/i
iin our own image& /i
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i& after our likeness. /i
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00:
iThe Lord God formed man/i
iof the dust of the ground& /i
58
00:
i& and breathed/i
iinto his nostrils/i
ithe breath of life& /i
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00:
i& and man/i
ibecame a living soul./i
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00:
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iafter his kind& /i

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iAnd God brought unto Adam/i ievery beast of the field& /i 61 00: i& and every/i ifowl of the air& /i 62 00: i& to see what he/i iwould call them./i 63 00: (BIRDS CHIRPING) 64 00: iAnd the Lord said:/i 65 00: i It is not good/i ithat the man/i ishould be alone. /i 66 00: iAnd He caused a deep sleep/i ito fall upon Adam./i 67 00: iAnd he slept./i 68 00: iAnd God made a woman/i iand brought her/i iunto the man./i 69

00:

This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.

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iSo God created man/i iin His own image& /i 71

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i& in the image of God/i
icreated He him& /i
72

00:

i& male and female/i
icreated He them./i
73

00:

iAnd God saw everything/i ithat He had made& /i 74

00:

i& and behold,/i
iit was very good./i
75

00:

iAnd the evening/i iand the morning/i iwere the sixth day./i 76

00:

iAnd on the seventh day/i
iGod rested& /i
77

00:

i& from all His work/i
iwhich He had made./i

iAnd God blessed/i ithe seventh day/i iand sanctified it./i 79

00:

iEastward, in Eden,/i
iGod had planted a garden./i
80

00:

iAnd He said,/i
i Go into the garden/i
iI have made./i
81

00:

iTend it and keep it./i 82

00:

iOf every tree of the garden/i
ithou mayest freely eat./i
83

00:

iBut of the Tree/i
iof the Knowledge/i
iof Good and Evil& /i
84

00:

i& thou shalt not eat of it./i
85

00:

iFor in the day/i ithat thou eatest thereof& /i 86

00:

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i& thou shalt surely die. /i
87
00:
iAnd God blessed them/i
iand said unto them:/i
88
00:
i Be fruitful and multiply. /i
89
00:
THE SERPENT:
90
00:
Eve&
91
00:
Hath God said&
92
00:
& ye shall not eat
of every tree
in the garden?
93
00:
We may eat of
the fruit of the trees
of the garden&
94
00:
& but of
the fruit of this tree
God hath said:
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"Ye shall not eat of it& 96

00:

& neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 97

00:

Ye shall not surely die. 98

00:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof& 99

00:

& then your eyes shall be opened& 100

00:

& and ye shall be as gods& 101

00:

& knowing good and evil. 102

00:

EVE:

that we shall not die& 103

00:

& that our eyes shall be opened and we shall be as gods. 104

00: Taste it. There s no harm. 105 00: It is& 106 00: & disobedience. 107 00: EVE: 108 00: NARRATOR: icalled unto Adam:/i 109 00: i Where art thou? /i 110 00: I heard thy voice and I was afraid because I was naked, 111 00: and I hid myself. 112 00: GOD: ithat thou wast naked?/i

113

iHast thou eaten/i
iof the tree& /i
114

00:

i& whereof I commanded thee/i
ithat thou shouldst not eat?/i
115

00:

The woman thou gavest to be with me& 116

00:

& she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 117

00:

iWhat is it that/i
ithou hast done?/i
118

00:

The serpent beguiled me and I did eat.
119

00:

iBecause thou/i ihast done this& /i 120

00:

i& thou art cursed/i
iabove all cattle& /i
121

00:

i& and above every beast/i
iof the field./i
122

iUpon thy belly/i ishalt thou go& /i 123

00:

i& and dust shalt thou eat/i
iall the days of thy life./i
124

00:

iI will put enmity/i ibetween thee/i iand the woman& /i 125

00:

i& between thy seed/i
iand her seed./i
126

00:

iIt shall bruise thy head& /i 127

00:

i& and thou shalt/i
ibruise his heel./i
128

00:

iEve& /i 129

00:

i& I will greatly/i
imultiply thy sorrow/i
iand thy conception./i
130

00:

iIn sorrow shalt thou/i
ibring forth children& /i

i& and thy desire/i
ishall be to thy husband& /i
132

00:

i& and he shall/i
irule over thee./i
133

00:

iAdam, because thou/i ihast harkened/i iunto thy wife& /i 134

00:

i& and hast eaten/i
iof the tree& /i
135

00:

i& cursed is the ground/i
ifor thy sake& /i
136

00:

i& in sorrow/i
ishalt thou eat of it/i
iall the days of thy life& /i
137

00:

i& thorns also and thistles/i
ishall it bring forth to thee./i
138

00:

iThou shalt eat/i
ithe herb of the field./i
139

iIn the sweat of thy face/i ishalt thou eat bread& /i 140

00:

i& until thou/i
ireturn unto the ground./i
141

00:

iFor out of it/i
iwas thou taken/i
ifor dust thou art& /i
142

00:

i& and unto dust/i
ishalt thou return./i
143

00:

(THUNDERS)

144

00:

(BABY CRYING) 145

00:

I have made a man from the Lord God. 146

00:

Thy name shall be called Cain. 147

00:

NARRATOR:

iof Cain is possession. /i 148

iEve again bare a son& /i
149

00:

i& and his name was Abel& /i 150

00:

i& which means/i
i breath of life. /i
151

00:

iAnd the children of Eve/i igrew to be men./i
152

00:

iCain was a tiller/i iof the ground& /i 153

00:

i& and Abel was/i
ia keeper of flocks./i
154

00:

iAt the time of the harvest,/i ithey builded altars& /i 155

00:

i& and kindled fires/i
iupon them./i
156

00:

iAnd Abel brought/i
iof the firstlings/i
iof his flock& /i
157

00: i& and the fat thereof./i 158 00: iAnd Cain also/i ibrought of the fruit/i iof the ground& /i 159 00: i& an offering unto the Lord./i 160 00: iAnd the Lord had/i irespect unto Abel/i iand his offering./i 161 00: iBut unto Cain/i iand his offering/i iHe had not respect./i 162 00: Why art thou angry? 163 00: If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? 164 00: GOD: 165 00: iCain./i 166

iWhere is Abel, thy brother?/i
167

00:

I know not! 168

00:

iWhere is Abel, thy brother?/i
169

00:

Am I my brother s keeper? 170

00:

iWhat hast thou done?/i 171

00:

iThe voice of thy/i ibrother s blood& /i 172

00:

i& crieth unto me/i
ifrom the ground./i
173

00:

iNow art thou/i icursed from the Earth& /i 174

00:

i& which hath opened to/i
ireceive thy brother s blood/i
ifrom thy hand./i
175

00:

iWhen thou/i

itillest the ground& /i 176

00:

i& it shall not yield/i
iunto thee her strength./i
177

00:

iA fugitive and a vagabond/i ishalt thou be in the Earth./i 178

00:

(WOLF HOWLS)

00:

For dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return. 180

00:

My punishment is greater than I can bear! 181

00:

Thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the Earth& 182

00:

& and from thy face shall I be hid. 183

00:

And I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the Earth& 184

& and everyone that findeth me shall slay me! 185

00:

iGOD:

186

00:

i& vengeance shall be taken/i
ion him sevenfold./i
187

00:

iI set a mark upon Cain& /i 188

00:

i& lest any, finding him,/i
ishall slay him./i
189

00:

NARRATOR:

ileft the presence/i
iof the Lord& /i
190

00:

i& and dwelt/i
iin the Land of Nod,/i
ieast of Eden./i
191

00:

iAnd Cain knew his wife,/i iand she conceived/i iand bare a son./i

00: iIn the generations of time& /i 193 00: i& when his seed began/i ito people the Earth& /i 194 00: i& there were born men/i

iapt in knowledge and craft./i 195

00:

iAs Jabal,/i ithe father of such/i ias dwell in tents& /i 196

00:

i& and of such/i ias have cattle./i 197

00:

iThey made vessels/i iout of the earth& /i 198

00:

i& jars and pitchers/i iby the skill of their hands./i 199

00:

iAnd Jabal s brother s name/i iwas Jubal./i 200

00:

iHe was the father of all/i isuch as handle the harp/i

iand play music./i 201 00: iAnd Tubalcain, also& /i 202 00: i& an instructor/i iof every artificer/i iin brass and iron./i 203 00: iAnd they learnt the secrets/i iof the ground& /i 204 00: i& that it/i ishould deliver to them/i iits fullness and strength./i 205 00: iBut the knowledge/i iof good and evil/i 206 00: iwas in all the people/i iof the Earth./i 207 00: iAnd God grieved in/i iHis heart that men/i ifollowed the way of evil& /i 208 00:

i& and that/i
ievery imagination& /i
209

i& of/i
ithe thoughts of his heart/i
iwas only evil, continually./i
210

00:

iThe Earth/i
idisclosed her blood& /i
211

00:

i& and no more/i
icovered her slain./i
212

00:

iThe deed of/i
iCain was multiplied/i
ia thousand times./i
213

00:

iAnd God said,/i
i I will destroy man,/i
iwhom I have created& /i
214

00:

i& both man and beast,/i
ifor it repenteth me/i
ithat I hath made them. /i
215

00:

iBut the Lord gave Eve/i ianother son& /i 216

00:

i& instead of Abel/i
iwhom Cain slew./i
217

iAnd Adam called/i ihis name Seth./i 218

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iAnd from Seth s seed,/i
ithrough the generations& /i
219

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i& was Noah born./i 220

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iAnd Noah found grace/i iin the eyes of the Lord./i 221

00:

iThere dwelt with Noah/i

ihis sons:

222

00:

i& Japheth and Ham./i
223

00:

iAnd his wife,/i
iand his sons wives also./i
224

00:

iAnd Noah was perfect/i iin his generations./i 225

00:

iHe was a just man,/i iand walked with God./i 226

GOD:

227

00:

iNoah./i 228

00:

iNoah!/i

229

00:

iHearken now to my voice/i iand take heed./i
230

00:

iNow shall I tell thee/i ithe matter of my grief& /i 231

00:

i& and of what thou shalt do./i 232

00:

iThe end of all flesh/i iis come before me& /i 233

00:

i& for the Earth is filled/i
iwith violence through them./i
234

00:

iAnd behold, I will bring/i
ia flood of waters/i
iupon the Earth& /i
235

i& to destroy all flesh./i
236

00:

iAnd everything that is/i iin the Earth shall die./i 237

00:

iMake thee an ark/i iof gopher wood./i 238

00:

iRooms shalt thou make& /i 239

00:

i& and shalt/i
ipitch it within and/i
iwithout with pitch./i
240

00:

iAnd this is the fashion/i ithou shalt make it of./i 241

00:

iThe length of the ark/i ishall be 300 cubits& /i 242

00:

i& the breadth/i
iof it 50 cubits& /i
243

00:

i& and the height/i
iof it 30 cubits./i
244

00: iWith thee will I establish/i imy covenant./i 245 00: iThou shalt come into the ark./i 246 00: iThou and thy sons/i iand thy wife, and thy/i isons wives with thee./i 247 00: iFor thee have I/i iseen righteous before me/i iin this generation./i 248 00: Hey! Hey! 249 00: (PEOPLE LAUGHING) 250 00: (LOUD HAMMERING) 251 00: (PEOPLE LAUGHING) 252 00: What is more stupid than this?

00:

253

A man building a ship

on dry land! 254

00:

WOMAN 1:

and hath made him mad&
255

00:

& and his sons with him! 256

00:

MAN 1:

the Earth see this again? 257

00:

He hath the sea in his head, and his house rides up on the waves. 258

00:

(PEOPLE LAUGHING) 259

00:

Father, is it indeed God s voice thou hast heard? 260

00:

For look, there is no cloud in the sky. 261

00:

Not so much as would cover a bird.

The Lord waiteth upon our work.
263

00:

Then what need is there of haste? 264

00:

Shall we not do it little by little& 265

00:

& under cover of night? 266

00:

He demandeth every hour of the day. 267

00:

In our obedience must be no delay. 268

00:

Will you question your father s understanding 269

00:

or doubt his ways? 270

00:

You should be ashamed. 271

Yet when shall they be rid of the work? 272

00:

All things wait for this. 273

00:

The ground is unsown, and the house is unmended. 274

00:

Give me one to make the roof good& 275

00:

& lest when the rain comes the house will not keep it out. 276

00:

But, wife! 277

00:

Shem! 278

00:

More pitch! 279

00:

Ham!

280

00:

NOAH:

of more pitch! 281 00: (SNORES) 282 00: Japheth! 283 00: Take the bucket and fill it, and our work is done! 284 00: Shem! 285 00: Ham! 286 00: Japheth! 287 00: GOD: 288 00: iCome thou/i iand all thy house/i iinto the ark./i 289 00: iI will cause it to rain/i iupon the Earth 40 days/i iand 40 nights./i 290

00: iEvery living substance/i iI have made& /i 291 00: i& will I destroy from off/i ithe face of the Earth./i 292 00:

iAnd of every living thing/i iof all flesh& /i 293

00:

i& two of every sort,/i
imale and female& /i
294

00:

i& shalt thou bring/i
iinto the ark to keep them/i
ialive with thee./i
295

00:

Two& 296

00:

& of every sort. 297

00:

NOAH:

298

00:

Sons! Daughters! 299

Fear not. The Lord hath

spoken and said:

300

00:

Bring two of every kind to keep them alive.
301

00:

They have followed me and trust us& 302

00:

& to mind them and bring them to safety. 303

00:

They re good beasts at heart. 304

00:

They will do no harm to you, nor each other& 305

00:

& for they know of the waters that will fall upon the Earth. 306

00:

And God hath chosen them above all others.
307

00:

There are more yet to come. Japheth, help them

find their way. 308 00: Ham, Shem, load hay and grain. 309 00: Wife and daughters, put oil into the lamps. 310 00: And get thy house aboard the ark in order. 311 00: (THUNDERS) 312 00: NARRATOR: iAnd God shut him in./i 313 00: (ANIMALS SQUAWK) 314 00: (ELEPHANTS CRY) 315 01: Is it the wind that waileth? 316 01: No, wife. 317

It is the chaff, which the wind driveth away.
318

01:

(PEOPLE CRY OUT) 319

01:

The Lord hath taken hold of the ends of the Earth& 320

01:

& and shaketh it. 321

01:

(ANIMALS SQUAWK) 322

01:

They cry to be fed. 323

01:

We have work to do. 324

01:

Shem&

325

01:

& care for the animals with hooves that cheweth the cud. 326

01:

Ham shall tend

the camels, hares, swine and giraffes. 327

01:

Japheth, the tigers, the lions, the cats of all kinds. 328

01:

What shall they eat? 329

01:

Milk from the cattle and the goats.
330

01:

Milk? For beasts of prey? 331

01:

They re only great cats, wife. 332

01:

Do you not hear them purr? 333

01:

Be not afraid. 334

01:

He will do thee no harm, for harm is not in him. 335

01:

Shem, the red hart has not eaten of his corn.

Fetch him leaves.

336

01:

NARRATOR:

iThe waters prevailed, and all/i ithe high hills were covered./i 337

01:

iAnd Noah only/i iremained alive& /i 338

01:

i& and they that were/i
iwith him in the ark./i
339

01:

When will the rain cease? 340

01:

When shall we stand again upon the Earth?
341

01:

God has told us it shall rain 40 days and 40 nights.

01:

But here we know neither the day nor the night. 343

01:

We cannot measure the time by sleep.

We sleep when we will. When we are rested, we wake.
345

01:

The moon has no waxing or waning& 346

01:

& and the sun no rising or setting. 347

01:

We are without knowledge of time. 348

01:

Nay, but I know. 349

01:

Since the time we came into the ark& 350

01:

& and the doors shut, and the flood carried us upon its waters& 351

01:

& the days have been 20. 352

01:

And two.

Twenty and two.

353

01:

How dost thou know what is hidden from us? 354

01:

By what rod dost thou measure the darkness? 355

01:

By the beasts, who carry the days within them.

01:

Even as the sun and the moon divide the seasons into hours. 357

01:

I know the time by the lowing of the cow ready to be milked& 358

01:

& and the cackle of the hen when the egg shall be gathered.

01:

I have counted the days. 360

01:

In 18 days, then,
we ll know the world

as before.

361

01:

Not so. When the rain stops, still the water will cover the earth. 362

01:

Neither shall we know the world as before. 363

01:

When the waters are dried up& 364

01:

& then we shall know. 365

01:

We shall be alone on the Earth.
366

01:

No other life. 367

01:

Where will the ark have carried us? 368

01:

In what strange land shall we be renewed? 369

01:

The Lord has put

the future into our hands. 370 01: (GOAT CRIES) 371 01: All things will be new. 372 01: (RAINING STOPPED) 373 01: (POUNDING) 374 01: (ROOSTER CROWS) 375 01: (ANIMALS SQUAWK) 376 01: (NOAH PLAYS FLUTE) 377 01: Raven! 378 01: NARRATOR: isent forth a raven& /i 379 01: i& to see if/i

ithe waters were abated/i

ifrom off the ground./i
380

01:

Go forth!

01:

iAnd the raven went forth,/i iand flew to and fro./i 382

01:

iEven until the waters were/i idried up from off the Earth./i 383

01:

iAnd the raven returned not/i iagain unto Noah anymore./i 384

01:

iAlso he sent forth/i
ia dove from him./i
385

01:

iBut the Earth/i iwas still seas& /i 386

01:

i& as it had been/i
iin the beginning,/i
ibefore the dry land appeared./i
387

01:

She hath found no rest for the sole of her foot. 388

For the waters are on the face of the whole Earth. 389

01:

Eat of the grain and renew thy strength. 390

01:

For in seven days I shall send thee forth again. 391

01:

iAnd the dove/i icame in to him/i iin the evening& /i 392

01:

i& and lo, in her mouth/i
iwas an olive leaf,/i
iplucked off./i
393

01:

Let us make a rudder and a sail. 394

01:

For now we know that the waters are abated from the Earth& 395

01:

& and we can find land. 396

What sail shall discover the winds, 397

01:

and what rudder
find our course?
398

01:

The breath of God shall divide the waves& 399

01:

& and his hand only lead us into safety. 400

01:

NARRATOR:

iin the 7th month,/i
401

01:

iof the 17th day/i
iof the month& /i
402

01:

i& upon the mountains/i
iof Ararat./i
403

01:

Hey! Hey, hey! 404

01:

NARRATOR:

isaid in his heart:/i

i I will not again curse/i ithe ground for man s sake./i 406

01:

iWhile the Earth remaineth,/i iseed-time and harvest& /i 407

01:

i& cold and heat,/i
isummer and winter,/i
iand day and night& /i
408

01:

i& shall not cease./i 409

01:

iThe waters shall/i ino more become a flood/i ito destroy all flesh./i 410

01:

iI do set my bow in the cloud./i
411

01:

iAnd it shall be for a token/i ibetween me and the Earth./i 412

01:

iIt shall come to pass/i iwhen I bring a cloud& /i 413

01:

i& the bow shall/i
ibe seen in the cloud./i

iAnd I will remember/i imy covenant which is/i ibetween me and you./i 415

01:

iAnd every living creature/i
iof all flesh. /i
416

01:

NARRATOR:

iunto the sons of Noah/i
iafter the flood./i
417

01:

iAnd of them was/i
ithe whole Earth overspread./i
418

01:

iAnd the whole Earth/i iwas of one language/i iand of one speech./i 419

01:

iNow these are/i
ithe generations/i
iof the sons of Noah./i
420

01:

iThe sons of/i

iJapheth:

421

iThe sons of Shem:/i iElam, Asshur& /i 422

01:

iAnd the sons of Ham:/i iMizraim, Phut,/i iCanaan and Cush./i 423

01:

iAnd Cush begat Nimrod./i

01:

iAnd Nimrod was a king./i

01:

iAnd he set to build/i
ia tower that would soar/i
ilike his pride./i
426

01:

iA tower that would/i ireach unto Heaven./i 427

01:

iAnd his people sang a song/i ias they built the tower:/i 428

01:

i Who can bend/i
ithe bow of Nimrod?/i
429

01:

iOr put strength/i
iinto the arrow like unto/i
ihis strength?/i
430

iNothing is too mighty/i ifor him to do/i 431

01:

iNo power is greater than his/i 432

01:

iHe hath taken the Earth/i iand made it his own/i 433

01:

iHe stores up/i
ithe thunder and wears/i
ithe lightning like a jewel/i
434

01:

iThe glory of Nimrod/i ishines beyond the sun/i 435

01:

iThere is none/i
igreater than he/i
iin Earth or Heaven. /i
436

01:

iAnd the Lord came down/i ito see the tower& /i 437

01:

i& which the children/i
iof men builded./i
438

01:

iAnd He said,/i

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i Behold, the people is one& /i
439
01:
i& and they have/i
iall one language./i
iAnd this they begin to do./i
440
01:
iAnd now nothing will/i
ibe restrained from them& /i
441
01:
i& which they/i
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ihave imagined to do. /i 442

01:

My bow.

443

01:

NARRATOR:

igo down and confound/i itheir language& /i 444

01:

i& that they/i imay not understand/i ione another s speech. /i 445

01:

Stand your ground. Obey me! 446

01:

Make good what has been brought down.

Am I not Nimrod? And my voice is your commandment! 448

01:

What words are these? 449

01:

Babbling fool!
Madness is in his mouth!
450

01:

You mock your king s tongue? 451

01:

Shall a monkey gibber against me? 452

01:

NARRATOR:

ithe name of it called Babel./i 453

01:

iThere the Lord/i iconfounded their language& /i 454

01:

i& and scattered them abroad/i
iupon the Earth./i
455

iThe Lord waited/i i10 generations for a man/i icalled Abram to be born./i 456

01:

iHe was born in Ur/i iof the Chaldees./i 457

01:

iAnd when he had/i icome of an age,/i

ithe Lord said:

458

01:

i Get out of thy city/i
iand thy country& /i
459

01:

i& from thy kindred/i
iand from thy/i
ifather s house& /i
460

01:

i& unto a land/i
ithat I will show thee./i
461

01:

iI will make of thee/i ia great nation& /i 462

01:

i& and I will bless thee/i
iand make thy name great. /i
463

iSo Abram departed,/i
ias the Lord had spoken/i
iunto him& /i
464

01:

i& with Lot,/i
ihis brother s son& /i
465

01:

i& and Sarai, his wife,/i
iwhom he loved& /i
466

01:

i& and all their substance/i
ithat they gathered& /i
467

01:

i& and the souls/i
ithey had gotten& /i
468

01:

i& and they journeyed/i
ilike strangers on the Earth./i
469

01:

iThey journeyed not knowing/i iwhither they went./i 470

01:

iAnd yet the land/i ilay before them/i ias the Lord had promised./i 471

01:

iAnd the mornings/i iand the evenings/i

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ipointed the way./i
472
01:
Come! Come!
473
01:
iGOD:
474
01:
iLift up now thine eyes& /i
475
01:
i& and look from the place/i
iwhere thou art& /i
476
01:
i& northward and southward& /i
477
01:
i& and eastward/i
iand westward& /i
478
01:
i& for all the land/i
iwhich thou seest& /i
479
01:
i& to thee will I give it& /i
480
01:
i& and to thy seed forever./i
481
01:
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LOT:

inherit this country
in peace?
482

01:

For the Canaanites go about the land. 483

01:

The understanding of God& 484

01:

& is not our understanding.

01:

And what shall be brought about and how it is perfected& 486

01:

& is not in our power to know. 487

01:

Only in the promise of what shall come& 488

01:

& can we prosper. 489

01:

And in that trust& 490

& have we pitched our tents. 491 01: Wife. 492 01: Abram. 493 01: My husband. 494 01: The sun has gone down. We have laboured until evening. 495 01: I bring my love beside you in the tent& 496 01: & as day answereth day. 497 01: Let my beloved come into his garden and eat his pleasant fruits. 498 01: Behold. 499

01:

Thou art fair, my love.

Behold, thou art fair. 501

01:

I have drawn away from my beauty as from a stranger& 502

01:

& for the years have gone with the going down of the sun. 503

01:

Your beauty stands in a sanctuary. 504

01:

The enemy falters in the street& 505

01:

& and sheathes his sword in the marketplace.
506

01:

Time& 507

01:

& cannot pass the door. 508

01:

The strong lock of the door is love&

& and the key& 510

01:

& is in my hand. 511

01:

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood& 512

01:

& so is my beloved among the sons.
513

01:

H is left hand is under my head& 514

01:

& and his right hand doth embrace me. 515

01:

My right arm covers you& 516

01:

& as the night covers the day. 517

01:

NARRATOR:

ihis wife, was barren& /i 518

i& and she had no child./i
519

01:

iYet was the land before them/i ias God had promised./i 520

01:

iAnd they pitched their tents/i iin the length and/i ibreadth of it& /i 521

01:

i& from Bethel/i
ito Kadesh and Shur,/i
ieven unto Egypt./i
522

01:

iWith Sarai came also/i
iher handmaid& /i
523

01:

i& Hagar, the Egyptian./i
524

01:

iThey learned the wells/i iand fertile places& /i 525

01:

Five score. 526

01:

i& and Abram prospered./i
527

Six score.

528

01:

Seven score.

529

01:

(CROWD YELLS)

530

01:

iAnd when they came again/i iunto Bethel& /i

531

01:

i& there was division/i
ibetween the herdsmen/i
iof Abram s cattle& /i
532

01:

i& and the herdsmen/i
iof Lot s cattle./i
533

01:

Let there be no strife between thee and me.

534

01:

And between thy herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are brethren.

535

01:

Our substance is too great for us to dwell together. 536

The land is not able to bear us together. 537

01:

Is not the whole land before thee? 538

01:

Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me. 539

01:

lf thou will go left,
I will go to the right&
540

01:

& or if thou go right, I will go to the left. 541

01:

There below us is the plain of Jordan. 542

01:

And that way I will go. 543

01:

Toward the cities of the plain.
544

01:

The men of the cities are wicked,
545

and sinners before the Lord. 546

01:

From here the walls of Sodom and Gomorrah are white. 547

01:

But within the walls& 548

01:

& is the darkness of men. 549

01:

Many tribes and their kings try to claim their domination& 550

01:

& and the city walls are refuge and strength. 551

01:

God is my refuge and strength.
552

01:

The plain is well-watered everywhere& 553

01:

& fertile with fruits of the earth& 554

& even as the Garden of the Lord. That is the way I shall take. 555

01:

And my way is another. 556

01:

GOD:

ithine eyes& /i 557

01:

i& and look from the place/i
iwhere thou art& /i
558

01:

i& northward and southward/i
iand eastward and westward./i
559

01:

iFor all the land/i iwhich thou seest& /i 560

01:

i& to thee will I give it/i
iand to thy seed forever./i
561

01:

Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless? 562

Behold, to me thou hast given no seed. 563

01:

iI will make thy seed/i
ias the dust of the Earth& /i
564

01:

i& so that if one can number/i
ithe dust of the Earth& /i
565

01:

i& then shall thy seed/i
ialso be numbered./i
566

01:

But Sarai, my wife, is barren and she has no child.

01:

iI am the Lord/i ithat brought thee& /i 568

01:

i& out of Ur/i
iof the Chaldees& /i
569

01:

i& to give thee this land/i
ito inherit it./i
570

01:

Lord God& 571

& whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 572

01:

iTake me a heifer/i iof three years old& /i 573

01:

i& and a she-goat/i
iof three years old/i
574

01:

iand a ram of/i
ithree years old& /i
575

01:

i& and a turtledove/i
iand a young pigeon./i
576

01:

iDivide them in the midst& /i 577

01:

i& and lay each piece/i
ione against another./i
578

01:

iBut the birds,/i ithey shall not be divided./i 579

01:

iNow have I made my covenant/i ibetween me and thee& /i 580

i& and out of/i
ithine own bowels/i
ithou shalt have an heir./i
581

01:

iAnd Isaac shall/i ihis name be called./i 582

01:

iYet know of a surety/i ithat thy seed& /i 583

01:

i& shall be/i
ia stranger in a land/i
ithat is not theirs./i
584

01:

iIts rulers shall/i iafflict them& /i 585

01:

i& pangs and sorrows/i
ishall take hold of them./i
586

01:

iThey shall be in pain/i ias a woman that travaileth./i 587

01:

iThey shall be tried,/i
ilike metal in a furnace& /i
588

01:

i& as also I shall try thee./i

iI will make/i
ia man more precious/i
ithan fine gold& /i
590

01:

i& even a man than/i
ithe golden wedge of Ophir./i
591

01:

Go.

592

01:

Abram.

593

01:

Behold now.

594

01:

The Lord hath restrained me from bearing. 595

01:

I pray thee& 596

01:

& go in unto my maid& 597

01:

& according to that law which says: 598

When a wife is barren& 599

01:

& her maidservant may bear for her. 600

01:

It may be that
I may obtain children
by her.
601

01:

I give thee my handmaiden& 602

01:

& Hagar the Egyptian& 603

01:

& to be thy wife. 604

01:

Is it so& 605

01:

& that the promise of many nations shall be fulfilled? 606

01:

Even so& 607

01:

iAnd Abram went in to Hagar/i

iand she conceived& /i 608 01: i& and when it came/i inear the time/i 609 01: ithat she should/i ibear a child& /i 610 01: i& Sarai, her mistress,/i iwas despised in her eyes./i 611 01: Are you not tired? 612 01: Let us stay our hands& 613 01: & and eat and drink, now that the sun is gone. 614 01: Fruits of thy kind. 615 01: Figs that are dry, and dates and raisins. 616

617

But for me&

& the fruits that ripen.

618

01:

Go away from me!

619

01:

Why weepest thou?

620

01:

I am ashamed.

621

01:

For what cause?

622

01:

Did I not say to thee:

623

01:

Go in to my maid

that I may obtain

children by her ?

624

01:

Even so?

625

01:

Now I am despised by her

that she carries

the child in her body.

626

01:

I am but the grass that is bruised where she walks.

I look through her eyes and see myself as one who no longer lives. 628

01:

The fulfilment of the earth passes to strangers. 629

01:

And I am left as I was never born. 630

01:

But the child is thine& 631

01:

& by thy maidservant& 632

01:

& and by the love I bear thee. 633

01:

NARRATOR:

iFrom the south, even unto/i ithe plain of Jordan& /i 634

01:

i& came four warring kings:/i
635

iThe kings of Shinar,/i
iof Ellasar& /i
636

01:

i& of Elam, and Tidal,/i
iking of nations./i
637

01:

iThese made war/i iwith the king of Sodom& /i 638

01:

i& and the king of Gomorrah/i
iand the king of Admah& /i
639

01:

i..and the king of Zeboiim/i
iand the king of Zoar./i
640

01:

iFour kings with five./i

01:

iThey joined battle/i iin the vale of Siddim./i 642

01:

iThe vale of Siddim/i
iwas full of slime pits& /i
643

01:

i& and the kings of Sodom/i
iand Gomorrah fled/i
iand fell there& /i
644

i& and the victors/i
itook captives and goods/i
iand went their way./i
645

01:

And Lot?

646

01:

And Lot, my brother s son Lot? 647

01:

He is taken captive.

01:

Shall the land that is promised to us have no peace? 649

01:

And my blood be taken into slavery? 650

01:

Eliezer.

651

01:

My lord? 652

01:

Summon Mamre, the Amorite& 653

& and Aner and Eshcol, his brothers who are confederates. 654

01:

And you,
my trained servants&
655

01:

& born in mine own house& 656

01:

& gather at the tents. 657

01:

Three hundred eighteen we be.
658

01:

How shall we prevail against so many? 659

01:

They have gotten the victory, and left off watching.
660

01:

I will divide us against them by night& 661

01:

& and smite them. 662

(MEN YELLING) 663 01: (SWORDS CLANGING) 664 02: (HORSE WHINNIES) 665 02: Blessed be the most high God& 666 02: & which hath delivered mine enemies into my hands. 667 02:

Thou art my shield and my exceeding great reward. 668

02:

iGOD:

669

02:

iWalk before me/i
iand be thou perfect./i
670

02:

iThy name shall/i ino more be Abram& /i 671

i& but thy name/i
ishall be Abraham./i
672

02:

iFor kings shall/i icome out of thee& /i 673

02:

i& and I will establish/i
imy covenant/i
ibetween me and thee& /i
674

02:

i& and thy seed after thee,/i
iand their generations,/i
ito be their God./i
675

02:

iAs for Sarai, thy wife,/i ithou shalt not/i icall her name Sarai& /i 676

02:

i& but Sarah/i
ishall her name be./i
677

02:

iAnd I will bless her/i iand give thee a son,/i ialso of her./i

02:

iAnd she shall be/i
ia mother of nations./i
679

Thy child. 680

02:

By my maidservant, and by the love I bear thee. 681

02:

The smell of my son is like a field which the Lord has blessed. 682

02:

iGOD:

iwhich ye shall keep/i
ibetween me and you& /i
683

02:

i& and thy seed after thee./i
684

02:

iEvery man-child among you/i ishall be circumcised& /i 685

02:

i& as a token of the covenant/i
ibetwixt me and you./i
686

02:

Thou hast 24 score and 7 in thy flock.
687

02:

By each pebble I know you as good servants.

You are blessed among us and are indeed our blessing. 689

02:

My lord. 690

02:

Behold. Thy son, Ishmael, hath seven years.
691

02:

Give him thy blessing, I pray& 692

02:

& that he may live before God as the first of thy flesh, 693

02:

and thy only son. 694

02:

Yet have I told thee how it stands between me and Ishmael. 695

02:

For God hath said He will bless Sarah 696

02:

and give me a son also&

& of her.

698

02:

Wilt thou indeed believe what cannot come to pass? 699

02:

The years have gone by and the promise is not fulfilled.

02:

With Sarah, thy wife& 701

02:

& the time of childbearing is over. 702

02:

Give Ishmael, therefore, thy blessing.
703

02:

Thou can hope for no other. 704

02:

Shall the Lord speak and Abraham not believe? 705

02:

What is faith if it say, This thing cannot be ? 706

And as for Ishmael& 707

02:

& God has said Behold& 708

02:

& I have blessed him and will make him fruitful. 709

02:

But my covenant will I establish with Isaac& 710

02:

& which Sarah shall bear unto thee. 711

02:

And so I wait upon his will& 712

02:

& even beyond the time. 713

02:

NARRATOR:

iupon the will of God./i
714

02:

iAnd God was silent,/i ias one who searches/i

ithe strength of a man./i
715

02:

iThree years passed/i iand two more added& /i 716

02:

i& and Sarah and/i
iAbraham grew old./i
717

02:

My Lord& 718

02:

& if now I have found favour in thy sight& 719

02:

& pass not away from thy servant. 720

02:

We go down towards the city& 721

02:

& toward Sodom& 722

02:

& where Lot, thy brother s son, sits in the gate of the city. 723

02:

Rest yourselves,

I pray thee& 724

02:

& under the tree.

725

02:

And comfort ye your hearts.

726

02:

Where is Sarah, thy wife? 727

02:

Behold, in the tent.

728

02:

I will certainly return unto thee, and lo& 729

02:

& Sarah, thy wife, shall have a son. 730

02:

After I am waxed old& 731

02:

& shall I have pleasure& 732

02:

& my Lord being old also? 733

02:

Wherefore did Sarah laugh? 734

Is anything too hard for the Lord?
735

02:

I laughed not! 736

02:

Nay& 737

02:

& but thou didst laugh. 738

02:

At the time appointed I will return unto thee& 739

02:

& and Sarah shall have a son. 740

02:

We are going& 741

02:

& towards the cities of the plain.
742

02:

I will bring you on your way.
743

02:

Shall I hide from Abraham&

& that thing which I do? 745

02:

Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great& 746

02:

& and because their sin is very grievous& 747

02:

& I will go down now& 748

02:

& and see whether they have done altogether& 749

02:

& according to the cry of it, 750

02:

which has come unto me& 751

02:

& and if not, I will know. 752

02:

Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

There may be 50 righteous& 754

02:

& within the city. Wilt thou not spare the place for them? 755

02:

Shall not the judge of all the Earth& 756

02:

& do right?
757

02:

lf I find 50 righteous
within the city&
758

02:

& I will spare all the place for their sakes. 759

02:

What if there be 45 such men? 760

02:

Or 30? Or even as few as 20? 761

02:

I will not destroy it& 762

& for 20 s sake. 763

02:

Let not the Lord be angry and I will speak yet

but this once:

764

02:

Peradventure, 10 shall be found there. 765

02:

iI will not destroy it& /i 766

02:

i& for 10 s sake./i
767

02:

NARRATOR:

iWhen the sun was down,/i 768

02:

iLot sat in the gates/i iof the city./i 769

02:

iAnd he lift up/i ihis eyes and looked& /i 770

02:

i& and beheld two strangers/i
icoming into the city./i

781

02:

02: (WOMAN SCREAMS) 772 02: (WICKED LAUGHTER) 773 02: (LAUGHING) 774 02: (WOMAN MOANS) 775 02: (MOANS) 776 02: What strangers are these? 777 02: Where are they from? 778 02: Two angels of God. 779 02: So fair they are. So fair. 780 02: (POUNDING ON THE DOOR)

(POUNDING)

782

02:

Where are they? 783

02:

What have you done with them? 784

02:

Yes, bring them out unto us! 785

02:

Bring them, that we may know them! 786

02:

I pray, brethren, do not so wickedly. 787

02:

For these strangers here with us are of God. 788

02:

Better you destroy all I possess& 789

02:

& than any harm should be done them. 790

02:

Behold, I have two daughters

which have not known man. 791

02:

Let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you& 792

02:

& and do ye to them as is good in your eyes& 793

02:

& only unto these men do nothing. 794

02:

This one fellow came in to sojourn& 795

02:

& and he will needs be a judge? 796

02:

Now will we deal worse with thee than with them! 797

02:

I cannot see! 798

02:

Whatsoever thou hast in the city, 799

02:

bring them out

of this place& 800

02:

& for the Lord hath sent us to destroy it. 801

02:

Take thy wife and thy two daughters which are here& 802

02:

& lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. 803

02:

Escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 804

02:

Look not behind thee. 805

02:

(BABY CRYING) 806

02:

(WOMEN CLAP) 807

02:

The name of our son shall be called Isaac. 808

02:

Thy son&

& and mine.

810

02:

God hath made me laugh. All that hear

will laugh with me.

811

02:

Who would have said unto Abraham&

812

02:

& that Sarah would have given children suck? 813

02:

For I have borne him a son in his old age.
814

02:

In him&

815

02:

& are the stars of the heavens& 816

02:

& and the sands of the seashore. 817

02:

NARRATOR:

iAnd the child grew& /i 818

02:

i& and Abraham made/i
ia great feast the same day/i
iIsaac was weaned./i
819

02:

Cast out this bondwoman and her son.
820

02:

Who has put this into thy heart? 821

02:

Did you not see how he went among us mocking? 822

02:

I have a great fear there will come such division in our people. 823

02:

Like Cain and Abel again. 824

02:

I beg you, cast out this bondwoman and her son! 825

02:

The son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son& 826

& even with Isaac. 827

02:

What sayest thou? He is my seed. 828

02:

I will not cast out the lad, nor thy bondwoman. 829

02:

NARRATOR:

iunto Abraham:

830

02:

i Let it not be/i
igrievous in thy sight/i
ibecause of the lad& /i
831

02:

i& and because/i
iof thy bondwoman./i
832

02:

iIn all that Sarah/i ihath said unto thee,/i 833

02:

ihearken unto her voice& /i 834

02:

i& for in Isaac shall/i

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ithy seed be called. /i
835

02:
iAnd Abraham sent her away,/i
iand she departed& /i
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836

i& and wandered/i
iin the wilderness/i
iof Beersheba./i
837

02:

Lord! Let me not see the death of the child! 838

02:

iAnd an angel of God/i icalled to Hagar/i iout of heaven& /i 839

02:

i& and he said unto her:/i
840

02:

What aileth thee, Hagar? 841

02:

Fear not& 842

02:

& for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. 843

iAnd God was with the lad& /i 844

02:

i& and he grew/i
iand became a great nation./i
845

02:

ABRAHAM:

Here are the generations of my fathers named& 846

02:

& to whom God gave life. 847

02:

It has fallen to me that the past shall not be forgotten& 848

02:

& and after me& 849

02:

& my son& 850

02:

& also shall remember it. 851

02:

By what descent are ye come? 852

02:

These are the generations

of which I am made& 853

02:

& of Noah, who by faith prepared an ark& 854

02:

& to the saving of this house.
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02:

Noah begat Shem& 856

02:

& and Shem, Arphaxad& 857

02:

& and after him was Salah, who begat Eber& 858

02:

& and his son was Peleg& 859

02:

& the father of Reu, who begat Serug& 860

02:

& the father of Nahor& 861

02:

& and Nahor begat Terah& 862

& whose son was Abraham, my father. 863 02: Here are the names written. 864 02: And here shalt thy name be also& 865 02: & Isaac, son of Abraham& 866 02: & when thou takest my place. 867 02: Put thy hand upon it. 868 02: GOD: 869 02: iAbraham!/i 870 02: Here I am. 871 02: The night is filled

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with thy voice.

Here am I.

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02:

What dost thou demand of me?

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02:

iThy son./i

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02:

iThy only son./i

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02:

What sayest thou?

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02:

iTake now thy son& /i

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02:

i& thy only son, Isaac,/i

iwhom thou lovest& /i

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02:

i& and go into the mountains,/i

iwhere I shall show thee& /i

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02:

i& and offer him there/i

ifor a burnt offering./i

881

02:

Wouldst thou I do

even as the Canaanites&

& who lay their first-born on fires before idols? 883

02:

Art thou truly the Lord, my God? 884

02:

iThou knowest./i 885

02:

No!

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02:

Thou wilt not& 887

02:

& ask this thing of me! 888

02:

Isaac&

889

02:

& take leave of thy mother. 890

02:

Mother, I am going on a journey. 891

02:

A journey?

We are going on a journey of three days.
893

02:

I am going with my father. 894

02:

What does thou tell me? 895

02:

A journey unto the land of Moriah! 896

02:

Unto Moriah? Why unto Moriah? 897

02:

God hath commanded that we go there to sacrifice unto him. 898

02:

Six days must I wait for thee? 899

02:

Mother, it is a little time. 900

02:

I have waited for thee until I was old.
901

The days are precious to me. 902

02:

Isaac, Isaac&
903

02:

What should I fear& 904

02:

& if thou goest with thy father? 905

02:

Father& 906

02:

& this was a city? 907

02:

The city of Sodom.

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02:

Lot sat here in this gate. 909

02:

And here& 910

02:

& came the two angels to him.

He overthrew these cities and all the plain& 912

02:

& and all the inhabitants of the cities& 913

02:

& and that which grew upon the face of the ground. 914

02:

All the inhabitants? 915

02:

And lo, the smoke of the country went up& 916

02:

& as the smoke of a furnace.
917

02:

The Lord, our God, must be obeyed.
918

02:

All the inhabitants of the cities?
919

02:

The children also? 920

Were the children also wicked? 921 02: Father? 922 02: Shall not the judge of all the Earth& 923 02: & do right? 924 02: Call the nobles to the kingdom! 925 02: None are here. 926 02: All the princes are nothing! 927 02: Father! 928 02: All the princes are nothing! 929 02: The thorns have come up in the palace. 930 02:

From generation to generation it will lie& 931

02:

& waste.

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02:

Ye shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion. 933

02:

Has it not been told from the beginning, God is He that sitteth& 934

02:

& upon the circle of the Earth&
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02:

& that stretcheth out the heaven as a curtain& 936

02:

& and spreadeth them out as a tent wherein to dwell& 937

02:

& that bringeth the princes to nothing? 938

02:

Ye shall blow upon them& 939

& and they shall wither! 940

02:

And the whirlwind& 941

02:

& shall take them away& 942

02:

& as stubble.

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02:

My son& 944

02:

& the Lord God& 945

02:

& appeared unto me& 946

02:

& and said unto me, l am the Almighty God. 947

02:

Walk before me& 948

02:

& and be thou& 949

02:

& perfect.

Behold, my covenant is with thee& 951

02:

& and I will make thee& 952

02:

& exceedingly& 953

02:

& fruitful. 954

02:

Come, let us leave these ruins& 955

02:

& and go from here into the mountains. 956

02:

In all things&
957

02:

& we must obey Him . 958

02:

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iThen on the third day& /i 959

i& Abraham lift up his eyes/i iand saw the place, afar off./i 960 02: The wood. 961 02: The fire. 962 02: The knife. 963 02: But where is the ram for the sacrifice? 964 02: Father! 965 02: My son! 966 02: There is nothing He may not ask of thee? 967 02: Nothing. 968 02: GOD: 969

iAbraham!/i 970

02:

Here am I. 971

02:

iLay not thy hand/i iupon the lad& /i 972

02:

i& for now I know/i
ithat thou fearest God& /i
973

02:

i& seeing that thou hadst/i
inot withheld thy son& /i
974

02:

i& thy only son, from me./i
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02:

There is the ram for the sacrifice. 976

02:

iBehold, I have tried thee/i ilike metal in a furnace./i 977

02:

iI have chosen thee/i
iin the furnace of affliction./i
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02:

iNow will I multiply thy seed/i ias the stars of the heaven& /i

i& and as the sand/i
iwhich is by the seashore,/i
iinnumerable./i
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