

1. Paradise was made by the Lord to please,  
especially as a land for all the trees,  
    where, for example, apricots were springing,  
    fruit on the twigs of lemons that were clinging,  
with the tree of life in a lovely wood,  
plus the one that know of the bad and good.
2. Flowing out, a stream watered all ashore,  
divided, after Eden, into four:  
    one that encircles Havilah the golden,  
    one that to Cush for ever is beholden,  
with the Tigris, east, which can keep abreast  
of that river, great, the Euphrates, west.
3. God created man as a helper there  
for harvesting and taking gentle care.  
    Next came a word of urgent admonition:  
    all may you eat from trees with my permission,  
except one whose fruit I must needs deny.  
When you eat of that you are doomed to die.

Genesis 2    Chris Nelson @ 2020  
Genevan 1    10 10.11 11.10 10    Serial (let)

1. The children and spouse and related wives  
got on the ark with Noah, and salvation  
came from the Lord whose final proclamation  
told of a flood that 'one alone survives.'  
The waters on high and the springs below  
burst their confinements, filled the open sluices,  
for more than five weeks a relentless flow  
heaped on the land and all that it produces.
2. 'From beasts that I made you're to save each kind,  
one pair of reptile, every kind of mammal,  
polecat and panther, elephant and camel,  
one pair of dog to follow you, assigned.  
With eatables stowed for your family needs,  
lay in a bunch for animals to forage.  
And then you can end your construction-deeds,  
just as I shut you in with all the storage.'
3. The swell of that flood was effacing strife  
right off the land, and soon the ark was sailing  
high over hills they seemed to go on scaling,  
good that the ship was favorable to life.  
So, lifted above from the likes of man,  
made in an image very much regretted,  
whatever was left of the prior plan  
would to its God be evermore indebted.
4. The Lord had had all these affairs in mind,  
drove back the waters, kept the breezes blowing.  
Leaks in the sky were plugged to further flowing,  
rain ceased to fall, and torrents were confined.  
The level went down, and the ark adhered  
on to the ranges, Ararat, the mountains,  
still further and lots of the peaks appeared,  
windows above them latched upon the fountains.
5. Then Noah sent out from the well-beached ark  
birds that could tell if surfaces were drying,  
raven and dove, whose wings went on complying,  
sure to inform them when to disembark.  
A beautiful sight in a time so brief,  
back in the hand, this dove was truly caring,  
right there in her beak was an olive leaf!  
Down came the hatch on panoramas airing!

6. 'Let creatures of flesh be a gift I give.

Come and rebuild your altar of thanksgiving.

Now I'll withdraw my curse upon the living,

let them be fruitful, propagate and live.

With reaping you'll sow as abides the earth,  
times and their climates nevermore suspended.

This era is right for redeeming worth,  
help from my regal blessing forth extended.

7. Your terror and dread shall be etched in all,

goats of the wild and egrets that can hover

placed in your hands to gently rediscover,

bugs like the ants that love to creep and crawl.

To edible life a response is due,

one that respects them, this am I demanding.

My vigilant eye will be there as you  
rule o'er the things of earth with understanding.

8. Now here is my sign of decrees made plain,

set in the clouds for every living creature.

When I observe my bow, the very feature,

seal of the promise, coming with the rain,

my duty will be, to your kith and kin,

not to destroy my efforts by the waters.

The treaty I'll draft has forever been  
love and concern for you, my sons and daughters.

Genesis 7 Chris Nelson @ 2021

Genevan 69 10 11 11 10.10 11 10 11 Serial (well-bred)

1. God came to see those Hebrew folk  
at Mamre's Oak  
only a relic,  
where Abraham gave up a seat,  
ran out to meet  
men most angelic,  
three persons standing near that tree  
content to be  
obscurely human.  
'Remain with me and do not try  
to pass me by  
but reillumine.
  
2. 'Rest in the shade, refresh your feet,  
from all the heat,  
washed and a-drying.  
Let Sarah oven-bake some bread,  
the table spread,  
while you're replying.  
"I'll visit you again when you  
are overdue  
to have a child."  
Now both of these were really old,  
their ardor cold,  
and so they smiled.
  
3. There in the tent she overheard  
their every word,  
with some misgiving,  
though she, to have some joy, was meant,  
obedient  
moments reliving.  
"Is this a thing that folks regard  
as much too hard  
for God to order?  
But I'll respond on her behalf  
and all will laugh  
when I reward her."

1. When Abraham, surely, had understood  
that God would be shown to be right and good,  
then was it Isaac carried all the wood,  
but not the knife and fire.  
When they had scaled their hill a little higher,  
"Where is the lamb our strategies require?"  
'Let us suppose that God is our supplier  
of something we could need.'
2. The two of them scrambled with all due speed,  
an altar built up as the Lord decreed,  
stretched out, the hand all ready to proceed  
with sacrificial slaying.  
Down from above, an angel entered, saying,  
"You, Abraham, let go without delaying!  
Here's your reward for earnestly obeying  
the God who loves your son."
3. Straight into the thicket a ram had run,  
an offering in place of the thing undone.  
Hence was it called, this spot where faith had won,  
the Hill of Intervention.  
Blessings were showered, more than one's intention,  
heirs that became that staggering extension -  
stars can't compare with infinite dimension,  
as sand or atoms should.

Genesis 22 Chris Nelson @ 2020  
Genevan 56 10 10 10 7.11 11 11 6 In S

1. Night fell on Jacob's expedition,  
God letting loose the apparition,  
    when sun had set, who all alone  
    lay down with but a pillow-stone.  
A ladder was there, up-extending,  
on it, ascending and descending,  
    were angels, though to heaven bound,  
    who went on down to level ground.
2. There was the Lord, above and saying,  
    "I am your father's God, relaying  
    the promise that I leave with you  
    of getting what applies in lieu.  
All tribes that look on gain a blessing  
from your descendants now progressing.  
    I'll keep you safe while time is spanned,  
    and bring you back to claim this land."
3. Then you awoke in that location  
sure that you'd had an inspiration.  
    'How lovely is this lofty place,  
    a house wherein we see God's face!  
I know that its latch is the entry!  
Stone of my pillow, be the sentry!  
    I'll call it Bethel, though it was  
    a city with the name of Luz.'

Genesis 28    Chris Nelson @ 2021  
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1. The gift for Esau started in advance  
     while Jacob spent the night in agitation,  
     whose wives and children witnessed how a trance  
     acted to counter fearful isolation.  
     God or the angel wrestled till the morning,  
     striking the very socket of the hip,  
     quite out of joint, with agony and scorning  
     who'd be up on top in the championship.
  
2. That man no longer wished to intervene.  
     "Let go of me, for day is finally breaking."  
     But Jacob would not flounder in between,  
     irked lest a blessing pass before the taking.  
     "New be your name, yes, Israel you're given,  
     known by the world as qualified to rule,  
     since you've impeded God by how you've striven,  
     took rivals to task and maintained your cool.
  
3. Then Jacob spoke again with this request:  
     I beg you, with a blessing be replying.  
     "And why should this petition be addressed?  
     Right here a blessing, quick, for which you're prying."  
     'This is a place of reverent veneration,  
     since I have witnessed heaven face to face.  
     And I've survived this recent demonstration  
     to see the sun rise, though I limp a trace.

Genesis 32    Chris Nelson @ 2021  
 Genevan 2    10 11 10 11.11 10 11 10    Serial (air)

1. A dream of new growth and starvation  
in Pharaoh's own head found a station,  
a dream that took place by the Nile,  
where coming on up, single file,  
were seven cows of healthy breed,  
and rushes that could fill their need.
2. Then other cows, grim and unsightly,  
came after them, most impolitely.  
Consumed were the sleek and the oiled  
by those who were lean and despoiled.  
Though dreaming left the Pharaoh weak,  
there came again a scene oblique.
3. A stalk with its corn started growing,  
with seven ears, full, due to hoeing.  
When wind from the east dried the nubs,  
then seven, now lost to the grubs,  
would finish off the ripened crop  
and swallow all the fine non-stop.
4. When morning made known their condition,  
required was every magician.  
When Pharaoh had told them the case,  
no theme was revealed, not a trace.  
A servant of the king spoke up,  
the bearer of the royal cup.
5. Just now was I brought to my senses  
in light of my sinful offenses.  
Your servants were under arrest,  
the reasons could hardly be guessed.  
We wondered how the book would close  
when, lo, a Hebrew youth arose.
6. This Joseph, let go from detention,  
was hurried to face the convention.  
"I've heard it's been said that your net  
can capture a dream or a threat."  
'I do not count, It is my God  
whose word will make your sages nod.'



7. "I told them my ghost of the greening,  
but no one could give me the meaning."  
'The visions are one, with this end:  
the usual, God will suspend  
for everyone, for seven years,  
the season of the cows and ears.
8. Those first will fare well, far exceeding  
the produce right now that you're needing.  
Then seven will come to demand  
a famine released on the land.  
God's restless for a new regime,  
the reason for a double dream.
9. So Pharaoh must now be deciding  
on someone to do the dividing  
of grain you produce, that the same  
can lay it all by in your name,  
in famine as a full reserve  
for many years this wealth to serve.'
10. "So who is endowed with ambition  
for me to give due recognition?  
Yes, you are the one I'll employ,  
since God's on your mind and can buoy  
your notions with a wisdom shrewd.  
My chancellor, let none elude."
11. In Egypt, through out, their protection  
was subject to Joseph's direction:  
that ring on the hand, attache,  
(let everyone bow and obey),  
that golden chain around the neck,  
so everyone would cry, "Abreck'!
12. A daughter of On Joseph married,  
two sons in her womb duly carried.  
And so it occurred as was told,  
out came the reserves, good as gold,  
while buyers brought remittance down  
from every land and every town.