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शुरुमा परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो । परमेश्वर आत्मामा हुनुहुन्थ्यो । उहाँ बाहेक अरु कोही थिएन । उहाँले आफ्नो सन्देश र सेवा पुऱ्याउनका लागि आत्मारूपी स्वर्गदूतहरूको सृष्टि गर्नु भयो । ती स्वर्गदूतहरूले परमेश्वरको प्रशंशा र आराधना गर्दथे । तर सृष्टि गरिएका स्वर्गदूतहरू मध्ये केही स्वर्गदूतहरू दुष्ट भए । तिनीहरूले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गरे र आफ्नो स्थान छोडे । तिनीहरूनै शैतान र दुष्ट आत्माहरू भए । शैतान भुठो र छली छ । यसले आजसम्म पनि परमेश्वरको सृष्टिलाई दुःख दिईरहेको छ । तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभएको छ, “तोकिएको समय तिनीहरू सबै कहिल्यै ननिभ्ने आगोद्वारा दण्ड पाउनेछन् ।

### 1. God Creates the Unseen World

I Timothy 1:17, Psalms 103: 20-21, 148:2,5, Job 28: 4-7; Jude 1:6, Joshua 2:4, Eph. 6:11-12, John 1:1-2, 4:24, 8:44, Matthew 9:34, 25:41, I Timothy 1:17, Revelation 12:3-10

In the beginning there was God. God was in Spirit. There was no one aside from Him. He was all alone. He created numerous angelic spiritual beings to serve and worship Him. Those angelic beings praise and worship God. Some created angelic beings became evil. They did something that did not please God and left their place. They became Satan and demons. Satan is a liar and a deceiver. These fallen angelic beings are tormenting God's creation to this very day. But God said, “Cast them into hell.” He committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.”

### २. दृश्य संसार र मानिसको सृष्टि

उत्पत्ति १,२

सुरुमा परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो, उहाँले अदृश्य संसारको सृष्टि गरिसकेपछि पृथ्वी सृष्टि गर्नुभयो । पृथ्वी आकारविनाको शून्य थियो । अथाह समुद्रमाथि अन्धकार थियो । परमेश्वरको आत्मा पानीमाथि घुमिरहनुहुन्थ्यो । अनि उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “उज्यालो होस्” तब उज्यालो भइहाल्यो । परमेश्वरले उज्यालोलाई हेर्नुभयो र त्यो असल थियो । त्यसपछि उहाँले उज्यालो र अँध्यारोलाई अलग-अलग गर्नुभयो, उज्यालोलाई दिन अनि अँध्यारोलाई रात भन्नुभयो ।

त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले पानीको भाग र आकाशको भाग साथै समुद्र र जमीनको भागलाई “अलग अलग होस्” भन्नुभयो । त्यस्तै भइहाल्यो । “भूमिले विभिन्न किसिमका बीउ हुने र फल फल्ने बोट-बिरुवाहरु उमारोस्” भन्नुभयो तब त्यस्तै भइहाल्यो र दिन, रात, वर्ष र ऋतुहरु छुट्टयाउनलाई उहाँले ज्योतिहरु होऊन् भन्नुभयो, तब त्यस्तै भयो ।

दिनको निम्ति सूर्य, रातको निम्ति चन्द्रमा र असंख्य ताराहरु सृष्टि गर्नुभयो । तब उहाँले भन्नुभयो “पानीमा हलचल गर्ने र आकाशमा उड्ने तथा जमीनमा घस्रने र हिड्ने साना देखि ठूलासम्म विभिन्न प्राणीहरु होऊन्” तब त्यस्तै भइहाल्यो । यसरी सृष्टि गरिसके पछि छैटौँ दिनको अन्त्यमा उहाँले भूमिको माटोबाट आफ्नै स्वरूपमा आफ्नै प्रतिरूपमा मानिसलाई सृष्टि गर्नुभयो । त्यसको नाकमा जीवनको सास फुकेपछि ऊ जीवित प्राणी भयो । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले मानिसलाई आदम भन्नुभयो । बनाइएका सबै थोकहरु असल थिए ।

आदमलाई हरेक प्राणीहरुमाथि अधिकार दिनुभयो र उनले सृष्टि गरिएका थोकहरुको नाम राखे । परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “मानिस एकलो रहन असल छैन उसको लागि एउटा सुहाउने जोडी बनाउनेछु” तर बनाइएका सबैथोक हेर्दा सुहाउंदो सहयोगी नपाए पछि परमेश्वरले आदमलाई मस्त निद्रामा पार्नुभयो र उसको शरीरको एउटा करड निकालेर त्यसबाट स्त्री बनाएर आदमकहाँ ल्याउनुभयो । आदमले भन्यो, “आहा ! यो त मेरो लागि अति नै सुहाउने जोडी हो ।” उनीहरुलाई परमेश्वरले सुन्दर बगैँचामा हेरचाहको निम्ति राख्नुभयो । त्यहाँ मानिसलाई चाहिने सबै किसिमका फल थिए र बगैँचाको बीचमा जीवनको रुख र असल र खराबको ज्ञान दिने रुख पनि लगाउनुभएको थियो ।

### 2. God Creates the World and Man

Genesis 1-2

God was in the beginning and after creating the unseen world, He created the earth. The earth was empty, without form and everywhere darkness was over the seas. The Spirit of God was moving over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light" and immediately there was light

God looked at the light and it was good. After that, God separated the light and the dark and called them day and night.

After that, He separated the water and sky. He said, "Let the land and seas be separated," and immediately it was so. "Let the land produce varieties of seeds, seedlings and trees that grow fruits," He said and it was so. And to divide the days, nights, years and seasons, He said, "Let there be light!" and it was so.

He made a sun for day, a moon for night and created countless stars. Then He said, "Let there be various creatures small and large to swim in the waters, fly in the sky, walk and graze on the land!" and immediately it was so.

After finishing creating, at the end of the sixth day, from the mud of the earth God created man in His own image and in His own likeness. After blowing the breath of life in his nose, the man became alive and God named him Adam. All created things were good.

God gave Adam authority over all the creatures and Adam named all the creatures. God said, "It is not good for man to be alone so I will make a suitable mate." But after not finding a suitable mate among all the creatures, God put Adam in a deep sleep and taking a rib from his body and making a woman, brought her to Adam who immediately accepted her saying, "Oh, this is a suitable mate for me!"

God placed them in the beautiful garden to look after it. God caused all different kinds of fruits needed by man to grow there and in the middle of the garden God also placed a tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Adam and the woman stayed in the garden. They were both naked but had no sense of shame. They fellowshiped with God. And God blessed all the creatures saying, "Be fruitful and multiply." At that time Adam and the woman lived in the garden. They had great joy and peace.

In this way after creating all things within six days,

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आदम र स्त्री बगैँचामा रहन्थे । उनीहरु दुवै नाङ्गै थिए तर लजाउँदैनथे । परमेश्वरसँग उनीहरुको संज्ञति हुन्थ्यो । अनि परमेश्वरले सबै प्राणीहरुलाई फल्दै-फुल्दै वृद्धि हुँदै जाने आशिष् दिनुभयो । त्यसबेला आदम र त्यस स्त्री सुन्दर बगैँचामा बस्थे । उनीहरुमा बडो आनन्द र शान्ति थियो ।

यसरी छैटौँ दिन भित्र सबै कुराको सृष्टि गरिसक्नुभए पछि सातौँ दिनमा परमेश्वरले विश्राम लिनुभयो र पवित्र तुल्याउनुभयो ।

God rested on the seventh day and declared it holy.

### ३. पाप र मृत्युको सुरु

उत्पत्ति २:१६-१७,३ अध्याय

परमेश्वरले आदम र स्त्रीलाई बगैँचामा राख्नुभएपछि उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई एउटा आज्ञा दिनुभयो, “यस बगैँचामा भएका सबै फल सङ्कोच नमानी खानू तर बगैँचाको बीचमा भएको असल र खराबको ज्ञान दिने रुखको फलचाहिँ नखानू किनभने तैले जुन दिन त्यो फल खानेछस् त्यसदिन तँ निश्चय नै मर्नेछस् ।”

आदम र स्त्री बढो आनन्द साथ परमेश्वरसँग रहन्थे । यसैबेला एक दिन प्राणीहरू मध्ये धूर्त प्राणी सर्पमा दुष्ट शैतानको आत्मा प्रवेश गर्‍यो र बगैँचामा आई स्त्रीलाई भन्यो, “के परमेश्वरले तिमीहरूलाई बगैँचाको कुनै पनि फल नखानू भन्नुभएको छ ?” स्त्रीले सर्पलाई भनिन्, “बगैँचामा भएको सबै रुखको फलहरू हामी खान सक्छौं तर बगैँचाको बीचमा भएको यो रुखको फलचाहिँ नखानू र नछुनु नत्रता तिमीहरू मछौं” भन्नुभएको छ । त्यसपछि फेरि सर्पले स्त्रीलाई बहकाउदै भन्यो, “होइन त्यो फल खाँयो भने तिमीहरू मर्दैनौ । परमेश्वरलाई थाहा छ कि जुन दिन तिमीहरू यो फल खान्छौ त्यस दिन तिमीहरूको आँखा खुल्नेछ र असल र खराबको ज्ञान पाएर तिमीहरू परमेश्वर जस्तै हुनेछौ ।”

सर्पले भनेको कुरा सुने पछि स्त्रीले फल खानमा असल र हेर्नमा रहर लाग्दो र भन् ज्ञान पाएर परमेश्वर जस्तै भइन्छ भन्ने कुराले उनी भित्र फल प्रतिको इच्छा भन् बढेर आयो । उनले त्यस रुखको फल टिपेर खाइन् र श्रीमानलाई पनि दिइन् । उनले पनि खाए । खाने बित्तिकै ती दुवैको आँखा खुल्यो र उनीहरूले नेभाराको पातहरू टिपेर आफ्नो लाज ढाके ।

साँभ्रपख परमेश्वर बगैँचामा डुल्दै गर्नुहुँदा, तिनीहरूले उहाँको स्वर सुनेर लुके तर परमेश्वरले आदमलाई बोलाउनुभयो, “ए आदम तँ कहाँ छस् ?” उनले भने, “मैले तपाईंको स्वर सुनेर म डराए र म नाङ्गै भएको हुनाले लुकेँ ।” परमेश्वरले सोध्नुभयो, “तँ नाङ्गै छस् भनेर कसले भन्यो ? जुन रुखको फल मैले तँलाई नखानू भनी आज्ञा गरेको थिएँ, के तैले त्यो खाइस् ?” मानिसले भन्यो, “जुन स्त्री तपाईंले मेरो साथमा रहन भनी दिनुभएको थियो त्यसले मलाई दिई, मैले खाएँ ।”

### 3. Sin and Death Enter the World

Genesis 2:16-17,3

When God put Adam and the woman in the garden, He gave them one command, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden but not the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat it you will certainly die.”

Adam and the woman stayed quite happy in fellowship with God. One day among all the living creatures, Satan's spirit came into the clever serpent. Entering the garden, he said to the woman, "Has God said that you may not eat of the fruit of any trees in the garden?" The woman said to the serpent, “We can eat every fruit from the trees except from the tree in the middle of the garden. 'Don't eat or touch this tree's fruit or you will die,' He has said." Again the serpent deceptively said to the woman, “No, if you eat the fruit you will not die. God knows that the day you eat the fruit your eyes will be opened, and knowing good and evil, you will be like God.”

After hearing these words of serpent, the woman saw that the fruit was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the thing to make one as wise as God. The desire for it increased in her, and plucking the tree's fruit, she ate and gave it to her husband. He also ate and immediately their eyes opened. An Plucking fig leaves they covered their shame.

After dusk, as God was walking around the garden, hearing His voice they hid, but God called Adam, "Adam, where are you?" Adam said, “Hearing your voice in the garden I was afraid and hid because I was naked.” God asked, "Who said that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree I told you not to eat from?" The man said, “The woman you have given me as a companion, she gave to me and I ate.”

And God said to the woman, "What is this that you did?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me and I ate.”

Then God, cursing the serpent said, "Because you have done this, you will slink on your belly and survive by eating dirt all your life. And I will put enmity between your offspring and the woman's offspring. You will wound his foot but he will crush your head." And to the woman He said, "I will increase your pain in childbirth and your

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अनि परमेश्वरले स्त्रीलाई भन्नुभयो, “तैले यो के गरिस् ?” स्त्रीले भनिन्, “सर्पले मलाई छल गयो र मैले त्यो खाएँ ।” तब परमेश्वरले सर्पलाई श्राप दिँदै भन्नुभयो, “तैले यसो गरेको कारणले जीवनभर माटो खाएर बाँच्नेछस् र पेटको बलले घस्रेर हिँड्नेछस् । तेरो सन्तान र स्त्रीको सन्तानको बीचमा म दुश्मनी हालिदिनेछु । त्यसले तेरो शिर कुच्याउने छ र तैले त्यसको कुर्कुचो डस्नेछस् ।” अनि स्त्रीलाई उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो सुत्केरी-वेदना म ज्यादै गरी बढाइदिनेछु, कष्टसँग तैले बालक जन्माउनेछेस् तर पनि तेरो इच्छा पति तर्फ नै हुनेछ र त्यसले तँलाई अधीनमा राख्नेछ ।” त्यसपछि आदमलाई उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो स्वास्नीको कुरा सुनेर तैले, मैले नखानू भनेको रुखको फल खाएको हुनाले भूमि तेरो कारणले श्रापित भएको छ । त्यसकारण जीवनभरि दुःखसँग तैले पसिना बगाएर कमाएको उब्जनी खानेछस् । तँ माटोले बनेको होस् माटैमा फर्किजानेछस् ।”

त्यसपछि आदमले आफ्नी स्वास्नीको नाम हव्वा राखे । यसरी परमेश्वरले दण्ड दिइसकेपछि आदम र स्त्रीले जीवनको रुखको फल खाएर सँधैभरि पापमा नै बाँचिरहलान् भनी बगैँचाबाट निकालिदिनुभयो । यसरी मानिसले परमेश्वरको आज्ञा उलङ्घन गरेको कारण मानव जीवनमा पाप र मृत्युले प्रवेश गयो । मानिस र परमेश्वर बीचको सम्बन्ध अलग भयो ।

children will be born with trouble. But your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you.”

After that, God said to Adam, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit of the tree which I said you were not to eat, the earth has been cursed. Therefore all your life in hardship and sweaty work you will grow your food and eat. You are made of mud and you will return to mud.”

Then Adam named his wife Eve. After punishing them, God expelled them from the garden so they wouldn't eat from the tree of life and live forever in sin. In this way, because man willfully disobeyed God's command, sin and death entered man's life and the relation between man and God was separated.

४. मानिसले मानिसलाई मार्न सुरु गरेको (कयिन र हाबिल)

उत्पत्ति ४:१-१६, हिब्रू ११:४, १ यूहन्ना ३:१२

आदम र हव्वा बगैँचाबाट निकालिए पछि हव्वा गर्भवती भइन् र पहिलो छोरा जन्माइन् र उनीहरूले त्यस छोराको नाम कयिन राखे । फेरि हव्वाले अर्को छोरा पनि जन्माइन् । उनको नाम हाबिल राखे । कयिन खेतीपाती गर्ने किसान भए भने हाबिल भेडा गोठाला भए ।

एकदिन कयिनले आफ्नो उब्जनीबाट केही भाग परमेश्वरकहाँ ल्याए भने उनको भाइ हाबिलले आफ्नो भेडाको बगालबाट पहिलो पाठो परमेश्वरलाई चढाए । परमेश्वरले कयिन र तिनको भेटीलाई ग्रहण गर्नुभएन तर हाबिल र तिनको भेटीलाई ग्रहण गर्नुभयो ।

यसैले कयिन अति रिसाए र तिनको मुख अँध्यारो भयो र आफ्ना भाइलाई मार्ने विचार गरे । परमेश्वरले सोध्नुभयो, “ए कयिन, तेरो मुख किन अँध्यारो छ ? के तैले जे ठीक छ त्यही गरेको भए तँ ग्रहणयोग्य हुँदैनथिस् र ? तर जे खराब छ त्यो गरेकोले पाप तेरो ढोकैमा ढुकिबस्छ र त्यसको इच्छा तँ प्रति हुन्छ र तैले त्यसलाई अधीन गर्नेपछि ।”

कयिनले आफ्ना भाइलाई भने, “आऊ, हामी बाहिर खेततिर जाऔं ।” खेतमा लगेर आक्रमण गरेर भाइलाई मारिदिए । तब परमेश्वरले सोध्नुभयो, “ए कयिन तेरो भाइ खोई ?” कयिनले भन्यो, “मलाई थाहा छैन, के म मेरो भाइको गोठालो हुँ र ?” परमप्रभुले भन्नुभयो, “तैले यो के गरिस् ? तेरो भाइको रगतले भूमिबाट मलाई गुहार गरिरहेको छ । तँ अब श्रापित भएर यस भूमिबाट खेदिएको छस्, जसले तेरो भाइको रगत तेरो हातबाट लिनलाई आफ्नो मुख उघान्यो । भूमिले अब तेरो निम्त उब्जनी दिनेछैन । तँ पृथ्वीमा एक विनाचैनको डुलुवा हुनेछस् ।”

कयिनले परमेश्वरलाई भने, “मैले सहनै नसक्ने दण्ड मलाई भयो । म पृथ्वीमा विनाचैनको डुलुवा हुनेछु र मलाई फेला पार्ने जो सुकैले पनि मलाई मार्नेछ ।” तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “त्यसो होइन, जसले कयिनलाई मार्छ, त्यससित सात गुणा बदला लिइनेछ ।” अनि कयिनलाई कसैले पनि नमारोस् भनी परमेश्वरले एउटा चिन्ह राखी दिनुभयो । तब कयिन परमप्रभुको उपस्थितबाट निस्केर अर्कै ठाउँमा बसोबास गर्न थाले ।

4. Man Starts To Kill Man (Cain and Abel)

Genesis 4:1-16, Hebrew 11:4, 1 John3:12

After Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden, Eve became pregnant and gave a birth to a boy and they named him Cain. And again Eve gave birth to another boy and they named him Abel. Cain became a farmer working in the fields and Abel became a shepherd.

One day Cain brought part of his produce as an offering to the Lord and his younger brother Abel offered the best firstborn lamb of his flock to Lord. God accepted Abel and his offering but didn't accept Cain and his offering.

Cain became angry and his face darkened and he considered killing his brother. God asked, “Oh Cain, why is your face dark? If you do well, will you not have honor? But if you do wrong, sin is waiting at the door, desiring to have you, but you must master it.”

Cain said to his brother, "Come. Let us go into the field." In the field, Cain attacked and killed his brother.

Then God asked, “Cain, where is your brother?” And he said, “I don't know. What, am I my brother's keeper?” God said, “What have you done? Your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. You are cursed from the earth whose mouth opened to take your brother's blood from your hand. No longer will the earth give you her fruit. You will be a fugitive wandering over the earth.”

Cain said to God, "My punishment is more than I can handle. I will be a fugitive fleeing over the earth and whoever finds me will put me to death." But God said, “It won't be like that. If Cain is put to death, seven times more revenge will be taken." And the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one would kill him. So Cain went from God's presence, and started living in another place.

### ५. नोआ र जलप्रलय

उत्पत्ति ६,७,८,९:१-१७,२ पत्रुस २:५

आदम र हव्वाको सन्तान फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धि हुँदै गए । पृथ्वीमा जति मानिसहरुको संख्या बढ्दै गयो त्यति नै मानिसहरुले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गर्न थाले र मानिसहरु मन, वचन र कर्ममा भ्रष्ट हुँदै गए । यो देखेर परमेश्वर दुःखित हुनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “मैले सृष्टि गरेको मानिसलाई पृथ्वीबाट मेटिदिनेछु के मानिस, के घस्रने जन्तु, के आकाशका पक्षी, सबैलाई किनभने ती बनाएकोमा मलाई दुःख लागेको छ ।

तर त्यस पुस्तामा नोआलाई धर्मी र निर्दोष भेट्टाउनुभयो र उसमाथि अनुग्रह गर्नुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “मैले पृथ्वीमा भएका सबै मानिसहरुलाई नष्ट गर्ने निर्णय गरेको छु, तैले ठूलो जहाज बनाउनु र तेरो परिवारलाई र सबै जीवित प्राणीका एक-एक जोडी भाले पोथी जहाज भित्र ल्याउनु ।”

नोआले जहाज बनाउन सुरु गरे साथै मानिसहरुलाई आफ्नो पापबाट फर्किन र पश्चात्ताप गर्नको निम्ति आउन लागेको न्यायको बारेमा प्रचार गर्दै रहे तर कसैले उनको कुरा सुनेनन् । जब जहाज बनाई सिध्याए तब नोआले परमेश्वरले भने अनुसार सबै प्राणीका एक-एक जोडी भाले पोथी र उनको परिवारलाई जहाज भित्र ल्याए । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले चालीस दिन चालीस रातसम्म मुसलधारे पानी पार्नुभयो जसले गर्दा पृथ्वीका सबै अग्ला ठाउँहरु पनि डुबे । नोआको जहाजभित्र भएका प्राणी बाहेक सबै मानिस, जीव जन्तु र प्राणीहरु जल प्रलयमा परे र मरे ।

एक सय पचास दिनसम्म पानीको सतह घटेन र परमेश्वरले नोआको परिवारलाई सम्झनुभयो र बतास चलाइदिनुभयो । जसको कारण पानीको सतह घट्न थाल्यो र जमीन देखा पर्‍यो । केहीसमयपछि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “नोआ ! तिम्रो परिवार र सबै प्राणीहरुलाई जहाजबाट बाहिर ल्याऊ ।” र नोआले त्यसै गरे । नोआले पशुको बलि चढाएर परमेश्वरलाई धन्यवाद दिए । परमेश्वरले त्यो ग्रहण गर्नुभयो र उसको आज्ञाकारीतामा खुशी हुनुभयो । अनि फेरि परमेश्वरले नोआलाई भन्नुभयो “पशु प्राणीलाई आहाराको निम्ति वनस्पति दिए भैं तिमीहरुलाई आहाराको निम्ति हरेक जीव-जीवात दिनेछु । तर जब तिमीहरु आहाराको निम्ति कुनै पशु माछौं त्यसको रगत चाहिँ नखानु ।”

त्यसपछि सबै प्राणीलाई “फल्दै-फुल्दै वृद्धि

### 5. God Judges Evil By Flood

Genesis 6-8; 9:1-17; 2 Peter 2:5

Adam and Eve's descendents were fruitful and multiplied. The number of people on the earth grew and they started doing things God didn't like. And man's thoughts, words, and deeds became evil. Seeing this, God was grieved and He said, "I will destroy man whom I created as well as the animals that graze and fly in the sky - all of them - because I am sorry that I made them."

But God saw among that generation a man named Noah who was righteous and without blame. And He had mercy on him and said, "I have decided to destroy all mankind except your family. Build a huge vessel, bring your family and a male and female of each kind of creature inside."

And as Noah started building the vessel, he kept preaching to all the people around about the coming judgment: that they should repent and turn from their sin toward righteousness. But nobody listened to him. When Noah finished building the vessel, He did according to what God said and brought his family inside and a male and female of each animal. After that, God poured a torrential rain for 40 days and nights until the highest points of the world were covered. Every living creature but those inside Noah's vessel drowned and died in the flood.

The level of water did not decrease for 150 days and God remembered Noah's family and started a wind blowing. Because of the wind, the level of the water started to go down and the land appeared. After some time Then God said, "Noah, take your family and all the living creatures out of the vessel," and Noah did that. And Noah sacrificed an animal to give thanks to God. God accepted that and was pleased with his obedience. And again God said to Noah, "As I have provided grass for the animals, so I am giving every animal as food for you. But when you kill them for food, do not eat their blood."

After that, God blessed all living creatures to be fruitful and fill the earth. Promising never to again destroy through such a flood, He gave the rainbow as a sign.

After this, Noah's descendents started filling the whole earth, according to God's blessing.

## Basic Bible Stories (Nepali and English)

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भएर पृथ्वीमा भरिदै जानू भनी” आशिष् दिनुभयो ।  
फेरि कहिल्यै पनि यस्तो जलप्रलयद्वारा नष्ट नगर्ने  
प्रतिज्ञा गरी त्यसको चिन्हको स्वरुप इन्द्रेनी हुनेछ भनी  
भन्नुभयो । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले आशिष् दिए अनुसार  
नोआको सन्तान पृथ्वीभरि फैलिदै गए ।

### ६. विभिन्न भाषाहरूको सुरु

उत्पत्ति ११:१-९

पृथ्वीमा नोआको सन्तान फल्दै-फुल्दै वृद्धि हुँदै गए । उनीहरू पृथ्वीको पूर्वतिर सदैजाँदा एक समतल मैदान भेट्टाए र त्यहीं बसोबास गर्न थाले । तिनीहरूको भाषा एउटै थियो । उनीहरूले एक आपसमा सल्लाह गरे, “लौ हामी आफ्नो निमित्त एउटा शहर र स्वर्गसम्म पुग्ने एक धरहरा बनाऔं, अनि आफ्नो नाउँ राखौं र हामी पृथ्वीभरि नछरिऔं ।” त्यसपछि उनीहरूले काम सुरु गर्न थाले । जब परमेश्वरले उनीहरूको योजनालाई बुझ्नुभयो तब उनीहरूको भाषा खलबल पारिदिनुभयो । यसरी भाषा खलबल भएपछि उनीहरूले शहर र धरहरा बनाउने कामलाई अगाडि बढाउन सकेनन् । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले मानिसहरूलाई पृथ्वीमा तितरबितर पार्नुभयो र तिनीहरू आ-आफ्नो भाषा र संस्कृतिमा फल्दै-फुल्दै वृद्धि हुँदै पृथ्वीमा छरिदै गए । यसरी विभिन्न भाषाहरूको सुरु भयो ।

### 6. God Divides Many Languages

Genesis 11:1-9

Noah's descendents were fruitful and increased on the earth. When they were wandering from the east, they came to a stretch of flatland and there started their dwelling place. Their language was one. They advised one another, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches heaven. Let's make ourselves famous and not be scattered across the Earth." Then they started working. When God understood their plan, He confused their language and in this way after their language was confused; they couldn't continue their work building the city and tower. After that God scattered people all over the earth and the people multiplied and increased throughout the earth with their own languages and cultures. In this way many different languages started.

### ७. अब्राहामको बोलावट र प्रतिज्ञा

उत्पत्ति १२:१-५, १५:१-६, १३-१४

समय बित्दै जाँदा जब मानिसहरु आ-आफ्नो भाषा र संस्कृतिमा फल्दै-फुल्दै वृद्धि हुँदै गए तब उनीहरुमा पाप र दुष्टता बढ्दै गयो । यो दुष्ट पुस्तामा फेरि परमेश्वरले एकजना अब्राहाम भन्ने व्यक्तिलाई चुन्नुभयो । उनी आफ्नो परिवारसँग बस्दथे । उनको श्रीमतिको नाम सारा थियो र उनी बाँधी थिइन् । परमेश्वरले अब्राहामलाई भन्नुभयो, “तेरो देश र तेरा कुटुम्ब तथा तेरो पिताको घरबाट निस्केर जुन देश म तँलाई देखाउँछु त्यहाँ जा । म तँबाट ठूलो जाति खडा गर्नेछु र तँलाई आशिष् दिनेछु । म तेरो नाउँ प्रसिद्ध गराउनेछु । तँ आशिष्को मूल हुनेछस् । तँलाई आशिष् दिनेलाई म आशिष् दिनेछु , सराप दिनेलाई सराप दिनेछु , तँद्वारा पृथ्वीका सबै कुलले आशिष् पाउने छन् ।” परमेश्वरको आज्ञा पाउने बित्तिकै अब्राहाम आफ्नो ठाउँ, नातागोता छोडेर आफ्नो परिवार लिई हिँडे । केहीसमयपछि फेरि परमेश्वरले अब्राहामलाई भन्नुभयो, “अब्राहाम तँ नडरा तेरो ढाल म नै हुँ, तेरो इनाम अत्यन्त ठूलो हुनेछ ।” तर अब्राहामले भने, “हे परमेश्वर तपाईंले मलाई के नै दिनुभएको छ र ? किनभने अझसम्म मेरो एउटा पनि सन्तान छैन र अब मेरो सम्पत्तिको हकदार अरु कोही नै हुनेछ ।” परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो आफ्नै छोरो तेरो सम्पत्तिको हकदार हुनेछ ।” अनि तिनलाई बाहिर लगेर भन्नुभयो, “आकाश तिर हेरेर तारा गन्न सक्छस् कि सक्दैनस् ? म तेरो सन्तानहरु आकाशका तारा जति नै बनाउनेछु । तर तेरो सन्तान चार सय वर्षसम्म अरु देशको थिचोमिचोमा पर्नेछन् । तिनीहरु जुन जातिको दास बन्नेछन् तिनीहरुको पनि म इन्साफ गर्नेछु र पछिबाट तिनीहरु धेरै सम्पत्ति लिएर निस्किएउनेछन् ।” अब्राहामले परमेश्वरमाथि विश्वास गरे र धर्मी ठहरिए । यसरी परमेश्वरले अब्राहामलाई बोलाउनुभयो र प्रतिज्ञा दिनुभयो ।

### 7. Abraham's Call and Promise

Genesis 12:1-5, 15:1-6, 13-14

After some time when people increased with their own languages and cultures, they grew in sin and wicked ways. Among that evil generation, God chose one man named Abraham. He lived with his own family. Abraham's wife's name was Sara and she was barren. God said to Abraham, "Leave your country and your people and your father's house and go to the land I show you. From you I will raise a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name famous and you'll be a source of blessing. I'll bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you."

As soon as Abraham got God's command, he took his family and left his place and relatives. After some time, God again said to Abraham, "Abraham, don't be afraid. I am your shield and your reward will be exceedingly great." But Abraham said, "God what have you given me until now because I have no child and now will another be heir of my property?" God said, "Your own son will be the heir of your property." And God took Abraham outside and said, "Look at the sky. Can you count the stars? I will make your descendants like the stars in the sky, but your descendants will be in another country's suppression for 400 years. I will judge those who suppress them and after that they will come out, taking many riches from there." Abraham believed God and was considered righteous. In this way, God called Abraham and gave him a promise.

### ८. अब्राहामको विश्वासको जाँच

उत्पत्ति २२:१-१९

अब्राहाम र उनकी श्रीमति सारा धेरै वृद्ध हुँदासम्म पनि उनीहरूको कुनै सन्तान थिएन । तर अचम्मको कुरा परमेश्वरले उनीहरूको वृद्ध अवस्थामा उनीहरूलाई छोरा दिनुभयो । उसको नाम इसहाक राखे । उनीहरू छोरोलाई अति नै माया गर्थे ।

परमेश्वरले अब्राहामको विश्वासको जाँच गर्नुभयो र भन्नुभयो “हे अब्राहाम ! तैले माया गरेको एउटै छोरो इसहाकलाई लिई मैले देखाएको डाँडामा त्यसलाई बलि गर् ।” परमेश्वरबाट यो आज्ञा पाए पछि अब्राहाम बिहानै उठेर गधामा काठी कसी आफ्ना नोकरहरूमध्ये दुईजना नोकर तथा होमबलिको निम्ति आवश्यक चिजहरू र आफ्नै एउटै छोरो इसहाकलाई साथमा लिई परमेश्वरले भन्नुभएको ठाउँतिर हिँडे । हिँड्दै जाँदा तेस्रो दिनको बिहानमा बल्ल त्यस ठाउँ देखे । अब्राहामले आफ्ना नोकरहरूलाई भने, “तिमीहरू यहीं गधा हेरेर बस, म र छोराचाहिँ परसम्म गई पूजा गरेर फर्केर आउनेछौं ।” त्यसपछि छोरा इसहाकलाई होमबलिको निम्ति चाहिने दाउरा बोकाएर आफ्नो हातमा छुरी र आगो लिई हिँडे । सँगसँगै जाँदै गर्दा बाटोमा इसहाकले सोधे, “बुबा आगो र दाउरा त छन्, तर होमबलिको निम्ति थुमाचाहिँ खै त ?” अब्राहामले भने “छोरा परमेश्वरले नै होमबलिको निम्ति थुमा जुटाइदिनुहुनेछ ।”

केही बेरपछि उनीहरू परमेश्वरले भनेको डाँडामा पुगे र एउटा वेदी बनाएर दाउरा तह लगाएर राखे । त्यसपछि आफ्ना छोरा इसहाकलाई पनि बाँधेर वेदीमा दाउरामाथि राखे । त्यसपछि अब्राहामले आफ्नो छोरोलाई बलि गर्न छुरी उठाए तर स्वर्गदूतले अब्राहामलाई हपारेर भने “ए अब्राहाम, अब्राहाम ! तेरो हात त्यस केटामाथि नउठा । त्यसलाई केही नगर । अब मैले थाहा पाएँ तँ परमेश्वरसँग डराउँदो रहेछस् । किनकि तेरो एकमात्र छोरोपनि मबाट रोकिनस् ।”

अब्राहामले माथि भाडीतिर हेर्दा त एउटा भेडा सीड अल्फेरे बसिरहेको देखे र उनले त्यही भेडालाई ल्याएर आफ्नो छोरा इसहाकको सट्टामा होमबलि गरे । त्यस ठाउँको नाम “परमप्रभुले जुटाउनुहुन्छ” भनी राखे । त्यसपछि फेरि परमप्रभुले स्वर्गदूत मार्फत भन्नुभयो, “मैले आफ्नो नाउँमा शपथ खाएर भन्छु कि तैले मेरो आज्ञा मानेर तेरो एउटै छोरोलाई पनि मबाट नरोकेकोले म निश्चय तँलाई आशिष् दिनेछु र तेरो सन्तानको वृद्धि गरेर आकाशका तारा र समुद्रको किनारको बालुवा सरह म तुल्याउँनेछु ।”

### 8. God Tests Abraham's Faith

Genesis 22:1-19

Although Abraham and his wife Sara were very old, they had no child. But God miraculously gave them a son in their old age. They named their son, Isaac. They loved their son very much.

One day God tested Abraham's and said, "Abraham! Take your dearly-loved only son Isaac, and go give him as an offering on the mountain I show you." Immediately after Abraham received God's command, he silently rose early in the morning with his son, Isaac, and took his two servants, a donkey, and the things needed for an offering and went to the place God told him. After walking for three days and in the morning finally seeing the place, Abraham told his servants, "Stay here and take care of the donkey. I and my son will go farther and we will return after worshipping." Then Abraham went with fire and a knife in his hand for sacrificing his son while Isaac carried the firewood. While they were walking together, Isaac asked, "Father, we have fire and wood but where is the lamb for the offering?" Abraham said, "Son, God Himself will give the lamb for the burnt offering."

After some time, they reached the mountain God told them and making the altar, piled the wood in place on top. Then also tying up his own son, Isaac, he put him on the firewood on the altar. Only after Abraham raised the knife to kill his son, suddenly an angel called Abraham from afar and said, "Abraham, Abraham! Don't stretch out your hand against the boy to do anything to him. Now I am certain that the fear of God is in your heart, because you have not kept back your son, your only son, from me."

Abraham saw a sheep caught by its horns in the brushwood and he took the sheep and made a burned offering of it in place of his son, Isaac. And he named that place "God provides." Again God spoke to Abraham through the angel, "I have taken an oath by my name that because you obeyed me and did not hold back from me your only son, I will certainly bless you and make your offspring increase like the stars of the sky and the sand of the seaside. Through your offspring, all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you obeyed my word."

After hearing the voice of God's angel, Abraham returned to his servants and went with them.

In this way God tested the faith of Abraham.

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। तेरा सन्तानद्वारा पृथ्वीको सबै जातिहरू आशिर्वादी हुनेछन्, किनकि तैले मेरो आज्ञा पालन गरिस् ।”

स्वर्गदूतको आवाज सुनेपछि अब्राहाम त्यहाँबाट फर्किए । यसरी परमेश्वरले अब्राहामको विश्वासको जाँच गर्नुभयो ।

### ९. इस्राएलीहरु मिश्र देशमा

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इसहाकका छोरा याकूब थिए उनलाई इस्राएल पनि भनिन्थ्यो । उनका बाह्रभाइ छोराहरु थिए । ती बाह्र भाइ छोराहरु मध्येमा योसेफ एघारौं छोरा थिए जसलाई याकूबले अति नै माया गर्थे र राम्रो बुट्टा भएको लुगा किनिदिएका थिए । तिनका बुबाले अरु दाज्यू भाइहरुलाई भन्दा योसेफलाई बढी माया गरेको देखी तिनीहरुले योसेफसँग दुश्मनी राखी राम्रोसँग बोल्दैनथे । योसेफले एउटा सपना देखे र आफ्ना दाज्यूहरुलाई बताए । त्यो सपनाको अर्थ सबै दाज्यूहरुले उनलाई दण्डवत् गर्नुपर्ने थियो । त्यसैले दाज्यूहरु भन् बढी तिनीसँग रिसाए । एक दिन योसेफ खेतमा गएको समयमा उनका दाज्यूहरुले उनलाई विदेशी व्यापारीहरुको हातमा बेचिदिए र उनको कपडामा पशुको रगत लगाई बुबाकहाँ लगी योसेफलाई जंगली जनावरहरुले मारेछ भनी रगत लागेको कपडा देखाए । त्यो कुरा थाहा पाएर याकूबले विलाप गरे । तर योसेफलाई व्यापारीहरुले मिश्र देशको राजाको एक जना अधिकृतको हातमा बेचिदिए । परमप्रभु योसेफको साथमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो । त्यसकारण योसेफ बसेको घरको सबै कुराहरुमा आशिष् आयो र उनको विश्वास देखेर मालिकले उनलाई घरको सम्पूर्ण कुराहरुको जिम्मेवारी दिए । तर मालिकनीले भुटो दोष लगाई जेलमा थुनाइन् ।

जेल भित्र रहँदा पनि परमप्रभु तिनको साथमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो । जेलमा भएका सबै कैदीहरु उनको जिम्मामा रहे । कैदीहरु मध्ये दुई जना राजाका कामदारहरु पनि कैदमा परेका थिए र योसेफले उनीहरुको सपनाको अर्थ खोलिदिए । केहीसमयपछि राजाले पनि एउटा सपना देखे र योसेफले सपनाको अर्थ खोल्न सक्छ भन्ने सुनेर उनलाई दरबारमा बोलाए । योसेफलाई राजाले आफ्नो सपना बताए र परमेश्वरले उनलाई राजाको सपनाको अर्थ खोल्ने ज्ञान दिनुभएकोले उनले सपनाको अर्थ खोले, सपनाको अर्थ "आउने सात वर्ष सहकाल र सात वर्ष अनिकाल" थियो । राजाले यो मानिससँग परमेश्वरको आत्मा छ भनी मिश्र देशमाथि अधिकार दिए । सात वर्ष सहकालमा योसेफले अन्न थुपारेर ठूलो भण्डारमा राखे । सहकालको अन्त्य भयो र सबै देशमा अनिकाल सुरु भयो । तर मिश्रमा मात्र खानेकुराको भण्डार थियो । अनिकालको बेला याकूबले अन्न किन्नको लागि आफ्ना दश जना छोराहरुलाई मिश्रमा पठाए । मिश्रमा पुगेर दाज्यूहरुले योसेफलाई दण्डवत् गरे । योसेफले आफ्ना

### 9. God's People in Egypt

Genesis 37, 39-46

Isaac's son, Jacob who was also called Israel, had twelve sons. Joseph was the eleventh son whom Jacob loved so much that he had made a colourful coat for him. Seeing that their father loved Joseph more than them, Joseph's brothers were jealous and spoke to him in spiteful ways. Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers. In the dream's meaning, his brothers bowed before him. That made them even more angry at him. One day when Joseph had gone out in the fields, the brothers sold Joseph to foreign businessman and put his clothes in the blood of animal and brought it to their father. They showed their father the blood-covered cloth to demonstrate that Joseph had been killed by wild animals. Hearing this news, Jacob mourned for his son. But Joseph was sold by the businessman into the hand of a royal officer of Egypt. God was with Joseph so blessing came upon the family where Joseph was living. Seeing his faith, the master gave him responsibility over all things of the house. But the master's wife falsely accused him and had him put into prison.

Although Joseph was in prison, God was with him. He was given responsibility of all the prisoners in the jail. Two of the king's servants were also in prison and Joseph interpreted their dreams. After some time, the king also had a dream and hearing that Joseph could tell the meaning of dreams, called him to the palace. The king told Joseph his dream and because God gave Joseph the meaning of the king's dream, Joseph explained the dream: "There will be seven years of plenty and seven years of hunger." Seeing that this man had the Spirit of God, the king gave him authority over the land of Egypt. During the seven years of plenty, being the authorized person, Joseph stored up extra food. He stored great amounts of food in a big warehouse. When the time of the plenty ended, a famine started in all the countries. But only in Egypt was food stored. In the famine time, Jacob sent his ten sons to the land of Egypt to buy some food. When they got there, Joseph's brothers bowed down to him. Joseph told his brothers that he was their younger brother. When they heard this, they were terrified but Joseph said, "This all is God's plan. Go and bring father and all the family here."

In this way all the family of Jacob came to Egypt and started living there.

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दाज्यूहरूलाई चिने, आफू भाइ भएको कुरा बताए । यो थाहा पाएर उनीहरू डराए तर योसेफले भने, “यो सबै परमेश्वरको योजना हो, गएर मेरो बाबुको परिवारलाई यहाँ लिएर आओ ।”

यसरी याकूबका सबै परिवार मिश्र देशमा आएर बस्न थाले ।

### १०. मोशाको जन्म र बोलावट

प्रस्थान १, ४:१-१७

याकूबका सन्तानहरु मिश्र देशमा धेरै वर्षसम्म आनन्दसँग बस्न थाले । याकूब, योसेफ साथै त्यस पुस्ताका सबैजना मरे । तर इस्राएलीहरुको संख्या बढेर सारा देश नै भरियो । त्यसै समयमा योसेफलाई नचिन्ने राजाले राज्य गर्न थाले । उनले इस्राएलीहरुको संख्या बढेको देखेर आफ्ना प्रजालाई भने, “यसरी नै इस्राएलीहरुको संख्या बढेर गयो भने यिनीहरुले हाम्रो विरुद्धमा लडाइँ गरेर यहाँबाट जानेछन् ।” त्यसैकारण तिनीहरुलाई सताउनलाई कठिन काम दिए तर पनि उनीहरुको संख्या भन् भन् बढ्दै गयो । तब राजाले इस्राएली सुँडेनीहरुलाई आज्ञा दिए कि “इस्राएलीहरुको सन्तान जन्माउँदा छोरा रहेछ भने मारिहाल्नु तर छोरी रहेछ भने जीवित राख्नु” भने तर तिनीहरु परमेश्वरको डरमा रहेकोले त्यसो गरेनन् । त्यसपछि राजाले प्रजाहरुलाई यस्तो आज्ञा दिए, “अब इस्राएलीहरुका जति छोराहरु जन्मिन्छन् तिनीहरुलाई नदीमा लगेर फालिदिनु तर छोरीहरुलाई जीवितै राख्नु ।” त्यही समयमा पूजाहारी कुलबाट एउटा सुन्दर बालकको जन्म भयो । उसलाई उसकी आमाले तीन महिनासम्म लुकाइराखिन् तर अझ लुकाउन सकिनन् । त्यसैले त्यो बालकलाई टोकरीमा हालेर नदीमा बगाइ दिइन् । यसै समयमा राजाको छोरी नदीमा नुहाउन गएको बेला बालकलाई भेट्दा घरमा ल्याइन् र त्यस बालकको नाम मोशा राखिन् । मोशा राज दरबारमा हुर्के । एक दिन एउटा मिश्रीले हिब्रूलाई हिर्काइरहेको देखे अनि मोशाले त्यस मिश्रीलाई मारिदिए । यो कुरा राजाले थाहा पाउलान् भनेर मोशा अर्कै देशमा भागेर गए र त्यही देशमा बस्ने एक जना मानिसको छोरीसँग विवाह गरे र उनकै भेडा चराउन थाले । धेरै समय पछि मिश्रका राजा मरे र इस्राएलीहरुले कठिन अवस्थामा परमेश्वरलाई छुटकाराको निम्ति पुकारा गरे । परमेश्वरले अब्राहामसँग गरेको प्रतिज्ञा सम्झी तिनीहरुमाथि नजर राख्नुभयो । एक दिन मोशाले आफ्ना ससुराको भेडा चराउन परमेश्वरको पर्वतसम्म लगे । त्यहाँ एउटा जलिरहेको पोथ्रामा परमेश्वरको दूत देखा पर्‍यो । मोशाले त्यो जलिरहेको पोथ्रालाई हेरिरहेका थिए, जलिरहेको तर भष्म नभएको देखेर नजिकैबाट हेर्न जाँदा परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो “तेरो जुत्ता फुकाल् किनकि तँ उभिएको भूमि पवित्र छ । हेर इस्राएलीहरुको प्रार्थना मैले सुनेको छु तिनीहरु माथिको अत्याचार मैले देखेको छु । त्यसैले तिनीहरुलाई दासत्वबाट छुटाएर दूध र मह बग्ने देशमा लैजानलाई

### 10. Moses Birth and Calling

Exodus 1, 4:1-17

Jacob's descendents started living many years in Egypt with joy. Jacob, Joseph and that generation all died but the number of Israelites grew and filled all the land. Another King who didn't know Joseph started ruling. Seeing that the Israelities were increasing in Egypt, he said to his subjects, "If these Israelities keep increasing, they will rise and rebel against us." So they gave the Israelites hard work to make them suffer. But the Israelites' population kept increasing. Then the King ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill the sons of the Israelites at birth but allow the girls to live. But these women feared God and didn't obey the king's order.

Again the king ordered his subjects to throw in the river any sons born to the Israelites but leave the girls alive. At that time, a beautiful child was born to the priestly tribe. His mother hid him for three months but couldn't hide him any longer. So she wrapped the baby and placed him in a basket to float on the river. At that time the king's daughter was in the river to take a bath. Finding the baby boy, brought him home and named him Moses. Moses grew up in the palace. One day Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and Moses went and killed the Egyptian. Thinking the king may hear about this, Moses escaped to another country. Settling there, he married a man's daughter and started looking after his sheep.

After many years, the king of Egypt died and the Israelites cried to God for deliverance from their hardships. Remembering his promise to Abraham, God turned His attention toward them. One day as Moses took his father-in-law's sheep to graze, he reached God's mountain. There in a burning bush, an angel appeared. Moses came close to see this bush that was burning but not consumed and God said, "Take off your shoes because the ground where you are standing is holy. Look, I have heard the prayers of the Israelites and have seen their suffering. I will deliver them from slavery and take them to the country of milk and honey. I am sending you to the king." Moses answered, "Who am I to go do this great thing?" Again God spoke, "I have sent you and will be with you. This is the sign that these things will be: when the Israelis have left Egypt, they will come to this mountain and worship. Tell them that God has sent you. The religious leaders will hear you and you will go to the king and request 'Let our people go three days out to the desert to give offerings to our God.' But the king will not let you go. At that time, I will do miraculous things through you and he will let you go. But you will not go with empty hands. You will take many of their possessions and go." Moses said, "What do I do if they don't believe?" Then God said, "Throw the staff in your hand on the ground!" Moses threw it and instantly the staff became a snake

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म तँलाई राजा कहाँ पठाउदैछु ।” मोशाले जवाफ दिए, “त्यहीँ गएर यति ठूलो काम गर्ने म को हुँ र ?” अनि फेरि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “म तँ सित हुनेछु र मैले तँलाई पठाएको छु । तँलाई चिन्ह चाहिँ यो हुनेछ कि मिश्रबाट निस्की आएर इस्राएलीहरू यही पर्वतमा आराधना गर्नेछन् । परमेश्वरले पठाउनुभएको हो भन्नु तेरो कुराहरू धर्म गुरुहरूले सुन्नेछन् र तिमीहरू राजा कहाँ जानेछौ र तिमीहरूले त्यसलाई भन्नेछौ, “हाम्रा मानिसहरूलाई उजाड-स्थानमा तीन दिनको बाटो भएर हाम्रा परमेश्वरलाई बलि चढाउन जान दिनुहोस्” तर राजाले जान दिनेछैन । त्यतिबेला म तँद्वारा मेरा आश्चर्य कामहरू प्रकट गराउनेछु । त्यसपछि उनले तिमीहरूलाई जान दिनेछन् । तर तिमीहरू रित्तो हात जानेछैनौ । तिनीहरूको धेरै धन सम्पत्ति लिएर जानेछौ ।” मोशाले भने, “तिनीहरूले पत्याएनन् भने मैले के गर्ने ?” अनि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो हातमा भएको लट्टी फाल् !” मोशाले फाले र तुरुन्तै सर्प बन्यो अनि मोशा डराएर भागे अनि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “त्यसको पुच्छर समात् ।” उनले समाते र फेरि लट्टी नै बन्यो । अनि मोशाले भने, “प्रभु म त बोल्न नै जान्दिनँ । वरु अरुलाई नै पठाउनुहोस् ।” फेरि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो दाज्यू हारुनलाई तँसँग पठाउनेछु दुवै जना जानू । तेरो लट्टी पनि साथमा लानू जसद्वारा तैले आश्चर्य कामहरू गर्नेछस् ।” यसरी परमेश्वरले इस्राएलीहरूलाई छुटकारा दिन मोशालाई बोलाउनुभयो ।

and Moses was afraid and ran. Then God said, "Catch it by the tail!" Moses caught it and it turned back into a staff. Moses said to God, "God I can't speak well, so please send another." God said to Moses, "I will send your brother Aaron with you. Also take your staff with which you will do wonderful things." In this way God called Moses' to deliver the Israelites.

११. मिश्र देशमा विपत्ति र छुटकारा

प्रस्थान ५-१५ अध्याय

परमेश्वरको आज्ञा अनुसार मोशा र हारुन राजा कहाँ गए र भने, “परमप्रभु यसो भन्नुहुन्छ, ‘उजाड-स्थानमा मेरो निमित्त चाड मनाउन मेरो प्रजालाई जान दे’ ।” राजाले भने, “परमप्रभु को हो म चिन्दैनँ म तिमीहरूलाई जान पनि दिन्नँ ।” अनि धेरै पटक बिन्ती गर्दा पनि राजाले जान दिएनन् तर इस्राएलीहरूलाई भन्नु कठिन काम लगाएर सताउन थाले । तब मोशाले परमप्रभु कहाँ गई भने “म राजा कहाँ गए देखि भन्नु मेरा मानिसहरूले अत्याचार सहनु परेको छ । के त्यसैको लागि मलाई पठाउनु भएको हो ?” परमप्रभुले मोशालाई भन्नुभयो, “इस्राएलीहरूलाई गएर भन्नु, “म तिमीहरूलाई छुटकारा दिनेछु र मैले अब्राहामसँग प्रतिज्ञा गरेको भूमिमा राख्नेछु । तिमीहरू मेरा मानिसहरू हुनेछौ म तिमीहरूका परमेश्वर हुनेछु । राजाको सामु जानू र उसले आश्चर्य काम देखा भन्दा तैले हारुनलाई आफूसँग भएको लड्डी फाल्न लगाउनु” यसरी नै राजाको अगाडि हारुनले लड्डी फाले र त्यो सर्प भयो । त्यहाँ राजाको जादूगरहरू थिए । उनीहरूले पनि लड्डी फाले ती सर्प भयो तर हारुनको सर्पले ती सबै सर्पहरूलाई खाइदियो । त्यो देखेर पनि उसको हृदय कठोर नै भयो र तिनीहरूलाई जान दिएनन् । भोलि पल्ट परमेश्वरले सबै पानीलाई रगतमा परिणत गर्नुभयो तर पनि राजाले जान दिएनन् । केहीदिनपछि मिश्र देश भरि भ्यागुता नै भ्यागुता भयो । यसरी नै परमेश्वरले मोशा र हारुनद्वारा मिश्र देशमा धेरै नै विपत्तिहरू ल्याउनुभयो तर पनि राजाले इस्राएलीहरूलाई जान दिएनन् ।

तब परमेश्वरले मोशालाई भन्नुभयो, “अझै म एउटा अन्तिम विपत्ति ल्याउनेछु । तब मात्र राजाले तिमीहरूलाई जान दिनेछ । अब मानिसहरूलाई भन्नु कि म मध्यराततिर मिश्रको बीचबाट भएर जानेछु , मिश्रमा भएको प्रत्येक जेठो छोरा मर्नेछ । सिंहासनमा बस्ने राजा देखि लिएर सबै मानिस र पशुहरूको पनि प्रत्येक जेठो सबै मारिनेछन् । सारा मिश्रभरि कहिल्यै नसुनिएको रुवाबासी सुनिनेछ । तर इस्राएलीहरूलाई यो भन्नु, हरेक घरमा एकएक वटा पाठो मारेर त्यसको रगत ढोकाको चौकोसमा लगाउनु र मासु पोलेर पटुका कसेर, खुट्टामा जुत्ता लाएर हातमा लहुरो लिई हतार हतार गरी खानू यो नै परमप्रभुको छुटकाराको चाड हो ।” त्यस रात म मिश्र भएर जानेछु र जसको ढोकाको

11. Plagues in Egypt & Deliverance

Exodus 5-15

According to the command of God, Moses and Aaron went to the king and said, "God said, 'Let my people to go out to the unfertile land to celebrate a festival.'" The King replied, "I don't know who God is and I will not let you go." Even after requesting many times the King didn't let them out. Instead, he made the Israelites do more hard work and started to persecute them. Moses went to God and said, "Since the day I went to the king, my people are suffering more than before. Have you sent me there for this?" God said to Moses, "Go to Israelites and tell them, 'I will deliver you and take you to the land which I have promised to Abraham. You will be my people and I will be your king.' Go to the king and when he tells you to do a miraculous thing, tell Aaron to throw down his hand staff." So in that way they threw their staff in front of the king and it turned into a snake. The king called his magicians and they also made snakes by their staffs; but Aaron's snake killed the king's magician's snakes. When they saw this their heart was still obstinate and they didn't let the people out. The next day, God changed water into blood, but still the king didn't let them out. After some days, there were frogs throughout the land of Egypt. In this way through Moses and Aaron, God sent many plagues but the king didn't let the Israelites go.

Then God said to Moses, "Now I will bring the final plagues. Then only will this King let you out. Tell your people that during the night, I will pass through Egypt and kill every firstborn male, both animals and humans. During the whole night a weeping sound will be heard such as has never been heard before. Tell Israelites that in every house they should kill an animal to eat, take the blood and spread it on the top and sides of the door where they're eating the meal. They should eat this meal quickly, wearing their clothes, shoes and taking the staff in their hand. This festival will be known as the Passover festival. During that night I will pass through Egypt and kill every firstborn male, but I will pass over those houses that have blood on the door. No one will die there but you should leave from there."

As God commanded, the Israelites obeyed his word and in the middle of the night God passed through and killed every firstborn male, both animals and humans. All over Egypt there was loud wailing and mourning because someone died in every house. In the same night, the king allowed the Israelites to go out and worship God. They went taking all the property of the Egyptians.

In this way when the king heard that the Israelites had gone out, he ordered his Egyptian soldiers to stop them. They tried chasing the Israelites to the edge of the sea. Moses stretched the staff in his hand toward the sea which divided into two parts. In this way, the Israelites went through the middle of the sea. When the Egyptians came the same way and reached the middle, Moses

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चौकोसमा रगत देख्छु त्यस घरमा बाहेक अरु घरमा जन्मिएका हरेक जेठो छोरालाई मार्नेछु । त्यहाँ रुवाबासी हुनेछ र तिमीहरु चाहिँ निस्की जानू ।”

परमेश्वरले आज्ञा गरे बमोजिम इस्राएलीहरुले गरे । मध्यरातमा परमेश्वरले मिश्रमा भएका सबै घरमा जन्मिएका जेठो छोराहरुलाई मार्नुभयो । सबै ठाउँमा रुवाबासी भयो । राती नै राजाले इस्राएलीहरुलाई परमेश्वरको आराधना गर्न निस्केर जाने अनुमति दिए । मिश्रीहरुको धन-सम्पत्ति लिएर तिनीहरु निस्केर गए । यसरी इस्राएलीहरु निस्केर गए भन्ने कुरा राजाले सुनेपछि तिनीहरुलाई रोक्नलाई मिश्री सेनाहरु पठाए । ती सेनाहरुले इस्राएलीहरुलाई लखेटेर लाल समुद्रको छेउमा पुऱ्याए । अनि मोशाले हातको लट्टी समुद्रमा देखाए र पानी दुई भाग भयो, इस्राएलीहरु बीचबाट भएर पारी गए । मिश्री सेनाहरु जब बीचमा आइपुगे मोशाले आफ्नो हातको लट्टी समुद्रतिर पसारे तब समुद्रको पानी फर्कियो र तिनीहरु त्यही डुबेर नष्ट भए । यो देखेर इस्राएलीहरु भन् परमेश्वरसँग डराए र उहाँमा भरोसा गरी आराधना गरे । यसरी परमेश्वरले तिनीहरुलाई मिश्र देशको चार सय वर्षको बन्धनबाट छुटकारा दिनुभयो ।

pointed his staff toward the water and it returned, drowning the soldiers to death. When the Israelites saw this they started trusting and obeying God and they worshipped Him. In this way, God delivered them from 400 years of slavery.

१२ दश आज्ञा र मूर्ति पूजा

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इस्राएलीहरूले मिश्र देश छोडेको केही महिना पछि मात्र उनीहरू परमेश्वरको पर्वतमा पुगे र त्यहाँ पाल टाँगेर बस्न थाले । मोशालाई परमेश्वरले डाँडामा लागि उहाँका मानिसहरूले उहाँलाई कसरी पुज्ने तथा उनीहरूले एक अर्कामा कस्तो व्यवहार देखाउने भन्ने सम्बन्धमा दश आज्ञा दिनुभयो जुन यस प्रकार थियो: मूर्ति नबनाउनु, उहाँको नाउँ व्यर्थमा नलिनु, सातौँ दिन पवित्र मान्नु, आमा बाबुको आदर गर्नु, हत्या, चोरी, व्यभिचार, लोभ नगर्नु र भूटो गवाही नदिनु र परमेश्वरले सबैभन्दा महत्वपूर्ण कुरा यो भन्नुभयो, “म मात्र एक सत्य परमेश्वर हुँ जसले तिमीहरूलाई मिश्र देशको दासत्वबाट छुटकारा दिई यहाँ ल्याएँ त्यसकारण तिमीहरूले म बाहेक अरु कसैको सेवा र आराधना नगर्नु ।”

मोशा पर्वतको फेदीमा गए र आफ्ना मानिसहरूलाई परमेश्वरले भनेको कुरा बताइदिए र उनीहरू यो कुरा सुनि उत्साहित हुँदै, “हामी परमेश्वरले भनेका सबै कुराहरू गर्नेछौं” भने । अर्को दिन बिहान मोशाले वेदी बनाइ एउटा पशु बलिदान गरे र परमेश्वरले इस्राएलीहरूको हेरचाह गर्ने र इस्राएलीहरूले उहाँको आज्ञापालन गर्ने चिन्ह यो रगत हो भनी सबै माथि रगत छर्किदिए । त्यसपछि मोशा डाँडामा गए र चालीस दिन चालीस रातसम्म परमेश्वरसँग बसे । परमेश्वरले मोशालाई उहाँको आज्ञाको शिलालेख दिनुभयो । तर यता इस्राएलीहरू चाहिँ मोशा नआएकोमा आश्चर्य मान्दै उसलाई जे पनि भएको हुनसक्छ भन्दै हारुनलाई भने, “हाम्रो निमित्त देवता बनाउनुहोस् जुन हामीसँग परिचित छ र जसलाई हामीसँग सँगै लैजान सक्छौं ।” अनि हारुनले तिनीहरूसँग भएको सबै सुन जम्मा गर्न लगाए र त्यसबाट एउटा बाछोको मूर्ति बनाइ ढोगे, वेदी बनाएर बलिहरू चढाए र भने, “हे इस्राएली हो तिमीहरूलाई मिश्रबाट छुटकारा दिएर ल्याउने देवताहरू यिनै हुन् ।”

परमेश्वरले यो सबै देखेर भन्नुभयो, “मोशा के तैले यो सबै देखिस् ? के तिनीहरूलाई मेरो आज्ञाको केही महत्व छैन ? अब यिनीहरू सबैलाई म नष्ट गर्नेछु ।” मोशाले भने, “हे परमेश्वर ! के तपाईं पक्का यस्तो गर्नुहुन्छ ? आजसम्म तपाईं आफ्ना मानिसहरू प्रति अति असल हुनुभएको छ । तर यदि तिनीहरूलाई त्यसो भयो भने मिश्रीहरूले पर्वतमा मार्नको लागि लगेको रहेछ भन्दैनन् र ? अनि तपाईंले अब्राहामसँग तेरो सन्तान आकाशमा भएका तारा जत्तिकै हुनेछन्

12. Ten Commandments and Idol Worship

Exodus 19:1-3; 20:1-17; 32:1-28

After the Israelites left Egypt and journeyed some months, they reached God's mountain, put up their tents and started living there. God took Moses to the mountain and gave him ten commands on how to worship God and how people should behave and relate to each other, and this is what they were: Don't make Idols. Do not abuse God's name. Keep the seventh day holy. Honor your father and mother. Don't kill, steal, violate marriage, covet, or give false witness. And the most important thing God said was, "I am the one true God who delivered you from the slavery of Egypt and brought you here, so don't worship or serve anyone but Me."

Moses went to the foot of the mountain and told the people what God said and the people hearing it were excited saying, "We will do all that God said!" The next morning, Moses made an altar and sacrificed an animal as an offering to God. He took some of the blood and sprinkled it on the people saying, "This blood is a reminder that God promises to watch over the Israelites and we promise to obey God." Then Moses went to the mountain and for 40 days and nights stayed with God. God gave him stone tablets on which His laws were written. After a while when Moses had not returned and the people started wondering what happened to him, they told Aaron, "Make us a god, something familiar to us, something that we can carry along with us." And so Aaron gathered up all of their gold and worked it into the shape of a calf. Then the people bowed down to this golden calf. They set up an altar in front of it and gave sacrifices to it saying, "Look! This is our God who led us out of Egypt."

God saw all of this and said, "Moses, do you see this? Do my commands mean nothing to them? That's it! I'm going to destroy them. Moses said, "Oh God! Do you really want to do that? You've been so good to your people for so long. What would the Egyptians say? You took them out of Egypt just to kill them all in the mountains? And what about your promise to Abraham, that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky?" Hearing this, God changed his mind.

Moses walked back down the mountain, carrying the stone tablets of God's laws. When he saw the people dancing around the golden calf, he became very angry! He destroyed the golden calf and angrily said to Aaron, "Aaron, how could you let this happen? Is there any worse evil you could let these people get into?" Aaron just gave excuses for his actions. So Moses took a step back and looked again at all the evil that was happening around him and he knew exactly what to do. He went out to the edge of the camp and yelled out for anyone

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भनेर प्रतिज्ञा दिनुभएको थियो होइन र ?” यो सुनेपछि परमेश्वरले आफ्नो विचार बदल्नुभयो । मोशा दश आज्ञाको शिला-लेख लिएर तल ओर्ले । जब उनले सुनको बाछ्छोको मूर्ति वरिपरि मानिसहरु नाचिरहेको देखे उनी साच्चै रिसाए र त्यस मूर्तिलाई नष्ट गरिदिए अनि हारुनलाई भने, “तिमीले कसरी यो सब हुन दियौ ? यो भन्दा दुष्ट काम अरु के हुन सक्छ ?” हारुनले जवाफ दिए, “ती मानिसहरुको कारणले गर्दा मैले यसो गरें ।” मोशाले वरिपरि हेरे र भइरहेको दुष्ट काम देखेर अब के गर्ने भन्ने कुरा थाहा गरी पालबाट बाहिर निस्केर यदि सत्य परमेश्वरलाई पछ्याउने कोही छ भने बाहिर निस्किएर ऊसँग उभिन अनुरोध गरे । तब एक पछि अर्को गरी मोशाको कुरामा स्वीकार गरी सहमत जनाए र अस्वीकार गर्ने तीन हजार जना मारिए ।

who was still a true follower of God to come out and stand with him. One by one those who accepted Moses' words came out and joined him. And three thousand people who rejected Him died.

१३. दाऊद र अनन्त राज्यको बारेमा

१ शमूएल १६:२३,१८:५-११,२ शमूएल ५:१-५,७:१-११, १६:८-११

इस्राएलीहरू लाल समुद्र तरिसकेपछि उनीहरू धेरै वर्षसम्म उजाड स्थानमा अलमलिइ रहे । तर परमेश्वरले अब्राहाम सँग गर्नुभएको प्रतिज्ञालाई सम्झनुभयो । तिनीहरूलाई धेरै देशहरू माथि विजय गराउँदै प्रतिज्ञाको देशमा ल्याउनुभयो । जब तिनीहरू प्रतिज्ञाको देशमा आए तिनीहरूले परमेश्वरसँग राजाको माग गरे । उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई राजा दिनुभयो । तर तिनले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गरे । त्यसैले उहाँले तिनलाई त्याग्नुभयो र नयाँ राजा चुन्ने निश्चय गर्नुभयो । तर पनि केही वर्षसम्म तिनी राजा भई नै रहे । परमेश्वरको कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताइदिने शमूएल नाउँ गरेका एक जना मानिस थिए । उनलाई परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “राजाले थाहा नपाउने गरी बेथलेहेममा जा र त्यहाँको एक जना मानिसका छोराहरूमध्ये कुनै एकलाई राजा नियुक्त गर ।”

शमूएल बेथलेहेममा गए र परमेश्वरको निम्ति बलिदानको तयार गरे र ती मानिस र उनका छोराहरूलाई बोलाए । तिनका जेठा छोरालाई देखेर उनैलाई राजा अभिषेक गर्न खोजे तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “म मानिसले जस्तो बाहिरी कुरालाई हेर्दैन तर भित्री हृदयलाई हेर्दछु ।” यसरी क्रमसँग ती मानिसका सात जना छोराहरू त्यहाँ आए तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “मैले चुनेको व्यक्ति यिनीहरू होइनन् ।” अनि शमूएलले ती मानिसलाई सोधे, “के तिम्रो अर्को छोरा छ ?” ती मानिसले भने, “कान्छो छोरा छ, तर अहिले ऊ भेडा चराउन गएको छ ।” शमूएलले भने, “त्यसलाई बोलाऊ ।” कान्छो छोरालाई त्यहाँ ल्याए । उनको नाम दाऊद थियो । परमेश्वरले शमूएललाई भन्नुभयो, “त्यसलाई राजा अभिषेक गर” र उनले दाऊदलाई राजा अभिषेक गरे, परमेश्वरको आत्मा दाऊद माथि आउनुभयो र उनी शक्तिशाली भए । परमेश्वरको आत्माले पहिलो राजालाई त्याग्नुभयो । त्यसैले उनको जीवनमा धेरै दुःखहरू आउन लाग्यो । त्यसैबेला उनको सल्लाहकारले दाऊदले मिठो संगीत बजाउछन् त्यो सुन्दा तपाईंलाई शान्ति मिल्छ भने । त्यसैले राजाले दाऊदलाई बोलाए । दाऊद राजासँगै बस्न थाले । अर्को देशसँग लडाइँ हुँदा दाऊद पनि राजाको फौजसँग लड्न गए र धेरै शत्रुहरूलाई मारे । त्यसकारण इस्राएलीहरूले दाऊदको प्रशंसा गर्न थाले । यो देखेर राजाले दाऊदको डाहा

13. David and the Eternal Kingdom

1 Samuel 16:23; 18:5-11; 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 7:1-11, 16:8-11

After the Israelites crossed the red sea, they were confused living many years in the unfertile land. But God remembered His promise to Abraham and He gave them victory over many other nations and brought them to the Promised Land. When they arrived at the Promised Land they asked God to provide them a king and God gave them one. But that king did things God didn't like so God left him and determined to select a new king. But for some years the old king stayed as ruler. There was man named Samuel who told people the things of God. God said to him, "Go to Bethlehem without notifying the king. There among a man's sons anoint one of as king."

Samuel went to the Bethlehem and prepared an offering for God and invited that man and his sons. Seeing the oldest son, Samuel tried to anoint him as king but God said, "I don't look at man's outside but I look at his heart." In this way the man's seven sons came in order, standing before Samuel but God said, "None of these are my chosen one." And Samuel asked that man, "Do you have another son?" The man replied, "My youngest son has gone to field to graze the sheep." Samuel said, "Call him." They brought the youngest son and his name was David. God told Samuel, "Anoint this one as king." Samuel anointed David as king. The Spirit of God came on David and he became powerful.

God took His Spirit from the old king and from then on much suffering entered his life. Hearing from his counselors that if David were to play music for him he would get relief from his suffering, he called David to his palace. David started living with the king. When there was war with other countries, David also went with the King's troops and they won victories over their enemies. So the Israelites started praising David. When the King saw this, he was jealous and tried to kill David. For 15 years David hid from the eyes of the king and when the king died, the Israelites made David king. He made his palace in the Jerusalem. God sent another person like Samuel to David and said, "David, I have chosen you when you were small. I have killed your enemies and kept you safe. I will make your descendents' name famous. Your descendent will make a temple for me and his kingdom will last forever."

And David offered a prayer of thanks to God.

In this way, God chose David and gave him promise of the Eternal Kingdom.

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गरे र उनलाई मार्न खोजे । तर पन्ध्र वर्षसम्म दाऊद राजा देखि भागेर हिँडे तर जब राजा मरे इस्राएलीहरूले दाऊदलाई राजा बनाए र उनले आफ्नो दरबार यरुशलेममा बनाए । परमेश्वरले शमूएल जस्तै अर्को व्यक्तिलाई दाऊद कहाँ पठाउनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “दाऊद मैले तँलाई तँ सानो छँदा देखि नै चुनेको छु । तँलाई सुरक्षा दिई तेरो शत्रुहरूलाई नाश गरेको छु । अब तेरो सन्तानको नाउँ प्रसिद्ध गराउने छु । तेरो सन्तानले मेरो निम्ति मन्दिर बनाउने छ । तेरो सन्तानको राज्य सदा सर्वदाको निम्ति स्थिर रहनेछ ।” अनि दाऊदले परमेश्वरलाई धन्यवादको प्रार्थना गरे । यसरी परमेश्वरले दाऊदलाई चुन्नुभयो र अनन्त राज्यको बारेमा प्रतिज्ञा पनि दिनुभयो ।

१४ एलियाले सत्य परमेश्वर प्रमाणित गरेका

१ राजा १२:२५-३०, १७:१, १८:१६-४६

दाऊदले धेरै वर्षसम्म इस्राएलमा राज्य गरे । त्यसपछि उनका छोराको राज्य गरे । परमेश्वरको मन्दिर बनाइनेजेल उनी उहाँमा आज्ञाकारी भए । तर पछि परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गर्न थाले । उनको मृत्युपछि इस्राएल देश उत्तर र दक्षिण गरी दुई भागमा विभाजन भयो । धेरै समयपछि उत्तरी देशका राजाले भने, “हे इस्राएलका मानिसहरु हो हामीलाई मिश्रबाट छुटाएर ल्याएका देवताहरु त यहाँ पो छन् ?” भनी सुनको बाछ्छो बनाएर पूजा गर्न थाले । साथै बाल देवताको पूजा गरे ।

परमेश्वरले त्यसैकारण उहाँको कुरा मानिसहरुलाई बताइदिने एलिया नाउँ गरेका एकजना मानिसलाई उत्तरी देशका राजा कहाँ पठाउनुभयो । उनले राजालाई भने, “केही वर्षभरि यहाँ शीत, पानी केही पनि पर्ने छैन ।” तब उनले भनेजस्तै भयो । सबै खोलाहरु सुके, सबै ठाउँहरुमा अनिकाल भयो त्यसैकारण राजाले एलियालाई बोलाएर भने, “किन तिमी हामीहरुलाई दुःख दिन्छौ ?” एलियाले जवाफ दिए, “परमेश्वरको व्यवस्थालाई त्यागेर बाल देवताको पछि लागेको कारण तपाईंहरुले दुःख पाउनुभएको हो । अब तपाईंले बाल देवताको पक्षमा बोल्ने मानिसहरुलाई डाँडामा बोलाउनुहोस् ।” तब राजाले सबै मानिसहरुलाई बोलाए र एलिया सबैको बीचमा उभिए र भने, “ए मानिसहरु तिमीहरु किन दोधारमा रहन्छौ ? यदि परमप्रभु नै परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ भने उहाँलाई पछ्याओ तर यदि बाल परमेश्वर हो भने त्यसलाई पछ्याओ ।”

त्यहाँ चार सय पचास जना बालको पक्षमा बोल्ने मानिसहरु पनि थिए । अनि एलियाले तिनीहरुलाई भने, “हामीहरु एउटा-एउटा वेदी बनाऔं र पशु मारेर दाउरा माथि राखौं तर आगो चाहिँ नलगाऔं । तब तिमीहरु आफ्नो देवता पुकार र म मेरो परमेश्वरलाई पुकार्छु । त्यो सत्य परमेश्वर हो जसले आगोद्वारा जवाफ दिनुहुन्छ ।” सबैले उनको कुरालाई असल भने, तब ती पूजाहारीहरु बालको नाउँ लिएर बिहान देखि दिउँसोसम्म यसरी पुकार्न थाले “हे बाल हामीलाई जवाफ दिनुहोस्, हे बाल हामीलाई जवाफ दिनुहोस्” तर केही पनि जवाफ आएन, उनीहरु वेदीमा घुम्दै नाच्दै ठूलो स्वरले कराउन थाले । तब एलियाले तिनीहरुलाई ठट्टा गर्दै भने, “अभै ठूलो स्वरले कराओ, तिमीहरुको देवता सुतिरहेको होला सायद उठाउन पर्छ होला ।” तब उनीहरु आफ्नै शरीरलाई तरवारले घोचेर

14. Elijah Proves the True God

1 Kings 12:25-30, 17:1; 18:16-43

David was king over Israel for many years. Then his son became the king of Israel and was faithful to God for many years. He even had a temple built for God. But later in life, David's son rejected God. So after his death the kingdom was divided into two parts: the northern kingdom and southern kingdoms. After some time, the king of southern kingdom said to his people, “People of Israel, look: here are the gods that brought you out of Egypt.” So the people began worshipping these golden calves as well as the god named Baal.

Then God sent his spokesman named Elijah to the king of northern kingdom. He said to the king, “There will be neither dew nor rain in next few years.” And it happened as he said. The rivers were dried up and there was famine in the land. Therefore the king called to Elijah, and asked, “Why you have brought troubles upon us?” Elijah replied, “You have brought trouble upon yourselves by worshipping a false god, Baal, and disobeyed the law of God.

“Now you call all the spokesmen of false god Baal to the mountaintop. The king called all people and Elijah stood among them and said, “Oh people! How long will you stay confused? If God of Israel shows that He’s more powerful, then serve him. But if Baal shows his power, then you can serve him instead.” There were 450 of Baal’s spokesmen. Then Elijah told them, “Let us make one alter each, and put a sacrificed animal on firewood of alter, but no one set fire to it. You call upon Baal and I will call upon my God to set the alter on fire, the one who answered our prayer by fire will be the true God.” All agreed with him.

They killed a bull and set it on the altar. They started dancing around the altar and calling out to Baal, asking him to set their sacrifice on fire. They danced around and around but no answer came. Then Elijah said to them, “Maybe Baal is taking a nap. So the 450 spokesmen danced around more and they shouted even louder. They cut themselves and blood was all over the place, but still nothing happened. Then Elijah built an altar. He took a bull, killed it, and the blood flowed out. Then he cut the bull in pieces and put it on the altar. Elijah dug a ditch around the altar and said to some people nearby, “Go get some water and bring it

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रगताम्य बनाई पुकारे तर पनि जवाफ आएन । तब एलियाले सबै मानिसहरूलाई आफू कहाँ बोलाइ वेदी बनाए र दाउरा माथि पशु मारेर राखे र वेदी वरिपरिको खाडल भरिने गरी वेदीमाथि पानी हाल्न लगाए र प्रार्थना गर्न लागे “हे अब्राहाम र इसहाकका परमेश्वर मैले तपाईंको आज्ञा अनुसार गरेको हुँ, मलाई जवाफ दिनुहोस् । मानिसहरूले जानून्, कि तपाईं मात्र एक सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ ।” तब परमेश्वरको आगो बस्यो र वेदीमा भएका सबै थोकहरू भष्म भयो, यो देखेर मानिसहरू घोट्टो परेर कराएर भने, “उहाँ नै सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुँदो रहेछ, उहाँ नै सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुँदो रहेछ ।” अनि डाँडामा एलियाले प्रार्थना गरे अनि परमेश्वरले ठूलो पानी पठाई दिनुभयो । यसरी एलियाले परमप्रभु नै सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ भनी प्रमाणित गरे ।

here and pour it on the sacrifice." So, the people came back and poured the water on the sacrifice. The sacrifice was dripping wet and the trench that Elijah dug was full of water. Elijah got up and said to God, "Oh, God, show these people that you are the one true God. At that moment, fire came down from heaven and destroyed the sacrifice. The people there fell down on the ground and said, "The God of Israel is our God; the God of Israel is our God." Elijah prayed on the mountain and God sent a great rain. In this way, Elizah proved the Lord is true God.

१५ मुक्तिदाताको बारेमा भविष्यवाणी

२ राजा १७:१-२३, २५:१-१२; यशैया ७:१४, ५२:१३-१५, ५३; यर्मिया २३:५-८; मीका ५:३-५

जब परमेश्वरले उत्तरी राज्यको डाँडामा आफ्नो शक्ति देखाउनुभयो । त्यसपछि मानिसहरूले उहाँको आराधना गरे । तर केही समयपछि फेरि सत्य परमेश्वरलाई आराधना गर्न छोडी असत्य देवताहरूलाई पुज्नु सुरु गरे । यसकारण परमेश्वरले विदेशी सेना पठाई दिनुभयो । ती सेनाहरूले तिनीहरू माथि आक्रमण गरी तिनीहरूलाई दास बनाई लगे । त्यस्तै दक्षिणी राज्यका मानिसहरूले कहिले काहीँ परमेश्वरको आराधना गर्थे भने कहिले उहाँको आराधना गर्दैनथे । जब तिनीहरूले सत्य परमेश्वरको आराधना गर्थे, परमेश्वरले तिनीहरूलाई सुरक्षा दिँदै शत्रुहरू माथि विजय दिनुहुन्थ्यो । तर जब मानिसहरू अनाज्ञाकारी हुन्थे तब परमेश्वरले तिनीहरू माथि शत्रुलाई विजय हुन दिनुहुन्थ्यो ।

त्यसै समयमा त्यस राज्यमा यदि मानिसहरूले अरु देवताहरूलाई नै पुजी रहने हो भने उनीहरू माथि के हुन्छ भनी चेतावनी दिन उहाँका कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताइदिने यर्मिया नाउँ गरेका मानिसलाई परमेश्वरले पठाउनुभयो ।

उनले मानिसहरूलाई भने, “परमेश्वरले धेरै पटक तिमीहरूलाई सचेत गराउन उहाँको जन पठाई भन्नुभएको छ । यदि तिमीहरूले असत्य देवतालाई पुज्नु छोडी सत्य परमेश्वरलाई आराधना गरे, तिमीहरूलाई यो भूमिमा रहन दिने कुरा जानकारी गराई सक्नुभएको छ । तर तिमीहरूले अस्वीकार गरेका छौ । यसकारण परमेश्वरले विदेशी सेनाहरूलाई तिमीहरू माथि आक्रमण गर्न दिनुहुनेछ र तिनीहरूले तिमीहरूको देश नष्ट गरी तिमीहरूलाई दास बनाएर लानेछन् । तिमीहरू सबैले दुःख कष्ट भोग्नु पर्नेछ ।”

उनले जस्तो भने त्यस्तै भयो, विदेशी सेनाहरूले त्यो देशलाई घेरे, सबै पर्खालहरू भत्काई दिए र तिनीहरूका राजालाई कब्जामा लिई उनकै सामु उनका छोराहरू मारिदिए र राजदरबार, मन्दिर भत्काई दिए । उनीहरूलाई दास बनाएर लगे ।

यर्मिया जस्तै अर्का दुई जना मानिसहरूले यसरी भनेका थिए, “सबै इस्राएलीहरूलाई तिनीहरूको दुःख कष्टबाट छुटकारा दिने राजा कन्याको गर्भबाट बेथलेहेममा दाऊदको घरानाबाट जन्मनु हुनेछ । उहाँले ज्ञान र सत्यतामा न्यायसँग राज्य गर्नुहुनेछ । उहाँ मानिसहरूको पापको निम्ति मर्नुहुनेछ । उहाँ निर्दोष भएर पनि मानिसका पापको निम्ति छेडिनुहुनेछ, चोटहरू सहनुहुनेछ, त्यो चोटले मानिसहरू निको हुनेछन् ।”

15. Promise of the Coming Savior

After God showed His power on the mountain in the northern kingdom, the people started worshipping Him. But after some time, they again stopped worshipping the true God and started worshipping false gods. So God sent foreign army troops that army attacked and took them to make them slaves. The people of the southern kingdom sometimes worshipped God and sometimes didn't. When they did worship the true God, He protected them and gave them victory over their enemies. But when these people disobeyed God, He used to give their enemies victory over them.

At that time in the kingdom, God sent a man named Jeremiah to speak for Him and warn the Israelites what would happen if they kept on worshipping false gods.

Jeremiah said to people, "God has many times sent His people to make you to understand not to worship false gods. If you stop worshipping false gods and worship the True God, you will be able to stay in this land. But you have ignored His words. So God will allow foreign armies to attack you, destroy your country, make you slaves and take you away. You will all suffer sorrow and hardship."

It happened just as Jeremiah said. Foreign troops captured their country and broke all the walls. They captured their king and killed his sons in front of him. They destroyed the palace and temple. They took the people for slavery.

Two other people like Jeremiah had also spoken like this, "A King who will rescue all Israelis from their sorrows will be born from a virgin's womb in Bethlehem, the decendent of David. He will rule with justice in wisdom and truth. He will live his life as a sacrifice for man's sin. Although being innocent, He will be pierced for people's sin and by His wounds, people will be healed. He will be like a silent lamb led to be slaughtered and He will suffer all things and stay obedient to the death. But God will raise Him alive from death and make him great and powerful over all."

In this way it was told about the Savior many years before His coming

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। उहाँ ऊन कत्रीन लिएको भेडा भैं चुप भएर  
मृत्युसम्मै कष्ट सही आज्ञाकारी रहनु हुनेछ । तर  
परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई मृत्युबाट जीवित पार्नुहुनेछ ।  
सबैभन्दा महान् र शक्तिशाली बनाउनुहुनेछ ।” यसरी  
मुक्तिदाता आउनुभन्दा धेरै वर्ष अगाडि उहाँको बारेमा  
भनियो ।

### १६. येशूको जन्म

यशैया ७:१४, मीका ५:२, लूका १:२६-३८, मत्ती १:१८-२१, लूका २:१-२०

धेरै वर्ष अगाडि परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताइदिने व्यक्तिहरूले भने अनुसार स्वर्गदूतले कन्या मरियम जसको मगनी योसेफसँग भएको थियो, उनी कहाँ गएर भने, "तिमी परमेश्वरको आत्माद्वारा गर्भवती हुनेछौ र बालक जन्माउनेछौ उहाँ महान् हुनुहुनेछ र परमेश्वरको पुत्र कहलाइनु हुनेछ । उहाँले दाऊदको सिंहासनमा राज्य गर्नुहुनेछ, उहाँको राज्यको अन्त कहिल्यै हुनेछैन ।" मरियमले उनले भनेको कुरामा विश्वास गरिन् । तर योसेफले उनी गर्भवती भएको थाहा पाए पछि गुप्तमा त्याग्ने विचार गरे । तर सपनामा स्वर्गदूतले उनलाई भने, "यो सबै परमेश्वरको आत्माबाट भएको हो । त्यसकारण उनलाई स्वीकार गर्न नडराऊ । उनले बालक जन्माउनेछिन् र तिमीले उनको नाउँ येशू राख्नेछौ । किनभने उहाँले आफ्ना मानिसहरूलाई तिनीहरूका पापबाट बचाउनुहुनेछ ।" योसेफले उनलाई स्वीकार गरे ।

त्यसै समयमा त्यहाँका शासकले सबै मानिसहरूलाई नाउँ दर्ता गराउन आ-आफ्नो गाउँमा बोलाएका थिए । त्यसैले उनीहरू पनि दाऊदको शहरमा गए । त्यसै समयमा मरियमको बालक जन्माउने समय आयो । धेरै मानिसहरू भएकोले कहीं बस्ने ठाउँ थिएन । त्यसैले उनीहरू गोठमा बसे, त्यहीं उनले बालक जन्माइन् र लुगाले बेहरेर डुँडमा सुताइन् । नजिकै गोठालाहरू भेडा चराउन बसी रहेका थिए । तिनीहरू कहाँ स्वर्गदूत देखा परे । तिनीहरू डराए तर परमेश्वरको दूतले भने, "नडराओ हेर, म तिमीहरूलाई बडो आनन्दको सुसमाचार सुनाउछु जो सबै मानिसहरूको निम्ति हो । आज दाऊदको शहरमा एउटा मुक्तिदाताको जन्म भएको छ जो ख्रीष्ट प्रभु हुनुहुन्छ । तिमीहरूलाई चिन्न चाहिँ यो हुनेछ तिमीहरूले एउटा बालकलाई लुगाले बेहरेर डुँडमा सुताई रहेको भेटाउने छौ ।"

त्यसैबेला स्वर्गदूतको एक दलले परमेश्वरको महिमा गयो । तब गोठालाहरू हतार-हतार गर्दै त्यहाँ गए, बालकलाई लुगाले बेहरेर डुँडमा सुताई रहेको भेटिए । स्वर्गदूतले भनेको सबै कुराहरू मानिसहरूलाई बताए, यो सुनेर सबै आश्चर्य चकित भए । स्वर्गदूतले जस्तो भनेका थिए त्यस्तै देखेको हुनाले गोठालाहरू परमेश्वरको महिमा र स्तुति गर्दै फर्के ।

### 16. The Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2, Matthew 1:18-21 Luke 1:23-38; 2:1-20

As it was told many years earlier by men who spoke on behalf of God, there was an angel of God that came to the virgin Mary who was engaged to Joseph and said, "You will conceive by the power of God's Spirit and give birth to a baby boy who will be great and known as the Son of God. He will rule on the throne of David and there will be no end to His rule." Mary believed his words. But when Joseph found out that she was pregnant, he considered secretly leaving her. But an angel of God spoke to him in a dream saying, "All these things have come from the Spirit of God. So don't be afraid to accept her. She will give birth to a baby boy and you will name him Jesus, for He will deliver His people from their sin." Joseph accepted her.

At that time, the ruler of that region announced that all people must go to their own village to register for a census. For that, they also went to the town of David called Bethlehem. At that time, Mary's time to give birth to a son arrived. Because of the many people, there was no resting place for them, and so they stayed in a barn. There she gave birth to a son and wrapping him in a cloth, placed him in a manger to sleep. Nearby there were shepherds tending their sheep. An angel of God appeared to them. They were afraid but the angel said, "Do not fear. Look, I announce to you joyful news that is for all people. Today, in the city of David a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped with cloth sleeping in a manger."

At that time, a group of angels glorified God. Then the shepherds hurried and went there and found the baby wrapped in cloth and sleeping in a manger. The shepherds told people all that the angels said and all the listeners were amazed. Having seen everything just as the angels had said, the shepherds returned praising and glorifying God. In this way Christ was born just as God had promised.

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परमेश्वरले प्रतिज्ञा गर्नुभए अनुसार यसरी येशू  
ख्रीष्टको जन्म भयो ।

१७ येशूको बप्तिस्मा र परीक्षा

लूका २:५२, मत्ती ३:१-३,११ र १३,४:१-११, लूका ४:१४ र ३१-४४

येशू जन्मनु भएपछि उहाँ एउटा साधारण बालकभै बुद्धिमा, शरीरमा र परमेश्वरको अनुग्रहमा हुर्कनुभयो । त्यसै समयमा यूहन्ना नाउँ गरेका परमेश्वरको जनले पश्चात्ताप र स्वर्गको राज्यको बारेमा प्रचार गर्दै, मानिसहरूलाई एउटा नदीमा बप्तिस्मा दिँदै येशू खीष्टको बारेमा यसो भने, “म त तिमीहरूलाई पश्चात्तापको लागि पानीले बप्तिस्मा दिन्छु, तर मपछि आउनु हुने मभन्दा शक्तिशाली हुनुहुन्छ र उहाँले पवित्र आत्मा र आगोले बप्तिस्मा दिनुहुन्छ ।” येशू पनि यूहन्ना कहाँ बप्तिस्मा लिन आउनुभयो । उनले यसो भनेर उहाँलाई रोक्न खोजे, “बरु मलाई पो तपाईंबाट बप्तिस्मा लिन आवश्यक छ, के तपाईं म कहाँ आउनु हुने ?” तर येशूले भन्नुभयो, “अहिलेलाई यसै हुन देऊ, यसरी नै हामीहरूले सबै धार्मिकताहरू पूरा गर्नुपर्छ ।” तब यूहन्ना राजी भए । अनि येशूले बप्तिस्मा लिनुभयो । स्वर्गबाट पवित्र आत्मा ढुङ्गाको रूपमा उहाँमाथि ओर्लनुभयो । तब स्वर्गबाट यो आवाज आयो, “यिनी मेरा प्रिय पुत्र हुन्, यिनीसँग म अति प्रसन्न छु ।” तब येशू पवित्र आत्माद्वारा उजाड स्थानमा लगिनुभयो । उहाँ चालीस दिन र चालीस रात उपवास बसेपछि उहाँ भोकाउनुभयो । तब शैतानले परीक्षा गर्दै उहाँलाई भन्यो, “तपाईं परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ भने ढुङ्गाहरूलाई रोटी हुने आज्ञा दिनुहोस् ।” तर येशूले जवाफ दिनुभयो, “धर्मशास्त्रमा लेखिएको छ, मानिस रोटीले मात्र होइन तर परमेश्वरको मुखबाट निस्केको हरेक वचनले बाँच्दछ ।” शैतानले मन्दिरको शिरमा लगेर भन्यो, “तपाईं परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ भने, यहाँबाट तल हाम्फाल्नुहोस् किनभने दूतहरूले तपाईंलाई हात-हातै थाम्ने छन् नत्रता तपाईंको खुट्टा ठोकिनेछ ।” येशूले भन्नुभयो, “लेखिएको छ तैले आफ्नो परमेश्वरको परीक्षा नगर्नु ।” फेरि शैतानले अल्लो डाँडामा लगेर संसारको सबै राज्य र त्यसको वैभव देखाएर भन्यो, “मलाई घोप्टो परेर दण्डवत् गर्नुभयो भने यी सबैथोकहरू म तपाईंलाई दिन्छु ।” येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “शैतान तँ दूर होइजा ! किनकि लेखिएको छ, तैले आफ्ना परमेश्वरलाई दण्डवत् गर्नु र उहाँको मात्र सेवा गर्नु ।” तब शैतान त्यहाँबाट भाग्यो र स्वर्गदूतहरूले उहाँको हेरचाह गरे । येशू पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिमा त्यहाँबाट फर्किनुभयो । सिकाउदै, निको पाउँ र परमेश्वरको सुसमाचार प्रचार गर्न लाग्नुभयो ।

17. Jesus is Baptised and Tested

Matthew 3:1-3,11,13; 4:1-11; Luke 2:52, 3:21-22; 4:14, 31-44

After Jesus was born, like an ordinary boy he grew in body, wisdom and in God's grace. At that time there was man named John who was preaching about repentance and the kingdom of God, baptizing people in a river and saying about Jesus Christ, "I give you baptism only by water but the One coming after me is more powerful than me and will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Jesus also came to John to be baptized in water. John tried to stop Jesus, saying, "You come to me? Instead, I need to be baptised by you." But Jesus said, "For now let this happen. In this way we have to fulfill all righteousness." Then John accepted His word and Jesus took baptism. From heaven, God's Spirit in the form of a dove descended on Him. A voice came from heaven, "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Then Jesus was taken by the Spirit into the wasteland. After fasting from food for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Then Satan came to test him and said, "If you are the Son of God, give the word for these stones to become bread." But Jesus told him, "It is written in the scriptures, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump down because angels will care for you; and in their hands they will keep you up, so that your foot may not be crushed against a stone." Jesus said to him, "It is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again Satan took Jesus to the top of the mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, saying, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then Satan left and angels came and ministered to Him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned back from there and started teaching, healing and spreading the Gospel of God.

### १८ बाह्रजना चेलाहरूको छनोट

लूका ५:१-११ र ६:१२,१३, मार्कस ३:१४-१५

यसरी येशूले परमेश्वरको राज्यको प्रचार गर्दा सुन्नलाई धेरै मानिसहरू ठेलमठेला गरिरहेका थिए । तालको किनारमा येशू उभिरहनुभएको थियो । त्यहाँ दुईजना जालहारीहरू डुङ्गा बाहिर जाल धोइरहेका थिए । ती दुईजना मध्ये उहाँ पत्रुसको डुङ्गामा चढेर किनारबाट पर लैजान लगाउनुभयो र मानिसहरूलाई शिक्षा दिन लाग्नुभयो । शिक्षा दिइसक्नुभएपछि पत्रुसलाई गहिरो ठाउँमा जाल हान्न आज्ञा दिनुभयो । रातभरि मेहनत गरेर एउटै पनि माछा नपाएर थाकेका पत्रुसले उहाँको वचन पालन गर्दै जाल हाने । अनि जब जाल हाने माछा यति धेरै पत्थो कि जाल नै च्यातिएला जस्तो भयो । आफूले नसकेर साथीहरूलाई गुहारे । माछाले भरिएर डुङ्गा नै डुब्ला जस्तो भयो । यो देखेर पत्रुसले भने, "हे प्रभु, यहाँबाट जानुहोस् । म पापी मानिस हुँ ।"

धेरै माछा देखेर उनका साथीहरूले पनि अचम्म माने अनि येशूले पत्रुसलाई भन्नुभयो, "नडराऊ अब देखि तिमिले मानिसहरूलाई पक्रने छौ मेरो पछि लाग" तब तिनीहरूले सबैथोक छोडेर उहाँको पछि लागे । यसरी उहाँले अर्को कर उठाउने व्यक्ति जसलाई मानिसहरूले अति नै घृणा गर्थे उनलाई भन्नुभयो, "मेरो पछि लाग ।" तब सबैथोक छोडी ऊ उहाँको पछि लाग्यो । यसरी नै धेरै मानिसहरू उहाँको पछि लागे । यी दिनमा उहाँ पहाडमा प्रार्थना गर्न जानुभयो र परमेश्वरमा प्रार्थना गर्दै सारा रात बिताउनुभयो । बिहानी पख उहाँले आफ्ना चेलाहरूलाई बोलाएर तिनीहरूमध्ये बाह्र जनालाई आफूसँग रहन र प्रचार गर्न छान्नुभयो । तिनीहरूलाई सबै किसिमका रोगहरू निको पार्ने र भूत निकाल्ने अधिकार पनि दिनुभयो । यसरी येशूले बाह्रजना चेलाहरूलाई छान्नुभयो ।

### 18. Jesus Chooses 12 Disciples

Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-13; Mark 3:14-15

As Jesus was proclaiming the kingdom of God, many people were gathering around to listen. When Jesus was standing at a lakeside, there were two fisherman cleaning their nets beside their boats. Jesus sat in the boat of the one named Peter and told him to take him farther from shore, and He started teaching the people. After teaching, He ordered Peter to throw his net in the deepest part of the lake. Peter was getting tired because he had tried all night but hadn't caught any fish, but he accepted His word and threw his net in the water. They got such a great number of fish that it seemed as if his net would break. He signalled to his friends to help him. The fish covered the boat and it looked like it would sink.

After seeing this Peter said to Jesus, "Oh Lord, go away from me. I am a sinner." When his friends saw so many fish they were surprised. Jesus said to Peter, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will catch men." After this, Peter left his work and followed Him. He also met a person who used to collect taxes from the people. They really hated him. Jesus said to him, "Follow me!" After that, he also left all his things and followed Jesus. In this way, many people followed Jesus. He went to the mountain to pray and spent all night praying to God. The next morning, Jesus called all his followers and among them chose twelve disciples to be with Him and to preach. He gave them authority to cast out demonic spirits and to heal all sorts of diseases. In this way, Jesus chose His twelve disciples.

### १९ येशूले आँधीलाई शान्त पार्नुभयो

मत्ती ८:२३-२६ लूका ८:२२-२५

येशूले धेरै मानिसहरूलाई परमेश्वरको राज्यको बारेमा सिकाउनुभयो । अनि चेलाहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “हामी डुङ्गामा चढेर पारिपट्टि जाऔं ।” जाँदै गर्नुहुँदा येशू डुङ्गामा निदाउनुभयो । एक्कासी त्यहाँ आँधी हुरी आयो । डुङ्गालाई छालले हान्न लाग्यो । डुङ्गा पानीले भरिन लाग्यो र चेलाहरू आपतमा परे । आँत्तिदै, चिच्याउँदै येशूलाई व्यूँझाए र उहाँलाई भन्न लागे, “गुरुज्यू, गुरुज्यू हामीलाई बचाउनुहोस् । हामी डुबेर नष्ट हुन लाग्यौं ।” येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरू किन डराउँदछौ ? तिमीहरूको विश्वास कहाँ गयो ?” तब उठेर उहाँले बतास र समुद्रलाई हकानुभयो र आँधी बिलकुल शान्त भयो । यो देखेर तिनीहरू छक्क परेर भने, “यिनी त कस्ता मानिस हुन् ? बतास र समुद्रले पनि यिनको आज्ञा मान्दरहेछन् !”

यसरी उहाँले आँधीलाई शान्त पारी उहाँमा भएको प्रकृति माथिको अधिकारलाई पनि देखाउनुभयो ।

### 19. Jesus Calms the Storm

Matthew 8:23-26, Luke 8:22-25

Jesus taught many people about the Kingdom of God. And he said to His disciples, "Let's take a boat to the other side of the lake." As they were going, Jesus fell asleep in the boat. Suddenly a wind storm came. The waves started hitting the boat, the boat filled full of water and they were in trouble. They became very afraid and awakened Jesus shouting, "Master, Master save us! We are going to be destroyed!" Jesus said to them, "Why you are afraid? Where did your faith go?" Then He got up and rebuked the wind and water and they ceased and became calm. When the disciples saw this they were astonished and said, "What kind of person is this that even the winds and water obey Him?"

In this way He calmed the storm and showed His authority over nature.

२० भूत आत्मामाथि येशूको अधिकार  
मर्कूस ५:१-२०

आँधीलाई शान्त पार्नुभए पछि येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग समुद्रको पारिपट्टिको गाउँमा आउनुभयो । त्यहाँ उहाँले एउटा भूत लागेको मानिसलाई भेटनुभयो । त्यो चिहानहरु हुँदो बस्दथ्यो । धेरै पल्ट मानिसहरुले नेल र साङ्गलाले बाँधेका थिए तर त्यसले साङ्गलाले टुक्रा-टुक्रा पारेर छिनाल्थ्यो । कसैले त्यसलाई वशमा राख्न सक्दैनथ्यो त्यो रात-दिन सधैं चिहानहरु र डाँडाहरुमा कराउँदै आफूले आफैलाई दुङ्गले चिथोर्दै शरीर रक्तामै बनाई हिड्दथ्यो । येशूलाई भेटेपछि उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “ए अशुद्ध आत्मा त्यसबाट निस्कआइज ।” तब उसले दण्डवत् गर्दै ठूलो स्वरले चिच्याएर भन्यो, “हे सर्वोच्च परमेश्वरका पुत्र येशू तपाईंको मसँग के सरोकार बिन्ती गर्छु मलाई दुःख नदिनुहोस् ।” अनि येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “तेरो नाउँ के हो ?” त्यसले भन्यो, “मेरो नाउँ त फौज हो, किनकि हामी धेरै छौं ।” ती भूत आत्माहरुले त्यो क्षेत्रबाट बाहिर नपठाउनुहोस् भनी बिन्ती गर्थे । त्यहीँ नजिकै डाँडामा सुँगुरहरुको एउटा ठूलो बगाल चरिरहेका थिए । भूत आत्माले उहाँसँग सुँगुर भित्र जान दिनुहोस् भनेर बिन्ती गर्थे । येशूले अनुमति दिनुभयो । भूत आत्मा मानिसबाट निस्केर सुँगुरहरु भित्र पसे । सुँगुरहरु भीरबाट खसेर समुद्रमा डुबेर मरे । सुँगुर चराउनेहरु भागेर गाउँ-गाउँ र शहरमा गएर त्यहाँ भएका सबै कुराहरु मानिसहरुलाई बताए ।

यो सुनेर मानिसहरु हेर्नलाई त्यहाँ आउँदा साङ्गलाले बाँधेर वशमा राख्न नसक्ने मानिस चुप लागेर बसेको देखी तिनीहरु डराएर येशूलाई त्यहाँबाट अन्तै गइदिनुहोस् भनी बिन्ती गर्न लागे । उहाँ जान लाग्नुहुँदा भूत आत्माबाट छुटकारा पाएको मानिसले उहाँसँगै जाने इच्छा गर्थे । तर उहाँले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमी आफ्नो घरमा गएर तिम्रा परिवार र मित्रहरुलाई प्रभुले तिम्रो निम्ति गर्नुभएको महान् काम र ठूलो दयाको बारेमा बताउ ।” त्यो मानिस त्यहाँबाट गयो र येशूले गर्नुभएको महान् कामको विषयमा आफन्तहरु साथै दश वटा शहरहरुमा बतायो । यो सुन्नेर मानिसहरुले अचम्म माने । यसरी येशूले भूत आत्मामाथि अधिकार देखाउनुभयो ।

## 20. Jesus Overcomes Demonic Power

Mark 5:1-20

After calming the storm, Jesus came with His disciples to the village crossing the lake. He met a certain man who had demons. He used to live among the tombs. Many times people tried to keep him under control by binding him with chains, but nobody was able to control him. He used to shout and walk around the tomb and the mountains everyday and injured himself, scratching himself by the sharp stones until he was bloody. When he met Jesus he shouted and said to Him, “Jesus, Son of the Highest God? What have I to do with you, I request you please don't bother me.” Because Jesus said him before “Unclean spirit come out of this man.” Jesus asked him, What is your name? “He said, ”My name is Legion because we are many” He begged Him not to command them out to leave. There was a great herd of pigs in that place in the mountain . The evil spirit begged Him to go into a pigs. Then God sent the evil spirits into the pigs. When the evil spirits went out from the man, the pigs went down to the lake and drowned and died. The men who took care of pigs ran and went to the village and city to tell the news to all the people.

When the people heard this news they came to that place and they saw the uncontrollable man whom they had tried binding with chains sitting quietly so they were afraid and requested Jesus to leave that place. As Jesus started to go, the man delivered of the evil spirit wished to go along. But Jesus said to him, "Go to your home and tell your family and friends what great things God did and the great grace you found. The man went from there and told his family and relatives about the great things Jesus did in his life, and also went to 10 cities. Those who heard him were amazed. In this way Jesus showed His authority over evil spirits.

### २१. येशूले पाप क्षमा गर्नुभयो

लूका ५: १७-२६

धेरै रोगी बिरामीहरूलाई येशूले निको पार्नुभयो । मानिसहरूले यो देखेका थिए कतिले सुनेका थिए । एक दिन येशू एउटा घरमा शिक्षा दिइरहनु भएको थियो । त्यहाँ विभिन्न ठाउँहरूबाट मानिसहरू आएका थिए । त्यसैबेला एउटा हात, गोडा केही पनि नचल्ने बिरामीलाई चार जनाले बोकेर त्यहाँ ल्याए । धेरै मानिसहरूको भीड भएकोले तिनीहरूले बिरामीलाई येशू कहाँसम्म पुऱ्याउन नसक्दा उहाँ बस्नु भएको घरको छानो खोलेर त्यो बिरामीलाई ऊ सुतेको खाटसमेत तल ओरालिदिए । तिनीहरूको विश्वास देखेर येशूले त्यस बिरामीलाई भन्नुभयो, “ए छोरा, तिम्रा पापहरू क्षमा भए ।” तर त्यहाँ केही आफैलाई धर्मी सम्झने मानिसहरू पनि थिए । तिनीहरूले मनमनै यस्तो विचार गरे, “परमेश्वरले बाहेक कसले पाप क्षमा गर्न सक्छ ? यो मानिसले ईश्वर निन्दा गर्नुभयो ।” येशूले तुरुन्तै तिनीहरूको यस्तो विचार आत्मामा थाहा पाएर भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरू किन यस्तो विचार गर्छौ ? त्यो बिरामीलाई तिम्रा पापहरू क्षमा भए भन्नु कि तिम्रो खाट उठाएर हिँड भन्नु सजिलो छ ? तर मलाई पृथ्वीमा पाप क्षमा गर्ने अधिकार छ भनी तिमीहरूले जान ।” अनि त्यो बिरामीलाई भन्नुभयो, “उठ र खाट बोकेर घर जाऊ ।” त्यो त्यहाँबाट गई हाल्यो । त्यहाँ भएका मानिसहरू आश्चर्य चकित भए र हामीले कहिल्यै यस्तो देखेका थिएनौं भन्दै परमेश्वरको महिमा गरे । यसरी येशूले उहाँ मानिसहरूको पाप क्षमा गर्न आउनुभएको कुरा तिनीहरूलाई बुझाउनुभयो ।

### 21. Jesus Heals and Forgives Sin

Luke 5:17-26

Jesus healed many sick people. People had seen and heard about this. One day Jesus was in a house teaching. There many people had come from various places. At that time, four men brought a sick man who was unable to use his hands or legs. Because there was a crowd of many people and they were unable to bring the sick man to Jesus, they opened the flat roof of the house where Jesus was sitting and lowered down the sick man along with his bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the sick man, "Son, I have forgiven your sins." But there were also some men there who thought of themselves as righteous. They thought in their hearts, "Who can forgive sin except God? This man is against God." Jesus immediately knew in His spirit the thoughts of those men and said, "Why are you thinking like this? Is it easy to tell that man, 'your sin has been forgiven' or to say, 'take your bed and go'?" But so that they knew He had all authority to forgive sin on earth, Jesus said to the sick man, "Get up, take your bed and go home!" Then the sick man got up and went from there. All the people there were amazed and glorified God, saying to each other, "We have never seen this sort of thing before!" In this way, Jesus showed people that He came to forgive people's sins.

२२. येशूले मृतकबाट जीवित पार्नुभएको  
यूहन्ना ११:१-४४

येशू पहिले यूहन्नाले बपतिस्मा दिएको ठाउँ तिर जानुभयो र त्यहीं बस्नुभयो । त्यहाँ धेरै मानिसहरूले उहाँ माथि विश्वास गरे । त्यसै समयमा एकजना मानिस त्यहाँ आएर उहाँलाई भने, “हे प्रभु तपाईंले अति नै माया गर्ने तपाईंका मित्र सिकिस्त बिरामी परेका छन् । मलाई उनका दिदीहरूले तपाईंलाई यो खबर दिन बोलाएका हुन् ।” यो समाचार सुनेको केही दिनपछि येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग बिरामी मित्रलाई भेट्न जानुभयो । जाँदै गर्दा चेलाहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “मेरो मित्र त मरिसकेका छन् तर पनि हामी त्यहाँ जाऔं ।” येशू मित्रको गाउँमा पुग्नुभयो ।

उहाँ त्यहाँ पुग्दा तिनलाई चिहानमा राखेको चार दिन भई सकेको थियो । शोकमा परेका तिनका दिदीहरूलाई सान्त्वना दिन धेरै मानिसहरू त्यहाँ आएका थिए । येशू पनि आइरहनुभएको छ भन्ने सुनेर जेठी दिदी गइन् र उहाँलाई भेटिन् र उहाँलाई भनिन्, “तपाईं यहाँ हुनुभएको भए त मेरो भाइ मर्ने थिएन तर मलाई थाहा छ, तपाईंले परमेश्वरसँग जे माग्नुहुन्छ, उहाँले तपाईंलाई दिनुहुन्छ ।” येशूले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमी भाइ फेरि जीवित हुनेछ” तर उनले आफ्नो बौरी उठाइमा जीवित हुने कुरा बुझिन् । फेरि येशूले भन्नुभयो, “बौरी उठाउने र जीवन दिने म नै हुँ । मलाई विश्वास गर्ने मर्त्यो भने पनि जीवित हुनेछ । ममा जिउने र ममाथि विश्वास गर्ने प्रत्येक कहिल्यै मर्नेछैन । के तिमि विश्वास गर्छौं ?” तिनले भनिन्, “हो प्रभु म विश्वास गर्छु, तपाईं संसारमा आउनुहुने खीष्ट, परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ ।” तब उनी गएर आफ्नी बैनीलाई सुटुक्क बोलाइन् । उनीहरू त्यहाँ आए । त्यहाँ सबैजना रोइरहेका थिए ।

यो देखेर येशू पनि रुनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “मेरो मित्रलाई कहाँ राखेका छौं ।” तिनीहरूले भने, “प्रभु आएर हेर्नुहोस् ।” त्यहाँ हुनेहरूले भने, “अन्धालाई आँखा खोलिदिनेले यो मानिसलाई मर्न देखि बचाउन सक्ने थिएन र ?” येशू अति दुःखित भएर चिहानमा जानुभयो । चिहानको मुख ढुङ्गाले ढाकेको थियो । येशूले भन्नुभयो, “ढुङ्गा हटाओ ।” मृतककी दिदीले भनिन्, “प्रभु यस बेलासम्म त गन्हाउन लागिस्क्यो होला किनकि आज चार दिन भैसक्यो ।” येशूले भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरूले विश्वास गर्नु भए परमेश्वरको महिमा देख्नेछौं ।” तिनीहरूले ढुङ्गा हटाए । येशूले माथितिर हेरी

22. Jesus Raises the Dead to Life

John 11:1-44

Jesus went to the place where John had baptized Him and stayed there. There many people believed in Him. At that time, a man came to Jesus and said, "Oh Lord, the one you love so much, your friend, has a very serious illness and his sisters sent me to give this news to you. Several days after hearing this news, Jesus went with His disciples to meet His sick friend. As they were walking, He said to His disciples, "My friend has already died but let us go nevertheless. Jesus reached his friend's village.

When He arrived there, the dead body had been in the tomb four days already. Many people had come to give sympathy to the dead man's sisters. Hearing that Jesus was also coming, the oldest sister went to Jesus, and meeting Him she said, "If you were here my brother would not have died, but I know whatever you ask of God, He will give to you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will be alive again," but she understood it to mean her own resurrection from the dead. Again Jesus said, "I am the One giving life and raising the dead. Whoever believes in Me, although they die, will live again. Anyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said, "Yes, Lord I believe you are the Christ that came to this world, the Son of God." Then she went and secretly called her younger sister. They went there. All the people were crying.

Seeing this, Jesus also was sorrowful and said, "Where you have put my friend?" They said, "Lord come and see." The people there said, "The man who opened the eyes of the blind couldn't save this man who died?" With great grief, Jesus went to the tomb. The tomb entrance was covered with a stone. Jesus said, "Remove the stone!" The sister of the dead man said, "Lord, by this time the dead body may have started to smell because it's been four days already." Jesus said, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." They removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father God, thank you that you hear my request. May the people here know that you only have sent me." Then in a loud voice He called, "Friend, come out!" Instantly the man came out bound in his burial clothes. Jesus said, "Free him from all the bindings and let him go." In this way, Jesus raised the dead to life.

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भन्नुभयो, “परमेश्वर पिता तपाईंलाई धन्यवाद, तपाईंले मेरो बिन्ती सुन्नुहुन्छ । यहाँ भएका मानिसहरूले थाहा पाउनु कि तपाईंले नै मलाई पठाउनुभएको हो ।” त्यसपछि उहाँले ठूलो स्वरमा भन्नुभयो, “मित्र ! बाहिर निस्की आऊ ।” त्यो मृत मानिस कपडाले बाँधिएको अवस्थामा नै बाहिर आयो । येशूले भन्नुभयो, “त्यसको बन्धनहरू खोलिदेओ र त्यसलाई जान देओ” यसरी येशूले मरेको मानिसलाई पुनःजीवित पार्नुभयो ।

### २३. हराएको छोरा

लूका १५:१-२, ११-३२

ती दिनहरूमा प्रभु येशूले छोटो र सरल कथाहरू मानिसहरूलाई भनेर शिक्षा दिइरहनुभएको थियो । उहाँको शिक्षा सुन्नलाई कर उठाउनेहरू र पापी मानिसहरू उहाँको पछि लागेका थिए । यो देखेर त्यहाँ केही आफैलाई धर्मी सम्झने मानिसहरूले येशूलाई यो मानिसले त पापी मानिसहरूलाई स्वीकार गर्दो रहेछ र तिनीहरूसँग बसेर खाँदो रहेछ भनी गनगन गरे । त्यसैकारण येशूले तिनीहरूलाई एउटा छोटो र सरल कथा भन्नुभयो, “एकजना मानिसका दुईजना छोराहरू थिए । एकदिन कान्छो चाहिँ छोरोले आफ्नो बाबुलाई भन्यो, “बुबा, मेरो भागमा आउने जति सम्पत्ति मलाई दिनुहोस् ।” तब तिनले सम्पत्ति बाँढिदिए ।

तर धेरै दिन बित्दा नबित्दै कान्छो छोरोले आफ्नो सबै सम्पत्ति लिएर टाढा अर्कै देशमा गयो । त्यहाँ गएर मोज मस्ती गरेर सबै सम्पत्ति उडायो । त्यसै समयमा ऊ गएको देशमा ठूलो अनिकाल पयो । आफूसँग भएको सबै पैसा सकिएपछि उसको जीवनमा दुःख, कष्ट र अभाव हुन थाल्यो । त्यसैले उसले त्यसै देशमा बस्ने एकजना मानिससँग काम माग्यो । त्यो मानिसले उसलाई सुँगुर चराउने काम दियो । कसैले पनि उसलाई खानेकुरा नदिएकोले त्यही सुँगुरको चारो खाएर आफ्नो पेट भर्न चाहन्थ्यो ।

यसरी भन् दिन प्रतिदिन उसको जीवनमा दुःख, कष्ट बढ्न थाल्यो । एकदिन उसको चेत खुल्यो र उसले भन्यो, “मेरो बाबुको घरमा ज्याला गर्ने र नोकरहरूले खाना खाएर पनि उर्बाछन् । तर म त यहाँ भोकभोकै मर्न लागि रहेछु । म अब घर फर्कनेछु र मैले गरेको गल्तीको निमित्त बुवासँग क्षमा माग्नेछु ।” अनि ऊ घर फर्कियो ।

तर यता उसको बाबुले छोरा आउला कि भनेर बाटो हेरिरहेका थिए । उनले कान्छो छोरोलाई टाढाबाट आइरहेको देखे र उनको मन दयाले भरियो । उनी खुशी हुँदै दौडदै गए । अनि अंगालो हालेर तिनलाई चुम्बन गरे । तर छोरोले भन्यो, “बुबा मैले स्वर्गको विरुद्धमा र तपाईंको दृष्टिमा पाप गरेको छु, म तपाईंको छोरा भनिन योग्यको छैन । अब मलाई तपाईंको एउटा नोकर बनाएर राख्नुहोस् ।” तर बुबाले आफ्ना नोकरलाई भने, “भट्टै गएर मेरो छोरोलाई राम्रो

### 23. Story of Lost Son

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

In those days Jesus used to teach telling short and simple stories. Sinners and tax collectors followed him listened to his stories. Some self-righteous and religious leaders complained, saying Jesus associate with sinners and eats and drinks with them. Therefore Jesus told them a short and simple story, “there was a man who had two sons. One day the younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off to a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to the fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘how many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he still long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Then son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But his father said to his servant, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fatted animal and killed it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come’ he

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कपडा, सुनको औंठी र जुत्ता लगाइदो । एउटा बलियो पशु काटेर भोज तयार गर । हामी सबैले आनन्द मनाऔं किनकि मेरो छोरो मरेको थियो फेरि जीवित भएको छ, हराएको थियो पाइएको छ” तब तिनीहरु सबैले आनन्द मनाउन थाले ।

ती मानिसका जेठो छोरा खेतबाट काम गरेर घरको नजिकै आइपुग्दा त्यसले नाँचगानको आवाज सुन्यो र त्यहाँ के भइरहेको छ भनी नोकरसँग सोध्यो । नोकरले “तपाईंको भाइ फर्केर आएको खुशीमा तपाईंको बुबाले भोज गर्नुभएको हो” भनेपछि ऊ रिसायो र भित्र जान मानेन । बाबु त्यहाँ आएर उसलाई मनाउन लागे । तर उसले भन्यो, “हेर्नुहोस्, यतिका वर्ष मैले तपाईंको सेवा गरिरहेको छु, अनि तपाईंको आज्ञा कहिल्यै उल्लङ्घन गरिनँ, तापनि तपाईंले मलाई साथीहरूसँग रमाइलो गर्न एउटा सानो पाठो पनि दिनुभएन तर तपाईंको सबै सम्पत्ति वेश्याहरूसँग उडाउने यो छोरो आउँदा चाहिँ पशु काटेर भोज लगाउने ।”

तब बाबुले उनलाई भने, “छोरा तँ त सँधै मसँगै छस् अनि मेरो सबै सम्पत्ति तेरै हो । तर तेरो भाइ मरेको थियो फेरि जीवित भएको छ, हराएको थियो पाइएको छ त्यसैले हामी सबैले आनन्द र खुशी मनाउनुपर्छ ।” येशूले ती मानिसहरूलाई यो कथाद्वारा यसरी पश्चात्ताप गर्ने एकजना मानिसको लागि परमेश्वरका स्वर्गदूतहरूका सामुन्ने अति नै आनन्द हुन्छ भनी सिकाउनुभयो र उहाँ धर्मीहरूलाई होइन तर पापीहरूलाई बचाउन आउनुभएको हो भनी बुझाउनुभयो ।

replied, ‘And your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I have been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders.’ Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you killed the fatted animal for him!’

“My son, ‘the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we must celebrate and be glade, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ Through this story Jesus taught them there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner than over one who has not strayed. Jesus showed that he did not come to save the righteous, but sinners.

### २४. धनी मानिस र गरीब मानिस

मर्कस ४:३३-३४; लूका १६:१९-३१

सँधै येशूले मानिसहरूलाई कथाद्वारा सिकाउनुहुन्थ्यो । यसरी कथा सिकाउने क्रममा येशूले भन्नुभयो, “एकजना धनी मानिस थियो । ऊ सँधै महंगो-महंगो कपडा लगाउथ्यो र मिठो-मिठो खाना खाएर सँधै मोजमस्ती गरेर बस्थ्यो । मानिसहरूले उसको ढोकामा एकजना गरीब मानिसलाई ल्याएर राखिदिन्थे । उसले त्यो धनी मानिसले खाई नसकेर फालेको टुक्राटाक्री खाएर आफ्नो पेट भर्ने इच्छा गर्थ्यो । कुकुरहरूले पनि उसको घाउहरू चाट्थे ।

केहीवर्षपछि त्यो गरीब मानिस मर्‍यो । स्वर्गदूतहरूले उसलाई स्वर्गमा अब्राहामको साथमा लगेर राखे । अनि त्यो धनी मानिस पनि मर्‍यो र गाडियो । त्यो नरकमा पुग्यो र त्यहाँ कठोर कष्ट भोगिरहेको बेलामा उसले आफ्नो आँखा उठाएर हेर्‍यो र टाढामा अब्राहाम र उनको साथमा त्यो गरीब मानिसलाई देख्यो । अनि उसले कराएर भन्‍यो, “हे पिता अब्राहाम, म माथि दया गरेर त्यो मानिसलाई म कहाँ पठाइदिनुहोस् । मलाई यहाँ आगोको ज्वालामा भयङ्कर वेदना र कष्ट भइरहेको छ । त्यसले आफ्नो औँलाको टुप्पो पानीमा चोपेर मेरो जिब्रोमा खसाली शीतल पारिदेओस् ।”

तर अब्राहामले भने, “छोरा, याद गर, तैले आफ्नो जीवनकालमा धेरै मोज मस्ती गरिस् र त्यसै गरी यो मानिसले दुःखैदुःख भोग्यो । त्यो अहिले यहाँ आराममा छ तँ चाहिँ कष्टमा छस् । यहाँबाट त्यहाँ जान नसकोस् र त्यहाँबाट पनि कोही यहाँ आउन नसकोस् भनेर तिमीहरूको बीचमा एउटा गहिरो धाँदो छ ।” उसले भन्‍यो, “यसैकारण यो मानिसलाई मेरो घरमा पठाइदिनुहोस् किनकि मेरो पाँचजना भाइहरू छन् र त्यसले गएर तिनीहरूलाई चेतावनी देओस् नत्रता तिनीहरू पनि यो कष्टमा आउलान् ।” तर उसलाई अब्राहामले भने, “तिनीहरूसँग पवित्र धर्मशास्त्र छ । तिनीहरूले त्यो पढ्नु र सुनुनु ।” तर उसले भन्‍यो, “होइन पिता मरेका कोही एकजना तिनीहरूकहाँ गयो भनेता तिनीहरूले पश्चात्ताप गर्नेछन् ( त्यसको कुरा सुनेर आफैलाई सुधार्ने छन्) ।” अब्राहामले उसलाई भने, “पवित्र धर्मशास्त्रका कुरा सुन्दैनन् भने मृतकबाट कोही जीवित भए पनि तिनीहरूले विश्वास गर्दैनन् ।”

### 24 Rich Man and Poor Man

Mark 4: 33-34; Luke 16:19-31

Jesus used to teach people through stories. He told one story to them, "There was one rich man. He used to enjoy his life and dress with expensive clothes eating delicious foods. There was a certain poor man whom people used to bring and keep at the door of this rich man. He used to eat the scraps from the rich man's food. Dogs would lick his sores.

After some years that poor man died. Angels took him to Abraham in the heaven. The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell and there he suffered with great pain. He lifted up his eyes where he saw Abraham far away and Lazarus with him. He cried and said, "O Father Abraham, please have mercy on me and send that man to me. I am here in the flame of fire, suffering with great pain. Let him put the tip of his finger in water and put it on my tongue to cool me.

But Abraham said, "Son, remember, in your life time you enjoyed many good things but the poor man had sorrowful life. Now he is comforted here with me and you are tormented. There is deep chasm between us so that no one could go there nor come out from there. He said, "Please send this man to my home because I have five brothers; May he go and warn them; otherwise they will also come in this painful place."

But Abraham said, "They have the holy scriptures with them: let them listen from there."

Then the rich man said, "If someone came to them from the dead, they would repent. They will listen to him and correct themselves." Abraham said to him, " If they don't hear from the Holy Scripture then they will also not believe even if someone comes back from the dead.

२५. येशूको चेलाहरूसँग अन्तिम भोज

लूका २२:१-२७ र ३९

त्यतिबेला छुटकाराको चाडको समय थियो जुन चाड मोशाको समयमा इस्राएलीहरु मिश्र देशमा हुँदा शुद्ध थुमाको बलिदान गरी रगत ढोकाको चौकोसमा लगाएर दण्डबाट बाँचेको कुरा र दासत्वबाट छुटकारा पाएको कुराको सम्झना गर्दै उनीहरुले मनाउने गर्थे । छुटकाराको चाडको थुमा बलि चढाउनु पर्थ्यो । येशूले पत्रुस र अर्का एकजना चेलालाई भन्नुभयो, “जाओ र गएर हाम्रा निम्ति छुटकाराको चाडको भोजन तयार गर ।” तिनीहरुले उहाँलाई भने, “हामी यो भोजन कहाँ तयार गरौं ?” उहाँले तिनीहरुलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरु शहरमा पुगेपछि गाग्रोमा पानी बोक्ने एउटा मानिसले तिमीहरुलाई भेट्नेछ । त्यो जुन घरमा पस्छ त्यहाँसम्म त्यसको पछि लाग । तिनले तिमीहरुलाई उनको घरको माथिल्लो कोठा देखाउने छन् र त्यहीँ तयार गर ।”

तिनीहरु गएर उहाँले भन्नु भए भै भेट्टाए र तिनीहरुले छुटकाराको चाडको तयारी गरे । अनि जब बेला आयो तब उहाँ बाह्र जना चेलाहरूसँग भोजन गर्न बस्नुभयो । उहाँले तिनीहरुलाई भन्नुभयो, “मैले दुःख भोग्नुभन्दा अघि नै यो चाडको भोजन तिमीहरूसँग खाने ठूलो इच्छा गरेको थिएँ । किनकि म तिमीहरुलाई भन्दछु, परमेश्वरको राज्य पूरा नहोउजेल म यो भोजन फेरि खाने छैन ।” तिनीहरुले भोजन खाइरहेको बेला येशूले रोटी लिनुभयो र आशिर्वाद दिनुभए पछि त्यो भाँच्नुभयो र चेलाहरुलाई दिनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “लेओ र खाओ यो मेरो शरीर हो ।” तब कचौरा पनि लिएर धन्यवाद दिई उहाँले तिनीहरुलाई यसो भनेर दिनुभयो, “तिमीहरु सबै यसबाट पिओ किनभने यो नयाँ करारको मेरो रगत हो । जहिले जहिले यो पिउनेछौ मेरो सम्झनामा अक्सर गर ।” किनकि उहाँले संसारको पाप उठाइ लैजाने परमेश्वरको थुमाको रुपमा आफ्नो जीवन दिन लागि रहनुभएको थियो ।

अब चेलाहरुमा तिनीहरुमध्ये सबैभन्दा प्रमुख को गनिने भनी विवाद हुन लाग्यो । उहाँले तिनीहरुलाई भन्नुभयो, “अन्य जातिहरुका राजाहरुले तिमीहरुमाथि प्रभुत्व गर्छन् र तिनीहरुमाथि अधिकार चलाउनेहरु उपकारी भनिन्छन् । तर तिमी चाहिँ यस्तो होओ । तिमीहरुमध्ये जो ठूलो छ, त्यो सानो बनोस् र अगुवा हुनेले चाहिँ सेवा गरोस् । किनकि ठूलो को हो ? भोजन खान बस्ने कि सेवा गर्ने ? के भोजन खान बस्ने होइन ? तर म तिमीहरुका बीचमा एकजना सेवा गर्ने जस्तै छु ।” यसपछि येशूले अरु कुराहरु पनि

25. The Last Supper

Luke 22:1-27, 39

That time it was the season of Passover. From the time of Moses they had to celebrated in remembrance of deliverance of slavery and how the Israelites were spared their lives by putting the blood of the lamb on the doorpost in Egypt. The Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus asked Peter and one another disciple, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.” They asked, “Where do you want us to prepare for it.” He replied. “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that enters, he will show you a large upper room all furnished. Make preparations there.”

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them, so they prepared the Passover. When the hour came, Jesus and his disciples reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the Kingdom of God.”

While they were eating, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, gave it to them saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance for me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant of my blood, which is poured out for you.” For he was about to give his life as Lamb of God he who take away sin of the world.

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The king of the gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves benefactors. But you are not to be like that, instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at table? But I am among you as one who serves.” After this Jesus taught many things to them. He went to the mountain with his disciples for prayer as usual.

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भन्तुभयो र सदा भैँ चेलाहरुसँग प्रार्थना गर्न डाँडामा  
जानुभयो ।

२६. येशूको पक्राउ, क्रूसमा मृत्यु र दफन

लूका २२:३९-४८, ५४, ६६-७१

येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग प्रार्थना गरिरहनुभएको थियो तर चेलाहरु चाहिँ निदाइरहेका थिए । उनीहरुका आँखाहरु लोलाएका थिए । तब येशूले तिनीहरुलाई भन्नुभयो, “जागा रहो र प्रार्थना गर, परीक्षामा नपर किनकि मलाई पक्रनलाई पापी मानिसहरु आउदैछन् ।” उहाँ बोल्दाबोल्दै बाह्रजना चेलामध्येको एकजना, उहाँलाई धोका दिने चेला उहाँका विरोधीहरुले पठाएको तरवार र लाठा बोकेको एउटा ठूलो समूहसँग त्यहाँ आयो । धोका दिने चलाले ती मानिसहरुलाई चिन्ह चाहिँ यस्तो दिएको थियो, “जसलाई म चुम्बन गर्छु उनैलाई पक्रनु ।” अनि त्यो येशूको छेउमा गयो र चुम्बन गर्नु तर येशूले भन्नुभयो, “मित्र ! के तिमी चुम्बनद्वारा धोका दिन चाहन्छौ, तिमीले जे गर्न आएका हो त्यो गरिहाल ।” यसरी पक्रन आएकाहरुले उहाँलाई पक्रे ।

येशूका एक जना चलाले ती मानिसहरुमध्ये एकजनाको कान काटिदिए । तर येशूले त्यस मानिसको कान छोएर निको पार्नुभयो । तिनीहरुले येशूलाई मुख्य पूजाहारी कहाँ लगे । उज्यालो हुने बित्तिकै उहाँलाई ठूलो सभामा लगे र विभिन्न प्रश्नहरु सोध्न थाले । तर येशू एउटा ऊन कत्रन लगेको भेडा भैं चुप रहनुभयो । त्यहाँबाट पनि उहाँलाई हाकिम कहाँ लिएर आए अनि दोष लगाउँदै भने, “यो मानिसले हाम्रो राष्ट्रलाई नै बहकाउन लागेको हामीले भेट्टायौं । यसले आफैलाई म खीष्ट र राजा हुँ भन्छ ।” तिनले येशूलाई सोधे, “के तिमी राजा हो ?” उहाँले जवाफ दिनुभयो, “तपाईं नै भन्नुहुन्छ ।” तिनले भने, “म यी मानिसमा केही पनि दोष भेट्टाउँदैनं ।” तर त्यहाँ भएका मानिसहरुले भन्नु दोष लगाउन थाले । तिनले येशू अर्कै इलाकाको हुनु भनी सुनेर अर्कै इलाकाका राजा कहाँ पठाइदिए । त्यहाँको राजाले पनि उहाँको गिल्ला र आपमान गरेर पहिला कै हाकिमकहाँ पठाइदिए । तब तिनले भने, “राजाले पनि उनमा कुनै दोष भेट्टाएनन् र म कहाँ नै फर्काइदिए । हेर ! यिनले मृत्युदण्ड पाउने काम गरेका छैनन् । त्यसैले साधरण सजाए दिएर छोडिदिन्छु ।”

त्यहाँ चाडको समयमा एकजना कैदीलाई छोडिदिने चलन थियो । त्यहाँ एक जना हत्याको दोष लागेर कैदमा परेको थियो । सबैले त्यसलाई छोड्नुपर्छ तर येशूलाई क्रूसमा टाँग्नै पर्छ भनेर कराउन थाले ।

तब ती हाकिमले येशूलाई तिनीहरुको इच्छामा सुम्पिदिए । तिनीहरुले उहाँलाई काठको ठूलो

26. Jesus' Arrest and Crucifixion

Luke 22:39-48, 54, 66-71

Jesus was praying with his disciples but the disciples kept sleeping. Their eyes were drowsy. Then Jesus said, "Stay awake and pray. Don't fall into temptation because sinful men are coming to arrest me." As He was speaking, one of His twelve disciples who had been sent by those opposing Him came to betray Him with a huge group carrying swords and sticks. Arriving there, the betraying disciple had given the people a sign, "Seize the one whom I give a kiss." He went to Jesus' side and kissed Him, but Jesus said, "Friend, for this you have come, because you want to betray me with a kiss?" Immediately those that came to arrest him seized him in this way.

One of Jesus' disciples cut off the ear of one of one man in the crowd but Jesus touched the man's ear and healed it. They took Jesus to the high priest and right after dawn took him to a large gathering and started asking many questions but Jesus remained silent like a sheep before the slaughter. They also took him to the official and accused him, "We found this man deceiving our land saying He is the Christ and the king." The official asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" He answered, "You are saying it." The official said, "I don't find fault in this man." But the people there started making more accusations. Hearing that Jesus was from another area's jurisdiction, He was sent to the king of that area who also mocked and humiliated him . He sent him back to the first official who then said, "The other king also found no fault in him and returned him to me. Look, he has not done anything worthy of a death penalty, so I will release him after giving him ordinary punishment." At that festival time, the custom was to release one prisoner. There was one accused of murder. Everyone shouted that the murderer should be released but that Jesus should be crucified.

Then the official handed over Jesus as they desired. They made Jesus carry a large wooden cross as they went and many people followed behind, weeping and wailing. They gave him the death penalty along with two criminals. When they got to the top of a hill, they bound his hands and feet and pierced his side with a spear and crucified him and the two criminals, one to his left and one to his right. And Jesus said, "Oh Father, forgive these because they don't know what they are doing."

Then they began mocking even more: "Save yourself so that you may be God's Christ!" One of the crucified criminals also said, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us as well!" But the other criminal said, "Don't you fear God? Look, you and I are bearing our own punishment but he is blameless. Jesus, remember me when you enter your own kingdom." Jesus said, "Even

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क्रूस बोकाई लिएर गए । धेरै मानिसहरु रुँदै र विलाप गर्दै उहाँको पछि लागे । तिनीहरुले दुईजना अपराधीहरुलाई उहाँसँगै मृत्यु दण्ड दिन लगे । जब उहाँलाई डाँडामा पुऱ्याए तब उहाँलाई हातमा काँटी, पाउमा काँटी र शिरमा काँढाको मुकुट लगाई क्रूसमा टाँगे । साथै दुईजना अपराधीलाई पनि उहाँको दायाँ र बायाँ क्रूसमा टाँगे । अनि येशूले भन्नुभयो, “हे पिता यिनीहरुलाई क्षमा गर्नुहोस् किनकि यिनीहरु के गर्दैछन् सो जान्दैनन् ।” भन्नु तिनीहरुले गिल्ला गर्न थाले, “तँ परमेश्वरको खीष्ट होस् भने आफैलाई बचा” । क्रूसमा टाँगाएको एकजना अपराधीले पनि भन्यो, “ तिमी खीष्ट हो भने आफैलाई पनि र हामीलाई बचाउ ।” तर अर्कोले भन्यो, “तँलाई परमेश्वरको डर छैन ? हेर, तँ र म त आफ्नो कर्मको सजाय भोगिरहेका छौं, तर यिनी त निर्दोष छन् । हे प्रभु, तपाईंको आफ्नो राज्यमा आउनुहुँदा मलाई सम्झनुहोस् ।” उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “आजै तिमी मसँग स्वर्गको राज्यमा हुनेछौ ।” मध्य दिउँसो नै अन्धकार छायो । सूर्य मधुरो भयो । मन्दिरको पवित्र स्थानलाई घेरेर राखिएको पर्दा माथिदेखि तलसम्म च्यातियो । येशूले ठूलो स्वरमा कराएर प्राण त्यागनुभयो । यो देखेर मानिसहरुले परमेश्वरको महिमा गरे, कतिले छाती पिट्दै घर फर्के । एकजना धर्मी मानिसले उहाँको लाशलाई चिहानमा लगेर गाडे । त्यहाँ कोही स्त्रीहरु पनि थिए । तिनीहरुले उहाँको चिहानमा ठूलो ढुङ्गा राखेको देखेका थिए ।

today you will be with me.” In the middle of the afternoon, it became dark. The sun became dim and the curtain surrounding the holiest place of the temple tore from top to bottom. Shouting with a loud voice, Jesus gave up His spirit. Seeing this, people glorified God and some returned to their homes beating their chests. A righteous man took and placed His body in a grave. There were also some women there and they saw a large stone placed over the grave.

२७. येशूको बौरी उठाई, महान् आज्ञा र स्वर्गारोहण  
मत्ती २८:१-२०; लूका २४:१-८; प्रेरित १:१-१४

येशूलाई चिहानमा गाडेको तेस्रो दिनको बिहान केही स्त्रीहरु चिहानमा आए । चिहानको ढुङ्गा हटाएको भेट्टाए तर त्यहाँ येशूको शरीर पाएनन् । त्यसैले उनीहरु अलमल्ल परिरहेका थिए । त्यसैबेला दुईजना स्वर्गदूतहरु देखा परेर भने, “तिमीहरु जीवित व्यक्तिलाई मृतकहरुको बीचमा किन खोज्छौ ? उहाँ त जीवित भएर तिमीहरु अघि मानिसहरु कहाँ जानुभयो । जाओ, र सबै चेलाहरुलाई खबर गर ।” तिनीहरुले सबैलाई खबर गरे । सबैजना कहाँ येशू देखा पर्नुभयो । उहाँ चालीस दिनसम्म तिनीहरूसँग बस्नुभयो । अनि चेलाहरुलाई महान् आज्ञा दिनुभयो, “सारा संसारमा जाओ, चेला बनाओ, पिता र पुत्र र पवित्र आत्माको नाउँमा बप्तिस्मा देओ । मैले तिमीहरुलाई आज्ञा गरेको सबै कुराहरु तिनीहरुलाई सिकाओ, हेर म युगको अन्तैसम्म सँधै तिमीहरुको साथमा छु । म तिमीहरु कहाँबाट जाँदैछु तर पवित्र आत्मा तिमीहरुकहाँ पठाइदिने छु ।”

उहाँ भोजमा बस्नुहुँदा यस्तो भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरु यो शहर छोडेर कतै पनि नजाओ तर पिताले गर्नुभएको प्रतिज्ञाको प्रतिक्षा गर । किनभने अबको केही दिनपछि पवित्र आत्मामा तिमीहरुको बप्तिस्मा हुनेछ तर पवित्र आत्मा तिमीहरुमा आउनुभएपछि तिमीहरुले शक्ति पाउनेछौ । तिमीहरु आफ्ना वरिपरि भएका मानिसहरुको बीचमा, अन्य ठाउँमा भएका मानिसहरुको बीचमा र संसारभरि भएका मानिसहरुका बीचमा मेरो साक्षी हुनेछौ ।”

यो कुरा भन्नुभए पछि चेलाहरुले हेर्दा हेर्दै उहाँ माथितिर उचालिनुभयो र बादलमा हराउनुभयो । तिनीहरु एक टक लाएर आकाशतिर हेरिरहेका थिए । त्यसैबेला अचानक दुईजना स्वर्गदूतहरु देखा परेर भने, “ए मानिसहरु तिमीहरु किन आकाशतिर हेर्छौ ? यही येशू जो स्वर्गमा उचालिनु भएको तिमीहरुले देख्यौ त्यसरी नै उहाँ आउनुहुनेछ ।” यो सुनेर चेलाहरु त्यहाँबाट फर्किएर नजिकै शहरमा भएको घरमा भेला भई येशूले भन्नुभएभै पिताको प्रतिज्ञालाई प्रतिक्षा गर्दै निरन्तर प्रार्थनामा लागि रहे ।

## 27. Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

Matthew 28:1-20; Luke 24:1-8; Acts 1:1-14

The morning of the third day that Jesus had been buried, some women came to the grave. They found that the stone had been removed from the grave but Jesus' body was not there. They were very confused. At that time, two angels revealed themselves and said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is alive and has gone ahead of you showing Himself to people. Go and tell everyone the news!" They told the news to everyone and Jesus revealed Himself to them for 40 days and nights and gave them a great command: "Go to all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Teach them all that I have taught you. Behold, I will always be with you until the end of the age. I am going from you but will send the Holy Spirit to you."

One day while sitting and eating He said, "Do not leave this city. Expect that which was promised by the Father because John baptized by water but after some days you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit comes you will receive power and be my witnesses among the people around you and to the uttermost parts throughout the world."

After saying these things, He rose upward and was lost in the clouds while the disciples kept staring up toward Him. They were staring toward the sky and suddenly two angels appeared and said, "Men, why do you stare up at the sky? Just as Jesus has risen up to heaven, He will surely come."

Hearing this, the disciples returned from there and gathered in a house in the nearby city to abide in continuous prayer, expecting the promise of the Father just as Jesus had said.

२८. पवित्र आत्माको आगमन

प्रेरित २: १-२४, ३३, ३६-४६

प्रभु येशूका चेलाहरु परमेश्वरको प्रतिज्ञाको प्रतिक्षा गर्दै, एउटा घरमा सबैजना भेला भएर निरन्तर प्रार्थना गरिरहेका थिए । त्यसैवेला त्यस ठाउँका मानिसहरुले पचासौं दिनमा मनाउने चाडको समय पनि थियो । स्वर्गबाट अचानक ठूलो बतासको भोका जस्तै एउटा आवाज आयो र तिनीहरु बसेको पूरा घरै भरियो । आगोका फिलिङ्गा जस्ता देखा परे । भाग भाग भएर तिनीहरु हरेक माथि बसे । अनि तिनीहरु सबैजना पवित्र आत्माले भरिए । पवित्र आत्माले दिनुभएको शब्द-उच्चारण अनुसार तिनीहरु विभिन्न भाषामा बोल्न लागे । चाडको समय भएको हुनाले स्वर्गमुनि भएको हरेक देशबाट ईश्वरभक्त मानिसहरु त्यहाँ आएका थिए । ती मानिसहरुले आफ्नै भाषामा प्रभु येशूका चेलाहरुले बोलेको सुनेर तिनीहरुले एक आपसमा भन्न लागे, “के यी बोल्ने मानिसहरु चाहिँ यही इलाकाका मानिसहरु होइनन् र ? तर पनि कसरी हाम्रै भाषामा यिनीहरुले परमेश्वरको महान् कार्यको चर्चा गरिरहेका छन् ।” तिनीहरु सबै आश्चर्यचकित भए । अन्योलमा परेर एउटाले अर्कोसँग यसो भन्न लागे, “यसको अर्थ के हो ?” तर अरुहरुले भन्न लागे, “यिनीहरु कडा रक्सी खाएर मातेका छन् ।” तर पत्रुसले आफ्ना साथीहरूसँग उभिएर उनीहरुलाई भने, “यहाँ भेला हुनु भएका सम्पूर्ण दाजुभाइ, दिदी-बहिनीहरु तपाईंहरु सुन्नुहोस् । तपाईंहरुले सोच्नु भए भैं यिनीहरु मातेका छैनन् । परमेश्वरको कुरा मानिसहरुलाई बताइदिने व्यक्तिले भनेको कुरा यही हो कि, आखिरी दिनमा यस्तो हुनेछ परमेश्वर भन्नुहुन्छ, “मेरो मानिसहरुमाथि मेरो आत्मा खन्याइदिनेछु, तिमीहरुका सन्तानले भोलि हुने कुराको विषयमा बोल्नेछन् । युवाहरुले दर्शन देख्नेछन्, बुढापाकाहरु स्वप्नदर्शी हुनेछन् ।” इस्राएलका मानिसहरु सुन्नुहोस्, “येशू यस्ता व्यक्ति हुनुहुन्थ्यो, जसलाई परमेश्वरका शक्तिशाली कामहरु र अचम्मका चिन्हहरुद्वारा तपाईंहरुको अगाडि प्रमाणित गर्नुभयो । परमेश्वरको ठीक समयमा पक्राउ पर्नुभएको उहाँलाई अधर्मी मानिसहरुका हातद्वारा तपाईंहरुले क्रूसमा टाँगेर मार्नुभयो । तपाईंहरु सबैले यो जान्नुहोस् कि जसलाई तपाईंहरुले क्रूसमा टाँगेर मार्नुभयो । उहाँलाई परमेश्वरले उहाँको शक्तिमा मृत्युबाट जीवित पार्नुभयो । सबैका प्रभु र खीष्ट बनाउनुभयो । उनै प्रभुले आत्मा खन्याइदिनुभयो र यिनीहरु यसरी बोल्दैछन् ।” यो सुनेर

28. Holy Spirit Comes on the Church

Acts 2:1-24,33,36-46

The disciples of the Lord Jesus gathered in a house and were continuously praying in expectation of God's promise. At that time, it was also the fiftieth day of a festival celebrated by the people of that place. Suddenly the sound like that of a big wind came from heaven and filled the room where the disciples were. Something like tongues of fire were seen and each part settled on every person in the room and they all were filled with Holy Spirit. According to that given by Holy Spirit started speaking in different languages. Because it was festival time, religious people from every nation under heaven had come.

Hearing the Lord Jesus' disciples speaking in the languages of the different places people had come from, they started saying, "Aren't these people who are speaking from this area? But how they are talking about God's great works in our own languages?" They were all surprised and started asking each other, "What does this mean?" But others said, "They are out of their minds from drinking strong alcohol." But Peter stood with his friends and said, "All you who are gathered here, brothers and sisters listen! They are not crazy as you think. These are the things told by those speaking for God, that in the end days this will happen. God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on my people. Your descendents will speak about things of tomorrow. Youth will see visions, old people will dream dreams.'

Listen, people of Israel, Jesus was the man who proved to you the wonderful and mighty works of God. In God's perfect time, he was arrested and crucified on the cross by the hands of unrighteous people. All of you know that the One you crucified and killed on the cross God gave power to rise from the dead and made Him Lord and Christ of all. The Lord poured out on these people the same Spirit and so they are talking this way." When the listeners heard these things, their hearts were pierced and they said to Peter and the other disciples, "Hey brothers, what should we do now?" Peter answered, "Repent and be baptised for the forgiveness of your sins, and you also will receive this gift. This gift will be given to all those who believe in Jesus."

The disciples told them many more things about Jesus and told them to save themselves by turning away from the evil works of their ancestors. Then those who accepted their message took baptism. About three thousand people were baptized. All these people remained devoted in the disciples' teaching, fellowship and sharing the Lord's Supper. All the believers lived in one place, had all things in common and shared their meals. So, day by day God increased their numbers.

ती मानिसहरुको हृदय छियाछिया भयो । अनि पत्रुस र अरु चेलाहरुलाई तिनीहरुले भने, “ए भाइ हो, हामीले अब के गर्ने ?” पत्रुसले भने, “पश्चात्ताप गर र पाप-क्षमाको निमित्त बप्तिस्मा लेओ र तिमीहरुले पनि यो वरदान पाउनेछौ । यो वरदान येशूमा विश्वास गर्ने सबैलाई दिइनेछ ।” अर्भै धेरै कुराहरु येशूको बारेमा बताए र दुष्ट पुस्ताबाट फर्केर आफैलाई बचाओ भने । तब जसजसले उनको कुरा ग्रहण गरे तिनीहरुले बप्तिस्मा लिए । बप्तिस्मा लिनेहरुको संख्या प्रायः तीन हजार थियो । यी सबै मानिसहरु चेलाहरुको शिक्षा, सङ्गति, प्रभुभोजमा, प्रार्थनामा भक्तिसाथ लागि रहन्थे । विश्वास गर्नेहरु सबै एकै ठाउँमा बस्थे । उनीहरुको सबैथोकहरु साभ्ना हुन्थ्यो । एक आपसमा बाँडिचुढी खान्थे । यसरी दिन प्रति दिन परमेश्वरले तिनीहरुको संख्यामा थपिदिनुभयो ।

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सुरुमा एक मात्र सत्य-सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो । उहाँले आफ्नो वचनद्वारा आँखाले देख्न नसकिने र संसारमा भएका सबै सुन्दर थोकहरूलाई सृष्टि गर्नुभयो, जुन हामी हाम्रो वरिपरि देख्दछौं । यसरी सबै कुराको सृष्टि गरिसकेपछि अन्तमा आफ्नै स्वरूपमा, आफ्नै प्रतिरूपमा मानिसलाई बनाउनुभयो । नर र नारी नै गरी आफैसँग रहन भनी बनाउनुभयो । परमेश्वर र मानिसको बीचमा सङ्गति हुन्थ्यो । उनीहरूमा आनन्द र शान्ति थियो । मानिसलाई उहाँले आज्ञा पनि दिनुभयो । तिनीहरूलाई पृथ्वीमा भएका सबै कुराहरूमाथि अधिकार दिनुभयो । सृष्टि भएका सबै कुराहरू शुद्ध र पवित्र थिए । तिनीहरूलाई परमेश्वरले फल्दैफुल्दै वृद्धि हुँदै जाने आशिष् दिनुभयो । एक दिन मानिस र उसकी श्रीमतिले परमेश्वरको आज्ञालाई उलङ्घन गरे । त्यसैकारण परमेश्वर र मानिस बीचको सम्बन्ध अलग भयो । उनीहरूसँग भएको प्रेम, आनन्द र शान्तिको ठाउँमा डर, त्रास, दुःख र मृत्युले प्रवेश गर्‍यो । त्यो पापमा फसेका मानिसबाट जन्मेका हरेक सन्तानमा त्यो पाप स्वभाव सदैँ गयो । उनीहरूले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गरिरहे । तर पनि सृष्टिकर्ता परमेश्वरले उनीहरूलाई प्रेम गर्नुहुन्थ्यो र बचाउन चाहनुहुन्थ्यो । त्यसैकारण ती पापी मानिसहरूको बीचबाट एकजना व्यक्तिलाई चुन्नुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “म तँलाई आशिष् दिनेछु । तेरो नाउँलाई प्रसिद्ध गराउनेछु । तँद्वारा म ठूलो जाति खडा गर्नेछु । तेरो कुलद्वारा नै सबै कुलले आशिष् पाउनेछन् ।” तर ती मानिसका सन्तानहरू पनि पाप मै फसिरहे । सृष्टिकर्ता परमेश्वरलाई त्यागेर सृष्टि गरिएका थोकहरूलाई पुज्नु थाले । तर पनि परमेश्वरले मानिसलाई प्रेम गर्नुहुन्थ्यो र बचाउन चाहनुहुन्थ्यो । त्यसैकारण यी मानिसहरूको बीचबाट केही व्यक्तिहरूलाई चुन्नुभयो तिनीहरू परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताइदिने व्यक्तिहरू थिए । तिनीहरूले मानिसहरूलाई चेतावनी दिँदै भने, “तिमीहरू परमेश्वरको बाटोलाई त्यागेर पापमा जिइरहेका छौ । पापबाट फर्क र आउन लागेको दण्डबाट आफैलाई बचाओ साथै भोलि हुन आउने कुराको विषयमा यसो भने, “ हेर एउटा कन्या गर्भवती हुनेछिन् । उनले एउटा बालक जन्माउनेछिन् र उनको नाउँ इम्मानुएल राखिनेछ । जसको अर्थ परमेश्वर हामी सबै मानिसहरूसँग । उहाँ पापी मानिसहरूको निम्ति छेडिनुहुनेछ, दुःख, कष्ट भोग्नुहुनेछ । मानिसहरूको

Fast-track: Creation to Church

Before anything else, there was the one, true, almighty God. Through His word, He created the sun, moon, stars and all the living creatures on earth which we can see around us. God created man in His own image and blew His breath of life into him. He came alive and his relationship with God was very close. God created a woman to stay with man and gave them authority over all things on the earth. All created things were perfect and holy. God blessed them to increase and be fertile all over the earth. One day, the man and his wife willfully disobeyed God's command and for that reason their relationship with God was broken. Their love, joy and peace was replaced by fear, unhappiness and the beginning of death. Although God punished them for their sin, He continued to love them more and promised to save them.

The man's descendents increased and multiplied. They also started doing things God didn't like and became evil. They started worshiping things instead of God. As these corrupt generations kept going, God found one righteous person who obeyed Him. God gave him a promise that his descendents would increase like the stars in the sky and through him all the tribes throughout the earth would be blessed. This man's descendents also abandoned worship of the true God and started worshiping false gods. Many years went by and many times God warned them to return and worship Him.

God again raised up another man to repeat His promise. He told the people that the Savior would be born of a virgin and He would be with the people and teach them about the kingdom of God and His rule. He would erase man's sin and sacrifice His own life to restore the relationship between God and man. When the man told this, many people ignored his words and continued to worship false gods.

One day God sent His son from heaven to this earth. He was born of a virgin and she named Him Jesus, who would be the Savior taking away man's sin. Jesus grew up and taught people that He is the way, truth and life. He healed sick people, delivered people from evil spirits and said that whoever believed in Him would receive salvation. But people accused Him with lies and punished Him cruelly. They blasphemed Him and killed Him by crucifixion on a cross. He was buried in a tomb but after three days rose again from the dead. He presented himself to His disciples and commanded them to tell this good news to all the people all over the world. He went up to His heaven and promised to send God's empowering Holy Spirit to His people. God's power came from heaven onto

## Basic Bible Stories (Nepali and English)

पापको निमित्त उहाँ आफै बलि भई मारिनुहुनेछ । तर परमेश्वरले फेरि उहाँलाई जीवित पार्नुहुनेछ । उहाँले परमेश्वर र मानिस बीचको सम्बन्धलाई फेरि जोड्नुहुनेछ ।” तर मानिसहरूले उनीहरूको कुरालाई ध्यान नदिई भूटा ईश्वरहरूलाई नै पुज्दै रहे ।

ती मानिसहरूले भने अनुसार परमेश्वरले आफ्नो एक मात्र पुत्रलाई एउटा कन्याको गर्भमा गर्भ धारण गरी यस संसारमा पठाउनुभयो । उहाँको आमा र बुबाले उहाँको नाम येशू राखे । येशू परमेश्वरको अनुग्रहमा हुर्कनुभयो, बढ्नुभयो र उहाँले धेरै रोगी विरामीहरूलाई निको बनाउनुभयो साथै भूत आत्मा लागेका मानिसहरूलाई पनि त्यसबाट छुटकारा दिनुभयो र उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “बाटो सत्य र जीवन म नै हुँ म द्वारा बाहेक कोही पनि स्वर्गमा जान सक्दैन, म पापमा हराएका मानिसहरूलाई खोज्न र बचाउन आएको हुँ ।” धेरै मानिसहरूले उहाँको कुरा सुने र विश्वास गरे । तर केही आफैलाई धर्मी सम्झने मानिसहरूले उहाँको डाहा गरे र उहाँलाई भूटा दोष लगाई, लछार पछार पादै, आफ्नै क्रूस बोकाएर हातमा काँटी, पाउमा काँटी र शिरमा काँडाको मुकुट लगाइ उहाँलाई क्रुसमा टाँगे र मारे र उहाँलाई गाडे र तीन दिन पछि उहाँ मृत्युबाट फेरि बौरी उठ्नुभयो र आफूलाई आफ्नो चेलाहरू समक्ष प्रस्तुत गर्नुभयो । तिनीहरूलाई मुक्तिको सन्देश पृथ्वीका सबै मानिसहरूलाई सुनाउने आज्ञा दिनुभयो । उहाँले आफू स्वर्गमा उचालि जाने र उनीहरूलाई शक्ति दिन परमेश्वरको आत्मा पठाइदिने प्रतिज्ञा गर्नुभयो र उहाँ स्वर्गमा जानुभयो । त्यसको केही दिनपछि पवित्र आत्मा आउनुभयो र सबै चेलाहरू माथि बस्नुभयो र ती चेलाहरू आत्माले भरिएर शक्तिशाली भए अनि येशूले भन्नुभए अनुसार विभिन्न ठाउँहरूमा गए र मुक्तिको सन्देश मानिसहरूलाई सुनाए । धेरै मानिसहरूले उनीहरूको कुरा सुने र विश्वास गरे र आफ्नो परमेश्वरसँग टुटेको सम्बन्ध फेरि जोडे र समूह समूहमा मिलेर परमेश्वरको आराधना गर्न थाले यसरी आराधना गर्ने समूहलाई नै चर्च भनिन्छ । के तपाईं पनि येशू खीष्ट माथि विश्वास गरेर आफ्नो परमेश्वरसँग टुटेको सम्बन्धलाई जोड्न चाहनुहुन्छ ?

the disciples and after that they boldly preached His gospel and thousands of people accepted Him and became His disciples. The disciples scattered all throughout the world telling people that Jesus is the only way to get salvation. These followers and worshipers of Christ are called the Church.