## Chester Cycle 1572/2010

## Play 4

## Noah's Flood; Abraham and Melchysedeck; the Promise of Isaac

Cast: GOD, NOAH, SHEM, HAM, JAPHET, NOAH'S WIFE, SHEM'S WIFE, JAPHET'S WIFE, THE GOOD GOSSIPS, MESSENGER, ABRAHAM, LOT, MELCHYSEDECK, KNIGHT, EXPOSITOR.

And first in some high place-- or in the clouds, if it may be – God speaketh unto Noah standing without the ark with all his family.

GOD 5	I, God, that all this world hath wrought, Heaven and Earth, and all of nought, I see my people in deed and thought are set foul in sin. My ghost shall now dwell in man that through fleshly lust is my fone but till six score years be come and gone to look if they will blin.	foe cease
10	Man that I made I will destroy, beast, worm, and fowl to fly, for on Earth they do me noy, the folk that are thereon. It harms me so hurtfully,	harm
15	the malice that doth now multiply, that sore it grieves me inwardly that ever I made man.	
20	Therefore, Noah, my servant free, that righteous man art as I see, a ship soon thou shalt make thee of trees dry and light. Little chambers therein thou make and binding mud also thou take; within and without, see thou not slake to anoint it through all thy might.	be idle
25	Three hundred cubits it shall be long and fifty broad to make it strong; the mast of height sixty, measure not wrong,	
30	thus measure thou it about. One window work through thy wit; a cubit of length and breadth make it. Upon the side a door shall sit, for coming in and out.	
35	Eating places thou make also three; round chambers one or two; for with water I think to flow Over man that I have mase. Destroyed all the world shall be save thou, thy wife, thy sons three, and their wives also with thee	made
40	all shall fall before thy face.	
NOAH	Ah, Lord, I thank thee aloud and still that to me art in such good will and spares me and my household to spill, as I now truly find.	
45	Thy bidding, Lord, I shall fulfill	

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	and nevermore thee grieve nor grill, that such grace hath sent me till amongst all Mankind.	provoke to me
50	Have done, you men and women all. Hurry, lest this water fall, to build this ship, chamber and hall, as God hath bidden us do.	
SHEM	Father, I am already boun;	prepared
55	an axe I have, by my crown, as sharp as any in all this town for to go thereto.	
HAM	I have an hatchet wonder keen	
60	to bite well, as may be seen; a better ground, as I ween, is not in all this town.	believe
JAPHET	And I can well make a pin and with this hammer knock it in.	peg
	Go we work, without more din, and I am ready boun.	prepared
NOAH'S WIFE	And we shall bring timber to, for we may nothing else do. Women been weak to undergo any great travail.	work
SHEM'S	Here is a good chopping block;	
WIFE 71	on this you may hammer and knock. Shall none be idle in this flock, nor now may no man fail.	
HAM'S WIFE	And I will go gather slitch,	mud
75	the ship for to smear with pitch. Anoint it must be, every stitch, board, ribs, and pin.	inch
JAPHET'S WIFE	And I will gather chips here to make a fire for you together and for to mke your dinner	
80	against you come in.	
	Then Noah beginneth to build th	ne ark.
NOAH	Now in the name of God I begin to make the ship that we shall in, that we may be ready for to swim at the coming of the flood.	board sail
85	These boards I pin here together to bear us safe from the weather, that we may row both hither and thither and safe be from this flood.	
Then No	oah with all his family shall make a sign as tho with diverse instruments.	
NOAH	Of this tree will I make the mast tied with cables that will last, and with a sail-yard for each blast, and each thing in their kind	

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95	With topcastle and bowsprit, both cords and ropes I have all meet to sail forth at the next weet. This ship is at an end.	appropriate rainstorm
	Wife, in this vessel we shall be kept, my children and thou I would in ye leapt.	
NOAH'S WIFE 101	In faith, Noah, I would rather thou slept. For all thy Frenchified fare, I will not do after thy read.	judgment
NOAH	Good wife, do now as I bid.	
NOAH'S WIFE	By Christ, not before I see more need, though thou stand all day and stare.	
NOAH 106 110	Lord, that women be crabbed ay, and none are meek, I dare well say. That is well seen by me today in witness of you each one. Good wife, let be all this bere, that thou makest in this place here,	din
110	for all they know that thou art master and so thou art, by St. John!	
	And after that God shall speak to Noah a	s followeth:
GOD	Noah, take thou thy meny and in the ship hasten that ye be;	household
115	for none so righteous man to me is now on Earth living. Of clean beasts with thee thou take seven and seven before thou slake;	stop
120	he and she, mate to mate, quickly into that thou bring.	
125	Of beasts unclean two and two, male and female, and no mo; of clean fowls seven also, the he and she together; of fowls unclean, two, and no more, as I of beasts said before,	more
	that must be saved through my lore, for the time when I send this weather.	teaching
130	Of all meats that may be eaten into the ship look they be getten, for that may be no way forgotten.	got
	And do all this bedene to sustain Man and beasts therein	quickly
135	until the water cease and blin. This world is filled full of sin, and that is now well seen.	stop
140	Seven days are yet coming, you shall have space them in to bring. After that, it is my liking Mankind for to annoy. Forty days and forty nights rain shall fall for their unrights. And what I have made through my mights	pleasure grieve sins powers

now think I to destroy.

NOAH 146	Lord, at your bidding I am bain. Since no other grace will gain.	obedient
	it will I fulfill fain, for gracious I thee find. An hundred winters and twenty	eagerly
150	this ship-making tarried have I, to see if through amendment thy mercy would fall to Mankind.	
155	Have done, ye men and women all, hurry you lest this water fall, that each beast were in stall and into the ship brought. Of clean beasts seven shall be,	
160	of unclean, two, thus God bade me. The flood is nigh, you may well see; therefore tarry you not.	

Then Noah shall go into the ark with all his family, his wife excepted, and the ark must be boarded around about. And on the boards all the beasts and fowls hereafter rehearsed must be painted, so that their words may agree with the pictures.

SHEM	Sir, here are lion, leopards in; horse, mares, oxen and swine, goats, calves, sheep and kine here sit, thou may see.	cattle
HAM 165	Camels, asses, man may find, buck and doe, hart and hind. And beasts of all manner kind here been, as thinketh me.	
JAPHET 170	Take here cats and dogs, too, otters and foxes, polecats also; hares hopping gaily can go here, have kale to eat!	
NOAH'S WIFE 175	And here are bears, wolves set; apes, owls, marmoset, weasels, squirrels and ferret, here they eat their meat.	
SHEM'S WIFE 180	Here are beasts in this house; here cats making it crouse; here a rat, here a mouse that stand nigh together.	lively
HAM'S WIFE	And here are fowls less and more herons, cranes and bittore, swans, peacocks – and them before meat for this weather.	bitterns in front of them
JAPHET'S WIFE 187	Here are cocks, kites, crows rooks, ravens, many rows, ducks, curlews. Whoever knows each one in his kind? And here are doves, ducks and drakes,	
190	redshanks running through the lakes and each fowl that sound makes in this ship man may find.	

NOAH	Wife, come in. Why stands thou there? Thou art ever impudent, that dare I swear. Come in, in God's half, time it were for fear lest that we drown.	
NOAH'S WIFE 200	Yea, sir, set up your sail and row forth with evil hail; bad lu for without any fail I will not out of this town.	ick to you doubt
205	But I have my gossips every one, one foot further I will not go. They shall not drown, by Saint John, if I may save their life. They loved me full well, by Christ. But thou will let them into thy chest, else row thou forth, Noah, when thou list, and get thee a new wife.	ship wish
NOAH 210	Shem, son, lo! Thy mother is wrow; by God, such another I do not know.	angry
SHEM	Father, I shall fetch her in, I trow, without any fail. Mother, my father after thee sends and bids thee into yonder ship wend.	trust
215	Look up and see the wind, for we are ready to sail.	
NOAH'S WIFE	Son, go again to him and say I will not come therein today.	
NOAH 220	Come in, wife, in twenty devils' way! or else stand there without.	
HAM	Shall we all fetch her in?	
NOAH	Yes, sons, in Christ's blessing and mine! would ye haste you betime for of this flood I stand in doubt.	soon fear
GOOD GOSSIPS 227	The flood comes flowing in full fast on every side that spreadeth full far. For fear of drowning I am aghast, good gossip, let us draw near.	
230	And let us drink before we depart, for oft-times we have done so. For at one draught thou drinks a quart, and so will I do before I go.	
235	Here is a tankard full of Malmsey good and st it will rejoice both heart and tongue. Though Noah thinks we take too long, yet we will drink atite.	trong; quickly
JAPHET	Mother, we pray you all together for we are here, your own children come into the ship for fear of the weather,	
240	for his love that you bought.	

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NOAH'S WIFE	That will I not for all your call, unless I have my gossips all.	
SHEM	In faith, Mother, yet thou shall whether thou will or not.	
	Then she shall go.	
NOAH	Welcome, wife, into this boat.	
NOAH'S WIFE	Have thou that for thy note!	reward
	And she gives him a blow.	
NOAH	Ah, marry, this is hot! It is good to be still. Ah, children, methink my boat removes,	violent
250	Our tarrying here me deeply grieves. Over the land the water spreads. May God do as he will.	
	Then they sing, and Noah shall speak aga	uin.
NOAH	Ah, great God, that art so good,	
255	that works not thy will is wood. Now all this world is on a flood, as I see well in sight. This window I will shut anon,	mad
260	and into my chamber I will go till this water, so great won, be diminished through thy might.	quantity
	nall Noah shut the window of the ark and for a little sp shall sing the psalm "Save me, O God"; and afterward and looking round about, saying:	
	Now forty days are fully gone.	
	Send a raven I will anon,	
	if anywhere on earth, tree or stone be dry in any place.	
265	And if this fowl come not again,	
	it is a sign, truth to sayn	tell
	that dry it is on hill or plain, and God hath done some grace.	
Т	hen he shall send a raven, and taking a dove in his he	ands, shall say:
270	Ah, Lord, where may this raven be?	
270	Somewhere is dry, well I see! But yet a dove, by my lewty,	faith
	after I will send.	5-500.0
	Thou will return again to me,	
275	for of all fowls that may fly thou art most meek and hend.	noble
	e shall send forth a dove, and there shall be in the ship ive-branch in its beak, which someone shall send from into Noah's hands, and then Noah shall so	a the mast by a rope
	Ah, Lord, blessed be thou ay,	

280	this flood begins to cease. My sweet dove to me brought has a branch of olive from some place. This signifies God has done us some grace, and is a sign of peace.	
285	Ah, Lord, honoured must thou be; all Earth dries now I see. But yet till thou command me, hence will I not hie. All this water is away.	hasten
290	Therefore, as soon as I may, sacrifice I shall do in fay to thee devoutly.	in faith
GOD	Noah, take thy wife anon, and thy children every one; out of the ship thou shalt be gone,	
295	and they all with thee. Beasts and all that can fly, out quickly they shall hie, on Earth to grow and multiply. I will that it so be.	hasten
NOAH 301	Lord, I thank thee through thy might; thy bidding shall be done in hight. And, as fast as I may dight, I will do thee honour	immediately prepare
305	and to thee offer sacrifice. Therefore come in all wise, for of these beasts that been his	every one
	offer I will this stour.	at this time
	Then leading forth from the ark with his whole family, he birds and offer them and slay the	
NOAH	Lord God in majesty that such grace hast granted me	
310	where all was lost, safe to be! Therefore now I am boun my wife, my children, and my meny with sacrifice to honour thee of beasts, fowls, as thou mayest see,	ready household
315	and full devotion.	
GOD	Noah, to me thou art full able and thy sacrifice acceptable; for I have found thee true and stable,	most worthy
320	on thee must I have mind. Afflict Earth I will no more for Man's sins that grieves me sore; for of youth Man full yore has been inclined to sin.	
325	Ye shall now grow and multiply, and Earth again to edify. Each beast and fowl that may fly, shall be afraid of you. And fish in sea, all that may flet,	establish swim
330	shall sustain you, I thee behet, to eat of them ye not let	promise do not refrain

## that clean been, you may know.

335	Whereas ye have eaten before trees and roots, since ye were born, of clean beasts now, less and more, I give you leave to eat save blood and flesh, both together of rotting carrion that is here. Eat not of that in no manner, for that always ye shall let.	by no way abandon
340	Manslaughter always ye shall flee, for that is not pleasant unto me. They that shed blood, he or she,	shun
345	anywhere amongst mankind, that blood foully shed shall be and vengeance have, men shall see. Therefore beware now all ye, you fall not into that sin.	
350	An agreement, Noah, with thee I make and all thy descendants for thy sake, from such vengeance for to slake, for now I have my will. Here I pledge thee an hest,	cease promise
355	that man, woman, fowl nor beast with water while this world shall last I will no more spill.	slay
360	My bow between you and me in the firmament shall be, by true tokening that you may see that such vengeance shall cease, that man nor woman shall never more be destroyed by water as hath before; but for sin that grieveth me sore therefore this vengeance was.	
365	Where clouds in the sky have been, that same bow shall be seen, in tokening that my wrath and teen	anger
370	shall never thus avenged be. The string is turned towards you and towards me is bent the bow, that such weather shall never show; and this I promise thee.	
375	My blessing now I give thee here, to thee, Noah, my servant dear, for vengeance shall no more appear. And now farewell my darling dear	
	[Here the ship will leave the playing place]	
MESSENGER	All peace, lordings that been present, and harken to me with good intent, how Noah away from us he went and all his company.	
380	And Abraham, through God's grace he is come into this place, if ye will give him room and space to tell you this story.	

385 390	This play, truly, begin shall he in worship of the Trinity that ye may all hear and see that shall be done today. My name is Gobbet-on-the-Green With you I may no longer be. Farewell, my lordings, quickly, so as not to hinder your play.	
	Abraham having restored his brother [nephew] Lot into doth first of all begin the play, and saith	
ABRAHAM 395	Ah, thou high God, granter of grace, that ending nor beginning has, I thank thee, Lord, that thou has today given me the victory.	
0,0	Lot, my brother that taken was, I have rescued him in this case and brought him home to this place	situation
	through thy might and mastery.	dominance
400	To worship thee I will not wond, four kings of foreign land today delivered into my hand	delay
405	riches with great array. Therefore, of all that I did win to give the tenth part I will begin,	abundance
	when soon to the city I come in, and share with thee my prey	spoils
410	Melchysedeck, that here king is and God's priest also, iwiss, the tithe I will give him of this, as wisdom says that I do. God that has sent me the victory	indeed
415	over four kings graciously, with him my spoils share will I, when the city I come to	
	Here Lot, turning to his brother Abraham, dot	h say:
LOT	Abraham, brother, I thank thee who this day hast delivered me from enemies hands and their posty;	power
420	and saved me from woe. Therefore I will give thee tithing of my goods while I am living; and now also of God's sending the tithe I will give also.	

Here the Knight doth come to Melchysedeck, King of Salem, and rejoicing greatly doth say:

KNIGHT 425	My lord the king, tidings on right your heart to gladden and to light! Abraham hath slain in fight four kings since he went.	true
430	Here he will be this same night and riches enough with him dight I heard him thank God Almight for grace he hath him sent.	arrayed

Here Mechysedeck, looking up to Heaven, doth thank God for Abraham's victory, and doth prepare himself to go present Abraham.

MELCHYSE- DECK 435	<ul> <li>Ah, blessed be God, that is but one! Towards Abraham will I go to honour him, and that at once mine office to fulfill, and present him with bread and wine, for the grace of God is him within. Make haste, for love mine, for this is God's will.</li> </ul>	
Here the	e Knight, offering to Melchysedeck a standing	-cup (goblet) and bread also doth say:
KNIGHT 440	Sir, here is wine, without were and with it bread both white and clear to give him with good cheer, that us so helped has.	certainly
	Here Melchysedeck answ	ering saith:
MELCHYSE- DECK 441	- To God I know he is most dear, for of all things in his power he has without danger, and specially great grace.	permission
Melo	chysedeck, coming unto Abraham, doth offer t and saith unto hi	
445 450	Abraham, welcome may thou be – God's grace is fully in thee. Blessed ever must thou be who victory so can wreak. Here is bread and wine for thy degree I have brought, as thou may see. Receive this present now from me, and that I thee beseech.	accomplish appropriate to your rank
	Here Abraham, receiving the offering of	Melchysedeck, doth say:
ABRAHAM	Sir king, welcome, truly; thy present is welcome to my pay. God hath helped me today, unworthy though I were.	pleasure
455	Ye shall have part of my prey that I won since I went away. Therefore to thee that I take it may the tithe I offer here.	spoils
	Here Abraham offereth to Melchysedeo	ck a horse that is laden.
460	And your present sir, take I and honour it devoutly, for much good it may signify in time that is coming.	. <i>.</i>
465	Therefore horse, harness and perry, as befits your dignity, the tithe of it take from me and receive here my offering.	precious stones

Then shall Abraham receive the bread and wine, and Melchysedeck the laden horse by way of tithe. Here Lot doth offer to Makchysedeck a goodly cup and saith:

LOT 470	And I will offer with good intent of such goods as God hath me lent to Melshysedeck here present, as God's will is to be. Abraham my brother offered has, and so will I through God's grace. This royal cup before your face, receive it now of me.	in your sight		
Here Melchysedeck receiveth the cup from Lot.				
MELCHYSE- DECK 477 480	Sir, your offering welcome is; and well I know, truly iwiss, that fully God's will it is that is now done today. Go we together to my city; and God now heartily thank we that helps us always through his posty for so we full well may.	power		
	Here they go together, and Abraham doth take t and Melchysedeck the laden ho			
EXPOSITOR (r	iding on horseback)			
485	Lordings, what this may signify I will expound clearly, that the unlearned standing hereby may know what this may be.			
490	This present, I say verament, signifieth the New Testament that now is used with good intent throughout all Christianity.	truly meaning Christendom		
495	In the Old Law, without lying, when these two good men were living of beasts were all their offering and also their sacrament. But since Christ died on rood-tree, in bread and wine his death remember we; and at his last supper, our Maundy was his commandment.	cross Eucharist		
500	But before this thing practised should be afterwards, as now do we in signification – believe you me – Melchysedeck did so.			
505	And tithe-making, as you have seen here, by Abraham begun were. Therefore to God he was full dear, and so were both two.			
510	By Abraham understand I may the Father of Heaven, in good fay Melchysedeck, a priest to his pay to administer that sacrament that Christ ordained the foresaid day - in bread and wine to honour him ay. This signifieth, the truth to say, Melchysedeck's his present.	faith at his pleasure Maundy Thursday (Last Supper)		

Here God appeareth to Abraham and saith:

Here Abraham, turning to God, satist.ABRAHAM S20Kord, one thing that thou wouldest see that pray for with heart full freely some truit of my body.ditend to most sincere powerS21Inver no child, foul nor fair, save my foster child to be my heir that mees me greatly to apair.suffer shameS23Inver no child, foul nor fair, save my foster child to be my heir that mees me greatly to apair.suffer shameG0DMay Abraham, friend, believe thou me - thy foster child thine heir shall not be; but one son I shall send thee, begotten of thy body.suffer shameS30Abraham, do as I thee say - bod more shalt thou may, stars standing on the milky way; that impossible were: No more shalt thou betrue to me; and there an agreement I make with thee thou art to me so dear.nobleS40Therefore, Abraham, servant free mode here an agreement I make with thee thou erand to great degree all Mankind shall forbuy.nobleS40Kings of this seed men shall see; and here an agreement I make with thee thou erand to great degree all Mankind shall forbuy.nobleS40Kings of this seed men shall see; and here an agreement I make with thee thou shalt have; be added to great degree all Mankind shall forbuy.nobleS40Kings of this seed men shall see; and where an agreement I make with thee; thou then their shall see; all Mankind shall forbuy.nobleS40Kings of this seed men shall see; and whether they shalt how, which be child on the eighth day be child on the eighth day; for they be child on the eighth day; for they be child on the eighth day; for they be ch	GOD 515	Abraham, my servant, I say to thee, thy help and succour I will be For thy good deed much pleaseth me I tell thee truly		
520       that 1 pray for with heart full free! Grant me, Lord, through thy posty some fruit of my body.       most sincere power         525       I have no child, foul nor fair, save my foster child to be my heir that makes me greatly to apair. On me, Lord, have mercy.       suffer shame         GOD       Nay, Abraham, friend, believe thou me - thy foster child thine heir shall not be; but one son I shall send thee, 530       begotten of thy body.         Abraham, do as I thee say - look and count, if thou may, stars standing on the milky way; that impossible were.       assuredly thou art to me so dear.         536       No more shalt thou, for any need, number of thy body the seed that thou shalt have, withouten dread; thou art to me so dear.       noble         540       look that thou be true to me; and here an agreement I make with thee thy seed to multiply. To a great people father thou shalt be. Kings of this seed men shall see; and one child of great degree all Mankind shall forbuy.       redeem         550       and child of great degree all Mankind shall forbuy.       redeem         550       Look that this is done.       Soft dis obedient that man is. Look that this is done.         ABRAHIAM       Lord, all ready, truly!       servant kneeling on my knees.         560       at conce, for ought that may befall, I thank thee, Lord, thine own thrall kneeling on my knees.       servant kneeling on my knees.	Here Abraham, turning to God, saith:			
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and so also was he.

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