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Jubilees

Prologue and chapters 1-2

PROLOGUE

These are the words regarding the divisions of the times of the law and of the testimony, of the events of the years, of the weeks of their jubilees throughout all the years of eternity as he related (them) to Moses on Mt. Sinai when he went up to receive the stone tablets—the law and the commandments—on the Lord’s orders as he had told him that he should come up to the summit of the mountain.

1:1 During the first year of the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt, in the third month—on the sixteenth of the month—the Lord said to Moses: “Come up to me on the mountain. I will give you the two stone tablets of the law and the commandments which I have written so that you may teach them.” 1:2 So Moses went up the mountain of the Lord. The glory of the Lord took up residence on Mt. Sinai, and a cloud covered it for six days. 1:3 When he summoned Moses into the cloud on the seventh day, he saw the glory of the Lord like a fire blazing on the summit of the mountain. 1:4 Moses remained on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights while the Lord showed him what (had happened) beforehand as well as what was to come. He related to him the divisions of all the times—both of the law and of the testimony. 1:5 He said to him: “Pay attention to all the words which I tell you on this mountain. Write (them) in a book so that their offspring may see that I have not abandoned them because of all the evil they have done in *straying from* the covenant between me and you which I am making today on Mt. Sinai for their offspring. 1:6 So it will be that when all of these things befall them they will recognize that I have been more faithful than they in all their judgments and in all their actions. They will recognize that I have indeed been with them.

1:7 “Now you write this entire message which I am telling you today, because I know their defiance and their stubbornness (even) before I bring them into the land which I promised by oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: ‘To your posterity I will give the land which flows with milk and honey’. When they eat and are full, 1:8 they will turn to foreign gods—to ones which will not save them from any of their afflictions. Then this testimony will serve as evidence. 1:9 For they will forget all my commandments—everything that I command them—and will follow the nations, their impurities, and their shame. They will serve their gods, and (this) will prove an obstacle for them—an

affliction, a pain, and a trap. 1:10 Many will be destroyed. They will be captured and will fall into the enemy's control because they abandoned my statutes, my commandments, my covenantal festivals, my sabbaths, my holy things which I have hallowed for myself among them, my tabernacle, and my temple which I sanctified for myself in the middle of the land so that I could set my name on it and that it could live (there). 1:11 They made for themselves high places, (sacred) groves, and carved images; each of them prostrated himself before his own in order to go astray. They will sacrifice their children to demons and to every product (conceived by) their erring minds. 1:12 I will send witnesses to them so that I may testify to them, but they will not listen and will kill the witnesses. They will persecute those too who study the law diligently. They will abrogate everything and will begin to do evil in my presence. 1:13 Then I will hide my face from them. I will deliver them into the control of the nations for captivity, for *booty*, and for being devoured. I will remove them from the land and disperse them among the nations. 1:14 They will forget all my law, all my commandments, and all my verdicts. They will err regarding the beginning of the month, the sabbath, the festival, the jubilee, and the decree.

1:15 "After this they will return to me from among the nations with all their minds, all their souls, and all their strength. Then I will gather them from among all the nations, and they will search for me so that I may be found by them when they have searched for me with all their minds and with all their souls. I will rightly disclose to them abundant peace. 1:16 I will transform them into a righteous plant with all my mind and with all my soul. They will become a blessing, not a curse; they will become the head, not the tail. 1:17 I will build my temple among them and will live with them; I will become their God and they will become my true and righteous people. 1:18 I will neither abandon them nor become alienated from them, for I am the Lord their God."

1:19 Then Moses fell prostrate and prayed and said: "Lord my God, do not allow your people and your heritage to go along in the error of their minds, and do not deliver them into the control of the nations with the result that they rule over them lest they make them sin against you. 1:20 May your mercy, Lord, be lifted over your people. Create for them a just spirit. May the spirit of Belial not rule over them so as to bring charges against them before you and to trap them away from every proper path so that they may be destroyed from your presence. 1:21 They are your people and your heritage whom you have rescued from Egyptian control by your great power. Create for them a pure mind and a holy spirit. May they not be trapped in their sins from now to eternity."

1:22 Then the Lord said to Moses: "I know their contrary nature, their way of thinking, and their stubbornness. They will not listen until they

acknowledge their sins and the sins of their ancestors. 1:23 After this they will return to me in a fully upright manner and with all (their) minds and all (their) souls. I will cut away the foreskins of their minds and the foreskins of their descendants' minds. I will create a holy spirit for them and will purify them in order that they may not turn away from me from that time forever. 1:24 Their souls will adhere to me and to all my commandments. They will perform my commandments. I will become their father and they will become my children. 1:25 All of them will be called children of the living God. Every angel and every spirit will know them. They will know that they are my children and that I am their father in a just and proper way and that I love them.

1:26 "Now you write all these words which I tell you on this mountain: what is first and what is last and what is to come during all the divisions of time which are in the law and which are in the testimony and in the weeks of their jubilees until eternity—until the time when I descend and live with them throughout all the ages of eternity."

1:27 Then he said to an angel of the presence: "*Dictate* to Moses (starting) from the beginning of the creation until the time when my temple is built among them throughout the ages of eternity. 1:28 The Lord will appear in the sight of all, and all will know that I am the God of Israel, the father of all Jacob's children, and the king on Mt. Zion for the ages of eternity. Then Zion and Jerusalem will become holy."

1:29 The angel of the presence, who was going along in front of the Israelite camp, took the tablets (which told) of the divisions of the years from the time the law and the testimony were created—for the weeks of their jubilees, year by year in their full number, and their jubilees from [the time of the creation until] the time of the new creation when the heavens, the earth, and all their creatures will be renewed like the powers of the sky and like all the creatures of the earth, until the time when the temple of the Lord will be created in Jerusalem on Mt. Zion. All the luminaries will be renewed for (the purpose of) healing, health, and blessing for all the elect ones of Israel and so that it may remain this way from that time throughout all the days of the earth.

2:1 On the Lord's orders the angel of the presence said to Moses: "Write all the words about the creation—how in six days the Lord God completed all his works, everything that he had created, and kept sabbath on the seventh day. He sanctified it for all ages and set it as a sign for all his works. 2:2 For on the first day he created the heavens that are above, the earth, the waters, and all the spirits who serve before him, namely: the angels of the presence; the angels of holiness; the angels of the spirits of fire; the angels of the spirits of the winds; the angels of the spirits of the clouds, of darkness, *snow*, hail, and frost; the angels of the sounds, the thunders, and the lightnings; and the angels of the spirits of cold and heat, of winter, spring, autumn, and summer, and of all the

spirits of his creatures which are in the heavens, on earth, and in every (place). [There were also] the depths, darkness and light, dawn and evening which he prepared through the knowledge of his mind. 2:3 Then we saw his works and blessed him. We offered praise before him regarding all his works because he had made seven great works on the first day.

### 1QpHab 7:3-6

When it says, “so that with ease someone can read it,” this refers to the Teacher of Righteousness to whom God made known all the mysterious revelations of his servants the prophets.

### 1QpHab 11:4-5

4 פשרו על הכוהן הרשע אשר 5 רדף אחר מורה הצדק לבלעו בכעס 6 חמחו אבית נלוחו

Its interpretation concerns the Wicked Priest who pursued the Teacher of Righteousness to consume him with the heat of his anger in the house of his exile.

### 11QT XXIX 6-10

6 לכול נסכיהמה ולכול מהנחמה אשר יביאו לי לרצון לה[מה].  
7 ורציה'ם וה' לי לעם ואנוכי אהיה להם לעולם [נ]שכנתי  
8 אחמה לעולם ועד. ואקדשה [את מ]קדשי בכבודי אשר אשכין  
9 עליו את כבודי עד יום הברכה אשר אברא אני את מקדשי  
10 להכינו לי כול הימים כברית אשר כרתי עם יעקוב בבית אל.

<sup>6</sup> all their vows and all their presents which they bring me for th[eir] acceptance, <sup>7</sup> I shall accept them. They shall be for me a people and I will be for them forever; and I shall dwell <sup>8</sup> with them forever and always. I shall sanctify my [te]mple with my glory, for I shall make my glory reside <sup>9</sup> over it until the day of creation, when I shall create my temple, <sup>10</sup> establishing it for myself for all days, according to the covenant which I made with Jacob at Bethel.

## 1QS XI 7-9

7 ... לאשׁוּׁר בְּחַר קָל נַחֲנֵם לְאוֹחֹזֶה עוֹלָם וּיְנַחֵי לָם בְּנוֹרָל  
8 קְרוּשִׁים וְעַם בְּנֵי שָׁמַיִם חֵבֵר סוֹדֵם לְעֵצַת יַחַד וְסוֹד מְבִנִית קוֹדֵשׁ לְמַטְעַח עוֹלָם עִם כּוֹל  
9 קִץ נְהִיָּה....

7 ... To those whom God has selected he has given them as everlasting possession; and he has given them an inheritance in the lot of<sup>8</sup> the holy ones. He united their assembly to the sons of the heavens in order to form the council of the Community and a foundation of the building of holiness to be an everlasting plantation throughout all<sup>9</sup> future ages....

## 1QS 8:12-14

12 ... וּבְהִיּוֹת אֱלֹהֵי לְיַחַד בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל  
13 בְּחֻבּוֹנִים הָאֵלֶּת יִבְרְלוּ מִתּוֹךְ מוֹשֵׁב הַנְּשִׁי הַעוֹל לְלַכַּח לְמַרְבֵּר לַפְנוֹת שֵׁם אֵת דְּרַכְּ הוּאֵהָא  
14 כַּאֲשֶׁר כָּחוּב בְּמַרְבֵּר פְּנֵי דְרַךְ ה' יִשְׂרוּ בְּעַרְבָּה מַסְלָה לְאַלְקִינֹו.

And when these have become /a community/ in Israel<sup>13</sup> /in compliance with these arrangements/ they are to be segregated from within the dwelling of the men of sin to walk to the desert in order to open there His path.<sup>14</sup> As it is written (Isa. 40:3) "In the desert, prepare the way of \*\*\*\*, straighten in the steppe a roadway for our God."

## 11QPsalms<sup>a</sup> - column 27

2 -- וְיִהְיֶה דָוִד בֶּן יִשִׁי חָכֵם וְאוֹר כְּאוֹר הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ סוֹפֵר 3 -- וְנִבּוֹן וְתַמִּים בְּכוֹל דְּרַכְיוֹ לַפְנֵי אֵל  
וְאַנְשִׁים וְיִתֵּן 4 -- לוֹ יְקוֹק רוּחַ גְּבוּנָה וְאוֹרָה וּיְכַתּוּב תְּהִלִּים 5 שְׁלוֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים וְשֵׁשׁ מֵאוֹת  
וְשִׁיר לְשׁוֹרֵר לַפְנֵי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ עַל עוֹלֹת 6 הַתְּמִיד לְכוֹל יוֹם וְיוֹם לְכוֹל יְמֵי הַשָּׁנָה אַרְבַּעַה וְשִׁשִׁים  
וְשִׁלּוֹשׁ 7 מֵאוֹת וְלִקְוֹרְבָן הַשְּׁבִתוֹת שְׁנַיִם וְחֻמְשִׁים שִׁיר וְלִקְוֹרְבָן רֵאשִׁי 8 הַתְּחִלָּה וְלְכוֹל יְמֵי  
הַמוֹעֲדוֹת וְלִי(ו)ם מְכַפּוֹרִים שְׁלוֹשִׁים שִׁיר 9 וְיִהְיֶה כּוֹל הַשִּׁיר אֲשֶׁר דָּבַר שָׁשָׁה וְאַרְבַּעִים וְאַרְבַּע  
מֵאוֹת וְשִׁיר 10 לְנִגּוֹן עַל הַפְּגוּעִים אַרְבַּעַה וְיִהְיֶה הַכוֹל אַרְבַּעַת אֲלָפִים לְחֻמְשִׁים 11 כּוֹל אֱלֹהֵי  
דָּבַר בְּנְבוּאָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לוֹ מִלְּפָנֵי הָעֲלִיּוֹן

(2) And David, son of Jesse, was wise, and a light like the light of the sun, /and/ learned,  
(3) *Blank* and discerning, and perfect in all his paths before God and men. And (4) *Blank*  
the Lord gave him a discerning and enlightened spirit. And he wrote psalms: (5) three  
thousand six hundred; and songs to be sung before the altar over the perpetual (6)  
offering of every day, for all the days of the year: three hundred (7) and sixty-four; and  
for the Sabbath offerings: fifty-two songs; and for the offerings of the first days of (8) the  
months, and for all the days of the festivals, and for the <Day> of Atonement: thirty  
songs. (9) And all the songs which he spoke were four hundred and forty-six. And songs  
(10) to perform over the possessed: four. The total was four thousand and fifty. (11) All  
these he spoke through (the spirit of) prophecy which had been given to him from before  
the Most High.

#### 4Q403 frag. 1 I 39-46

39 ... זמרו לאלוקי עז  
40 במנת רוח רוש ל[מזמור]ר בשמחת אלוקים וגיל בכול קדושים לזמרות פלא בשמחת עול[מי]ם.  
41 באלה יהללו כול י[סודי קור]ש קדושים עמודי משא לזבול רום רומים וכול פנות מבניחו. זמ[רו]  
42 אלז[קים נ]רא כוח[ן] כול רוחי דעת ואור ל[מש]א יחד רקיע {{זו}} טוהר טהורים למקדש קדוש[ו].  
אלוק[ים] ל[הוד]וח עולמי ע[ולמי]ם רוקיע רוש מרו[מ]ים כול ק[רו]וחו וקירווחו כ[ו]ל  
קוד[ש] קדושים אלוקים חיים [רו]חי קוד[ש] ע[ולמי]ם ממעל 43 ושבחות[ו] רוחי  
הוד והדר. ויפלא קל הכבוד באור אורחם ד[עת] 44 [מבנ]יחו מעשי חבנ[י]חו. רו[חי]  
45 [מ]כול קוד[ש]ים -- פלא נפלא  
46 [ -- בכול מקדשי פלא רווחה אלוקים סביבה למעון מ]ל[ך] אמת וצדק.

39 ...Chant to the powerful God

40 with the chose spiritual portion, so that it is [a melo]dy with the joy of God, and celebration with all the holy ones, for a wonderful song in eter[nal] happiness.

41 With them praise all of the fou[ndations] of the hol[y] of holies, the supporting columns of the most exalted dwelling, and all the corners of his building. Si[ng].

42 to Go[d, aw]esome in power, [all you spirits of knowledge and of light], to [exal]t together the spendidly shining vault of [his] holy sanctuary.

43 [Praise hi]m, divine spirits, prai[sing] forever and e]ver the main vault of the heig[ht]s, all [its] b[eams] and its walls, a[l]l

44 its structure, the work of [its] construc[tion]. The spi]rits of the hol[y] of holies, the living gods, [the spi]rits of everlasting holine[ss] above

45 all the ho[ly] ones in the wonderful vaults, marvel of splendor and majesty, and wonderful is the gl[ory] in the most perfect light, and the kno[wledge]

46 [... in all the wonderful sanctuaries. The spirits of God are around the residence of the king of truth and justice.

### Community Rule

1QS 9:1 A single unintentional sin may be punished by this two-year process, but the intentional sinner shall never again return. Only the accidental sinner

1QS 9:2 shall be tested by the general membership over a two-year period for blameless conduct and right understanding. Afterwards, he may be enrolled at the appropriate rank within the Yahad of Holiness.

1QS 9:3 (vacat) When, united by all these precepts, such men as these come to be a community in Israel, they shall establish eternal truth guided by the instruction of His holy spirit.

1QS 9:4 They shall atone for the guilt of transgression and the rebellion of sin, becoming an acceptable sacrifice for the land through the flesh of burnt offerings, the fat of sacrificial portions and

1QS 9:5 prayer, becoming-as it were-justice itself, a sweet savor of righteousness and blameless behavior, a pleasing free-will offering. At that time the men

1QS 9:6 of the Yahad shall withdraw, the holy house of Aaron uniting as a Holy of Holies, and the synagogue of Israel as those who walk blamelessly.

1QS 9:7 The sons of Aaron alone shall have authority in judicial and financial matters. They shall decide on governing precepts for the men of the Yahad

1QS 9:8 and on money matters for the holy men who walk blamelessly. Their wealth is not to be admixed with that of rebellious men, who

1QS 9:9 have failed to cleanse their path by separating from perversity and walking blamelessly. They shall deviate from none of the teachings of the Law, whereby they would walk

1QS 9:10 in their willful heart completely. They shall govern themselves using the original precepts by which the men of the Yahad began to be instructed,

1QS 9:11 doing so until there come the Prophet and the Messiahs of Aaron and Israel. (vacat)

1QS 9:12 (vacat) These are the statutes for the Instructor. He is to conduct himself by them with every living person, guided by the precepts appropriate to each era and the value of each person.

1QS 9:13 He is to work the will of God according to what has been revealed for each period of history, studying all the wise legal findings of earlier times, as well as every

1QS 9:14 statute applying to his own time. He is to discern who are the true Sons of Righteousness and to weigh each man's spiritual qualities, sustaining the chosen ones of his own time in keeping with

1QS 9:15 His will and what He has commanded. In each case he shall decide what a man's spiritual qualities mandate, letting him enter the Yahad if his virtue and understanding of the Law

1QS 9:16 measure up. By the same standards he shall determine each man's rank. The Instructor must not reprove the Men of the Pit, nor argue with them about proper biblical understanding.

1QS 9:17 Quite the contrary: he should conceal his own insight into the Law when among perverse men. He shall save reproof-itself founded on true knowledge and righteous judgment-for those who have chosen

1QS 9:18 the Way, treating each as his spiritual qualities and the precepts of the era require. He shall ground them in knowledge, thereby instructing them in truly wondrous mysteries; if then the secret Way is perfected among

1QS 9:19 the men of the Yahad, each will walk blamelessly with his fellow, guided by what has been revealed to them. That will be the time of “preparing the way

1QS 9:20 in the desert” (Isaiah 40:3). He shall instruct them in every legal finding that is to regulate their works in that time, and teach them to separate from every man who fails to keep himself

1QS 9:21 from perversity. These are the precepts of the Way for the Instructor in these times, as to his loving and hating: eternal hatred

1QS 9:22 and a concealing spirit for the Men of the Pit! He shall leave them their wealth and profit like a slave does his master-presently humble before

1QS 9:23 his oppressor, but a zealot for God’s law whose time will come: even the Day of Vengeance. He shall work God’s will when he attacks the wicked and

1QS 9:24 exercise authority as He has commanded, so that He is pleased with all that is done, as with a free-will offering. Other than God’s will he shall delight in nothing,

1QS 9:25 finding pleasure only in [ev]ery word of His mouth. He shall desire nothing that He has not command[ed,] ceaselessly seeking the [la]ws of God.

1QS 9:26 He shall bless his Creator [for all of His good]ness, and re[count His lovingkindness] in all that is to be. [With pray]er shall he bless Him

1QS 10:1 at the times ordained of God: when light begins its dominion-each time it returns-and when, as ordained, it is regathered into its dwelling place; when night begins

1QS 10:2 its watches-as He opens His storehouse and spreads darkness over the earth-and when it cycles back, withdrawing before the light;

1QS 10:3 when the luminaries show forth from their holy habitation, and when they are regathered into their glorious abode; when the times appointed for new moons arrive, and when, as their periods require,

1QS 10:4 each gives way to the next. Such renewal is a special day for the Holy of Holies; indeed, it is a sign that He is unlocking eternal lovingkindness each time

1QS 10:5 these cycles begin as ordained, and so it shall be for every era yet to come. On the first of each month in its season, and on holy days laid down for a memorial, in their seasons

1QS 10:6 by a prayer shall I bless Him-a statute forever engraved. When each new year begins and when its seasons turn, fulfilling the law

1QS 10:7 of their decree, each day as set forth, day after day: harvest giving way to summer, planting to the shoots of spring, Seasons, years and weeks of years.



1QS 10:8 When weeks of years begin, Jubilee by Jubilee, while I live, on my tongue shall the statute be engraved-with praise its fruit, even the gift of my lips.

1QS 10:9 With knowledge shall I sing out my music, only for the glory of God, my harp, my lyre for His holiness established; the flute of my lips will I lift, His law its tuning fork.

1QS 10:10 At break of day and darkling sky shall I enter the covenant of God, and when they depart I shall recite His laws; then shall I prescribe

1QS 10:11 my bounds, never to turn back. By His law shall I convict myself, my wickedness the measure, my sin before my eyes, as a statute engraved. To God shall I say "O, my Righteousness,"

1QS 10:12 to the Most High "O, Seat of my good, source of knowledge and Fount of holiness; height of glory, Almighty, eternal Splendor." What He teaches me,

1QS 10:13 that shall I choose, as He judges me, so shall I delight. When first I begin campaign or journey, His name shall I bless; when first I set out or turn to come back;

1QS 10:14 when I sit down or rise up, when I spread my bed, then shall I rejoice in Him. I will bless him with the offering, the issue of my lips when in ranked array;

1QS 10:15 before I lift hand to mouth to savor the delightful bounty of the earth; when fear or terror break out, in habitation of dire straights or desolation,

1QS 10:16 Him shall I praise. Upon His miracles and deeds of power shall I meditate; upon His lovingkindness I shall rely all the day. Then shall I know that in His hand resides the judgment

1QS 10:17 of all the living, and all His works are truth. When distress breaks out I shall praise Him, and in His salvation shall I rejoice. To no man shall I return

1QS 10:18 evil for evil, I shall pursue a man only for good; for with God resides the judgment of all the living, and He shall pay each man his recompense. My zeal shall not be tarnished by a spirit

1QS 10:19 of wickedness, neither shall I lust for riches gained through violence. The multitude of evil men I shall not capture until the Day of Vengeance; yet my fury shall not

1QS 10:20 abate from men of the Pit, and I shall never be appeased until righteousness be established. I shall hold no angry grudge against those repenting of sin yet neither shall I love

1QS 10:21 any who rebel against the Way; the smitten I shall not comfort until their walk be perfected. I shall give no refuge in my heart to Belial. In my mouth shall be heard

1QS 10:22 neither foolishness nor sinful deceit; neither fraud nor lies shall be discovered between my lips. Rather, the fruits of holiness will be upon my tongue-abominations

1QS 10:23 will not be found thereon. For thanksgiving shall I open my mouth, the righteousness of God shall my tongue recount always. Human rebellion, made full

1QS 10:24 by sin, as vain I shall purge from my lips; Impure and crafty design I shall expunge from my mind. Counseled by wisdom, I shall recount knowledge;

1QS 10:25 both prudent and wise, I shall compass it close about, so to preserve faith and strict judgment-conforming to the righteousness of God. I shall mete out

1QS 10:26 the statute by the measure proper to each time and [... dispense] righteousness and loving kindness to those cast down, even strong encouragement to those who are fearful.

*Genesis Apocryphon: columns 19-22*

1Q20 19:6 [...]

1Q20 19:7 [... And there I built] the [altar, and called] ther[e upon the name of G]o[d ...] And I said, “You are indeed

1Q20 19:8 [the Etern]al [G]od for m[e], [...].” Previously, I had not reached the holy mountain; so I journeyed

1Q20 19:9 to [...] and I continued traveling to the south [...] until I reached Hebron—though Hebron had yet to be built—and I lived

1Q20 19:10 [th]ere [for two years]. Now, there was a famine in all that land, but I heard that in Egypt there w[as] g[ra]in. So I journeyed

1Q20 19:11 to [enter] the land of Egypt [...] and] I [reached] the Carmon River, one of the

1Q20 19:12 branches of the Nile [...] Until this point we were still within our own land, [but] now I [cr]ossed the seven branches of this river that [...]

1Q20 19:13 [...] Now we had crossed our land and entered the land of the children of Ham, the land of Egypt.

1Q20 19:14 I, Abram, had a dream the night of my entry into the land of Egypt. In my dream, I saw a cedar tree and a

1Q20 19:15 date palm gro[wing] from [a single] roo[t]. Then people came intending to cut down and uproot the [c]edar, thereby to leave the date palm by itself.

1Q20 19:16 The date palm, however, objected, and said, “Do not cut the [c]edar down, for the two of us grow fr[om] but a [sin]gle root.” So the cedar was spared because of the date palm,

1Q20 19:17 and was not cut down. Then I started from my sleep while it was still night, and said to Sarai, my wife, “I have had a

1Q20 19:18 dream and no[w] am fearful [because of] it.” She replied, “Tell me your dream so I may understand.” So I began to explain it to her,

1Q20 19:19 and I also [explained its significance.] I said, “[... men will come] intending to kill me while sparing you. Notwithstanding, this is the kindness

1Q20 19:20 [that you can do for me.] In every [place] where [we shall go, say] concerning me, ‘He is my brother.’ Thus I may live because of you and my life be spared owing to you.

1Q20 19:21 [...] they will attempt] to sepa[ra]te us and to kill me.” Then Sarai wept at my words that night.

1Q20 19:22 [...] and the Pharaoh of Zo[an ...] Sarai n[o longer wanted] to go to Zoan

1Q20 19:23 [with me, and she was] exceedingly [careful for five year]s lest any man attached to the Pharaoh of Zoan should see her. Nevertheless, after five years had passed

1Q20 19:24 [there came] three men, councilors from the Egyptian court [and advisers] of the Pharaoh of Zoan. They came having heard of [my] words and my wife, and kept plying me

1Q20 19:25 [with many gifts.] They as[ked] me [for knowledge] of goodness, wisdom, and righteousness, so I read to them the [Book] of the Words of Enoch.

1Q20 19:26 [...] in the famine that [...] the Book of the Words of Enoch [...]

1Q20 19:27 [...] with much eating and drinking [...] wine [...]

1Q20 19:28 --

1Q20 20:1 --.

1Q20 20:2 [...] How splen[did] and beautiful is the aspect of her face, and how [...]

1Q20 20:3 [And] h[ow] supple is the hair of her head. How lovely are her eyes; how pleasant her nose and all the radiance of

1Q20 20:4 her face [...] How shapely is her breast, how gorgeous all her fairness! Her arms, how comely! Her hands,

1Q20 20:5 how perfect—how [lovely] is every aspect of her hands! How exquisite are her palms, how long and delicate all her fingers! Her feet,

1Q20 20:6 how attractive! How perfect are her thighs! Neither virgins nor brides entering the bridal chamber exceed her charms. Over all

1Q20 20:7 women is her beauty supreme, her loveliness far above them all. Yet with all this comeliness, she possesses great wisdom, and all that she has

1Q20 20:8 is beautiful. When the king heard Hyrcanos' words and those of his companions—for the three of them spoke of one accord—he desired her very much. So he sent

1Q20 20:9 immediately and had her brought to him. He saw her and was amazed at her beauty. Thereupon, he took her as his wife and sought to kill me, but Sarai said

1Q20 20:10 to the king, "He is my brother." Thus she benefited me and I was spared—I, Abram—by her good graces, and not killed. Then I wept copiously—I,

1Q20 20:11 Abram—both I and Lot, my nephew, that night when Sarai was taken from me by force.

1Q20 20:12 That night I prayed, entreating and seeking mercy. In anguish, tears running down my cheeks, I said, “Blessed are You, O God Most High, Eternal

1Q20 20:13 Lord, for You are Lord and Master over all. Over all the kings of the earth You are Lord, to work justice among them. And now,

1Q20 20:14 I seek redress, O Lord, against the Pharaoh of Zoan, king of Egypt, for my wife has been taken from me by force. Render me a verdict against him, and display Your mighty hand

1Q20 20:15 against him and all his house. May he not be empowered this night to defile my wife! Thus they may know You, O my Lord, that You are Lord over all the kings

1Q20 20:16 of the earth.” So I wept and spoke to none. That night God Most High sent a baneful spirit to smite him and every man of his household, an evil

1Q20 20:17 spirit that continued to afflict him and every man of his household. Consequently, he was unable to have sexual relations with her; indeed, he did not have intercourse with her even though she was with him

1Q20 20:18 two full years. At the end of two years the plagues and afflictions grew yet more severe against him and every man of his household, so he sent messengers

1Q20 20:19 calling for all [the wise men] of Egypt, along with all the magicians and healers of Egypt, thinking that perhaps they could cure him and his household of this pestilence.

1Q20 20:20 Yet none of the healers, magicians, and wise men were able to cure him; on the contrary, the spirit afflicted all of them too,

1Q20 20:21 so that they fled. Then Hyrcanos came to me, asking me to come pray for the

1Q20 20:22 king, and to lay hands upon him and cure him—for [he had seen me] in a dream. But Lot replied, “My uncle, Abram, is unable to pray for

1Q20 20:23 the king while Sarai, his wife, remains with him. Now, go tell the king to send his wife to her husband. Then he will pray for him and he will be cured.”

1Q20 20:24 When Hyrcanos heard Lot’s words, he went and told the king, “All these smitings and plagues

1Q20 20:25 by which my lord the king has been smitten and afflicted are because of Sarai, the wife of Abram! Let him return Sarai to Abram, her husband,

1Q20 20:26 and this plague will depart from you, that is, the spirit causing the discharges of pus.” So he called me to himself and asked me, “What have you done to me because of your wife [Sar]ai? You told

1Q20 20:27 me, ‘She is my sister,’ yet she was actually your wife! I took her as my own wife! Here she is; take her, go, depart from

1Q20 20:28 all the provinces of Egypt! But first, pray for me and my house that this evil spirit may be exorcised from us.” So I prayed for him, that blasphemer,

1Q20 20:29 and laid my hands upon his [he]ad. Thereupon the plague was removed from him, the evil [spirit] exorcised [from him,] and he was healed. The king rose and gave

1Q20 20:30 to me on that [day] many gifts, and the king swore to me with an oath that [he had not touched] her. Then he returned Sarai

1Q20 20:31 to me. The king gave her much [silver and g]old, and great quantities of linen and purple-dyed garments. [... He put them]

1Q20 20:32 before her, and before Hagar as well. He restored her to me and assigned men to escort [me out of Egypt ...]

1Q20 20:33 So I, Abram, left, with many, many flocks, together with silver and gold, and went up from [Egyp]t. [Lot,]

1Q20 20:34 my nephew, accompanied me, and he also had acquired many flocks for himself, and had taken a wife from among the daughters [of Egypt]. I [cam]ped [with him]

1Q20 21:1 [in] each of my former encampments until I reached Bethel, where I had once erected an altar. Now I rebuilt it

1Q20 21:2 and offered up burnt offerings and a cereal offering to God Most High. There I called upon the name of the Eternal Lord and praised the name of God. I blessed

1Q20 21:3 God and gave thanks to Him there for all the flocks and goods He had given me, and for the good that He had done me, and because He had returned me

1Q20 21:4 to this land safely.

1Q20 21:5 After this day Lot separated from me because of the actions of our shepherds. He went to live in the valley of the Jordan, taking all his flocks

1Q20 21:6 with him. I also added greatly to what he had. He pastured his flocks and kept on the move until he reached Sodom, where he bought himself a house

1Q20 21:7 and settled down to live. I myself continued living on the mountain of Bethel, and thought it unwise that my nephew Lot had separated from me.

1Q20 21:8 Thereafter God appeared to me in a vision of the night and told me, "Go up to Ramath Hazor, which is on the north of

1Q20 21:9 Bethel where you now live, and lift up your eyes. Look to the east, west, south, and north. Survey all

1Q20 21:10 this land that I am about to give to you and your descendants forever." So I went up the next day to Ramath Hazor and surveyed the land from

1Q20 21:11 that height, from the River of Egypt to Lebanon and Senir, and from the Mediterranean to the Hauran, and all the land of Gebal as far as Kadesh, and all the

1Q20 21:12 Great Desert to the east of the Hauran and Senir as far as the Euphrates. And He said to me, "I will give all this land to your descendants; they will inherit it forever.

1Q20 21:13 Moreover, I will multiply your descendants like the dust of the earth that none can count. Your descendants shall be numberless. Arise, walk about, go

1Q20 21:14 see how long and how wide it is, for I will give it to you and to your descendants after you, forever."

1Q20 21:15 Then I went—I, Abram—traveling in a circuit to survey the land. I began the circuit at the Gihon River, traveling along the Mediterranean until

1Q20 21:16 I reached the Mount of the Ox. I circled from the coast of this great saltwater sea, skirting the Mount of the Ox, and continued eastward through the breadth of the land

1Q20 21:17 until I came to the Euphrates River. I journeyed along the Euphrates until I reached the Red Sea in the east, whence I followed the coast of

1Q20 21:18 the Red Sea until I came to the tongue of the Reed Sea, jutting out from the Red Sea. From there I completed the circuit, moving southward to arrive at the Gihon

1Q20 21:19 River. Afterwards I returned home safely and found all my men well. Shortly thereafter I went to dwell at the Oaks of Mamre that are in Hebron,

1Q20 21:20 actually somewhat to the northeast of Hebron. There I built an altar and offered up a burnt offering and a cereal offering to God Most High. I ate and drank there,

1Q20 21:21 I and all the men of my household, and invited Mamre, Arnem, and Eshkol, three Amorite brothers and my friends. They ate and drank together

1Q20 21:22 with me.



1Q20 21:23 Prior to those days Chedorlaomer, the king of Elam, Amraphel, the king of Babylon, Arioch, the king of Cappadocia, and Tidal, the king of Goiim, which

1Q20 21:24 lies between the two rivers, had come. They had waged war on Bera, the king of Sodom, Birsha, the king of Gomorrah, Shinab, the king of Admah,

1Q20 21:25 Shemiabad, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela. All these gathered themselves together to battle in the Valley of Siddim. Now, the king of

1Q20 21:26 Elam and the kings with him proved stronger than the king of Sodom and all his allies. Thus they imposed tribute upon them. For twelve years they continued

1Q20 21:27 to pay their tribute to the king of Elam, but in the thirteenth they rebelled against him. Consequently, in the fourteenth year the king of Elam sallied forth with all

1Q20 21:28 his allies, and they ascended by way of the desert. They smote and plundered beginning from the Euphrates. They kept smiting—smiting the Rephaim who were in Asteroth

1Q20 21:29 Kernaim, the Zumzammim who were in Amman, the Emim [who were in] Shaveh Hakerioth, and the Horites who were in the mountains of Gebal—until they reached El

1Q20 21:30 Paran, in the desert. Then they turned back and struck [En-mishpat and the people] who were in Hazazon Tamar.

1Q20 21:31 Thereupon the king of Sodom went out to confront them, along with the king of [Gomorrah, the k]ing of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela. [They wa]ged war

1Q20 21:32 in the Valley of [Siddim] with Chedorla[omer, the king of Elam, and the kings] who were his allies. The king of Sodom was put to flight, while the king of Gomorrah

1Q20 21:33 fell into pits [of tar ...] The king of Elam plundered all the flocks of Sodom and

1Q20 21:34 [Gomorrah ...] And Lot, Abram's nephew who had been living in Sodom, was taken captive

1Q20 22:1 along with them, he and all his flocks. One of the herdsmen of the

1Q20 22:2 flock that Abram had given Lot escaped from the captives and came to Abram—at the time Abram

1Q20 22:3 dwelled in Hebron. The herdsman informed him that his nephew Lot and all his flocks had been taken into captivity, but that Lot had not been killed. He also told him that

1Q20 22:4 the kings were marching along the trail of the Great Valley toward their own territory, taking captives and plunder, smiting and killing, heading

1Q20 22:5 for the city of Damascus. Abram wept over his nephew Lot, but then gathered his strength and arose

1Q20 22:6 to select from among his servants elite warriors, three hundred and eighteen of them. Arnem,

1Q20 22:7 Eshcol, and Mamreh set out with him. He pursued the kings as far as Dan, where he found them

1Q20 22:8 encamped in the Valley of Dan. He attacked by night from four directions, killing

1Q20 22:9 some of them that night. Some he slaughtered, others he pursued; they fled before him

1Q20 22:10 until they reached Helbon, located to the north of Damascus. Thus Abram recovered from them everyone they had taken captive

1Q20 22:11 and everything they had taken as spoils, and despoiled their own property as well. He further saved his nephew Lot and all his flocks. All

1Q20 22:12 those who had been captured he brought back. The king of Sodom heard that Abram had recovered all the captives

1Q20 22:13 and plunder, so he went up to meet him. He came to Salem, that is, Jerusalem, whereas Abram was encamped in the Valley

1Q20 22:14 of Shaveh, that is, the Valley of the King, the Valley of Beth Hakerem. Now Melchizedek, the king of Salem, provided

1Q20 22:15 food and drink for Abram and all the men with him. He himself was a priest of God Most High, and he blessed

1Q20 22:16 Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the Lord of heaven and earth. Blessed be God Most High

1Q20 22:17 who has closed your grasp about your enemies." Then Abram gave him a tithe of all the flocks that had belonged to the king of Elam and his allies.

1Q20 22:18 At that point the king of Sodom drew near and said to Abram, "My lord Abram,

1Q20 22:19 give me my men, the captives with you, whom you have rescued from the king of Elam; as for the plunder,

1Q20 22:20 let it all pass to you." Abram replied to the king of Sodom, "I lift my

1Q20 22:21 hand and swear this day by God Most High, the Lord of heaven and earth: I shall not take even a thread or sandal strap

1Q20 22:22 from all that is yours, lest you go on to say 'All Abram's wealth derives from plunder of what

1Q20 22:23 once was mine.' I exempt from this oath what my men have already eaten, and the portion belonging to the three men who

1Q20 22:24 marched with me. They are sovereign over their own portion, and can restore it to you or not." So Abram returned all the plunder and

1Q20 22:25 captives, giving them to the king of Sodom. As for all the captives accompanying him who were natives of this land, these he freed

1Q20 22:26 and sent on their way.

1Q20 22:27 After these events God appeared to Abram in a vision and said to him, “Consider, ten full years

1Q20 22:28 have passed since the day that you left Haran. Two you spent here, seven in Egypt, and one

1Q20 22:29 has passed since you returned from Egypt. Now, take an accounting of all that you possess; note how your possessions have doubled and more, compared to

1Q20 22:30 what you took with you the day you left Haran. So fear not, I am with you. I shall be your

1Q20 22:31 support, your strength. I myself shall be your shield and buckler against any foe mightier than you. Your wealth and flocks

1Q20 22:32 shall multiply exceedingly.” Abram replied, “My Lord God, my wealth and flocks are already vast. But what good are

1Q20 22:33 all [th]ese things to me, inasmuch as when I die, I go childless, having no sons? In fact, one of my household staff will inherit what I have.

1Q20 22:34 Eliezer, a member of [my household staff ], that [...] young man is set to be my heir.” God said to him, “No, this man shall not be your heir, but rather one who shall be [your own] issue.”