

Walk Through The Bible

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The Book Of Tobit

1. *Tobit 8:1-21 Deliverance at Last!!!*

- a. 1-3 After supper they took Tobias to the marriage chamber. Tobias uses the remedy suggested by Azariah (Raphael). He burns the liver and the heart with incense that produce an odor which results in the exorcism of the demon Asmodeus. Raphael pursues the demon and eventually destroys it.
- b. 4-8 As instructed to do by Azariah, Tobias and Sarah pray before they do anything else.
- c. 9-18 Raguel expected Tobias to die and so he has a grave dug for him. To everybody's amazement he is alive and has survived the night. Raguel begins to praise God and orders that the grave be closed up before morning.
- d. 19-21 Instead of the usual week long wedding reception, Raguel orders his new son-in-law to stay for two weeks and not to leave for any reason. He is so grateful that he offers to give his son-in-law half of what he owns.

2. *Tobit 9:1-6 Someone needs to Complete the Mission.*

- a. 1-4 After taking an oath, Tobias charges Raphael with the responsibility of getting the money that his father had sent him to retrieve. Raphael is to invite Gabael to the wedding celebrations.
- b. 5-6 By divine means Raphael and his company make the journey in one day. They return with the money and Gabael not only greets Tobias but has a special blessing for him and his new bride.

3. *Tobit 10:1-13 Time to Go Home.*

- a. 1-7b Tobias' delay begins to cause some concern at home. Regardless of what has taken place, his father believes him to be alive. His mother however fears that he is dead and

blames her husband for it. She spends her days watching the road and her nights in weeping, and being annoyed with her husband.

- b. 7c-13 Meanwhile Raguel wants his son-in-law to stay with him. Tobias refuses and insists that his father-in-law send him back to his father Tobit. They are not sent away empty-handed. Both parents bless their children and send them on their way and they leave on good terms.

4. **Tobit 11:1-18 Healing for Tobit's Blindness**

- a. 1-8 The journey back must have been a slow one with all the possessions that they had accumulated. Raphael and Tobias run ahead to prepare the house and Tobias' parents for their new daughter-in-law. Raphael makes a final check on the gall which is to be used to cure Tobit of his blindness. Meanwhile the anxious Anna who has been waiting for their return is overjoyed to see her son and the young man that accompanied him. She runs to meet them. At the same time Raphael gives instructions to Tobias on how to use the gall on his father's eyes.
- b. 9-15 The same place where Tobit lost his sight now becomes the place of his healing. Tobias puts the gall on his father's eyes and then peels away the film so that he is able to see. His healing is followed by praises to God for what He has done. Tobit praises God at the top of his voice. His son then reports on the success of his journey and the fact that he is now married.
- c. 16-18 Tobit goes to the gates of the city to receive his new daughter-in-law. The inhabitants of the city are surprised that Tobit is walking alone. Tobit informs them all of what God has done in his life. The whole Jewish community in Nineveh rejoiced that day. Tobit has another wedding reception for his son and his new daughter-in-law.

5. **Tobit 12:1-22 Raphael reveals who He is!!!**

- a. 1-5 Both Tobit and his son are now filled with a deep sense of gratitude. Instead of the agreed upon wages, they are willing to give the stranger, who has done so much for them, at least half of their acquired goods.
- b. 6-10 Raphael calls the two men aside and gives them a series of good ethical advice.
- c. 11-15 Raphael reveals who he is. He is one of the angels that brings the prayers of people to the attention of God. God tested them first and then blessed them afterward. The seven angels are: **Uriel** (II Esd 4:11); **Raphael, Raguel and Michael** (Dan 10:13; Jude 1:9; Rev12:7); **Sarakael, Gabriel** (Dan 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19-26) **and Remiel** (II Esd 4:36).
- d. 16-22 The two men are visibly shaken by the revelation. Yet Raphael gives them further instructions on how their life is to be conducted on a daily basis-always reverencing God and walking in obedience and generosity. The written word will become important for

them and future generations. The Archangel ascends out of their sight while they are praising God.