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The Old Testament

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Genesis



CHAPTER 1

¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved over the surface of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ God made the expanse and separated the waters under the expanse from the waters above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the gathered waters he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind, whose seed is in them, on the earth." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth grass, plants bearing seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with their seed in it according to their kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And the evening and the morning were the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs and for seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵ Let them be lights in the expanse of the heaven to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the expanse of the heaven to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth an abundance of moving creatures that have life, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven." ²¹ God created great sea creatures and every living

creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kind: livestock, creeping things, and beasts of the earth according to their kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the beasts of the earth according to their kind, livestock according to their kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ And God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the livestock, all the earth, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of all the earth, and every tree with seed-bearing fruit. They will be food for you. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, every bird of the air, and everything that creeps on the earth in which there is life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and look, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and everything in them. ² On the seventh day God finished the work he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he had rested from all his work that God created and made. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ and every shrub of the field before it was in the earth, and every plant of the field

Exodus



CHAPTER 1

¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each man with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵ All the people descended from Jacob numbered seventy, for Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Joseph died, and so did all his brothers and that whole generation. ⁷ The Israelites were fruitful, increased abundantly, multiplied, and became very strong, and the land was filled with them. ⁸ Then a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelites are more numerous and stronger than we are. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they do not multiply and, if war breaks out, join our enemies, fight against us, and leave the land." ¹¹ So they placed taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built storage cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied and spread. The Egyptians were distressed because of the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians made the Israelites work ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with hard slavery, working with mortar and bricks and doing every kind of work in the fields. They ruthlessly forced them to do all this work. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one named Shiphrah and the other Puah. ¹⁶ He said, "When you help the Hebrew women give birth and see them on the birthstools, if the child is a son, kill him; but if the child is a daughter, let her live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt commanded them. They kept the boys alive. ¹⁸ The king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and kept the boys alive?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women. They are vigorous and give birth before the midwives come to them." ²⁰ So God treated the midwives well, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ Because the midwives feared God, he established households for them. ²² Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Throw every newborn son into the river, but keep every

daughter alive."

CHAPTER 2

¹ A man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. ² The woman conceived and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus basket for him, coated it with bitumen and pitch, put the child in it, and placed it among the reeds by the riverbank. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to learn what would happen to him. ⁵ Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked along the riverbank. When she saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. The baby was crying, and she had compassion on him. She said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ His sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nursing woman from among the Hebrews to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." The girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." The woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water." ¹¹ In those days, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his brothers and saw their burdens. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brothers. ¹² He looked this way and that, and when he saw that no one was there, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ When he went out the next day, two Hebrew men were fighting. He said to the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" ¹⁴ The man said, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Moses became afraid and said, "Surely this has become known." ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard about this, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian. He sat down by a well. ¹⁶ The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood

Psalms



PSALM 1

- ¹ Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of the scornful.
- ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and he meditates on his law day and night.
- ³ And he will be like a tree planted by rivers of water, which brings forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also will not wither, and whatever he does will prosper.
- ⁴ The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff that the wind drives away.
- ⁵ Therefore the ungodly will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly will perish.

PSALM 2

- ¹ Why do the nations rage and the people devise a vain thing?
- ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
- ³ Let us break their bonds apart and cast their cords away from us.
- ⁴ He who sits in the heavens will laugh; the Lord will hold them in derision.
- ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath and trouble them in his fierce displeasure.
- ⁶ Yet I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- ⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to me, You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the farthest parts of the earth as your possession.
- ⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- ¹⁰ Be wise now, therefore, O you kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled even a little. Blessed are all who put their trust in him.

PSALM 3

- ¹ A psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son. LORD, how those who trouble me have increased! Many rise up against me.
- ² Many say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.
- ³ But you, O LORD, are a shield for me, my glory and the one who lifts my head.
- ⁴ I cried to the LORD with my voice, and he heard me from his holy hill. Selah.
- ⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.
- ⁶ I will not be afraid of tens of thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- ⁷ Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God, for you have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; you have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- ⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing is upon your people. Selah.

PSALM 4

- ¹ To the chief musician on Neginoth, a psalm of David. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness. You have made room for me when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ² O you sons of men, how long will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love vanity and seek lies? Selah.
- ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.
- ⁴ Stand in awe, and do not sin; speak with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many say, Who will show us any good? LORD, lift the light of your face upon us.
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, more than at the time when their grain and their wine increased.
- ⁸ I will both lie down in peace and sleep, for you, LORD, alone make me dwell in safety.

Proverbs



CHAPTER 1

¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel,
² to know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding,
³ to receive instruction in wisdom, justice, judgment and equity,
⁴ to give prudence to the naive, and knowledge and discretion to the young man.
⁵ A wise man will listen and increase his learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
⁶ to understand a proverb and its interpretation, the words of the wise and their riddles.
⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
⁸ My son, listen to your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's law,
⁹ for they will be an ornament of grace for your head and chains around your neck.
¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
¹¹ If they say, "Come with us; let us lie in wait for blood; let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause.
¹² Let us swallow them alive like the grave, and whole like those who go down into the pit.
¹³ We will find all precious possessions; we will fill our houses with plunder.
¹⁴ Cast your lot among us; let us all have one purse,"
¹⁵ my son, do not walk in the way with them; keep your foot from their path,
¹⁶ for their feet run to evil and hurry to shed blood.
¹⁷ Surely a net is spread in vain in the sight of any bird.
¹⁸ And they lie in wait for their own blood; they lurk secretly for their own lives.
¹⁹ So are the ways of everyone greedy for gain, which takes away the life of its owners.
²⁰ Wisdom cries out outside; she raises her voice in the streets.
²¹ She cries out in the busiest gathering place, at the gate entrances; in the city she speaks her words, saying,
²² "How long, you naive ones, will you love naivety, and scoffers delight in their scoffing, and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Turn at my reproof. Look, I will pour out my spirit to

you; I will make my words known to you.

²⁴ Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention,
²⁵ but you disregarded all my counsel and wanted none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,
²⁷ when your terror comes like desolation and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me early, but they will not find me,
²⁹ because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD.
³⁰ They wanted none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof.
³¹ Therefore they will eat the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own schemes.
³² For the turning away of the naive will kill them, and the prosperity of fools will destroy them.
³³ But whoever listens to me will live safely and be at ease, free from fear of evil."

CHAPTER 2

¹ My son, if you will receive my words and store up my commandments with you,
² so that you incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding,
³ yes, if you cry out for knowledge and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴ if you seek her like silver and search for her as for hidden treasures,
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a shield to those who walk uprightly.
⁸ He guards the paths of judgment and preserves the way of his saints.
⁹ Then you will understand righteousness, judgment and equity—yes, every good path.
¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart and knowledge is

Isaiah



CHAPTER 1

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. ² Hear, heavens, and listen, earth, for the LORD has spoken: I have nourished and raised children, and they have rebelled against me. ³ The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's feeding trough; but Israel does not know, my people do not consider. ⁴ Ah, sinful nation, a people weighed down with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who corrupt! They have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have turned backward and gone away. ⁵ Why should you be struck anymore? You will rebel more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint. ⁶ From the sole of the foot to the head there is no soundness in it, only wounds, bruises, and festering sores. They have not been closed or bandaged or softened with ointment. ⁷ Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire. Strangers devour your land in your presence, and it is desolate, as though overthrown by strangers. ⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left like a hut in a vineyard, like a shelter in a cucumber garden, like a besieged city. ⁹ Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we would have been like Sodom; we would have been like Gomorrah. ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah. ¹¹ What use is the multitude of your sacrifices to me? says the LORD. I am full of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed animals; and I take no delight in the blood of young bulls or lambs or male goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who has required this of you, to trample my courts? ¹³ Bring no more worthless offerings. Incense is an abomination to me. The new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies—I cannot bear them. Even the solemn meeting is iniquity. ¹⁴ My soul hates your new moons and your appointed feasts. They are a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ And when you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash

yourselves; make yourselves clean. Put the evil of your deeds away from before my eyes. Stop doing evil; ¹⁷ learn to do good. Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the case of the fatherless, plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool. ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land; ²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it. ²¹ How the faithful city has become a whore! It was full of justice; righteousness lived in it, but now murderers. ²² Your silver has become dross; your wine is mixed with water. ²³ Your princes are rebellious and companions of thieves. Every one loves bribes and pursues rewards. They do not judge the case of the fatherless, and the widow's case does not come before them. ²⁴ Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, says: Ah, I will rid myself of my adversaries and avenge myself on my enemies. ²⁵ And I will turn my hand against you, thoroughly purge away your dross, and take away all your tin. ²⁶ And I will restore your judges as at first and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city. ²⁷ Zion will be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness. ²⁸ And transgressors and sinners will be destroyed together, and those who forsake the LORD will be consumed. ²⁹ For they will be ashamed of the oaks you have desired, and you will be disgraced because of the gardens you have chosen. ³⁰ For you will be like an oak whose leaf withers, and like a garden that has no water. ³¹ And the strong will be like coarse flax fibers, and the maker of it like a spark; and they will both burn together, with no one to quench them.

CHAPTER 2

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² And in the last days the mountain of the LORD's house will be established at the top of the mountains and raised above the hills; and all nations will flow to it. ³ And many peoples will go and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the

Matthew

CHAPTER 1

¹ The record of the ancestry of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ² Abraham fathered Isaac; Isaac fathered Jacob; and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar; Perez fathered Hezron; and Hezron fathered Ram. ⁴ Ram fathered Amminadab; Amminadab fathered Nahshon; and Nahshon fathered Salmon. ⁵ Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab; Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth; and Obed fathered Jesse. ⁶ Jesse fathered King David; and King David fathered Solomon by the woman who had been Uriah's wife. ⁷ Solomon fathered Rehoboam; Rehoboam fathered Abijah; and Abijah fathered Asa. ⁸ Asa fathered Jehoshaphat; Jehoshaphat fathered Joram; and Joram fathered Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah fathered Jotham; Jotham fathered Ahaz; and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah fathered Manasseh; Manasseh fathered Amon; and Amon fathered Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers around the time of the deportation to Babylon. ¹² After the deportation to Babylon, Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel; and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel fathered Abiud; Abiud fathered Eliakim; and Eliakim fathered Azor. ¹⁴ Azor fathered Zadok; Zadok fathered Achim; and Achim fathered Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud fathered Eleazar; Eleazar fathered Matthan; and Matthan fathered Jacob. ¹⁶ Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to Christ, fourteen generations. ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way: His mother Mary was pledged in marriage to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, intended to divorce her privately. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give

birth to a son, and you will name him JESUS, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: ²³ "Look, a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel," which means "God with us." ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ He did not have sexual relations with her until she had given birth to her firstborn son, and he named him JESUS.

CHAPTER 2

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men came from the east to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is the one born King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ He gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, because this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you will come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and carefully determined from them when the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the young child. When you find him, report back to me, so that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After hearing the king, they went on their way. And look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the young child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹ Entering the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, then opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² After God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their country by another route. ¹³ After they left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Get up, take the young child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the

John

CHAPTER 1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ All things were made through him, and without him nothing that has been made was made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of humanity. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that everyone might believe through him. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to testify about that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light, which gives light to every person coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, but the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own did not receive him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believe in his name, he gave authority to become children of God. ¹³ They were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. We saw his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. ¹⁵ John testified about him and cried out, "This is the one I spoke of: 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. The only begotten Son, who is in the Father's bosom, has made him known. ¹⁹ This is John's testimony when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you that prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² They said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴ Those who had been sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, or Elijah, or that prophet?" ²⁶ John

answered them, "I baptize with water, but someone you do not know stands among you. ²⁷ He is the one coming after me who ranks before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things happened in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is the one I spoke of: 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I did not know him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵ Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ Looking at Jesus as he walked, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak and followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned, saw them following, and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which means Teacher—"where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," which means the Christ. ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You will be called Cephas," which means a stone. ⁴³ The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets also wrote about: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Look, a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!"

Romans

CHAPTER 1

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle and set apart for God's gospel, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who came from David's descendants according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. ⁵ Through him we have received grace and apostleship to bring about obedience to the faith among all nations for his name, ⁶ among whom you too are called by Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹ God, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, is my witness that I constantly mention you in my prayers, ¹⁰ asking whether somehow, at last, by God's will I may have a successful journey to come to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, so that I may share some spiritual gift with you to strengthen you, ¹² that is, so that we may be encouraged together by one another's faith, yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I often planned to come to you but have been prevented until now, so that I might have some fruit among you too, as among other Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am a debtor both to Greeks and to non-Greeks, both to the wise and to the unwise. ¹⁵ So, as far as it lies with me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you in Rome too. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of Christ's gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith." ¹⁸ For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all human ungodliness and unrighteousness, against those who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is plain in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ Since the world's creation, his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, understood through

what he has made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks. Instead, they became futile in their reasoning, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image resembling corruptible humanity, birds, four-footed animals, and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God also gave them over to uncleanness through the desires of their own hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves. ²⁵ They exchanged God's truth for a lie and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise the men abandoned natural relations with women and burned in their lust for one another, men committing shameful acts with men and receiving in themselves the due recompense for their error. ²⁸ Since they did not see fit to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what is not fitting. ²⁹ They are filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, and malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and spite. They are whispering gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, and merciless. ³² They know God's judgment, that those who practice such things deserve death, yet they not only do them but take pleasure in others who practice them.

CHAPTER 2

¹ Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are who judges another. In judging someone else, you condemn yourself, because you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that God's judgment against those who practice such things accords with truth. ³ Do you suppose, O man who judges those doing such things while doing them yourself, that you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that

Revelation



CHAPTER 1

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He sent his angel to make it known to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God, to the testimony of Jesus Christ, and to everything he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ⁴ John, to the seven churches in Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to God and his Father—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. All the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes, amen. ⁸ “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end,” says the Lord, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. ⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in tribulation and in the kingdom and endurance of Jesus Christ, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, “I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches in Asia: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.” ¹² I turned to see the voice speaking with me. When I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the seven lampstands someone like the Son of Man, wearing a robe reaching to his feet, with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as though burning in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp, double-edged sword came out of his mouth, and his face was like the sun shining at full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as

though dead. He laid his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ the living one. I was dead, and look, I am alive forevermore. Amen. I have the keys of Hades and of death. ¹⁹ Write what you have seen, what is, and what will happen after this: ²⁰ the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands you saw are the seven churches.

CHAPTER 2

¹ “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These are the words of the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: ² I know your works, your labor, and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evil people, and that you have tested those who say they are apostles but are not, and have found them to be liars. ³ You have borne hardship and have endurance. You have labored for my name’s sake and have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you: you have left your first love. ⁵ So remember where you have fallen from. Repent and do the works you did at first. Otherwise I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet you have this in your favor: you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ Anyone who has an ear should hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will give food from the tree of life, which is in the midst of God’s paradise. ⁸ “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and is alive: ⁹ I know your works, your tribulation, and your poverty—yet you are rich. I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear anything you are about to suffer. Look, the devil will throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ Anyone who has an ear should hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who overcomes will not be harmed by the second death. ¹² “To the angel of the church in Pergamos write: These are the words of

PSALM 5

¹ To the chief musician upon Nehiloth, a psalm of David. Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

² Listen to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I will pray.

³ You will hear my voice in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct my prayer to you and will look up.

⁴ For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, neither will evil dwell with you.

⁵ The foolish will not stand in your sight; you hate all workers of iniquity.

⁶ You will destroy those who speak lies; the LORD will abhor the man of bloodshed and deceit.

⁷ But as for me, I will come into your house in the abundance of your mercy; and in fear of you I will worship toward your holy temple.

⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before my face.

⁹ For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is wickedness itself; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰ Destroy them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the abundance of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against you.

¹¹ But let all who put their trust in you rejoice; let them always shout for joy, because you defend them. Let those also who love your name be joyful in you.

¹² For you, LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor you will surround him as with a shield.

PSALM 6

¹ To the chief musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, a psalm of David. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your burning displeasure.

² Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak. O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

³ My soul also is greatly troubled; but you, O LORD, how long?

⁴ Return, O LORD; deliver my soul. Oh, save me for the sake of your mercies.

⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you; in the grave who will give you thanks?

⁶ I am weary with my groaning; I make my bed swim all night; I water my couch with my tears.

⁷ My eye is consumed by grief; it grows old because of all my enemies.

⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity, for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.

⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

¹⁰ Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

¹ Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite. O LORD my God, in you I put my trust; save me from all who persecute me, and deliver me,

² lest he tear my soul like a lion, ripping it in pieces while there is no one to deliver.

³ O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is iniquity in my hands,

⁴ if I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me—yes, I have delivered him who is my enemy without cause—

⁵ let the enemy persecute my soul and take it; yes, let him tread my life down upon the earth and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

⁶ Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up because of the rage of my enemies, and awake for me to the judgment you have commanded.

⁷ So the congregation of the people will surround you; for their sakes, therefore, return on high.

⁸ The LORD will judge the people; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.

⁹ Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just, for the righteous God tests the hearts and kidneys.

¹⁰ My defense is from God, who saves the upright in heart.

¹¹ God judges the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

¹² If he does not turn, he will sharpen his sword; he has bent his bow and made it ready.

¹³ He has also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordains his arrows against the persecutors.

¹⁴ Look, he is in labor with iniquity, and has conceived harm and brought forth falsehood.

¹⁵ He made a pit and dug it, and has fallen into the ditch he made.

¹⁶ His harm will return upon his own head, and his violent dealings will come down upon the crown of his own head.

¹⁷ I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ He said to him, "Truly, truly I tell you, hereafter you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

CHAPTER 2

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there. ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Six stone water jars stood there for the Jewish purification practices, each holding two or three firkins. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the water jars with water." They filled them to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." They took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water that had become wine, he did not know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and the inferior wine after people have drunk freely. You have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus performed this beginning of miracles in Cana of Galilee, revealing his glory, and his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there a few days. ¹³ The Jewish Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and money changers seated there. ¹⁵ He made a whip of small cords and drove them all out of the temple, along with the sheep and oxen. He poured out the money changers' coins and overturned the tables. ¹⁶ He said to those selling doves, "Take these things away! Do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house has consumed me." ¹⁸ The Jews answered him, "What sign can you show us, since you are doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews said, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and will you raise it in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² After he had

risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this to them, and they believed the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. ²³ While he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the miracles he performed. ²⁴ But Jesus did not entrust himself to them, because he knew everyone. ²⁵ He did not need anyone to testify about human beings, for he knew what was in them.

CHAPTER 3

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do the miracles you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly I tell you, unless a person is born again, they cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I tell you, unless a person is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I told you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wills. You hear its sound, but cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel and do not know these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly I tell you, we speak what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who came down from heaven: the Son of Man, who is in heaven. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is already condemned, because they have not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the condemnation: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest their deeds be exposed and reproved. ²¹ But whoever

abominable, murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars will have their portion in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”⁹ One of the seven angels with the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me. He said, “Come here. I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”¹⁰ He carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven.¹¹ It had God’s glory. Its light was like a most precious stone, like jasper clear as crystal.¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates. Written on them were names, the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west.¹⁴ The city’s wall had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the Lamb’s twelve apostles.¹⁵ The one speaking with me had a golden reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square, its length equal to its width. He measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, width, and height are equal.¹⁷ He measured its wall: one hundred forty-four cubits, by a human measure, which is also the angel’s.¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.¹⁹ The foundations of the city’s wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made from a single pearl. The city’s street was pure gold, like transparent glass.²² I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.²³ The city needed neither the sun nor the moon to shine on it, for God’s glory lit it, and the Lamb is its light.²⁴ The nations of those who are saved will walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night there.²⁶ They will bring the nations’ glory and honor into it.²⁷ Nothing that defiles will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is abominable or tells a lie, but only those written in the Lamb’s book of life.

CHAPTER 22

¹ He showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life. It bore twelve kinds of

fruit, yielding its fruit every month. The tree’s leaves were for the healing of the nations.³ There will be no more curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ There will be no night there. They need neither a lamp nor sunlight, for the Lord God gives them light. They will reign forever and ever.⁶ He said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show his servants what must soon happen.”⁷ “Look, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”⁸ I, John, saw and heard these things. When I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.⁹ He said to me, “Do not do that! I am a fellow servant of yours, of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”¹⁰ He said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.¹¹ Let the unjust remain unjust, and the filthy remain filthy. Let the righteous remain righteous, and the holy remain holy.¹² Look, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to each person according to their work.¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”¹⁴ Blessed are those who do his commandments, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through the gates.¹⁵ Outside are dogs, sorcerers, the sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters, and everyone who loves and makes a lie.¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.”¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let the one who hears say, “Come.” Let the thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life freely.¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues written in this book.¹⁹ If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the book of life, in the holy city, and in the things written in this book.²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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