

THE BOOK OF TOBIT

- A Tobit's acts of charity in Nineveh in the land of the Assyrians; mention of the temple in Jerusalem; Tobit performs secret burials (1:1-22)
- B Tobit leaves his dinner, before even tasting it, to bury the dead (2:1-10)
 - C₁ Tobit and Anna discuss her wages and a gift in addition to wages (2:11-14)
 - D₁ Tobit weeps and prays for death; Sarah weeps and prays for death, praising God's name and raising her eyes to him; Sarah's concern that her action would bring her father in his old age down in sorrow to Hades (3:1-15)
 - E Tobit's and Sarah's prayers are heard in heaven and Raphael is sent to heal both of them (3:16-17)
 - F Tobit gives testamentary instruction to his son Tobias to honor Anna, Tobias' mother, to not abandon her all the days of her life, and not to grieve her in anything (4:1-3)
 - G Tobit continues, telling his son Tobias to bury his mother, Anna, beside Tobit in the same grave when she dies (4:4)
 - H₁ Tobit continues, telling his son Tobias to live uprightly all the days of his life, to not walk in the ways of wrongdoing, to practice righteousness, and to give alms, whether he has little or much, thereby laying up good treasure for himself against the day of necessity; almsgiving will deliver Tobias from death and keep him from going into the Darkness (4:5-11)
 - I Tobit continues, telling his son to take a wife from among his kindred (4:12-13)
 - H₂ Tobit continues, telling his son to pay wages promptly and to give alms righteously (4:14-16)
 - D₂ Tobit continues, telling his son Tobias to bless the Lord God who casts down to deepest Hades (4:17-21)
- C₂ Tobit and Tobias discuss hiring one who will turn out to be Raphael and paying him wages for taking Tobias to the home of Raguel in Rages of Media to retrieve money bags held in trust; Tobit tells Raphael, "I will add something to your wages" (5:1-9; 5: 11-17a)
 - K Tobit retorts to Raphael, "I cannot see the light of heaven, but I lie in darkness like the dead who no longer see the light" (5:10)
 - L Tobit tells Tobias to "have a safe journey"; he tells his wife Anna that Tobias will leave in good health and return in good health (4QTobit frag. 3, col. I: "peace"); and Tobit tells her Tobias' journey will be "successful" (5:17b-6:1a)
 - M Tobias and Raphael journey from Nineveh to Rages of Media; the dog comes out with Tobias; the gall of the fish (6:1b-9)
 - N Raphael instructs Tobias about his right and duty to marry Sarah and to inherit her father's possessions; Tobias expresses fear he might die (6:10-18)
 - O Tobias and Raphael arrive at the home of Raguel; Raguel says "Greetings" and says to his wife "how much the young man resembles my kinsman Tobit"; Raguel weeps at the news concerning Tobit and says "Blessings on you, my child, son of a good and noble father!" Raguel slaughters a ram from the flock (4QTobit frag. 3, col. III: "splendid bull calf") and they recline to dine (7:1-13)
 - P While eating and drinking Raguel tells his wife Edna to prepare the bridal chamber for Sarah; there Edna tells Sarah "Take courage, my daughter . . . take courage, my daughter" (7:14-16)
 - Q In the bridal chamber Tobias prays: "Blessed are you, O God . . . bless you forever," mentions in his prayer Adam and Eve, "the two of them," and asks that the Lord grant to him and Sarah mercy (8:1-8)
 - R Raguel is concerned that Tobias may die in the bridal chamber, digs a grave, and sends a maid to see if he is alive (8:9-12a)
 - S Raguel proposes to bury Tobias secretly "without anyone knowing it" [i. e., secretly] in case he has died (8:12b)
 - R' The maid sees Tobias and Rachel sound asleep together and reports to Raguel that nothing is wrong (8:13-14)
 - Q' Raguel blesses the God of heaven, saying "Blessed are you, O God . . . bless you forever," he refers to Tobias and Sarah as "two only children," and prays for mercy to be on them (8:15-18)
 - P' While eating and drinking during the wedding feast for Sarah and Tobias, Raguel swears an oath that Tobias shall not leave for fourteen days and shall stay there eating and drinking; he tells Tobias, "take courage, my child . . . take courage, my child" (8:19-21)
 - O' Tobias tells Raphael he is witness to Raguel's oath. Raphael recovers the money from Gabael; the two go to Raguel's house and find Tobias reclining at table who, when he sees them, springs up and greets Gabael, who weeps and blesses him with the words "good and noble son of a father good and noble . . . Blessed be God, for I see in Tobias the very image of my cousin Tobit" (9:1-6)
 - N' Tobias's mother, Anna, expresses fear that he has died; Tobias marries Sarah and inherits her father's possessions (10:1-10)
 - L₁ Raguel tells Tobias to "have a safe journey"; Raguel tells his daughter, Sarah, "go in peace" (10:11-12a)
 - F' speaking of his new wife, Sarah, Edna (Tobias' mother-in-law) tells him to do nothing to grieve Sarah all the days of his life (10:12b)
 - L₂ Tobias departs Raguel, his journey having been a "success" (10:13)
 - M' Tobias and Raphael return from Rages of Media to near Nineveh; the dog goes along behind them; the gall of the fish (11:1-8)
 - D₁' Anna, weeping at seeing Tobias, says, "now I am ready to die" [go to Hades?]; Tobit's eyes are healed and, seeing Anna and Tobias, Tobit weeps; Tobit praises God's great name (11:9-12)
 - K' Tobit, seeing his son, exclaims, "I see you, my son, the light of my eyes!" (11:13-14a)
 - D₂' Tobit exclaims, "Blessed be God and blessed be his great name . . . may his holy name be blessed . . . Now I see my son Tobias" (11:14b-15)
 - I' Tobit tells Sarah, "Come in, my daughter . . . blessed be you, my daughter. Come in now to your home . . . Come in, my daughter" (11:16-18)
 - C' Tobit and Tobias discuss paying Raphael his wages for having taken Tobias to the home of Raguel in Rages of Media to retrieve the money bags held in trust; Tobias also gives to Raphael a "bonus" (12:1-5)
 - H' Raphael tells Tobit and Tobias to acknowledge God in the presence of all the living and to bless and sing praise to his name; he tells them that giving alms, even if only a little, if given with righteousness, is better than wealth, better than laying up gold, and saves from death and purges away every sin (12:6-10)
- B' Tobit is commended for having left his dinner to go and bury the dead (12:11-13)
 - E' Raphael tells Tobit and Tobias that God sent him to heal Tobit and Sarah, Tobit's daughter-in-law (12:14)
 - D₃' Tobit praises God and mentions that God leads down to Hades (13:1-17)
- A₁' Tobit is buried, not in secret but with an honorable funeral; captivity of Ninevites; mention of the temple in Jerusalem (14:1-9)
 - G' Burial of Anna beside Tobit (14:10a; 14:12a)
- A₂' Tobit's almsgiving in Nineveh in the land of the Assyrians (14:10b-11; 14:12b-14)