

# THE STORY OF SALVATION

*an abridged reading of the whole arc in order*

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The Landmarks track

*36 readings*

Douay-Rheims (Challoner)

## This track

Thirty-six sittings, two to four in each period: the hinge readings, without which the arc does not stand. 1,210 verses, 3.4 per cent of the Bible. It is deliberately jumpy - a skeleton, not yet a story.

The three tiers nest. Every reading carries the tier at which it first appears, and no reading appears twice, so a tier is read by taking every reading marked at that tier or above, in order. The lower tiers therefore fill the gaps between the higher ones rather than restating them, and no passage is read twice in one pass.

**Extent.** 36 readings, 44 chapters and 1210 verses of this edition.

## What this plan does not read

This account belongs at the front and not in a footnote. An abridgement is defined by what it drops.

This plan is an abridgement, and the honest account of an abridgement is what it leaves out. All figures below are verse counts taken from the Douay-Rheims (Challoner) text indexed in this repository, whose 73 books hold 35,804 verses. Percentages computed on a 66-book canon run higher for every class named here, because the denominator is smaller; the commonly quoted figures of about 19.8 per cent for the prophets, 14.4 per cent for wisdom and poetry and 8.1 per cent for the epistles are of that kind.

At its fullest tier this plan reads 13,867 verses, 38.7 per cent of the Bible. The story tier reads 3,675 verses, 10.3 per cent. The landmarks tier reads 1,210 verses, 3.4 per cent.

The reduction does not come from cutting genealogies and law codes. Those are small: every genealogy and register dropped here comes to 297 verses, 0.8 per cent of the Bible, and the whole of Leviticus, Exodus 25-31 and 35-40, Numbers 1-9 and 26-30 and Deuteronomy 12-26 together come to 2,217 verses, 6.2 per cent. Seven per cent, between them. The reduction comes from dropping three whole classes of book that are not narrative, which come to 15,519 verses, 43.3 per cent of the Bible.

Not read at any tier:

The prophets, 5,875 verses, 16.4 per cent of the Bible (counting Lamentations, Baruch and Daniel among them). What survives is fifteen passages in thirteen readings, and the narrative chapters of Daniel: Isaiah 7:1-17, 9:1-7, 11:1-10, 52:13-53:12, 54:5-14 and 55:1-11; Jeremiah 31:31-40, 36 and 38:1-13; Baruch 3:9-15 with 3:32-4:4; Ezekiel 34, 36:16-28 and 37:1-14; Lamentations 3:19-33; Daniel 1-6, 13 and 14. Everything else is absent - the whole of Osee through Malachias, all but six passages of Isaiah, all but three of Jeremiah, Daniel's visions, and every oracle against the nations. A reader who finishes this plan has not read the prophets.

The wisdom and poetical books, 6,881 verses, 19.2 per cent. Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Canticle of Canticles, Wisdom and Ecclesiasticus are not read at all. Of the 150 psalms, sixteen are read, each because a narrative moment demands it.

The epistles, 2,763 verses, 7.7 per cent. All twenty-one, and Hebrews with them. The plan follows the Church's expansion through the Acts and stops; it does not read what the apostles wrote to the churches they founded. That is the largest gap in its New Testament coverage, and no narrative plan can close it, because the epistles are not narrative.

The Apocalypse, but for 21:1-22:5, read as the close of the arc opened in Genesis 1.

Also not read, being narrative or historical but doubled, legal, or list: Leviticus entire; Exodus 25-31 and 35-40; Numbers 1-9 and 26-30 apart from chapter 27; Deuteronomy 12-26; Josue 12-22; Judges 17-21; 1 and 2 Paralipomenon entire, as a second telling of reigns already read in Samuel and Kings; Aggeus, Zacharias and Malachias, though they belong to the Return; and 2 Machabees but for chapters 6 and 7.

Genealogies and registers dropped: Genesis 5, 10, 22:20-24, 25:12-18 and 36; Exodus 6:14-30; Esdras 2; Nehemias 3 and 7. Genesis 11:10-32 and St. Matthew 1 are kept, because they are the two genealogies that carry the plot.

The consensus narrative spine within the twelve periods is 334 chapters. This plan reads 331 of them, holding back only Esdras 2, Nehemias 3 and Nehemias 7, and adds the material listed at the year tier. It touches 454 chapters in 31 of the 73 books.

The cost is stated here because every abridgement that concealed it has been attacked for concealing it. A reader who wants the Bible should read the Bible. What this offers is the story in order, at three depths, with the seams visible.

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## PRIMEVAL HISTORY

From the creation to the scattering at Babel: the world God made, the fault that broke it, and the first covenant made with a remnant. Genesis 5 and 10, which are genealogies, are passed over; Genesis 11:10-32 is kept because it is the bridge to Abram.

**1. Creation**

*Genesis 1:1-2:2*

The first lesson of the Easter Vigil. The Vigil's own abridgement of salvation history governs this plan: every one of its lessons is read at some tier.

**1** <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created heaven, and earth. <sup>2</sup> And the earth was void and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God moved over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said: Be light made. And light was made. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light that it was good; and he divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> And he called the light Day, and the darkness Night; and there was evening and morning one day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said: Let there be a firmament made amidst the waters: and let it divide the waters from the waters. <sup>7</sup> And God made a firmament, and divided the waters that were under the firmament, from those that were above the firmament, and it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament, Heaven; and the evening and morning were the second day.

<sup>9</sup> God also said; Let the waters that are under the heaven, be gathered together into one place: and let the dry land appear. And it was so done. <sup>10</sup> And God called the dry land, Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> And he said: let the earth bring forth green herb, and such as may seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, which may have seed in itself upon the earth. And it was so done. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth the green herb, and such as yieldeth seed according to its kind, and the tree that beareth fruit, having seed each one according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And the evening and the morning were the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said: Let there be lights made in the firmament of heaven, to divide the day and the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: <sup>15</sup> To shine in the firmament of heaven, and to give light upon the earth, and it was so done. <sup>16</sup> And God made two great lights: a greater light to rule the day; and a lesser light to rule the night: and the stars. <sup>17</sup> And he set them in the firmament of heaven to shine upon the earth. <sup>18</sup> And to rule the day and the night, and to divide the light and the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And the evening and morning were the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> God also said: let the waters bring forth the creeping creature having life, and the fowl that may fly over the earth under the firmament of heaven. <sup>21</sup> And God created the great whales, and every living and moving creature, which the waters brought forth, according to their kinds, and every winged fowl according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And he blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the waters of the sea: and let the birds be multiplied upon the earth. <sup>23</sup> And the evening and morning were the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said: Let the earth bring forth the living creature in its kind, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth,

according to their kinds. And it was so done. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds, and cattle, and every thing that creepeth on the earth after its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> And he said: Let us make man to our image and likeness: and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth. <sup>27</sup> And God created man to his own image: to the image of God he created him: male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and all living creatures that move upon the earth. <sup>29</sup> And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat: <sup>30</sup> And to all beasts of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to all that move upon the earth, and wherein there is life, that they may have to feed upon. And it was so done. <sup>31</sup> And God saw all the things that he had made, and they were very good. And the evening and morning were the sixth day.

**2** <sup>1</sup> So the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the furniture of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made: and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done.

**3. The fall**

*Genesis 3:1-24*

The protoevangelium at 3:15 is the seed of everything the plan afterwards follows.

**3** <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more subtle than any of the beasts of the earth which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman: Why hath God commanded you, that you should not eat of every tree of paradise? <sup>2</sup> And the woman answered him, saying: Of the fruit of the trees that are in paradise we do eat: <sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of paradise, God hath commanded us that we should not eat; and that we should not touch it, lest perhaps we die. <sup>4</sup> And the serpent said to the woman: No, you shall not die the death. <sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened: and you shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil.

<sup>6</sup> And the woman saw that the tree was good to eat, and fair to the eyes, and delightful to behold: and she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave to her husband, who did eat. <sup>7</sup> And the eyes of them both were opened: and when they perceived themselves to be naked, they sewed together fig leaves, and made themselves aprons. <sup>8</sup> And when they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in paradise at the afternoon air, Adam and his wife hid themselves from the face of the Lord God, amidst the trees of paradise.

<sup>9</sup> And the Lord God called Adam, and said to him: Where art thou? <sup>10</sup> And he said: I heard thy voice in paradise; and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.

<sup>11</sup> And he said to him: And who hath told thee that thou wast naked, but that thou hast eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat? <sup>12</sup> And Adam said: The woman, whom thou gavest me to be my companion, gave me of the tree,

and I did eat. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord God said to the woman: Why hast thou done this? And she answered: The serpent deceived me, and I did eat.

<sup>14</sup> And the Lord God said to the serpent: Because thou hast done this thing, thou art cursed among all cattle, and beasts of the earth: upon thy breast shalt thou go, and earth shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel. <sup>16</sup> To the woman also he said: I will multiply thy sorrows, and thy conceptions: in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children, and thou shalt be under thy husband's power, and he shall have dominion over thee.

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said: Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee, that thou shouldst not eat, cursed is the earth in thy work: with labour and toil shalt thou eat thereof all the days of thy life. <sup>18</sup> Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herbs of the earth. <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the earth out of which thou wast taken: for dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return. <sup>20</sup> And Adam called the name of his wife Eve: because she was the mother of all the living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup> And he said: Behold Adam is become as one of us, knowing good and evil: now therefore lest perhaps he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever. <sup>23</sup> And the Lord God sent him out of the paradise of pleasure, to till the earth from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> And he cast out Adam: and placed before the paradise of pleasure Cherubims, and a flaming sword, turning every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

## 7. The flood

*Genesis 6:5-8:22*

Read as one unit: the corruption, the ark, the deluge and its abating.

**6** <sup>5</sup> And God seeing that the wickedness of men was great on the earth, and that all the thought of their heart was bent upon evil at all times, <sup>6</sup> It repented him that he had made man on the earth. And being touched inwardly with sorrow of heart, <sup>7</sup> He said: I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, from man even to beasts, from the creeping thing even to the fowls of the air, for it repenteth me that I have made them. <sup>8</sup> But Noe found grace before the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> These are the generations of Noe: Noe was a just and perfect man in his generations, he walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And he begot three sons, Sem, Cham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup> And the earth was corrupted before God, and was filled with iniquity. <sup>12</sup> And when God had seen that the earth was corrupted (for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth),

<sup>13</sup> He said to Noe: The end of all flesh is come before me, the earth is filled with iniquity through them, and I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make thee an ark of timber planks: thou shalt make little rooms in the ark, and thou shalt pitch it within and without. <sup>15</sup> And thus shalt thou make it. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits: the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup> Thou shalt make a window in the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish the top of it: and the

door of the ark thou shalt set in the side: with lower, middle chambers, and third stories shalt thou make it. <sup>17</sup> Behold, I will bring the waters of a great flood upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life under heaven. All things that are in the earth shall be consumed. <sup>18</sup> And I will establish my covenant with thee, and thou shalt enter into the ark, thou and thy sons, and thy wife, and the wives of thy sons with thee. <sup>19</sup> And of every living creature of all flesh, thou shalt bring two of a sort into the ark, that they may live with thee: of the male sex, and the female. <sup>20</sup> Of fowls according to their kind, and of beasts in their kind, and of every thing that creepeth on the earth according to its kind: two of every sort shall go in with thee, that they may live. <sup>21</sup> Thou shalt take unto thee of all food that may be eaten, and thou shalt lay it up with thee: and it shall be food for thee and them. <sup>22</sup> And Noe did all things which God commanded him.

**7** <sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to him: Go in, thou and all thy house, into the ark: for thee I have seen just before me in this generation.

<sup>2</sup> Of all clean beasts take seven and seven, the male and the female. <sup>3</sup> But of the beasts that are unclean two and two, the male and the female. Of the fowls also of the air seven and seven, the male and the female: that seed may be saved upon the face of the whole earth. <sup>4</sup> For yet a while, and after seven days, I will rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights: and I will destroy every substance that I have made, from the face of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And Noe did all things which the Lord had commanded him.

<sup>6</sup> And he was six hundred years old, when the waters of the flood overflowed the earth. <sup>7</sup> And Noe went in and his sons, his wife and the wives of his sons with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. <sup>8</sup> And of beasts clean and unclean, and of fowls, and of every thing that moveth upon the earth, <sup>9</sup> Two and two went in to Noe into the ark, male and female, as the Lord had commanded Noe. <sup>10</sup> And after the seven days were passed, the waters of the flood overflowed the earth. <sup>11</sup> In the six hundredth year of the life of Noe, in the second month, in the seventeenth day of the month, all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the floodgates of heaven were opened: <sup>12</sup> And the rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

<sup>13</sup> In the selfsame day Noe, and Sem, and Cham, and Japheth, his sons: his wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark. <sup>14</sup> They and every beast according to its kind, and all the cattle in their kind, and every thing that moveth upon the earth, according to its kind, and every fowl according to its kind, all birds, and all that fly, <sup>15</sup> Went in to Noe into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup> And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in on the outside. <sup>17</sup> And the flood was forty days upon the earth: and the waters increased, and lifted up the ark on high from the earth. <sup>18</sup> For they overflowed exceedingly: and filled all on the face of the earth: and the ark was carried upon the waters. <sup>19</sup> And the waters prevailed beyond measure upon the earth: and all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. <sup>20</sup> The water was fifteen cubits higher than the mountains which it covered. <sup>21</sup> And all flesh was destroyed that moved upon the earth, both of fowl and of cattle, and of beasts, and of all creeping

things that creep upon the earth: and all men. <sup>22</sup> And all things wherein there is the breath of life on the earth, died. <sup>23</sup> And he destroyed all the substance that was upon the earth, from man even to beast, and the creeping things and fowls of the air: and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noe only remained, and they that were with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup> And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

**8** <sup>1</sup> And God remembered Noe, and all the living creatures, and all the cattle which were with him in the ark, and brought a wind upon the earth, and the waters were abated: <sup>2</sup> The fountains also of the deep, and the floodgates of heaven, were shut up, and the rain from heaven was restrained. <sup>3</sup> And the waters returned from off the earth going and coming: and they began to be abated after a hundred and fifty days. <sup>4</sup> And the ark rested in the seventh month, the seven and twentieth day of the month, upon the mountains of Armenia. <sup>5</sup> And the waters were going and decreasing until the tenth month: for in the tenth month, the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

<sup>6</sup> And after that forty days were passed, Noe opening the window of the ark, which he had made, sent forth a raven: <sup>7</sup> Which went forth and did not return, till the waters were dried up upon the earth. <sup>8</sup> He sent forth also a dove after him, to see if the waters had now ceased upon the face of the earth. <sup>9</sup> But she not finding where her foot might rest, returned to him into the ark: for the waters were upon the whole earth: and he put forth his hand, and caught her, and brought her into the ark. <sup>10</sup> And having waited yet seven other days, he again sent forth the dove out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> And she came to him in the evening carrying a bough of an olive tree, with green leaves, in her mouth. Noe therefore understood that the waters were ceased upon the earth. <sup>12</sup> And he stayed yet other seven days: and he sent forth the dove, which returned not any more unto him.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore in the six hundredth and first year, the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were lessened upon the earth, and Noe opening the covering of the ark, looked, and saw that the face of the earth was dried. <sup>14</sup> In the second month, the seven and twentieth day of the month, the earth was dried.

<sup>15</sup> And God spoke to Noe, saying: <sup>16</sup> Go out of the ark, thou and thy wife, thy sons and the wives of thy sons with thee. <sup>17</sup> All living things that are with thee of all flesh, as well in fowls as in beasts, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, bring out with thee, and go ye upon the earth: increase and multiply upon it. <sup>18</sup> So Noe went out, he and his sons: his wife, and the wives of his sons with him. <sup>19</sup> And all living things, and cattle, and creeping things that creep upon the earth, according to their kinds went out of the ark.

<sup>20</sup> And Noe built an altar unto the Lord: and taking of all cattle and fowls that were clean, offered holocausts upon the altar. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord smelled a sweet savour, and said: I will no more curse the earth for the sake of man: for the imagination and thought of man's heart are prone to evil from his youth: therefore I will no more destroy every living soul as I have done. <sup>22</sup> All the days of the earth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, night and day, shall not cease.

## PATRIARCHS

Genesis 12-50, less chapter 36: the promise given to Abraham, carried through Isaac and Jacob, and preserved in Egypt through Joseph. The genealogy of Esau (36), the genealogy of Nachor (22:20-24) and the generations of Ismael (25:12-18) are passed over.

### 13. The call of Abram

*Genesis 12:1-9*

The promise on which the rest of the Old Testament depends.

**12** <sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to Abram: Go forth out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and out of thy father's house, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and magnify thy name, and thou shalt be blessed. <sup>3</sup> I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee, and IN THEE shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went out as the Lord had commanded him, and Lot went with him: Abram was seventy-five years old when he went forth from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And he took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all the substance which they had gathered, and the souls which they had gotten in Haran: and they went out to go into the land of Chanaan. And when they were come into it, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the country unto the place of Sichem, as far as the noble vale: now the Chanaanite was at that time in the land. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him: To thy seed will I give this land. And he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> And passing on from thence to a mountain, that was on the east side of Bethel, he there pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: he built there also an altar to the Lord, and called upon his name. <sup>9</sup> And Abram went forward, going and proceeding on to the south.

### 23. The binding of Isaac

*Genesis 22:1-18*

The second lesson of the Easter Vigil, read to its Vigil terminus at verse 18; the genealogy of Nachor that follows is omitted.

**22** <sup>1</sup> After these things, God tempted Abraham, and said to him: Abraham, Abraham. And he answered: Here I am. <sup>2</sup> He said to him: Take thy only begotten son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and go into the land of vision; and there thou shalt offer him for an holocaust upon one of the mountains which I will shew thee.

<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rising up in the night, saddled his ass, and took with him two young men, and Isaac his son: and when he had cut wood for the holocaust, he went his way to the place which God had commanded him. <sup>4</sup> And on the third day, lifting up his eyes, he saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> And he said to his young men: Stay you here with the ass; I and the boy will go with speed as far as yonder, and after we have worshipped, will return to you. <sup>6</sup> And he took the wood for the holocaust, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he himself carried in his hands fire and a sword. And as they two went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father: My father. And he answered: What wilt thou, son? Behold, saith he, fire and wood: where is the victim for the holocaust? <sup>8</sup> And Abraham said: God will provide himself a victim for an holocaust, my son. So they went on together. <sup>9</sup> And they came to the place which

God had shewn him, where he built an altar, and laid the wood in order upon it; and when he had bound Isaac his son, he laid him on the altar upon the pile of wood. <sup>10</sup> And he put forth his hand, and took the sword, to sacrifice his son.

<sup>11</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord from heaven called to him, saying: Abraham, Abraham. And he answered: Here I am. <sup>12</sup> And he said to him: Lay not thy hand upon the boy, neither do thou any thing to him: now I know that thou fearest God, and hast not spared thy only begotten son for my sake. <sup>13</sup> Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw behind his back a ram, amongst the briers, sticking fast by the horns, which he took and offered for a holocaust instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And he called the name of that place, The Lord seeth. Whereupon, even to this day, it is said: In the mountain the Lord will see.

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, saying: <sup>16</sup> By my own self have I sworn, saith the Lord: because thou hast done this thing, and hast not spared thy only begotten son for my sake: <sup>17</sup> I will bless thee, and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that is by the sea shore; thy seed shall possess the gates of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice.

### 43. Joseph makes himself known

*Genesis 45:1-15*

**45** <sup>1</sup> Joseph could no longer refrain himself before many that stood by: whereupon he commanded that all should go out, and no stranger be present at their knowing one another. <sup>2</sup> And he lifted up his voice with weeping, which the Egyptians, and all the house of Pharaoh heard. <sup>3</sup> And he said to his brethren: I am Joseph: Is my father yet living? His brethren could not answer him, being struck with exceeding great fear. <sup>4</sup> And he said mildly to them: Come nearer to me. And when they were come near him, he said: I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Be not afraid, and let it not seem to you a hard case that you sold me into these countries: for God sent me before you into Egypt for your preservation. <sup>6</sup> For it is two years since the famine began to be upon the land, and five years more remain, wherein there can be neither ploughing nor reaping. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before, that you may be preserved upon the earth, and may have food to live. <sup>8</sup> Not by your counsel was I sent hither, but by the will of God: who hath made me as it were a father to Pharaoh, and lord of his whole house, and governor in all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Make haste, and go ye up to my father, and say to him: Thus saith thy son Joseph: God hath made me lord of the whole land of Egypt; come down to me, linger not. <sup>10</sup> And thou shalt dwell in the land of Gessen: and thou shalt be near me, thou and thy sons, and thy sons' sons, thy sheep, and thy herds, and all things that thou hast. <sup>11</sup> And there I will feed thee, (for there are yet five years of famine remaining) lest both thou perish, and thy house, and all things that thou hast. <sup>12</sup> Behold, your eyes, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, see that it is my mouth that speaketh to you. <sup>13</sup> You shall tell my father of all my glory, and all things that you have seen in Egypt: make haste and bring him to me. <sup>14</sup> And falling upon the neck of his brother Benjamin, he embraced him and wept: and Benjamin in like manner wept also on his neck. <sup>15</sup> And Joseph kissed all his

brethren, and wept upon every one of them: after which they were emboldened to speak to him.

### EGYPT AND EXODUS

Exodus 1-24 and 32-34: bondage, the passover, the sea, and the covenant at Sinai. The tabernacle specifications (25-31) and their execution (35-40) are passed over; they are description, not narrative, and the second is largely a repetition of the first.

### 51. The burning bush

*Exodus 3:1-4:17*

"I AM WHO AM." The divine name is given here.

**3** <sup>1</sup> Now Moses fed the sheep of Jethro, his father in law, the priest of Madian: and he drove the flock to the inner parts of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, Horeb. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he saw that the bush was on fire, and was not burnt. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said: I will go, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. <sup>4</sup> And when the Lord saw that he went forward to see, he called to him out of the midst of the bush. and said: Moses, Moses. And he answered: Here I am. <sup>5</sup> And he said: Come not nigh hither, put off the shoes from thy feet; for the place, whereon thou standest, is holy ground. <sup>6</sup> And he said: I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Moses hid his face: for he durst not look at God.

<sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to him: I have seen the affliction of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry because of the rigour of them that are over the works; <sup>8</sup> And knowing their sorrow, I am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land into a good and spacious land, into a land that floweth with milk and honey, to the places of the Chanaanite, and Hethite, and Amorrite, and Pherezite, and Hevite, and Jebusite. <sup>9</sup> For the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have seen their affliction, wherewith they are oppressed by the Egyptians. <sup>10</sup> But come, and I will send thee to Pharaoh, that thou mayst bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.

<sup>11</sup> And Moses said to God: Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> And he said to him: I will be with thee; and this thou shalt have for a sign that I have sent thee: When thou shalt have brought my people out of Egypt, thou shalt offer sacrifice to God upon this mountain. <sup>13</sup> Moses said to God: Lo, I shall go to the children of Israel, and say to them: The God of your fathers hath sent me to you. If they shall say to me: What is his name? What shall I say to them? <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses: I AM WHO AM. He said: Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel: HE WHO IS, hath sent me to you. <sup>15</sup> And God said again to Moses: Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel: The Lord God of your fathers the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob hath sent me to you; this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. <sup>16</sup> Go and gather together the ancients of Israel, and thou shalt say to them: The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared to me, saying: Visiting I have visited you; and I have seen all that hath befallen you in Egypt. <sup>17</sup> And I have

said the word to bring you forth out of the affliction of Egypt, into the land of the Chanaanite, and Hethite, and Amorrhite, and Pherezite, and Hevite, and Jebusite, to a land that floweth with milk and honey. <sup>18</sup> And they shall hear thy voice; and thou shalt go in, thou and the ancients of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and thou shalt say to him: The Lord God of the Hebrews hath called us; we will go three days' journey into the wilderness, to sacrifice unto the Lord our God. <sup>19</sup> But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go, but by a mighty hand. <sup>20</sup> For I will stretch forth my hand, and will strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst of them: after these he will let you go. <sup>21</sup> And I will give favour to this people, in the sight of the Egyptians: and when you go forth, you shall not depart empty: <sup>22</sup> But every woman shall ask of her neighbour, and of her that is in her house, vessels of silver and of gold, and raiment: and you shall put them on your sons and daughters, and shall spoil Egypt.

**4** <sup>1</sup> Moses answered, and said: They will not believe me, nor hear my voice, but they will say: The Lord hath not appeared to thee. <sup>2</sup> Then he said to him: What is that thou holdest in thy hand? He answered: A rod. <sup>3</sup> And the Lord said: Cast it down upon the ground. He cast it down, and it was turned into a serpent, so that Moses fled from it. <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said: Put out thy hand, and take it by the tail. He put forth his hand, and took hold of it, and it was turned into a rod. <sup>5</sup> That they may believe, saith he, that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared to thee. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said again: Put thy hand into thy bosom. And when he had put it into his bosom, he brought it forth leprous as snow. <sup>7</sup> And he said: Put back thy hand into thy bosom. He put it back, and brought it out again, and it was like the other flesh. <sup>8</sup> If they will not believe thee, saith he, nor hear the voice of the former sign, they will believe the word of the latter sign. <sup>9</sup> But if they will not even believe these two signs, nor hear thy voice: take of the river water, and pour it out upon the dry land, and whatsoever thou drawest out of the river, shall be turned into blood.

<sup>10</sup> Moses said: I beseech thee, Lord, I am not eloquent from yesterday and the day before; and since thou hast spoken to thy servant, I have more impediment and slowness of tongue. <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him: Who made man's mouth? or who made the dumb and the deaf, the seeing and the blind? did not I? <sup>12</sup> Go therefore, and I will be in thy mouth; and I will teach thee what thou shalt speak. <sup>13</sup> But he said: I beseech thee, Lord, send whom thou wilt send. <sup>14</sup> The Lord being angry at Moses, said: Aaron the Levite is thy brother, I know that he is eloquent: behold he cometh forth to meet thee, and seeing thee, shall be glad at heart. <sup>15</sup> Speak to him, and put my words in his mouth: and I will be in thy mouth, and in his mouth, and will shew you what you must do. <sup>16</sup> He shall speak in thy stead to the people, and shall be thy mouth: but thou shalt be to him in those things that pertain to God. <sup>17</sup> And take this rod in thy hand, wherewith thou shalt do the signs.

## 58. The passover, and the going out

*Exodus 12:1-42*

**12** <sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall be to you the beginning of months; it shall

be the first in the months of the year. <sup>3</sup> Speak ye to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, and say to them: On the tenth day of this month let every man take a lamb by their families and houses. <sup>4</sup> But if the number be less than may suffice to eat the lamb, he shall take unto him his neighbour that joineth to his house, according to the number of souls which may be enough to eat the lamb. <sup>5</sup> And it shall be a lamb without blemish, a male, of one year; according to which rite also you shall take a kid. <sup>6</sup> And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; and the whole multitude of the children of Israel shall sacrifice it in the evening. <sup>7</sup> And they shall take of the blood thereof, and put it upon both the side posts, and on the upper door posts of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. <sup>8</sup> And they shall eat the flesh that night roasted at the fire, and unleavened bread with wild lettuce. <sup>9</sup> You shall not eat thereof any thing raw, nor boiled in water, but only roasted at the fire; you shall eat the head with the feet and entrails thereof. <sup>10</sup> Neither shall there remain any thing of it until morning. If there be any thing left, you shall burn it with fire. <sup>11</sup> And thus you shall eat it: you shall gird your reins, and you shall have shoes on your feet, holding staves in your hands, and you shall eat in haste; for it is the Phase (that is the Passage) of the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and will kill every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast: and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments; I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> And the blood shall be unto you for a sign in the houses where you shall be; and I shall see the blood, and shall pass over you; and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I shall strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> And this day shall be for a memorial to you; and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord in your generations, with an everlasting observance. <sup>15</sup> Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread: in the first day there shall be no leaven in your houses; whosoever shall eat any thing leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall perish out of Israel. <sup>16</sup> The first day shall be holy and solemn, and the seventh day shall be kept with the like solemnity: you shall do no work in them, except those things that belong to eating. <sup>17</sup> And you shall observe the feast of the unleavened bread: for in this same day I will bring forth your army out of the land of Egypt, and you shall keep this day in your generations by a perpetual observance. <sup>18</sup> The first month, the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the same month, in the evening. <sup>19</sup> Seven days there shall not be found any leaven in your houses: he that shall eat leavened bread, his soul shall perish out of the assembly of Israel, whether he be a stranger or born in the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall not eat any thing leavened: in all your habitations you shall eat unleavened bread.

<sup>21</sup> And Moses called all the ancients of the children of Israel, and said to them: Go take a lamb by your families, and sacrifice the Phase. <sup>22</sup> And dip a bunch of hyssop in the blood that is at the door, and sprinkle the transom of the door therewith, and both the door cheeks: let none of you go out of the door of his house till morning. <sup>23</sup> For the Lord will pass through striking the Egyptians: and when he shall see the blood on the transom, and on both the posts, he will pass over the door of the house, and not suffer the destroyer to come into your houses and to



hurt you. <sup>24</sup> Thou shalt keep this thing as a law for thee and thy children for ever. <sup>25</sup> And when you have entered into the land which the Lord will give you, as he hath promised, you shall observe these ceremonies. <sup>26</sup> And when your children shall say to you: What is the meaning of this service? <sup>27</sup> You shall say to them: It is the victim of the passage of the Lord, when he passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, striking the Egyptians, and saving our houses. And the people bowing themselves, adored. <sup>28</sup> And the children of Israel going forth, did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

<sup>29</sup> And it came to pass at midnight, the Lord slew every first-born in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, unto the firstborn of the captive woman that was in the prison, and all the firstborn of cattle. <sup>30</sup> And Pharaoh arose in the night, and all his servants, and all Egypt: and there arose a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house wherein there lay not one dead. <sup>31</sup> And Pharaoh calling Moses and Aaron, in the night, said: Arise and go forth from among my people, you and the children of Israel: go, sacrifice to the Lord as you say. <sup>32</sup> Your sheep and herds take along with you, as you demanded, and departing bless me. <sup>33</sup> And the Egyptians pressed the people to go forth out of the land speedily, saying: We shall all die. <sup>34</sup> The people therefore took dough before it was leavened; and tying it in their cloaks, put it on their shoulders. <sup>35</sup> And the children of Israel did as Moses had commanded: and they asked of the Egyptians vessels of silver and gold, and very much raiment. <sup>36</sup> And the Lord gave favour to the people in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them: and they stripped the Egyptians.

<sup>37</sup> And the children of Israel set forward from Ramesse to Socoth, being about six hundred thousand men on foot, beside children. <sup>38</sup> And a mixed multitude, without number, went up also with them, sheep and herds, and beasts of divers kinds, exceeding many. <sup>39</sup> And they baked the meal, which a little before they had brought out of Egypt in dough: and they made hearth cakes unleavened: for it could not be leavened, the Egyptians pressing them to depart, and not suffering them to make any stay; neither did they think of preparing any meat. <sup>40</sup> And the abode of the children of Israel that they made in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. <sup>41</sup> Which being expired, the same day all the army of the Lord went forth out of the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup> This is the observable night of the Lord, when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: this night all the children of Israel must observe in their generations.

## 61. The crossing of the sea

*Exodus 14:15-15:1*

The third lesson of the Easter Vigil, whose range this reading reproduces exactly, ending as the Vigil does at the opening of the canticle.

**14** <sup>15</sup> And the Lord said to Moses: Why criest thou to me? Speak to the children of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch forth thy hand over the sea, and divide it: that the children of Israel may go through the midst of the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> And I will harden the heart of the Egyptians to pursue you: and I will be glorified in Pharaoh, and in all his host, and in his chariots and in his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians

shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall be glorified in Pharaoh, and in his chariots, and in his horsemen. <sup>19</sup> And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removing, went behind them: and together with him the pillar of the cloud, leaving the forepart, <sup>20</sup> Stood behind, between the Egyptians' camp and the camp of Israel: and it was a dark cloud, and enlightening the night, so that they could not come at one another all the night.

<sup>21</sup> And when Moses had stretched forth his hand over the sea, the Lord took it away by a strong and burning wind blowing all the night, and turned it into dry ground: and the water was divided. <sup>22</sup> And the children of Israel went in through the midst of the sea dried up; for the water was as a wall on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> And the Egyptians pursuing went in after them, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and horsemen, through the midst of the sea. <sup>24</sup> And now the morning watch was come, and behold the Lord looking upon the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, slew their host. <sup>25</sup> And overthrew the wheels of the chariots, and they were carried into the deep. And the Egyptians said: Let us flee from Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against us.

<sup>26</sup> And the Lord said to Moses: Stretch forth thy hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and horsemen. <sup>27</sup> And when Moses had stretched forth his hand towards the sea, it returned at the first break of day to the former place: and as the Egyptians were fleeing away, the waters came upon them, and the Lord shut them up in the middle of the waves. <sup>28</sup> And the waters returned, and covered the chariots and the horsemen of all the army of Pharaoh, who had come into the sea after them, neither did there so much as one of them remain. <sup>29</sup> But the children of Israel marched through the midst of the sea upon dry land, and the waters were to them as a wall on the right hand and on the left: <sup>30</sup> And the Lord delivered Israel in that day out of the hands of the Egyptians. <sup>31</sup> And they saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore, and the mighty hand that the Lord had used against them: and the people feared the Lord, and they believed the Lord, and Moses his servant.

**15** <sup>1</sup> Then Moses and the children of Israel sung this canticle to the Lord, and said: Let us sing to the Lord: for he is gloriously magnified, the horse and the rider he hath thrown into the sea.

## 67. The Decalogue

*Exodus 20:1-21*

Kept at the highest tier although it is law and not narrative: the covenant it states is the standard against which every later collapse in this plan is measured.

**20** <sup>1</sup> And the Lord spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt not have strange gods before me. <sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not adore them, nor serve them: I am the Lord thy God, mighty, jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: <sup>6</sup> And shewing mercy unto thousands to them that love me, and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that

shall take the name of the Lord his God in vain.<sup>8</sup> Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day.<sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and shalt do all thy works.<sup>10</sup> But on the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work on it, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy beast, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.<sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

<sup>12</sup> Honour thy father and thy mother, that thou mayst be longlived upon the land which the Lord thy God will give thee.<sup>13</sup> Thou shalt not kill.<sup>14</sup> Thou shalt not commit adultery.<sup>15</sup> Thou shalt not steal.<sup>16</sup> Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.<sup>17</sup> Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; neither shalt thou desire his wife, nor his servant, nor his handmaid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

<sup>18</sup> And all the people saw the voices and the flames, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mount smoking; and being terrified and struck with fear, they stood afar off,<sup>19</sup> Saying to Moses: Speak thou to us, and we will hear: let not the Lord speak to us, lest we die.<sup>20</sup> And Moses said to the people: Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that the dread of him might be in you, and you should not sin.<sup>21</sup> And the people stood afar off. But Moses went to the dark cloud wherein God was.

### THE WILDERNESS

Numbers 10-14, 16-17, 20-25, 27 and 31-33, with Deuteronomy 1-11 and 29-34. The Deuteronomic law code (12-26) is passed over, as is Leviticus entire and Numbers 1-9 and 26-30 apart from chapter 27: censuses, offerings and cultic ordinance.

#### 76. The spies, and the refusal of the land

*Numbers 13:1-14:45*

The forty years in the desert begin here; every later reading in this period is its consequence.

**13** <sup>1</sup> And the people marched from Haseroth, and pitched their tents in the desert of Pharan. <sup>2</sup> And there the Lord spoke to Moses, saying. <sup>3</sup> Send men to view the land of Chanaan, which I will give to the children of Israel, one of every tribe, of the rulers. <sup>4</sup> Moses did what the Lord had commanded, sending from the desert of Pharan, principal men, whose names are these: <sup>5</sup> Of the tribe of Ruben, Sammua the son of Zechur. <sup>6</sup> Of the tribe of Simeon, Saphat the son of Huri. <sup>7</sup> Of the tribe of Juda, Caleb the son of Jephone. <sup>8</sup> Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. <sup>9</sup> Of the tribe of Ephraim, Osee the son of Nun. <sup>10</sup> Of the tribe of Benjamin, Phalti the son of Raphu. <sup>11</sup> Of the tribe of Zabulon, Geddiel the son of Sodi. <sup>12</sup> Of the tribe of Joseph, of the sceptre of Manasses, Gaddi the son of Susi. <sup>13</sup> Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. <sup>14</sup> Of the tribe of Aser, Sthur the son of Michael. <sup>15</sup> Of the tribe of Nephtali, Nahabi the son of Vapsi. <sup>16</sup> Of the tribe of Gad, Guel the son of Machi. <sup>17</sup> These are the names of the men, whom Moses sent to view the land: and he called Osee the son of Nun, Josue. <sup>18</sup> And Moses sent them to view the land of Chanaan, and said to them: Go you up by the south side. And when you shall come to the mountains, <sup>19</sup> View the land, of what sort it is, and the people that are the inhabitants thereof, whether they be strong or weak: few in

number or many: <sup>20</sup> The land itself, whether it be good or bad: what manner of cities, walled or without walls:

<sup>21</sup> The ground, fat or barren, woody or without trees. Be of good courage, and bring us of the fruits of the land. Now it was the time when the firstripe grapes are fit to be eaten. <sup>22</sup> And when they were gone up, they viewed the land from the desert of Sin, unto Rohob as you enter into Emath. <sup>23</sup> And they went up at the south side, and came to Hebron, where were Achiman and Sisai and Tholmai the sons of Enac. For Hebron was built seven years before Tanis the city of Egypt. <sup>24</sup> And going forward as far as the torrent of the cluster of grapes, they cut off a branch with its cluster of grapes, which two men carried upon a lever. They took also of the pomegranates and of the figs of that place: <sup>25</sup> Which was called Nehelescol, that is to say, the torrent of the cluster of grapes, because from thence the children of Israel had carried a cluster of grapes. <sup>26</sup> And they that went to spy out the land returned after forty days, having gone round all the country, <sup>27</sup> And came to Moses and Aaron and to all the assembly of the children of Israel to the desert of Pharan, which is in Cades. And speaking to them and to all the multitude, they shewed them the fruits of the land: <sup>28</sup> And they related and said: We came into the land to which thou sentest us, which in very deed floweth with milk and honey as may be known by these fruits: <sup>29</sup> But it hath very strong inhabitants, and the cities are great and walled. We saw there the race of Enac. <sup>30</sup> Amalec dwelleth in the south, the Hethite and the Jebusite and the Amorrite in the mountains: but the Chanaanite abideth by the sea and near the streams of the Jordan. <sup>31</sup> In the mean time Caleb, to still the murmuring of the people that rose against Moses, said: Let us go up and possess the land, for we shall be able to conquer it. <sup>32</sup> But the others, that had been with him, said: No, we are not able to go up to this people, because they are stronger than we. <sup>33</sup> And they spoke ill of the land, which they had viewed, before the children of Israel, saying: The land which we have viewed, devoureth its inhabitants: the people, that we beheld are of a tall stature. <sup>34</sup> There we saw certain monsters of the sons of Enac, of the giant kind: in comparison of whom, we seemed like locusts.

**14** <sup>1</sup> Therefore the whole multitude crying wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying: <sup>3</sup> Would God that we had died in Egypt: and would God we may die in this vast wilderness, and that the Lord may not bring us into this land, lest we fall by the sword, and our wives and children be led away captives. Is it not better to return into Egypt? <sup>4</sup> And they said one to another: Let us appoint a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

<sup>5</sup> And when Moses and Aaron heard this, they fell down flat upon the ground before the multitude of the children of Israel.

<sup>6</sup> But Josue the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephone, who themselves also had viewed the land, rent their garments, <sup>7</sup> And said to all the multitude of the children of Israel: The land which we have gone round is very good: <sup>8</sup> If the Lord be favourable, he will bring us into it, and give us a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup> Be not rebellious against the Lord: and fear ye not the people of this land, for we are able to eat them up as bread. All aid is gone from them: the Lord is with us, fear ye not. <sup>10</sup> And when all the multitude cried out, and would have

stoned them, the glory of the Lord appeared over the tabernacle of the covenant to all the children of Israel.

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Moses: How long will this people detract me? how long will they not believe me for all the signs that I have wrought before them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them therefore with pestilence, and will consume them: but thee I will make a ruler over a great nation, and a mightier than this is.

<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the Lord: That the Egyptians, from the midst of whom thou hast brought forth this people, <sup>14</sup> And the inhabitants of this land, (who have heard that thou, O Lord, art among this people, and art seen face to face, and thy cloud protecteth them, and thou goest before them in a pillar of a cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night,) <sup>15</sup> May hear that thou hast killed so great a multitude as it were one man and may say: <sup>16</sup> He could not bring the people into the land for which he had sworn, therefore did he kill them in the wilderness. <sup>17</sup> Let then the strength of the Lord be magnified, as thou hast sworn, saying: <sup>18</sup> The Lord is patient and full of mercy, by taking away iniquity and wickedness, and leaving no man clear, who visiteth the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. <sup>19</sup> Forgive, I beseech thee, the sins of this people, according to the greatness of thy mercy, as thou hast been merciful to them from their going out of Egypt unto this place.

<sup>20</sup> And the Lord said: I have forgiven according to thy word. <sup>21</sup> As I live: and the whole earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> But yet all the men that have seen my majesty, and the signs that I have done in Egypt, and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now ten times, and have not obeyed my voice, <sup>23</sup> Shall not see the land for which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any one of them that hath detracted me behold it. <sup>24</sup> My servant Caleb, who being full of another spirit hath followed me, I will bring into this land which he hath gone round: and his seed shall possess it. <sup>25</sup> For the Amalecite and the Chanaanite dwell in the valleys. To morrow remove the camp, and return into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea. <sup>26</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: <sup>27</sup> How long doth this wicked multitude murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. <sup>28</sup> Say therefore to them: As I live, saith the Lord: According as you have spoken in my hearing, so will I do to you. <sup>29</sup> In the wilderness shall your carcasses lie. All you that were numbered from twenty years old and upward, and have murmured against me, <sup>30</sup> Shall not enter into the land, over which I lifted up my hand to make you dwell therein, except Caleb the son of Jephone, and Josue the son of Nun. <sup>31</sup> But your children, of whom you said, that they should be a prey to the enemies, will I bring in: that they may see the land which you have despised. <sup>32</sup> Your carcasses shall lie in the wilderness. <sup>33</sup> Your children shall wander in the desert forty years, and shall bear your fornication, until the carcasses of their fathers be consumed in the desert, <sup>34</sup> According to the number of the forty days, wherein you viewed the land: a year shall be counted for a day. And forty years you shall receive your iniquities, and shall know my revenge: <sup>35</sup> For as I have spoken, so will I do to all this wicked multitude, that hath risen up together against me: in this wilderness shall it faint away and die.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore all the men, whom Moses had sent to view the land, and who at their return had made the whole multitude to murmur against him, speaking ill of the land that it was naught, <sup>37</sup> Died and were struck in the sight of the Lord. <sup>38</sup> But Josue the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephone lived, of all them that had gone to view the land. <sup>39</sup> And Moses spoke all these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned exceedingly. <sup>40</sup> And behold rising up very early in the morning, they went up to the top of the mountain, and said: We are ready to go up to the place, of which the Lord hath spoken: for we have sinned. <sup>41</sup> And Moses said to them: Why transgress you the word of the Lord, which shall not succeed prosperously with you? <sup>42</sup> Go not up, for the Lord is not with you: lest you fall before your enemies. <sup>43</sup> The Amalecite and the Chanaanite are before you, and by their sword you shall fall, because you would not consent to the Lord, neither will the Lord be with you. <sup>44</sup> But they being blinded went up to the top of the mountain. But the ark of the testament of the Lord and Moses departed not from the camp. <sup>45</sup> And the Amalecite came down, and the Chanaanite that dwelt in the mountain: and smiting and slaying them pursued them as far as Horma.

## 89. "Hear, O Israel"

*Deuteronomy 6:1-25*

The Shema, and the first commandment as Christ cites it. Deuteronomy 12-26, the law code, is omitted after chapter 11.

**6** <sup>1</sup> These are the precepts, and ceremonies, and judgments, which the Lord your God commanded that I should teach you, and that you should do them in the land into which you pass over to possess it: <sup>2</sup> That thou mayst fear the Lord thy God, and keep all his commandments and precepts, which I command thee, and thy sons, and thy grandsons, all the days of thy life, that thy days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup> Hear, O Israel, and observe to do the things which the Lord hath commanded thee, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayst be greatly multiplied, as the Lord the God of thy fathers hath promised thee a land flowing with milk and honey.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength. <sup>6</sup> And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt tell them to thy children, and thou shalt meditate upon them sitting in thy house, and walking on thy journey, sleeping and rising. <sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them as a sign on thy hand, and they shall be and shall move between thy eyes. <sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them in the entry, and on the doors of thy house. <sup>10</sup> And when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land, for which he swore to thy fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: and shall have given thee great and goodly cities, which thou didst not build, <sup>11</sup> Houses full of riches, which thou didst not set up, cisterns which thou didst not dig, vineyards and oliveyards, which thou didst not plant, <sup>12</sup> And thou shalt have eaten and be full: <sup>13</sup> Take heed diligently lest thou forget the Lord, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and shalt serve him only, and thou shalt swear by his name. <sup>14</sup> You shall not go after the strange gods of all the nations, that are round about you: <sup>15</sup> Because the Lord

thy God is a jealous God in the midst of thee: lest at any time the wrath of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and take thee away from the face of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God, as thou temptedst him in the place of temptation. <sup>17</sup> Keep the precepts of the Lord thy God, and the testimonies and ceremonies which he hath commanded thee. <sup>18</sup> And do that which is pleasing and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with thee: and going in thou mayst possess the goodly land, concerning which the Lord swore to thy fathers, <sup>19</sup> That he would destroy all thy enemies before thee, as he hath spoken. <sup>20</sup> And when thy son shall ask thee to morrow, saying: What mean these testimonies, and ceremonies and judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded us? <sup>21</sup> Thou shalt say to him: We were bondmen of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand. <sup>22</sup> And he wrought signs and wonders great and very grievous in Egypt against Pharaoh, and all his house, in our sight, <sup>23</sup> And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in and give us the land, concerning which he swore to our fathers. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord commanded that we should do all these ordinances, and should fear the Lord our God, that it might be well with us all the days of our life, as it is at this day. <sup>25</sup> And he will be merciful to us, if we keep and do all his precepts before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

## 99. The death of Moses

*Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

**34** <sup>1</sup> Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab upon mount Nebo, to the top of Phasga over against Jericho: and the Lord shewed him all the land of Galaad as far as Dan. <sup>2</sup> And all Nephthali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasses, and all the land of Juda unto the furthestmost sea, <sup>3</sup> And the south part, and the breadth of the plain of Jericho the city of palm trees as far as Segor. <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said to him: This is the land, for which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying: I will give it to thy seed. Thou hast seen it with thy eyes, and shalt not pass over to it.

<sup>5</sup> And Moses the servant of the Lord died there, in the land of Moab, by the commandment of the Lord: <sup>6</sup> And he buried him in the valley of the land of Moab over against Phogor: and no man hath known of his sepulchre until this present day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, neither were his teeth moved. <sup>8</sup> And the children of Israel mourned for him in the plains of Moab thirty days: and the days of their mourning in which they mourned Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup> And Josue the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands upon him. And the children of Israel obeyed him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> And there arose no more a prophet in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> In all the signs and wonders, which he sent by him, to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to his whole land, <sup>12</sup> And all the mighty hand, and great miracles, which Moses did before all Israel.

## CONQUEST AND JUDGES

Josue 1-11 and 23-24, Judges 1-16, and Ruth. The allotment of the tribal territories (Josue 12-22) is passed over as a survey document, and Judges 17-21, the appendix, is left aside as outside the line of the story.

## 106. The fall of Jericho

*Joshua 6:1-27*

**6** <sup>1</sup> Now Jericho was close shut up and fenced, for fear of the children of Israel, and no man durst go out or come in. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Josue: Behold I have given into thy hands Jericho, and the king thereof, and all the valiant men. <sup>3</sup> Go round about the city all ye fighting men once a day: so shall ye do for six days. <sup>4</sup> And on the seventh day the priests shall take the seven trumpets, which are used in the jubilee, and shall go before the ark of the covenant: and you shall go about the city seven times, and the priests shall sound the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> And when the voice of the trumpet shall give a longer and broken tune, and shall sound in your ears, all the people shall shout together with a very great shout, and the walls of the city shall fall to the ground, and they shall enter in every one at the place against which they shall stand.

<sup>6</sup> Then Josue, the son of Nun, called the priests, and said to them: Take the ark of the covenant: and let seven other priests take the seven trumpets of the jubilee, and march before the ark of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the people: Go, and compass the city, armed, marching before the ark of the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> And when Josue had ended his words, and the seven priests blew the seven trumpets before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, <sup>9</sup> And all the armed men went before, the rest of the common people followed the ark, and the sound of the trumpets was heard on all sides. <sup>10</sup> But Josue had commanded the people, saying: You shall not shout, nor shall your voice be heard, nor any word go out of your mouth: until the day come wherein I shall say to you: Cry, and shout. <sup>11</sup> So the ark of the Lord went about the city once a day, and returning into the camp, abode there. <sup>12</sup> And Josue rising before day, the priests took the ark of the Lord, <sup>13</sup> And seven of them seven trumpets, which are used in the jubilee: and they went before the ark of the Lord, walking and sounding the trumpets: and the armed men went before them, and the rest of the common people followed the ark, and they blew the trumpets. <sup>14</sup> And they went round about the city the second day once, and returned into the camp. So they did six days. <sup>15</sup> But the seventh day, rising up early, they went about the city, as it was ordered, seven times. <sup>16</sup> And when in the seventh going about the priests sounded with the trumpets, Josue said to all Israel: Shout: for the Lord hath delivered the city to you: <sup>17</sup> And let this city be an anathema, and all things that are in it, to the Lord. Let only Rahab, the harlot, live, with all that are with her in the house: for she hid the messengers whom we sent. <sup>18</sup> But beware ye lest you touch ought of those things that are forbidden, and you be guilty of transgression, and all the camp of Israel be under sin, and be troubled. <sup>19</sup> But whatsoever gold or silver there shall be, or vessels of brass and iron, let it be consecrated to the Lord, laid up in his treasures. <sup>20</sup> So all the people making a shout, and the trumpets sounding, when the voice and the sound thundered in the ears of the multitude,

the walls forthwith fell down: and every man went up by the place that was over against him: and they took the city, <sup>21</sup> And killed all that were in it, man and woman, young and old. The oxen also, and the sheep, and the asses, they slew with the edge of the sword. <sup>22</sup> But Josue said to the two men that had been sent for spies: Go into the harlot's house, and bring her out, and all things that are hers, as you assured her by oath. <sup>23</sup> And the young men went in, and brought out Rahab, and her parents, her brethren also, and all her goods, and her kindred, and made them to stay without the camp. <sup>24</sup> But they burned the city, and all things that were therein; except the gold and silver, and vessels of brass and iron, which they consecrated unto the treasury of the Lord. <sup>25</sup> But Josue saved Rahab the harlot, and her father's house, and all she had, and they dwelt in the midst of Israel until this present day: because she hid the messengers whom he had sent to spy out Jericho. At that time, Josue made an imprecation, saying:

<sup>26</sup> Cursed be the man before the Lord, that shall raise up and build the city of Jericho. In his firstborn may he lay the foundation thereof, and in the last of his children set up its gates. <sup>27</sup> And the Lord was with Josue, and his name was noised throughout all the land.

### 119. Gedeon and the three hundred

*Judges 7:1-25*

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then Jerobaal, who is the same as Gedeon, rising up early, and all the people with him, came to the fountain that is called Harad. Now the camp of Madian was in the valley, on the north side of the high hill. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Gedeon: The people that are with thee are many, and Madian shall not be delivered into their hands: lest Israel should glory against me, and say: I was delivered by my own strength. <sup>3</sup> Speak to the people, and proclaim in the hearing of all: Whosoever is fearful and timorous, let him return. So two and twenty thousand men went away from Mount Galaad and returned home, and only ten thousand remained. <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said to Gedeon: The people are still too many, bring them to the waters, and there I will try them: and of whom I shall say to thee, This shall go with thee, let him go: whom I shall forbid to go, let him return. <sup>5</sup> And when the people were come down to the waters, the Lord said to Gedeon: They that shall lap the water with their tongues, as dogs are wont to lap, thou shalt set apart by themselves: but they that shall drink bowing down their knees, shall be on the other side. <sup>6</sup> And the number of them that had lapped water; casting it with the hand to their mouth, was three hundred men: and all the rest of the multitude had drunk kneeling. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Gedeon: By the three hundred men, that lapped water, I will save you, and deliver Madian into thy hand: but let all the rest of the people return to their place. <sup>8</sup> So taking vintals and trumpets according to their number, he ordered all the rest of the multitude to depart to their tents: and he with the three hundred gave himself to the battle. Now the camp of Madia was beneath him in the valley. <sup>9</sup> The same night the Lord said to him: Arise, and go down into the camp: because I have delivered them into thy hand. <sup>10</sup> But if thou be afraid to go alone, let Phara, thy servant, go down with thee. <sup>11</sup> And when thou shalt hear what they are saying, then shall thy hands be strengthened, and thou shalt go down more secure to the enemies' camp. And he went down with Phara his

servant, into part of the camp, where was the watch of men in arms. <sup>12</sup> But Madian and Amalec, and all the eastern people, lay scattered in the valley, as a multitude of locusts: their camels also were innumerable, as the sand that lieth on the sea shore. <sup>13</sup> And when Gedeon was come, one told his neighbour a dream: and in this manner related what he had seen: I dreamt a dream, and it seemed to me as if a hearth cake of barley bread rolled and came down into the camp of Madian: and when it was come to a tent, it struck it, and beat it down flat to the ground. <sup>14</sup> He to whom he spoke, answered: This is nothing else but the sword of Gedeon, the son of Joas, a man of Israel. For the Lord hath delivered Madian, and all their camp into his hand.

<sup>15</sup> And when Gedeon had heard the dream, and the interpretation thereof, he adored: and returned to the camp of Israel, and said: Arise, for the Lord hath delivered the camp of Madian into our hands.

<sup>16</sup> And he divided the three hundred men into three parts, and gave them trumpets in their hands, and empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them: What you shall see me do, do you the same: I will go into one part of the camp, and do you as I shall do. <sup>18</sup> When the trumpet shall sound in my hand, do you also blow the trumpets on every side of the camp, and shout together to the Lord and to Gedeon.

<sup>19</sup> And Gedeon, and the three hundred men that were with him, went into part of the camp, at the beginning of the midnight watch, and the watchmen being alarmed, they began to sound their trumpets, and to clap the pitchers one against another.

<sup>20</sup> And when they sounded their trumpets in three places round about the camp, and had broken their pitchers, they held their lamps in their left hands, and with their right hands the trumpets which they blew, and they cried out: The sword of the Lord and of Gedeon: <sup>21</sup> Standing every man in his place round about the enemies' camp. So all the camp was troubled, and crying out and howling, they fled away: <sup>22</sup> And the three hundred men nevertheless persisted sounding the trumpets. And the Lord sent the sword into all the camp, and they killed one another, <sup>23</sup> Fleeing as far as Bethsetta, and the border of Abelmahula, in Tebbath. But the men of Israel, shouting from Nephthali, and Aser, and from all Manasses, pursued after Madian. <sup>24</sup> And Gedeon sent messengers into all Mount Ephraim, saying: Come down to meet Madian, and take the waters before them to Bethbera and the Jordan. And all Ephraim shouted, and took the waters before them and the Jordan as far as Bethbera. <sup>25</sup> And having taken two men of Madian, Oreb and Zeb: Oreb they slew in the rock of Oreb, and Zeb in the winepress of Zeb. And they pursued Madian, carrying the heads of Oreb and Zeb to Gedeon, beyond the waters of the Jordan.

### 129. Booz redeems Ruth

*Ruth 4:1-22*

The book ends in a genealogy, and it is the one genealogy no abridgement can cut: Phares, Booz, Obed, Isai, David.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then Booz went up to the gate, and sat there. And when he had seen the kinsman going by, of whom he had spoken before, he said to him, calling him by his name: Turn aside for a little while, and sit down here. He turned aside, and sat down. <sup>2</sup> And Booz, taking ten men of the ancients of the city, said to them:

Sit ye down here. <sup>3</sup> They sat down, and he spoke to the kinsman: Noemi, who is returned from the country of Moab will sell a parcel of land that belonged to our brother Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> I would have thee to understand this, and would tell thee before all that sit here, and before the ancients of my people. If thou wilt take possession of it by the right of kindred: buy it, and possess it: but if it please thee not, tell me so, that I may know what I have to do. For there is no near kinsman besides thee, who art first, and me, who am second. But he answered: I will buy the field. <sup>5</sup> And Booz said to him: When thou shalt buy the field at the woman's hand, thou must take also Ruth, the Moabitess, who was the wife of the deceased: to raise up the name of thy kinsman in his inheritance.

<sup>6</sup> He answered: I yield up my right of next akin: for I must not cut off the posterity of my own family. Do thou make use of my privilege, which I profess I do willingly forego. <sup>7</sup> Now this in former times was the manner in Israel between kinsmen, that if at any time one yielded his right to another: that the grant might be sure, the man put off his shoe and gave it to his neighbour; this was a testimony of cession of right in Israel. <sup>8</sup> So Booz said to his kinsman: Put off thy shoe. And immediately he took it off from his foot.

<sup>9</sup> And he said to the ancients, and to all the people: You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and Chelion's, and Mahalon's, of the hand of Noemi: <sup>10</sup> And have taken to wife Ruth, the Moabitess, the wife of Mahalon, to raise up the name of the deceased in his inheritance lest his name be cut off, from among his family and his brethren and his people. You, I say, are witnesses of this thing. <sup>11</sup> Then all the people that were in the gate, and the ancients, answered: We are witnesses: The Lord make this woman who cometh into thy house, like Rachel, and Lia, who built up the house of Israel: that she may be an example of virtue in Ephrata, and may have a famous name in Bethlehem: <sup>12</sup> And that the house may be, as the house of Phares, whom Tamar bore unto Juda, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman.

<sup>13</sup> Booz therefore took Ruth, and married her: and went in unto her, and the Lord gave her to conceive, and to bear a son. <sup>14</sup> And the women said to Noemi: Blessed be the Lord, who hath not suffered thy family to want a successor: that his name should be preserved in Israel. <sup>15</sup> And thou shouldst have one to comfort thy soul, and cherish thy old age. For he is born of thy daughter in law: who loveth thee: and is much better to thee, than if thou hadst seven sons. <sup>16</sup> And Noemi taking the child, laid it in her bosom, and she carried it, and was a nurse unto it. <sup>17</sup> And the women, her neighbours, congratulating with her, and saying, There is a son born to Noemi, called his name Obed: he is the father of Isai, the father of David.

<sup>18</sup> These are the generations of Phares: Phares begot Esron, <sup>19</sup> Esron begot Aram, Aram begot Aminadab, <sup>20</sup> Aminadab begot Nahasson, Nahasson begot Salmon, <sup>21</sup> Salmon begot Booz, Booz begot Obed, <sup>22</sup> Obed begot Isai, Isai begot David.

## THE UNITED MONARCHY

1 and 2 Samuel entire. The Douay-Rheims prints these as the First and Second Books of Kings; this plan uses the modern names, so that Douay 3 and 4 Kings appear in the next period as 1 and 2 Kings. 1 and 2 Paralipomenon (Chronicles) are passed over as a second telling of the same reigns.

### 137. "Give us a king"

*1 Samuel 8:1-22*

The kingdom is granted as a concession; every later reading in this period is coloured by that.

**8** <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup> Now the name of his firstborn son was Joel: and the name of the second was Abia, judges in Bersabee. <sup>3</sup> And his sons walked not in his ways: but they turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

<sup>4</sup> Then all the ancients of Israel being assembled came to Samuel to Ramatha. <sup>5</sup> And they said to him: Behold thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: make us a king, to judge us, as all nations have. <sup>6</sup> And the word was displeasing in the eyes of Samuel, that they should say: Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel: Hearken to the voice of the people in all that they say to thee. For they have not rejected thee, but me, that I should not reign over them. <sup>8</sup> According to all their works, they have done from the day that I brought them out of Egypt until this day: as they have forsaken me, and served strange gods, so do they also unto thee. <sup>9</sup> Now, therefore, hearken to their voice: but yet testify to them, and foretell them the right of the king, that shall reign over them.

<sup>10</sup> Then Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people that had desired a king of him, <sup>11</sup> And said: This will be the right of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and put them in his chariots, and will make them his horsemen, and his running footmen, to run before his chariots, <sup>12</sup> And he will appoint of them to be his tribunes, and his centurions, and to plough his fields, and to reap his corn, and to make him arms and chariots. <sup>13</sup> Your daughters also he will take to make him ointments, and to be his cooks, and bakers. <sup>14</sup> And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your best oliveyards, and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup> Moreover he will take the tenth of your corn, and of the revenues of your vineyards, to give to his eunuchs and servants. <sup>16</sup> Your servants also, and handmaids, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, he will take away, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> Your flocks also he will tithe, and you shall be his servants. <sup>18</sup> And you shall cry out in that day from the face of the king, whom you have chosen to yourselves: and the Lord will not hear you in that day, because you desired unto yourselves a king.

<sup>19</sup> But the people would not hear the voice of Samuel, and they said, Nay: but there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup> And we also will be like all nations: and our king shall judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles for us. <sup>21</sup> And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and rehearsed them in the ears of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel: Hearken to their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel: Let every man go to his city.

**143. David anointed***1 Samuel 16:1-23*

**16** <sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel: How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, whom I have rejected from reigning over Israel? fill thy horn with oil, and come, that I may send thee to Isai, the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said: How shall I go? for Saul will hear of it, and he will kill me. And the Lord said: Thou shalt take with thee a calf of the herd, and thou shalt say: I am come to sacrifice to the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And thou shalt call Isai to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou art to do, and thou shalt anoint him whom I shall shew to thee. <sup>4</sup> Then Samuel did as the Lord had said to him. And he came to Bethlehem, and the ancients of the city wondered, and meeting him, they said: Is thy coming hither peaceable? <sup>5</sup> And he said: It is peaceable: I am come to offer sacrifice to the Lord, be ye sanctified, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Isai and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> And when they were come in, he saw Eliab, and said: Is the Lord's anointed before him? <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel: Look not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature: because I have rejected him, nor do I judge according to the look of man: for man seeth those things that appear, but the Lord beholdeth the heart. <sup>8</sup> And Isai called Abinadab, and brought him before Samuel. And he said: Neither hath the Lord chosen this, <sup>9</sup> And Isai brought Samma, and he said of him: Neither hath the Lord chosen this. <sup>10</sup> Isai therefore brought his seven sons before Samuel: and Samuel said to Isai: The Lord hath not chosen any one of these. <sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Isai: Are here all thy sons? He answered: There remaineth yet a young one, who keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said to Isai: Send, and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. <sup>12</sup> He sent therefore and brought him. Now he was ruddy and beautiful to behold, and of a comely face. And the Lord said: Arise, and anoint him, for this is he. <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward: and Samuel rose up, and went to Ramatha. <sup>14</sup> But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him. <sup>15</sup> And the servants of Saul said to him: Behold now an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. <sup>16</sup> Let our lord give orders, and thy servants who are before thee, will seek out a man skilful in playing on the harp, that when the evil spirit from the Lord is upon thee, he may play with his hand, and thou mayst bear it more easily. <sup>17</sup> And Saul said to his servants: Provide me then some man that can play well, and bring him to me. <sup>18</sup> And one of the servants answering, said: Behold I have seen a son of Isai, the Bethlehemite, a skilful player, and one of great strength, and a man fit for war, and prudent in his words, and a comely person: and the Lord is with him.

<sup>19</sup> Then Saul sent messengers to Isai, saying: Send me David, thy son, who is in the pastures. <sup>20</sup> And Isai took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid of the flock, and sent them by the hand of David, his son, to Saul. <sup>21</sup> And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him exceedingly, and made him his armourbearer. <sup>22</sup> And Saul sent to Isai, saying: Let David stand before me: for he hath found favour in my sight.

<sup>23</sup> So whensoever the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul,

David took his harp, and played with his hand, and Saul was refreshed, and was better, for the evil spirit departed from him.

**158. "Thy house shall be faithful for ever"***2 Samuel 7:1-29*

The Davidic covenant. The angel's words at the Annunciation, read later in this plan, are its direct answer.

**7** <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, <sup>2</sup> He said to Nathan the prophet: Dost thou see that I dwell in a house of cedar, and the ark of God is lodged within skins? <sup>3</sup> And Nathan said to the king: Go, do all that is in thy heart: because the Lord is with thee.

<sup>4</sup> But it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: <sup>5</sup> Go, and say to my servant David: Thus saith the Lord: Shalt thou build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup> Whereas I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt even to this day: but have walked in a tabernacle, and in a tent. <sup>7</sup> In all the places that I have gone through with all the children of Israel, did ever I speak a word to any one of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying: Why have you not built me a house of cedar? <sup>8</sup> And now thus shalt thou speak to my servant David: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: I took thee out of the pastures from following the sheep to be ruler over my people Israel: <sup>9</sup> And I have been with thee wheresoever thou hast walked, and have slain all thy enemies from before thy face: and I have made thee a great man, like unto the name of the great ones that are on the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them, and they shall dwell therein, and shall be disturbed no more: neither shall the children of iniquity afflict them any more as they did before, <sup>11</sup> From the day that I appointed judges over my people Israel: and I will give thee rest from all thy enemies. And the Lord foretelleth to thee, that the Lord will make thee a house. <sup>12</sup> And when thy days shall be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house to my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. <sup>14</sup> I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son: and if he commit any iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men. <sup>15</sup> But my mercy I will not take away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before my face. <sup>16</sup> And thy house shall be faithful, and thy kingdom for ever before thy face, and thy throne shall be firm for ever. <sup>17</sup> According to all these words and according to all this vision so did Nathan speak to David.

<sup>18</sup> And David went in, and sat before the Lord, and said: Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? <sup>19</sup> But yet this hath seemed little in thy sight, O Lord God, unless thou didst also speak of the house of thy servant for a long time to come: for this is the law of Adam, O Lord God: <sup>20</sup> And what can David say more unto thee? for thou knowest thy servant, O Lord God: <sup>21</sup> For thy word's sake, and according to thy own heart thou has done all these great things, so that thou wouldst make it known to thy servant. <sup>22</sup> Therefore thou art magnified, O Lord God, because there is none like to thee,



neither is there any God besides thee, in all the things that we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup> And what nation is there upon earth, as thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for them great and terrible things, upon the earth, before the face of thy people, whom thou redeemedst to thyself out of Egypt, from the nations and their gods. <sup>24</sup> For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be an everlasting people: and thou, O Lord God, art become their God. <sup>25</sup> And now, O Lord God, raise up for ever the word that thou hast spoken, concerning thy servant and concerning his house: and do as thou hast spoken, <sup>26</sup> That thy name may be magnified for ever, and it may be said: The Lord of hosts is God over Israel. And the house of thy servant David shall be established before the Lord. <sup>27</sup> Because thou, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to the ear of thy servant, saying: I will build thee a house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer to thee. <sup>28</sup> And now, O Lord God, thou art God, and thy words shall be true: for thou hast spoken to thy servant these good things. <sup>29</sup> And now begin, and bless the house of thy servant, that it may endure for ever before thee: because thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it, and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

### THE DIVIDED MONARCHY

1 Kings entire and 2 Kings 1-17 - in the Douay-Rheims, the Third Book of Kings and the Fourth as far as the fall of Samaria. The period runs from Solomon to the deportation of the northern tribes. Isaias 7, 9 and 11 are read here, at the reign of Achaz to whom the first of them was spoken.

#### 180. The kingdom torn in two

*1 Kings 12:1-33*

**12** <sup>1</sup> And Roboam went to Sichem: for thither were all Israel come together to make him king. <sup>2</sup> But Jeroboam, the son of Nabat, who was yet in Egypt, a fugitive from the face of king Solomon, hearing of his death, returned out of Egypt. <sup>3</sup> And they sent and called him: and Jeroboam came, and all the multitude of Israel, and they spoke to Roboam, saying: <sup>4</sup> Thy father laid a grievous yoke upon us: now, therefore, do thou take off a little of the grievous service of thy father, and of his most heavy yoke, which he put upon us, and we will serve thee. <sup>5</sup> And he said to them: Go till the third day, and come to me again. And when the people was gone,

<sup>6</sup> King Roboam took counsel with the old men, that stood before Solomon, his father, while he yet lived, and he said: What counsel do you give me, that I may answer this people? <sup>7</sup> They said to him: If thou wilt yield to this people to day, and condescend to them, and grant their petition, and wilt speak gentle words to them, they will be thy servants always. <sup>8</sup> But he left the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that had been brought up with him, and stood before him. <sup>9</sup> And he said to them: What counsel do you give me, that I may answer this people, who have said to me: Make the yoke, which thy father put upon us, lighter? <sup>10</sup> And the young men that had been brought up with him, said: Thus shalt thou speak to this people, who have spoken to thee, saying: Thy father made our yoke heavy, do thou ease us. Thou shalt say

to them: My little finger is thicker than the back of my father. <sup>11</sup> And now my father put a heavy yoke upon you, but I will add to your yoke: my father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions.

<sup>12</sup> So Jeroboam, and all the people, came to Roboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying: Come to me again the third day. <sup>13</sup> And the king answered the people roughly, leaving the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, <sup>14</sup> And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying: My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke: My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions. <sup>15</sup> And the king condescended not to the people: for the Lord was turned away from him, to make good his word, which he had spoken in the hand of Ahias, the Silonite, to Jeroboam, the son of Nabat. <sup>16</sup> Then the people, seeing that the king would not hearken to them, answered him, saying: What portion have we in David? or what inheritance in the son of Isai? Go home to thy dwellings, O Israel: now, David, look to thy own house. So Israel departed to their dwellings. <sup>17</sup> But as for all the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Juda, Roboam reigned over them. <sup>18</sup> Then king Roboam sent Aduram, who was over the tribute: and all Israel stoned him, and he died. Wherefore king Roboam made haste to get him up into his chariot, and he fled to Jerusalem: <sup>19</sup> And Israel revolted from the house of David, unto this day. <sup>20</sup> And it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they gathered an assembly, and sent and called him, and made him king over all Israel, and there was none that followed the house of David but the tribe of Juda only.

<sup>21</sup> And Roboam came to Jerusalem, and gathered together all the house of Juda, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred fourscore thousand chosen men for war, to fight against the house of Israel, and to bring the kingdom again under Roboam, the son of Solomon. <sup>22</sup> But the word of the Lord came to Semeias, the man of God, saying: <sup>23</sup> Speak to Roboam, the son of Solomon, the king of Juda, and to all the house of Juda, and Benjamin, and the rest of the people, saying: <sup>24</sup> Thus saith the Lord: You shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren, the children of Israel: let every man return to his house, for this thing is from me. They hearkened to the word of the Lord, and returned from their journey, as the Lord had commanded them.

<sup>25</sup> And Jeroboam built Sichem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt there, and going out from thence, he built Phanael. <sup>26</sup> And Jeroboam said in his heart: Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David, <sup>27</sup> If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem: and the heart of this people will turn to their lord Roboam, the king of Juda, and they will kill me, and return to him. <sup>28</sup> And finding out a device, he made two golden calves, and said to them: Go ye up no more to Jerusalem: Behold thy gods, O Israel, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt. <sup>29</sup> And he set the one in Bethel, and the other in Dan: <sup>30</sup> And this thing became an occasion of sin: for the people went to adore the calf as far as Dan. <sup>31</sup> And he made temples in the high places, and priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi. <sup>32</sup> And he appointed a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, after the manner of the feast that was celebrated in Juda. And going up to the altar,



he did in like manner in Bethel, to sacrifice to the calves, which he had made: and he placed in Bethel priests of the high places, which he had made. <sup>33</sup> And he went up to the altar, which he had built in Bethel, on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, which he had devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast to the children of Israel, and went up on the altar to burn incense.

#### 184. *Elias on Carmel*

*1 Kings 18:1-46*

**18** <sup>1</sup> After many days, the word of the Lord came to Elias, in the third year, saying: Go, and shew thyself to Achab, that I may give rain upon the face of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And Elias went to shew himself to Achab, and there was a grievous famine in Samaria. <sup>3</sup> And Achab called Abdias the governor of his house: now Abdias feared the Lord very much. <sup>4</sup> For when Jezabel killed the prophets of the Lord, he took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty and fifty in caves, and fed them with bread and water. <sup>5</sup> And Achab said to Abdias: Go into the land unto all fountains of waters, and into all valleys, to see if we can find grass, and save the horses and mules, that the beasts may not utterly perish. <sup>6</sup> And they divided the countries between them, that they might go round about them: Achab went one way, and Abdias another way by himself. <sup>7</sup> And as Abdias was in the way, Elias met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said: Art thou my lord Elias? <sup>8</sup> And he answered: I am. Go, and tell thy master: Elias is here. <sup>9</sup> And he said: What have I sinned, that thou wouldst deliver me, thy servant, into the hand of Achab, that he should kill me? <sup>10</sup> As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when all answered: He is not here: he took an oath of every kingdom and nation, because thou wast not found. <sup>11</sup> And now thou sayest to me: Go and tell thy master: Elias is here. <sup>12</sup> And when I am gone from thee, the Spirit of the Lord will carry thee into a place that I know not: and I shall go in and tell Achab; and he, not finding thee, will kill me: but thy servant feareth the Lord from his infancy. <sup>13</sup> Hath it not been told thee, my lord, what I did when Jezabel killed the prophets of the Lord; how I hid a hundred men of the prophets of the Lord, by fifty and fifty in caves, and fed them with bread and water? <sup>14</sup> And now thou sayest: Go and tell thy master: Elias is here: that he may kill me. <sup>15</sup> And Elias said: As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whose face I stand, this day I will shew myself unto him. <sup>16</sup> Abdias therefore went to meet Achab, and told him: and Achab came to meet Elias.

<sup>17</sup> And when he had seen him, he said: Art thou he that troublest Israel? <sup>18</sup> And he said: I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy father's house, who have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and have followed Baalim. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless send now, and gather unto me all Israel, unto Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, who eat at Jezabel's table. <sup>20</sup> Achab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered together the prophets unto mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> And Elias coming to all the people, said: How long do you halt between two sides? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup> And Elias said again to the people: I only remain a prophet of the Lord: but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men. <sup>23</sup> Let two bullocks be given us, and let

them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it upon wood, but put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under it. <sup>24</sup> Call ye on the names of your gods, and I will call on the name of my Lord: and the God that shall answer by fire, let him be God. And all the people answering, said: A very good proposal. <sup>25</sup> Then Elias said to the prophets of Baal: Choose you one bullock and dress it first, because you are many: and call on the names of your gods; but put no fire under. <sup>26</sup> And they took the bullock, which he gave them, and dressed it: and they called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying: O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered: and they leaped over the altar that they had made. <sup>27</sup> And when it was now noon, Elias jested at them, saying: Cry with a louder voice: for he is a god; and perhaps he is talking, or is in an inn, or on a journey; or perhaps he is asleep, and must be awaked. <sup>28</sup> So they cried with a loud voice, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till they were all covered with blood. <sup>29</sup> And after midday was past, and while they were prophesying, the time was come of offering sacrifice, and there was no voice heard, nor did any one answer, nor regard them as they prayed. <sup>30</sup> Elias said to all the people: Come ye unto me. And the people coming near unto him, he repaired the altar of the Lord, that was broken down: <sup>31</sup> And he took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob to whom the word of the Lord came, saying: Israel shall be thy name. <sup>32</sup> And he built with the stones an altar to the name of the Lord: and he made a trench for water, of the breadth of two furrows, round about the altar. <sup>33</sup> And he laid the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it upon the wood. <sup>34</sup> And he said: Fill four buckets with water, and pour it upon the burnt offering, and upon the wood. And again he said: Do the same the second time. And when they had done it the second time, he said: Do the same also the third time. And they did so the third time. <sup>35</sup> And the water run round about the altar, and the trench was filled with water. <sup>36</sup> And when it was now time to offer the holocaust, Elias, the prophet, came near and said: O Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel, shew this day that thou art the God of Israel, and I thy servant, and that according to thy commandment I have done all these things. <sup>37</sup> Hear me, O Lord, hear me: that this people may learn that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart again. <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the holocaust, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup> And when all the people saw this, they fell on their faces, and they said: The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God. <sup>40</sup> And Elias said to them: Take the prophets of Baal, and let not one of them escape. And when they had taken them, Elias brought them down to the torrent Cison, and killed them there.

<sup>41</sup> And Elias said to Achab: Go up, eat and drink: for there is a sound of abundance of rain. <sup>42</sup> Achab went up to eat and drink: and Elias went up to the top of Carmel, and casting himself down upon the earth, put his face between his knees, <sup>43</sup> And he said to his servant: Go up, and look towards the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said: There is nothing. And again he said to him: Return seven times. <sup>44</sup> And at the seventh time: Behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot. And he said:

Go up, and say to Achab: Prepare thy chariot, and go down, lest the rain prevent thee. <sup>45</sup> And while he turned himself this way and that way, behold the heavens grew dark, with clouds and wind, and there fell a great rain. And Achab getting up, went away to Jezrahel: <sup>46</sup> And the hand of the Lord was upon Elias, and he girded up his loins, and ran before Achab, till he came to Jezrahel.

### 203. The fall of Samaria

*2 Kings 17:1-41*

The chapter states why the northern kingdom ended, and is the plan's explanation of everything that follows it.

**17** <sup>1</sup> In the twelfth year of Achaz king of Juda, Osee the son of Ela reigned in Samaria, over Israel, nine years. <sup>2</sup> And he did evil before the Lord: but not as the kings of Israel that had been before him. <sup>3</sup> Against him came up Salmanasar, king of the Assyrians; and Osee became his servant, and paid him tribute. <sup>4</sup> And when the king of the Assyrians found that Osee, endeavouring to rebel, had sent messengers to Sua, the king of Egypt, that he might not pay tribute to the king of the Assyrians, as he had done every year, he besieged him, bound him, and cast him into prison. <sup>5</sup> And he went through all the land: and going up to Samaria, he besieged it three years. <sup>6</sup> And in the ninth year of Osee, the king of the Assyrians took Samaria, and carried Israel away to Assyria: and he placed them in Hala, and Habor, by the river of Gozan, in the cities of the Medes.

<sup>7</sup> For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord, their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and they worshipped strange gods. <sup>8</sup> And they walked according to the way of the nations which the Lord had destroyed in the sight of the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel: because they had done in like manner. <sup>9</sup> And the children of Israel offended the Lord, their God, with things that were not right: and built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. <sup>10</sup> And they made them statues and groves on every high hill, and under every shady tree: <sup>11</sup> And they burnt incense there upon altars, after the manner of the nations which the Lord had removed from their face: and they did wicked things, provoking the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And they worshipped abominations, concerning which the Lord had commanded them that they should not do this thing. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord testified to them in Israel, and in Juda, by the hand of all the prophets and seers, saying: Return from your wicked ways, and keep my precepts, and ceremonies, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers: and as I have sent to you in the hand of my servants the prophets. <sup>14</sup> And they hearkened not, but hardened their necks like to the neck of their fathers, who would not obey the Lord, their God. <sup>15</sup> And they rejected his ordinances, and the covenant that he made with their fathers, and the testimonies which he testified against them: and they followed vanities, and acted vainly: and they followed the nations that were round about them, concerning which the Lord had commanded them that they should not do as they did. <sup>16</sup> And they forsook all the precepts of the Lord, their God: and made to themselves two molten calves, and groves, and adored all the host of heaven: and they served Baal, <sup>17</sup> And consecrated their sons, and their daughters, through fire: and

they gave themselves to divinations, and soothsayings: and they delivered themselves up to do evil before the Lord, to provoke him. <sup>18</sup> And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them from his sight, and there remained only the tribe of Juda. <sup>19</sup> But neither did Juda itself keep the commandments of the Lord, their God: but they walked in the errors of Israel, which they had wrought. <sup>20</sup> And the Lord cast off all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, till he cast them away from his face: <sup>21</sup> Even from that time, when Israel was rent from the house of David, and made Jeroboam, son of Nabat, their king: for Jeroboam separated Israel from the Lord, and made them commit a great sin. <sup>22</sup> And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam, which he had done: and they departed not from them, <sup>23</sup> Till the Lord removed Israel from his face, as he had spoken in the hand of all his servants, the prophets: and Israel was carried away out of their land to Assyria, unto this day.

<sup>24</sup> And the king of the Assyrians brought people from Babylon, and from Cutha, and from Avah, and from Emath, and from Sepharvaim: and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. <sup>25</sup> And when they began to dwell there, they feared not the Lord: and the Lord sent lions among them, which killed them. <sup>26</sup> And it was told the king of the Assyrians, and it was said: The nations which thou hast removed, and made to dwell in the cities of Samaria, know not the ordinances of the God of the land: and the Lord hath sent lions among them: and behold they kill them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. <sup>27</sup> And the king of the Assyrians commanded, saying: Carry thither one of the priests whom you brought from thence captive, and let him go, and dwell with them: and let him teach them the ordinances of the God of the land. <sup>28</sup> So one of the priests, who had been carried away captive from Samaria, came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should worship the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And every nation made gods of their own and put them in the temples of the high places, which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities where they dwelt. <sup>30</sup> For the men of Babylon made Sochothbenoth: and the Cuthites made Nergel: and the men of Emath made Asima. <sup>31</sup> And the Hevites made Nebahaz, and Tharthac. And they that were of Sepharvaim burnt their children in fire, to Adramelech and Anamelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. <sup>32</sup> And nevertheless they worshipped the Lord. And they made to themselves, of the lowest of the people, priests of the high places, and they placed them in the temples of the high places. <sup>33</sup> And when they worshipped the Lord, they served also their own gods, according to the custom of the nations out of which they were brought to Samaria: <sup>34</sup> Unto this day they follow the old manner: they fear not the Lord, neither do they keep his ceremonies, and judgments, and law, and the commandment, which the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom he surnamed Israel: <sup>35</sup> With whom he made a covenant, and charged them, saying: You shall not fear strange gods, nor shall you adore them, nor worship them, nor sacrifice to them. <sup>36</sup> But the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and a stretched out arm, him shall you fear, and him shall you adore, and to him shall you sacrifice. <sup>37</sup> And the ceremonies, and

judgments, and law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do them always: and you shall not fear strange gods. <sup>38</sup> And the covenant that he made with you, you shall not forget: neither shall ye worship strange gods, <sup>39</sup> But fear the Lord, your God, and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. <sup>40</sup> But they did not hearken to them, but did according to their old custom. <sup>41</sup> So these nations feared the Lord, but nevertheless served also their idols: their children also, and grandchildren, as their fathers did, so do they unto this day.

## EXILE

2 Kings 18-25: Juda alone, from Ezechias to the burning of the temple, with the prophetic and deuterocanonical material the exile requires. Ezechias and Josias stand here rather than in the Divided Kingdom because their reigns are the last reprieve before the deportation, and the book treats them so.

### 205. The angel of the Lord before Jerusalem

*2 Kings 19:1-37*

**19** <sup>1</sup> And when king Ezechias heard these words, he rent his garments, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> And he sent Eliacim, who was over the house, and Sobna, the scribe, and the ancients of the priests, covered with sackcloths, to Isaias, the prophet, the son of Amos. <sup>3</sup> And they said to him: Thus saith Ezechias: This day is a day of tribulation, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: the children are come to the birth, and the woman in travail hath not strength. <sup>4</sup> It may be the Lord, thy God, will hear all the words of Rabsaces, whom the king of the Assyrians, his master, hath sent to reproach the living God, and to reprove with words, which the Lord, thy God, hath heard: and do thou offer prayer for the remnants that are found. <sup>5</sup> So the servants of king Ezechias came to Isaias. <sup>6</sup> And Isaias said to them: Thus shall you say to your master: Thus saith the Lord: Be not afraid for the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of the Assyrians have blasphemed me. <sup>7</sup> Behold I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a message, and shall return into his own country, and I will make him fall by the sword in his own country.

<sup>8</sup> And Rabsaces returned, and found the king of the Assyrians besieging Lobna: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachis. <sup>9</sup> And when he heard of Tharaca, king of Ethiopia: Behold, he is come out to fight with thee: and was going against him, he sent messengers to Ezechias, saying: <sup>10</sup> Thus shall you say to Ezechias, king of Juda: Let not thy God deceive thee, in whom thou trustest: and do not say: Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hands of the king of the Assyrians. <sup>11</sup> Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of the Assyrians have done to all countries, how they have laid them waste: and canst thou alone be delivered? <sup>12</sup> Have the gods of the nations delivered any of them, whom my fathers have destroyed, to wit, Gozan, and Haran, and Reseph, and the children of Eden, that were in The-lassar? <sup>13</sup> Where is the king of Emath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Ana, and of Ava?

<sup>14</sup> And when Ezechias had received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and had read it, he went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord, <sup>15</sup> And he prayed in his sight, saying: O Lord God of Israel, who sittest upon the cherubims,

thou alone art the God of all the kings of the earth: thou madest heaven and earth: <sup>16</sup> Incline thy ear, and hear: open, O Lord, thy eyes and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who hath sent to upbraid unto us the living God. <sup>17</sup> Of a truth, O Lord, the kings of the Assyrians have destroyed nations, and the lands of them all. <sup>18</sup> And they have cast their gods into the fire: for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands, of wood and stone, and they destroyed them. <sup>19</sup> Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, the only God.

<sup>20</sup> And Isaias, the son of Amos, sent to Ezechias, saying: Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: I have heard the prayer thou hast made to me concerning Sennacherib, king of the Assyrians. <sup>21</sup> This is the word that the Lord hath spoken of him: The virgin, the daughter of Sion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn: the daughter of Jerusalem hath wagged her head behind thy back. <sup>22</sup> Whom hast thou reproached, and whom hast thou blasphemed? against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thy eyes on high? against the holy one of Israel. <sup>23</sup> By the hand of thy servants thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said: With the multitude of my chariots I have gone up to the height of the mountains, to the top of Libanus, and have cut down its tall cedars, and its choice fir trees. And I have entered into the furthest parts thereof, and the forest of its Carmel. <sup>24</sup> I have cut down, and I have drunk strange waters, and have dried up with the soles of my feet all the shut up waters. <sup>25</sup> Hast thou not heard what I have done from the beginning? from the days of old I have formed it, and now I have brought it to effect: that fenced cities of fighting men should be turned to heaps of ruins: <sup>26</sup> And the inhabitants of them were weak of hand, they trembled and were confounded, they became like the grass of the field, and the green herb on the tops of houses, which withered before it came to maturity. <sup>27</sup> Thy dwelling, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy way I knew before, and thy rage against me. <sup>28</sup> Thou hast been mad against me, and thy pride hath come up to my ears: therefore I will put a ring in thy nose, and a bit between thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. <sup>29</sup> And to thee, O Ezechias, this shall be a sign: Eat this year what thou shalt find: and in the second year, such things as spring of themselves: but in the third year sow and reap: plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. <sup>30</sup> And whatsoever shall be left of the house of Juda, shall take root downward, and bear fruit upward. <sup>31</sup> For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and that which shall be saved out of mount Sion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this. <sup>32</sup> Wherefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of the Assyrians: He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow into it, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a trench about it. <sup>33</sup> By the way that he came he shall return: and into this city he shall not come, saith the Lord. <sup>34</sup> And I will protect this city, and will save it for my own sake, and for David, my servant's sake.

<sup>35</sup> And it came to pass that night, that an angel of the Lord came, and slew in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand. And when he arose early in the morning, he saw all the bodies of the dead. <sup>36</sup> And Sennacherib, king of the Assyrians, departing, went away, and he returned and abode in Ninive. <sup>37</sup> And as he was worshipping in the temple of Nes-

roch, his god, Adramelech and Sarasar, his sons, slew him with the sword, and they fled into the land of the Armenians, and Asarhaddon, his son, reigned in his stead.

## 208. The reform and the death of Josias

*2 Kings 23:1-37*

**23** <sup>1</sup> And they brought the king word again what she had said. And he sent: and all the ancients of Juda and Jerusalem were assembled to him. <sup>2</sup> And the king went up to the temple of the Lord, and all the men of Juda, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both little and great: and in the hearing of them all he read all the words of the book of the covenant, which was found in the house of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And the king stood upon the step: and he made a covenant with the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his ceremonies, with all their heart, and with all their soul, and to perform the words of this covenant, which were written in that book: and the people agreed to the covenant.

<sup>4</sup> And the king commanded Helcias, the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to cast out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that had been made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burnt them without Jerusalem, in the valley of Cedron, and he carried the ashes of them to Bethel. <sup>5</sup> And he destroyed the soothsayers, whom the kings of Juda had appointed to sacrifice in the high places in the cities of Juda, and round about Jerusalem: them also that burnt incense to Baal, and to the sun, and to the moon, and to the twelve signs, and to all the host of heaven. <sup>6</sup> And he caused the grove to be carried out from the house of the Lord, without Jerusalem, to the valley of Cedron, and he burnt it there, and reduced it to dust, and cast the dust upon the graves of the common people. <sup>7</sup> He destroyed also the pavilions of the effeminate, which were in the house of the Lord, for which the women wove as it were little dwellings for the grove. <sup>8</sup> And he gathered together all the priests out of the cities of Juda: and he defiled the high places, where the priests offered sacrifice, from Gabaa to Bersabee: and he broke down the altars of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Josue, governor of the city, which was on the left hand of the gate of the city. <sup>9</sup> However, the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the Lord, in Jerusalem: but only ate of the unleavened bread among their brethren. <sup>10</sup> And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Ennom: that no man should consecrate there his son, or his daughter, through fire, to Moloch. <sup>11</sup> And he took away the horses which the kings of Juda had given to the sun, at the entering in of the temple of the Lord, near the chamber of Nathanmelech the eunuch, who was in Pharurim: and he burnt the chariots of the sun with fire. <sup>12</sup> And the altars that were upon the top of the upper chamber of Achaz, which the kings of Juda had made, and the altars which Manasses had made in the two courts of the temple of the Lord, the king broke down: and he ran from thence, and cast the ashes of them into the torrent Cedron. <sup>13</sup> The high places also that were at Jerusalem, on the right side of the Mount of Offence, which Solomon, king of Israel, had built to Astaroth, the idol of the Sidonians, and to Chamos, the scandal of Moab, and to Melchom, the abomination of the children of Ammon, the king defiled. <sup>14</sup> And he broke in

pieces the statues, and cut down the groves: and he filled their places with the bones of dead men.

<sup>15</sup> Moreover, the altar also that was at Bethel, and the high place, which Jeroboam, the son of Nabat, who made Israel to sin, had made: both the altar, and the high place, he broke down and burnt, and reduced to powder, and burnt the grove. <sup>16</sup> And as Josias turned himself, he saw there the sepulchres that were in the mount: and he sent and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt them upon the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the Lord, which the man of God spoke, who had foretold these things. <sup>17</sup> And he said: What is that monument which I see? And the men of that city answered: It is the sepulchre of the man of God, who came from Juda, and foretold these things which thou hast done upon the altar of Bethel. <sup>18</sup> And he said: Let him alone, let no man move his bones. So his bones were left untouched with the bones of the prophet, that came out of Samaria. <sup>19</sup> Moreover all the temples of the high places which were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the Lord, Josias took away: and he did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. <sup>20</sup> And he slew all the priests of the high places, that were there, upon the altars; and he burnt men's bones upon them: and returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>21</sup> And he commanded all the people, saying: Keep the Phase to the Lord your God, according as it is written in the book of this covenant. <sup>22</sup> Now there was no such a Phase kept from the days of the judges, who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, and of the kings of Juda, <sup>23</sup> As was this Phase, that was kept to the Lord in Jerusalem, in the eighteenth year of king Josias.

<sup>24</sup> Moreover the diviners by spirits, and soothsayers, and the figures of idols, and the uncleannesses, and the abominations, that had been in the land of Juda and Jerusalem, Josias took away: that he might perform the words of the law, that were written in the book, which Helcias the priest had found in the temple of the Lord. <sup>25</sup> There was no king before him like unto him, that returned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his strength, according to all the law of Moses: neither after him did there arise any like unto him. <sup>26</sup> But yet the Lord turned not away from the wrath of his great indignation, wherewith his anger was kindled against Juda: because of the provocations, wherewith Manasses had provoked him. <sup>27</sup> And the Lord said: I will remove Juda also from before my face, as I have removed Israel: and I will cast off this city Jerusalem, which I chose, and the house, of which I said: My name shall be there. <sup>28</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Josias, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Juda? <sup>29</sup> In his days Pharaon Nechao, king of Egypt, went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josias went to meet him: and was slain at Mageddo, when he had seen him. <sup>30</sup> And his servants carried him dead from Mageddo: and they brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Joachaz, the son of Josias: and they anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

<sup>31</sup> Joachaz was three and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: the name of his

mother was Amital, the daughter of Jeremias, of Lobna.<sup>32</sup> And he did evil before the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.<sup>33</sup> And Pharaoh Nechao bound him at Rebla, which is in the land of Emath, that he should not reign in Jerusalem: and he set a fine upon the land, of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.<sup>34</sup> And Pharaoh Nechao made Eliacim, the son of Josias, king in the room of Josias his father: and turned his name to Joakim. And he took Joachaz away and carried him into Egypt, and he died there.<sup>35</sup> And Joakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, after he had taxed the land for every man, to contribute according to the commandment of Pharaoh: and he exacted both the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every man according to his ability: to give to Pharaoh Nechao.<sup>36</sup> Joakim was five and twenty years old when he began to reign: and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: the name of his mother was Zebida, the daughter of Phadaia, of Ruma.<sup>37</sup> And he did evil before the Lord according to all that his fathers had done.

## 210. The fall of Jerusalem

*2 Kings 25:1-30*

The temple is burned. The lowest point of the plan, and the ground of everything the prophets afterwards say.

**25** <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, the tenth day of the month, that Nabuchodonosor, king of Babylon, came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem: and they surrounded it: and raised works round about it. <sup>2</sup> And the city was shut up and besieged till the eleventh year of king Sedecias, <sup>3</sup> The ninth day of the month: and a famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. <sup>4</sup> And a breach was made into the city: and all the men of war fled in the night between the two walls by the king's garden (now the Chaldees besieged the city round about), and Sedecias fled by the way that leadeth to the plains of the wilderness. <sup>5</sup> And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all the warriors that were with him were scattered, and left him: <sup>6</sup> So they took the king, and brought him to the king of Babylon, to Reblatha, and he gave judgment upon him. <sup>7</sup> And he slew the sons of Sedecias before his face, and he put out his eyes, and bound him with chains, and brought him to Babylon.

<sup>8</sup> In the fifth month, the seventh day of the month, the same is the nineteenth year of the king of Babylon, came Nabuzardan, commander of the army, a servant of the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup> And he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and the houses of Jerusalem, and every house he burnt with fire. <sup>10</sup> And all the army of the Chaldees, which was with the commander of the troops, broke down the walls of Jerusalem round about. <sup>11</sup> And Nabuzardan, the commander of the army, carried away the rest of the people, that remained in the city, and the fugitives, that had gone over to the king of Babylon, and the remnant of the common people. <sup>12</sup> But of the poor of the land he left some dressers of vines and husbandmen. <sup>13</sup> And the pillars of brass that were in the temple of the Lord, and the bases, and the sea of brass, which was in the house of the Lord, the Chaldees broke in pieces, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. <sup>14</sup> They took away also the pots of brass, and the mazers, and the forks, and the cups, and the mortars, and all the

vessels of brass, with which they ministered. <sup>15</sup> Moreover also the censers, and the bowls, such as were of gold in gold: and such as were of silver in silver, the general of the army took away. <sup>16</sup> That is, two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made in the temple of the Lord: the brass of all these vessels was without weight. <sup>17</sup> One pillar was eighteen cubits high: and the chapter of brass, which was upon it, was three cubits high: and the network, and the pomegranates that were upon the chapter of the pillar, were all of brass: and the second pillar had the like adorning.

<sup>18</sup> And the general of the army took Seraias, the chief priest, and Sophonias, the second priest, and three doorkeepers: <sup>19</sup> And out of the city one eunuch, who was captain over the men of war: and five men of them who had stood before the king, whom he found in the city, and Sopher, the captain of the army, who exercised the young soldiers of the people of the land: and three-score men of the common people, who were found in the city: <sup>20</sup> These Nabuzardan, the general of the army, took away, and carried them to the king of Babylon, to Reblatha. <sup>21</sup> And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Reblatha, in the land of Emath: so Juda was carried away out of their land.

<sup>22</sup> But over the people that remained in the land of Juda, which Nabuchodonosor, king of Babylon, had left, he gave the government to Godolias, the son of Ahicam, the son of Saphan. <sup>23</sup> And when all the captains of the soldiers had heard this, they and the men that were with them, to wit, that the king of Babylon had made Godolias governor they came to Godolias to Maspha, Ismael, the son of Nathania, and Johanan, the son of Caree, and Saraia, the son of Thanehumeth, the Netophathite, and Jezonias, the son of Maachathi, they and their men. <sup>24</sup> And Godolias swore to them and to their men, saying: Be not afraid to serve the Chaldees: stay in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. <sup>25</sup> But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ismael, the son of Nathania, the son of Elisama, of the seed royal came, and ten men with him, and smote Godolias; so that he died: and also the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him in Maspha. <sup>26</sup> And all the people, both little and great, and the captains of the soldiers, rising up, went to Egypt, fearing the Chaldees. <sup>27</sup> And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Joachin, king of Juda, in the twelfth month, the seven and twentieth day of the month: Evilmerodach, king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Joachin, king of Juda, out of prison. <sup>28</sup> And he spoke kindly to him: and he set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon. <sup>29</sup> And he changed his garments which he had in prison, and he ate bread always before him, all the days of his life. <sup>30</sup> And he appointed him a continual allowance, which was also given him by the king, day by day, all the days of his life.

## RETURN AND RESTORATION

Esdras (Ezra) and Nehemias entire but for their registers, with Esther and Judith. The Douay-Rheims prints the first two as the First and Second Books of Esdras. Esdras 2, Nehemias 3 and Nehemias 7 are lists of names and are passed over on the same rule that omits Genesis 5, 10 and 36.

**235. The decree of Cyrus***Ezra 1:1-11*

Douay-Rheims title: the First Book of Esdras. Esdras 2, the register of those who returned, is omitted.

**1** <sup>1</sup> In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians: and he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and in writing also, saying: <sup>2</sup> Thus saith Cyrus king of the Persians: The Lord the God of heaven hath given to me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judea. <sup>3</sup> Who is there among you of all his people? His God be with him. Let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judea, and build the house of the Lord the God of Israel: he is the God that is in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And let all the rest in all places wheresoever they dwell, help him every man from his place, with silver and gold, and goods, and cattle, besides that which they offer freely to the temple of God, which is in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup> Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Juda and Benjamin, and the priests, and Levites, and every one whose spirit God had raised up, to go up to build the temple of the Lord, which was in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And all they that were round about, helped their hands with vessels of silver, and gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with furniture, besides what they had offered on their own accord. <sup>7</sup> And king Cyrus brought forth the vessels of the temple of the Lord, which Nabuchodonosor had taken from Jerusalem, and had put them in the temple of his god. <sup>8</sup> Now Cyrus king of Persia brought them forth by the hand of Mithridates the son of Gazabar, and numbered them to Sassabasar the prince of Juda. <sup>9</sup> And this is the number of them: thirty bowls of gold, a thousand bowls of silver, nine and twenty knives, thirty cups of gold, <sup>10</sup> Silver cups of a second sort, four hundred and ten: other vessels a thousand. <sup>11</sup> All the vessels of gold and silver, five thousand four hundred: all these Sassabasar brought with them that came up from the captivity of Babylon to Jerusalem.

**245. Esdras reads the law***Nehemiah 8:1-18*

"The joy of the Lord is our strength." The people hear the law they had lost, and the restored community is constituted around it.

**8** <sup>1</sup> And the seventh month came: and the children of Israel were in their cities. And all the people were gathered together as one man to the street which is before the water gate, and they spoke to Esdras the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Then Esdras the priest brought the law before the multitude of men and women, and all those that could understand, in the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read it plainly in the street that was before the water gate, from the morning until midday, before the men, and the women, and all those that could understand: and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book. <sup>4</sup> And Esdras the scribe stood upon a step of wood, which he had made to speak upon, and there stood by him Mathathias, and Semeia, and Ania, and Uriah, and Helcia, and Maasia, on his right hand: and on the left, Phadaia, Misael, and Melchia, and Hasum, and Hasbadana, Zacharia and Mosollam. <sup>5</sup> And Esdras opened the book before

all the people: for he was above all the people: and when he had opened it, all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Esdras blessed the Lord the great God: and all the people answered, Amen, amen: lifting up their hands: and they bowed down, and adored God with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Now Josue, and Bani, and Serebia, Jamin, Accub, Sephtai, Odia, Maasia, Celtia, Azarias, Jozabed, Hanan, Phalaia, the Levites, made silence among the people to hear the law: and the people stood in their place. <sup>8</sup> And they read in the book of the law of God distinctly and plainly to be understood: and they understood when it was read.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemias (he is Athersatha) and Esdras the priest and scribe, and the Levites who interpreted to all the people, said: This is a holy day to the Lord our God: do not mourn, nor weep: for all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> And he said to them: Go, eat fat meats, and drink sweet wine, and send portions to them that have not prepared for themselves: because it is the holy day of the Lord, and be not sad: for the joy of the Lord is our strength. <sup>11</sup> And the Levites stilled all the people, saying: Hold your peace, for the day is holy, and be not sorrowful. <sup>12</sup> So all the people went to eat and drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth: because they understood the words that he had taught them.

<sup>13</sup> And on the second day the chiefs of the families of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered together to Esdras the scribe, that he should interpret to them the words of the law. <sup>14</sup> And they found written in the law, that the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in tabernacles, on the feast, in the seventh month: <sup>15</sup> And that they should proclaim and publish the word in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying: Go forth to the mount, and fetch branches of olive, and branches of beautiful wood, branches of myrtle, and branches of palm, and branches of thick trees, to make tabernacles, as it is written.

<sup>16</sup> And the people went forth, and brought. And they made themselves tabernacles every man on the top of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. <sup>17</sup> And all the assembly of them that were returned from the captivity, made tabernacles, and dwelt in tabernacles: for since the days of Josue the son of Nun the children of Israel had not done so, until that day: and there was exceeding great joy. <sup>18</sup> And he read in the book of the law of God day by day, from the first day till the last, and they kept the solemnity seven days, and in the eighth day a solemn assembly according to the manner.

**MACCABEAN REVOLT**

1 Machabees entire, with the two martyr chapters of 2 Machabees. Both books are deuterocanonical and belong to the 73-book canon; an abridgement built on a 66-book canon has no period here at all, and the centuries before Christ go silent.

**263. The desolation of the sanctuary***1 Maccabees 1:1-67*

The Greek kingdoms, and the abomination set upon the altar. Deuterocanonical.

**1** <sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, after that Alexander the son of Philip the Macedonian, who first reigned in Greece, coming out of the

land of Cethim, had overthrown Darius, king of the Persians and Medes: <sup>2</sup> He fought many battles, and took the strong holds of all, and slew the kings of the earth: <sup>3</sup> And he went through even to the ends of the earth: and took the spoils of many nations: and the earth was quiet before him. <sup>4</sup> And he gathered a power, and a very strong army: and his heart was exalted and lifted up: <sup>5</sup> And he subdued countries of nations, and princes; and they became tributaries to him. <sup>6</sup> And after these things, he fell down upon his bed, and knew that he should die. <sup>7</sup> And he called his servants, the nobles that were brought up with him from his youth: and he divided his kingdom among them, while he was yet alive. <sup>8</sup> And Alexander reigned twelve years, and he died. <sup>9</sup> And his servants made themselves kings, every one in his place: <sup>10</sup> And they all put crowns upon themselves after his death, and their sons after them, many years; and evils were multiplied in the earth. <sup>11</sup> And there came out of them a wicked root, Antiochus the Illustrious, the son of king Antiochus, who had been a hostage at Rome: and he reigned in the hundred and thirty-seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks. <sup>12</sup> In those days there went out of Israel wicked men, and they persuaded many, saying: Let us go and make a covenant with the heathens that are round about us: for since we departed from them, many evils have befallen us. <sup>13</sup> And the word seemed good in their eyes. <sup>14</sup> And some of the people determined to do this, and went to the king: and he gave them license to do after the ordinances of the heathens. <sup>15</sup> And they built a place of exercise in Jerusalem, according to the laws of the nations: <sup>16</sup> And they made themselves prepuces, and departed from the holy covenant, and joined themselves to the heathens, and were sold to do evil: <sup>17</sup> And the kingdom was established before Antiochus, and he had a mind to reign over the land of Egypt, that he might reign over two kingdoms. <sup>18</sup> And he entered into Egypt with a great multitude, with chariots, and elephants, and horsemen, and a great number of ships: <sup>19</sup> And he made war against Ptolemee king of Egypt; but Ptolemee was afraid at his presence and fled, and many were wounded unto death. <sup>20</sup> And he took the strong cities in the land of Egypt: and he took the spoils of the land of Egypt. <sup>21</sup> And after Antiochus had ravaged Egypt, in the hundred and forty-third year, he returned and went up against Israel. <sup>22</sup> And he went up to Jerusalem, with a great multitude. <sup>23</sup> And he proudly entered into the sanctuary, and took away the golden altar, and the candlestick of light, and all the vessels thereof, and the table of proposition, and the pouring vessels, and the vials, and the little mortars of gold, and the veil, and the crowns, and the golden ornament that was before the temple: and he broke them all in pieces. <sup>24</sup> And he took the silver and gold, and the precious vessels: and he took the hidden treasures, which he found: and when he had taken all away, he departed into his own country. <sup>25</sup> And he made a great slaughter of men, and spoke very proudly. <sup>26</sup> And there was great mourning in Israel, and in every place where they were: <sup>27</sup> And the princes, and the ancients mourned, and the virgins and the young men were made feeble, and the beauty of the women was changed. <sup>28</sup> Every bridegroom took up lamentation: and the bride that sat in the marriage bed, mourned: <sup>29</sup> And the land was moved for the inhabitants thereof, and all the house of Jacob was covered with confusion. <sup>30</sup> And after two full years, the king sent the chief collector of his tributes to the cities of

Juda, and he came to Jerusalem with a great multitude. <sup>31</sup> And he spoke to them peaceable words in deceit; and they believed him. <sup>32</sup> And he fell upon the city suddenly, and struck it with a great slaughter, and destroyed much people in Israel. <sup>33</sup> And he took the spoils of the city, and burnt it with fire, and threw down the houses thereof, and the walls thereof round about: <sup>34</sup> And they took the women captive, and the children, and the cattle they possessed. <sup>35</sup> And they built the city of David with a great and strong wall, and with strong towers, and made it a fortress for them: <sup>36</sup> And they placed there a sinful nation, wicked men, and they fortified themselves therein: and they stored up armour and victuals, and gathered together the spoils of Jerusalem; <sup>37</sup> And laid them up there: and they became a great snare. <sup>38</sup> And this was a place to lie in wait against the sanctuary, and an evil devil in Israel. <sup>39</sup> And they shed innocent blood round about the sanctuary, and defiled the holy place. <sup>40</sup> And the inhabitants of Jerusalem fled away by reason of them and the city was made the habitation of strangers, and she became a stranger to her own seed, and her children forsook her. <sup>41</sup> Her sanctuary was desolate like a wilderness, her festival days were turned into mourning, her sabbaths into reproach, her honours were brought to nothing. <sup>42</sup> Her dishonour was increased according to her glory, and her excellency was turned into mourning. <sup>43</sup> And king Antiochus wrote to all his kingdom, that all the people should be one: and every one should leave his own law. <sup>44</sup> And all nations consented, according to the word of king Antiochus. <sup>45</sup> And many of Israel consented to his service, and they sacrificed to idols, and profaned the sabbath. <sup>46</sup> And the king sent letters by the hands of messengers to Jerusalem, and to all the cities of Juda; that they should follow the law of the nations of the earth. <sup>47</sup> And should forbid holocausts and sacrifices, and atonements to be made in the temple of God. <sup>48</sup> And should prohibit the sabbath, and the festival days to be celebrated. <sup>49</sup> And he commanded the holy places to be profaned, and the holy people of Israel. <sup>50</sup> And he commanded altars to be built, and temples, and idols, and swine's flesh to be immolated, and unclean beasts, <sup>51</sup> And that they should leave their children uncircumcised, and let their souls be defiled with all uncleannesses, and abominations, to the end that they should forget the law, and should change all the justifications of God. <sup>52</sup> And that whosoever would not do according to the word of king Antiochus, should be put to death. <sup>53</sup> According to all these words he wrote to his whole kingdom: and he appointed rulers over the people that should force them to do these things. <sup>54</sup> And they commanded the cities of Juda to sacrifice. <sup>55</sup> Then many of the people were gathered to them that had forsaken the law of the Lord: and they committed evils in the land: <sup>56</sup> And they drove away the people of Israel into lurking holes, and into the secret places of fugitives. <sup>57</sup> On the fifteenth day of the month, Casleu, in the hundred and forty-fifth year, king Antiochus set up the abominable idol of desolation upon the altar of God, and they built altars throughout all the cities of Juda round about: <sup>58</sup> And they burnt incense, and sacrificed at the doors of the houses and in the streets. <sup>59</sup> And they cut in pieces, and burnt with fire the books of the law of God: <sup>60</sup> And every one with whom the books of the testament of the Lord were found, and whosoever observed the law of the Lord, they put to death, according to the edict of the king. <sup>61</sup> Thus by their power did



they deal with the people of Israel, that were found in the cities month after month. <sup>62</sup> And on the five and twentieth day of the month they sacrificed upon the altar of the idol that was over against the altar of God. <sup>63</sup> Now the women that circumcised their children were slain according to the commandment of king Antiochus, <sup>64</sup> And they hanged the children about their necks in all their houses: and those that had circumcised them, they put to death. <sup>65</sup> And many of the people of Israel determined with themselves, that they would not eat unclean things: and they chose rather to die, than to be defiled with unclean meats: <sup>66</sup> And they would not break the holy law of God and they were put to death: <sup>67</sup> And there was very great wrath upon the people.

## 267. The sanctuary cleansed

*1 Maccabees 4:36-61*

The dedication kept afterwards as a feast, and named in St. John 10:22, which this plan reads.

4 <sup>36</sup> Then Judas, and his brethren said: Behold our enemies are discomfited: let us go up now to cleanse the holy places, and to repair them. <sup>37</sup> And all the army assembled together, and they went up into Mount Sion. <sup>38</sup> And they saw the sanctuary desolate, and the altar profaned, and the gates burnt, and shrubs growing up in the courts as in a forest, or on the mountains, and the chambers joining to the temple thrown down. <sup>39</sup> And they rent their garments, and made great lamentation, and put ashes on their heads: <sup>40</sup> And they fell down to the ground on their faces, and they sounded with the trumpets of alarm, and they cried towards heaven. <sup>41</sup> Then Judas appointed men to fight against them that were in the castle, till they had cleansed the holy places, <sup>42</sup> And he chose priests without blemish, whose will was set upon the law of God. <sup>43</sup> And they cleansed the holy places, and took away the stones that had been defiled into an unclean place. <sup>44</sup> And he considered about the altar of holocausts that had been profaned, what he should do with it. <sup>45</sup> And a good counsel came into their minds, to pull it down: lest it should be a reproach to them, because the Gentiles had defiled it; so they threw it down. <sup>46</sup> And they laid up the stones in the mountain of the temple, in a convenient place, till there should come a prophet, and give answer concerning them. <sup>47</sup> Then they took whole stones, according to the law and built a new altar, according to the former: <sup>48</sup> And they built up the holy places, and the things that were within the temple: and they sanctified the temple and the courts. <sup>49</sup> And they made new holy vessels, and brought in the candlestick, and the altar of incense, and the table, into the temple. <sup>50</sup> And they put incense upon the altar, and lighted up the lamps that were upon the candlestick, and they gave light in the temple. <sup>51</sup> And they set the loaves upon the table, and hung up the veils, and finished all the works that they had begun to make. <sup>52</sup> And they arose before the morning on the five and twentieth day of the ninth month, (which is the month of Casleu) in the hundred and forty-eighth year. <sup>53</sup> And they offered sacrifice, according to the law, upon the new altar of holocausts which they had made. <sup>54</sup> According to the time, and according to the day wherein the heathens had defiled it, in the same was it dedicated anew with canticles, and harps, and lutes, and cymbals. <sup>55</sup> And all the people fell upon their faces, and adored, and blessed up to heaven, him that had prospered

them. <sup>56</sup> And they kept the dedication of the altar eight days, and they offered holocausts with joy, and sacrifices of salvation, and of praise. <sup>57</sup> And they adorned the front of the temple with crowns of gold, and escutcheons, and they renewed the gates, and the chambers, and hanged doors upon them. <sup>58</sup> And there was exceeding great joy among the people, and the reproach of the Gentiles was turned away. <sup>59</sup> And Judas, and his brethren, and all the church of Israel decreed, that the day of the dedication of the altar should be kept in its season from year to year for eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month of Casleu, with joy and gladness. <sup>60</sup> They built up also at that time Mount Sion, with high walls, and strong towers round about, lest the Gentiles should at any time come, and tread it down, as they did before. <sup>61</sup> And he placed a garrison there, to keep it, and he fortified it, to secure Bethsura, that the people might have a defence against Idumea.

## THE LIFE OF CHRIST

St. Luke entire is the spine of this period: it is the gospel written as a continuous narrative, and it carries the infancy, the journey to Jerusalem, and the resurrection appearances. St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. John enter at the year tier only, and only where they give what St. Luke does not.

## 282. The Annunciation and the Nativity

*Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20 — here Luke 1:26-2:20*

Read as one sitting from two places in St. Luke. The angel's promise of a throne and a kingdom without end answers 2 Samuel 7, read earlier in this plan.

1 <sup>26</sup> And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. <sup>29</sup> Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. <sup>31</sup> Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father: and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. <sup>33</sup> And of his kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? <sup>35</sup> And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren. <sup>37</sup> Because no word shall be impossible with God. <sup>38</sup> And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

2 <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

<sup>2</sup> This enrolling was first made by Cyrenus, the governor of Syria.

<sup>3</sup> And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup> And



Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And it came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. <sup>9</sup> And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and the brightness of God shone round about them: and they feared with a great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people: <sup>11</sup> For, this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. <sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest: and on earth peace to men of good will. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste: and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

### 304. The confession of Peter, and the Transfiguration

*Luke 9:18-36*

Moses and Elias, read in this plan at Sinai and at Carmel, stand with him.

<sup>9</sup> <sup>18</sup> And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples also were with him: and he asked them, saying: Whom do the people say that I am? <sup>19</sup> But they answered and said: John the Baptist; but some say Elias: and others say that one of the former prophets is risen again. <sup>20</sup> And he said to them: But whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answering, said: The Christ of God. <sup>21</sup> But he strictly charging them, commanded they should tell this to no man. <sup>22</sup> Saying: The Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the ancients and chief priests and scribes and be killed and the third day rise again.

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: for he that shall lose his life for my sake shall save it. <sup>25</sup> For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world and lose himself and cast away himself? <sup>26</sup> For he that shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him the Son of man shall be ashamed, when he shall come in his majesty and that of his Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But I tell you of a truth: There are some standing here that shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.

<sup>28</sup> And it came to pass, about eight days after these words, that he took Peter and James and John and went up into a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And whilst he prayed, the shape of his countenance was altered and his raiment became white and glittering. <sup>30</sup> And behold two men were talking with him. And they were Moses and Elias, <sup>31</sup> Appearing in majesty. And they spoke of his decease that he should accomplish in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep. And waking, they saw his glory and the two men that stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And it came to pass that, as they were departing from him, Peter saith to Jesus: Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses; and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> And as he spoke these things, there came a cloud and overshadowed them. And they were afraid when they entered into the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud; saying: This is my beloved son. Hear him. <sup>36</sup> And whilst the voice was uttered Jesus was found alone. And they held their peace and told no man in those days any of these things which they had seen.

### 325. The Passion

*Luke 23:1-56*

<sup>23</sup> <sup>1</sup> And the whole multitude of them, rising up, led him to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying: We have found this man perverting our nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying that he is Christ the king. <sup>3</sup> And Pilate asked him, saying: Art thou the king of the Jews? But he answering, said: Thou sayest it. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate said to the chief priests and to the multitudes: I find no cause in this man. <sup>5</sup> But they were more earnest, saying: He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place. <sup>6</sup> But Pilate hearing Galilee, asked if the man were of Galilee? <sup>7</sup> And when he understood that he was of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him away to Herod, who was also himself at Jerusalem in those days.

<sup>8</sup> And Herod seeing Jesus, was very glad: for he was desirous of a long time to see him, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to see some sign wrought by him. <sup>9</sup> And he questioned him in many words. But he answered him nothing. <sup>10</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes stood by, earnestly accusing him. <sup>11</sup> And Herod with his army set him at nought and mocked him, putting on him a white garment: and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> And Herod and Pilate were made friends, that same day: for before they were enemies one to another.

<sup>13</sup> And Pilate, calling together the chief priests and the magistrates and the people, <sup>14</sup> Said to them: You have presented unto me this man as one that perverteth the people. And behold I, having examined him before you, find no cause in this man, in those things wherein you accuse him. <sup>15</sup> No, nor Herod neither. For, I sent you to him: and behold, nothing worthy of death is done to him. <sup>16</sup> I will chastise him therefore and release him. <sup>17</sup> Now of necessity he was to release unto them one upon the feast day. <sup>18</sup> But the whole multitude together cried out, saying: Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: <sup>19</sup> Who, for a certain sedition made in the city and for a murder, was cast into prison. <sup>20</sup> And Pilate again spoke to them, desiring to release Jesus. <sup>21</sup> But they cried again, saying: Crucify him, Crucify him. <sup>22</sup> And he said to them the third time: Why, what evil hath this man done? I find no cause of death in him. I will chastise him

therefore and let him go. <sup>23</sup> But they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. <sup>25</sup> And he released unto them him who for murder and sedition had been cast into prison, whom they had desired. But Jesus he delivered up to their will. <sup>26</sup> And as they led him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country; and they laid the cross on him to carry after Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And there followed him a great multitude of people and of women, who bewailed and lamented him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turning to them, said: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over me; but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For behold, the days shall come, wherein they will say: Blessed are the barren and the wombs that have not borne and the paps that have not given suck. <sup>30</sup> Then shall they begin to say to the mountains: Fall upon us. And to the hills: Cover us. <sup>31</sup> For if in the green wood they do these things, what shall be done in the dry? <sup>32</sup> And there were also two other malefactors led with him to be put to death. <sup>33</sup> And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, they crucified him there: and the robbers, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. But they, dividing his garments, cast lots. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood beholding. And the rulers with them derided him, saying: He saved others: let him save himself, if he be Christ, the elect of God. <sup>36</sup> And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar. <sup>37</sup> And saying: If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. <sup>38</sup> And there was also a superscription written over him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup> And one of those robbers who were hanged blasphemed him, saying: If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. <sup>40</sup> But the other answering, rebuked him, saying: Neither dost thou fear God, seeing; thou art under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly: for we receive the due reward of our deeds. But this man hath done no evil. <sup>42</sup> And he said to Jesus: Lord, remember me when thou shalt come into thy kingdom. <sup>43</sup> And Jesus said to him: Amen I say to thee: This day thou shalt be with me in paradise. <sup>44</sup> And it was almost the sixth hour: and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. <sup>45</sup> And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. <sup>46</sup> And Jesus crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And saying this, he gave up the ghost. <sup>47</sup> Now, the centurion, seeing what was done, glorified God, saying: Indeed this was a just man. <sup>48</sup> And all the multitude of them that were come together to that sight and saw the things that were done returned, striking their breasts. <sup>49</sup> And all his acquaintance and the women that had followed him from Galilee stood afar off, beholding these things.

<sup>50</sup> And behold there was a man named Joseph who was a counsellor, a good and a just man, <sup>51</sup> (The same had not consented to their counsel and doings) of Arimathea, a city of Judea: who also himself looked for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> And taking him down, he wrapped him in fine linen and laid him in a sepulchre that was hewed in stone, wherein never yet any man had been laid. <sup>54</sup> And it was the day of the Parasceve: and the sabbath drew

on. <sup>55</sup> And the women that were come with him from Galilee, following after, saw the sepulchre and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup> And returning, they prepared spices and ointments: and on the sabbath day they rested, according to the commandment.

### 328. *The resurrection, and the road to Emmaus*

*Luke 24:1-53*

**24** <sup>1</sup> And on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled back from the sepulchre. <sup>3</sup> And going in, they found not the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> And it came to pass, as they were astonished in their mind at this, behold, two men stood by them, in shining apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were afraid and bowed down their countenance towards the ground, they said unto them: Why seek you the living with the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he spoke unto you, when he was yet in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> Saying: The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and the third day rise again. <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> And going back from the sepulchre, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> And it was Mary Magdalen and Joanna and Mary of James and the other women that were with them, who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> And these words seemed to them as idle tales: and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rising up, ran to the sepulchre and, stooping down, he saw the linen cloths laid by themselves: and went away wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

<sup>13</sup> And behold, two of them went, the same day, to a town which was sixty furlongs from Jerusalem, named Emmaus. <sup>14</sup> And they talked together of all these things which had happened. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass that while they talked and reasoned with themselves, Jesus himself also, drawing near, went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were held, that they should not know him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them: What are these discourses that you hold one with another as you walk and are sad? <sup>18</sup> And the one of them, whose name was Cleophas, answering, said to him: Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things that have been done there in these days? <sup>19</sup> To whom he said: What things? And they said: Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet, mighty in work and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> And how our chief priests and princes delivered him to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we hoped that it was he that should have redeemed Israel. And now besides all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. <sup>22</sup> Yea and certain women also of our company affrighted us who, before it was light, were at the sepulchre, <sup>23</sup> And not finding his body, came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who say that he is alive. <sup>24</sup> And some of our people went to the sepulchre and found it so as the women had said: but him they found not. <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them: O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all things, Which the prophets have spoken. <sup>26</sup> Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and so, to enter into his glory? <sup>27</sup> And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them in all the scriptures the things that were concerning him. <sup>28</sup> And they drew nigh to the town whither they were going: and he made as though he would go farther. <sup>29</sup> But they constrained him, saying: Stay with us, because it is towards evening and the day is now far spent. And

he went in with them. <sup>30</sup> And it came to pass, whilst he was at table with them, he took bread and blessed and brake and gave to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened: and they knew him. And he vanished out of their sight. <sup>32</sup> And they said one to the other: Was not our heart burning within us, whilst he spoke in the way and opened to us the scriptures? <sup>33</sup> And rising up, the same hour, they went back to Jerusalem: and they found the eleven gathered together, and those that were with them, <sup>34</sup> Saying: The Lord is risen indeed and hath appeared to Simon. <sup>35</sup> And they told what things were done in the way: and how they knew him in the breaking of bread.

<sup>36</sup> Now, whilst they were speaking these things, Jesus stood in the midst of them and saith to them: Peace be to you. It is I: Fear not. <sup>37</sup> But they being troubled and frightened, supposed that they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them: Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and feet, that it is I myself. Handle, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me to have. <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he shewed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> But while they yet believed not and wondered for joy, he said: Have you here any thing to eat? <sup>42</sup> And they offered him a piece of a broiled fish and a honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And when he had eaten before them, taking the remains, he gave to them. <sup>44</sup> And he said to them: These are the words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled which are written in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the psalms, concerning me. <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said to them: Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead, the third day: <sup>47</sup> And that penance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And I send the promise of my Father upon you: but stay you in the city till you be endued with power from on high.

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethania: and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> And it came to pass, whilst he blessed them, he departed from them and was carried up to heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they adoring went back into Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they were always in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

### THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

The Acts of the Apostles entire, from the Ascension to Rome, with three psalms the apostles preach from, and one passage of the Apocalypse to close the arc opened in Genesis 1. The epistles are not read; see the omissions.

#### 334. Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-47*

Babel, read in the Early World, is answered here. St. Peter preaches from Joel and from Psalms 15 and 109.

**2** <sup>1</sup> And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming: and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were of fire: and it sat upon every

one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost: and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue. <sup>7</sup> And they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how have we heard, every man our own tongue wherein we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, <sup>11</sup> Jews also, and proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. <sup>12</sup> And they were all astonished, and wondered, saying one to another: What meaneth this? <sup>13</sup> But others mocking, said: These men are full of new wine.

<sup>14</sup> But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spoke to them: Ye men of Judea, and all you that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known to you and with your ears receive my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day: <sup>16</sup> But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass, in the last days, (saith the Lord), I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And upon my servants indeed and upon my handmaids will I pour out in those days of my spirit: and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will shew wonders in the heaven above, and signs on the earth beneath: blood and fire, and vapour of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and manifest day of the Lord shall come. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. <sup>22</sup> Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him, in the midst of you, as you also know: <sup>23</sup> This same being delivered up, by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you by the hands of wicked men have crucified and slain. <sup>24</sup> Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the sorrows of hell, as it was impossible that he should be holden by it. <sup>25</sup> For David saith concerning him: I foresaw the Lord before my face: because he is at my right hand, that I may not be moved. <sup>26</sup> For this my heart hath been glad, and my tongue hath rejoiced: moreover my flesh also shall rest in hope. <sup>27</sup> Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: nor suffer thy Holy One to see corruption. <sup>28</sup> Thou hast made known to me the ways of life: thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. <sup>29</sup> Ye men, brethren, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David: that he died and was buried; and his sepulchre is with us to this present day. <sup>30</sup> Whereas therefore he was a prophet and knew that God hath sworn to him with an oath, that of the fruit of his loins one should sit upon his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ. For neither was he left in hell: neither did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus hath God raised again, whereof all we are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being exalted therefore by the right hand of God

and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath poured forth this which you see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David ascended not into heaven; but he himself said: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, <sup>35</sup> Until I make thy enemies thy footstool. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let all the house of Israel know most certainly that God hath made both Lord and Christ, this same Jesus, whom you have crucified.

<sup>37</sup> Now when they had heard these things, they had compunction in their heart and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles: What shall we do, men and brethren? <sup>38</sup> But Peter said to them: Do penance: and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, whomsoever the Lord our God shall call. <sup>40</sup> And with very many other words did he testify and exhort them, saying: Save yourselves from this perverse generation.

<sup>41</sup> They therefore that received his word were baptized: and there were added in that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they were persevering in the doctrine of the apostles and in the communication of the breaking of bread and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> And fear came upon every soul. Many wonders also and signs were done by the apostles in Jerusalem: and there was great fear in all. <sup>44</sup> And all they that believed were together and had all things common. <sup>45</sup> Their possessions and goods they sold and divided them to all, according as every one had need. <sup>46</sup> And continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they took their meat with gladness and simplicity of heart: <sup>47</sup> Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord increased daily together such as should be saved.

### 342. The conversion of Saul

*Acts 9:1-31*

**9** <sup>1</sup> And Saul, as yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> And asked of him letters to Damascus, to the synagogues: that if he found any men and women of this way, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And as he went on his journey, it came to pass that he drew nigh to Damascus. And suddenly a light from heaven shined round about him. <sup>4</sup> And falling on the ground, he heard a voice saying to him: Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? <sup>5</sup> Who said: Who art thou, Lord? And he: I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. It is hard for thee to kick against the goad. <sup>6</sup> And he, trembling and astonished, said: Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to him: Arise and go into the city; and there it shall be told thee what thou must do. Now the men who went in company with him stood amazed, hearing indeed a voice but seeing no man. <sup>8</sup> And Saul arose from the ground: and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. But they, leading him by the hands, brought him to Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And he was there three days without sight: and he did neither eat nor drink.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias. And the Lord said to him in a vision: Ananias, And he said: Behold I am here, Lord. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him: Arise and go into the street that is called Strait and seek in the house of Judas, one named Saul of Tarsus. For behold he prayeth. <sup>12</sup> (And he saw

a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hands upon him, that he might receive his sight.) <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered: Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that invoke thy name. <sup>15</sup> And the Lord said to him: Go thy way: for this man is to me a vessel of election, to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. <sup>17</sup> And Ananias went his way and entered into the house. And laying his hands upon him, he said: Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus hath sent me, he that appeared to thee in the way as thou camest, that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. <sup>18</sup> And immediately there fell from his eyes as it were scales: and he received his sight. And rising up, he was baptized. <sup>19</sup> And when he had taken meat, he was strengthened. And he was with the disciples that were at Damascus, for some days. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he preached Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the son of God. <sup>21</sup> And all that heard him were astonished and said: Is not this he who persecuted in Jerusalem those that called upon this name and came hither for that intent, that he might carry them bound to the chief priests? <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased much more in strength and confounded the Jews who dwelt at Damascus, affirming that this is the Christ. <sup>23</sup> And when many days were passed, the Jews consulted together to kill him. <sup>24</sup> But their lying in wait was made known to Saul. And they watched the gates also day and night, that they might kill him. <sup>25</sup> But the disciples, taking him in the night, conveyed him away by the wall, letting him down in a basket. <sup>26</sup> And when he was come into Jerusalem, he essayed to join himself to the disciples: and they all were afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and told them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him: and how in Damascus he had dealt confidently in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> And he was with them, coming in and going out in Jerusalem and dealing confidently in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup> He spoke also to the Gentiles and disputed with the Greeks. But they sought to kill him. <sup>30</sup> Which when the brethren had known, they brought him down to Cæsarea and sent him away to Tarsus. <sup>31</sup> Now, the church had peace throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria: and was edified, walking in the fear of the Lord: and was filled with the consolation of the Holy Ghost.

### 343. Cornelius, and the door opened to the Gentiles

*Acts 9:32-11:18*

**9** <sup>32</sup> And it came to pass that Peter, as he passed through, visiting all, came to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. <sup>33</sup> And he found there a certain man named Eneas, who had kept his bed for eight years, who was ill of the palsy. <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him: Eneas, the Lord Jesus Christ healeth thee. Arise and make thy bed. And immediately he arose. <sup>35</sup> And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him: who were converted to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> And in Joppe there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. <sup>37</sup> And it came to pass in those days that she was sick and died. Whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. <sup>38</sup> And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppe, the disciples, hearing that Peter was

there, sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not be slack to come unto them. <sup>39</sup> And Peter rising up went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber. And all the widows stood about him, weeping and shewing him the coats and garments which Dorcas made them. <sup>40</sup> And they all being put forth, Peter, kneeling down, prayed. And turning to the body, he said: Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes and, seeing Peter, sat up. <sup>41</sup> And giving her his hand, he lifted her up. And when he had called the saints and the widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it was made known throughout all Joppe. And many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And it came to pass that he abode many days in Joppe, with one Simon a tanner.

**10** <sup>1</sup> And there was a certain man in Cæsarea, named Cornelius, a centurion of that which is called the Italian band: <sup>2</sup> A religious man, and fearing God with all his house, giving much alms to the people and always praying to God. <sup>3</sup> This man saw in a vision manifestly, about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him and saying to him: Cornelius. <sup>4</sup> And he, beholding him, being seized with fear, said: What is it, Lord? And he said to him: Thy prayers and thy alms are ascended for a memorial in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> And now send men to Joppe: and call hither one Simon, who is surnamed Peter. <sup>6</sup> He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side. He will tell thee what thou must do. <sup>7</sup> And when the angel who spoke to him was departed, he called two of his household servants and a soldier who feared the Lord, of them that were under him. <sup>8</sup> To whom when he had related all, he sent them to Joppe.

<sup>9</sup> And on the next day, whilst they were going on their journey and drawing nigh to the city, Peter went up to the higher parts of the house to pray, about the sixth hour. <sup>10</sup> And being hungry, he was desirous to taste somewhat. And as they were preparing, there came upon him an ecstasy of mind. <sup>11</sup> And he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel descending, as it were a great linen sheet let down by the four corners from heaven to the earth: <sup>12</sup> Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts and creeping things of the earth and fowls of the air. <sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him: Arise, Peter. Kill and eat. <sup>14</sup> But Peter said: Far be it from me. For I never did eat any thing that is common and unclean. <sup>15</sup> And the voice spoke to him again the second time: That which God hath cleansed, do not thou call common. <sup>16</sup> And this was done thrice. And presently the vessel was taken up into heaven. <sup>17</sup> Now, whilst Peter was doubting within himself what the vision that he had seen should mean, behold the men who were sent from Cornelius, inquiring for Simon's house, stood at the gate. <sup>18</sup> And when they had called, they asked if Simon, who is surnamed Peter, were lodged there. <sup>19</sup> And as Peter was thinking of the vision, the Spirit said to him: Behold three men seek thee. <sup>20</sup> Arise, therefore: get thee down and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. <sup>21</sup> Then Peter, going down to the men, said: Behold, I am he whom you seek. What is the cause for which you are come? <sup>22</sup> Who said: Cornelius, a centurion, a just man and one that feareth God, and having good testimony from all the nation of the Jews, received an answer of an holy angel, to send for thee into his house And to hear words of thee. <sup>23</sup> Then bringing them in, he lodged them. And the day following, he arose and went with them: and some of the brethren from Joppe accompanied him. <sup>24</sup> And the morrow

after, he entered into Cæsarea. And Cornelius waited for them, having called together his kinsmen and special friends. <sup>25</sup> And it came to pass that when Peter was come in, Cornelius came to meet him and falling at his feet adored. <sup>26</sup> But Peter lifted him up, saying: Arise: I myself also am a man. <sup>27</sup> And talking with him, he went in and found many that were come together. <sup>28</sup> And he said to them: you know how abominable it is for a man that is a Jew to keep company or to come unto one of another nation: but God hath shewed to me, to call no man common or unclean. <sup>29</sup> For which cause, making no doubt, I came when I was sent for. I ask, therefore, for what cause you have sent for me? <sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said: Four days ago, unto this hour, I was praying in my house, at the ninth hour and behold a man stood before me in white apparel and said: <sup>31</sup> Cornelius, thy prayer is heard and thy alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppe: and call hither Simon, who is surnamed Peter. He lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner, by the sea side. <sup>33</sup> Immediately therefore I sent to thee: and thou hast done well in coming. Now, therefore, all we are present in thy sight to hear all things whatsoever are commanded thee by the Lord.

<sup>34</sup> And Peter opening his mouth, said: in very deed I perceive that God is not a respecter of persons. <sup>35</sup> But in every nation, he that feareth him and worketh justice is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> God sent the word to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all). <sup>37</sup> You know the word which hath been published through all Judea: for it began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached. <sup>38</sup> Jesus of Nazareth: how God anointed him with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all things that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem: whom they killed, hanging him upon a tree. <sup>40</sup> Him God raised up the third day and gave him to be made manifest, <sup>41</sup> Not to all the people, but to witnesses preordained by God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him, after he arose again from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that it is he who was appointed by God to be judge of the living and of the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets give testimony, that by his name all receive remission of sins, who believe in him.

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was yet speaking these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the faithful of the circumcision, who came with Peter, were astonished for that the grace of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking with tongues and magnifying God. <sup>47</sup> Then Peter answered: Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost, as well as we? <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then they desired him to tarry with them some days.

**11** <sup>1</sup> And the apostles and brethren, who were in Judea, heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, <sup>3</sup> Saying: Why didst thou go in to men uncircumcised and didst eat with them? <sup>4</sup> But Peter began and declared to them the matter in order, saying: <sup>5</sup> I was in the

city of Joppe praying: and I saw in an ecstasy of mind a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners. And it came even unto me. <sup>6</sup> Into which looking, I considered and saw fourfooted creatures of the earth and beasts and creeping things and fowls of the air. <sup>7</sup> And I heard also a voice saying to me: Arise, Peter. Kill and eat. <sup>8</sup> And I said: Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth. <sup>9</sup> And the voice answered again from heaven: What God hath made clean, do not thou call common. <sup>10</sup> And this was done three times. And all were taken up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup> And behold, immediately there were three men come to the house wherein I was, sent to me from Cæsarea. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit said to me that I should go with them, nothing doubting. And these six brethren went with me also: and we entered into the man's house. <sup>13</sup> And he told us how he had seen an angel in his house, standing and saying to him: Send to Joppe and call hither Simon, who is surnamed Peter, <sup>14</sup> Who shall speak to thee words whereby thou shalt be saved, and all thy house. <sup>15</sup> And when I had begun to speak, the Holy Ghost fell upon them, as upon us also in the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said: John indeed baptized with water but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same grace as to us also who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ: who was I, that could withstand God? <sup>18</sup> Having heard these things, they held their peace and glorified God, saying: God then hath also to the Gentiles given repentance, unto life.

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**Numbering.** The plan cites in vulgate numbering and this edition prints vulgate. Where the two differ a reading is converted through the tracked verse-level psalm concordance, and the reference this edition carries is printed beside the one the plan cites. Where no correspondence is recorded the reading is refused and says so, because a psalm reference that resolves to a real verse of the wrong psalm cannot be told from a correct one.

**Paragraphs.** 102 paragraph breaks are set in this volume, and not one of them was chosen while typesetting. The tracked verse files of every edition in this library are one verse per row and carry no paragraph structure at all; the markers their sources carried were dropped when the text was derived. Where a break is printed here it comes from one of two places, and both are tracked tables that can be read, counted and regenerated.

**102 projected.** No paragraph mark survives for this edition there, so the break is projected from witnesses that have one, under a rule rather than by hand: it is set only where every witness able to carry that verse opens a paragraph at it, and at least two do. The witnesses are king-james-version and world-english-bible-catholic. Where they disagree nothing is printed — and they disagree often, concurring at 2239 of the 8661 places where any of them breaks, which is 25.9%. That refusal is deliberate. A break resting on one witness alone would read as this edition's own paragraphing, and it would not be.

Set `--no-paragraphs` to remove every break and set the text exactly as the stored verse files hold it, each chapter running on as one paragraph. A mechanical review of this edition should use it: with the projection on, what is under review is partly this projection. It removes the paragraphing and nothing else: the verses set, their order and their wording are identical either way. The pilcrows go with the breaks, being paragraph marks themselves.

**Digest.** Of the verse rows set, in the order set (SHA-256): c96987aa57a09f027b4ae3a63649146fdc6e6f42105b6b8b9ce1e862ee97756b

#### **D. What this edition cannot carry**

Every reading of this track resolves in this edition.

#### **E. Colophon**

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