

INTRODUCTION

Many Christians today are passing out copies of the New Testament (which often include the Psalms and Proverbs from the Old Testament) in their effort to share God's Word with others. Of course, that is a wonderful idea, but I suggest there is now an increasing problem with this approach. You see, most people who receive these New Testaments have been trained by the secular world, which comes through the influence of the news media, movies, internet, public schools, and even many Christian schools/colleges, to believe in evolution and millions of years. They have been taught a set of foundational beliefs that cause them to doubt or even totally disbelieve the truth of God's Word in Genesis. Ultimately, this creates doubt and disbelief in regard to the whole of the Bible, including the gospel message of the New Testament.

When only the New Testament portion of the Bible is given to "evolutionized" people, they do not receive the book of Genesis, which gives them the true account of origins. Genesis is foundational to an understanding of the gospel and all Christian doctrine, including the biggest social and ethical issues of our day. In this increasingly secularized culture, people no longer fully understand the gospel message and the origin of sin and death as found in Genesis — and thus our need of a Savior. Not only that, but because of what people have been taught in regard to origins and social issues, such as sexuality, identity, abortion, racism, and more, many have great doubts (or full-blown unbelief) that God's Word can be totally trusted.

When Christians pass out New Testaments and tell people they need to start with the book of John to understand the gospel, something key is being missed. As people learn of the good news of the gospel, they also need to have an understanding of the bad news in Genesis: our sin in Adam and that we are alienated from our Creator and are in need of a Savior. In today's world, people who read the New Testament only, by and large, rarely understand the gospel and the full meaning of the Christian faith because they have little understanding of the foundations of the gospel and how all Christian doctrine connects.

In addition, because of what people have been taught in our culture, as mentioned above, people are already skeptical about trusting the Bible they have been handed. In a culture that has little or no understanding of the Bible, Christians can be more effective when they start

to share their faith at the beginning — in Genesis — so unbelievers will understand the Bible’s full message of repentance and need for a Savior.

With this special edition of the Legacy Standard Bible, we have sought to give readers an overview of the Christian faith and the message of the gospel in the following manner: by presenting it the way God does in His Word, and that’s by starting at the Bible’s beginning. In today’s world, we need to communicate a message of the true God — our Creator God. Christians need to give the account of the true history of the world concerning creation, the first man and woman, the fall of man, the entrance of sin and death, and the promise of the Savior fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. It is an essential approach to take into a world that knows little, for example, of the meaning and origin of sin or why Christ, the Creator, stepped into history to be our Savior.

This special edition of the LSB contains the entire book of Genesis to communicate a timeline of history from the beginning of time to Christ and then to the new heavens and new earth to come. The Bible’s message starting with Genesis is all about what God has done for the salvation of humankind. By including Genesis with the entire New Testament + Psalms & Proverbs, this edition seeks to give individuals a “big picture” understanding of the gospel so that they might receive Christ into their life as Lord and Savior.

I believe this will be blessed by God to become a powerful evangelistic resource to reach a skeptical culture with the precious gospel message.

— Ken Ham

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BIBLE**



**GENESIS
NEW TESTAMENT
PSALMS AND PROVERBS**



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GENESIS



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Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

⁷So God made the expanse and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called sea; and God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. ¹²And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate

the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

¹⁶So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and *also* the stars. ¹⁷And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to rule the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the expanse of the heavens." ²¹And God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. ²²Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. ²⁵God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing of the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, so that they will have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the

sky and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁹ Then God said, “Behold, I have given to you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has *the* fruit of *the* tree yielding seed; it shall be food for you;³⁰ and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that creeps on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food”; and it was so.³¹ And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.² And on the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created in making it.

The Generations of the Heavens and the Earth

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh God made earth and heaven.⁵ Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet grown, for Yahweh God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.⁶ But a stream would rise from the earth and water

the whole surface of the ground.⁷ Then Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being.⁸ And Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.⁹ And out of the ground Yahweh God caused to grow every tree that is desirable in appearance and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that went around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² Now the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.¹³ And the name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that went around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Tigris; it is the one that went east of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 Then Yahweh God took the man and set him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.¹⁶ And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may surely eat;¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

18 Then Yahweh God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”¹⁹ And out of the ground Yahweh God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and He brought *each* to the man to see what he would call it; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.²⁰ And the man gave names to all the cattle and to the

birds of the sky and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. ²¹ So Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² And Yahweh God fashioned the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This one finally is bone
of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
This one shall be called Woman,
Because this one
was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

*Adam and Eve Sent Out
from the Garden*

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God said, ‘You shall not eat from it, and you shall not touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ And the serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, so she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ And the

eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

8 Then they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God in the midst of the trees of the garden. ⁹ Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² And the man said, “The woman whom You gave to *be* with me, she gave to me from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then Yahweh God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ And Yahweh God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than any
of the cattle,
And more than every
beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;
¹⁵ And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed
and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him
on the heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply
Your pain and conception,
In pain you will bear children;
Your desire will be for your husband,
And he will rule over you.”

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

Cursed is the ground
because of you;
In pain you will eat of it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ "Both thorns and thistles
it shall grow for you;
And you will eat
the plants of the field;

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return."

20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living. ²¹ Then Yahweh God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them.

22 Then Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us to know good and evil; and now, lest he send forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever"—

²³ therefore Yahweh God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a man with *the help of Yahweh.*" ² And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a cultivator of the ground. ³ So it happened in

the course of time that Cain brought an offering to Yahweh of the fruit of the ground. ⁴ Abel, on his part, also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And Yahweh had regard for Abel and for his offering; ⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is lying at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Then Cain spoke to Abel his brother; and it happened when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

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

¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground. ¹¹ And now, cursed are you from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹² When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ And Cain said to Yahweh, "My punishment is too great to bear!

¹⁴ Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and it will be that whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ So Yahweh said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And Yahweh appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one who found him would strike him.

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of Yahweh and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

17 Then Cain knew his wife, and she

conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.¹⁸ Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.¹⁹ And Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.²⁰ And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and *have* livestock.²¹ And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.²² As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said to his wives,

“Adah and Zillah,
Hear my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give ear to my word,
For I have killed a man
for striking me;

And a boy for wounding me;

²⁴ If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

25 Then Adam knew his wife again; and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, for *she said*, “God has set for me another seed in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.”²⁶ And to Seth, to him also, a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call upon the name of Yahweh.

The Generations of Adam

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.² He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he became the father of *a son* in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.⁴ Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were 800 years, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.⁵ So all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

6 And Seth lived 105 years and became the father of Enosh.⁷ Then Seth lived 807 years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters.⁸ So all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

9 And Enosh lived 90 years and became the father of Kenan.¹⁰ Then Enosh lived 815 years after he became the father of Kenan, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.¹¹ So all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

12 And Kenan lived 70 years and became the father of Mahalalel.¹³ Then Kenan lived 840 years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.¹⁴ So all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

15 And Mahalalel lived 65 years and became the father of Jared.¹⁶ Then Mahalalel lived 830 years after he became the father of Jared, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.¹⁷ So all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

18 And Jared lived 162 years and became the father of Enoch.¹⁹ Then Jared lived 800 years after he became the father of Enoch, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.²⁰ So all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

21 And Enoch lived 65 years and became the father of Methuselah.²² Then Enoch walked with God 300 years after

he became the father of Methuselah, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.²³ So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.²⁴ Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

25 And Methuselah lived 187 years and became the father of Lamech.²⁶ Then Methuselah lived 782 years after he became the father of Lamech, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.²⁷ So all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

28 And Lamech lived 182 years and became the father of a son.²⁹ Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will give us rest from our work and from the pain of our hands *arising* from the ground which Yahweh has cursed."³⁰ Then Lamech lived 595 years after he became the father of Noah, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.³¹ So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

32 And Noah was 500 years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The Nephilim and the Daughters of Men

6 Now it happened, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were good *in appearance*; and they took wives for themselves, whom-ever they chose.³ Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever because he indeed is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years."⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to

them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

5 Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.⁶ And Yahweh regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.⁷ And Yahweh said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I regret that I have made them."⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

The Generations of Noah

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among *those in* his generations; Noah walked with God.¹⁰ And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth."¹⁴ Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and you shall cover it inside and out with pitch.¹⁵ Now this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark ¹300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits.¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and complete it to one cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.¹⁷ As for Me, behold

1. Approx. 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, and 45 ft. high or 135 m, 23 m, and 14 m

I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall breathe its last.¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive.²¹ As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Noah and the Flood

7 Then Yahweh said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you *alone* I have seen to be righteous before Me in this generation.² You shall take with you of every clean animal by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean, two, a male and his female;³ also of the birds of the sky, by sevens, male and female, to keep *their* seed alive on the face of all the earth.⁴ For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made."⁵ And Noah did according to all that Yahweh had commanded him.

6 Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth.⁷ Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water

of the flood.⁸ Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground,⁹ by twos they came to Noah into the ark, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.¹⁰ Now it happened after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth.¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on this day all the fountains of the great deep split open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.¹² Then the rain came upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

13 On this very day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,¹⁴ they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind—every fowl, every winged creature.¹⁵ So they came to Noah into the ark, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life.¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and Yahweh closed it behind him.

17 Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water multiplied and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.¹⁸ And the water prevailed and multiplied greatly upon the earth, and the ark went on the surface of the water.¹⁹ And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains under all the heavens were covered.²⁰ The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered.²¹ And all flesh that moved on the earth breathed its last, that is birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, as well as all mankind.

²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life—of all that was on the dry land—died. ²³Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah remained, and those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the water prevailed upon the earth 150 days.

The Water Dries Up

8 Then God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. ²Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; ³and the water receded from the earth, going *forth* and returning, and at the end of 150 days the water decreased. ⁴In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵Now the water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth *month*, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

6 Then it happened at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; ⁷and he sent out a raven, and it went out *flying* back and forth until the water was dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; ⁹but the dove found no resting place for the sole of its foot, so it returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he stretched out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark to himself. ¹⁰Then he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹And the

dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in its beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. ¹²Then he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove; but it did not return to him again.

13 Now it happened in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was dried up. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may swarm on the earth, and that they may be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

Yahweh’s Covenant with Noah

20 Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And Yahweh smelled the soothing aroma; and Yahweh said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.

²²“While all the days
of the earth *remain*,
Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat,

And summer and winter,
And day and night
Shall not cease.”

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²And the fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. ³Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; as *with* the green plant, I give all to you. ⁴However, flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood, you shall not eat. ⁵Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every living thing I will require it. And from *every* man, from each man’s brother I will require the life of man.

⁶“Whoever sheds man’s blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.

⁷“As for you, be fruitful and multiply;
Swarm on the earth
and multiply in it.”

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹“As for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you; ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. ¹¹Indeed I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, and there shall never again be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²Then God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am giving *to be* between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; ¹³I put My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and

the earth. ¹⁴And it will be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶So the bow shall be in the cloud, and I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Noah’s Three Sons

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was scattered abroad.

20 Then Noah began *to be* a man of the land and planted a vineyard. ²¹And he drank of the wine and became drunk and uncovered himself inside his tent. ²²Then Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³But Shem and Japheth took the garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned backward, so that they did not see their father’s nakedness. ²⁴Then Noah awoke from his wine, and he knew what his youngest son had done to him. ²⁵So he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
A servant of servants
He shall be to his brothers.”

²⁶And he said,
“Blessed be Yahweh,
The God of Shem;
And let Canaan be his servant.

²⁷ “May God enlarge Japheth,
And let him dwell in the tents
of Shem;
And let Canaan be his servant.”
28 And Noah lived 350 years after the
flood. ²⁹ So all the days of Noah were 950
years, and he died.

*The Generations of Shem, Ham,
and Japheth*

10 Now these are the generations
of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the
sons of Noah; and sons were born to
them after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer and
Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal
and Meshech and Tiras. ³ The sons of
Gomer *were* Ashkenaz and Riphath and
Togarmah. ⁴ The sons of Javan *were* Eli-
shah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.
⁵ From these the coastlands of the nations
were separated into their lands, every
one according to his tongue, according
to their families, into their nations.

6 The sons of Ham *were* Cush and Miz-
raim and Put and Canaan. ⁷ The sons of
Cush *were* Seba and Havilah and Sabtah
and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons
of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan. ⁸ Now
Cush was the father of Nimrod; he began
to be a mighty one on the earth. ⁹ He was
a mighty hunter before Yahweh; there-
fore it is said, “Like Nimrod a mighty
hunter before Yahweh.” ¹⁰ The beginning
of his kingdom was Babel and Erech
and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
¹¹ From that land he went out to Assyria
and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and
Calah, ¹² and Resen between Nineveh and
Calah; that is the great city. ¹³ Mizraim
was the father of Ludim and Anamim
and Lehabim and Naphtuhim ¹⁴ and
Pathrusim and Casluhim (from whom
came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

15 Canaan was the father of Sidon, his
firstborn, and Heth ¹⁶ and the Jebusite

and the Amorite and the Girgashite
¹⁷ and the Hivite and the Arkite and the
Sinite ¹⁸ and the Arvadite and the Zem-
arite and the Hamathite; and afterward
the families of the Canaanite were scat-
tered. ¹⁹ The border of the Canaanite
extended from Sidon as you go toward
Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward
Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and
Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. ²⁰ These are the
sons of Ham, according to their fami-
lies, according to their tongues, by their
lands, by their nations.

21 Also to Shem, the father of all the
children of Eber, *and* the older brother
of Japheth, children were born. ²² The
sons of Shem *were* Elam and Asshur and
Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. ²³ The
sons of Aram *were* Uz and Hul and
Gether and Mash. ²⁴ Arpachshad was
the father of Shelah; and Shelah was
the father of Eber. ²⁵ Now two sons were born
to Eber; the name of the one *was* Peleg,
for in his days the earth was divided; and
his brother's name *was* Joktan. ²⁶ And
Joktan was the father of Almodad and
Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah
²⁷ and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah
²⁸ and Obal and Abimael and Sheba
²⁹ and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all
these were the sons of Joktan. ³⁰ Now
their settlement extended from Mesha
as you go toward Sephar, the hill coun-
try of the east. ³¹ These are the sons of
Shem, according to their families, ac-
cording to their tongues, by their lands,
according to their nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of
Noah, according to their generations,
by their nations; and out of these the
nations were separated on the earth
after the flood.

The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had the same
language and the same words.

² And it happened as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and they had tar for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, lest we be scattered over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And Yahweh said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have begun to do. So now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's language." ⁸ So Yahweh scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Yahweh confused the language of the whole earth; and from there Yahweh scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

The Generations of Shem

10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was 100 years old and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood; ¹¹ and Shem lived 500 years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

12 And Arpachshad lived 35 years and became the father of Shelah; ¹³ and Arpachshad lived 403 years after he became the father of Shelah, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

14 And Shelah lived 30 years and became the father of Eber; ¹⁵ and Shelah

lived 403 years after he became the father of Eber, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived 34 years and became the father of Peleg; ¹⁷ and Eber lived 430 years after he became the father of Peleg, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived 30 years and became the father of Reu; ¹⁹ and Peleg lived 209 years after he became the father of Reu, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived 32 years and became the father of Serug; ²¹ and Reu lived 207 years after he became the father of Serug, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived 30 years and became the father of Nahor; ²³ and Serug lived 200 years after he became the father of Nahor, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

24 Nahor lived 29 years and became the father of Terah; ²⁵ and Nahor lived 119 years after he became the father of Terah, and he became the father of *other* sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived 70 years and became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

The Generations of Terah

27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot. ²⁸ And Haran died in the presence of Terah his father in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. ³⁰ And Sarai was barren; she had no child. **31** And Terah took Abram his son, and

Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to go to the land of Canaan; and they came as far as Haran and settled there. ³² And the days of Terah were 205 years; and Terah died in Haran.

Yahweh Appears to Abram

12 And Yahweh said to Abram,
 "Go forth from your land,
 And from your kin
 And from your father's house,
 To the land which I will show you;
² And I will make you a great nation,
 And I will bless you,
 And make your name great;
 And so you shall be a blessing;
³ And I will bless those who bless you,
 And the one who curses you
 I will curse.
 And in you all the families
 of the earth will be blessed."

4 So Abram went forth as Yahweh had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ So Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go forth to the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ And Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land. ⁷ Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "To your seed I will give this land." So he built an altar there to Yahweh who had appeared to him. ⁸ Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Yahweh

and called upon the name of Yahweh. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ And it happened as he drew near to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Now behold, I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance; ¹² and it will be when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you." ¹⁴ Now it happened when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶ Therefore he treated Abram well because of her; and sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels came into his possession.

17 But Yahweh struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸ Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for myself as a wife? So now, here is your wife, take her and go." ²⁰ So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away with his wife and all that belonged to him.

Abram and Lot Separate

13 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.

THE NEW TESTAMENT



LEGACY STANDARD BIBLE

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

CHAPTER 1

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

THE book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was the father of Jacob, and Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

3 And Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron was the father of Ram.

4 And Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

5 And Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed was the father of Jesse.

6 And Jesse was the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the *wife* of Uriah.

7 And Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam was the father of Abijah, and Abijah was the father of Asa.

8 And Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram, and Joram was the father of Uzziah.

9 And Uzziah was the father of

Jotham, and Jotham was the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

10 And Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh was the father of Amon, and Amon was the father of Josiah.

11 And Josiah was the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.

13 And Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, and Abihud was the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim was the father of Azor.

14 And Azor was the father of Zadok, and Zadok was the father of Achim, and Achim was the father of Eliud.

15 And Eliud was the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar was the father of Matthan, and Matthan was the father of Jacob.

16 And Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

17 Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the

deportation to Babylon to the Christ, fourteen generations.

The Conception and Birth of Jesus

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the One who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 Now all this took place in order that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, saying,

23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

24 And Joseph got up from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife,

25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

The Visit of the Magi

NOW after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he was inquiring of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A LEADER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and carefully determined from them the time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

9 Now after hearing the king, they went their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, was

going on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And after coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi departed for their own country by another way.

The Flight to Egypt

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and departed for Egypt.

15 And he remained there until the death of Herod, in order that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, saying, "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

Herod Slaughters Children

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under,

according to the time which he had carefully determined from the magi.

17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

18 "A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,
WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING,
RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER
CHILDREN;
AND SHE WAS REFUSING TO BE
COMFORTED,
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

20 "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he departed for the district of Galilee,

23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

CHAPTER 3

The Preaching of John the Baptist

NOW in those days John the Baptist *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,

2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

“THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,

‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’ ”

4 Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all the district around the Jordan;

6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 “Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

10 “And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 “His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

13 Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he *permitted Him.

16 And after being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove *and* coming upon Him,

17 and behold, *there was* a voice out of the heavens saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

CHAPTER 4

The Temptation of Jesus

THEN Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

5 Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written,

'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU';

and

'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'

7 Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

8 Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;

9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

11 Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and *began to* minister to Him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

12 Now when *Jesus* heard that John had been taken into custody, He departed into Galilee;

13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, saying,

15 "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,

BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES—

16 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH,

UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The First Disciples

18 Now as *Jesus* was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

21 And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

22 And immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Ministry in Galilee

23 And Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

24 And the news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.

25 And large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

The Sermon on the Mount; The Beatitudes

NOW when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 And He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger

and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out to be trampled under foot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

15 nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

PSALMS AND PROVERBS



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THE PSALMS

The following expressions occur often in the Psalms:

- Selah** Possibly indicates *Pause, Crescendo, or Musical Interlude*
Maskil Possibly *Contemplative, Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*
Mikhtam Possibly *Epigrammatic Poem or Atonement Psalm*

BOOK 1

PSALM 1

The Way of the Righteous and Wicked

- 1 HOW blessed is the man who
does not walk in the counsel
of the wicked,
Nor stand in the way of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his delight is in the law of
Yahweh,
And in His law he meditates day
and night.
- 3 And he will be like a tree *firmly*
planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he
prosper.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the
wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not
rise in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation
of the righteous.

- 6 For Yahweh knows the way of
the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will
perish.

PSALM 2

The Reign of Yahweh's Anointed

- 1 WHY do the nations rage
And the peoples meditate on a
vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth take their
stand
And the rulers take counsel
together
Against Yahweh and against His
Anointed, *saying*,
- 3 "Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!"
- 4 He who sits in the heavens
laughs,
The Lord mocks them.
- 5 Then He speaks to them in His
anger
And terrifies them in His fury,
saying,

¹The personal covenant name of God, a form of I AM WHO I AM, cf. Exod 3:14-15

- 6 “But as for Me, I have installed
My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”
- 7 “I will surely tell of the decree of
Yahweh:
He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
8 ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the
nations as Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth as
Your possession.
9 ‘You shall break them with a rod
of iron,
You shall shatter them like a
potter’s vessel.’”
- 10 So now, O kings, show
insight;
Take warning, O judges of the
earth.
- 11 Serve Yahweh with fear
And rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest He become
angry, and you perish *in*
the way,
For His wrath may soon be
kindled.
How blessed are all who take
refuge in Him!
- 2 Many are saying of my soul,
“There is no salvation for
him in God.” Selah.
- 3 But You, O Yahweh, are a shield
about me,
My glory, and the One who lifts
my head.
- 4 I was calling to Yahweh with my
voice,
And He answered me from His
holy mountain. Selah.
- 5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for Yahweh sustains me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten
thousands of people
Who *all* around have set
themselves against me.
- 7 Arise, O Yahweh; save me,
O my God!
For You have struck all my
enemies on the cheek;
You have shattered the teeth of
the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to Yahweh;
Your blessing *be* upon Your
people! Selah.

PSALM 4

Yahweh Makes Me Abide in Safety

For the choir director. With stringed
instruments. A Psalm of David.

- 1 ANSWER me when I call, O God
of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in *my* distress;
Be gracious to me and hear my
prayer.
- 1 O Yahweh, how my adversaries
have become many!
Many are rising up against me.

- 2 O sons of men, how long will my glory become a reproach?
How long will you love what is worthless and seek falsehood? Selah.
- 3 But know that Yahweh has set apart the holy one for Himself;
Yahweh hears when I call to Him.
- 4 Tremble, and do not sin;
Ponder in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust in Yahweh.
- 6 Many are saying, “Who will show us good?”
Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Yahweh!
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
For You alone, O Yahweh, make me to abide in safety.
- 2 Give heed to the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,
For to You I pray.
- 3 O Yahweh, in the morning,
You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.
- 4 For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;
Evil does not sojourn with You.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
- 6 You destroy those who speak falsehood;
Yahweh abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
- 7 But as for me, in the abundance of Your lovingkindness I will enter Your house,
At Your holy temple I will worship in fear of You.
- 8 O Yahweh, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;
Make Your way straight before me.

PSALM 5

Lead Me in Your Righteousness

For the choir director. For the flutes. A Psalm of David.

- 1 GIVE ear to my words,
O Yahweh,
Consider my meditation.
- 9 There is nothing reliable in their mouth;
Their inward part is destruction *itself*.
Their throat is an open grave;
They flatter with their tongue.

- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;
By their own devices let them fall!
In the abundance of their
transgressions thrust
them out,
For they are rebellious
against You.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in
You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name
may exult in You.
- 12 For it is You who blesses the
righteous one, O Yahweh,
You surround him with favor as
with a large shield.
- 5 For there is no remembrance of
You in death;
In Sheol who will give You
thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed
swim,
I flood my couch with my tears.
- 7 My eye has wasted away
with grief;
It has become old because of all
my adversaries.
- 8 Depart from me, all you workers
of iniquity,
For Yahweh has heard the sound
of my weeping.
- 9 Yahweh has heard my
supplication,
Yahweh receives my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies will be ashamed
and greatly dismayed;
They shall turn back, they will
suddenly be ashamed.

PSALM 6

Yahweh, Rescue My Soul

For the choir director. With stringed
instruments. According to the
Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O Yahweh, do not reprove me in
Your anger,
Nor discipline me in Your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O Yahweh, for
I *am* pining away;
Heal me, O Yahweh, for my
bones are dismayed.
- 3 And my soul is greatly dismayed;
But You, O Yahweh—how long?
- 4 Return, O Yahweh, rescue
my soul;
Save me because of Your
lovingkindness.

PSALM 7

In You I Have Taken Refuge

A Shiggaion of David, which he
sang to Yahweh concerning the
words of Cush, a Benjamite.

- 1 O Yahweh my God, in You I have
taken refuge;
Save me from all those who
pursue me, and deliver me,
- 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending me in pieces, while
there is none to deliver.

THE PROVERBS

CHAPTER 1

To Know Wisdom

THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 To know wisdom and discipline,
To understand the sayings of understanding,
- 3 To receive discipline *that leads to insight*,
Righteousness, justice, and equity,
- 4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the youth knowledge and discretion;
- 5 Let the wise man hear and increase in learning,
And a man of understanding will acquire guidance,
- 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge;
Ignorant fools despise wisdom and discipline.

The Enticement of Sinners

- 8 Hear, my son, your father's discipline
And do not abandon your mother's instruction;

- 9 For they are a garland of grace for your head
And ornaments about your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice you,
Do not be willing.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us,
Let us lie in wait for blood,
Let us ambush the innocent without cause;
- 12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
And whole, as those who go down to the pit;
- 13 We will find all *kinds* of precious wealth,
We will fill our houses with spoil;
- 14 Cast in your lot with us,
We shall all have one purse,"
- 15 My son, do not walk in the way with them.
Withhold your feet from their pathway,
- 16 For their feet run to evil
And they hasten to shed blood.
- 17 For it is no use that a net is spread
In the sight of any bird;
- 18 But they lie in wait for their own blood;
They ambush their own lives.
- 19 So are the paths of everyone who is greedy for gain;
It takes away the life of its possessors.

The Call of Wisdom

- 20 Wisdom shouts in the street,
She gives forth her voice in the square;
- 21 At the head of the noisy *streets* she calls out;
At the entrance of the gates
in the city she utters her sayings:
- 22 “How long, O simple ones, will you love simplicity?
And scoffers delight in scoffing
And fools hate knowledge?”
- 23 “Turn to my reproof,
Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.
- 24 “Because I called and you refused,
I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;
- 25 And you neglected all my counsel
And were not willing to accept my reproof;
- 26 I will also laugh at your disaster;
I will mock when your dread comes,
- 27 When your dread comes like a storm
And your disaster comes like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish come upon you.
- 28 “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;
They will seek me earnestly but they will not find me,

- 29 Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of Yahweh.
- 30 “They were not willing to accept my counsel,
They spurned all my reproof.
- 31 “So they shall eat of the fruit of their way
And be satisfied with their own devices.
- 32 “For the turning away of the simple will kill them,
And the complacency of fools will destroy them.
- 33 “But he who listens to me shall dwell securely
And will be at ease from the dread of evil.”

CHAPTER 2*Yahweh Gives Wisdom*

- 1 MY son, if you will receive my words
And treasure my commandments within you,
- 2 To make your ear pay attention to wisdom,
Incline your heart to discernment;
- 3 For if you call out for understanding,
Give your voice for discernment;
- 4 If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
- 5 Then you will understand the fear of Yahweh
And find the knowledge of God.

- 6 For Yahweh gives wisdom;
From His mouth *come* knowledge
and discernment.
- 7 He stores up sound wisdom for
the upright,
A shield to those who walk in
integrity,
- 8 To guard the paths of justice,
And He keeps the way of His
holy ones.
- 9 Then you will understand
righteousness and justice
And equity—every good track.
- 10 For wisdom will enter your
heart
And knowledge will be pleasant
to your soul;
- 11 Discretion will keep you,
Discernment will guard you,
- 12 To deliver you from the way
of evil,
From the man who speaks
perverse things;
- 13 From those who forsake the
paths of uprightness
To walk in the ways of darkness;
- 14 Who are glad to do evil
And they rejoice in the
perversity of evil;
- 15 Whose paths are crooked,
And who are devious in their
tracks;
- 16 To deliver you from the strange
woman,
From the foreign woman who
flatters with her words;
- 17 Who forsakes the close
companion of her youth
And forgets the covenant of
her God;
- 18 For her house sinks down to
death
And her tracks *descend* to the
dead;
- 19 All who go to her will not
return,
And they will not reach the
paths of life.
- 20 So that you will walk in the way
of good men
And keep to the paths of the
righteous.
- 21 For the upright will dwell in
the land
And the blameless will remain
in it;
- 22 But the wicked will be cut off
from the land
And the treacherous will be torn
away from it.

CHAPTER 3

Trust, Fear, and Honor Yahweh

- 1 MY son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart guard my
commandments;
- 2 For length of days and years
of life
And peace they will add
to you.
- 3 Do not let lovingkindness and
truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your
heart.
- 4 So you will find favor and good
insight
In the eyes of God and man.

- 5 Trust in Yahweh with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear Yahweh and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be healing to your body
And refreshment to your bones.
- 9 Honor Yahweh from your wealth
And from the first of all your produce;
- 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty
And your vats will burst with new wine.
- 11 My son, do not reject the discipline of Yahweh
Or loathe His reproof,
12 For whom Yahweh loves He reproveth,
Even as a father *reproves* the son
in whom he delights.
- 13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom
And the man who obtains discernment.
- 14 For her profit is better than the profit of silver
And her produce better than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than pearls;
And nothing you desire compares with her.
- 16 Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and glory.
- 17 Her ways are pleasant ways
And all her pathways are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who seize her,
And all those who hold her fast are blessed.
- 19 Yahweh by wisdom founded the earth,
By discernment He established the heavens.
- 20 By His knowledge the deeps were split up
And the skies drip with dew.
- 21 My son, let them not deviate from your eyes;
Guard sound wisdom and discretion,
- 22 So they will be life for your soul
And grace for your neck.
- 23 Then you will walk in your way securely
And your foot will not stumble.
- 24 When you lie down, you will not be in dread;
You will lie down, and your sleep will be pleasant.
- 25 Do not be afraid of sudden dread
Nor of the storm of the wicked when it comes;
- 26 For Yahweh will be your confidence
And will keep your foot from being caught.