

THE
APOCALYPSE
OF
ABRAHAM

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Chapter 1

1 On the day I was guarding the mighty ones of my father Terah and the mighty ones of my brother Nahor, while I was testing to find out which mighty one is in truth the strongest,

2 I, Abraham, at the time when my lot came, when I was completing the services of my father Terah's sacrifice to his mighty ones of wood, stone, gold,

3 silver, copper, and iron, having entered their temple for the service, I found a mighty one named Marumath, carved from stone, fallen at the feet of the iron mighty one

4 Nakhin. And it came to pass, that when I saw it my heart was perplexed and I thought in my mind that I, Abraham, could not put it back in its place alone,

5 because it was heavy, being made of a big stone. But I went and told my father,

6 and he came in with me. And when we both lifted it to put it in its place, its head

7 fell off, even while I was holding it by its head. And it came to pass, when my father saw that the head of his mighty one Marumath had fallen, he said to me, "Abraham!"

8 And I said, "Here I am!" And he said to me, "Bring me the axes and chisels from the house." And I brought them to him

9 from the house. And he cut another Marumath from another stone, without a head, and he smashed the head that had fallen off Marumath and the rest of Marumath.

Chapter 2

1 He made five other mighty ones and he gave them to me and ordered me to sell them

2 outside on the town road. I saddled my father's ass and loaded them on it and

3 went out on the highway to sell them. And behold merchants from Phandana of Syria were coming with camels, on their way to Egypt to buy kokonil from

4 the Nile. I asked them a question and they answered me. And walking along I conversed with them. One of their camels screamed. The ass took fright and ran away and threw off the mighty ones. Three of them were crushed and two remained

5 intact. And it came to pass that when the Syrians saw that I had mighty ones, they said to me, "Why did you not tell us that you had mighty ones? We would have bought them

6 before the ass heard the camel's voice and you have had no loss. Give us

7 at least the mighty ones that remain and we will give you a suitable price." I considered it in my heart. And they paid both for the smashed mighty ones and the mighty ones which

8 remained. For I had been grieving in my heart how I would bring payment to my

9 father. I threw three broken mighty ones into the water of the river Gur, which was in this place. And they sank into the depths of the river Gur and were no more.

Chapter 3

1 As I was still walking on the road, my heart was disturbed and my mind

2 distracted. I said in my heart, "What is the inequality of activity which my

3 father is doing? Is it not he rather who is a mighty one for his mighty ones, because they come

4 into being from his sculpting, his planning, and his skill? They ought to honor my father because they are his work. What is this food of my father in his works?

5 Behold, Marumath fell and could not stand up in his sanctuary, nor could I myself

6 lift him until my father came and we raised him up. And even so we were not able to do it and his head fell off of him. And he put it on another stone of

7 another mighty one, which he had made without a head. And the other five mighty ones which got smashed in falling from the ass, who could not save themselves and injure the ass because it smashed them, nor did their shards come up out of the

8 river. And I said to my heart, "If it is so, how then can my father's mighty one Marumath, which has the head of another stone and which is made from another stone, save a man, or hear a man's petition, or give him any gift?"

Chapter 4

1 And thinking thus, I came to my father's house. And I watered the ass and gave him hay. And I took out the silver and placed it in the hand of my father Terah.

2 And when he saw it, he was glad, and he said, "You are Barak, Abraham, by the mighty one of my mighty ones, since you have brought me the price for the mighty ones, so that my

3 labor was not in vain." And answering I said to him, "Listen, father Terah! The mighty ones are Barak in you, because you are a mighty one for them, because you made

4 them, for their Barak is their perdition and their power is vain. They did not

5 help themselves; how then can they help you or Barak me? I was good for you in this transaction, for through my good sense I brought you the silver for the

6 smashed mighty ones." And when he heard my speech he became furiously angry with me, because I had spoken harsh words against his mighty ones.

Chapter 5

1 But having pondered my father's anger, I went out. And afterward when I had

2 gone out, he called me saying, "Abraham!" And I said, "Here I am!" And he said, "Up, gather wood chips, for I was making mighty ones from fir before you came,

3 and prepare with them food for my midday meal." And it came to pass, when I was choosing the wooden chips, I found among them a small mighty one which would

4 fit in my left hand. And on its forehead was written: mighty one Barisat. And it came to pass when I put the chips on the fire in order to prepare the food for my father, and going out to inquire about the food, I put Barisat near the enkindling

5 fire, saying to him threateningly, "Barisat, watch that the fire does not go out

6 before I come back! If the fire goes out, blow on it so it flares up." I went out

7 and I made my counsel. When I returned I found Barisat fallen on his back, his

8 feet enveloped by fire and burning fiercely. And it came to pass when I saw it, I laughed and said to myself, "Barisat, truly you know how to light a fire and

9 cook food!" And it came to pass while saying this in my laughter, I saw that

10 he burned up slowly from the fire and became ashes. I carried the food to my

11 father to eat. I gave him wine and milk, and he drank and he enjoyed himself

12 and he Barak Marumath his mighty one. And I said to him, "Father Terah, do not Barak Marumath your mighty one, do not esteem him! Esteem rather Barisat, your mighty one, because, as though loving you, he threw himself into the fire in order to cook your food."

13 And he said to me, "Then where is he now?" And I said, "He has burned in the fierceness of the fire and become dust." And he said, "Great is the power of Barisat! I will make another today, and tomorrow he will prepare my food."

Chapter 6

1 When I, Abraham, heard words like this from my father, I laughed in my mind,

2 and I groaned in the bitterness and anger of my being. I said, "How then is a figment of a body made by him an aid for my father? Or can he have subordinated his body to his being, his being to a breath, and the breath to stupidity

3 and ignorance?" And I said, "It is only proper to endure evil that I may throw
4 my mind to purity and I will expose my thoughts clearly to him." I answered and said, "Father
Terah, whichever of these mighty ones you extol, you err in your thought.
5 Behold, the mighty ones of my brother Nahor standing in the consecrated sanctuary are more
6 venerable than yours. For behold, Zouchaios, my brother Nahor's mighty one is more
venerable than your mighty one Marumath because he is made of gold, valued by man.
7 And if he grows old with time, he will be remolded, whereas Marumath, if he
8 is changed or broken, will not be renewed, because he is stone. What about loav, the mighty
one on the other mighty one, who stands with Zouchaios? For he is also more venerable than
the mighty one Barisat; he is carved from wood and forged from silver. Because he too is a term
of comparison, being valued by man according to external
9 experience. But Barisat, your mighty one, when he was still not carved, rooted in the
10 earth, being great and wondrous, with branches and flowers; and esteem... But
11 you made him with an axe, and by your skill he was made a mighty one. And behold
12 he has already dried up and his fatness has perished. He fell from the height to
13 the earth, he came from greatness to smallness, and the appearance of his face
14 wasted away. And, he himself was burned up by the fire and he became ashes
15 and is no more. And you say, Let me make another and tomorrow he will make
16 my food for me. But in perishing he left himself no strength for his own destruction."

Chapter 7

1 This I say:
2 Fire is more venerable in formation, for even the unsubdued things are subdued in it, and it
mocks that which perishes easily by means of its
3 burning. But neither is it venerable, for it is subject to the waters.
4 But rather the waters are more venerable than it, because they overcome fire and sweeten the
earth
5 with fruits. But I will not call them a mighty one either, for the waters subside under the

6 earth and are subject to it. But I will not call it a mighty one either, for it is dried by the sun and subordinated to man for his work.

7 More venerable among the mighty ones, I say, is the sun, for with its rays it illuminates the whole universe and the various airs.

8 Nor will I place among the mighty ones the one who obscures his course by means of the moon and the clouds.

9 Nor again will I call the moon or the stars mighty ones, because they too at times during the night dim their light.

10 Listen, Terah my father, I will seek before you the Mighty One who created all the mighty ones supposed by us to exist.

11 For who is it, or which one is it who made the shamayim crimson and the sun golden, who has given light to the moon and the stars with it, who has dried the earth in the midst of the many waters, who set you yourself among the things and who has sought me out in the perplexity of my thoughts?

12 Only the Mighty One will reveal Himself by Himself to us!"

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass as I was thinking things like these with regard to my father Terah in the court of my house, the voice of the Mighty One came down from

2 the shamayim in a stream of fire, saying and calling, "Abraham, Abraham!" And

3 I said, "Here I am." And He said, "You are searching for the Mighty One of mighty ones, the

4 Creator, in the understanding of your heart. I am He. Go out from Terah, your father, and go out of the house, that you too may not be slain in the sins of your

5 father's house." And it came to pass as I went out—I was not

6 yet outside the entrance of the court—that the sound of a great thunder came and burned him and his house and everything in his house, down to the ground, forty cubits.

Chapter 9

1 Then a voice came to me speaking twice, "Abraham! Abraham!" and I said, "Here I am!"

2 And He said, "Behold it is I, fear not for I am with you, for I AM before the ages, even the Mighty One who created the first light of the world. I am your shield and your helper.

3 Go, take Me a young heifer of three years, and a she-goat of three years, and a ram of three years, a turtledove and a pigeon, and bring Me a pure sacrifice.

4 And in this sacrifice I will lay before you the ages to come, and make known to you what is reserved, and you will see great things which you have not hitherto seen:

5 Because you have loved to search Me out, and I have named you 'My friend.'

6 But for forty days abstain from every kind of food cooked by fire, and from drinking of wine, and from anointing yourself with oil.

7 And then you will set out for Me the sacrifice, which I have commanded you, in a place which I will show you on a high mountain, and there I will show you the ages which have been created and established by My word, and I will make known to you what will come to pass in them on those who have done evil and righteousness in the generations of men."

Chapter 10

1 And it came to pass when I heard the voice of Him who spoke such words to me, and I looked here and there, I found no breath in me, and my breath was frightened, and my being seemed as departed from me, for I fell down as a stone, as a dead man upon the earth, and had no more strength to stand.

2 And while I was thus lying with my face toward the earth, I heard the voice of the Consecrated Mighty One speaking, "Go, laoel, and by means of My ineffable Name raise up yonder man and strengthen him, so that he recovers from his trembling."

3 And the malak He had sent came to me in the likeness of a man and grasped me by my right hand and set me up upon my feet and said to me, "Stand up Abraham, O friend of the Mighty One who loves you; let not the trembling of man seize you!

4 For lo! I have been sent to you to strengthen you and Barak you in the name of the Mighty One, who loves you, the Creator of the celestial and the terrestrial. Be fearless and hasten to Him.

5 I am called laoel by Him who moves those who exist with me on the seventh expanse over the shamayim, a power in virtue of the ineffable Name that is dwelling in me.

6 I am the one who has been given to restrain, according to His commandment, the threatening attacks of the Living Ones of the Cherubim against one another, and to teach those who carry Him, the song of the seventh hour of the night of man.

7 I am ordered to restrain the Leviathan, for every single attack and menace of every single reptile are subject unto me.

8 I am He who has been commissioned to loosen Hades, and destroy him who stares at the dead.

9 I have been sent to Barak you now, and the land which the Eternal One, whom you have invoked, has prepared for you, and for your sake I have wended my way upon earth.

10 Stand up, Abraham! Go without fear; be right glad and rejoice, and I am with you!

11 For age-lasting honor has been prepared for you by the Eternal One. Go, fulfill the sacrifices commanded.

12 For lo! I have been appointed to be with you, and with the generations that will spring from you, and with me Michael Barak you for ever. Be of good cheer and go!"

Chapter 11

1 And I rose up and saw him who had grasped me by the right hand and set me upon my feet, and the appearance of his body was like sapphire, and the look of his countenance like chrysolite, and the hair of his head like snow, and the turban on his head like the appearance of the rainbow, and the clothing of his garments like purple, and a golden staff was in his right hand.

2 And he said to me, "Abraham!" And I said, "Here I am, your servant."

3 And he said, "Let not my appearance frighten you, nor my speech, that your being be not troubled.

4 Come with me, and I will be with you, visible, until the sacrifice, but after the sacrifice always invisible. Be of good cheer, and come!"

Chapter 12

1 And we went, the two of us together for forty days and nights, and I ate no bread and drank no water, because my food and my drink was to see the malak who was with me, and to hear his speech.

2 And we came to the Mount of the Mighty One, Mount Horeb, and I said to the malak, "Singer of the Eternal One! I have no sacrifice with me, nor am I aware of the place of an altar on the mountain; how can I bring a sacrifice?"

3 And he said to me, "Look around you."

4 And when I looked around, there following us were all the prescribed animals, the young heifer, the she-goat, the ram, the turtledove and the pigeon.

5 And the malak said to me, "Abraham!" And I said, "Here am I."

6 He said, "Slaughter all these animals, and divide them into halves, the one against the other, but do not sever the birds.

7 And give these to the men whom I will show you, standing by you, for these are the altar upon the Mountain, to offer a sacrifice to the Eternal but the turtledove and the pigeon give to me, for I will ascend upon the wings of the bird, so that you may be able to see in shamayim, and upon earth, and in the sea, and in the abyss, and in the under-world, and in the Garden of Eden, and in its rivers, and in the fullness of the whole world and its circle—you will gaze into them all."

Chapter 13

1 And I did everything according to the command of the malak, and gave the malakiym who had come to us, the divided animals, but the malak laoel took the birds.

2 And I waited until the evening sacrifice. And there flew an unclean bird down upon the carcasses, and I drove it away.

3 And the unclean bird spoke to me and said, "Abraham, what are you doing upon these consecrated heights, where no man eats or drinks, nor is there upon them the food of man, but these heavenly beings consume everything with fire, and will burn you up.

4 Forsake the man who is with you and flee, for if you ascend into the heights they will make an end of you."

5 And it came to pass, when I saw the bird speak, I said to the malak, "What is this, my master?"

6 And he said, "This is wickedness; this is Azazel."

7 And he said to it, "Disgrace upon you, Azazel! For Abraham's lot is in shamayim, but yours is upon the earth.

8 Because you have chosen and loved this for the dwelling place of your uncleanness, therefore the Eternal Mighty Master made you to be a dweller upon the earth, and through you every evil breath of lies, and through you wrath and trials for the generations of wicked men;

9 for the Mighty One, the Eternal Mighty One, has not permitted that the bodies of the righteous should be in your hand, in order that thereby the life of the righteous and the destruction of the unclean may be assured.

10 Hear this my friend, and begone with shame from me. For it has not been given to you to play the tempter in regard to all the righteous.

11 Depart from this man! You cannot lead him astray. He is an enemy to you, and to those who follow you and love what you desire.

12 For, behold, the vesture which in shamayim was formerly yours has been set aside for him, and the mortality which was his has been transferred to you."

Chapter 14

1 And the malak said to me, "Abraham!" And I said, "Here I am, your servant."

2 And he said, "Know that from henceforth the Eternal One has chosen you. Be of good courage and use this authority so far as I bid you, against him who slanders the truth.

3 Should I not be able to put him to shame who has scattered over the earth the secrets of shamayim, and has rebelled against the Mighty One?

4 Say to him, 'Become the burning coal of the furnace of the earth! Go, Azazel, into the inaccessible parts of the earth, for your heritage is to be over those who are with you, the ones brought forth with the stars and clouds, and with the men whose portion you are, even those who exist on account of your being. Justification will be your enemy. Now depart from me by your perdition!'"

5 And I uttered the words that the malak taught me.

6 And then the malak said to me, "Answer him not! For the Mighty One has given him power over those who answer him."

7 And the malak spoke to me again saying, "However much he speak to you, answer him not, in order that he may have no free access to you, because the Eternal One has given him 'weight and will' in this respect."

8 And I did that which was commanded me by the malak, and no matter how much he spoke to me, I answered him nothing whatsoever.

Chapter 15

1 And it came to pass when the sun went down, behold there was the smoke as of a furnace.

2 And the malakiym who had the portions of the sacrifice ascended from the top of the smoking furnace.

3 And the malak took me with his right hand and set me upon the right wing of the pigeon, and set himself on the left wing of the turtledove, neither of which birds had been slaughtered, and he bore me to the borders of the flaming fire, and we ascended upon many winds to the shamayim which were above the firmament.

4 And I saw in the air on the heights to which we ascended, a strong light impossible to describe, and within the light a fiercely burning fire of people, many people, of male appearance,

all constantly changing in aspect and form, running and being transformed, and worshipping and crying with a sound of words that I could not recognize.

Chapter 16

1 And I said to the malak, "Why have you now brought me up here, because my eyes cannot now see distinctly, and I am growing weak, and my breath is departing from me?"

2 And he said to me, "Remain close by me and do not fear, for the One whom you cannot see is now coming towards us with a great voice of consecration, even the Eternal One who loves you.

3 But you yourself cannot see Him. But you must not allow your breath to grow faint on account of the choirs of those who cry out, for I am with you to strengthen you."

Chapter 17

1 And while he was thus speaking fire came all about us, and there was a voice within the fire like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the sea in violent motion.

2 And I desired to fall down there and worship, and I saw that the malak who was with me bowed his head and worshipped, but the surface of the high place where I seemed to be standing changed its inclination constantly, rolling as the great waves on the surface of the sea.

3 And the malak said, "Worship, Abraham, and utter the song which I will now teach you. Utter it without ceasing, that is, without pause, in one continuous strain from beginning to end."

4 And the song which he taught me to sing had words appropriate to that sphere in which we then stood, for each sphere in shamayim has its own song of esteem, and only those who dwell there know how to utter it, and those upon earth cannot know or utter it except they be taught by the malakiym of shamayim.

5 And the words of that song were of this import and signification:

6 "ALmighty, Mighty One, Consecrated AL, Mighty One only-supreme,

7 Self-originate, incorruptible, immaculate, You who are the Self-originated, the Beginningless One, Incorruptible, Uncreated, Spotless, Immortal, Self-complete, Self-illuminating,

8 Without father, without mother, unbegotten,

9 Exalted, Fiery One! Lover of men, Benevolent One, Bountiful One,

10 Jealous over me, Patient one, most merciful, ALi, My Mighty One,

11 Eternal, אֱלֹהִים Sabaoth, Very Wonderful AL, AL, AL, AL, YaH AL!

12 You are the One whom my being has loved! Eternal Protector, Shining like Fire, Whose voice is like the thunder, Whose look is like the lightning,

13 You are the All-seeing One, Who receives the petitions of all such as honor You, and turns away the requests of those who embarrass You with their provocations,

14 Who dissolves the confusions of the world which arise from the wicked and the righteous mixed up in the confusion of the corruptible age,

15 And renewing the age of the righteous, shine O Master, shine as a light, even as that light with which You clothed Yourself on the first day of Creation,

16 Shine as the Light of the Morning on Your creatures and let it be Day upon Earth,

17 For in these heavenly dwelling places there is no need of any other light than the unspeakable splendor from the light of Your Countenance,

18 Answer my petition, O be well-pleased with it, O accept my sacrifice which You have prepared for me to offer, to Yourself through me as I searched for You.

19 Accept me favorably, and show me, teach me, all that You have promised!"

Chapter 18

1 And while I was still reciting the song, the mouth of the fire which was on the surface rose up on high.

2 And I heard a voice like the roaring of the sea, nor did it cease on account of the rich abundance of the fire.

3 And as the fire raised itself up, ascending into the heights, I saw under the fire a throne of fire, and round about it the watchfulness of many eyes, even the all-seeing ones reciting their song, and under the throne four fiery Living Ones singing, and their appearance was one, and each one had four faces.

4 And such was the appearance of their countenance, that each one had the face of a lion, a man, an ox and an eagle, and because of their four heads upon their bodies, they had sixteen faces, and each one had three pairs of wings, from their shoulders, from their sides, and from their loins.

5 And with the wings from the shoulders they covered their faces, and with the wings from their loins they covered their feet, while the two middle wings were spread out for flying straight forward.

6 And it came to pass that when they had ended their singing they looked at one another and threatened one another.

7 And it came to pass that when the malak who was with me saw that they were threatening each other, he left me and went running to them and turned the countenance of each one away from the countenance immediately facing him, in order that they might not look upon each other.

8 And he began to teach them the song of shalum which has its origin in the ALmighty.

9 And as I stood alone and looked, I saw behind the Living Ones a chariot with fiery wheels, each wheel full of eyes round about, and over the wheels was the throne which I had seen, and which was covered with fire, and the fire encircled it round about, and lo! an indescribable fire contained a mighty fiery host, and I heard its consecrated voice like the voice of a man.

Chapter 19

1 And a voice came to me out of the midst of the fire, saying, "Abraham! Abraham!" and I answered saying "Here am I!"

2 And He said, "Consider the expanses which are under the firmament on which you are now placed and see how on no single expanse is there any other than the One whom you have sought, even the One who loves you!"

3 And while He was yet speaking, the expanses opened, and there below me were the shamayim, and I saw upon the seventh firmament upon which I stood a fire widely extended, and the light which is the treasury of life, and the dew with which the ALmighty will awaken the dead, and the breaths of the departed righteous, and the breaths of those beings who have yet to be born, and judgment and righteousness, shalum and blessing, and an innumerable company of malakiym, and the Living Ones, and the Power of the Invisible Glory that sat above the Living Ones.

4 And I looked downwards from the mountain on which I stood to the sixth firmament, and there I saw a multitude of malakiym of pure breath, without bodies, whose duty was to carry out the commands of the fiery malakiym who were upon the seventh firmament, as I was standing suspended over them.

5 And behold, upon this sixth firmament there were no other powers of any form, save only the malakiym of pure breath.

6 And He commanded that the sixth firmament should be removed from my sight, and I saw there on the fifth firmament the powers of the stars which carry out the commands laid upon them, and the elements of the earth obeyed them.

Chapter 20

1 And the ALmighty said to me, "Abraham! Abraham!" And I said, "Here am I!"

2 And He said to me, "Consider from above the stars which are beneath you, and number them for Me, and make known to Me their number."

3 And I said, "How can I? For I am but a man of the dust of the earth."

4 And He said to me, "As the number of the stars and their power, so will I make your seed a nation and a people Consecrated for Me as My own inheritance, as distinct from that of Azazel. And yet I include Azazel in My house."

5 And I said, "O ALmighty! Let Your servant speak before You, and let not Your anger be kindled against Your chosen one!

6 For lo! before I came up hither, Azazel inveighed against me. How then, while he is not now before You, can You constitute Yourself with him?"

Chapter 21

1 And He said to me, "Look now beneath your feet at the firmaments and understand the creation represented and foreshadowed in this expanse, the creatures who exist upon it, and the ages prepared for it."

2 And I saw beneath the surface of my feet, even beneath the sixth shamayim and what was therein, and then the earth and its fruits, and what moved upon it and its animate beings, and the power of its men, and the wickedness of some of its beings and the righteous deeds of other beings, and I saw the lower regions and the perdition therein, the abyss and its torments.

3 And I saw the sea and its islands, its monsters and its fishes, and Leviathan and his dominion, his camping-ground and his caves, and the world which lay above him, his movements and the destructions of the world on his account.

4 And I saw there the streams and the rivers, and the rising of their waters, and their windings in their courses.

5 And I saw there the Garden of Eden and its fruits, the source of the river that issues from it, the trees and their blossoms, and the ones who behaved righteously.

6 And I saw therein their foods and their Barakness.

7 And I saw there a great multitude, men and women and children, half of them on the right side of the vision, and half of them on the left side of the vision.

Chapter 22

1 And I said, "O ALmighty! What is this vision and picture of the creatures?"

2 And He said to me, "This is My will for those who exist in the divine world-counsel, for thus it seemed well-pleasing in My sight, and so afterwards I gave commandment to them through My word.

3 And so it came to pass that whatever I had determined to be, was already planned beforehand in this picture-vision before you, and it has stood before Me before it was created, as you have seen."

4 And I said, "O Master, Mighty and Eternal! Who are the people in this picture on this side and that?"

5 And He said to me, "Those who are on the left side are all those, born before your day and afterwards, some destined for judgment and restoration, and others for vengeance and cutting off at the end of the age.

6 But those on the right side of the picture, they are the people who have been Consecrated for Me, and whom I have ordained to be born of your line and called My people, even some of those who derive from Azazel."

Chapter 23

1 "Now look again in the picture, and see who it is who seduced Eve, and what is the fruit of the Tree, and you will know what is to be, and how it will be with your seed among the people at the end of the days of the age, and all that you cannot understand I will make known to you for you are well-pleasing in My sight, and I will tell you of those things which are kept in My heart."

2 And I looked into the picture, and my eyes ran to the side of the Garden of Eden, and I saw there a man of imposing height and mighty in stature, incomparable in aspect, and he was embracing a woman, who likewise approximated to the aspect of his size and stature.

3 And they were standing under a tree of the Garden of Eden, and the fruit of this tree was like a bunch of grapes of the vine.

4 And standing behind the tree was one who had the aspect of a Serpent having hands and feet like those of a man, and wings on its shoulders, six pairs of wings, so that there were six wings on the right and six on the left.

5 And as I continued looking, I saw the man and the woman eating the fruit from the tree.

6 And I said, "Who are these who are embracing, and who is the one between them who is behind the tree, and what is the fruit that they are eating?"

7 And He said, "This is the council of the world, this one is Adam, and this one, who is their desire upon the earth, is Eve.

8 But he who is between them represents wickedness and their beginnings on the way to perdition, even Azazel."

9 And I said, "O ALmighty! Why have You given such as him the power to destroy the generations of men in their works upon the earth?"

10 And He said to me, "Those who will to do evil—over them I gave him power, even to be beloved of them."

11 And I answered and said, "O ALmighty! Wherefore is it Your will that evil should be desired in the hearts of men, since You are indeed angered over that which You see? It is Your will, and You are angry with him who is doing what is unprofitable in Your counsel?"

Chapter 24

1 And He said to me, "I am angered by mankind on your account, and on account of those who will be of your family hereafter, for as you can see in the picture, the burden of destiny is placed upon them, and I will tell you what will be, and how much will be in the last days. Look now at everything in the picture."

2 And I looked and saw what was before me in creation; I saw Adam and Eve with him, and I saw the cunning adversary, and Cain who acted lawlessly through the promptings of the adversary, and I saw the slaughtered Abel, and the destruction brought about and caused upon him through the lawless one.

3 And I saw Impurity and those who lust after it, and its pollution and their jealousies, and the fire of their corruption in the lowest parts of the earth.

4 And I saw Theft, and those who hasten after it, and the arrangement of their retribution, at the judgment of the Great Assize.

5 And I saw there naked men with their foreheads against each other, and their disgrace, and the passions which they had for each other, and their retribution.

6 And I saw Desire, and in her hand the head of every kind of lawlessness, and her scorn and contempt and waste assigned to perdition.

Chapter 25

1 And I saw there the likeness of the idol of jealousy, carved in woodwork such as my father was wont to make, and its body was of glittering bronze which covered the wood.

2 And before it I saw a man who was worshipping the idol, and in front of him there was an altar, and upon the altar a boy slain in the presence of the idol.

3 And I said to Him, "What is this idol and this altar, and who is he who is sacrificed? And what is this great building which I see, beautiful in art and design, even with a beauty like that which lies beneath Your throne?"

4 And He said, "Hear Abraham, for that which you see is the Temple, a copy of that which is in the shamayim, glorious in its aspect and beauty, even as I will give it to the sons of men to

ordain a priesthood for My glorious Name, and in which the petitions of man will be uttered, and sacrifices offered as I ordain to your people, even those who will arise out of your generation.

5 But the idol which you saw is the image of jealousy, set up by some of those who will come forth from your own loins in later days.

6 And the man who sacrifices in murder is he who pollutes My Temple and such are witnesses to the final judgment, and their lot has been set from the beginning of creation."

Chapter 26

1 And I said, "O ALmighty! Why have You established that it should be so, and then proclaimed the knowledge thereof?"

2 And He said to me, "Hear Abraham, and understand what I say to you, and answer My question. Why did your father Terah not listen to your voice, and why did he not cease from his idolatrous practices, together with his whole house?"

3 And I said, "O Eternal One! It was entirely because he did not choose to listen to my voice, and likewise I did not choose to listen to his counsel."

4 And He said to me, "The will of your father is within him, and your own will is within you, and so also the counsel of My own will is within Me, and is ready for the coming days, even before you have any knowledge of them or can see with your eyes what is the future of them.

5 Now look again into the picture, and see how it will be with your seed."

Chapter 27

1 And I looked and saw, and behold the picture swayed and from it emerged, on the left side an wicked people and they pillaged those who were on the right side, men, women, and children, and some they murdered, and others they kept as slaves.

2 And I saw them run towards them through four 'entrances' and they burned the Temple with fire, and the consecrated things that were therein were all plundered.

3 And I said, "O Eternal One! Behold, the people who will spring from me, and whom You have accepted, are plundered by these wicked men, and some are killed, whilst others they hold captives as slaves, and the Temple they have burned with fire, and the beautiful things therein they have robbed and destroyed.

4 If this to be, why have You so torn my heart?"

5 And He said to me, "What you have seen will happen on account of your seed, even those who anger Me by reason of the idol statue which you saw, and on account of the human

sacrifice in the picture, through their evil zeal and schemes in the Temple, and as you saw it, so will it be."

6 And I said, "O ALmighty! May these works of evil wrought in wickedness now pass by, and rather show me those who fulfilled the commandments, even the works of righteousness. For of a truth You can do this."

7 And He said to me, "The days of the righteous are seen in type by the lives of those righteous rulers who will arise, and whom I have created to rule at the times appointed, but know this, that out of them will arise others who care only for their own interests, even of the type that I have already shown you."

Chapter 28

1 And I answered and said, "O Mighty One! Consecrated be Your power! Be favorable to my petition and show me, because for this reason You have brought me up here, whether what I saw will happen to them for a long time?"

2 And He showed me a multitude of His people and said to me, "On their account, through four 'entrances' as you saw, I will be provoked by them, and in these will My retribution for their deeds be accomplished.

3 But in the fourth descent of one hundred years, even one hour of the age, the same is a hundred years, there will be misfortune among the nations, but also for one hour there will be mercy and honor among those nations."

Chapter 29

1 And I said, "O Eternal One! How long are the hours of the age?"

2 And He said, "Twelve hours have I ordained for this present age of wickedness to rule among the nations and within your seed, and until the end of the times it will be even as you saw.

3 And now reckon and understand and look again into the picture."

4 And I looked and saw a Man going out from the left side of the nations and there went out men and women and children, from the side of nations, many hosts, and worshipped Him.

5 And while I still looked, there came many from the right side, and some of these insulted Him, and some of them even struck Him, but others however worshipped Him.

6 And as I watched, I saw Azazel approach Him and he kissed Him on the face and then stood behind Him.

7 And I said, "O Eternal One! Who is the Man insulted and beaten, who is worshipped by the nations and kissed by Azazel?"

8 And He answered and said, "Hear Abraham! The Man you saw insulted and beaten and yet worshipped by many, He is the 'Relief' granted by the nations to the people who proceed from you, in the last days, in the twelfth hour of the age of wickedness.

9 But in the twelfth hour of My final age will I set up this Man from your generation, whom you saw issue from among My people, and all who follow will become like this Man, and such as are called by Me will join the others, even those who will to change within themselves.

10 And as for those who emerge from the left side of the picture, the meaning is this—there will be many from the nations who will set their hopes upon Him, but as for those whom you saw from your seed on the right of the picture who insulted Him and struck Him, many will be offended in Him, but some will worship Him.

11 And He will test those of your seed who have worshipped Him in the twelfth hour at the end, with a view to shortening the age of wickedness.

12 Before the age of the righteous begins to grow, My judgment will come upon the lawless peoples through the people of your seed who have been separated unto Me.

13 And in those days I will bring upon all creatures of the earth ten plagues, through misfortune and disease and the sighing of their grief.

14 And this will be brought upon the generations of men on account of the provocation and the corruption of mankind, whereby they provoke Me.

15 And then will righteous men of your seed survive in the number which is kept secret by Me, and will hasten the coming of the esteem of My Name to that place prepared beforehand for them, which you saw devastated in the picture.

16 And they will live and be established by sacrifices of righteousness in the age of the righteous, and they will rejoice in Me continually, and receive those who return to Me in repentance, for great will be the inner torment of those who have despitefully used them in this world, as they observe the honor placed upon My own in the day of esteem."

Chapter 30

1 But while He was still speaking to me, I found myself once again upon the earth, and I said, "O Eternal One! I am no longer in the esteem which is on high, and there is one matter which my being longed to know and understand which has not been revealed to me."

2 And He said to me, "What your heart desired I will tell you, because you have sought to see the ten plagues which I have prepared for the wicked nations, and which have been pre-determined at the passing over of the twelfth hour of the age of the earth.

3 Hear therefore what I divulge, and so will it come to pass.

4 The first is the distressing pain of sickness; the second, conflagration of many cities; the third, the destruction and pestilence of animals; the fourth, hunger of the whole world and its people;

5 the fifth, by destruction among its rulers, by earthquake and the sword; the sixth, the multiplication of hail and snow; the seventh, wild beasts will be their grave;

6 the eighth, hunger and pestilence will alternate with destruction; the ninth, punishment by the sword and flight in distress; the tenth, thunder and voices and destructive earthquakes."

Chapter 31

1 "And then I will sound the trumpet out of the air, and will send My Elect One, having in Him all My power in one measure, and He will summon My despised people from all nations, and I will send fire upon those who have insulted them and who have ruled over them in this age.

2 And I will give those who have covered Me with mockery to the scorn of the coming age, and I have prepared them to be food for the fires of Hades, and perpetual flight through the air in the underworld, for they will see the righteousness of the Creator, and those whom He now honors, and they will be ashamed, for I had hoped that they would come to Me in repentance, rather than loving strange mighty ones, but they forsook the Mighty Master, and went the way that they willed to go."

Chapter 32

1 "Hear therefore, Abraham, and see, for behold, in the seventh generation from you will they leave the land of their slavery, after they have been ill-treated as it were for an hour of the age of wickedness, and the nation whom they will serve I will judge."

2 Abraham, having heard, accepted the words of the Mighty One in his heart.