

This Bible is presented to

God's Beautiful Princess

By

On the Occasion of

Date

"You didn't choose me. I chose you." John 15:16

Dear Beautiful Princess,

I want to share with you a treasure of truth that could forever change the way you see God and yourself. This Truth is, you were hand-picked by the King above all kings, and He wants you to be a part of His beautiful Kingdom. He chose you to reign as His priceless princess. This is the highest honor a little girl can receive, but it is up to you to live as the chosen princess of God!

He longs for you to discover the amazing life He has for you, but He will never force you to follow Him. The Bible is a treasure map filled with miracles, blessings, heavenly secrets, and pearls of princess wisdom. Over 500 beautiful promises and truths from your Father in Heaven are highlighted in pink throughout the pages of this Bible to remind you of how much God loves you! You will also read about some of my favorite girls from the Bible and see some of my favorite promise verses that I'd love to share with you!

I pray that you will hide His Word in your heart and never forget who you are . . . a beautiful and cherished daughter of the King of all kings and Lord of all lords!

Love, **Sheri Rose* I want to dedicate this Bible to the three little girls who are my gifts from God and treasures to my heart:

> My First Granddaughter Olive True Shepherd

My Only Daughter Emilie Joy Shepherd

> Precious Girl of God Rain Hannah



* BIBLE



Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Carol Stream, Illinois Visit Tyndale online at www.newlivingtranslation.com and www.tyndale.com.

Visit Sheri Rose Shepherd's website at hisprincess.com.

Cover and interior design by Koechel Peterson & Associates, Inc., Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Cover and interior images copyright © iStockphoto/Thinkstock.com.

Cover and interior image of cut diamonds copyright © Hemera/Thinkstock. All rights reserved.

Feature content copyright © 2012 by Sheri Rose Shepherd. All rights reserved.

Cover, interior, illustrations, and inserts copyright @ 2012 by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.

My Beautiful Princess Bible is an edition of the Holy Bible, New Living Translation.

 $\mathit{Holy Bible},$ New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2007 by Tyndale House Foundation. All rights reserved.

The text of the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, may be quoted in any form (written, visual, electronic, or audio) up to and inclusive of five hundred (500) verses without express written permission of the publisher, provided that the verses quoted do not account for more than 25 percent of the work in which they are quoted, and provided that a complete book of the Bible is not quoted.

When the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, is quoted, one of the following credit lines must appear on the copyright page or title page of the work:

Scripture quotations are taken from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2007 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are taken from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2007 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved.

Scripture quotations marked NLT are taken from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2007 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved.

When quotations from the NLT text are used in nonsalable media, such as church bulletins, orders of service, newsletters, transparencies, or similar media, a complete copyright notice is not required, but the initials *NLT* must appear at the end of each quotation.

Quotations in excess of five hundred (500) verses or 25 percent of the work, or other permission requests, must be approved in writing by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Send requests by e-mail to: permission@tyndale.com or call 630-668-8300, ext. 8817.

Publication of any commentary or other Bible reference work produced for commercial sale that uses the New Living Translation requires written permission for use of the NLT text.

TYNDALE, New Living Translation, NLT, the New Living Translation logo, and *LeatherLike* are registered trademarks of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

The Truth Made Clear and TuTone are trademarks of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

His Princess is a registered trademark of Sheri Rose Shepherd.

For manufacturing information regarding this product, please call 1-800-323-9400.

ISBN 978-1-4143-6815-3 Hardcover Padded

ISBN 978-1-4143-6816-0 LeatherLike Princess Pink/Purple Royalty with magnetic closure

Printed in China

18 17 16 15 14 13 12 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Tyndale House Publishers and Wycliffe Bible Translators share the vision for an understandable, accurate translation of the Bible for every person in the world. Each sale of the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, benefits Wycliffe Bible Translators. Wycliffe is working with partners around the world to accomplish Vision 2025—an initiative to start a Bible translation program in every language group that needs it by the year 2025.

* * * *	
×♥ ► Contents	*
Alphabetical Listing of Bible Books	A4
A Note to Readers	A5
The Beautiful Life of 10 Girls from the Bible	A6
Beautiful Promises from My Heavenly Father	A11
Beautiful Bible Verses for God's Princesses	A25
Beautiful Index: Where to Find Help When You Are	A31

Genesis3	5
Exodus 37	,
Leviticus 66	5
Numbers 87	,
Deuteronomy 116	5
Joshua140)
Judges156	5
Ruth172	2
1 Samuel 175	
2 Samuel195	,
1 Kings213	;
2 Kings234	ŀ
1 Chronicles 255	,

Matthew 597
Mark620
Luke635
John660
Acts678
Romans700
1 Corinthians711
2 Corinthians721
Galatians727

THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE NEW TESTAMENT 🧐

Ephesians731
Philippians734
Colossians736
1 Thessalonians739
2 Thessalonians 741
1 Timothy 742
2 Timothy 745
Titus 747
Philemon748

Daniel	547
Hosea	557
Joel	564
Amos	567
Obadiah	572
Jonah	573
Micah	575
Nahum	579
Habakkuk	581
Zephaniah	583
Haggai	585
Zechariah	586
Malachi	593

749
756
759
762
764
766
767
767
768

An Invitation to the Kindgom	
A Beautiful Decision	
Final Princess Instructions	
My Favorite Bible Verses	



Inserts .*

Love Letters From God

- The Bible Is for You 1
- My Everlasting Love 2
- Speak Good Words 3
- 4 I Created You
- 5 I Am with You Always
- 6 Choose to Obey
- 7 Be Joyful Always
- Saying Good-Bye 8
- 9 Jesus Paid the Price
- 10 Heaven

* Prayers

Thank You for Giving Me Your Word Thank You for Always Loving Me Help Me to Speak Good Words You Created Me You Never Leave Me I Will Choose to Obey You, Lord I Want to Be Joyful Always Remind Me of Heaven I Choose to Follow You Thank You, Jesus

Alphabetical Listing of Bible Books .

Acts 678
Amos 567
1 Chronicles 255
2 Chronicles 277
Colossians736
1 Corinthians 711
2 Corinthians 721
Daniel 547
Deuteronomy 116
Ecclesiastes 415
Ephesians 731
Esther 318
Exodus 37
Ezekiel514
Ezra 301
Galatians 727
Genesis3
Habakkuk 581
Haggai 585
Hebrews749
Hosea 557
Isaiah 424

James756
Jeremiah 468
Job 323
Joel 564
John
1 John 764
2 John
3 John767
Jonah 573
Joshua 140
Jude767
Judges 156
1 Kings 213
2 Kings 234
Lamentations510
Leviticus66
Luke 635
Malachi 593
Mark 620
Matthew 597
Micah 575
Nahum 579

Nehemiah 308
Numbers87
Obadiah 572
1 Peter 759
2 Peter
Philemon 748
Philippians734
Proverbs 397
Psalms 344
Revelation 768
Romans 700
Ruth 172
1 Samuel175
2 Samuel 195
Song of Songs 420
1 Thessalonians 739
2 Thessalonians741
1 Timothy
2 Timothy745
Titus747
Zechariah 586
Zephaniah 583

A NOTE TO READERS *

The *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, was first published in 1996. It quickly became one of the most popular Bible translations in the English-speaking world. While the NLT's influence was rapidly growing, the Bible Translation Committee determined that an additional investment in scholarly review and text refinement could make it even better. So shortly after its initial publication, the committee began an eight-year process with the purpose of increasing the level of the NLT's precision without sacrificing its easy-to-understand quality. This second-generation text was completed in 2004, with minor changes subsequently introduced in 2007.

The goal of any Bible translation is to convey the meaning and content of the ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts as accurately as possible to contemporary readers. The challenge for our translators was to create a text that would communicate as clearly and powerfully to today's readers as the original texts did to readers and listeners in the ancient biblical world. The resulting translation is easy to read and understand, while also accurately communicating the meaning and content of the original biblical texts. The NLT is a generalpurpose text especially good for study, devotional reading, and reading aloud in worship services.

We believe that the New Living Translation—which combines the latest biblical scholarship with a clear, dynamic writing style—will communicate God's word powerfully to all who read it. We publish it with the prayer that God will use it to speak his timeless truth to the church and the world in a fresh, new way.

The Publishers October 2007

A full introduction to the NLT can be found at www.theNLT.com/NLTintro. A complete list of the translators can be found at www.theNLT.com/scholars.

The Beautiful Life of 10 Girls from the Bible

OVC...Was the first girl God created, and she was curious about everything—including the tree of good and evil, which God asked her not to touch. She learned the hard way that it is best to obey God the first time. Thankfully, God always forgives us no matter what we do. All we have to do is ask and He gives us a beautiful new beginning. (Genesis 2:15–4:1)

Sarah...Loved children and really wanted a baby of her own. She got old and thought God did not answer her prayer, but God surprised her and gave her a baby boy who would grow up and do great things for God's Kingdom. God may not always give us what we want, but He always gives us what is best for us so we can have a beautiful life! (Genesis 12:1-15; 16:1-6; 18:1-15; 21:1-7)

page A7 | BEAUTIFUL LIVES

+ 💙

God always heard her cry to heaven. She even said in the Bible, "You are the God who sees me." Sometimes the greatest blessings come when we have no one or nothing to keep us from drawing close to our beautiful God. (Genesis 16:13; 21:8-21)

Lean...Never felt pretty because everyone talked about her sister's beauty. We must remember that beauty on the outside does not
make a difference in anyone's life, so let's work on letting God give us beautiful hearts so we can
be beautiful reflections of heaven.
* (Genesis 29:4-35; 49:29-31)

BEAUTIFUL LIVES | page A8

Miriam...Had a precious baby brother named Moses. Sadly, she had to give him away in order to save his life. This story has a beautiful ending because God wrote the story of Moses' life. He placed Moses in a palace so he could grow up and save his people from slavery. (Exodus 2:1-8; 14:5–15:21)

Rahab...Made a hard choice that gave her a beautiful part in God's plan. She protected God's chosen men from being captured, and God protected her family from harm. Beautiful things happen in our lives when we choose God over anything else. (Joshua 2:1-21; 6:1-25) Deborah...God crowned Deborah with the beautiful gift of leadership. War was all around Deborah, but battles could not stop her from trusting God or steal the peace in her heart.
If ever you feel lost, call to God and He will place your pretty feet on the path that leads you to His perfect plan. (Judges 4:1-17; 5:1-31)

Naomi...Lost everyone she loved—her husband and her sons. Naomi's heart was so broken she could not find anything beautiful in her life. However, God gave her a beautiful ending to this tragic story. He gave her Ruth (her daughter-in-law) to care for her, and He gave Ruth a new husband and family that Naomi could care for. It is so hard to lose someone we love, but we are never really alone as long as our hearts stay connected to our heavenly Father's heart. (Ruth 2:1-3; 2:20–3:4; 4:13-17) *Sther* ...Was an orphan, but she knew she had a heavenly Father who was always with her. What she did not know was that God was going to make her a real queen on earth so she could save her people. We girls are royalty just like Queen Esther. God wants us to share His love so others will be saved. (Esther 2:5-7; 7:7-9)

Additional sector of the secto

Beautiful Promises from My Heavenly Father

Acceptance If you believe in Jesus, you are God's special treasure

and you are accepted into His heavenly family.

"Of all the people on earth, the LORD your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure." Deuteronomy 7:6 BEAUTIFUL PROMISES | page A12



You can be confident that God ✓ * is with you always.

The LORD is my light and my salvation so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? Psalm 27:1

page A13 | BEAUTIFUL PROMISES



Even when you can't see God, have faith that He is with you and working out what is best.

It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6 BEAUTIFUL PROMISES | page A14



When you tell God about something you've done that doesn't please Him, and you are sorry about it, He will forgive you and will never again remember those things.

If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9

page A15 | BEAUTIFUL PROMISES

When you give away money to God, He smiles and blesses you with a joyful heart.

inin

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 BEAUTIFUL PROMISES | page A16



You can never do enough good things to earn your way to Heaven. That's why God offers the free gift of grace through His Son, Jesus, who died on a cross to make your heart right with God.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8

page A17 | BEAUTIFUL PROMISES

Heaven

One day you will see your heavenly Father, and you will be with Him forever.

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am." John 14:1-3 BEAUTIFUL PROMISES

page A18

Hope

When you're sad, look up to Heaven and your heart will feel hope when you remember that God loves you and He cares about you.

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God! Psalm 42:11

page A19 | BEAUTIFUL PROMISES

Sing to the Lord with all your heart, and your joy will become a treasure to share with others and for you to enjoy.

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Psalm 16:11 page A20





 $\frac{10000}{1000}$

Love is a gift from God for those He calls His children.

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

page A21 | BEAUTIFUL PROMISES

Prayer is talking to God and knowing He hears your sweet voice from Heaven.

rauer

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16 BEAUTIFUL PROMISES | page A2

Protection.

Even when it looks like God is not there to protect you, He will find a way to show you He is there.

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1

page A23 | BEAUTIFUL PROMISES *

Salvation

Jesus is waiting for you to open the door of your heart and ask Him to come in so you will become His beloved child.

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 page A24



When you don't know what to do, ask God in a prayer and then be quiet. He will give you the answer.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. James 1:5



You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26

> See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

"You didn't choose me. I chose you." John 15:16



Even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Galatians 1:15 BEAUTIFUL VERSES | page A2

You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

> Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:5



"You have been set apart as holy to the LORD your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure."

BEAUTIFUL VERSES

page A27

Deuteronomy 14:2

Because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

Ephesians 1:11

BEAUTIFUL VERSES | page A28

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



page A29 | BEAUTIFUL VERSES

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5

Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.

Psalm 66:8-9

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23

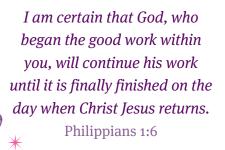
My child, if your heart is wise, my own heart will rejoice! Everything in me will celebrate when you speak what is right. Proverbs 23:15-16



Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. Proverbs 31:30 BEAUTIFUL VERSES | page A30

We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Ephesians 5:1-2



Beautiful Index*

Where to Find Help When You Are

Afraid

Psalms 23:4; 27:1, 5; 31:3; 34:4; 91:1-16; 118:5-6;
 Isaiah 35:4; 41:10; John 14:27; Romans 8:15, 31, 35-39;
 2 Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 13:6; 1 John 4:18

Angry

 Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 14:16-17, 29; 15:1; 16:32; Matthew 5:22-24; Romans 12:10-21; Ephesians 4:26, 31-32; James 1:19-20; 3:16-18

Disappointed

Psalm 27:5-6, 13-14; Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:1, 27; Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18; Galatians 6:9; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 10:35-36; 1 Peter 1:6-9; 1 John 5:14

Feeling Guilty

 Psalms 32:1-7; 51:1-17; 85:2; 103:11-13; Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 1:18; 43:25; 55:7; Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 John 1:9

Jealous

Proverbs 14:30; 27:4; 1 Corinthians 3:3; 13:4; Galatians 5:26; James 3:16



Psalms 25:16-18; 27:7-10; 68:6; 139:7-12; Isaiah 41:10; 46:4; Matthew 28:20; John 14:15-21; Acts 2:25-26; Romans 8:38-39; Hebrews 13:5-6

Resentful

Matthew 6:14-15; Romans 12:14, 17-19; Ephesians 4:31-32; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Peter 2:23

Sad

 Nehemiah 8:10; Psalms 40:5; 91:14-15; 103:1-5; 119:50; 138:3; Isaiah 43:2; 61:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Philippians 1:6; 4:8, 13; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; Hebrews 4:15-16; 10:35-36

Tempted

 Psalms 101:2-7; 119:9-11; 139:23-24; Matthew 4:1-4, 11; Romans 6:12-16; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; 15:57-58; Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16; 12:1-2; James 1:2-5, 12-15; 4:7, 17; Titus 2:11-14

Worried

 Psalms 4:8; 37:5-7; 40:1-2; 46:1-11; 55:22; 91:1-2; 138:7-8; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 6:25-34; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9; Philippians 4:6-7; Colossians 3:15; 1 Peter 5:7

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:7

My Precious Child,

This book—the Bible—is for you, My beloved girl. In it you will discover the wonderful life that is yours because you are Mine. In My Word, I have given you truths and precious pearls of wisdom for you to cherish, and as you read you will discover how much I love you. If you read My Bible, you will always know where to turn when you're happy and when you're hurting. If you will read My Word and do all that I ask, I will share with you great stories of the many miracles I have done, and I will also do many miracles for you to see. I have made special plans for you, and you will find them in My Bible. This is your beautiful blueprint for all the days of your life. I hope you enjoy all the exciting things I'm about to share with you as you read My Word.

Bible Is for

Love, Your God who wrote this for YOU!

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

Thank You for Giving Me Your Word

Dear God,

I am so excited to learn about how to live as a daughter of the King as I read Your beautiful words in the Bible. Please, God, help me to understand everything I read in Your Word so that I can follow and obey You. I know You will bless me if I will read and obey what's written in Your Word. Thank You for giving me a treasure map for life. Amen

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

* Old Testament

V

O

V

03

0



The Account of Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* ²The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

⁶Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth." ⁷And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. ⁸God called the space "sky."

And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.

⁹Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear." And that is what happened. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land" and the waters "seas." And God saw that it was good. ¹⁰Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came." And that is what happened. ¹²The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seedbearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

¹³And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

⁴⁶Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. ¹⁶Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth." And that is what happened. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." ²¹So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

²³And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

²⁴Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals." And that is what happened. ²⁵God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make human beings* in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27 So God created human beings* in his own image.

> In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

²⁹Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened. ³¹Then God looked over all he had made, and

he saw that it was very good!

And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

2 So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested* from all his work. ³And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

1:1 Or In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ... Or When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ... 1:26 Or man; Hebrew reads adam. 1:27 Or the man; Hebrew reads ha-adam. 2:2 Or creased; also in 2:3.

GENESIS 3 | page 4

and the earth.

The Man and Woman in Eden

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5neither wild plants nor grains were growing on the earth. For the LORD God had not yet sent rain to water the earth, and there were no people to cultivate the soil. 6Instead, springs* came up from the ground and watered all the land. 7Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

⁸Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. 9The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground-trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four branches. ¹¹The first branch, called the Pishon, flowed around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found. 12The gold of that land is exceptionally pure: aromatic resin and onvx stone are also found there. ¹³The second branch, called the Gihon, flowed around the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴The third branch, called the Tigris, flowed east of the land of Asshur. The fourth branch is called the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden-¹⁷except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." 19So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man* to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. 20He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs* and closed up the opening. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

23"At last!" the man exclaimed.

- "This one is bone from my bone,
- and flesh from my flesh!
- She will be called 'woman,

because she was taken from 'man.'"

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

²⁵Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

The Man and Woman Sin

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

²"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied, ³"It's only the fruit skins for Adam and his wife,

⁴This is the account of the creation of the heavens from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said. 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die."

4"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

⁸When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man* and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. 9Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.

11"Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

¹³Then the LORD God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

"The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it.

14Then the LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly,

groveling in the dust as long as you live.

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike* your head,

and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶Then he said to the woman,

"I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth.

And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.*"

¹⁷And to the man he said,

"Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree

whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,

the ground is cursed because of you.

All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow

will you have food to eat until you return to the ground

from which you were made.

For you were made from dust.

and to dust you will return.

Paradise Lost: God's Judgment

²⁰Then the man-Adam-named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live.* ²¹And the LORD God made clothing from animal beings* have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" ²³So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. 24After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 Now Adam* had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, "With the LORD's help, I have produced* a man!" ²Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel.

When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. 3When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. 4Abel also brought a gift-the best of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.

6"Why are you so angry?" the LORD asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? 7You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

8One day Cain suggested to his brother, "Let's go out into the fields."* And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him

9Afterward the LORD asked Cain, "Where is your brother? Where is Abel?"

"I don't know," Cain responded. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

10But the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! "Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother's blood. 12No longer will the ground yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth."

¹³Cain replied to the LORD, "My punishment* is too great for me to bear! 14 You have banished me from the land and from your presence; you have made me a homeless wanderer. Anyone who finds me will kill me!"

¹⁵The LORD replied, "No, for I will give a sevenfold punishment to anyone who kills you." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain to warn anyone who might try to kill him. 16So Cain left the LORD's presence and settled in the land of Nod.* east of Eden.

The Descendants of Cain

¹⁷Cain had sexual relations with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain founded a city, which he named Enoch, after his son. 18 Enoch had a son named Irad. Irad became the father of* Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech.

¹⁹Lamech married two women. The first was named Adah, and the second was Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal, who was the first of those who

²²Then the LORD God said, "Look, the human raise livestock and live in tents. ²¹His brother's name was Jubal, the first of all who play the harp and flute. ²²Lamech's other wife, Zillah, gave birth to a son named Tubal-cain. He became an expert in forging tools of bronze and iron. Tubal-cain had a sister named Naamah. 23One day Lamech said to his wives.

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;

listen to me, you wives of Lamech.

- I have killed a man who attacked me.
- a young man who wounded me.
- ²⁴ If someone who kills Cain is punished seven times,

then the one who kills me will be punished seventy-seven times!"

The Birth of Seth

²⁵Adam had sexual relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth,* for she said, "God has granted me another son in place of Abel, whom Cain killed." ²⁶When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. At that time people first began to worship the LORD by name.

The Descendants of Adam

This is the written account of the descendants of Adam. When God created human beings,* he made them to be like himself. ²He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them "human.'

- ³When Adam was 130 years old, he became the father of a son who was just like him-in his very image. He named his son Seth. 4After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. 5Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.
- 6When Seth was 105 years old, he became the father of* Enosh. 7After the birth of* Enosh, Seth lived another 807 years, and he had other sons and daughters. 8Seth lived 912 years, and then he died.
- 9When Enosh was 90 years old, he became the father of Kenan. ¹⁰After the birth of Kenan, Enosh lived another 815 years, and he had other sons and daughters. 11Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died.
- 12When Kenan was 70 years old, he became the father of Mahalalel. ¹³After the birth of Mahalalel, Kenan lived another 840 years, and he had other sons and daughters. 14Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.
- ¹⁵When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he became the father of Jared. 16 After the birth of Jared, Mahalalel lived another 830 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died.

2:6 Or mist. 2:19 Or Adam, and so throughout the chapter. 2:21 Or took a part of the man's side. 3:8 Or Adam, and so throughout the chapter. 3:15 Or bruise; also in 3:15b. 3:16 Or And though you will have desire for your husband, / he will rule over you. **3:20** Eve sounds like a Hebrew term that means "to give life." **3:22** Or the man; Hebrew reads ha-adam. 4:1a Or the man; also in 4:25. 4:1b Or I have acquired. Cain sounds like a Hebrew term that can mean "produce" or "acquire." 4:8 As in Samaritan Pentateuch, Greek and Syriac versions, and Latin Vulgate; Masoretic Text lacks "Let's go out into the fields." 4:13 Or My sin. 4:16 Nod means "wandering." 4:18 Or the ancestor of, and so throughout the verse. 4:25 Seth probably means "granted"; the name may also mean "appointed." 5:1 Or man; Hebrew reads adam; similarly in 5:2. 5:6 Or the ancestor of; also in 5:9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 25. 5:7 Or the birth of this ancestor of; also in 5:10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 26,

GENESIS 6 | page 6

- ¹⁸When Jared was 162 years old, he became the father of Enoch. 19 After the birth of Enoch, Jared lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ²⁰Jared lived 962 years, and then he died.
- ²¹When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived in close fellowship with God for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ²³Enoch lived 365 years, ²⁴walk-ing in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.
- ²⁵When Methuselah was 187 years old, he became the father of Lamech. 26 After the birth of Lamech, Methuselah lived another 782 years, and he had other sons and daughters. 27 Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died.
- ²⁸When Lamech was 182 years old, he became the father of a son. ²⁹Lamech named his son Noah, for he said, "May he bring us relief* from our work and the painful labor of farming this ground that the LORD has cursed." 30 After the birth of Noah, Lamech lived another 595 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ³¹Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died.
- ³²By the time Noah was 500 years old, he was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

A World Gone Wrong

Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them. ²The sons of God saw the beautiful women* and took any they wanted as their wives. ³Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not put up with* humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years."

⁴In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.

⁵The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. 6So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart, 7And the LORD said, "I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing-all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them." 8But Noah found favor with the LORD.

The Story of Noah

⁹This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. ¹⁰Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. 12God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. 13So God said to Noah, "I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface.

construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. ¹⁵Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.* 16Leave an 18-inch opening* below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boatlower, middle, and upper.

17"Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. ¹⁸But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat-you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 19Bring a pair of every kind of animal-a male and a female-into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. 20 Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. 21And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals."

²²So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

The Flood Covers the Earth

When everything was ready, the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous. ²Take with you seven pairs-male and female-of each animal I have approved for eating and for sacrifice,* and take one pair of each of the others. 3Also take seven pairs of every kind of bird. There must be a male and a female in each pair to ensure that all life will survive on the earth after the flood. 4Seven days from now I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for forty days and forty nights, until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created."

⁵So Noah did everything as the LORD commanded him.

6Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth. 7He went on board the boat to escape the flood-he and his wife and his sons and their wives. ⁸With them were all the various kinds of animals-those approved for eating and for sacrifice and those that were not-along with all the birds and the small animals that scurry along the ground. 9They entered the boat in pairs, male and female, just as God had commanded Noah. 10 After seven days, the waters of the flood came and covered the earth.

11When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. 12The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights.

¹³That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons-Shem, Ham, and Japheth-and their wives. ¹⁴With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal-domestic and wild, large and small-along with birds of every kind. ¹⁵Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. ¹⁶A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind them.

¹⁷For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the ¹⁴ "Build a large boat* from cypress wood* earth. ¹⁸As the waters rose higher and higher above

page 7 | GENESIS 9

¹⁹Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, ²⁰rising more than twenty-two feet* above the highest peaks. ²¹All the living things on earth died—birds, domestic animals, wild animals, small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people. ²²Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died. ²³God wiped out every living thing on the earth—people, livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and the birds of the sky. All were destroyed. The only people who survived were Noah and those with him in the boat. ²⁰And the floodwaters covered the earth for 150 days.

The Flood Recedes

8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and livestock with him in the boat. He sent a wind to blow across the earth, and the floodwaters began to recede. ²The underground waters stopped flowing, and the torrential rains from the sky were stopped. ³So the floodwaters gradually receded from the earth. After 150 days, ⁴exactly five months from the time the flood began,* the boat came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵Two and a half months later,* as the waters continued to go down, other mountain peaks became visible.

⁶After another forty days, Noah opened the window he had made in the boat ⁷and released a raven. The bird flew back and forth until the floodwaters on the earth had dried up. ⁸He also released a dove to see if the water had receded and it could find dry ground. ⁹But the dove could find no place to land because the water still covered the ground. So it returned to the boat, and Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back inside. ¹⁰After waiting another seven days, Noah released the dove again. "This time the dove returned to him in the evening with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the floodwaters were almost gone. ¹²He waited another seven days and then released the dove again. This time it did not come back.

¹³Noah was now 601 years old. On the first day of the new year, ten and a half months after the flood began,* the floodwaters had almost dried up from the earth. Noah lifted back the covering of the boat and saw that the surface of the ground was drying. ¹⁴Two more months went by,* and at last the earth was dry!

¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Leave the boat, all earth. of you—you and your wife, and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷Release all the animals—the birds, the livestock, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—so they can be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth."

¹⁸So Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat. ¹⁹And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose.^{*} ²¹And the LORD was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. I will never again destroy all living things. ²²As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night."

God Confirms His Covenant

9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons and told them, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth. ²All the animals of the earth, all the birds of the sky, all the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the fish in the sea will look on you with fear and terror. I have placed them in your power. ³I have given them to you for food, just as I have given you grain and vegetables. ⁴But you must never eat any meat that still has the lifeblood in it.

⁵"And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person's life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. ⁶If anyone who murders a fellow human must die. ⁶If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings* in his own image. ⁷Now be fruitful and multiply, and repopulate the earth."

⁸Then God told Noah and his sons, ⁹"I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, ¹⁰and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. "Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth."

¹²Then God said, "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. ¹³I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. ¹⁴When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, ¹⁵and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the flood-waters destroy all life. ¹⁶When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth."
¹⁷Then God said to Noah, "Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth."

Noah's Sons

¹⁸The sons of Noah who came out of the boat with their father were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham is the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹From these three sons of Noah came all the people who now populate the earth.

²⁰After the flood, Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹One day he drank some wine he had made, and he became drunk and lay naked inside his tent. ²²Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and went outside and told his brothers. ²³Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked.

5:29 Noah sounds like a Hebrew term that can mean "relief" or "comfort." 6:21 Hebrew daughters of men; also in 6:2, 6:33 Greek version reads will not remain in. 6:14a Traditionally rendered an ark.
6:14b Or gopher wood. 6:15 Hebrew 300 cubits [138 meters] long, 50 cubits [13 meters] wide, and 30 cubits [13. Beneters] light. 6:16 Hebrew an opening of 1 cubit [46 centimeters]. 7:2 Hebrew of each clean animal; similarly in 7:8. 7:20 Hebrew 1,200 Hebrew 1

GENESIS 10 | page 8 \$2

²⁴When Noah woke up from his stupor, he learned ²²The descendants of Shem were Elam, Asshur, what Ham, his youngest son, had done, 25 Then he cursed Canaan, the son of Ham:

- "May Canaan be cursed! May he be the lowest of servants to his relatives."
- ²⁶Then Noah said.
- "May the LORD, the God of Shem, be blessed, and may Canaan be his servant!
- ²⁷ May God expand the territory of Japheth! May Japheth share the prosperity of Shem,* and may Canaan be his servant."

28 Noah lived another 350 years after the great flood. ²⁹He lived 950 years, and then he died.

This is the account of the families of Shem, 10 Ham, and Japheth, the three sons of Noah. Many children were born to them after the great flood.

Descendants of Japheth

²The descendants of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

- ³The descendants of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.
- ⁴The descendants of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.* 5Their descendants became the seafaring peoples that spread out to various lands, each identified by its own language, clan, and national identity.

Descendants of Ham

- ⁶The descendants of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
- 7The descendants of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

⁸Cush was also the ancestor of Nimrod, who was the first heroic warrior on earth. 9Since he was the greatest hunter in the world,* his name became proverbial. People would say, "This man is like Nimrod, the greatest hunter in the world." 10He built his kingdom in the land of Babylonia.* with the cities of Babylon, Erech. Akkad, and Calneh. 11From there he expanded his territory to Assyria,* building the cities of Nineveh, Rehoboth-ir, Calah, 12 and Resen (the great city located between Nineveh and Calah).

- ¹³Mizraim was the ancestor of the Ludites. Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, 14Pathrusites, Casluhites, and the Caphtorites, from whom the Philistines came.*
- 15Canaan's oldest son was Sidon, the ancestor of the Sidonians. Canaan was also the ancestor of the Hittites,* 16 Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, ¹⁷Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, ¹⁸Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites. The Canaanite clans eventually spread out, ¹⁹ and the territory of Canaan extended from Sidon in the north to Gerar and Gaza in the south, and east as far as Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, near Lasha.

²⁰These were the descendants of Ham, identified by clan, language, territory, and national identity.

Descendants of Shem

²¹Sons were also born to Shem, the older brother of Japheth.* Shem was the ancestor of all the descendants of Eber.

- Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.
- ²³The descendants of Aram were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.
- ²⁴Arphaxad was the father of Shelah.* and Shelah was the father of Eber.
- ²⁵Eber had two sons. The first was named Peleg (which means "division"), for during his lifetime the people of the world were divided into different language groups. His brother's name was Joktan.
- ²⁶Joktan was the ancestor of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were descendants of Joktan. ³⁰The territory they occupied extended from Mesha all the way to Sephar in the eastern mountains.

³¹These were the descendants of Shem, identified by clan, language, territory, and national identity.

Conclusion

32These are the clans that descended from Noah's sons, arranged by nation according to their lines of descent. All the nations of the earth descended from these clans after the great flood.

The Tower of Babel

At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. ²As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia* and settled there.

³They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) 4Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world."

⁵But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. 6"Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! 7Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other.

8In that way, the LORD scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. 9That is why the city was called Babel,* because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

The Line of Descent from Shem to Abram ¹⁰This is the account of Shem's family.

- Two years after the great flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of* Arphaxad. ¹¹After the birth of* Arphaxad, Shem lived another 500 years and had other sons and daughters.
- 12When Arphaxad was 35 years old, he became the father of Shelah. ¹³After the birth of Shelah, Arphaxad lived another 403 years and had other sons and daughters.*
- ¹⁴When Shelah was 30 years old, he became the father of Eber. 15 After the birth of Eber, Shelah lived another 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁶When Eber was 34 years old, he became the

father of Peleg. ¹⁷After the birth of Peleg, Eber lived another 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

- ¹⁸When Peleg was 30 years old, he became the father of Reu. ⁹After the birth of Reu, Peleg lived another 209 years and had other sons and daughters.
- ²⁰When Reu was 32 years old, he became the father of Serug, ²¹After the birth of Serug, Reu lived another 207 years and had other sons and daughters.
- ²²When Serug was 30 years old, he became the father of Nahor. ²³After the birth of Nahor, Serug lived another 200 years and had other sons and daughters.
- ²⁴When Nahor was 29 years old, he became the father of Terah. ²⁵After the birth of Terah, Nahor lived another 119 years and had other sons and daughters.
- ²⁶After Terah was 70 years old, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

The Family of Terah

²⁷This is the account of Terah's family. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. ²⁸But Haran died in IU of the Chaldeans, the land of his birth, while his father, Terah, was still living. ²⁹Meanwhile, Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah. (Milcah and her sister Iscah were daughters of Nahor's brother Haran.) ³⁹But Sarai was unable to become pregnant and had no children.

³¹One⁻ day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram's wife), and his grandson Lot (his son Haran's child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans. He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there. ³²Terah lived for 205 years* and died while still in Haran.

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²¹ will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³¹ will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants.*" And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the LORD, and he worshiped the LORD. ⁹Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

¹⁰At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner. "As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. "2When the Egyptians see you, they will say. 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!" "So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you."

^{ia}And sure enough, when Abram arrived in Egypt, everyone noticed Sarai's beauty. ¹⁵When the palace officials saw her, they sang her praises to Pharaoh, their king, and Sarai was taken into his palace. ¹⁶Then Pharaoh gave Abram many gifts because of her—sheep, goats, cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

¹⁷But the LORD sent terrible plagues upon Pharaoh and his household because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸So Pharaoh summoned Abram and accused him sharply. "What have you done to me?" he demanded. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' and allow me to take her as my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and get out of here!" ²⁰Pharaoh ordered some of his men to escort them, and he sent Abram out of the country, along with his wife and all his possessions.

Abram and Lot Separate

13 So Abram left Egypt and traveled north into the Negev, along with his wife and Lot and all that they owned. ²(Abram was very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.) ³From the Negev, they continued traveling by stages toward Bethel, and they pitched their tents between Bethel and Ai, where they had camped before. ⁴This was the same place where Abram had built the altar, and there he worshiped the LORD again.

⁵Lot, who was traveling with Abram, had also become very wealthy with flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle, and many tents. ⁶But the land could not support both Abram and Lot with all their flocks and herds living so close together. ⁷So disputes broke out between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot. (At that time Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land.)

*Finally Abram said to Lot, "Let's not allow this conflict to come between us or our herdsmen. After all, we are close relatives! "The whole countryside is open to you. Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we will separate. If you want the land to the left, then I'll take the land on

9:27 Hebrew May he live in the tents of Shem. 10:4 As in some Hebrew manuscripts and Greek version (see also 1 Chr 1:7); most Hebrew manuscripts read Dodanim. 10:9 Hebrew a great hunter before the LORD; also in 10:9b. 10:10 Hebrew Shinar. 10:11 Or From that land Assyria went out. 10:14 Hebrew Casluhites, from whom the Philistines came, and Caphtorites. Compare Jer 47:4; Amos 9:7. 10:15 Hebrew ancestor of Heth. 10:21 Or Shem, whose older brother was Japheth. 10:24 Greek version reads Arphaxad was the father of Cainan, Cainan was the father of Shelah. Compare Luke 3:36. 11:2 Hebrew Shinar. 11:9 Or Babylon. Babel sounds like a Hebrew term that means confusion. 11:10 Or the ancestor of; also in 11:12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24. 11:11 Or the birth of this ancestor of; also in 11:13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25. 11:12-13 Greek version reads "When Arphaxad was 135 years old, he became the father of Cainan. 3 After the birth of Cainan, Arphaxad lived another 430 years and had other sons and daughters, and then he died. When Cainan was 130 years old, he became the father of Shelah. After the birth of Shelah, Cainan lived another 330 years and had other sons and daughters, and then he died. Compare Luke 3:35-36. 11:32 Some ancient versions read 145 years; compare 11:26 and 12:4. 12:7 Hebrew seed.

GENESIS 14 | page 10

I'll go to the left.

¹⁰Lot took a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley in the direction of Zoar. The whole area was well watered everywhere, like the garden of the LORD or the beautiful land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) "Lot chose for himself the whole Jordan Valley to the east of them. He went there with his flocks and servants and parted company with his uncle Abram, 12So Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom and settled among the cities of the plain. ¹³But the people of this area were extremely wicked and constantly sinned against the LORD.

¹⁴After Lot had gone, the LORD said to Abram, "Look as far as you can see in every directionnorth and south, east and west. ¹⁵I am giving all this land, as far as you can see, to you and your descendants* as a permanent possession. ¹⁶And I will give you so many descendants that, like the dust of the earth, they cannot be counted! ¹⁷Go and walk through the land in every direction, for I am giving it to you."

18 So Abram moved his camp to Hebron and settled near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. There he built another altar to the LORD.

Abram Rescues Lot

4 About this time war broke out in the region. King Amraphel of Babylonia,* King Arioch of Ellasar, King Kedorlaomer of Elam, and King Tidal of Goiim²fought against King Bera of Sodom, King Birsha of Gomorrah, King Shinab of Admah, King Shemeber of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (also called Zoar).

³This second group of kings joined forces in Siddim Valley (that is, the valley of the Dead Sea*). ⁴For twelve years they had been subject to King Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled against him.

5One year later Kedorlaomer and his allies arrived and defeated the Rephaites at Ashterothkarnaim, the Zuzites at Ham, the Emites at Shaveh-kiriathaim, 6 and the Horites at Mount Seir, as far as El-paran at the edge of the wilderness. ⁷Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (now called Kadesh) and conquered all the territory of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites living in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸Then the rebel kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Bela (also called Zoar) prepared for battle in the valley of the Dead Sea.* ⁹They fought against King Kedorlaomer of Elam, King Tidal of Goiim, King Amraphel of Babylonia, and King Arioch of Ellasar-four kings against five. ¹⁰As it happened, the valley of the Dead Sea was filled with tar pits. And as the army of the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into the tar pits, while the rest escaped into the mountains. ¹¹The victorious invaders then plundered Sodom and Gomorrah and headed for home, taking with them all the spoils of war and the food supplies. ¹²They also captured Lot-Abram's nephew who lived in Sodom-and carried off everything he owned.

¹³But one of Lot's men escaped and reported can I be sure that I will actually possess it?" everything to Abram the Hebrew, who was living

the right. If you prefer the land on the right, then near the oak grove belonging to Mamre the Amorite. Mamre and his relatives. Eshcol and Aner. were Abram's allies.

> ¹⁴When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household. Then he pursued Kedorlaomer's army until he caught up with them at Dan. ¹⁵There he divided his men and attacked during the night. Kedorlaomer's army fled, but Abram chased them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus, 16 Abram recovered all the goods that had been taken, and he brought back his nephew Lot with his possessions and all the women and other captives.

Melchizedek Blesses Abram

17 After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High,* brought Abram some bread and wine. ¹⁹Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High.

Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And blessed be God Most High.

who has defeated your enemies for you."

Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

²¹The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give back my people who were captured. But you may keep for yourself all the goods you have recovered."

22 Abram replied to the king of Sodom, "I solemnly swear to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not take so much as a single thread or sandal thong from what belongs to you. Otherwise you might say, 'I am the one who made Abram rich.' 24I will accept only what my young warriors have already eaten, and I request that you give a fair share of the goods to my allies-Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre.'

The LORD's Covenant Promise to Abram

15 Some time later, the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, 🜍 Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.

²But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children. Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ³You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."

⁴Then the LORD said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of vour own who will be vour heir." 5Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

⁶And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

⁷Then the LORD told him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession.

⁸But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, how

⁹The LORD told him, "Bring me a three-year-old

Precious Girl.

God loves you so much that He wants to give you a real crown that is everlasting. This crown is given to you, along with your royal call here on earth, when you make the decision to ask Jesus into your heart and live for Him. I believe that if Jesus were going to write you a personal letter out of John 3:16, it might read like this ...

My Beloved Girl,



I love you so much that I gave My life on a cross to prove how much I love you and to * make a way for you to become a real princess of Mine. I invite you now to receive My free gift of everlasting life. If you accept My invitation, I ask that you would repeat the prayer below and make it your own.

Love, Jesus

Dear Jesus,

I invite You to come into my heart right now. Please forgive me for anything bad I have ever done and give me a new heart and a new kind of life. Jesus, I want to live my life every day as a daughter of the King. Thank You for dying on a cross so I could become a real princess. Help me always remember that my real home is in Heaven.



"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life"

John 3:16

Today I made the decision to become



My name is:

Today's date is:



- ASK GOD every day what you can do to show others His love.
- **NEVER FORGET** who you are in Christ: His beloved princess.
- MAKE A LITTLE TIME each day to read the Bible and pray so the Lord can help you live like His princess.
- WHENEVER YOU FEEL SAD from what you see on earth, remember the wonderful things to come in Heaven!
- BE KIND TO OTHERS even if they are not kind to you so that people will know that you are a daughter of the King.
- DO YOUR BEST, and whatever you do, do it as if you are doing it for your loving God in Heaven.
- WHEN YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG, remember to ask for forgiveness quickly so your heart can stay pure and at peace.
- FORGIVE those who have hurt you quickly so you do not become like them.

WHEN YOU FIND BIBLE VERSES that are special to you and you want to remember them, write them down on this page. You can write the full verse, the verse reference, or just the page number you found it on. You can also get a special Bible highlighter to highlight even more beautiful verses in the pages of your Bible.

's Favorite Bible Verses:

(Your name)





Sheri Rose would love to * connect with you!

For her online Bible teaching, visit her at **BibleLifeCoaching.com**

For her **His Princess**[®] line of books and jewelry, please visit **HisPrincess.com**

0

O

0

V