The background of the cover is a vibrant, cartoon-style illustration. At the top left, a multi-colored rainbow arches across the sky. Below it, a large, leafy green tree with a thick brown trunk stands prominently. In the distance, there are rolling orange-brown mountains. The foreground is a bright green field with several white sheep of various sizes. Some sheep are near a blue stream that flows from the bottom right towards the center. There are also a few purple flowers near the base of the tree. The overall style is simple and child-friendly.

Hebraic Roots Bible Story Book

For YAHWEH'S
Little Lambs

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Elohim's Creation

Genesis Chapters 1-2

In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth. On day one, He separated the light from the darkness and called the light, Day and the darkness, Night.

On day two, He separated the heavens from the waters.

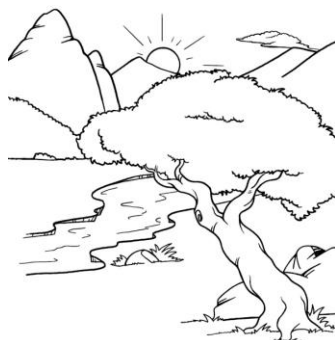
On day three, He separated the waters to create the seas and the dry land. He created the plants and the trees.

On day four, Elohim made the sun to rule the day and the moon and the stars to rule the night. These were to be signs and for seasons, and for days and years.

On day five, He made all the birds, the sea creatures, the fish, and all that creeps around the waters.

On day six, He made the beast of the earth and the creepers of the ground. Elohim said, let Us make man in Our image. So man was created, male and female.

On the seventh day, Elohim completed His work and rested from all that He made. He blessed and set apart the seventh day for rest.



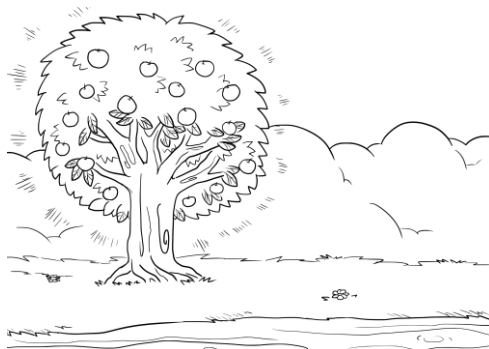
Adam and Eve and the Serpent

Genesis Chapters 3

Yahweh Elohim formed man from the dust of the ground and blew the breath of life into his nostrils. He became a living soul and was called Adam. Yahweh took Adam and put him into the Garden of Eden to work and keep it. He could eat of every tree in the garden but could not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or he would die.

Elohim formed every animal of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to Adam to name them. He saw that Adam was lonely, so He caused Adam to sleep and He took one of his ribs and formed woman. Her name was Eve and she was the wife of Adam.

There was a cunning serpent in the garden that told Eve to eat the fruit of the tree that Yahweh said not to. He told her she would not die. She saw the tree was good for food and would make one wise. She ate the fruit and gave to Adam to eat it too. When they ate the fruit, they disobeyed Yahweh and their eyes were opened to see good and evil. Yahweh was angry and cursed the serpent to go on his belly and eat dust all the days of it's life. He put enmity between the serpent and the woman. He increased her sorrow to have sons and her husband would rule over her. He said to the man, the ground would be cursed with thorns and thistles and he would have to work hard to eat bread the rest of the days of his life.



Cain, Abel and Seth

Genesis Chapter 4

Adam and Eve had a son named Cain and had another son named Abel. Cain brought an offering to Yahweh from the fruit of the ground and Abel from the first of his flocks. Yahweh was pleased with Abel's offering, but not Cain's offering.

Cain was angry because Yahweh favored his brother's offering and not his offering. He told Abel to go out to the field with him and Cain rose up against him and killed his brother. Yahweh was very angry with Cain for killing Abel and cursed him more than the ground. He told him when he tilled the ground it would never again give its strength to him. He said Cain would be a vagabond and fugitive on the earth.

Yahweh said to Cain that if anyone tries to kill him, he will be avenged seven times more. And Yahweh set a mark on Cain, so that anyone that found him should not kill him. Cain went out from the presence of Yahweh and he lived in the land of Nod. Adam and Eve had another son and called him Seth.



Noah and the Ark

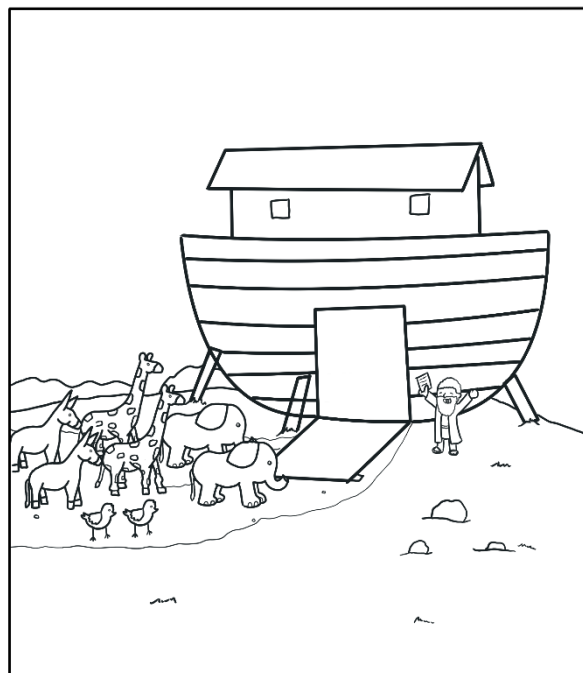
Genesis Chapters 6-9

Elohim saw the earth was corrupt. He told Noah to make an ark because He was bringing a flood of waters to destroy everything on the earth.

He told Noah to go into the ark with his wife, his three sons and their wives. He was to bring into the ark two of every kind of animal, male and female. He took every clean animal by sevens, male and female.

When Noah and his family entered the ark it rained for 40 days and 40 nights until the earth was covered in water and all living things were destroyed.

Elohim sent a bow in the cloud as a sign of the covenant He made with Noah and man. The waters would never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.



Tower of Babel

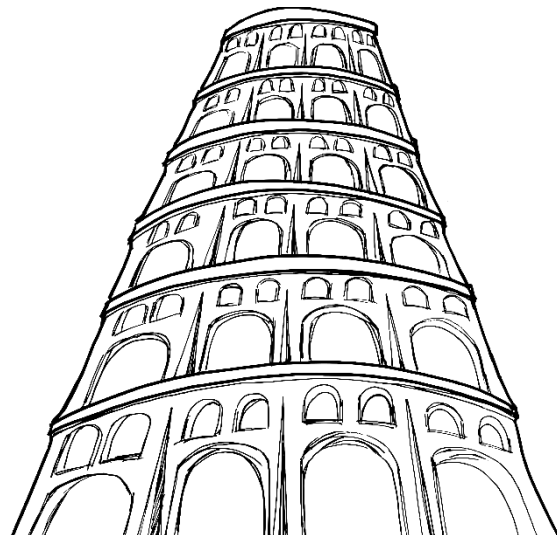
Genesis Chapters 10-11

Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. And many sons were born to them after the Flood.

The whole earth was of one speech. Each one said to his neighbor, come let us build a tower that would reach to the heavens and make a name for ourselves so we are not scattered on the face of the earth.

Yahweh came down to see the city and the Tower they had built. He saw this was not good so He mixed up the speech of all the earth so they could not understand each other.

They stopped building the city and Yahweh scattered them on the face of the Earth. Because of this it's name is called Babel.



Abram and Sarai ~ Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis chapter 12 – 16

Yahweh told Abram to go out from the land of his father's house to the land of Canaan. He said He would make him a great nation and will bless him and make his name great. So Abram and Sarai went out of the land and his nephew Lot went with him. Yahweh appeared to Abram and Abram built an altar there to Yahweh.

There was a famine in the land so Abram went to stay in Egypt. He told his wife to say to the Egyptians she was his sister because she was very beautiful. He was afraid they would kill him if she said he was his wife. She was taken to Pharaoh's house and he did good to Abram because of her. Yahweh touched Pharaoh and house with great plagues because of Sarai. Pharaoh called for Abram and asked him why he didn't tell him she was his wife. He told him to take her and go.

Sarai did not have a child so she took Hagar, her Egyptian slave girl, and gave her to Abram so he could have a son. When Hagar was with child, Sarai was harsh with her and she ran away. The Messenger of Yahweh found Hagar In the wilderness by a well of water and told her to return to her mistress, Sarai. She returned to Sarai and had a son and called him Ishmael.



YAHWEH's Covenant with Abram and Sarai

Genesis 17:1-9, 15-22

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, YAHWEH appeared to Abram and said to him, **"I am El Shaddai! Walk before me and be perfect; and I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will increase you very greatly."**

Abram fell on his face. And Elohim spoke with him, saying, **"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.** And your name no longer shall be called Abram, but **your name shall be Abraham."**

"For I have made you a father of many nations. And I will make you very fruitful, exceedingly. And I will give you for nations. And kings shall come out of you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a Elohim to you and to your seed after you. And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an ever-lasting possession and I will be their Elohim."

Elohim said to Abraham, **"You shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations."**

Elohim said to Abraham, **"You shall not call your wife Sarai by her name Sarai, for Sarah shall be her name; and I have blessed her and have also given to you a son from her. Yea, I have blessed her and she shall become nations; kings of people shall be from her."**

Abraham fell on his face and laughed. He said in his heart, **"Shall one be born to a son of a hundred years? And shall Sarah bear a daughter of ninety years?"**

Abraham said to Elohim, **"Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"**

Elohim said, **"Your wife Sarah truly shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. And I have established My covenant with him for a perpetual covenant with his seed after him. And as to Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. And I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set apart time next year."**

He finished talking with him. And Elohim ascended up from Abraham.

Abram means *"exulted Father"* and **Abraham** means *"father of many"*
Sarai and **Sarah** mean *"princess"*, but the name Sarah shows she will be a mother of nations and kings.

Abraham and Sarah

Genesis 17 –18 & 21

When Abram was 99 years old, Yahweh appeared to him and made a covenant with him to increase him greatly. He told Abram that he will be the father of many nations and his name is no longer called Abram, but Abraham, and his wife Sarai shall be called Sarah.

Yahweh said, I will establish My covenant between Me and You, and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a Elohim to you and to your seed after you. And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession and I will be their Elohim. The sign of the covenant with Abraham was that every male child among them should be circumcised. Elohim told Abraham that He has blessed Sarah and he would have a son from her. Abraham laughed because he would be 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old.

Yahweh appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and he was sitting by the door of his tent and looked up and saw three men standing by him. Abraham ran into the tent and told Sarah to make three cakes. He took curds and milk and set it before them. They stood under the tree and they ate. They asked Abraham where is your wife Sarah? He said she was in the tent. Yahweh said that He would return to him at the time of life; and a son would be born to his wife. Sarah was listening at the tent and laughed within herself because of her age.

Yahweh asked Abraham why she laughed. Sarah denied that she laughed because she was afraid. The two men left and went to Sodom. Yahweh finished speaking with Abraham and He left. Yahweh promised Sarah would have a son and she called him Isaac.



Lot - Sodom and Gomorrah

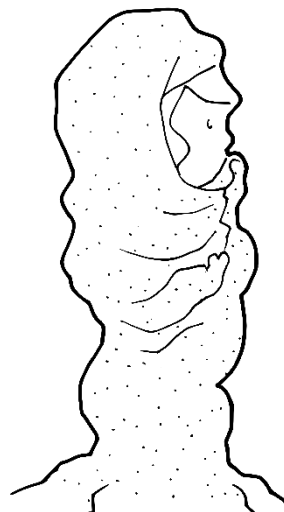
Genesis Chapter 19

Two Cherubs went into the city of Sodom and Lot was sitting at the gate. He rose up to meet them and invited them to his house. He made a feast for them and they ate.

In the evening, the men of Sodom were very evil and circled the house so they could know them for their pleasure. Lot went out to meet them and closed the door behind him. He offered his two daughters to them so they would not take the Cherubs. They did not want his daughters and pushed their way through the door of Lot's house and the Cherubs struck them with blindness. They struggled to find the door to leave the house.

The Cherubs told Lot to take his wife and two daughters and leave the city immediately because Yahweh has sent them to destroy it. They told Lot and his family to escape for their lives and do not look behind them or they will be swept away also.

As soon as they left, Yahweh rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah. He overthrew the cities and all those living there were destroyed. Lot's wife looked back with pleasure from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.



Abraham and Isaac

Genesis Chapter 22

Yahweh wanted to test his servant Abraham's faithfulness. He told Abraham to take his son Isaac, whom he loved very much, and go into the land of Moriyah. He was to offer to Yahweh a burnt offering on the mountain Yahweh chose. Abraham rose up early and he took his son Isaac with him. He split wood for a burnt offering and went to the place that Elohim told him.

On the third day, Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac, his son; and he took the fire and knife in his hand. Isaac said to his father, we have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the offering? He told Isaac that Elohim would have a lamb for them. They went to the place Yahweh chose and Abraham built an altar there. He arranged the wood and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar.

Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. A Messenger of Yahweh called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham, do not lay a hand on the boy! For I know that you fear Elohim and have not withheld your son from Me. Abraham looked up and saw a ram behind him was caught in a thicket by his horns. Abraham went and took the ram for an offering instead of his son.

The Messenger of Yahweh called to Abraham a second time and said, I have sworn by Myself, declares

Yahweh, on account of this thing you have done, and have not withheld your son, your only son, that blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the lip of the sea. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have listened to my voice.



Jacob and Esau - The Birthright

Genesis Chapter 25

Isaac and his wife Rebekah had twin sons. As Rebekah was giving birth to her sons, the first came out and he was red like a hairy robe so they called his name Esau. Afterward, his brother came out and his hand was holding the heel of Esau; and his name was Jacob.

The boys grew up. Esau was a man of the field and he knew hunting. Jacob was a simple man living in tents. Isaac loved Esau for the game he caught to eat and Rebekah loved Jacob.

Jacob boiled soup and Esau came from the field and was faint. Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me eat of the red soup for I am faint." Jacob said to Esau, sell me your birthright today. And Esau said, "Behold I am going to die so what good is this birthright to me?" Jacob made Esau swear to him to keep his promise and Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for the bowl of red lentil soup.



Jacob and Esau - The Blessing

Genesis Chapter 27

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim for seeing, he called his son Esau and asked him to hunt game for him. He asked Esau to make him some of the savory meat so he could bless him before he died. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, heard him speaking to Esau and when her son sent out to hunt game she spoke to her son Jacob and told him what his father said.

She told Jacob to bring her two kids of the goats so she could make them into a delicious dish his father loves. He would bring it to his father to eat and his father would bless him before he died. Jacob told his mother that his father would feel him and know it was Jacob because Jacob was a smooth man and Esau was a hairy man. So his mother took the clothing of Esau and dressed Jacob and put the skins of the goats on his hands and his neck. She made the savory meat for Jacob to take to his father.

Jacob came near to his father and Isaac felt him. He said you have the voice of Jacob, but you have Esau's hands. He asked Jacob if he was Esau and Jacob said he was. Isaac ate his meal and blessed Jacob. At the end of the blessing Jacob left his father and Esau came home from hunting. Esau made the savory meat and brought it to his father. Isaac asked him who he was and Esau told him, I am your son, your first-born, Esau. Isaac was terrified because he gave the blessing to Jacob and not Esau. Esau was very angry and he wept. He hated his brother Jacob and wanted to kill him. So Rebekah sent Jacob away to her brother Laban until Esau was no longer angry.



The 12 Sons of Jacob

Genesis Chapter 29-30

Isaac sent Jacob away from his house to live with his uncle Laban. He was his mother Rebekah's brother. He met Rachel at the well watering her father's sheep. Jacob rolled the stone from the well and kissed her. Rachel ran and told her father Laban and Jacob lived with them.

Laban had two daughters, **Leah** and **Rachel**, but Jacob loved Rachel. He wanted to take her as his wife. He told Laban he would serve him for seven years to have Rachel as his wife. Laban agreed. After seven years, Laban prepared a feast and tricked Jacob by bringing Leah to him instead of Rachel. Jacob was very angry and Laban told him he could also have Rachel, but he had to serve him another seven years.

Yahweh saw that Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah and Leah gave birth to four sons, **Reuben**, **Simeon**, **Levi** and **Judah**. Rachel could not have any sons and was jealous of her sister. So she gave her slave girl, **Bilhah**, to Jacob and she gave birth to **Dan** and **Naphtali**. Leah could no longer have any sons so she gave her slave girl, **Zilpah**, to Jacob and she gave birth to **Gad** and **Asher**. Then Leah gave birth to two more sons named **Issachar** and **Zebulun** and also a daughter named Dinah. Yahweh remembered Rachel and she gave birth to two sons, **Joseph** and **Benjamin**.

Yahweh blessed Jacob with 12 sons. They are the 12 tribes of Israel according to the promise Yahweh made to Abraham.



Joseph's Dreams

Genesis Chapter 37

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was a son of old age to him. He made a coat of many colors for him. His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, and they hated him.

Joseph dreamed a dream, and told it to his brothers. They hated him even more. He said to them, "Now hear this dream which I have dreamed: We were binding sheaves in the middle of the field and my sheaf rose up and also stood up. Your sheaves came around and bowed themselves to my sheaf."

His brothers said to him, "Shall you reign over us, or shall you really rule over us?" They hated him even more because of his dreams, and because of his words. He dreamed another dream, and told it to his brothers. The sun and the moon and the eleven stars were bowing themselves to me.

He told it to his father, and to his brothers. His father scolded him, and said, "What is this dream which you have dreamed? Shall we bow ourselves to the earth to you, I, your mother, and your brothers?"

His brothers envied him, but his father listened.



Joseph Sold as Slave

Genesis Chapter 37

Joseph's brothers went to feed the flock of their father's sheep in Shechem. Israel (Jacob) told Joseph to go to his brothers and find out how they were doing. Joseph went and could not find his brothers. He was wandering in the field when a man told him where he could find his brothers.

His brothers saw him coming and mocked him because of his dreams. They said to kill him and throw him into a pit and say that an evil beast ate him. Reuben heard the brothers and told them not to hurt him or shed his blood. When Joseph came to his brothers they took off the robe and threw him into a pit. They sat down and ate bread. Afterward, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelite's coming with their camels carrying spices going to Egypt. Judah told his brothers it would not do any good to kill Joseph and hide his blood. He told them to sell him to the Ishmaelite's instead. The brothers agreed. They took him out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelite's for twenty pieces of silver. They brought him to Egypt.

When Reuben came back to his brothers he saw that Joseph was not in the pit. He was very sad and tore his clothes. The brothers took Joseph's robe and killed a goat and dipped his robe in the blood. They took the robe to their father and said an evil beast tore Joseph to pieces. Jacob cried for many days and would not let anyone comfort him for he loved Joseph very much.



Joseph in Egypt

Genesis Chapters 39-41

Joseph was taken to Egypt and a man that served Pharaoh bought him from the Ishmaelites. His name was Potiphar. Yahweh was with Joseph and he was prosperous in everything he did. Joseph did good service for Potiphar and he set Joseph over his entire house and Yahweh blessed Potiphar's house. Potiphar's wife lifted her eyes to Joseph and would not leave him alone. She took his robe from him and he ran away. She screamed and told her husband that Joseph was after her. Potiphar was very angry and put Joseph in the prison house. Yahweh was with Joseph and gave him favor in the eyes of the warden of the prison. Joseph took care of the prisoner's. Afterwards, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt were thrown into prison. Joseph served them. One night they each dreamed a dream. They were sad because there was no one to tell them what their dreams meant. They each told Joseph their dreams and he told them what would happen. In three days the baker was put to death and the cupbearer went back to the Pharaoh to serve him.

It happened the Pharaoh had dreams also and no one could tell him what they meant. The cupbearer told the Pharaoh that Joseph could explain his dreams. So he sent for Joseph. Joseph listened to the Pharaoh's dream and told him what Elohim was going to do. He said there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine in the land of Egypt. Joseph told him to set a wise man over Egypt to gather and store the grain in the years of plenty so they would have food to eat in the years of famine. Pharaoh set Joseph over his house and the land of Egypt. The Pharaoh called Joseph by the name of Tzaphnath-Paaneah and he gave him Asenath for his wife. They had two sons, Manesseh and Ephraim



Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis Chapters 39-41

Famine was great in all the land and people went to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain. He was governor over the land. Jacob told his 10 sons to go to Egypt and buy grain so they would not die. Jacob would not let Benjamin go because he didn't want anything to happen to him. The brothers came to Joseph and bowed to him, but they did not know it was him. Joseph knew these were his brothers and remembered the dreams he had. He had an interpreter and he told them they were spies and came to see how bare the land was. They told Joseph they were of 12 brothers and sons of one man in the land of Canaan. They told him their youngest brother was not with them, but he was with their father.

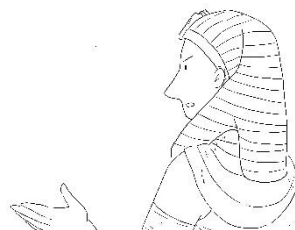
Joseph wanted to test them so he held them for three days. On the third day he told them to leave one brother in prison and the rest will take the grain back to their families. They were also to bring back their younger brother. The brothers spoke to each other and said they were guilty for their brother's soul. They were speaking about Joseph. They did not know Joseph could speak their language and that he heard what they said. Joseph turned away and cried. He took Simeon and put him in prison. The other brothers filled their vessels with grain and put them on their donkeys. One of them opened his sack of grain to feed the donkey and found the silver they gave for the grain. They were all very scared because the silver they used to pay for the grain was back in their hands.

They came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan and told him what happened. Soon after the grain was gone, Jacob told them to go back to Egypt and buy more grain. They told him they must bring Benjamin with them to get Simeon back. Jacob was angry, but

let Benjamin go. He gave them double the silver to pay for the grain again.

They went to Egypt and bowed before Joseph. Joseph saw Benjamin was there too. He told his men to bring his brothers to his house to eat with him. The brothers were afraid because they did not know who put the silver back into their sacks of grain the first time. Joseph told them not to be afraid and he brought Simeon out to them. They went to Joseph's house and ate with him. He asked them about their father if he was still alive. Joseph saw Benjamin and asked that Elohim have favor on him. Joseph was very emotional and left the table to go to another room and cry. He went back to finish the meal with his brothers. After the meal, Joseph told his servant to put his silver cup and the silver he used to pay for the grain in the grain sack of Benjamin.

The next morning the brothers were ready to return home. They were not far from the city when Joseph's men came upon them and asked why they returned evil for good. They tore open the sacks of grain and found their master's silver cup in Benjamin's sack. The brothers were brought back to Joseph's house. Joseph told them Benjamin would become a servant to him because the cup was found in his sack and he was guilty of stealing. Judah told Joseph about their father and why he could not let Benjamin stay with Joseph. Joseph wept very loud and told his brothers that he was their brother who they sold long ago. He told them not to fear because it was the plan of Elohim to save a remnant in the land for a great deliverance. He told them to hurry and bring back his father and their families so they could live in the land of Goshen where he could watch over them.



Baby Moses

Exodus Chapter 2

The sons of Israel increased greatly in the land of Egypt. So the Pharaoh commanded every son that is born to be cast into the river. A woman from the sons of Levi had a child who was very beautiful so she hid him for three months. She was not able to hide him any longer. She took a basket for him and she put the child in it, and placed it in the reeds by the edge of the Nile River. His sister, Miriam, stayed at a distance, to know what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh went down to bathe at the Nile. Her slave women were walking on the side of the Nile. She saw the basket in the midst of the reeds, and sent her slave-girl to get the basket for her. She opened it and saw the child, and there was a boy crying! She had pity on him and said, "This one is of the children of the Hebrews."

Miriam said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a woman for you, a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" The Pharaoh's daughter told her to go and get the child's mother. The Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give your wages." And the woman took the child and nursed him.

The child grew, and she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh. He became a son to her, and she called his name Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water "



Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus Chapter 3

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock behind the wilderness and came to the mountain of Horeb. The Messenger of Yahweh appeared to him in a flame of fire from the middle of a thorn bush. The bush was burning with fire, but not burned up. Elohim called to Moses from the burning bush. He told Moses to take the sandals from his feet because he was on holy ground. He said to Moses, I am the Elohim of your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moses was afraid and hid his face from looking upon Elohim.

YAHWEH told Moses He has seen the affliction of His people who are in Egypt and has heard their cry. He was coming down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and was going to bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey. He was sending Moses to Pharaoh to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt.

Moses asked what is His name so he could tell it to the sons of Israel. YAHWEH said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and He said tell them I AM has sent you. He said to Moses again, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, YAHWEH, the Elohe of your fathers, the Elohe of Abraham, the Elohe of Isaac, and the Elohe of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is how I should be remembered from generation to generation.



The 10 Plagues of Egypt

Exodus chapters 7 - 13

Yahweh sent 10 plagues upon Egypt so the Pharaoh would let the sons of Israel go from the land. These plagues did not touch the sons of Israel.

1. The waters of Egypt turned to **blood**.

2. **Frogs** covered the land of Egypt.

3. Lice covered man and beast.

4. Swarms of flies covered the people.

5. Heavy pestilence was upon all the livestock of Egypt so that they died.

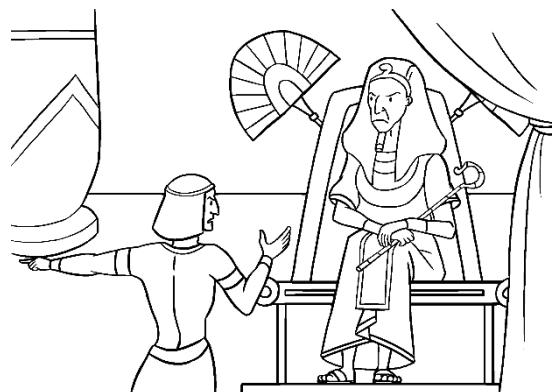
6. Boils and sores broke out on man and livestock.

7. Thunder and hail mixed with fire rained down on the land of Egypt

8. Locusts covered the land to eat every plant in the field and all that the hail left.

9. Three days of thick **darkness** was on the land so there was no light to see each other.

10. Every first-born in the land of Egypt died.



The First Passover

Exodus 12:21-41

Moses called to all the elders of Israel and said to them, Draw out and take of the flock for you and for your families, and kill the Passover. And take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood in the basin. And touch some of the blood in the basin to the lintel and on the two doorposts. And you shall not go out, anyone from the door of his house until morning.

YAHWEH will pass through to strike Egypt. And He will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and YAHWEH will pass over the door. And He will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. And you shall observe this Word for an ordinance for you, and for your sons forever. And it shall be, when you come into the land which YAHWEH shall give to you, as He has spoken, you shall observe this service.

And it shall be, when your sons say to you, what is this service to you? Then you shall say, a sacrifice of a Passover of YAHWEH, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He struck Egypt. And He delivered our houses. And the people bowed and worshiped.

And the sons of Israel went out and did as YAHWEH commanded Moses and Aaron. So they did. And it happened at midnight. YAHWEH struck every first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh, the one sitting on the throne, to the first-born of the captive who was in the prison house, and every first-born of animals.

Pharaoh arose by night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not a one who had died. And he sent a proclamation to Moses and Aaron by night, and it read, Arise, go out

from the midst of my people, both you and the sons of Israel. And go serve YAHWEH according to your word. Take both your flocks and your herds, as you said, and go. And bless me also.

And the Egyptians were strong on the people, to hasten to send them away from the land. For they said, All of us will be dead. And the people took up their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothing on their shoulders. And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing.

And YAHWEH gave favor to the people in the eyes of the Egyptians. And they granted their requests. And they plundered Egypt. And the sons of Israel traveled from Rameses to Succoth, the men and also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks, and herds, very many livestock. And they baked the dough which they brought out from Egypt into unleavened cakes. For it was not leavened, because they were driven out from Egypt, and they were not able to delay. And also they had not prepared food for a journey for themselves.

And the time of the dwelling of the sons of Israel, which they dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it happened, from the end of four hundred and thirty years, it happened on this day, all the armies of YAHWEH went out from the land of Egypt.



Yahweh Divides the Red Sea

Exodus Chapter 14

Moses and the sons of Israel fled Egypt into the wilderness and were camped along the Red Sea. The king of Egypt knew the people fled from Egypt and he was angry they would not be serving him anymore. He sent a great army of Egyptians and their chariots to go after them.

Pharaoh's army came near and the people feared they were trapped by the sea with no escape. They cried to out to Yahweh in great fear. Moses told the people not to fear, but to see how Yahweh was going to save them. Moses stretched out his hand and held his staff over the sea. Yahweh caused a strong wind to blow all night to divide the sea. It made a wall of water on the right and on the left. The land was dry in the middle of the sea for the sons of Israel to cross over to the other side. The Egyptians went after them and Yahweh looked on them in a pillar of fire and a cloud. He confused them and made the chariot wheels come off so they could not drive their chariots. When all of the Israelites crossed to the other side Moses stretched out his staff again and Yahweh made the waters return. All of the Egyptian armies drowned in the sea.



A Hand is on the Throne of Yah

Exodus 17:8-16

Amalek came and fought against Israel in Rephidim. (Rephidim was one of the stops in the Wilderness of Zin on the way to Mount Sinai)

Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with the staff of Elohim in my hand."

Joshua did as Moses told him, to fight against Amalek. Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. When Moses lifted his hand, Israel won the battle. When he rested his hand, Amalek won the battle.

The hands of Moses became heavy and they took a stone and put it under him. And he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one from this and one from that side. His hands were steady until the sun went down.

Joshua defeated Amalek and his people by the mouth of the sword. YAHWEH said to Moses, "Write this, a memorial in a book, and set it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly wipe away the remembrance of Amalek under the heavens."

Moses built an altar. He called its name, YAHWEH Nisee. (Nisee means "My Banner" in Hebrew, which means that YAHWEH was going before them)

He said, "A hand is on the throne of Yah; war is to YAHWEH with Amalek from generation to generation."



Jethro Gives Moses Wise Counsel

Exodus 18:1, 5, 13-27

Jethro was the priest of Midian and the father-in-law of Moses. He heard all that Elohim had done for Moses and for His people Israel and how **YAHWEH** caused Israel to go out from Egypt. He came with Moses' sons and Moses' wife to the wilderness where he camped, at the mount of Elohim.

On the next day, Moses sat to judge the people. The people stood beside Moses from morning until evening. Jethro saw all he was doing to the people.

He said to Moses, **“What is this thing which you are doing to the people? Why are you sitting by yourself, and all the people standing beside you from morning until evening?”**

Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to seek Elohim. When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor. I make known the statutes of Elohim, and the laws from His Torah.”

Then Jethro said to Moses, **“The thing which you do is not good.** Surely, you will wear out, both you and the people with you. For the thing is heavy for you. You are not able to do it by yourself.”

Jethro continued, “Now listen to my voice. I will advise you, and may Elohim be with you. You will stand for the people before Elohim, and you will bring the matters to Elohim.

“You warn them as to the statutes and the laws of the Torah, and make known to them the way in which they should walk, and the work which they should do.”

“You choose men of ability out of all the people, who fear Elohim. These should be men of truth who hate unjust gain. Place these men over the people as rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. Let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they will bring to you, and every small matter they will judge.”

“You make it easy on yourself, and let them bear the load with you. If you do this thing, and Elohim command you, you will be able to stand; and also the people will go in peace to their place.”

Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and he did all that he had said.

He chose men of ability from all Israel and made them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

They judged the people at all times; the hard matters they brought to Moses, and every small matter they judged themselves.

Afterwards, Moses sent his father-in-law on his way and Jethro departed and went back to his own land.



The Ten Commandments

Exodus Chapter 20; Deuteronomy Chapter 5

Yahweh Called Moses to the top of Mount Sinai and gave him two tablets of testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of Elohim.

1. I am Yahweh your Elohim, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt and the house of bondage. You shall not have any other Elohim before My face.

2. You shall not make a graven image for yourself, or any likeness in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow to them, and you shall not serve them; for I am Yahweh your Elohim, a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, on third and on the fourth generation, to those that hate me; and doing kindness to thousands, to those loving Me, and to those keeping My commandments.

3. You shall not take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not leave unpunished the one who take His name in vain.

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; six days you shall labor and do all your work; and the seventh day is a Sabbath to YAHWEH your Elohim; you shall not do any work, you, and your son, and your daughter, your male slave and your slave-girl, and your livestock, and your stranger who is

in your gates. For in six days YAHWEH made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all which is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; on account of this YAHWEH blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.

5. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you.

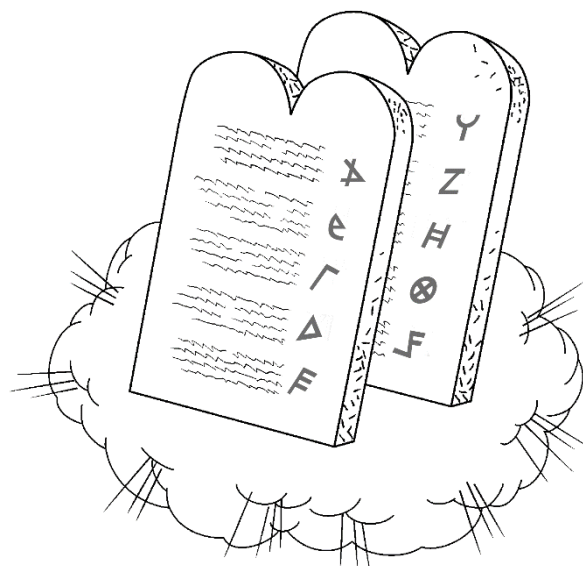
6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not testify a witness of falsehood against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male slave, or his slave-girl, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything which belongs to your neighbor.



Preparing the Passover

Numbers 9:1-14

YAHWEH spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

Also the sons of Israel shall prepare the Passover in its appointed season.

In the fourteenth day of this month, between the evenings, you shall prepare it according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances.

Moses spoke to the sons of Israel to prepare the Passover.

And they prepared the Passover **in the first month on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evenings**, in the wilderness of Sinai, according to all that YAHWEH had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

And there were men who had been defiled by the body of a man, and they had not been able to prepare the Passover on that day. And they came near before Moses, and before Aaron on that day.

And those men said to him, We are defiled by the body of a man. Why are we restrained so as not to be able to offer the offering of YAHWEH in its appointed season, in the midst of the sons of Israel?

Moses said to them, You stand by, so that I may hear what YAHWEH will command concerning you.

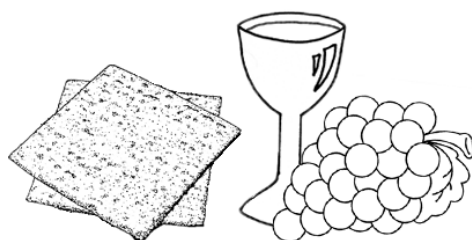
YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a body, or be in a distant journey, yet he shall keep the Passover to YAHWEH.

In the second month, on the fourteenth day between the evenings, they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs; they shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it. According to all the statutes of the Passover, they shall keep it.

But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and has failed to prepare the Passover, even that person shall be cut off from his people, because he did not bring the offering of YAHWEH in its appointed season that man shall bear his sin.

If an alien shall reside with you, and desires to keep the Passover to YAHWEH; he shall do according to the statute of the Passover, and according to its ordinance. You shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.



Caleb and Joshua

Numbers Chapters 13-14

Yahweh told Moses to send one man from each of the sons of Israel, from the tribe of their fathers, to spy out the land of Canaan. This was the land that was flowing with milk and honey that Yahweh promised to His children.

They were to see all that was in the land and the people who were living in it. They were told to make themselves strong and to take the fruit of the land. It was the days of the first ripe grapes at this time. At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. They came to Moses and Aaron and the congregation of the sons of Israel and made them see the fruit of the land.

They reported the land was indeed flowing with milk and honey, but said the land was fierce and there were giants living there. They said they were not able to go against the people for they believed the people were stronger than them. Caleb stepped forward and stilled the people before Moses. He said, we will certainly go up, and we will seize it, for we are able to do it. The children of Israel saw the many miracles Yahweh had done in Egypt and in the wilderness and they still lacked the faith to go into the land He promised. So Yahweh told them anyone 20 years old and older would not see the land, but would wander the wilderness until they died. CALEB and JOSHUA listened to Yahweh's voice and followed him fully so they were able to go into the land and possess it.



Rahab and the Two Spies

Joshua Chapter 2

Joshua sent two men out of Shittim to secretly spy over the land and Jericho.

They went away and came to the house of a woman called Rahab and stayed there.

Rahab took the two men and hid them on the roof under stalks of flax that she arranged.

It was reported to the king of Jericho saying, "Men have come here tonight from the sons of Israel, to search the land." The king of Jericho sent men to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to your house. For they have come to search out all the land."

Before the spies laid down on the roof, Rahab came to them and said, "I know that YAHWEH has given the land to you, and that your terror has fallen on us. All those living in the land have melted before you. For we have heard how YAHWEH dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, as you were going out of Egypt. Also, that you destroyed the two kings of the Amorites, Sihon and Og, who were beyond the Jordan."

She continued to say, "We have heard, and our heart has melted. There still does not rise the spirit in any man, because of you. For YAHWEH your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above, and in the earth below. Now, please swear to me by YAHWEH, since I have dealt with you in kindness, you will also deal with my father's house in kindness. Give me a true token and keep my father, my mother, my brothers, and my sisters alive, and all that belongs to them. Deliver our souls from death."

The men said to her, "Our life instead of yours, if you do not tell our business, then it will be when YAHWEH gives this land to us that we will deal with you in kindness and truth."

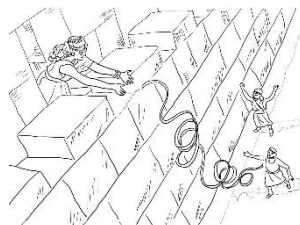
Then she let them down by a rope through the window. Her house was in the side of the wall. She said to them, "Go to the mountain so the pursuers do not find you. Hide there for three days until they return. After three days, go on your way." The men said to her, "We will keep this oath of yours which you made us swear. When we come into the land; you will bind this scarlet thread of line in the window by which you have let us down.

Bring your father, your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's house and have them stay in your house. If anyone goes outside of your house his blood will be on his own head and we will be innocent. Anyone who is with you in the house, his blood will be on our head, if any hand is on him. But, if you tell anyone this business of ours, we will not be guilty of your oath which you have made us swear."

She said, "Let it be according to your words." She sent them away and they went. Rahab did as they said and bound the line of scarlet thread in the window.

The spies left and came to the mountain. They stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned. The pursuers searched everywhere, but did not find them.

After three days, the two men came down from the mountain, and went to Joshua. They reported to him all that had happened to them. They said to Joshua, "Surely **YAHWEH** has given all the land into our hands. All those living in the land have melted before us."



Joshua and the Walls of Jericho

Joshua 6:1-21

The city of Jericho was closed, so that sons of Israel could not come in or go out.

YAHWEH told Joshua that He would give Jericho and its king and its mighty warriors, into his hand. He told him to go around the city, with his men, one time. They will do this for six days. Seven priests will have seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day, they will go around the city seven times, and the priests will blow with the rams' horns. When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, all the people will shout with a great shout. The wall of the city will fall down underneath and the people will go in to capture the city.

Joshua called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of **YAHWEH**." He said to the people, "Pass on, go around the city, and he who is armed shall go on before the ark of **YAHWEH**."

When Joshua spoke to the people, the seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before **YAHWEH** passed on and blew with the rams' horns. The ark of the covenant of **YAHWEH** went after them. The armed men went before the priests blowing the rams' horns and the rear guard followed after the ark blowing with the rams' horns.

Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout, nor cause your voice to be heard, nor shall there go from your mouth a word until the day I say to you, Shout! Then you shall shout."

The ark of YAHWEH went around the city, going around one time. They went to their camp and remained there. Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests carried the ark of YAHWEH.

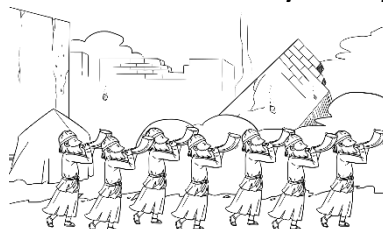
The seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns were walking before the ark of YAHWEH, going on, and they were blowing with the rams' horns. The armed men went before them and the rear guard went behind the ark of **YAHWEH**, blowing with the rams' horns. They circled the city on the second day one time, and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

It happened on the seventh day, they rose early and went around the city seven times in the same way. Only on that day they circled the city seven times. It happened at the seventh time the priests blew with the rams' horns.

Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For **YAHWEH** has given you the city. The city will be devoted to **YAHWEH**, and all that is in it. Only Rahab the harlot will live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent."

"You keep clear of the cursed things, so that you do not become accursed by taking these things, and also make the camp of Israel become accursed, and trouble it. All the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, they are holy to **YAHWEH** and they will be brought into the treasury of **YAHWEH**."

The people shouted, and blew with the ram's horns, and it happened, when the people heard the sound of the ram's horn, the people shouted a **GREAT SHOUT!** The wall fell under it! The people went up into the city, and they captured the city. They destroyed all that was in the city, from man to woman, from young to aged, to ox, and sheep, and donkey. All were destroyed by the mouth of the sword.



Gideon's Army and the Battle of Midian

Judges 6:12, 7:1-25

Israel did evil in the sight of Yahweh so Yahweh gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years. Gideon, also known as Jerubbaal, was chosen by Yahweh to fight the army of Midian. They camped by the spring of Harod, and the army of Midian was north of him on Mount Moreh, in the valley.

Yahweh said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, that Israel not glorify itself against Me, saying, My hand has delivered me. Cry in the ears of the people, saying, "whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and leave Mount Gilead."

Twenty two thousand of the people returned and ten thousand were left. Yahweh said to Gideon, "The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will refine them for you there."

Gideon brought the people down to the water. Yahweh said to him, "Everyone who laps of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set him apart. And everyone who bows on his knees to drink, set apart."

The number of those lapping with their hand to their mouth was three hundred men. All the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

Yahweh said to Gideon, "I will deliver you by the three hundred men who lapped, and shall give Midian into your hand."

Gideon sent away every man of Israel, each to his tent. But he kept the three hundred men. The camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

It happened on that night, Yahweh said to him, "Rise up, go down to the camp, for I have given it into your hand. If you are afraid to go down, you and your young man Purah go down to the camp. You shall hear what they say and afterward your hand shall be made stronger, and you shall go down against the army."

He went down, he and his young man Purah, to the edge of the battle alignment in the camp. Midian and Amalek, and all the sons of the east, were lying in the valley.

Gideon came; and, behold, a man was telling a dream to his companion. He said, "Behold, I have dreamed a dream and a cake of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian. It came to the tent and struck it, and it fell, and turned it upside down; and the tent fell down." His companion answered and said, "This is nothing but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. Elohim has given Midian and all the army into his hand." It happened when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and its interpretation, he worshiped. He returned to the army of Israel and said, "Rise up, for Yahweh has given the army of Midian into your hand."

He divided the three hundred men into three companies. He put a ram's horn in the hand of all of them, and empty jars, and torches inside the jars. He said to them, "Look at me, and do this; even behold, I am coming to the edge of the camp. It shall be, as I do, so you shall do. I shall blow with a ram's horn, I and all who are with me. You shall blow with the ram's horns, you also all around the camp, and shall shout, **For Yahweh and for Gideon!**"

Gideon came, and the hundred men with him, to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch. They blew with the ram's horns, and shattered the jars in their hand.

The three companies blew with their ram's horns, and broke the jars, and held the torches in their left hand; and in their right hand the ram's horns, and they cried out, "**A sword for Yahweh and for Gideon!**"

Each one stood in his place, all around the army. All the army ran, and they shouted, and they fled.

The three hundred blew the ram's horns, and Yahweh caused the army to fight against each other with their own swords. The army fled and the men of Israel from Naphtali, Asher, and Manasseh, chased Midian.

Gideon sent messengers to all the hills of Ephraim, saying, "Come down to meet Midian, and capture the waters before them as far as Beth-Barah and the Jordan." Every man of Ephraim was called up, and they captured the waters and they captured the two rulers of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb.



Achan's Sin

Joshua 7:1-26

The sons of Israel sinned a sin in the cursed things. And Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah took of the cursed things. And the anger of YAHWEH glowed against the sons of Israel.

Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-Aven, on the east of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai.

They returned to Joshua, and said to him, do not let all the people go up. Let about two thousand men, or about three thousand men, go up, and they shall strike Ai. Do not cause all the people to labor there, for they are few. And about three thousand men of the people went up there. And they fled before the men of Ai.

The men of Ai struck about thirty six men of them, and pursued them before the gate to Shebarim. And they struck them in the descent. And the heart of the people was melted, and became as water.

Joshua tore his clothing, and fell on his face to the earth before the ark of YAHWEH until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they threw dust on their heads.

Joshua said, Oh Adonai YAHWEH, why have You at all caused this people to cross over the Jordan to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? And, Oh that we had been willing, and that we had dwelt beyond the Jordan! Oh YAHWEH, what shall I say, after Israel has turned its back before its enemies?

The Canaanites, and all the ones living in the land shall hear, and shall come around against us, and shall cut off our name out of the earth. And what shall You do for Your great name?

And YAHWEH said to Joshua, Get yourself up! Why do you fall on your face this way? Israel has sinned, and they also have transgressed My covenant which I commanded them, and have also taken of the cursed things, and have also stolen, and also deceived, and also put it among their stuff.

The sons of Israel have not been able to stand before their enemies; they have turned the back before their enemies because they have become cursed. I will not be with you again if you do not destroy the cursed things from among you.

Rise up, sanctify the people, and you shall say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow. For so says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, A cursed thing is among you, Israel; you are not able to stand before your enemies until you take away the cursed thing from among you. And you shall be brought near in the morning, by your tribes. And it shall be, the tribe which YAHWEH takes shall draw near by families. And the family which YAHWEH takes shall draw near by households. And the house-hold which YAHWEH takes shall draw near by men. And it shall be, he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of YAHWEH and because he has committed folly in Israel.

Joshua rose early in the morning, and brought Israel near by its tribes. And the tribe of Judah was taken. And he brought the family of Judah near; and he took the family of the Zerahites. And he brought near the family of the Zerahites by men, and Zabdi was taken. And he brought near his household by men, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

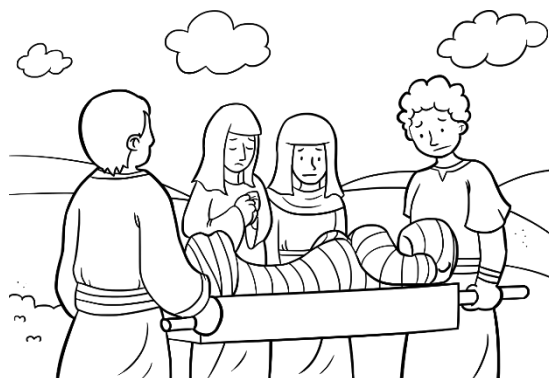
Joshua said to Achan, My son, now give glory to YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, and give thanks to Him, and please tell me what you have done. Do not hide it from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Truly I have sinned against YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, and this I have done:

When I saw among the spoil a goodly robe of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold, one of fifty shekels in weight, then I lusted after them, and took them. And behold, they are hidden in the earth, in the middle of my tent, and the silver under it.

Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it. And they took them out of the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the sons of Israel, and laid them out before YAHWEH.

Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the robe, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his donkey, and his flock, and his tent, and all that he had. And they made them go up to the valley of Achor. And Joshua said, How you have troubled us! YAHWEH shall trouble you today! And all Israel threw stones at him, and they burned them with fire, and they stoned them with stones.

And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. And YAHWEH turned back from the heat of His anger. On this account the name of that place is The Valley of Achor until this day.



Ruth and Boaz

Book of Ruth

A man named Elimelech went to live in the fields of Moab, he and his wife Naomi, and his two sons. He died and left his wife and her two sons. They married women of Moab. The name of one was Orpah, and the name of the second, Ruth. After ten years, both of the sons died. Naomi went to return to the land of Judah with her daughters-in-law. She told Orpah and Ruth to go back home to their families. Orpah left, but Ruth begged Naomi to stay. She would not leave her.

Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a mighty man of the family. His name was Boaz. Ruth told Naomi to let her go glean in the field for grain so she might find favor with Boaz. Ruth went to the field and Boaz asked who the woman was.

Boaz told Ruth to stay close to his young woman to glean the field and he told the young men not to touch her. She fell on her face and asked Boaz why she has found grace with him. He told her it was because she was so kind to her mother-in-law after her husband died.

Ruth brought the grain she gleaned back to Naomi. She told Naomi that she was able to glean the field with Boaz. Ruth stayed close to the young women of Boaz and worked until the end of the barley and the wheat harvest.

Naomi told Ruth to go to Boaz on the threshing floor and when he was finished eating she should lie at his feet. Ruth went and did all that Naomi told her to do. Boaz woke in the middle of the night and found Ruth lying at his feet. She told him to spread his skirt over her for he was her kinsman redeemer. Boaz told Ruth there was another kinsman to redeem her, but if he did not, he would. He told her to stay until morning. She rose up early and Boaz gave her barley to take back to Naomi.

Boaz went up to the gate to wait for the near kinsman. He was passing by and he took the elders of the city to talk about being the kinsman redeemer for Ruth. Boaz married Ruth and they had a son named Obed. Naomi became nurse to him. Obed was the father of Jesse who was the father of King David.



Ruth's Mother-in-law Naomi

Ruth 2:1-23

Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a mighty man of the family of Elimelech. And his name was Boaz. Ruth of Moab said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter. And she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened by chance on the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of Elimelech's family.

And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, YAHWEH be with you. And they answered him, YAHWEH bless you. Boaz said to his young man who had been set over the reapers, whose is this young woman?

And the young man who had been set over the reapers replied and said, she is a young woman of Moab who came with Naomi from the fields of Moab. And she said, Please let me glean, and I shall gather among the sheaves after the reapers. And she came and has remained since morning, even until now. She sat in the house a little while.

Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean another field, and also do not pass through this. And you shall stay close to my young women. Your eyes shall be on the field which they shall reap, and you shall go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, then you shall go to the vessels and shall drink from that which the young men draw.

And she fell on her face and bowed to the earth, and said to him, why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should notice me, and I a stranger? Boaz answered and said to her, it has been fully revealed to me all that you have done with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband. And you left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people which you had not known before.

May YAHWEH repay your work, and your wages shall be complete from YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. And she said, let me find grace in your eyes, my master, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken to the heart of your handmaid. And I surely am not as one of your handmaids.

Boaz said to her, at mealtime come here, and you shall eat of the bread and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat at the side of the reapers, and he reached out roasted grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and had some left over.

And she rose up to glean. And Boaz commanded his young men, saying, she shall glean even between the sheaves, and you shall not cause her to be ashamed.

And pulling you shall also pull out for her of the bundles, and shall leave; and she shall glean, and you shall not rebuke her.

And she gleaned in the field until the evening, and beat out that which she had gleaned. And it was about an ephah of barley. (Is 28:27)

And she took it up and went to the city. And her mother-in-law saw that which she had gleaned. And she brought out and gave to her that which she had reserved after she was satisfied.

And her mother-in-law said to her, where have you gleaned today? And where have you worked? May he who noticed you be blessed. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, the name of the man with whom I have worked today is Boaz.

Naomi said to her daughter- in-law, blessed is he of YAHWEH who has not forsaken his kindness with the living and with the dead.

And Naomi said to her, The man is near of kin to us; he is of our kinsmen redeemers. Ruth of Moab said, and he surely said to me, You shall stay close, near to the young men whom I have, until they have completed the whole harvest which I have.

Naomi said to her daughter- in-law Ruth, Good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that men may not attack you in another field.

And she stayed close to the young women of Boaz to glean, until the end of the barley harvest, and of the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.



Samuel is Born

1st Samuel Chapter 1

There was a man named Elkanah from the hills of Ephraim. He was from the tribe of Levi, and he had two wives. The name of one was Hannah, and the name of the second was Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. Every year Elkanah would go up from his city to worship and to sacrifice before Yahweh of Hosts in Shiloh. And the day came when Elkanah sacrificed. He gave portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. And to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved Hannah, even though Yahweh had shut up her womb. As often as Hannah went up to the house of Yahweh her rival tormented her because Yahweh had shut up her womb. So Hannah wept and did not eat. Her husband asked her why she wept and did not eat. "And why is your heart afflicted? Am I not better to you than ten sons?" he asked. So Hannah rose up after eating and drinking in Shiloh. And Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the side post of the Sanctuary of Yahweh.

And Hannah was bitter of soul, and prayed to Yahweh and wept. And she vowed that if Yahweh of Hosts would look upon her affliction and remember her, if He would not forget Hannah, His handmaid, and would give her a son, then she would give him to Yahweh all the days of his life; and a razor would not go up on his head. When Hannah prayed long before Yahweh, Eli was watching her mouth. And Hannah was speaking in her heart. Her lips moved, but her voice could not be heard. So Eli, the priest, thought that she was drunk. Hannah explained that she had not

drunk wine or fermented drink, but that she was pained in spirit and pouring out her soul before Yahweh. Eli told her to go in peace and may the Elohim of Israel give her the petition that she asked of Him.

Elkanah and his family rose up early in the morning and worshiped before Yahweh. And they returned to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and Yahweh remembered her.

And it happened when the time had come around, Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked him of Yahweh." And Elkanah and all his house went up to sacrifice and vow to Yahweh the sacrifice of days. And Hannah did not go up, for she wanted to wait until the child was weaned, and then she would bring him to appear before Yahweh and remain there forever. And when she had weaned him, she brought him up with her to the house of Yahweh at Shiloh, along with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. And they slaughtered the bull and brought the boy to Eli, the priest.

Then Hannah explained to Eli that she was the woman who has stood with him praying to Yahweh for a son, and that Yahweh had given her the petition she had asked of Him. "And I have asked him to be given to Yahweh all the days which he shall be, he is loaned for Yahweh", Hannah said. And they worshiped there before Yahweh.



A Shepherd Boy is Anointed King

1st Samuel 16:1-13

After Saul did evil and failed to follow YAHWEH a new king was to be anointed to rule Israel.

YAHWEH said to Samuel, “Until when will you mourn for Saul, for I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse the **Bethlehemite**, for I have seen a king for Me among his sons.”

Samuel said, “How can I go? When Saul hears, then he will kill me.”

YAHWEH said, “You will take a heifer from the herd in your hand, and say, I have come to sacrifice to YAHWEH. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice and I will make you know what you will do. You will anoint for Me whomever I say to you.”

Samuel did what YAHWEH said, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city trembled to meet him, and said, “Do you come in peace?”

He said, “Peace! I have come to sacrifice to YAHWEH. Sanctify yourselves and you shall come with me to the sacrifice.” He sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

It happened as they came in, he saw Eliab, and said, “Surely before YAHWEH is His Messiah.”

YAHWEH said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance, nor to the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For man does not see what He sees. For man looks for the eyes, but YAHWEH looks for the heart.”

Jesse called to Abinadab, and he passed him before Samuel, but he said, “Also YAHWEH has not chosen this one.” Jesse passed Shammah by, but he said, “Also YAHWEH has not chosen this one.”

Jesse passed seven of his sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “YAHWEH has not chosen among these.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Are these all the young men?” And he said, “There yet remains the youngest; and he is feeding the flock.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send someone to get him and bring him here, for we will not sit until he comes here.”

David was brought in. He was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and good form. YAHWEH said, “Rise up, anoint him, for this is he.” So, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers and the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon David from that day and onward.



David and Goliath

1st Samuel Chapter 17



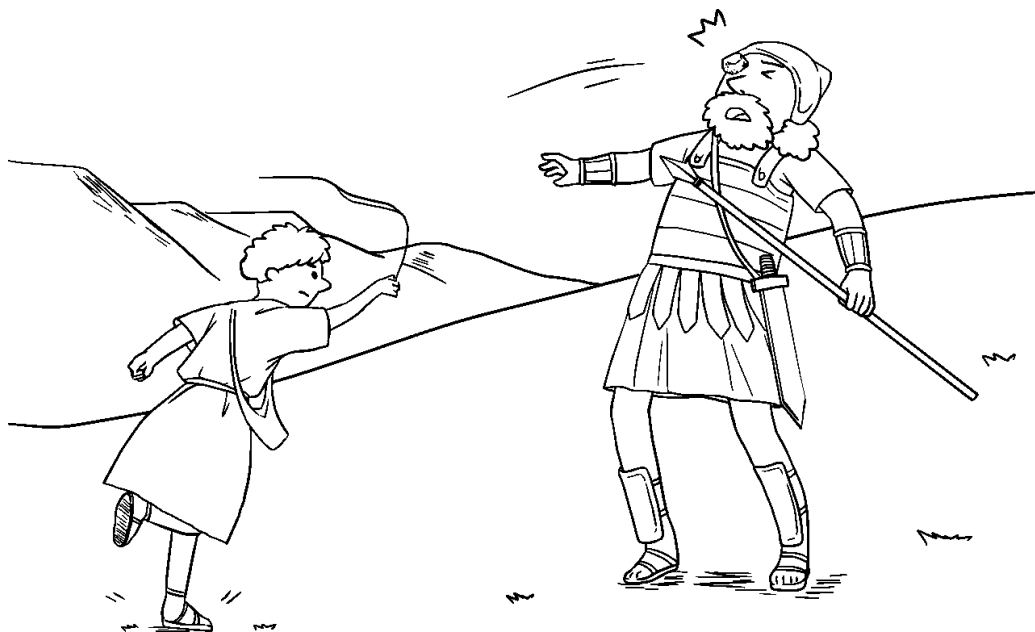
The Philistines gathered their men for battle. Saul and the men of Israel gathered and camped in the valley of Elah. A champion came from the armies of the Philistines. His name was Goliath and he was a giant. He told Saul to send one of his servants to come out to fight him. He said if he was able to fight him and win, the Philistines would become slaves and serve him. If Goliath won then Israel would be slaves and serve them. Saul and all Israel heard the words of Goliath and were very afraid.

Jesse had eight sons and David was a shepherd and he was the youngest. David heard what Goliath said and he told Saul he was able to fight him. Saul said he was too young to fight Goliath. David told Saul that YAHWEH delivered him from the lion and the bear, He would also deliver him from the hand of this Philistine. So Saul told him to go and YAHWEH be with him. He clothed David with his armor and a helmet, but David said he could not wear them because he did not test them. So he took them off.

With his staff in his hand he chose five smooth stones from the valley and put them in his shepherd's bag. He had a sling in his hand and went to the Philistine. Goliath teased him and said asked him why he came to him with sticks? David replied that Goliath was coming to him with a sword,

spear and a javelin, but he was coming in the name of YAHWEH of Hosts, the Elohim of the armies of Israel. He said “today YAHWEH shall shut you up into my hand, and I shall strike you, and take off your head from you and give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth today. And all the earth shall know that there is an Elohim for Israel. And all this company shall know that YAHWEH does not save by sword and by spear, but that the battle belongs to YAHWEH, and He has given you into our hand.”

David put his hand into the pouch and took a stone from there. He slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. He killed him. David ran and stood over Goliath and cut off his head with his sword. The men of Israel shouted and fought against the rest of the Philistines. David brought the head of Goliath to Saul.



A Covenant Friendship – David and Jonathan

1st Samuel Chapters 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:12-42

When David finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knitted with the soul of David; and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day, and would not let him return to his father's house. **Jonathan and David cut a covenant**, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped off his robe and gave it to David; also his apparel, his sword, his bow and his belt.

After a short while, Saul spoke to his son Jonathan, and to all his servants, to kill David. Jonathan told David, “My father Saul is seeking to kill you. Please be on guard in the morning, and stay in the secret place, and hide. I will go out and stand by my father's side in the field where you are. I will speak of you to my father, and shall see what it is, and will tell you.”

Jonathan spoke good of David to his father Saul, and said to him, “Do not let the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you; also because his works for you are very good. He has put his life in his hand and killed the Philistine. And YAHWEH worked a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why do you sin against innocent blood, to put David to death for no reason?”

Saul listened to Jonathan's voice, and swore, “As YAHWEH lives he shall not die.” Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words.

Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was before him as yesterday and the day before.

Again, Saul sought David's life and he fled to Ramah. Jonathan said to David, “YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel be witness when I search my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, if there is good toward David and I do not send to you and do not tell you, so may YAHWEH do to Jonathan and do much more than this. If my father should think to do evil to you, then I will tell you and send you away. You will go in peace;

and may YAHWEH be with you, as He was with my father. Not only when I live, but you shall not cut off the kindness from my house forever.”

Jonathan covenanted with the house of David, that YAHWEH should seek it from the hand of David's enemies. Jonathan again made David swear, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

Jonathan said to him, “Tomorrow is the new moon, and you will be expected, for your seat will be empty. On the third day, quickly come down, and come to the place where you were hidden. Remain near the stone Ezel and I will shoot three arrows to the side, shooting at a mark for myself. I will send a boy and tell him to find the arrows! If I say to the boy, the arrows are on this side of you, take them; then you come, for there will be peace for you and there is nothing to happen, as YAHWEH lives. But, if I say to the young man, the arrows are away from you and onwards; you go away David, for YAHWEH has sent you away. As to the thing which we have spoken, you and I; YAHWEH is between you and me forever.”

David was hidden in the field and it was the new moon.

The king sat down to eat on the seat by the wall. Jonathan rose up, and Abner sat at Saul's side. David's place was empty. Saul did not say anything on that day, for he said, “It is an accident; he is not clean; he is surely not clean.”

It happened on the day after the new moon, David's place was empty. Saul said to his son Jonathan, “Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today?”

Jonathan answered Saul, “David earnestly asked of me to go to Bethlehem. He said, please send me away, for we have a family sacrifice in the city, and my brother commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me be released, to see my brothers. So he has not come to the table of the king.”

The anger of Saul glowed against Jonathan. And he said to him, “Son of a perverse rebelliousness! Do I not know that you have chosen

the son of Jesse to your shame, and to the shame of the nakedness of your mother? For as long as the son of Jesse lives on earth you will not be established, you and your kingdom. Now bring him to me, for he is a son of death. Jonathan answered his father Saul, and said to him, "Why should he die? What has he done?"

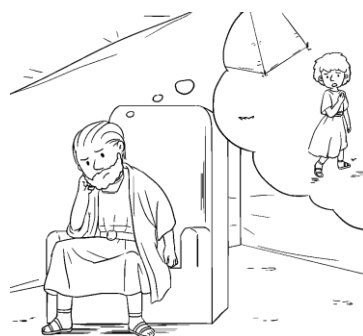
Saul threw the spear at him, to strike him. Jonathan knew that it had been determined by his father to kill David. Jonathan rose up from the table in the heat of anger. He did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David. For his father had put him to shame.

It happened in the morning that Jonathan went out in the field to meet with David. A little boy was with him. He said to the boy, "Now run and find the arrow which I am shooting." The boy ran, and he shot the arrow, causing it to pass over him. The boy came to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot. Jonathan called after the boy and said, "Is the arrow not away from you and onwards?"

Jonathan called after the boy, "Hurry, make haste, do not stand!" Jonathan's boy gathered the arrow and came to his master. The boy did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy with him, and said, "Go, bring them to the city." The boy left, and David rose up from the south side. He fell on his face to the ground and bowed three times. They each one kissed his friend and wept, until David was overcome.

Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have sworn, the two of us, in the name of YAHWEH, saying, YAHWEH shall be between you and me, and between my seed and your seed forever." He rose up and went and Jonathan went into the city



The Battle and the Plunder

1st Samuel Chapter 30

When David and his men came to Ziklag, they saw that the Amalekites had raided to the Negev, even to Ziklag burning it with fire. They captured the women in it, from the small even to the great; they did not kill anyone, but they led them away.

David and the people grieved because their wives, sons and daughters had been taken captive. They mourned and wept, until they could weep no more. David's two wives Ahinoam and Abigail were taken. He was greatly distressed, because the people said they were going to stone him. They were angry with him, because their sons and daughters were taken.

He made himself strong in YAHWEH and told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod near to him. David asked of YAHWEH, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake it?" YAHWEH said to him, "Pursue, for you shall certainly overtake, and shall certainly recover."

So David went on, and took six hundred men with him. They came to the torrent Besor. Two hundred men stayed there to rest, because they were too exhausted to continue. The other four hundred men pursued with David.

On their way, they found an Egyptian man in the field, and took him to David. They gave him food to eat and water to drink. He ate, and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten food nor drunk water three days and three nights.

David asked him, "Whose are you? And from where do you come?" And he said, "I am an Egyptian youth, a slave to an Amalekite man. My master abandoned me, for I had been sick three days." He told David where they raided and what they had done.

David said to him, "Are you able to bring me down to this troop?" And he said, "Swear to me by Elohim that you will neither put me to death, nor deliver me up into my master's hand, and I will bring you down to this troop."

The Egyptian youth brought David and his men to where the troop was located. Behold, they found them spread out over the face of all the earth, eating and drinking and feasting, with all the great plunder which they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

David struck them from the twilight evening to the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. He recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and he recovered his two wives. Nothing was missing to them and he brought back all of it.

David came upon the two hundred men at the torrent Besor who were too exhausted to go with him. Every evil and worthless man of the men who had gone with David said, "Because they did not go with me, we will not give any plunder to them which we have delivered."

David said, "You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which YAHWEH has given to us. He has protected us, and has given the troop which came against us into our hand. Who will listen to you in this thing? For as the portion of him who goes down to battle, so shall be his share who remains by the baggage. They shall share together."

And it was so, from that day and forward he commanded it for a statute and for an ordinance for Israel to this day.



The Breaking of Uzzah and the Fear of Yahweh

2nd Samuel 6:1-12

David again gathered every chosen one in Israel, thirty thousand. David rose up and went, and all the people with him, from Baal-Judah, to bring up the ark of the Elohim from there, which is called by the Name, the Name of YAHWEH of Hosts, who dwells above the cherubs over it. They made to ride the ark of the Elohim on a new cart, and took it from the house of Abinadab, which is in the hill.

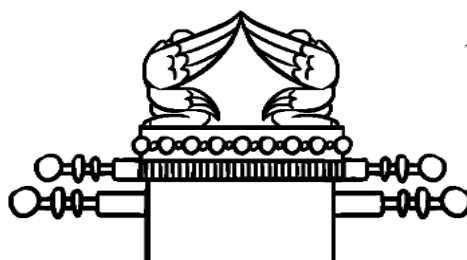
Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab were leading the new cart. They took it from the house of Abinadab, which is in the hill, with the ark of the Elohim. Ahio was going before the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before YAHWEH with all instruments of fir wood, with lyres and with harps, and with tambourines, and with cornets, and with cymbals. When they came to the threshing floor of Nachon, and Uzzah reached out to the ark of the Elohim, and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.

Then the anger of YAHWEH burned against Uzzah. And the Elohim struck him there for the fault. He died there by the ark of the Elohim. And it angered David because YAHWEH broke out a break against Uzzah. One calls that place The Breaking of Uzzah to this day.

David feared YAHWEH on that day, and said, "How shall the ark of YAHWEH come to me?" David was not willing to bring the ark of YAHWEH to himself, to the city of David.

David turned it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. And the ark of YAHWEH remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. YAHWEH blessed Obed-Edom and all his house. It was told to King David, saying, YAHWEH has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that is his, because of the ark of the Elohim.

David went and brought up the ark of the Elohim from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with joy.



David's Repentance

2nd Samuel 12:1-13

YAHWEH sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, there were two men in one city, the one rich, and the other poor. The rich one had flocks and very many herds. But the poor one had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished. And it grew up with him, and with his sons together, and it ate of his morsel, and it drank from his cup, and it lay in his bosom. And it was like a daughter to him.

And a traveler came to the rich one, and he spared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to prepare for the traveler who had come to him. And he took the ewe lamb of the poor man, and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

David's anger glowed greatly against the man. And he said to Nathan, As YAHWEH lives, surely the man who did this is a son of death. And he shall repay fourfold for the ewe lamb, because he has done this thing, and because he had no pity.

Nathan said to David, You are the man! So says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, I anointed you as king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. I gave you the house of your master, and your master's wives into your bosom. And I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And

if that were too little, then I would have added to you these and those things.

Why have you despised the Word of YAHWEH, to do the evil in His eyes? You have stricken Uriah the Hittite by the sword, and you have taken his wife to yourself for a wife. And you have killed him by the sword of the sons of Ammon.

And now the sword shall not turn aside from your house continually, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be a wife to you.

So says YAHWEH, Behold, I shall raise up evil against you out of your house, and shall take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of the sun. (2 Sam 16:21-22)

For you acted in secret, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun. David said to Nathan, I have sinned against YAHWEH. And Nathan said to David,

YAHWEH also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Only, because you have caused to scorn the enemies of YAHWEH by this thing, also the son who shall be born to you dying shall die.



The Prophet Who Disobeyed Yahweh

1 Kings 13:1, 6-26, 28

Behold, a man of Elohim had come from Judah to Bethel, by the Word of YAHWEH, and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

The king answered and said to the man of Elohim, Please entreat the face of YAHWEH your Elohim, and pray for me, and my hand shall come back to me. And the man of Elohim entreated the face of YAHWEH, and the hand of the king came back to him, and it was as at the beginning.

The king spoke to the man of Elohim, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a gift. The man of Elohim said to the king, If you would give me the half of your house, I would not go in with you, nor will I eat bread, nor will I drink water in this place.

For so He commanded me by the Word of YAHWEH, saying, **You shall not eat bread nor drink water, nor turn back in the way that you have come. And he went on another way, and did not turn back in the way in which he came into Bethel.**

A certain aged prophet was living in Bethel, and his son came and told him all the deeds that the man of Elohim had done that day in Bethel, the words that he had spoken to the king; yea, they told them to their father. And their father said to them, Where is this man, what way did he go? And his sons saw the way that the man of Elohim from Judah had gone.

He said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. And they saddled the donkey for him, and he rode on it, and went after the man of Elohim, and found him sitting under an oak tree. And he said to him, are you the man of Elohim who has come from Judah? And he said, I am.

Then he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread.

He said, I am not able to go back with you, and to go in with you, nor may I eat bread or drink water with you in this place; for a word came to me by the Word of YAHWEH, You shall not eat bread nor drink water there; you shall not turn back to go in the way in which you came.

He said to him, I also am a prophet like yourself, and a cherub spoke to me by the Word of YAHWEH, saying, bring him back with you into your house, and he shall eat bread and water (he lied to him).

He turned back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.

It happened as they were sitting at the table, and a Word of YAHWEH came to the prophet who brought him back; and he cried to the man of Elohim who came from Judah, saying, So says YAHWEH, Because you have resisted the mouth of YAHWEH, and have not kept the command that YAHWEH your Elohim charged you, and turned back and ate bread and drank water in the place of which He said to you, You shall not eat bread nor drink water; your carcass shall not come to the burying place of your fathers.

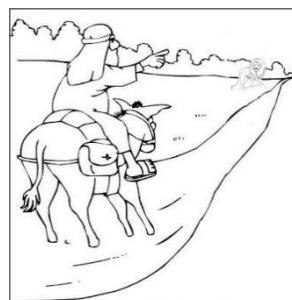
After he ate bread and after he drank, it happened that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

He left, and a lion found him in the way and killed him; and his carcass was thrown down in the way, and the donkey was standing near it, and the lion was standing near the carcass.

Behold, men were passing by and saw the carcass thrown in the way, and the lion standing near the carcass; and they came and spoke of it in the city in which the old prophet lived.

The prophet who brought him back out of the way heard and said, it is the man of Elohim who provoked the mouth of YAHWEH, and YAHWEH gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the Word of YAHWEH that He spoke to him.

He went and found the carcass thrown down in the way, and the donkey and the lion were standing near the carcass; the lion had not eaten the carcass nor had he torn apart the donkey.



Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard

1st Kings 21:1-16

Naboth was a Jezreelite who had a vineyard in Jezreel. It was located near the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria. Ahab desired to have the vineyard and he went to Naboth asking for the vineyard because it was near his house. He offered him silver and said he would give him a better vineyard than the one he had.

Naboth refused and told Ahab, "Far be it from me, by YAHWEH, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you."

Ahab went back to his house angry over the word which Naboth had spoken. He laid down on his bed pouting and he would not eat food. Jezebel came to him, and asked, "Why are you angry and not eating food?"

He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite to give me his vineyard for silver, but he would not give it to me."

Jezebel said to him, "Aren't you the king of Israel? Rise up and eat food. Be glad, for I will give you his vineyard."

She wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and sealed them with his seal. She sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles of the city that Naboth lived in. She told them to have a feast and set Naboth at the head of the people as the guest of honor. Two wicked men were to sit across from him and say that he cursed Elohim and the king. Then they were to bring him outside the city and stone him to death.

The elders and the nobles who lived in his city carried out the instructions Jezebel had written in the letters to them. Naboth was falsely accused of cursing Elohim and the king and he was stoned to death by the people.

When Jezebel heard that Naboth had died she told Ahab to get up and take the vineyard because Naboth was no longer alive. So, Ahab got up and he took possession of the vineyard. This was a great sin in the eyes of Yahweh and He sent Elijah to Ahab. Elijah told Ahab he would die where Naboth died and Jezebel would die by the wall of Jezreel. Evil would come to the house of Ahab and his sons would die.

Ahab was sorry for what he did and he repented to Yahweh with fasting. Because Ahab humbled himself before Yahweh, Yahweh showed him mercy and did not bring evil to his sons while he was still alive.



Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

1 Kings Chapter 18

After many days the Word of YAHWEH came to Elijah telling him to go, show himself to Ahab, and He will give rain on the face of the ground. So, Elijah went to Ahab because the famine in Samaria was severe.

Ahab called to Obadiah, a righteous man who greatly feared Yahweh, who was over the house and told him to go through the land, to all the fountains and torrents of water, so that they may find grass to keep alive their horses and mules so that none of them would die. So Ahab and Obadiah divided the land among themselves and went in separate ways searching. While Obadiah was in the highway, Elijah came to meet him and told him to go tell Ahab that he wanted to meet him. So Obadiah went and told Ahab about Elijah, and then Ahab went to meet Elijah. While Ahab was speaking with Elijah, Elijah told him to gather all Israel to him, to Mount Carmel, and four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at the table of Jezebel. Ahab sent among all the sons of Israel and gathered the prophets to Mount Carmel.

Elijah came near all the people and said, "until when are you limping over two opinions? If Yahweh is Elohim, follow him; and if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word. Elijah then challenged the prophets of Baal

telling them to take a bull, cut it in pieces and place it on wood, but place no fire and he would do the same. He then told them to call on the name of their Elohim and he would call on the name of Yahweh; and it shall be, the Elohim who answers by fire, he is the true Elohim. So the prophets of Baal took the bull that was given to them, and prepared, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, but there was no sound and no one answered. After they were finished, Elijah then took twelve stones according to the number of tribes of Israel and built an altar with the stones in the name of Yahweh. He then made a trench as large as two measures of seed in space around the altar and arranged the wood, with the cut pieces of bull on top of it. He also filled four water jars of water three times and poured it on the burnt offering and on the wood. After he was finished arranging the altar and he then began to pray to Yahweh. Fire fell from Yahweh and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, the dust, and the water in the trench was licked up. All the people, saw and fell on their faces saying "Yahweh, He is the Elohim; Yahweh,

"He is the Elohim," Elijah told the people to seize the prophets of Baal and to not let any of them escape. So the people caught the prophets of Baal, and Elijah brought them down to the torrent of the Kishon and killed them there. Elijah then went to the top of Mount Carmel to pray to Yahweh and then the rains came.



Elisha and the Miracle of the oil

2nd Kings Chapter 4:1-7

Elisha, the son of Shaphat, was a man of Elohim. He was a prophet of Israel during the time of the kings. A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets had cried to Elisha, because her husband, who feared Yahweh was dead. The lender had come to take away her two children to himself for slaves.

Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me. What do you have in the house?"

She said, "Your handmaid has nothing in the house except a pot of oil."

And Elisha said, "Go, beg vessels for yourself from outside, from your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not let them be few. You shall go in and shut the door on you, and on your sons, and shall pour out into all these vessels. You shall set aside the full ones."

Then she left him, and shut the door on her and on her sons. Her sons carried the vessels to her, and she poured the oil. And it happened when the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring another vessel to me."

He said to her, "There is no other vessel." And the oil stopped. She came and told the man of Elohim. He said, "Go, sell the oil, and repay your loan. You and your sons shall live from the rest."



A Hospitable Woman

2 Kings 4:8-17

And the day came that Elisha crossed over to Shunem. And a great woman was there. And she lay hold on him to eat bread. And it happened, as often as he passed by, he turned aside there to eat bread.

And she said to her husband, Behold now, I know that he is a holy man of Elohim who passes by us continually.

Now let us make a little walled roof room, and let us set a bed for him there, and a table, and a chair, and a lampstand. And it shall be, when he comes to us, he shall turn in there.

And the day came when he came in there and turned into the roof room, and lay there.

And he said to his young man Gehazi, call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she stood before him.

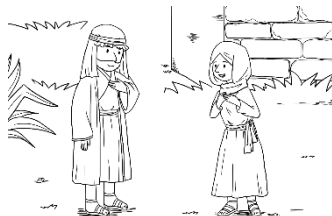
And he said to him, now say to her, behold, you have trembled with all this care for us. What shall I do for you? Shall I speak to the king for you, or to the army commander? And she said, I live among my people.

And he said, what then shall I do for her? And Gehazi said, truly there is no son to her. And her husband is old.

And he said, Call for her. And he called for her. And she stood at the door.

And he said, at this season, according to the time of life you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my master, O man of Elohim, do not lie to your handmaid.

And the woman conceived and bore a son, at this season, according to the time of life that Elisha spoke of to her.



Opens the Eyes of Elisha's Servant

2 Kings 6:8-23

And the king of Syria was fighting against Israel, and rose up with his servants, saying, at such and such a place shall be my camp. And the man of The Elohim sent to the king of Israel, saying, be on guard in passing by this place, for the Syrians are coming down there.

And the king of Israel sent to the place of which the man of The Elohim spoke to him and warned him. And he protected himself there not once nor twice. And the heart of the king of Syria was enraged over this thing. And he called his servants and said to them, Will you not tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?

And one of his servants said, No, my master O king, For Elisha the prophet who is in Israel tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your sleeping room. And he said, Go and see where he is, and I will send and seize him. And it was told him, Behold, he is in Dothan. And he sent horses and chariots there, and a heavy army. And they came in by night and surrounded the city.

And the servant of the man of The Elohim rose up early and went out. And, behold, an army was surrounding the city, and horses and chariots. And his young man said to him, Alas, my master! What shall we do? And he said, Do not fear, for those with us are more than those with them.

And Elisha prayed and said, I beg You, O YAHWEH, open his eyes so that he may see. And YAHWEH opened the eyes of the young man. And he looked, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

And they came down to it, and Elisha prayed to YAHWEH and said, I beg You, strike this nation with blindness. And He struck them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said to them, this is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you seek. And he led them to Samaria.

And it happened, when they came to Samaria, Elisha said, Open the eyes of these, O YAHWEH, and they will see. And YAHWEH opened their eyes, and they looked; and, behold, they were in the middle of Samaria!

And when he saw them, the king of Israel said to Elisha, shall I strike? Shall I strike, my father? And he said, You shall not strike. Would you strike those whom you have captured with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them that they may eat and drink and go to their master. (Deut 20:11-16, Math 5:44-45, Ro 12:20)

And he prepared a great banquet for them, and they ate and drank. And he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the companies of Syria did not come into the land of Israel any more.



Yahweh Provides in Time of Famine

2nd Kings Chapter 7

There was famine in the land of Samaria and the people were hungry. Elisha, the prophet of Elohim, came to the gate of Samaria and said, "Hear the Word of YAHWEH: So says YAHWEH, About this time tomorrow a measure of fine flour will be at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel."

The gatekeeper, who was also the third officer the king depended on, replied to Elisha the prophet of Elohim, and said, "Behold, if YAHWEH would make windows in the heavens, could this thing be?"

Elisha replied, "Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

There were four men that were lepers at the gate entrance. They said to each other, "Why should we sit here until we die? If we say, we shall go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. If we sit here, then we shall die. Therefore now, come and we will fall into the camp of Syria. If they keep us alive, we shall live and if they kill us, then we die.

They rose up in the twilight to go to the Syrian camp. When they came to the edge of the Syrian camp, behold, there was not a man there! For YAHWEH had caused the Syrian army to hear a sound of chariots, and a sound of horses, and a sound of a great army. They said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites against us, and the kings of Egypt, to come against us."

The lepers went into one tent, and ate and drank, and took silver and gold and garments, and hid them. Then they returned and went into another tent, and took from there, and went and hid them.

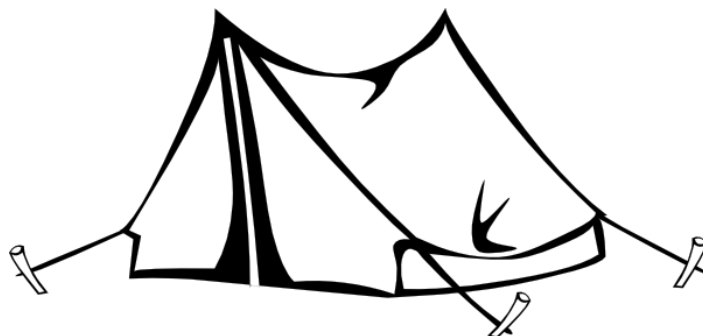
After seeing what they had done, they said to one another, “We are not doing right this day. It is a day of good news, and we are keeping silent. If we wait until the morning light, then punishment will find us. We will go and tell the house of the king.”

They called to the gatekeeper of the city, saying, “We have come to the camp of Syria and there is not a man there, nor voice of man, but horses are tied, and donkeys tied, and the tents are as they were.” The gatekeeper called all the gatekeepers, and they told the house of the king inside.

The king rose up by night and said to his servants, “Let me show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are famished, and they have gone out from the camp to hide in the field, saying, “When they come out of the city, then we will catch them alive and we shall come into the city.”

One of his servants answered and said, “Let men take five of the horses that remain in the city and we will go and see.” They took two chariots with horses, and the king sent them after the Syrian army. They went after them to the Jordan and the way was full of garments and vessels that the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. The messengers returned and told the king.

The people went out and plundered the Syrian camp and it happened, a measure of fine flour sold at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, according to the Word of YAHWEH. The gatekeeper, who doubted, died when the people trampled him down in the gate, just as Elisha the prophet spoke.



The Zeal of Jehu

2 Kings 10:11-28

Jehu killed all those left to the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and his great men, and his friends, and his priests, until he did not leave a survivor to him. And he rose up and came in, and went to Samaria. He was at the shepherds' shearing house in the way.

Jehu met the brothers of Ahaziah the king of Judah, and said, who are you? And they said, we are brothers of Ahaziah, and we are going down to ask the welfare of the sons of the king, and the sons of the queen.

And he said, Capture them alive! And they captured them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, forty men. And he did not leave a man of them.

And he left there and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him, and he blessed him. And he said to him, is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jehonadab said, it is. If it is, give your hand. And he gave his hand, and he made him come up to him into the chariot.

And he said, Come with me and see my zeal for YAHWEH. And they made him ride in the chariot. And he came to Samaria and killed all those left of Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the Word of YAHWEH that He spoke to Elijah.

Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu shall serve him much.

And now call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Do not let a man be lacking, for I shall have a great sacrifice to Baal. Anyone who is lacking, he shall not live. And Jehu was acting with cunning in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

Jehu said, consecrate an assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

Jehu sent to all Israel, and all the servants of Baal came in. And there was not a man left who did not come in. And they came into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was full from mouth to mouth.

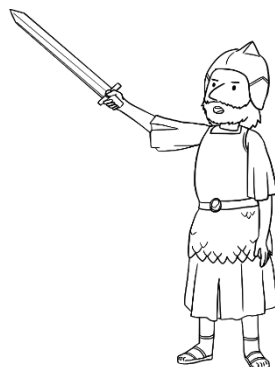
And he said to the one over the wardrobe, Bring out garments to all the servants of Baal. And he brought out the garments to them.

Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went in to the house of Baal and said to the servants of Baal, Search and see that there are none of the servants of YAHWEH here with you; but only the servants of Baal.

And they came in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. And Jehu had set for himself eighty men on the outside. And he said, the man who lets any of the men escape whom I am bringing into your hands, his life for the life of him.

And it happened, when he finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the runners and the third officers, Go in, strike them. Do not let any man come out. And they struck them by the edge of the sword. And the runners and the third officers threw them out. And they went into the city to the house of Baal, and brought out the pillars of the house of Baal and burned them.

And they broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it an outhouse to this day. Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.



Nations Fear Other Gods

2nd Kings 17:24-41

And the king of Assyria brought men in from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and made them live in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities.

And it happened at the beginning of their living there, they did not fear YAHWEH, and YAHWEH sent lions among them, and they were killing among them.

And they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, the nations that you have exiled and have made to live in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the Elohim of the land, and He has sent the lions into their midst; and, behold, they are killing them, since they do not know the custom of the Elohim of the land.

And the king of Assyria commanded, saying, cause one of the priests whom you removed from there to go there, and they shall go and live there; and he shall teach them the custom of the Elohim of the land.

And one of the priests whom they exiled from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and he taught them how they should fear YAHWEH. Yet was making nation by nation their own gods, and putting them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, nation by nation in their cities where they lived.

And the men of Babylon made Succoth-Benoth; and the men of Cuth made Nergal; and the men of Hamath made Ashima; and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their sons with fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the Elohim of Sepharvaim.

So it was that they feared YAHWEH, and made for themselves, of the lowest of them, priests of the high places and they sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

They feared YAHWEH, and served their own gods, according to the custom of the nations from where they exiled them.

To this day they do according to the former custom; they do not fear YAHWEH, and do not do according to their statutes, and according to their ordinances, and according to the Torah, and according to the commandment that YAHWEH commanded the sons of Jacob, on whom He set His name, Israel.

And YAHWEH made a covenant with them, and commanded them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them; but YAHWEH who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a stretched out arm, you shall fear Him, and you shall bow yourselves to Him, and you shall sacrifice to Him; and the statutes, and the judgments, and the Torah, and the commandments that He wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever, and you shall not fear other gods; and the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, and you shall not fear other gods; but you shall fear YAHWEH your Elohim, and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

But they did not listen, but did according to their former custom.

And it happened, these nations feared YAHWEH, yet they served their graven images, both their sons and their sons' sons. As their fathers did, they are doing to this day.



A Treasure Found in the House of Yahweh

2nd Kings Chapters 22-23

Josiah, son of Amon, was a king who reigned in Jerusalem for thirty-one years. He was only eight years old when he began his reign as king of Judah. He did good in the eyes of YAHWEH.

During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah told Hilkiah, the high priest, to use the silver brought into the house of YAHWEH to buy supplies to repair the house.

When the work was being carried out, Hilkiah found a book in the house of YAHWEH. He told Shaphan, the scribe, about the book of Torah he found and he gave it to him to read. Then Shaphan went to the king, and told him that Hilkiah gave him a book. He read it before the king.

When the king heard the Words of the Book of the Torah, he tore his clothes. He was in deep sorrow. He commanded Hilkiah, Shaphan, and his servants to go and ask of YAHWEH for him and all the people regarding the Words of the Book. Josiah knew YAHWEH's wrath was burning against them because they did not listen to the Words of the Book and they did not do what was written.

They went to speak to Huldah the prophetess, who lived in Jerusalem. She told them that YAHWEH would punish them and bring disaster upon them because they were not following Him and they were worshipping idols.

But Josiah was very humble toward YAHWEH when he heard the words of the Book and he tore his clothes. Because of this, YAHWEH would not send destruction during Josiah's time. YAHWEH would send destruction on Judah when Josiah died.

After hearing the words, they went back to the king to tell him what was said.

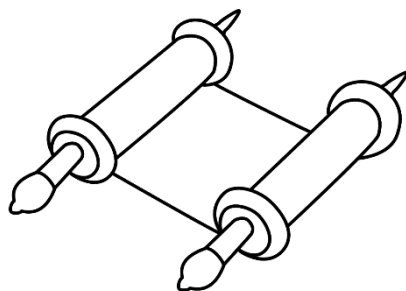
Josiah gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem and went up to the house of YAHWEH. All the people, from small to great were gathered also. He read all the Words of the Book of the covenant that was found in the house of YAHWEH. The king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before YAHWEH, to walk after YAHWEH, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul. All the people stood to the covenant.

Then Josiah commanded all the altars and idols of false gods to be smashed and burned outside Jerusalem in the valley of Kidron. He killed and removed the priests who worshipped false idols. When the land was cleansed, they were once again able to celebrate Passover.

So the king commanded all the people to perform a Passover to YAHWEH in Jerusalem, as it was written in the Book of the covenant.

No other Passover was like this one, from the days of the Judges of Israel to all the days of the kings of Israel, and of the kings of Judah.

There was no king ever before Josiah who turned to YAHWEH with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might according to the Torah of Moses; nor any after arose like him.



A King Who Had Diseased Feet

2nd Chronicles 16:1-14

In the thirty sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha the king of Israel came up against Judah. And he built Ramah, so as not to allow any going out and coming in to Asa the king of Judah.

And Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of YAHWEH, and from the king's house; and he sent to Ben-Hadad the king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying,

A covenant shall be between me and you, and between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha the king of Israel, and he shall go away from me.

And Ben-Hadad listened to King Asa, and sent the commanders of his armies to the cities of Israel. And they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-Maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

And it happened, when Baasha heard, he stopped building Ramah and let his work rest. And Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its wood, with which Baasha had built. And he built Geba and Mizpah with them.

And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa the king of Judah and said to him, Because you leaned on the king of Syria, and you have not leaned on YAHWEH your Elohim, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand.

Did not the Ethiopians and the Lubim become a very great army for multitude, for chariots and for horsemen? And when you leaned on YAHWEH, He gave them into your hand.

For the eyes of YAHWEH run to and fro in all the earth in order to be strong for those with their heart perfect toward Him. You have acted foolishly in this. For this reason, from now on there shall be wars with you.

And Asa was angry with the seer; and he gave him up to the house of stocks. For he was in a rage with him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

And, behold, the acts of Asa, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

And Asa was diseased in his feet in the thirty ninth year of his reign, until his disease was severe. And also in his disease he did not seek YAHWEH, but among the healers.

And Asa lay with his fathers, and died in the forty first year of his reign.

And they buried him in his grave which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which he had filled with sweet perfumes and kinds of aromatic herbs, with a mixture of ointments by art. And they burned a great burning for him.



The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride

2 Chr. 26:16-23

And when he became strong, his heart was lifted up to act corruptly; and he trespassed against YAHWEH his Elohim, and went in to the sanctuary of YAHWEH to burn incense on the altar of incense.

And Azariah the priest went in after him, and eighty priests of YAHWEH with him, sons of valor; and they stood up against Uzziah the king, and said to him, It is not for you, O Uzziah, to burn incense to YAHWEH, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are sanctified to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed; and it is not to your honor from YAHWEH Elohim.

And Uzziah was angry, and in his hand was a censer to burn incense; and when he was angry with the priests, the leprosy rose in his forehead, before the priests, in the house of YAHWEH, beside the altar of incense.

And Azariah the head priest and all the priests turned toward him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead. And they hurried him from there, and he also himself hurried to leave, for YAHWEH had touched him.

And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house as a leper, for he had been cut off from the house of YAHWEH; and his son Jotham was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last, Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, has written.

And Uzziah lay with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burying place that the kings had; for they said, He is a leper.

And his son Jotham reigned in his place.



Jeremiah Saved by an Ethiopian Eunuch

Jeremiah 38:1-13

Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jehucal, the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur, the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

So says YAHWEH, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; and his life shall be a prize; and he shall live. So says YAHWEH, This city giving shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, and he shall capture it.

And the rulers said to the king, please cause this man to die. For in this way he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking these words to them. For this man does not seek the peace of this people, but the evil.

And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand. For the king cannot do anything against you.

And they took Jeremiah and threw him into the pit of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guardhouse. And they let Jeremiah down with ropes. But no water was in the pit, only mud. So Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-Melech, the Ethiopian man, of the eunuchs in the king's house, heard that they had put Ebed-Melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying, My master the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have thrown into the pit. And it will be that he has died in his place because of the famine, for there is no more food in the city.

And the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take in your hand thirty men from here and bring up Jeremiah the prophet out of the pit before he dies.

Ebed-Melech took the men in his hand and went into the king's house, to under the treasury. And he took worn out clothes and worn out rags from there. And he let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah.

And Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Now put these worn out clothes and rags under the armpits of your hands, under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

And they drew Jeremiah up with ropes and brought him up out of the pit.

And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the guardhouse.



The King who Would not Listen

Jeremiah 38:13-28

And they drew Jeremiah up with ropes and brought him up out of the pit. And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the guardhouse.

Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to him, into the third entrance in the house of YAHWEH.

And the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; do not hide a thing from me. Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare it to you, surely will you not cause me to die? And if I counsel you, you will not listen to me.

Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As YAHWEH lives, who made us this soul, I will not cause you to die, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life.

Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, So says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Hosts, the Elohim of Israel: If surely you will go out to the rulers of the king of Babylon, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire. And you and your house shall live. But if you will not go out to the rulers of the king of Babylon, even this city shall be given into the hands of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire. And you shall not escape out of their hand.

Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they give me into their hand and they abuse me. Jeremiah said, They will not give. Please obey the voice of YAHWEH which I am speaking to you, and it will be well with you and your soul will live. But if you refuse to go out, this is the Word YAHWEH has made me see:

Even, behold, all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah shall be brought out to the rulers of the king of Babylon. And they will say, The men who look after your welfare have seduced you and have prevailed against you; your feet have sunk in the mire, and they turned back.

And they shall bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans. And you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon. And this city shall be burned with fire.

Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let not a man know of these words, and you shall not die.

But if the rulers hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, Now tell us what you said to the king; do not hide it from us and we will not put you to death; also, What did the king say to you? Then you shall say to them, I was causing my plea to fall before the king, that he should not return me to the house of Jonathan, to die there.

And all the rulers came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had ordered. And they were silent with him, for the matter was not heard.

Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the guardhouse until the day Jerusalem was captured. And he was there when Jerusalem was captured.



Ezekiel Sees Abominations in the Temple

Ezekiel 8:1-18

And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the month, I was sitting in my house. And the elders of Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of Adonai YAHWEH fell on me there. And I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire, from the appearance of His loins and downward, like fire, and from His loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, like the color of polished bronze.

And He put forth the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem (in the visions of Elohim), to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there was a seat of the image of jealousy, which causes jealousy.

And, behold! The glory of the Elohim of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain. And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the way of the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way of the north, and, behold, from the north, at the gate of the altar, was this image of jealousy at the entrance. And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should be far

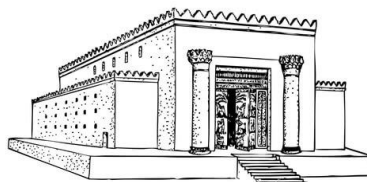
from My sanctuary? But you turn back and you shall see greater abominations.

And He brought me to the opening of the court. And I looked, and, behold, a single hole in the wall. And He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And I dug in the wall; and, behold, an opening!

And He said to me, Go in and see the evil abominations that they are doing here. And I went in and looked. And, behold, every form of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel were carved on the wall all around.

And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan, were standing among them. These were standing among them, and each man with his censer in his hand, and the odor of the cloud of incense rising.

And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, YAHWEH does not see us, YAHWEH has forsaken the earth.



The Young Men Who Would Not Compromise

Daniel 1:1-20

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. YAHWEH gave Jehoiakim, king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of Elohim, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

The king spoke to Ashpenaz, the chief of his eunuchs that he should bring some of the sons of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the nobles, young men in whom was no blemish, but who were of good appearance and having understanding in all wisdom, having knowledge and understanding learning, even those with strength in them to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the writing and the language of the Chaldeans.

The king set to them the portion of a day in its day, from the king's food, and the wine of his drinking, even to rear them three years, so that at their end they may stand before the king.

There were among them of the sons of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, to whom the chief of the eunuchs gave names. For he called Daniel, Belteshazzar; and Hananiah, Shadrach; and Mishael, Meshach; and Azariah, Abednego.

Daniel laid on his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine of his drinking. So he asked of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. The Elohim had given Daniel kindness and compassion before the chief of the eunuchs.

The chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my master the king, who has appointed your food and your drink. For why should he

see your faces worse looking than the boys who are in your age group? Then you would forfeit my head to the king.”

Daniel said to Melzar, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, “Please, test your servants ten days and let vegetables be given to us that we may eat, and water that we may drink. Then let be seen before you, our look and the look of the boys who eat of the king's food. And as you see, do so with your servants.”

He listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

At the end of ten days their appearance looked better and fatter of flesh than all the boys who were eating the king's food. So Melzar took away their food and the wine that they were to drink, and he gave them vegetables.

As for these four boys, the Elohim gave them knowledge and skill in all writing and wisdom. Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Now at the end of the days that the king had said to bring them in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them.

Among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they stood before the king. And in any matter of wisdom and understanding that the king asked from them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and the conjurers who were in all his kingdom.



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Daniel Chapter 3

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold and he set it up in the province of Babylon. He made a law that when the music played everyone would bow down and worship the image. If anyone did not bow down they would be thrown into a fiery furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were from Judah and believed in Yahweh. They would not bow down to the image, only to their Elohim. They told Nebuchadnezzar they would not obey this law and their El would deliver them from the furnace and if not, they would still not bow down to the image. This made the king very angry. He ordered the heat of the furnace be increased seven times hotter. The king told his royal men to bind them and throw them into the fiery furnace. The heat of the furnace was so hot that the men who threw them into the furnace were burned up.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was amazed. He rose up quickly and spoke to the royal men, "Did we not throw three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied and said to the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "Behold! I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and there is no harm among them. And the form of the fourth is like a son of Elohim."

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning, fiery furnace. He told them to come out of the furnace. The king's men saw the fire had no power over them and their hair was not scorched, their clothing was not burned and the smell of fire was not on them.

Nebuchadnezzar made a law that every people, nation, and language who speak anything bad about the El of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, he will cut up and his house will be made an outhouse. He made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego prosper in the province of Babylon.



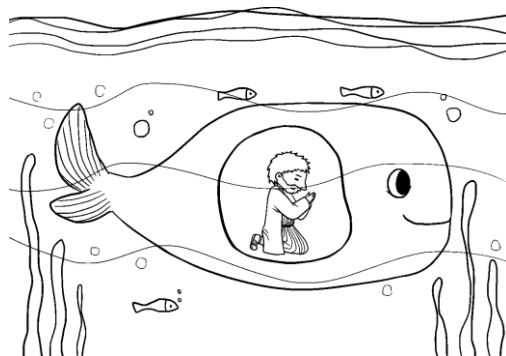
Jonah and the Great Fish

The book of Jonah

Yahweh told Jonah to rise up and go to Nineveh because their evil was great against Him. Jonah did not obey Yahweh and he found a ship to go to Tarshish. Yahweh brought a great storm in the sea and the sailors were afraid the ship would be destroyed. Jonah was not afraid and he lay down to go to sleep.

The chief seaman came to Jonah and told him to cry out to his Elohim to save them. The sailors cast lots to find out who was responsible for the evil coming upon them. It landed on Jonah. They asked him many questions and Jonah replied to them, I am a Hebrew. And I fear YAHWEH, the Elohim of Heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land. They knew Jonah was fleeing from the face of Yahweh and asked him what to do to make the sea calm again. He told them to throw him into the sea. They cried to Yahweh to not let them die for Jonah's life and they threw him into the sea. Yahweh made a great fish swallow Jonah and he was in his belly for three days and three nights. Jonah prayed to Yahweh inside the fish and the fish vomited him out on dry land.

Jonah went to Nineveh and cried out to the people that in forty days their city would be destroyed. The people believed in Elohim and all of them fasted and turned from their evil way. Yahweh saw their works and He did not destroy Nineveh.



Esther

Book of Esther

King Ahasuerus made a banquet for all the people for seven days in Shushan the palace. Vashti the queen made a banquet for the women in the royal house which King Ahasuerus owned. In the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he told his servants to bring Vashti the queen before him in order for the people and the princes to look upon her beauty. Vashti the queen refused to come and the king was very angry. The wise men of the king said to seek out the beautiful young women for the king and let the young woman who pleases the king rule instead of Vashti.

Mordecai was a Jew who had been taken from Jerusalem with the Babylon captivity. He was raising Hadassah (Esther) his uncle's daughter, for she had no parents. The king's command was heard, and many young women and Esther were taken to the palace, into the hand of Hegai. He was the keeper of the women. Esther did not tell anyone who her people were because Mordecai told her not to.

Mordecai stayed in front of the court of the women's house to find out what would happen to Esther.

Each young woman would go to the king when they were called. Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus and he loved her above all the women. He made her to rule instead of Vashti.

While Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, were angry, and wanted to go against King Ahasuerus. Mordecai, told Esther the queen. And Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai.

King Ahasuerus made Haman above all the rulers with him. All the king's servants were bowing and worshiping Haman, but Mordecai did not bow nor worship. This made Haman very angry. Haman wanted to destroy all the Jews in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai.



Mordecai Counsels Queen Esther to Help Save Her People

Esther 4:1-17

Mordecai understood all that was done, and Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry. And he came until he was before the king's gate; for there was no entering into the king's gate in clothing of sackcloth.

And in every province, wherever the king's word and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing. Sackcloth and ash were spread on many. And Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her. And the queen was exceedingly writhed in pain. And she sent clothing to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him. But he did not accept.

And Esther called for Hathach, of the king's eunuchs, who was made to stand before her. And she charged him as to Mordecai, to know what this was and why this was. And Hathach went out to Mordecai, to the city street in front of the king's gate.

And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of the silver which Haman had said to weigh into the king's treasuries for the Jews in order to destroy them. Also he gave him a copy of the writing of the law which was given at Shushan in order to destroy them, to show it to Esther, and to reveal to her, and to command her that she

should go in to the king to make supplication to him, and to seek from him help for her people.

And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. Again Esther spoke to Hathach, and ordered him to go to Mordecai, for all the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his, to die; except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter so that he may live. But I have not been called to come into the king these thirty days.

And they told Mordecai Esther's words. And Mordecai said to take back to Esther, Do not imagine within yourself to deliver yourself in the king's house more than all the Jews. For if you are completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall rise up to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall perish. And who knows if you have attained to the kingdom for such a time as this?

And Esther said to take back to Mordecai, Go, gather all the Jews being found in Shushan, and fast for me. And do not eat or drink three days, night or day. My maidens and I will also fast in this way. And so I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law. And if I have perished, I have perished.

And Mordecai passed over and did according all that Esther had commanded him.



Ezra Prays for the People

Ezra 9:1-10:3

And at the end of these things, the leaders came near to me, saying, the people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, as to their abomination, even the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

For they have taken from their daughters for themselves, and for their sons. So the holy seed have mixed themselves with the people of the lands. Yes, the hand of the leaders and the overseers has been foremost in this treachery.

And when I heard this thing, I tore my garments and my robe, and pulled off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down stunned. Then were gathered to me everyone who trembled at the Words of the Elohim of Israel because of the treachery of the exiles. And I remained stunned until the evening sacrifice. And at the evening offering I rose up from my fasting, and with my garment and my robe torn, I even fell on my knees and spread out my hands to YAHWEH my Elohim.

And I said, O my Elohim, I am ashamed and wounded to lift up my face to You, O my Elohim. For our iniquities have increased over our head, and our guiltiness has grown to the heavens. Since the days of our fathers we have been in great guilt until this day. And for our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to shame of faces to this day. And now, for a little time grace has been shown from YAHWEH our Elohim to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in His holy place, so that our Elohim may enlighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were slaves, yet our Elohim has not left us in our bondage, but has given mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to raise up the house of our Elohim, and to make stand its ruins, and to give to us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our Elohim, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land into which you go, to possess it, it is an unclean land with the impurity of the people of

the lands, with their abominations with which they have filled it, from mouth to mouth with their uncleanness.

And now do not give your daughters to their sons, and do not take their daughters to your sons, or seek their peace, or their wealth forever, so that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your sons forever.

And after all that has come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, since You our Elohim have held back the rod on our iniquities, and have given us such an escape as this, shall we again turn back to break Your commandments and intermarry with the people of these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had destroyed us, until there is no remnant or survivor?

O YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel, You are righteous. For we are left as a survivor, as it is this day. Behold, we are before You in our guilt, for none is able to stand before You because of this.

And while Ezra was praying and making his confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of The Elohim, a very great congregation of men and women and children gathered to him out of Israel. For the people wept with a great weeping. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have sinned against our Elohim, and have dwelt with foreign women from the peoples of the land. Yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

And now let us cut a covenant with our Elohim to put away and cause to leave all the women, and those born of them, according to the counsel of YAHWEH and of those who tremble at the commandment of our Elohim. And let it be done according to the Torah.



Nehemiah and the Wall of Jerusalem

Neh. 4:1-3, 6-23

And it happened, when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was angry, and it was greatly enraging to him, and he mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria and said, what are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they bring to life the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox goes up, he will even break down their stone wall. So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to the half of it. For the people had a heart to work.

And it happened, when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that repairing of the walls of Jerusalem had gone up, that the breaks were being closed up, it was very angering to them. And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and do harm to it.

But we made our prayer to our Elohim, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. Judah said, the strength of the load carriers is weakening, and there is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall. And our foes have said, they shall not know or see until we come in the middle of them and kill them, and cause the work to cease.

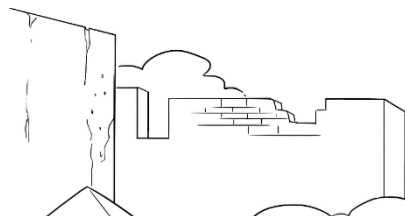
And it happened when the Jews who lived near them came in, they said to us ten times, from all places where you shall return, they will be against us. So I stationed from the lowest parts of the place, from the back of the wall, in the higher places; even, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

And I saw. And I rose up and said to the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, do not be afraid of them. Remember YAHWEH, who is great and fearful, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that The Elohim had broken their counsel, all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work.

And it happened, from that time on, half of my servants worked in the work, and the other half of them were holding the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the scale-armor. And the rulers were behind all the house of Judah, the ones who built on the wall, and the ones who carried a load; bearing with one of his hands, a worker in the work, and one, a holder of the weapon.

For each man of the builders had his sword tied by his side, and built. And he who sounded the ram's horn was beside me.



A Time of Great Rejoicing

Nehemiah 8

After the Jerusalem wall was re-built, all the people gathered together in the plaza of the sanctuary before the Water Gate.

They spoke to Ezra who was the priest and a scribe, and asked him to bring the Book of the Torah of Moses, which **YAHWEH** had commanded to Israel.

On the first day of the seventh month, he brought the Torah before the men and women of the congregation and he read it from the morning until noon.

All the people listened to the Book of the Torah. Ezra stood on a pulpit made of wood and he opened the book for the people to see. When he opened it, all the people stood up.

Ezra blessed **YAHWEH**, the great Elohim and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. They bowed and worshiped to **YAHWEH** with their noses to the ground. They were made to understand the Torah.

Nehemiah the governor, Ezra and the Levites who taught the people, said to them, "This day is holy to **YAHWEH** your Elohim. Do not mourn or weep." The people wept when they heard the Words of the Torah. Then he said to them, "Go eat, and drink, and share with him who has nothing prepared. For this day is holy to our Master. Do not be grieved for the joy of **YAHWEH**, for He is your fortress."

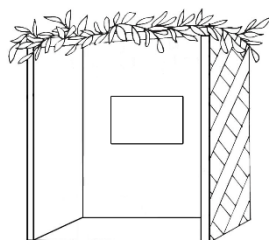
The Levites were silencing all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for today is holy, and do not be grieved.” So, all the people went to eat, and to drink, and to share, and to make great rejoicing, because they understood the Words of the Torah.

On the second day, the chief of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, went to Ezra to hear and understand the Words of the Torah. They found written in the Torah, which **YAHWEH** had commanded by Moses, that the sons of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast in the seventh month. They should tell the people in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, “Go to the mountain and bring olive leaves and wild olive leaves, and myrtle leaves, and leaves of palm, and leaves of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.”

So, the people went out and brought back the leaves from the trees. Each man made booths for themselves. They made them on their roofs and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of YAHWEH. They made them in the plaza of the Water Gate, and in the plaza of the Ephraim Gate.

All the congregation who came out of their captivity made Sukkoths, and they sat under them. For since the days of Joshua, until that day, the sons of Israel had not done so. **There was great gladness.**

Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, Ezra read in the Book of the Torah. They performed the feast for seven days, and on the eighth day they came together according to what was written in the Torah.



The Sukkot of Solomon

2 Chr. 6:40-42, 7:1-10

Now, My Elohim, I beseech You, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayer of this place; and now, O YAHWEH Elohim, rise to Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength; O YAHWEH Elohim, Your priests are clothed with salvation (Y'shua*), and Your saints rejoice in goodness.

O YAHWEH Elohim, do not turn away the face of Your Messiah; remember the good deeds of Your servant David.

And when Solomon finished praying, then fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YAHWEH filled the house; and the priests were not able to go into the house of YAHWEH, because the glory of YAHWEH had filled the house of YAHWEH.

And all the sons of Israel were watching, when the fire came down, and the glory of YAHWEH was on the house and they bowed their noses to the earth, on the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to YAHWEH: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

And the king and all the people were offering a sacrifice before YAHWEH; and King Solomon offered the sacrifice from the herd, twenty two thousand, and from the flock, a hundred and twenty thousand; all the people dedicated the house of The Elohim.

And the priests were standing over their charges, and the Levites with instruments of music to YAHWEH, that David the king had made to give thanks to YAHWEH (for His mercy endures forever) when David praised by their hand; and the priests were blowing trumpets before them, and all Israel was standing.

Solomon dedicated the middle of the court that was before the house of YAHWEH; for he had offered there the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; for the bronze altar that Solomon had made was not able to contain the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat.

Solomon at that time kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a great company, from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt.

And they made a solemn assembly on the eighth day, because they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. And on the twenty third day of the seventh month, he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and glad of heart, for the goodness that YAHWEH had done to David, and to Solomon, and to His people Israel.



The King Who Didn't Return Kindness

2 Chr. 22:10-12, 24:1-2, 15-25

Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she rose up and spoke to destroy all the seed of the kingdom of the house of Judah.

Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the sons of the king who were put to death, and put him and his nurse into the store room of the bedroom.

And Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was the sister of Ahaziah, hid him from the face of Athaliah; and she did not put him to death. He was with them in the house of The Elohim hiding himself six years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.

Joash was a son of seven years when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Zibiah of Beer-Sheba. Joash did the right in the eyes of YAHWEH all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

Jehoiada was old and satisfied with days, and died, a son of a hundred and thirty years at his death. They buried him in the city of David with the kings, for he had done good in Israel, and with The Elohim, and his house.

After the death of Jehoiada, the leaders of Judah came in and bowed themselves to the king; then the king listened to them. They forsook the house of YAHWEH, the Elohim of their fathers, and served the Asherahs and the idols; and there was wrath on Judah and Jerusalem because of this guilt.

He sent prophets among them to bring them back to YAHWEH; and they testified against them, but they did not give ear.

And the Spirit of Elohim came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood before the people and said to them, so says The Elohim, Why do you transgress the commandments of YAHWEH, and do not prosper? Because you have forsaken YAHWEH, He has forsaken you.

They conspired against him, and stoned him with stones by the command of the king, in the court of the house of YAHWEH. Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada his father had done to him, and killed his son. And at his death he said, May YAHWEH see to it, and seek you out

And it happened, at the turn of the year, that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came into Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people; and they sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

For with few men the army of Syria came in, and YAHWEH gave into their hand an army for great multitude, because they left YAHWEH, the Elohim of their fathers. And they executed judgment against Joash.

And when they departed from him (they left him with many diseases) his own servants conspired against him, because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed; and he died.

And they buried him in the city of David, and did not bury him in the graves of the kings.



Messiah Yahshua is Born

Matthew Chapters 1-2; Luke 2



Yahshua was born in the days of Herod the king. Magi (wise men) arrived from the east to Jerusalem to find out where the King of the Jews was born. They saw His star in the east and came to worship Him. Herod heard this and he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. He gathered all his priests and scribes and asked them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea. Herod asked the magi when they saw the star. He told them to go to Bethlehem and ask about the child. Then bring back news to him so he could worship him. The magi left Herod and saw the star shining in the east. It came and stood over where the child was. They rejoiced with great joy! Going into the house they saw the child with His mother Mariam. After falling down they worshipped him. They gave gifts to Him, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Being warned by a dream not to go back to Herod, they went back to their own country in another way. When they left, a Cherub of Yahweh appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to take the Child and Mariam and go to Egypt. They were to stay there because Herod is looking for the Child to kill him. Joseph took the Child and Mariam by night and left for Egypt. They stayed there until Herod was dead. Herod was very angry when he found out what the magi had done and he killed all the boys in Bethlehem and the areas nearby, from two years old and under.





Messiah Yahshua is Born

Matthew Chapters 1-2; Luke 2

A cherub of Yahweh appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him not to be afraid to take Mariam as his wife. He said to Joseph the babe she is going to have is created from the Holy Spirit. She will have a Son and you shall call His name Yahshua. He will save His people from their sins. Joseph woke from his dream and did as the cherub told him. He took Mariam as his wife.

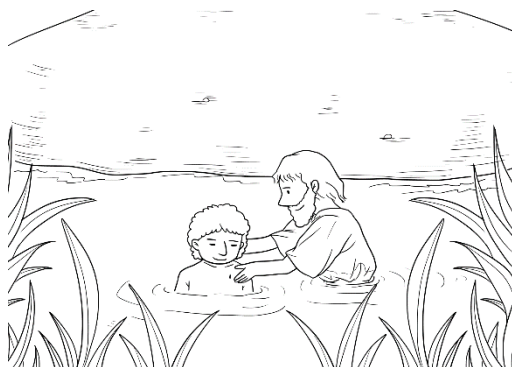
Joseph and Mariam went to the city of David called Bethlehem. She had her son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no room where they could stay. Shepherds were in the same area living in the fields and watching over their flocks of sheep by night. The glory of Yahweh shined brightly on them and they were very afraid. A cherub told them not to fear. For, behold, I bring good news to you, a great joy, to the whole world. Today is born to you in the city of David, the Savior, who is Yahweh, the Messiah. This is a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in the manger. Suddenly, there was with the cherub a multitude of cherubs, praising Yahweh and saying, glory to Yahweh in the highest and peace on earth, good will among men. The cherubs disappeared and the shepherds went to see the babe lying in the manger.



John The Baptist

John Chapter 1; Luke Chapter 3

Elohim sent a man named John. He came to witness about the Light, Yahshua. The Jews sent priests and Levites to ask who he was. John told them he was not the Messiah. They asked him if he was Elijah or the prophet and told them he was not. He said he was a voice crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of Yahweh, as Isaiah the prophet said. The Pharisees asked him why he baptized if he was not the Messiah, Elijah or the Prophet. John answered them, saying, I baptize in water, but One stands in your midst whom you do not know; This One it is who has come after me, who has existed before me, of whom I am not worthy that I should loosen the strap of His sandal. The next day, John saw Yahshua coming and said, Behold! The Lamb of Elohim, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He whom I spoke. John baptized Yahshua. John said he saw the Spirit coming down as a dove out of Heaven resting upon Yahshua.



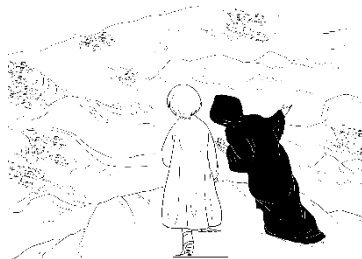
Yahshua is Tried in the Wilderness

Matthew Chapter 4

The Spirit led Yahshua to the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. He did not eat for forty days and forty nights. The Devil came to him and said, If you are the Son of Yahweh; speak to the stones so they become loaves of bread to eat. Yahshua said to him, It has been written "Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh."

Then he took Him to the holy city and set high up on the sanctuary. He said to Yahshua, If You are the Son of Yahweh, throw Yourself down; for it has been written "He shall give His cherubs charge concerning You, and they shall bear You on their hands, lest You strike Your foot against a stone." Yahshua said to him, Again it has been written "You shall not test Yahweh your Elohim."

Then the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. He told Yahshua he would give these things to Him if He would fall down and worship him. Yahshua told him to Go away for it has been written "You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim, and Him only shall you serve." Then Satan left Yahshua and the cherubs came near and ministered to Him.

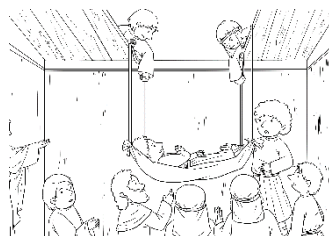


Yahshua Heals in Capernaum

Matthew Chapter 8; Mark Chapter 2

Yahshua went to Capernaum. A centurion, Roman soldier, came near to Him begging and saying, Master, my child is paralyzed and in very bad pain. Yahshua told him He would come and heal him. The soldier said he was not worthy that Yahshua should come to his house, but He should only speak a word and his child would be healed. He said he was also a man of authority with soldiers under himself. He gave them orders and they would obey him. Yahshua marveled at what the centurion said. He said to those following Him, Truly I say to you, not even in Israel did I find such faith. He said to the centurion, Go, and as you have believed, so let it be to you. And his child was healed in that moment.

Many gathered into a house to hear Yahshua speak the Word. There was no room left. Four people came to the house carrying a man on a cot that was paralyzed. They were not able to get near Yahshua so they dug through the roof of the house and lowered down the man and the cot. Seeing their faith, Yahshua said to the paralyzed man, Child, your sins are forgiven you. Some of the scribes were sitting there and asked why Yahshua speaks blasphemy in this way. They said no one was able to forgive sins, except One, Elohim. Yahshua said to them, Why do you reason these things in your heart? Which is easier? To say to the paralytic, your sins are forgiven or to say, Rise up and take your cot and walk? So that you may know that it is lawful for the Son of Man to forgive sins on earth, He said to the paralytic, I say to you, Rise up and take up your cot and go to your house. At once the man rose up, taking his cot and went out before all of them.

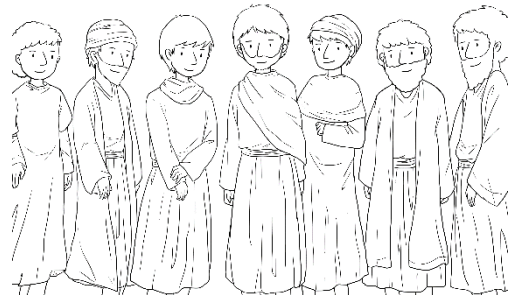


Yahshua Calls His Apostles

Matthew Chapter 10

Yahshua called His twelve disciples (apostles). He gave them authority to cast out unclean spirits from people and to heal every illness and disease. Yahshua sent the twelve apostles out and told them not to go to the heathen or into a Samaritan city, but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The names of the twelve apostles were:

1. Simon, called Peter
2. Andrew, Peter's brother
3. Jacob the son of Zebedee
4. John, Jacob's brother
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew, the tax-collector
9. Jacob the son of Alpheus
10. Lebbaeus, whose last name is Thaddeus,
11. Simon the Canaanite
12. Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Yahshua



A Centurion's Faith

Luke 7:1-10

After teaching throughout the Land, Yahshua went to Capernaum. A certain centurion, a soldier of the Roman army, lived there. He had a servant that was dear to him and he was very ill and close to dying.

The centurion heard about Yahshua and he sent Jewish elders to Him to ask if He might come and heal his servant.

The elders went to Yahshua and earnestly begged Him, saying, "He to whom You give this is worthy". They told Yahshua how he loved the nation and that he built the synagogue for them. So, Yahshua went with them.

When they were near the house, the centurion sent his friends to Yahshua to speak for him. They said to Yahshua, "Do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy that You come under my roof. For this reason I did not count myself worthy to come to You. But, speak with a word, and my boy will be healed. For, I also, am a man under authority, having soldiers under myself. I say to this one, Go! And he goes. To another, Come! And he comes. To my slave, do this! And he does it."

Hearing these things, Yahshua marveled at him. He turned to the crowd following Him, and He said, "I say to you, I did not find such faith in Israel!"

The friends of the centurion returned to the house and found the servant healed from his sickness.



The Sower and the Seed

Matthew 13 and Luke 8

Yahshua sat down by the sea and great crowds were gathered to Him, entering the boat, He sat down. The crowd stood on the shore. He spoke to them a parable, saying, "Behold the sower went out to sow and in his sowing, some fell by the roadside, and the birds came and ate them."

Other seed fell on the stony places where they did not have much earth, and it immediately sprang up because it had no deepness of earth. The sun rising, it was scorched; and because of having no root, it was dried up.

Other seed fell on the thorn-bushes, and the thorn-bushes grew up and choked them. Other seed fell on the stony places where they did not have much earth, and it immediately sprang up because it had no deepness of earth. The sun rising, it was scorched; and because of having no root, it was dried up.

Other seed fell on the good ground and yielded fruit; indeed, one a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty. The one having ears to hear let him hear.

The disciples asked Yahshua why He spoke in parables to the crowd. He answered and said to them, it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but it has not been given to those. For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have overabundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Because of this, I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Then He explained the parable. The seed is the Word of YAHWEH. And those by the roadside are those who hear, then the Devil comes and takes away the Word from their heart, lest believing they may be saved.

Those on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a time, and in time of trial draw back. Those falling in the thorn bushes, these are those hearing, but under cares and riches and pleasures of life, moving along, they are choked, and do not produce fruit to maturity.

The seed which fell on good ground, they are those who with an honest and good heart hear the Word and retain it and bear fruit with patience.



Yahshua Teaches in the Temple on the Last Great Day

John 7:37-44

Now on the great day, which is the last of the feast, Yahshua was standing and He cried out and said, If a man thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Anyone who believes in me as the scriptures have said, rivers of living water will flow from his belly.

But He said this concerning the Spirit, whom the ones believing into Him were about to receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Yahshua was not yet glorified.

Then hearing the Word, many of the crowd said, This is truly the Prophet.

Others said, This is the Messiah. But others said, No! For does the Messiah come out of Galilee?

Has not the Scripture said that the Messiah comes from the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? (Mic. 5:2)

Then a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

And some of them desired to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.



The Good Samaritan

Luke Chapter 10

A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell in with robbers. They both robbed him and beat him, leaving him barely alive, and then they left. It so happened, a certain priest was going on that road; and seeing him he passed on the opposite side. In the same way, a Levite, also being at the place, coming and seeing him, he passed on the opposite side. A certain traveling Samaritan came upon him and seeing him, he had compassion on him. Coming near the Samaritan, he bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his donkey and brought him to an inn and cared for him.

On the Dawn of the day the Samaritan departed and taking out 2 Denari he gave them to the innkeeper. He told the innkeeper to care for him and whatever more he would spend on the Samaritan on his return he would repay to him.

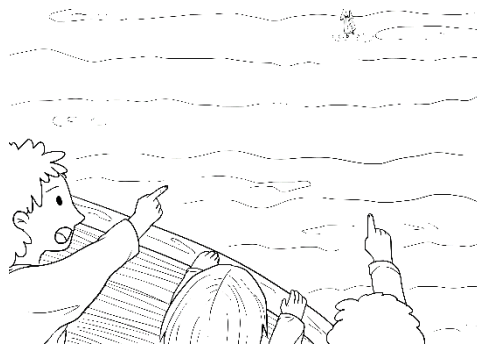


Yahshua Walks on the Water

Matthew Chapter 14

Yahshua made His disciples get into a boat and to go before Him to the other side. He would dismiss the crowds of people. After dismissing the crowds, He went up into the mountain alone to pray. Evening came, He was there alone. The boat was now in the middle of the sea, being tossed by the waves, from a great wind.

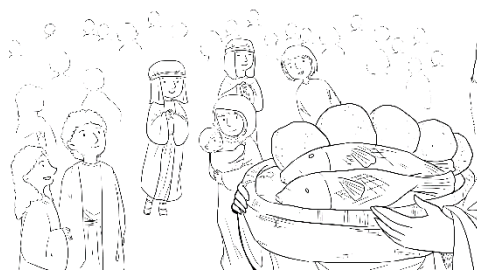
In the night, Yahshua went out to them, walking on the sea. The disciples saw Him walking on the sea and were troubled, saying, it is a false vision. They cried out from fear. Immediately Yahshua spoke to them saying, Be comforted! I AM! Do not fear. Answering Him, Peter said, Master, if it is You, command me to come to You on the waters. Yahshua said, Come! Going down from the boat, Peter walked on the waters to go to Yahshua. Seeing the strong wind, he was afraid and began to sink. He cried out, Master, save me! Immediately, stretching out His hand, Yahshua took hold of him. He said to him, Oh you of little-faith, why did you doubt Me? They went into the boat and the wind quieted down. The others in the boat came and worshipped Him, saying, Truly, You are the Son of Elohim.



Yahshua Feeds the Crowd

Matthew Chapter 15

Yahshua went beside the Sea of Galilee. He went up into the mountain and sat there. Great crowds of people came to Him with lame, blind, dumb and maimed ones. They put them at His feet. Yahshua healed them and the crowds marveled, seeing dumb ones speaking, maimed ones sound, lame ones walking and blind ones seeing. They glorified the Elohim of Israel. Yahshua called his disciples and told them He was filled with pity on them because they were with him for three days and had nothing to eat. Yahshua did not want to send them away hungry. The disciples asked Him how they could feed so many people in this deserted place. Yahshua asked them how many loaves of bread they had. They told Him they had seven loaves and a few small fish. He ordered the crowds to sit on the ground and He took the loaves and the fish, giving thanks, He broke them and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave to the crowd of people. They ate and were satisfied. After they were finished eating, they took the left over pieces and filled seven lunch baskets full. The ones eating were 4000 men, apart from the women and children.



Yahshua Heals the Ten Lepers

Luke 17:12-19

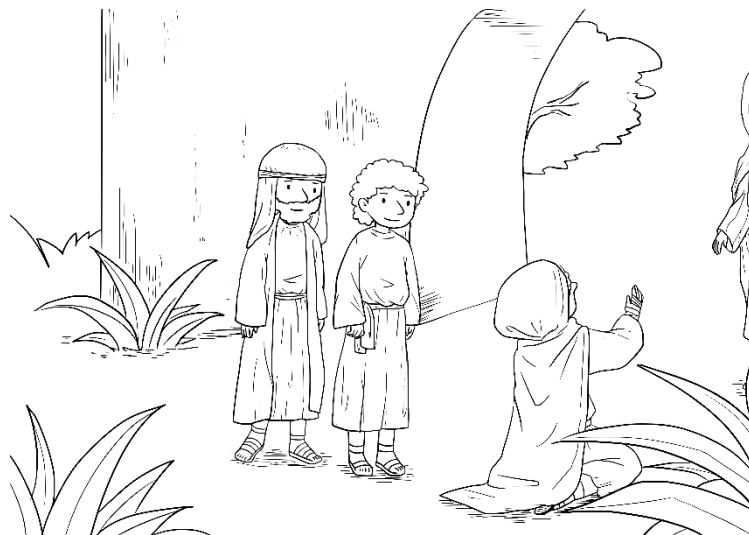
Yahshua was on His way to Jerusalem when He passed through the cities of Samaria and Galilee.

He went into a certain village and ten leprous men met Him. They stood at a distance away from Him. Crying out to Yahshua, they said, “Yahshua, our Master, have mercy on us.”

When Yahshua saw them He said to them, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” As they were going away, they were cleansed and made clean.

One of the lepers saw that he was cleansed and he returned with a loud voice giving praise to YAHWEH. He fell on his face at Yahshua’s feet, thanking Him. He was a Samaritan.

Yahshua said, “Were there not ten lepers cleansed? Where are the other nine? Were none found that they should come and give praise to Elohim? Only this man did, who is from a foreign people.”



Zaccheus

Luke Chapter 19

On Yahshua's way to Jerusalem he passed through a city called Jericho, where a man by the name of Zaccheus lived. He was a rich man for he was chief tax collector. When Yahshua was passing through the city, Zaccheus was seeking to see Him and who He was. Zaccheus was not able to, for he was a little man and there was a big crowd. So running ahead, Zaccheus climb a Sycamore tree, so he could see Yahshua passing by. When Yahshua came near the tree He looked up and saw Zaccheus and said to him "hurry come down for today I must stay in your house". The crowd standing around seeing this murmured against Yahshua saying that He has gone in to stay with a sinful man. Zaccheus hearing this said to Yahshua, "Master, half of everything I own I give to the poor and if in anything I accused anyone wrongly I restore it four times". Yahshua hearing this told Zaccheus that today salvation has come to his house, for he also is a son of Abraham.



Yahshua Raises Lazarus

John Chapter 11

Lazarus was a friend of Yahshua and he was a very sick man. He had two sisters, Miriam and Martha. Yahshua loved all of them very much. The sisters sent for Yahshua to tell Him their brother was sick. Yahshua heard and said, This is not a sickness to death, but for the glory of Yahweh, that the Son of Yahweh be glorified by it. When Yahshua heard the news, he remained where He was for two days.

Afterwards, He told his disciples they would go to Judea again. Yahshua said to them, our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I am going that I may resurrect him. The disciples said if he fallen asleep, he will get well. Yahshua spoke about Lazarus' death, but they thought He spoke of the sleep of being tired. So He told them Lazarus died.

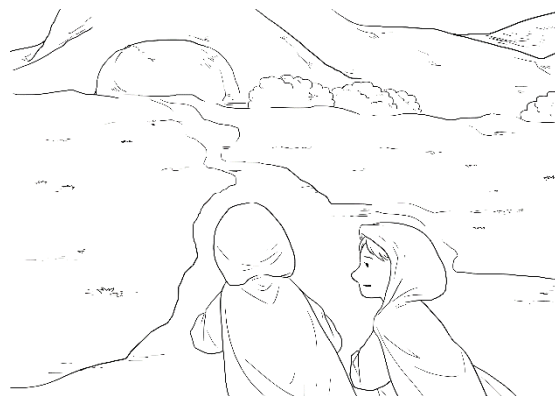
When they arrived, Yahshua found him already being in the tomb for four days. Many of the Jews came to Martha and Mariam to comfort them about their brother's death. Martha heard Yahshua was coming and she met Him, but Mariam was sitting in the house. Martha told Yahshua if He had been there, her brother would not have died. Yahshua told her that Lazarus would arise. Martha said she knew about the resurrection in the last day, but Yahshua said to her, I AM the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will never die! Do you believe this? She said to Him, Yes, Master, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim

who comes into the world. Martha told Mariam to go to Yahshua.

She rose up and went out to meet Him. Seeing Him, she fell at His feet, and told Him if He would have been there her brother would not have died. Yahshua saw her and the Jews weeping and He wept also. Some of the Jews accused Him. Yahshua went to the tomb. He asked the stone to be taken away from the entrance of the cave. Martha told Yahshua that Lazarus has been dead for four days and he stinks already. Yahshua told her that if she believed she would see the glory of Yahweh.

They took away the stone and Yahshua lifted His eyes upward and said, Father, I thank You that You heard Me. And because I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd that stands here, I said it, that they might believe you sent Me. Yahshua cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus! Come Forth! Lazarus came out bound in cloth and Yahshua told them to untie him and allow him to go.

Many of the Jews seeing this believed in Him, but some of them went away to tell the Pharisees what Yahshua had done.



The Parable of the Eleventh Hour Workers

Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a house Master, who went out when it was early to hire workers into his vineyard.

He bargained with the laborers for a denarius per day. He sent them to his vineyard.

And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market. He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is just." And they went.

Again, going out about the sixth and ninth hour, he did the same. Going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing idle, and said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?"

They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and you will receive whatever is just."

But evening having come, the master of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the workers and pay them the wage, beginning from the last to the first."

The ones having come the eleventh hour each received a denarius.

Having come, the first supposed that they would receive more. They also each received a denarius. And having received it, they murmured against the house Master, saying, "These last have performed one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day."

But answering, he said to one of them, "Friend, I did you no wrong. Did you not agree to a denarius with me? Take yours and go.

But I desire to give to this last as also to you. Or is it not lawful for me to do what I desire with my things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?

So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few chosen."



Yahshua Rides Donkey Into Jerusalem

Matthew Chapter 21

Yahshua went near Jerusalem into Bethphage, a city toward the Mount of Olives. He sent two of His disciples into the village to find a donkey tied and a colt with her. He said to loosen them and bring them to Him. If anyone said anything to them, they should say, our Master has need of them and he will send them at once. This all happened to fulfill that spoken by the prophet, saying "Say to the daughter of Zion, behold your King comes to you meek and mounted upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of a donkey." The disciples did as Yahshua told them to do. They led the donkey and the colt and put garments on them and set Yahshua upon them. The crowd threw their garments in the road. Other people were cutting tree branches and spreading them in the way. They were crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! "Blessed is He coming in the name of Yahweh!" Hosanna in the highest! He entered into Jerusalem and the city was shaken saying, Who is this? The crowds said, This is Yahshua, the Prophet, the One of Nazareth of Galilee.



The Parable of the Two Sons

Matthew 21:23-32

He having come into the sanctuary, the chief priests and elders of the people came near to Him as He was teaching, saying, By what authority do You do these things? And who gave this authority to You?

And answering, Yahshua said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where was it? From Heaven, or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, from Heaven, He will say to us, why then did you not believe him? But if we should say, From men, we fear the people. For all hold John to be a prophet.

And answering Yahshua, they said, We do not know. And He said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things. But what do you think? A man had two children, and coming to the first he said, Child, go today; work in my vineyard.

And answering, he said, I will not. But afterward, having regretted, he went. And having come to the second, he said the same. And answering, he said, I go, sir; but he did not leave.

Which of the two did the will of the father? They said to Him, The first. Yahshua said to them, Truly I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go before you into the kingdom of YAHWEH. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him. But the tax-collectors and the harlots believed him. And having seen you did not repent afterward to believe him.



The Wise and the Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

To teach about the kingdom of Heaven, YAHSHUA told the following story:

There were ten young women, also called virgins, who were going to a wedding feast. They took their lamps and they went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. Five of the women were wise and took oil for their lamps with them. The other five women were foolish and did not take any oil for their lamps with them.

The bridegroom delayed coming and the young women being tired, all fell asleep. Then at midnight, a cry occurred, "Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him." The young women woke up and prepared their lamps to meet the bridegroom.

The foolish women said to the wise women, "Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out."

But the wise women answered them, saying, "No, we cannot do that because there will not be enough for us and you." They told them to go to those who sell oil and buy some for themselves.

As they went away to buy the oil, the bridegroom came. The young women who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.

Afterwards, the rest of the young women came back, saying, "Master, Master, open to us." He answered saying to them, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you. Therefore, be alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man comes."



Yahshua Has Passover with His Disciples

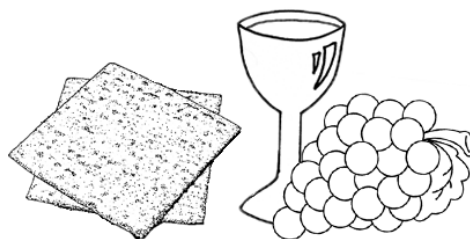
John Chapter 13; Luke Chapter 22

The Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover was near. Yahshua sent Peter and John to prepare the Passover to eat. They asked Him where they were to prepare. Yahshua told them they would meet up with a man in the city who has a skin of water. They were to follow him and say to the master of the house, our Master says to you, where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples? He will show you a large upper room where you can prepare the Passover. The hour came and Yahshua reclined with the twelve disciples. He took the cup, giving thanks, he told them to divide it among each other. He said He would not drink from the fruit of the vine again until the kingdom of Yahweh comes. Then He took the bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave to each of them and said, This is My body, which for your sake is given. Do this for My memorial. He also took the cup saying, This is the New Covenant in My blood, which is being shed for your sakes.

Yahshua rose from supper and laid aside his garments. He took a towel and a basin of water and began washing the feet of his disciples. Peter told Yahshua He would never wash his feet for him, but Yahshua told him if He did not wash him he would have no part of Him. Peter said not only my feet Master, but also my hands and head. Yahshua told Peter, the one having been immersed has no need other than

to wash the feet, for all of him is clean. He told him he was clean. He said that not all of them were clean. There was one at the table who would betray Him. Peter told Yahshua he would go to prison and die with Him. Yahshua told Peter he would deny him three times before a cock crowed.

Going out, they went to the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane. He told his disciples to pray so they would not enter into temptation. Yahshua knelt down and prayed to the Father. He said, Father, if You purpose it, take away this cup from Me; but not My will be done, but let Yours be done. A cherub from Heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. He finished praying and found His disciples sleeping. Suddenly a crowd came upon them. Judas came to Him and kissed Him. One of the disciples struck a slave of a priest and cut off his ear. Yahshua touched him and healed his ear. They took Yahshua away to the high priest, Caiaphas. The men holding him questioned him. They mocked him and they beat him. Peter was nearby and he denied knowing Yahshua. After denying Him three times the cock crowed just as Yahshua said. Peter remembered what Yahshua said and he cried very much.



Yahshua is Crucified and Rises

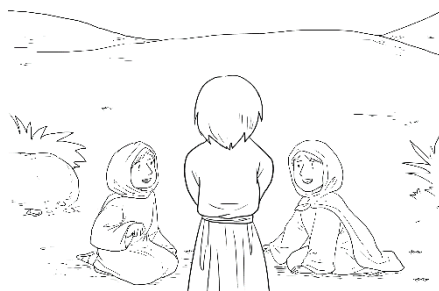
Matthew Chapters 27-28; Luke Chapter 23

After being held at Caiaphas' house, Yahshua was brought to Pilate. The people accused Him. Pilate could not find any blame in Yahshua, but they said He was guilty. So He was brought before Herod. Herod asked Him many questions, but Yahshua said nothing. He was mocked and insulted and Herod's soldiers put garments of purple on Him and a crown of thorns. He was sent back to Pilate. Pilate and Herod could not find any charges against Him. Pilate was going to release Him. They were to release one prisoner at the Feast. The people shouted loudly to take Yahshua and release Barabbas to them. Barabbas was thrown into prison for evil that happened in the city. Yahshua was led away and given a cross beam to carry. Many people followed. Coming with them were two others to be killed for doing evil. They came to a place to crucify Him along with the other two men. One was on His left and one was on His right.

Yahshua asked the Father to forgive them for they did not know what they were doing. They cast lots for His garments. The people stood by and watched. The soldiers mocked Him and offered Him vinegar. They hung a sign above him that said, This is the king of the Jews. One of the criminals hanging beside Yahshua told Him to save Himself. The other criminal told him he was not even afraid of Yahweh and they deserved to be punished. He asked Yahshua to

remember him when He came in His kingdom. Yahshua said to him, Truly, today, I say to you, you will be with Me in Paradise. In the sixth hour, darkness came over the land until the ninth hour. The sun became dark and the veil of the sanctuary was torn in the middle. Yahshua cried with a loud voice, Father, "into Your hands I place My spirit." He breathed out the spirit. Joseph asked Pilate for Yahshua's body. His body was taken down, wrapped in linen cloth and placed in a tomb of hewn rock. A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb. The next day the priests and Pharisees went before Pilate and told him that Yahshua said He would rise in three days. They said someone will steal His body and say that He arose. So Pilate allowed them to place guards at the tomb.

After the Sabbaths, at the dawning into the first of the Sabbaths (feast of first fruits), the two Miriams came to the grave. There was a great earthquake. A cherub of Yahweh rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. The guards feared greatly. The cherub said to the women, You must not fear, for I know that you seek Yahshua who has been crucified. He is not here, for He was raised, as He said. Come see the place where He was lying. And going quickly say to His disciples that He was raised from the dead. And behold! He goes before you into Galilee. You will see Him there. Behold! I told you.



Unity at Shavuot

Acts 2:1-5, 14, 37-47

In the fulfilling of the day of Shavuot, they were all with one mind in the same place.

Suddenly a sound came out of the heaven, as a groaning spirit along by a violent wind! And it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed, and it sat on each one of them. They were all filled of the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave ability to them to speak.

Jews were living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation of those under the heaven. But standing up with the eleven, Peter lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, Men, Jews, and all those living in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words:

And hearing, they were touched in the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men, our brothers, What shall we do?

And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, each of you in the name of Yahshua YAHWEH for the forgiveness of sins, that you may receive the gift of the Spirit of Holiness. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those afar off, as many as the Master our Elohim shall call.

And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation. And

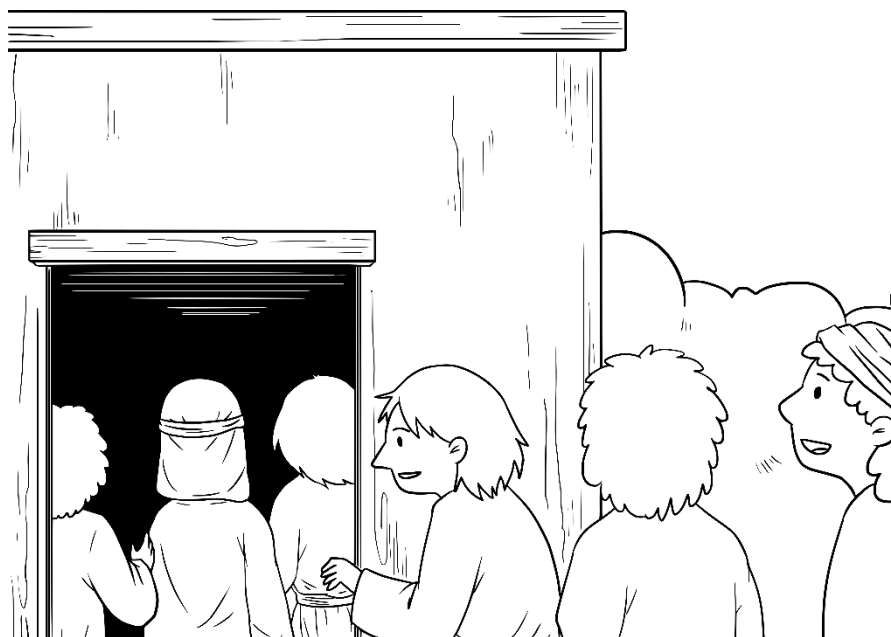
some of them readily received his words and believed and were baptized. And there were added in that day about three thousand souls.

And they were continuing steadfastly in the doctrine of the apostles, and in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came to every soul, and signs and many mighty deeds occurred by the hands of the apostles in Jerusalem. **And all the believers were echad and had all things common.**

And they sold possessions and goods and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need.

And continuing steadfastly with one mind day by day in the sanctuary, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food in gladness and simplicity of heart, they were praising YAHWEH while finding favor before all the people.

And every day our Master would add to those who lived among the congregation.



Peter Reports to the Elders

Acts 11:1-18

And the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the gentiles also received the Word of Elohim. And when Peter went up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision with him, saying, you went in unto uncircumcised men and ate with them.

But beginning, Peter set out to them in order, saying, while I was praying in Joppa, I saw in a dream a certain garment that was descending which resembled a linen cloth. And it was fastened by four of its corners and it was drawn out. And it came all the way from heaven towards me.

Looking intently on this, I observed. And I saw the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping things, and the birds of the heaven. And I heard a voice saying to me, Peter, rise up, slay and eat.

But I said, Elohim forbid my Master, because never has anything common or unclean entered into my mouth. But a voice answered me the second time out of the heaven, What YAHWEH has cleansed, you do not make common.

And this took place three times, and all things were pulled up into the heaven again. And, behold, at once three men stood at the house in which I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me. And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not discriminating. And these six brothers also were with me, and we went into the man's house.

And he told us how he saw a cherub in his house, standing and saying to him, Send men to Joppa, and send for Simon who is surnamed Peter, who will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.

And in my beginning to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as also on us in the beginning. And I recalled the Word of our Master, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you will baptize with the Spirit of Holiness.

Then if Elohim gave the same gift to them as also to us, believing on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and I, who was I to be able to hinder Elohim? And hearing these things, they kept silent and glorified YAHWEH, saying, perhaps Elohim also has granted to the nations repentance unto life.



Khananyah and Sapphira

Acts 5:1-11

But a certain man named Khananyah, with his wife Sapphira, sold a property, and kept back from the price, his wife also aware of it, and bringing a certain part, he put it at the feet of the apostles.

But Peter said, Khananyah, why did Satan fill your heart for you to lie to the Holy Spirit and to secretly keep back from the price of the land?

Was it not yours before it was sold? And after it was sold, again you were in control over its proceeds. Why have you placed in your heart to do this spectacle? You have not lied in the presence of men, but in the presence of Elohim.

And hearing these words, Khananyah fell down and died. And great fear came on all those who heard.

And rising up the younger ones wrapped him, and carrying out, they buried him. And about three hours afterwards, his wife also entered, not knowing that happening.

Peter answered her, Tell me if you gave over the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.

Simon said to her, because you have deliberated to tempt the Spirit of YAHWEH, behold the feet of the grave diggers of your husband are at the door, and they will take you out.

And she immediately fell at his feet and died. And entering, the younger ones found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.

And great fear came to be on all the assembly and on all those hearing these things.



The Apostle Paul is Called

Acts Chapter 9

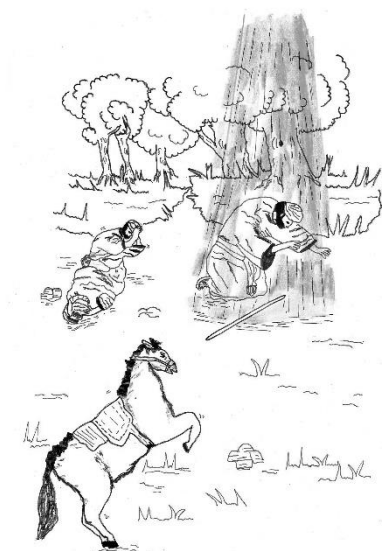
There was a man from the tribe of Benjamin named Shaul. Later he would come to be known by the name Paul. He was a Pharisee. He persecuted the congregation of Yahweh while he entered homes and dragged away men and women. And he delivered them to prison. Some time after the Master Yahshua's death and resurrection, Shaul went to the high priest and asked from him letters to the synagogues in Damascus so if he found any believers of the Way that he could bring them bound to Jerusalem.

As he traveled, he came near to Damascus. Suddenly a light from the heaven shone around him. He fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him "Shaul, Shaul! Why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Sir, who are you?" The Master said "I am Yahshua, whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick the stakes." Both trembling and being astonished he said "Master, what do you desire me to do?" The Master said to him "Rise up and go into the city, and it will be told you what you must do." The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

Shaul was lifted up from the earth, but he could not see anyone even though his eyes were opened. Leading him by the hand, they brought him to Damascus. For three days he was not seeing, and he did not eat or drink.

There was a certain disciple in Damascus named Khanan-Yah. Yahweh spoke to him in a vision and told him to get up and go to the street called Straight and to seek a man from Tarsus, named Shaul, in the house of Judas for behold he was praying. He has seen in a vision a man named Khanan-Yah, coming in and putting a hand on him, so that he may see again. Khanan-Yah answered "Master, I have heard from many about this man, how many bad things he did to Your saints in Jerusalem. Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all the ones calling on Your name." The Master Yahweh said to him "Go, for this one is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before nations and kings and the sons of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name." So Khanan-Yah went and did as Yahweh had commanded him. Immediately something that resembled scales fell off from Shaul's eyes. And rising up he was baptized.

Taking food he was strengthened. Shaul was with the disciples in Damascus some days. Immediately he was in the synagogue of the Yehudeans preaching about Yahshua, that He was the Son of YAHWEH.



The Prison Doors Were Opened ~ Paul and Silas

Acts 16:16-39

A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, one reverencing Elohim, listened, whose heart the Master opened thoroughly to pay attention to the things being spoken by Paul. As she and her household were baptized, she entreated Paul, saying, "If you have judged me to be believing in the Master, entering into my house, remain." She strongly urged us.

It was while we went to the house of prayer, a certain damsel met us in whom was a spirit of divination, and she had produced her overlords much gain by her divination. Following after Paul and us, she cried out, saying, "These men are slaves of the Most High Elohim, who are announcing to us a way of salvation!"

She did this over many days. But becoming distressed, and turning to the demonic spirit, Paul said, "In the name of Yahshua Messiah I command you to come out from her!" It came out in that same hour. Seeing that the hope of their gain went out, having seized Paul and Silas, her masters dragged them to the market. Bringing them near to the soldiers and magistrates, they said, "These men are very much troubling our city, being Jews, and preach customs which it is not lawful for us to accept, nor practice, being Romans."

The crowd rose up against them. And tearing off their clothes, the magistrates ordered men to scourge them. Laying on them many stripes, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them securely, who, receiving such a charge, threw them into the inner prison, and locked their feet in the stocks.

Having prayed, toward midnight Paul and Silas praised Elohim in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken. Immediately all the doors were opened and all of the bonds were loosened.

Having been awakened, and seeing that the doors of the prison had been opened, having drawn a sword, the jailer was about to do away with himself, supposing the prisoners to have escaped.

But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, "Do no harm to yourself! For we are all here." Asking for lights, he rushed in. Becoming trembling, he fell before Paul and Silas. Leading them outside, he said, "Sirs, what must I do that I may be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and you will be saved, you and your household."

They spoke the Word of the Master to him, and to all those in his house. Taking them in that hour of the night, he washed their stripes and he and all those belonging to him were baptized at once. Bringing them up to the house, he set a table before them, and he and his whole house rejoiced, believing Elohim.

Day having come, the magistrates sent the floggers, saying, let those men go.

And the jailer announced these words to Paul, "The magistrates have sent that you be let go. Now, then, going out, proceed in peace."

But Paul said to them, "Having beaten us publicly, being Romans and uncondemned men, they threw us into prison. And now do they throw us out secretly? No, indeed! But coming themselves let them bring us out."

The floggers reported these words to the magistrates. Hearing that they were Romans, they were afraid. And coming, they begged them. Bringing them out, they asked them to go out of the city.

Going out from the prison, they went into the house of Lydia. And seeing the brothers, they exhorted them, and went out.



The Thoughtful Philippians

Philippians 4:10-23

But I rejoiced in Elohim greatly that you have continued to care for me, just as you have always cared, even though you yourselves have not had enough.

Not that I speak as to need, for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am.

And I know what it is to be poor, And I know what it is to be rich; I have gone through many things and experienced many things, both to be filled and to hunger, both to have plenty, and to be in need.

I can do all things through Messiah; the One giving me strength. Yet you did well in sharing my difficulties.

And you know, too, Philippians, that in the beginning of the good news, when I went out from Macedonia, not one Congregation shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only.

Because even at Thessalonica you sent more than once to meet my needs.

I do not say this because I seek a gift, but I seek the fruits of the good news multiplying to you.

But I have all things and more than enough; I have been filled, receiving from Epaphroditus the things from you, and it was welcomed as a fragrant perfume, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to Elohim.

And my Elohim will fill your every need according to His riches in glory in Messiah Yahshua.

Now to YAHWEH our Father be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Greet every saint in Messiah Yahshua. The brothers with me greet you. All the saints greet you, most of all those of Caesar's house.

The grace of our Master Yahshua Messiah be with all of you. Amen.

