

Genesis 1-50

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E-Prime consists of a paraphrase in which we have endeavored to replace all “to be” verbs (is, are were, was, etc.) with concrete active verbs, eliminating the “is of identity” (instead of “John is a teacher,” we use “John teaches.”), the “is of predication” (instead of “The apple is sweet,” we use “The apple tastes sweet.”), as well as the passive voice and phantom subjects (instead of “Blessed is the man,” we use “God blesses the man.”). By performing these linguistic procedures, we have hoped to create a crisp, direct, and sparkling document.

The Creation

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² The earth appeared formless and void, and darkness covered over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved over the surface of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let light come"; and light came.

⁴ God saw that the light appeared good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light day, and the darkness He called night And there He marked evening and there He marked morning, one day.

⁶ Then God said, "Let there emerge an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

⁷ God made the expanse, and separated the waters which located below the expanse from the waters which located above the expanse; and it came to pass.

⁸ God called the expanse heaven. And there He marked evening and there He marked morning, a second day.

⁹ Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens gather into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it came to pass.

¹⁰God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it seemed good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it came to pass.

¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it appeared good.

¹³There He marked evening and there He marked morning, a third day.

¹⁴Then God said, "Let there become lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs and for seasons and for days and years;

¹⁵and let them serve for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it came to pass.

¹⁶God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.

¹⁷God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

¹⁸and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it appeared good.

¹⁹There He marked evening and there He marked morning, a fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens."

²¹God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it appeared good.

²²God blessed them, saying, "Become fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

²³There He marked evening and there He marked morning, a fifth day.

²⁴Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it came to pass.

²⁵God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it appeared good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, "Become fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that grows on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall serve as food for you;

³⁰and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it came to pass.

³¹God saw all that He had made, and behold, it seemed very good. And there He marked evening and there He marked morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2

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The Creation of Man and Woman

¹Thus the heavens and the earth reached completion, and all their hosts.

²By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

³Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

⁴This represents the account of the heavens and the earth when God created them, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

⁵Now no shrub of the field grew yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and no man to cultivate the ground.

⁶But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.

⁷Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁸The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

⁹Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that pleases the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.

¹¹The name of the first we call Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where gold lies.

¹²The gold of that land appears good; the bdellium and the onyx stone lie there.

¹³The name of the second river we call Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.

¹⁴The name of the third river we call Tigris; it flows east of Assyria And the fourth river we call the Euphrates.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

¹⁶The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It does not seem good for the man to remain alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that became its name.

²⁰The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam He could not find a helper suitable for him.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

²²The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

²³The man said,
" This I recognize as bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
I shall call her Woman,
Because she came out of Man."

²⁴For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall join to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵And the man and his wife appeared both naked and felt not ashamed.

Genesis 3

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The Fall of Man

¹Now the serpent proved more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, " From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

³but from the fruit of the tree which stands in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!

⁵"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will open, and you will have powers like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the tree appeared good for food, and that it seemed a delight to the eyes, and that the tree seemed desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

⁷Then the eyes of both of them opened, and they knew that they had become naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, " Where have you gone?"

¹⁰He said, " I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I felt afraid because I discovered myself naked; so I hid myself."

¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you had become naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, "The woman whom You gave to live with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" And the woman said, " The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
" Because you have done this,
I have cursed you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;

¹⁵And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel."

¹⁶To the woman He said,
"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you will bring forth children;
Yet your desire will direct to your husband,
And he will rule over you."

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';
I will curse the ground because of you;
In toil you will eat of it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸"Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
And you will eat the plants of the field;

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground,
Because from it I took you ;

For you come from dust,
And to dust you shall return."

²⁰Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--

²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which God had formed him.

²⁴So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 4

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Cain and Abel

¹Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD."

²Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel kept flocks, but Cain tilled the ground.

³So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

⁴Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

⁵but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why have you become angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

⁷" If you do well, will not your countenance lift up? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at the door; and its desire will come for you, but you must master it."

⁸Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they worked in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, " Where has Abel your brother gone?" And he said, "I do not know. Do You consider me my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to Me from the ground.

¹¹"Now you have received a curse from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹²" When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will become a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."

¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment has become too great to bear!

¹⁴"Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will become hidden, and I will remain a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, I will take vengeance on him sevenfold " And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

¹⁶Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

¹⁸Now to Enoch Irad became born, and Irad became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech.

¹⁹Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one we called Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

²⁰Adah gave birth to Jabal; he became the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

²¹His brother's name they called Jubal; he became the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

²²As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain had the name of Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zillah,

Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,
For I have killed a man for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;
²⁴If Cain becomes avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

²⁵ Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."

²⁶To Seth, to him also a son became born; and he called his name Enosh Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Genesis 5

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Descendants of Adam

¹This represents the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

²He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when He created them.

³When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

⁴Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth numbered eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.

⁵So all the days that Adam lived reached nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

⁶Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.

⁷Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters.

⁸So all the days of Seth numbered nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

⁹Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.

¹⁰Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹¹So all the days of Enosh numbered nine hundred and five years, and he died.

¹²Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.

¹³Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴So all the days of Kenan numbered nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

¹⁵Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.

¹⁶Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁷So all the days of Mahalalel numbered eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

¹⁸Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

¹⁹Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁰So all the days of Jared numbered nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

²¹Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.

²²Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

²³So all the days of Enoch numbered three hundred and sixty-five years.

²⁴Enoch walked with God; and he disappeared, for God took him.

²⁵Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.

²⁶Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁷So all the days of Methuselah numbered nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.

²⁸Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son.

²⁹Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

³⁰Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had other sons and daughters.

³¹So all the days of Lamech numbered seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

³²Noah lived to five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6

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The Corruption of Mankind

¹Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters became born to them,

²that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men appeared beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

³Then the LORD said, " My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also consists of flesh; nevertheless his days shall number one hundred and twenty years."

⁴The Nephilim dwelled on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those people identified them as mighty men who existed of old, men of renown.

⁵Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man had become great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart created only evil continually.

⁶The LORD felt sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He felt grieved in His heart.

⁷The LORD said, " I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I regret that I have made them."

⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹These constitute the records of the generations of Noah. Noah we acknowledge as a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

¹⁰Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth became corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth filled with violence.

¹²God looked on the earth, and behold, it grew corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

¹³Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth fills with violence because of them; and behold, I will soon destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴"Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.

¹⁵"I will instruct you how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

¹⁶"You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

¹⁷"Behold, I, even I bring the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh which has the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that lives on the earth shall perish.

¹⁸"But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

¹⁹" And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall appear male and female.

²⁰" Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.

²¹"As for you, take for yourself some of all food which I have made edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall serve as for food for you and for them."

²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7

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The Flood

¹Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to live righteously before Me in this time.

²"You shall take with you of every clean animal by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that I designate as not clean two, a male and his female;

³also of the birds of the sky, by sevens, male and female, to keep offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

⁴"For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made."

⁵Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁶Now Noah had become six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth.

⁷Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.

⁸Of clean animals and animals that I designate as not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground,

⁹there went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky opened.

¹²The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

¹³On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,

¹⁴they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, all sorts of birds.

¹⁵So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh which had the breath of life.

¹⁶Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

¹⁷Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

¹⁸The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

¹⁹The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens had become covered.

²⁰The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains had become covered.

²¹All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind;

²²of all that lived on the dry land, all in whose nostrils had received the breath of the spirit of life, died.

²³Thus He blotted out every living thing that lived upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they became blotted out from the earth; and only Noah remained, together with those that lived with him in the ark.

²⁴The water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

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The Flood Subsides

¹But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that lived with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

²Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky closed, and the rain from the sky God restrained;

³and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

⁴In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

⁵The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made;

⁷and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water dried up from the earth.

⁸Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water abated from the face of the land;

⁹but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water covered the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

¹⁰So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark.

¹¹The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak she displayed a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water had abated from the earth.

¹²Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.

¹³Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the water dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground dried up.

¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth became dry.

¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

¹⁶"Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

¹⁷"Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that dwells with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and become fruitful and multiply on the earth."

¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

²¹The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart has become evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

²²"While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat,
And summer and winter,
And day and night
Shall not cease."

Genesis 9

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Covenant of the Rainbow

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, " Become fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

²"The fear of you and the terror of you will exist in every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, God has given them into your hand.

³"Every moving thing that lives shall become food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.

⁴"Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, namely, its blood.

⁵"Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

⁶" Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall become shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.

⁷"As for you, become fruitful and multiply;
Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

⁸Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

⁹"Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you;

¹⁰and with every living creature that dwells with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.

¹¹"I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again perish by the water of the flood, neither shall I allow a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²God said, "This we identify as the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that dwells with you, for all successive generations;

¹³I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall serve as a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

¹⁴"It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow we will see in the cloud,

¹⁵and I will remember My covenant, which I made between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶"When the bow appears in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that lives on the earth."

¹⁷And God said to Noah, "This we identify as the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that dwell on the earth."

¹⁸Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark had the names of Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham we identify as the father of Canaan.

¹⁹These three we identify as the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth became populated.

²⁰Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.

²¹He drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

²²Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

²³But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

²⁴When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

²⁵So he said,
" Cursed will become Canaan;
A servant of servants
His brothers shall regard him."

²⁶He also said,
We bless the LORD,
The God of Shem;
And let Canaan become his servant.

²⁷" May God enlarge Japheth,
And let him dwell in the tents of Shem;
And let Canaan become his servant."

²⁸Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.

²⁹So all the days of Noah numbered nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

Genesis 10

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Descendants of Noah

¹Now these we acknowledge as the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons became born to them after the flood.

²The sons of Japheth consisted of Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.

³The sons of Gomer we identify as Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah.

⁴The sons of Javan we identify as Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.

⁵From these the coastlands of the nations had become separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

⁶The sons of Ham we identify as Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

⁷The sons of Cush we identify as Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah we identify as Sheba and Dedan.

⁸Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.

⁹He behaved as a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore people say, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

¹⁰The beginning of his kingdom consisted of Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

¹¹From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,

¹²and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; we identify as the great city.

¹³Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim

¹⁴and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

¹⁵Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth

¹⁶and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite

¹⁷and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite

¹⁸and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite; and afterward the families of the Canaanite spread abroad.

¹⁹The territory of the Canaanite extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

²⁰These we identify as the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.

²¹Also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, and the older brother of Japheth, children became born.

²²The sons of Shem we identify as Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram.

²³The sons of Aram we identify as Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash.

²⁴Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of Eber.

²⁵Two sons became born to Eber; the one had the name of Peleg, for in his days the earth had become divided; and his brother had the name of Joktan.

²⁶Joktan became the father of Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah

²⁷and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah

²⁸and Obal and Abimael and Sheba

²⁹and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these we identify as the sons of Joktan.

³⁰Now their settlement extended from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the hill country of the east.

³¹These we identify as the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.

³²These we identify as the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and out of these the nations became separated on the earth after the flood.

Genesis 11

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Universal Language, Babel, Confusion

¹Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.

²It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

³They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.

⁴They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will find ourselves scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

⁶The LORD said, "Behold, they have become one people, and they all have the same language. And what they began to do what they purposed, and now nothing which they purpose to do will they find impossible to do.

⁷"Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

⁹Therefore God named it Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

Descendants of Shem

¹⁰These we identify as the records of the generations of Shem. Shem reached one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;

¹¹and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹²Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah;

¹³and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber;

¹⁵and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁶Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg;

¹⁷and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁸Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu;

¹⁹and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁰Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug;

²¹and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had other sons and daughters.

²²Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;

²³and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁴Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of Terah;

²⁵and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁶Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

²⁷Now these we identify as the records of the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot.

²⁸Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

²⁹Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife had the name of Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.

³⁰Sarai found herself barren; she had no child.

³¹Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.

³²The days of Terah numbered two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12

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Abram Journeys to Egypt

¹Now the LORD said to Abram,
 "Go forth from your country,
 And from your relatives
 And from your father's house,
 To the land which I will show you;
²And I will make you a great nation,
 And I will bless you,
 And make your name great;
 And so you shall become a blessing;
³And I will bless those who bless you,
 And the one who curses you I will curse
 And in you all the families of the earth will receive blessings."

⁴So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram reached seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.

⁶Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite lived then in the land.

⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, " To your descendants I will give this land " So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

⁸Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

⁹Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

¹⁰Now there came about a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine became severe in the land.

¹¹It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that people regard you as a beautiful woman;

¹²and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'we know her as his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

¹³"Please identify yourself as my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you."

¹⁴It came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman looked very beautiful.

¹⁵Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and Pharaoh took the woman into his house.

¹⁶Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

¹⁷But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

¹⁸Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What have you done to me? Why did you not tell me that you had her as your wife?"

¹⁹"Why did you say, 'I claim her as my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, you can have your wife, take her and go."

²⁰Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

Genesis 13

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Abram and Lot

¹So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.

²Now Abram grew very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

³He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where he had pitched his tent at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

⁴to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

⁵Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

⁶And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions had become so great that they could not remain together.

⁷And there grew strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived then in the land.

⁸So Abram said to Lot, "Please let no strife arise between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we have kinship.

⁹"Look at the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left."

¹⁰Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it seemed well watered everywhere--this happened before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.

¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.

¹²Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

¹³Now the men of Sodom acted wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you stand, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

¹⁵for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.

¹⁶"I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then people can also number your descendants .

¹⁷"Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."

¹⁸Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which grow in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

Genesis 14

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War of the Kings

¹And it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim,

²that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (namely, Zoar).

³All these came as allies to the valley of Siddim (namely, the Salt Sea).

⁴Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.

⁵In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that accompanied him, came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,

⁶and the Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which lies by the wilderness.

⁷Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (namely, Kadesh), and conquered all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (namely, Zoar) came out; and they arrayed for battle against them in the valley of Siddim,

⁹against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar--four kings against five.

¹⁰Now the valley of Siddim had many tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell into them. But those who survived fled to the hill country.

¹¹Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food supply, and departed.

¹²They also took Lot, Abram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, for he had lived in Sodom.

¹³Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he lived by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these became allies with Abram.

¹⁴When Abram heard that someone had taken his relative captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

¹⁵ He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which locates north of Damascus.

¹⁶ He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

God's Promise to Abram

¹⁷ Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who remained with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (namely, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he served as a priest of God Most High.

¹⁹ He blessed him and said,

" God blesses Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

²⁰ And we bless the name of God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."
He gave him a tenth of all.

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself."

²² Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth,

²³ that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that belongs to you, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

²⁴ "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

Genesis 15

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Abram Promised a Son

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,

" Do not fear, Abram,
I have become a shield to you;
Your reward shall grow very great."

²Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I have no children, and the heir of my house I designate as Eliezer of Damascus?"

³And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house I can claim as my heir."

⁴Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not become your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall become your heir."

⁵And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you could count them " And He said to him, " So shall your descendants become."

⁶Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷And He said to him, "I proclaim myself the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."

⁸He said, "O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?"

⁹So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

¹⁰Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

¹¹The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

¹²Now when the sun had gone down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.

¹³God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will become strangers in a land that does not belong to them, where their captors will enslave and oppress them for four hundred years.

¹⁴"But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

¹⁵"As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; people will bury you at a good old age.

¹⁶"Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite has not yet reached completion."

¹⁷It came about when the sun had set, that it had become very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.

¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,
" To your descendants I have given this land,
From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

¹⁹the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite

²⁰and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim

²¹and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

Genesis 16

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Sarai and Hagar

¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid who had the name of Hagar.

²So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

³After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.

⁴He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress despised her.

⁵And Sarai said to Abram, " May the wrong done me come upon you I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, she despised me May the LORD judge between you and me."

⁶But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, you have power over your maid ; do to her what seems good in your sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

⁷Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

⁸He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from and where do you go to?" And she said, "I have fled from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

⁹Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority."

¹⁰Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, " I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will become too many to count."

¹¹The angel of the LORD said to her further,
"Behold, you have become pregnant,
And you will bear a son;
And you shall call his name Ishmael,
Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

¹²"He will act like a wild donkey of a man,
His hand will stretch against everyone,
And everyone's hand will stretch against him;
And he will live to the east of all his brothers."

¹³Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, " I perceive You as a God who sees"; for she said, " Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?"

¹⁴Therefore the well we call Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

¹⁶Abram reached eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

Genesis 17

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Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision

¹Now when Abram reached ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

"I proclaim myself as God Almighty;
Walk before Me, and remain blameless.

²"I will establish My covenant between Me and you,
And I will multiply you exceedingly."

³Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

⁴"As for Me, behold, My covenant dwells with you,
And people will know you as the father of a multitude of nations.

⁵"No longer shall people call your name Abram,
But I shall call your name Abraham;
For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

⁶"I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.

⁷"I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to become God to you and to your descendants after you.

⁸" I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will rule as their God."

⁹God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

¹⁰" This characterizes My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall undergo circumcision.

¹¹"And you shall undergo circumcision in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall signify the covenant between Me and you.

¹²"And every male among you who has turned eight days old shall undergo circumcision throughout your generations, a servant whose birth took place in the house or who has become bought with money from any foreigner, who does not come from your descendants.

¹³"A servant whose birth occurred in your house or who has become bought with your money shall surely undergo circumcision; thus shall My covenant remain in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

¹⁴"But an uncircumcised male who has not undergone circumcision in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall become separated from his people; he has broken My covenant."

¹⁵Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but you shall call her Sarah .

¹⁶"I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her Then I will bless her, and people shall acknowledge her as a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child become born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who has reached ninety years old, bear a child?"

¹⁸And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"

¹⁹But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

²⁰"As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

²¹"But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

²²When He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

²³Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all the servants whose births had occurred in his house and all who they had bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the very same day, as God had said to him.

²⁴Now Abraham reached ninety-nine years old when he underwent circumcision in the flesh of his foreskin.

²⁵And Ishmael his son reached thirteen years old when he underwent circumcision in the flesh of his foreskin.

²⁶In the very same day Abraham became circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

²⁷All the men of his household, who had his birth in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, had become circumcised with him.

Genesis 18

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Birth of Isaac Promised

¹Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he sat at the tent door in the heat of the day.

²When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men stood opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth,

³and said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by.

⁴"Please let someone bring a little water and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree;

⁵and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it and make bread cakes."

⁷Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it.

⁸He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

⁹Then they said to him, "Where has Sarah your wife gone?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

¹⁰He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah listened at the tent door, which stood behind him.

¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah had grown old, advanced in age; Sarah had gone past childbearing.

¹²Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord having grown old also?"

¹³And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, when I have become so old?'"

¹⁴"Do you find anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵Sarah denied it however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she felt afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

¹⁶Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham walked with them to send them off.

¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I intend to do,

¹⁸since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will receive a blessing?"

¹⁹"For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

²⁰And the LORD said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah has waxed indeed great, and their sin has become exceedingly grave."

²¹"I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

²²Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham still stood before the LORD.

²³Abraham came near and said, " Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

²⁴"Suppose you find fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who live in it?"

²⁵" Could You do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked you treat alike. May it stay far from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"

²⁶So the LORD said, " If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account."

²⁷And Abraham replied, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I consider myself but dust and ashes.

²⁸"Suppose the fifty righteous lack five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

²⁹He spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose you find forty there?" And He said, "I will not do it on account of the forty."

³⁰Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not become angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty live there?" And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹And he said, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose You find twenty there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the twenty."

³²Then he said, " Oh may the Lord not become angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose You find ten there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

³³As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19

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The Doom of Sodom

¹Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

²And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."

³Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

⁴Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;

⁵and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where did you hide the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them."

⁶But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

⁷and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

⁸"Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof."

⁹But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he acts like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

¹⁰But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

¹¹They struck the men who stood at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway.

¹²Then the two men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place;

¹³for we intend to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

¹⁴Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had planned to marry his daughters, and said, "Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city." But his sons-in-law thought he jested.

¹⁵When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters who live here, or you will become swept away in the punishment of the city."

¹⁶But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD rested upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

¹⁷When they had brought them outside, one said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, or you will become swept away."

¹⁸But Lot said to them, "Oh no, my lords!

¹⁹"Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die;

²⁰now behold, this town seems near enough to flee to, and it looks small. Please, let me escape there (does it not seem small?) that my life may become spared."

²¹He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.

²²"Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town had the name of Zoar.

²³The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

²⁴Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from out of heaven,

²⁵and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, as well as what grew on the ground.

²⁶But his wife, from behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD;

²⁸and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.

²⁹Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

Lot Becomes Debased

³⁰Lot went up from Zoar, and stayed in the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to stay in Zoar; and he stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters.

³¹Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father has become old, and there has not exist a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of the earth.

³²"Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him that we may preserve our family through our father."

³³So they made their father drink wine that night, and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

³⁴On the following day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve our family through our father."

³⁵So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

³⁶Thus both the daughters of Lot became impregnated with child by their father.

³⁷The firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab; we acknowledge him as the father of the Moabites to this day.

³⁸As for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he has become the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

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Abraham's Treachery

¹Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev, and settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in Gerar.

²Abraham said of Sarah his wife, " I acknowledge her as my sister " So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you have become a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she already had married."

⁴Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a nation, even though it proves blameless?"

⁵"Did he not himself say to me, ' I acknowledge her as my sister'? And she herself said, ' I acknowledge him as my brother ' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this."

⁶Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

⁷"Now therefore, restore the man's wife, for I have designated him a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who belong to you."

⁸So Abimelech arose early in the morning and called all his servants and told all these things in their hearing; and the men felt greatly frightened.

⁹Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to become done."

¹⁰And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you encountered, that you have done this thing?"

¹¹Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there exists no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.

¹²"Besides, actually I could consider her my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife;

¹³and it came about, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, "This represents the kindness which you will show to me: everywhere we go, say of me, " I consider him my brother."""

¹⁴Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, restoring his wife Sarah to him.

¹⁵Abimelech said, " Behold, you see my land before you; settle wherever you please."

¹⁶To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, you may consider yourself vindicated before all who live with you, and before all men you have become cleared."

¹⁷Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore children.

¹⁸For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Genesis 21

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Isaac's Birth

¹ Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised.

² So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

³ Abraham called the name of his son who had become born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

⁴ Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he reached eight days old, as God had commanded him.

⁵ Now Abraham reached one hundred years old when his son Isaac had become born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."

⁷ And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

⁸The child grew and became weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac became weaned.

Sarah Turns against Hagar

⁹Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

¹⁰Therefore she said to Abraham, " Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not become an heir with my son Isaac."

¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.

¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not feel distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall receive their names.

¹³"And of the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he shall become your descendant."

¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵When they had used up the water in the skin, she left the boy under one of the bushes.

¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, "Do not let me see the boy die." And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice and wept.

¹⁷God heard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What happened to you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he lies.

¹⁸"Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by the hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad a drink.

²⁰ God remained with the lad, and he grew; and he lived in the wilderness and became an archer.

²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Covenant with Abimelech

²²Now it came about at that time that Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, " God accompanies you in all that you do;

²³now therefore, swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my offspring or with my posterity, but according to the kindness that I have shown to you, you shall show to me and to the land in which you have sojourned."

²⁴Abraham said, "I swear it."

²⁵But Abraham complained to Abimelech because of the well of water which the servants of Abimelech had seized.

²⁶And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, nor did I hear of it until today."

²⁷Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant.

²⁸Then Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

²⁹Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs mean, which you have set by themselves?"

³⁰He said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand so that it may serve as a witness to me, that I dug this well."

³¹Therefore he called that place Beersheba, because there the two of them took an oath.

³²So they made a covenant at Beersheba; and Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, arose and returned to the land of the Philistines.

³³Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

³⁴And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines for many days.

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The Offering of Isaac

¹Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, " Abraham!" And he said, "Here You may find me."

²He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

⁵Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

⁷Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here you see me, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where do we see the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I present myself."

¹²He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

¹³Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

¹⁴Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as people say to this day, "In the mount of the LORD God will provide."

¹⁵Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

¹⁶and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,

¹⁷indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which lie on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

¹⁸" In your seed all the nations of the earth shall receive blessings, because you have obeyed My voice."

¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

²⁰ Now it came about after these things, that people told Abraham, saying, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

²¹ Uz his firstborn and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram

²² and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel."

²³ Bethuel became the father of Rebekah; these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

²⁴ His concubine, who had the name of Reumah, also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

Genesis 23

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Death and Burial of Sarah

¹ Now Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; these constituted the years of the life of Sarah.

² Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (namely, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

³ Then Abraham rose from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,

⁴ "I acknowledge myself as a stranger and a sojourner among you; give me a burial site among you that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

⁵ The sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

⁶ "Hear us, my lord, we consider you a mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our graves; none of us will refuse you his grave for burying your dead."

⁷ So Abraham rose and bowed to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.

⁸And he spoke with them, saying, "If you wish for me to bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and approach Ephron the son of Zohar for me,

⁹that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which lies at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in your presence for a burial site."

¹⁰Now Ephron sat among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth; even of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying,

¹¹"No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that lies in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead."

¹²And Abraham bowed before the people of the land.

¹³He spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If you will only please listen to me; I will give the price of the field, accept it from me that I may bury my dead there."

¹⁴Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

¹⁵"My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what should that amount to between me and you? So bury your dead."

¹⁶Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, commercial standard.

¹⁷So Ephron's field, which lie in Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which located in it, and all the trees which grew in the field, that were within all the confines of its border, had become deeded over

¹⁸to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

¹⁹After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (namely, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

²⁰So the field and the cave that lies in it, became deeded over to Abraham for a burial site by the sons of Heth.

Genesis 24

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A Bride for Isaac

¹Now Abraham grew old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way.

²Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh,

³and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live,

⁴but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

⁵The servant said to him, "Suppose the woman does not want to follow me to this land; should I take your son back to the land from where you came?"

⁶Then Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there!

⁷"The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I will give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

⁸"But if the woman does not want to follow you, then you will become free from this my oath; only do not take my son back there."

⁹So the servant placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master, and set out with a variety of good things of his master's in his hand; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

¹¹He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

¹²He said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master Abraham.

¹³"Behold, I stand by the spring, and the daughters of the men of the city have come out to draw water;

¹⁴now may it happen that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also'--may she become the one whom

You have appointed for Your servant Isaac; and by this I will know that You have shown lovingkindness to my master."

Rebekah Becomes Chosen

¹⁵ Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah who became born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder.

¹⁶ The girl appeared very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.

¹⁷ Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, " Please let me drink a little water from your jar."

¹⁸ She said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink.

¹⁹ Now when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking."

²⁰ So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.

²¹ Meanwhile, the man gazed at her in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.

²² When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels in gold,

²³ and said, "What family do you come from? Please tell me, do you have room for us to lodge in your father's house?"

²⁴ She said to him, " I acknowledge Bethuel as my father, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."

²⁵ Again she said to him, "We have plenty of both straw and feed, and room to lodge in."

²⁶ Then the man bowed low and worshiped the LORD.

²⁷ He said, " We bless the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, the LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."

²⁸ Then the girl ran and told her mother's household about these things.

²⁹ Now Rebekah had a brother who had the name of Laban; and Laban ran outside to the man at the spring.

³⁰When he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "This the man said to me," he went to the man; and behold, he stood by the camels at the spring.

³¹And he said, "Come in, blessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside since I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels?"

³²So the man entered the house. Then Laban unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and feed to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who accompanied him.

³³But when they set food before him to eat, he said, "I will not eat until I have told my business." And he said, "Speak on."

³⁴So he said, "I proclaim myself as Abraham's servant.

³⁵"The LORD has greatly blessed my master, so that he has become rich; and He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and servants and maids, and camels and donkeys.

³⁶"Now Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master in her old age, and he has given him all that he has.

³⁷"My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;

³⁸but you shall go to my father's house and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.'

³⁹"I said to my master, 'Suppose the woman does not follow me.'

⁴⁰"He said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house;

⁴¹then you will become free from my oath, when you come to my relatives; and if they do not give her to you, you will become free from my oath.'

⁴²"So I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now You will make my journey on which I go successful;

⁴³behold, I stand by the spring, and may it happen that the maiden who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar";

⁴⁴and she will say to me, "You drink, and I will draw for your camels also"; let her this become the signal that You have appointed the woman for my master's son.'

⁴⁵"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder, and went down to the spring and drew, and I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

⁴⁶"She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder, and said, ' Drink, and I will water your camels also'; so I drank, and she watered the camels also.

⁴⁷" Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose family do you come from?' And she said, ' I acknowledge Bethuel as my father, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him'; and I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her wrists.

⁴⁸"And I bowed low and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

⁴⁹"So now if you intend to deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, let me know, that I may turn to the right hand or the left."

⁵⁰Then Laban and Bethuel replied, " The matter comes from the LORD; so we cannot speak to you bad or good.

⁵¹"Here stands Rebekah before you, take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

⁵²When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the LORD.

⁵³The servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

⁵⁴Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning, he said, " Send me away to my master."

⁵⁵But her brother and her mother said, " Let the girl stay with us a few days, say ten; afterward she may go."

⁵⁶He said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master."

⁵⁷And they said, "We will call the girl and consult her wishes."

⁵⁸Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go."

⁵⁹Thus they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse with Abraham's servant and his men.

⁶⁰They blessed Rebekah and said to her,
"May you, our sister,
Become thousands of ten thousands,
And may your descendants possess
The gate of those who hate them."

⁶¹Then Rebekah arose with her maids, and they mounted the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

Isaac Marries Rebekah

⁶²Now Isaac had come from going to Beer-lahai-roi; for he lived in the Negev.

⁶³Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, camels came.

⁶⁴Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from the camel.

⁶⁵She said to the servant, "Who walks in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He I acknowledge as my master." Then she took her veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶The servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; thus Isaac received comfort after his mother's death.

Genesis 25

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Abraham's Death

¹Now Abraham took another wife, who had the name of Keturah.

²She bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.

³Jokshan became the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim.

⁴The sons of Midian we identify as Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All these we identify as the sons of Keturah.

⁵Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;

⁶but to the sons of his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he still lived, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.

⁷These constitute all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years.

⁸Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he became gathered to his people.

⁹Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre,

¹⁰the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there they buried Abraham with Sarah his wife.

¹¹It came about after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac lived by Beer-lahai-roi.

Descendants of Ishmael

¹²Now these we acknowledge as the records of the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;

¹³and these we identify as the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam

¹⁴and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,

¹⁵Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

¹⁶These we identify as the sons of Ishmael and these we identify as their names, by their villages, and by their camps; twelve princes according to their tribes.

¹⁷These we acknowledge as the years of the life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and became gathered to his people.

¹⁸They settled from Havilah to Shur which lies to the east of Egypt as one goes toward Assyria; he settled in defiance of all his relatives.

Isaac's Sons

¹⁹Now these we identify as the records of the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac;

²⁰and Isaac had reached forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to become his wife.

²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she found herself barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.

²²But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If this has happened, why then have I found myself in this predicament?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³The LORD said to her,
" Two nations exist in your womb;
And two peoples will become separated from your body;
And one people shall have more strength than the other;
And the older shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her days to become delivered had reached conclusion, behold, she found twins in her womb.

²⁵Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

²⁶Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so they named him Jacob; and Isaac reached sixty years when she gave birth to them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob lived a peaceable life, living in tents.

²⁸Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he became famished;

³⁰and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I feel famished." Therefore he had the name of Edom.

³¹But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

³²Esau said, "Behold, I will soon die; so of what use then will I have for this birthright ?"

³³And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 26

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Isaac Settles in Gerar

¹Now there grew a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham So Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.

²The LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you.

³"Sojourn in this land and I will accompany you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

⁴" I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall become blessed;

⁵because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

⁶So Isaac lived in Gerar.

⁷When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, " I acknowledge her as my sister," for he feared to say, "my wife," thinking, "the men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she appears beautiful."

⁸It came about, when he had lived there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac caressed his wife Rebekah.

⁹Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, certainly she appears as your wife! How then did you say, ' I acknowledge her as my sister'?" And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'I might die on account of her.'"

¹⁰ Abimelech said, "What have you done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

¹¹So Abimelech charged all the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely receive the death penalty."

¹²Now Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him,

¹³and the man became rich, and continued to grow richer until he became very wealthy;

¹⁴for he had possessions of flocks and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.

¹⁵Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up by filling them with earth.

¹⁶Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you have become too powerful for us."

¹⁷And Isaac departed from there and camped in the valley of Gerar, and settled there.

Quarrel over the Wells

¹⁸Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which his father Abraham in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the same names which his father had given them.

¹⁹But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of flowing water,

²⁰the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac, saying, "The water belongs to us!" So he named the well Esek, because they contended with him.

²¹Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over it too, so he named it Sitnah.

²²He moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it Rehoboth, for he said, " At last the LORD has made room for us, and we will become fruitful in the land."

²³Then he went up from there to Beersheba.

²⁴The LORD appeared to him the same night and said,
" I proclaim myself the God of your father Abraham;
Do not fear, for I accompany you
I will bless you, and multiply your descendants,
For the sake of My servant Abraham."

²⁵So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

Covenant with Abimelech

²⁶Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with his adviser Ahuzzath and Phicol the commander of his army.

²⁷Isaac said to them, " Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?"

²⁸They said, "We see plainly that the LORD has accompanied you; so we said, 'Let us make an oath between us, even between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you,

²⁹that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You now have the blessing of the LORD.'"

³⁰Then he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

³¹In the morning they arose early and exchanged oaths; then Isaac sent them away and they departed from him in peace.

³²Now it came about on the same day, that Isaac's servants came in and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

³³So he called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city we call Beersheba to this day.

³⁴When Esau reached forty years old he married Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite;

³⁵and they brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 27

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Jacob's Deception

¹Now it came about, when Isaac grew old and his eyes had become too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here you will find me."

²Isaac said, "Behold now, I have grown old and I do not know the day of my death.

³"Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me;

⁴and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

⁵Rebekah listened while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring home,

⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

⁷'Bring me some game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'

⁸"Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you.

⁹"Go now to the flock and bring me two choice young goats from there, that I may prepare them as a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

¹⁰"Then you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

¹¹Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother has much hair and I don't.

¹²" Perhaps my father will feel me, then he will consider me a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing."

¹³But his mother said to him, "Your curse will land on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me."

¹⁴So he went and got them, and brought them to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.

¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which she had in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

¹⁶And she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

¹⁷She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, to her son Jacob.

¹⁸Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here you may find me. Where can I find you, my son?"

¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I proclaim myself Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me."

²⁰Isaac said to his son, "How have you done it so quickly, my son?" And he said, " Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me."

²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether I can determine your authenticity as my son Esau or not."

²²So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice sounds like the voice of Jacob, but the hands feel like the hands of Esau."

²³He did not recognize him, because his hands felt hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

²⁴And he said, "Have you really come to me Esau?" And he said, "I do."

²⁵So he said, "Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you." And he brought it to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son."

²⁷So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son

resembles the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed;
²⁸Now may God give you of the dew of heaven,
And of the fatness of the earth,
And an abundance of grain and new wine;
²⁹May peoples serve you,
And nations bow down to you;
Become master of your brothers,
And may your mother's sons bow down to you
Curses fall upon those who curse you,
And blessings upon those who bless you."

The Stolen Blessing

³⁰Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

³¹Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, " Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me."

³²Isaac his father said to him, " How do you identify yourself?" And he said, "I proclaim myself your son, your firstborn, Esau."

³³Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, " Who hunted game and brought it to me, so that I ate of all of it before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall receive the blessings."

³⁴When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

³⁵And he said, " Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing."

³⁶Then he said, " Did you not rightly name him Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

³⁷But Isaac replied to Esau, "Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?"

³⁸Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

³⁹Then Isaac his father answered and said to him,
"Behold, away from the fertility of the earth you shall dwell,
And away from the dew of heaven from above.
⁴⁰"By your sword you shall live,
And your brother you shall serve;

But it shall come about when you become restless,
That you will break his yoke from your neck."

⁴¹So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father have nearly concluded; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

⁴²Now when someone reported the words of her elder son Esau to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, "Behold your brother Esau consoles himself concerning you by planning to kill you.

⁴³"Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise, flee to Haran, to my brother Laban!

⁴⁴"Stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury subsides,

⁴⁵until your brother's anger against you subsides and he forgets what you did to him. Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I suffer the bereavement of you both in one day?"

⁴⁶Rebekah said to Isaac, "I have become tired of living because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will I find my life?"

Genesis 28

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Rebekah sends Jacob Away

¹So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

²"Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

³"May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.

⁴"May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham."

⁵Then Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

⁶Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take to himself a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he charged him, saying, " You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

⁷and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram.

⁸So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac;

⁹and Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

Jacob's Dream

¹⁰Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

¹¹He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place.

¹²He had a dream, and behold, a ladder had become set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God ascended and descended on it.

¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I proclaim Myself as the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.

¹⁴"Your descendants will also resemble the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth receive blessings.

¹⁵"Behold, I will remain with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, " Surely the LORD dwells in this place, and I did not know it."

¹⁷He became afraid and said, " How awesome does this place appear to me! This I acknowledge as none other than the house of God, and this I regard as the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top.

¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city they called Luz.

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, " If God will remain with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear,

²¹and I return to my father's house in safety, then I will regard the LORD as my God.

²²"This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will constitute God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Genesis 29

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Jacob Meets Rachel

¹Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the sons of the east.

²He looked, and saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep reclined there beside it, for from that well they watered the flocks. Now the stone on the mouth of the well appeared large.

³When all the flocks gathered there, they would then roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

⁴Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" And they said, "We come from Haran."

⁵He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him."

⁶And he said to them, "Does everything go well with him?" And they said, "It goes well, and here comes Rachel his daughter coming with the sheep."

⁷He said, "Behold, it still remains high day; it has not come time to gather the livestock. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them."

⁸But they said, "We cannot, until we gather all the flocks, and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

⁹While he still spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she served as a shepherdess.

¹⁰When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

¹¹Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted his voice and wept.

¹²Jacob told Rachel that he had kinship with her father and that he identified himself as Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

¹³So when Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then he related to Laban all these things.

¹⁴Laban said to him, "Surely I regard you as my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him a month.

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because we have kinship, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what wages do you desire?"

¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the older had the name of Leah, and younger had the name of Rachel.

¹⁷And Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel appeared beautiful of form and face.

¹⁸Now Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

¹⁹Laban said, "I find it better that I give her to you than to give her to another man; stay with me."

²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

Laban's Treachery

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my time has reached completion, that I may go in to her."

²²Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

²³Now in the evening he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and Jacob went in to her.

²⁴Laban also gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.

²⁵So it came about in the morning that, behold, he found himself with Leah! And he said to Laban, "What have you to me? Did I not serve you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"

²⁶But Laban said, "We do not practice in our place to marry off the younger before the firstborn.

²⁷"Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you shall serve with me for another seven years."

²⁸Jacob did so and completed her week, and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

²⁹Laban also gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maid.

³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and indeed he loved Rachel more than Leah, and he served with Laban for another seven years.

³¹Now the LORD saw that Leah received no love, and He opened her womb, but Rachel remained barren.

³²Leah conceived and bore a son and named him Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me."

³³Then she conceived again and bore a son and said, " Because the LORD has heard that I receive no love, He has therefore given me this son also." So she named him Simeon.

³⁴She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore he received the name of Levi.

³⁵And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

Genesis 30

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The Sons of Jacob

¹Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, " Give me children, or else I die."

²Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, " Do you consider me in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

³She said, " Here comes my maid Bilhah, go in to her that she may bear on my knees, that through her I too may have children."

⁴So she gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.

⁵Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

⁶Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me, and has indeed heard my voice and has given me a son." Therefore she named him Dan.

⁷Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

⁸So Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.

⁹When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

¹⁰Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

¹¹Then Leah said, "How fortunate!" So she named him Gad.

¹²Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.

¹³Then Leah said, "Happy do I consider myself! For women will call me happy." So she named him Asher.

¹⁴Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

¹⁵But she said to her, "Do you consider it a small matter for you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also?" So Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

¹⁶When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

¹⁷God gave heed to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

¹⁸Then Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my maid to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

¹⁹Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

²⁰Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

²¹Afterward she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

²²Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb.

²³So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach."

²⁴She named him Joseph, saying, " May the LORD give me another son."

Jacob Prospers

²⁵Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, " Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country.

²⁶"Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have rendered you."

²⁷But Laban said to him, "If now it pleases you, stay with me; I have divined that the LORD has blessed me on your account."

²⁸He continued, " Name me your wages, and I will give it."

²⁹But he said to him, " You yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have fared with me.

³⁰"For you had little before I came and it has increased to a multitude, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"

³¹So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this one thing for me, I will again pasture and keep your flock:

³²let me pass through your entire flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted sheep and every black one among the lambs and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and such I shall consider my wages.

³³"So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come concerning my wages. Every one that does not appear speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, you may consider them stolen."

³⁴Laban said, "Good, let it happen according to your word."

³⁵So he removed on that day the striped and spotted male goats and all the speckled and spotted female goats, every one with white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the care of his sons.

³⁶And he put a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

³⁷Then Jacob took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white which appeared in the rods.

³⁸He set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters, even in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink; and they mated when they came to drink.

³⁹So the flocks mated by the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted.

⁴⁰Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own herds apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock.

⁴¹Moreover, whenever the stronger of the flock mated, Jacob would place the rods in the sight of the flock in the gutters, so that they might mate by the rods;

⁴²but when the flock showed feebleness, he did not put them in; so the feebler stock became Laban's and the stronger Jacob's.

⁴³So the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

Genesis 31

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Jacob Leaves Secretly for Canaan

¹Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that belonged to our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth."

²Jacob saw the attitude of Laban, and behold, it did not seem friendly toward him as formerly.

³Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will accompany you."

⁴So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field,

⁵and said to them, "I see your father's attitude, that it does not seem friendly toward me as formerly, but the God of my father has remained with me.

⁶"You know that I have served your father with all my strength.

⁷"Yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times; however, God did not allow him to hurt me.

⁸"If he spoke thus, 'The speckled shall become your wages,' then all the flock brought forth speckled; and if he spoke thus, 'The striped you shall consider your wages,' then all the flock brought forth striped.

⁹"Thus God has taken away your father's livestock and given them to me.

¹⁰"And it came about at the time when the flock had mated that I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which had mated appeared striped, speckled, and mottled.

¹¹"Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here you will find me.'

¹²"He said, 'Lift up now your eyes and see that all the male goats which had mated appeared striped, speckled, and mottled; for I have seen all that Laban has done to you.

¹³I proclaim Myself as the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, leave this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"

¹⁴Rachel and Leah said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?"

¹⁵"Has he not considered us as foreigners? For he has sold us, and has also entirely consumed our purchase price.

¹⁶"Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

¹⁷Then Jacob arose and put his children and his wives upon camels;

¹⁸and he drove away all his livestock and all his property which he had gathered, his acquired livestock which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.

¹⁹When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the household idols that belonged to her father.

²⁰And Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him that he planned to flee.

²¹So he fled with all that he had; and he arose and crossed the Euphrates River, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

Laban Pursues Jacob

²²When people told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,

²³then he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him a distance of seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

²⁴God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream of the night and said to him, "Take care that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad."

²⁵Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead.

²⁶Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done by deceiving me and carrying away my daughters like captives of the sword?"

²⁷"Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and did not tell me so that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with timbrel and with lyre;

²⁸and did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.

²⁹"I have it in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ' Show care not to speak either good or bad to Jacob.'

³⁰"Now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house; but why did you steal my gods?"

³¹Then Jacob replied to Laban, "Because I feared, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.

³²" The one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our kinsmen point out what belongs to you among my belongings and take it for yourself." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

³³So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find them. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.

³⁴Now Rachel had taken the household idols and put them in the camel's saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent but did not find them.

³⁵She said to her father, "Let not my lord show anger that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women has come upon me " So he searched but did not find the household idols.

³⁶Then Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob said to Laban, "What do you consider my transgression? What do you consider my sin that you have hotly pursued me?"

³⁷"Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two.

³⁸"These twenty years I have served you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.

³⁹"That which the beasts had torn I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. You required it of my hand whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

⁴⁰"Thus I found: by day the heat consumed me and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

⁴¹"These twenty years I have served in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you changed my wages ten times.

⁴²"If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had not remained with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He rendered judgment last night."

The Covenant of Mizpah

⁴³Then Laban replied to Jacob, "The daughters come from me, and the children belong to me, and the flocks belong to me, and all that you see belongs to me. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?"

⁴⁴"So now come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it become a witness between you and me."

⁴⁵Then Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar.

⁴⁶Jacob said to his kinsmen, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

⁴⁷Now Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.

⁴⁸Laban said, " This heap serves as a witness between you and me this day." Therefore they named it Galeed,

⁴⁹and Mizpah, for he said, "May the LORD watch between you and me when we find ourselves absent one from the other.

⁵⁰"If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no man may see, God witnesses between you and me."

⁵¹Laban said to Jacob, "Behold this heap and behold the pillar which I have set between you and me.

⁵²"This heap serves as a witness, and the pillar serves as a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to you for harm, and you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

⁵³" The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us " So Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.

⁵⁴Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his kinsmen to the meal; and they ate the meal and spent the night on the mountain.

⁵⁵Early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

Genesis 32

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Jacob's Fear of Esau

¹Now as Jacob went on his way, the angels of God met him.

²Jacob said when he saw them, "This we regard as God's camp." So he named that place Mahanaim.

³Then Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

⁴He also commanded them saying, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: 'Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now;

⁵ I have oxen and donkeys and flocks and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.'"

⁶The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and furthermore he comes to meet you, and four hundred men accompany him."

⁷Then Jacob felt greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who accompanied him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies;

⁸for he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the company which remains will escape."

⁹Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,'

¹⁰I feel unworthy of all the lovingkindness and of all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff only I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

¹¹" Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, that he will come and attack me and the mothers with the children.

¹²"For You said, ' I will surely prosper you and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which appears too great to number.'"

¹³So he spent the night there. Then he selected from what he had with him a present for his brother Esau:

¹⁴two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

¹⁵thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

¹⁶He delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on before me, and put a space between droves."

¹⁷He commanded the one in front, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where do you go, and to whom do these animals in front of you belong?'

¹⁸then you shall say, 'These belong to your servant Jacob; he gives it as a present sent to my lord Esau. And behold, he also comes behind us.'"

¹⁹Then he commanded also the second and the third, and all those who followed the droves, saying, "After this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

²⁰and you shall say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob also comes behind us.'" For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

²¹So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.

²²Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

Jacob Wrestles

²⁴Then Jacob remained alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh became dislocated while he wrestled with him.

²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn breaks." But he said, " I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷So he said to him, "What name do you go by?" And he said, "Jacob."

²⁸He said, "You shall no longer have the name of Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."

²⁹Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why do you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said, " I have seen God face to face, yet He has preserved my life ."

³¹Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Penuel, and he limped on his thigh.

³²Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which appears on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

Genesis 33

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Jacob Meets Esau

¹Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau came, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

²He put the maids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

³But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

⁵He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who has come with you?" So he said, " The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

⁶Then the maids came near with their children, and they bowed down.

⁷Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

⁸And he said, "What do you mean by all this company which I have met?" And he said, " To find favor in the sight of my lord."

⁹But Esau said, " I have plenty, my brother; let what you have remain your own."

¹⁰Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

¹¹"Please take my gift which I have brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me and because I have plenty." Thus he urged him and he took it.

¹²Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you."

¹³But he said to him, "My lord knows that the children seem frail and that the flocks and herds which nurse have become a care to me. And if we drive them hard one day, all the flocks will die.

¹⁴"Please let my lord pass on before his servant, and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at Seir."

¹⁵Esau said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who accompany me." But he said, " What need do we have there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

¹⁶So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

¹⁷Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built for himself a house and made booths for his livestock; therefore the place has the name of Succoth.

Jacob Settles in Shechem

¹⁸Now Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which lies in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram, and camped before the city.

¹⁹He bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.

²⁰Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

Genesis 34

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The Treachery of Jacob's Sons

¹Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the daughters of the land.

²When Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her by force.

³He felt deeply attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke tenderly to her.

⁴So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young girl for a wife."

⁵Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but his sons worked with his livestock in the field, so Jacob kept silent until they came in.

⁶Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

⁷Now the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men felt grieved, and they felt very angry because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing ought not to happen.

⁸But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; please give her to him in marriage.

⁹"Intermarry with us; give your daughters to us and take our daughters for yourselves.

¹⁰"Thus you shall live with us, and the land shall become open before you; live and trade in it and acquire property in it."

¹¹Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "If I find favor in your sight, then I will give whatever you say to me.

¹²"Ask me ever so much bridal payment and gift, and I will give according as you say to me; but give me the girl in marriage."

¹³But Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father Hamor with deceit, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

¹⁴They said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who has not undergone circumcision, for that would disgrace us.

¹⁵"Only on this condition will we consent to you: if you will become like us, in that every male of you will undergo circumcision,

¹⁶then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will live with you and become one people.

¹⁷"But if you will not listen to us to become circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go."

¹⁸Now their words seemed reasonable to Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

¹⁹The young man did not delay to do the thing, because he felt delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he had more respect than all the household of his father.

²⁰So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying,

²¹"These men act friendly toward us; therefore let them live in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land appears large enough for them. Let us take their daughters in marriage, and give our daughters to them.

²²"Only on this condition will the men consent to us to live with us, to become one people: that every male among us become circumcised as they have undergone circumcision.

²³"Will not their livestock and their property and all their animals become ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will live with us."

²⁴All who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to his son Shechem, and every male became circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

²⁵Now it came about on the third day, when they experienced pain, that two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came upon the city unawares, and killed every male.

²⁶They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went forth.

²⁷Jacob's sons came upon the slain and looted the city, because they had defiled their sister.

²⁸They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which lay in the city and that which they found in the field;

²⁹and they captured and looted all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives, even all that which they found in the houses.

³⁰Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and my men having few in number, they will gather together against me and attack me and will destroy me, I and my household."

³¹But they said, "Should he treat our sister as a harlot?"

Genesis 35

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Jacob Moves to Bethel

¹Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and live there, and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau."

²So Jacob said to his household and to all who accompanied him, "Put away the foreign gods which you have among you, and purify yourselves and change your garments;

³and let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has remained with me wherever I have gone."

⁴So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which they had and the rings which they had in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak which stood near Shechem.

⁵As they journeyed, a great terror fell upon the cities which surrounded them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

⁶So Jacob came to Luz (namely, Bethel), which lies in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who accompanied him.

⁷He built an altar there, and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed Himself to him when he fled from his brother.

⁸Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and they buried her below Bethel under the oak; it received the name Allon-bacuth.

Jacob Received the Name Israel

⁹Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He blessed him.

¹⁰God said to him,
"You have the name of Jacob;
You shall no longer have the name of Jacob,

But Israel shall become your name."
Thus He called him Israel.

¹¹God also said to him,
"I proclaim Myself as God Almighty;
Become fruitful and multiply;
A nation and a company of nations shall come from you,
And kings shall come forth from you.

¹²"The land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac,
I will give it to you,
And I will give the land to your descendants after you."

¹³Then God went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him.

¹⁴Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it.

¹⁵So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, Bethel.

¹⁶Then they journeyed from Bethel; and when he had some distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and she suffered severe labor.

¹⁷When she found herself in severe labor the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for now you have another son."

¹⁸It came about as her soul departed (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

¹⁹So Rachel died and they buried her on the way to Ephrath (namely, Bethlehem).

²⁰Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; or the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

²¹Then Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

²²It came about while Israel lived in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Israel heard of it.

The Sons of Israel Now Jacob had twelve sons --

²³ the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun;

²⁴ the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin;

²⁵ and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan and Naphtali;

²⁶and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad and Asher. These we identify as the sons of Jacob who had become born to him in Paddan-aram.

²⁷Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre of iriath-arba (namely, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

²⁸Now the days of Isaac numbered one hundred and eighty years.

²⁹Isaac breathed his last and died and became gathered to his people, an old man of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 36

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Esau Moves

¹Now these we identify as the records of the generations of Esau (namely, Edom).

²Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

³also Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.

⁴Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,

⁵and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. These we identify as the sons of Esau who had become born to him in the land of Canaan.

⁶Then Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all his household, and his livestock and all his cattle and all his goods which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to another land away from his brother Jacob.

⁷For their property had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.

⁸So Esau lived in the hill country of Seir; Esau we call Edom.

Descendants of Esau

⁹These then we identify as the records of the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

¹⁰These we identify as the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Esau's wife Adah, Reuel the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

¹¹The sons of Eliphaz we identify as Teman, Omar, Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz.

¹²Timna became a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These we identify as the sons of Esau's wife Adah.

¹³These we identify as the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These we identify as the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

¹⁴These we identify the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon: she bore to Esau, Jeush and Jalam and Korah.

¹⁵These we identify as the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau, we identify as chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz,

¹⁶chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek. These we identify as the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these we identify as the sons of Adah.

¹⁷These we identify as the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah. These we identify as the chiefs descended from Reuel in the land of Edom; these we identify as the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

¹⁸These we identify as the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah. These we identify as the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

¹⁹These we identify as the sons of Esau (namely, Edom), and these we identify as their chiefs.

²⁰These we identify as the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah,

²¹and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These we identify as the chiefs descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

²²The sons of Lotan we identify as Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister had the name of Timna.

²³These we identify as the sons of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho and Onam.

²⁴These we identify as the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah-- the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

²⁵These we identify as the children of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

²⁶These we identify as the sons of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran.

²⁷These we identify as the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan.

²⁸These we identify as the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

²⁹These we identify as the chiefs descended from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah,

³⁰chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan. These we identify as the chiefs descended from the Horites, according to their various chiefs in the land of Seir.

³¹Now these we identify as the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel.

³²Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the city had the name of Dinhabah.

³³Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place.

³⁴Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites became king in his place.

³⁵Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the city had the name of Avith.

³⁶Then Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

³⁷Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates River became king in his place.

³⁸Then Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

³⁹Then Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar became king in his place; and the city had the name of Pau; and his wife had the name of Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab.

⁴⁰Now these we identify as the names of the chiefs descended from Esau, according to their families and their localities, by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth,

⁴¹chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

⁴²chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

⁴³chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These we identify as the chiefs of Edom (namely, Esau, the father of the Edomites), according to their habitations in the land of their possession.

Genesis 37

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Joseph's Dream

¹Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

²These we identify as the records of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, pastured the flock with his brothers while he lived as a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he valued him as the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

⁴His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

⁵Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

⁶He said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have had;

⁷for behold, we bound sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."

⁸Then his brothers said to him, "Do you actually intend to reign over us? Or do you think you will really rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to me."

¹⁰He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What do you consider the significance of the dream you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"

¹¹His brothers became jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

¹²Then his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

¹³Israel said to Joseph, "Do not your brothers pasture the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he said to him, "I will go."

¹⁴Then he said to him, "Go now and see about the welfare of your brothers and the welfare of the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

¹⁵A man found him, and behold, he wandered in the field; and the man asked him, "What do you look for?"

¹⁶He said, "I look for my brothers; please tell me where they pasture the flock."

¹⁷Then the man said, "They have moved from here; for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

The Plot against Joseph

¹⁸When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer!

²⁰"Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

²¹But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not take his life."

²²Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that lies in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

²³So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that he wore;

²⁴and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit appeared empty, without any water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites had come from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring them down to Egypt.

²⁶Judah said to his brothers, "What profit do we have to kill our brother and cover up his blood?"

²⁷"Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for we acknowledge him as our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him.

²⁸Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

²⁹Now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, he could not find Joseph in the pit; so he tore his garments.

³⁰He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy I cannot find there; as for me, where will I go?"

³¹So they took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the tunic in the blood;

³²and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "We found this; please examine it to see whether we have found your son's tunic or not."

³³Then he examined it and said, "It belongs to my son. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely become torn to pieces!"

³⁴So Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

³⁵Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused comfort. And he said, "Surely I will go down to Sheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

³⁶Meanwhile, the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

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Judah and Tamar

¹And it came about at that time, that Judah departed from his brothers and visited a certain Adullamite, who had the name of Hirah.

²Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite who had the name of Shua; and he took her and went in to her.

³So she conceived and bore a son and he named him Er.

⁴Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan.

⁵She bore still another son and named him Shelah; and she bore him at Chezib.

⁶Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and she had the name of Tamar.

⁷But Er, Judah's firstborn, did evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life.

⁸Then Judah said to Onan, " Go in to your brother's wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother."

⁹Onan knew that the offspring would not belong to him; so when he went in to his brother's wife, he wasted his seed on the ground in order not to give offspring to his brother.

¹⁰But what he did displeased the LORD; so He took his life also.

¹¹Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, " Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"; for he thought, "I fear that he too may die like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

¹²Now after a considerable time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when the time of mourning had ended, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

¹³People told Tamar, "Behold, your father-in-law goes up to Timnah to shear his sheep."

¹⁴So she removed her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which lies on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and Reuben had given her Shelah as husband.

¹⁵When Judah saw her, he believed she served as a harlot, for she had covered her face.

¹⁶So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, "Here now, let me come in to you"; for he did not know that he talked to his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

¹⁷He said, therefore, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." She said, moreover, "Will you give a pledge until you send it?"

¹⁸He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" And she said, " Your seal and your cord, and your staff that you have in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

¹⁹Then she arose and departed, and removed her veil and put on her widow's garments.

²⁰When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

²¹He asked the men of her place, saying, "Where has the temple prostitute gone who we saw by the road at Enaim?" But they said, " We have found no temple prostitute here."

²²So he returned to Judah, and said, "I did not find her; and furthermore, the men of the place said, ' We have seen no temple prostitute here.'"

²³Then Judah said, "Let her keep them, otherwise we will become a laughingstock. After all, I sent this young goat, but you did not find her."

²⁴Now about three months later people informed Judah informed, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she has become pregnant by harlotry." Then Judah said, "Bring her out and let us burn her!"

²⁵While they brought her out she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "I have become pregnant by the man to whom these things belong." And she said, "Please examine and see, who owns the signet ring and cords and staff?"

²⁶Judah recognized them, and said, "I recognize you as more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not have relations with her again.

²⁷It came about at the time she gave birth, that behold, she had twins in her womb.

²⁸Moreover, it took place while she gave birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."

²⁹But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" So they named him Perez.

³⁰Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand; and they named him Zerah.

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Joseph's Success in Egypt

¹Now they had taken Joseph down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

²The LORD remained with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he lived in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

³Now his master saw that the LORD remained with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

⁵It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing came upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

⁶So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate. Now Joseph appeared handsome in form and appearance.

⁷It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, " Lie with me."

⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge.

⁹" There I find no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you have married him How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

¹⁰As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or stay with her.

¹¹Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household remained there inside.

¹²She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside,

¹⁴she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed.

¹⁵"When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside."

¹⁶So she left his garment beside her until his master came home.

¹⁷Then she spoke to him with these words, "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me;

¹⁸and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

Joseph Imprisoned

¹⁹Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This your slave did to me," his anger burned.

²⁰So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king confined his prisoners ; and he remained there in the jail.

²¹But the LORD remained with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who lived in the jail; so that whatever happened there, he had the responsibility for it.

²³The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD remained with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.

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Joseph Interprets a Dream

¹Then it came about after these things, the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

²Pharaoh became furious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

³So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the same place where Potiphar had imprisoned Joseph .

⁴The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they remained in confinement for some time.

⁵Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who suffered confinement in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his own dream and each dream with its own interpretation.

⁶When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they felt dejected.

⁷He asked Pharaoh's officials who accompanied him in confinement in his master's house, " Why do your faces look so sad today?"

⁸Then they said to him, " We have had a dream and no one can interpret it " Then Joseph said to them, " Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please."

⁹So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, there appeared a vine in front of me;

¹⁰and on the vine grew three branches. And as it budded, its blossoms came out, and its clusters produced ripe grapes.

¹¹"Now Pharaoh's cup I held in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

¹²Then Joseph said to him, "This constitutes my interpretation: the three branches represent three days;

¹³within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you served as his cupbearer.

¹⁴"Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house.

¹⁵"For I became kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon."

¹⁶When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also saw in my dream, and behold, I had three baskets of white bread on my head;

¹⁷and in the top basket there I had some of all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."

¹⁸Then Joseph answered and said, "This constitutes my interpretation: the three baskets represent three days;

¹⁹within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

²⁰Thus it came about on the third day, Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.

²¹He restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand;

²²but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

²³Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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Pharaoh's Dream

¹Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he stood by the Nile.

²And lo, from the Nile there came up seven cows, sleek and fat; and they grazed in the marsh grass.

³Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the Nile, ugly and gaunt, and they stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile.

⁴The ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

⁵He fell asleep and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven ears of grain came up on a single stalk, plump and good.

⁶Then behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them.

⁷The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, he knew he dreamed it .

⁸Now in the morning his spirit felt troubled, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

⁹Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of my own offenses.

¹⁰Pharaoh became furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, both me and the chief baker.

¹¹" We had a dream on the same night, he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream.

¹²Now a Hebrew youth lived with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related them to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his own dream.

¹³"And just as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my office, but he hanged him."

Joseph Interprets

¹⁴Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh.

¹⁵Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

¹⁶Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "I don't have it in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

¹⁷So Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I stood on the bank of the Nile;

¹⁸and behold, seven cows, fat and sleek came up out of the Nile, and they grazed in the marsh grass.

¹⁹"Lo, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such as I had never seen for ugliness in all the land of Egypt;

²⁰and the lean and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

²¹"Yet when they had devoured them, no one could detect that they had devoured them, for they looked just as ugly as before. Then I awoke.

²²"I saw also in my dream, and behold, seven ears, full and good, came up on a single stalk;

²³and lo, seven ears, withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them;

²⁴and the thin ears swallowed the seven good ears. Then I told it to the magicians, but they had no clue about the solution."

²⁵Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams have become one and the same; God has told to Pharaoh what He should do.

²⁶"The seven good cows represent seven years; and the seven good ears represent seven years; the dreams constitute one and the same.

²⁷"The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them represent seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind will constitute seven years of famine.

²⁸"It will happen as I have spoken to Pharaoh: God has shown to Pharaoh what He must do.

²⁹"Behold, seven years of great abundance will come in all the land of Egypt;

³⁰and after them seven years of famine will come, and all the abundance people will forget in the land of Egypt, and the famine will ravage the land.

³¹"So the abundance people will not remember in the land because of that subsequent famine; for it will prove very severe.

³²"Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that God has determined the matter, and God will quickly bring it about.

³³"Now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

³⁴"Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

³⁵"Then let them gather all the food of these good years that will come, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard it.

³⁶"Let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land will not perish during the famine."

³⁷Now the proposal seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his servants.

Pharaoh Makes Joseph a Ruler of Egypt

³⁸Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom we see a divine spirit?"

³⁹So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, we can find no one so discerning and wise as you seem.

⁴⁰" You shall serve over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will have greater authority than you."

⁴¹Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

⁴²Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put the gold necklace around his neck.

⁴³He had him ride in his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁴Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Though I rule as Pharaoh, yet without your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

⁴⁵Then Pharaoh named Joseph Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶Now Joseph had reached thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁷During the seven years of plenty the land brought forth abundantly.

⁴⁸So he gathered all the food of these seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt and placed the food in the cities; he placed in every city the food from its own surrounding fields.

⁴⁹Thus Joseph stored up grain in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring it, for it seemed beyond measure.

The Sons of Joseph

⁵⁰Now before the year of famine came, two sons had become born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.

⁵¹Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

⁵²He named the second Ephraim, "For," he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

⁵³When the seven years of plenty which had occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end,

⁵⁴and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there came a famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt they had bread.

⁵⁵So when all the land of Egypt felt famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do."

⁵⁶When the famine had spread over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine seemed severe in the land of Egypt.

⁵⁷The people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine seemed severe in all the earth.

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Joseph's Brothers Sent to Egypt

¹Now Jacob saw that Egypt had grain, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you stare at one another?"

²He said, "Behold, I have heard that they have grain in Egypt; go down there and buy some for us from that place, so that we may live and not die."

³Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

⁴But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, " I fear that harm may befall him."

⁵So the sons of Israel came to buy grain among those who came, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan also.

⁶Now Joseph ruled over the land; he sold to all the people of the land And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.

⁷When Joseph saw his brothers he recognized them, but he disguised himself to them and spoke to them harshly. And he said to them, "Where have you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."

⁸But Joseph had recognized his brothers, although they did not recognize him.

⁹Joseph remembered the dreams which he had about them, and said to them, "You have come to spy; you have come to look at the undefended parts of our land."

¹⁰Then they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

¹¹"We proclaim ourselves as sons of one man; we proclaim ourselves as honest men, your servants have not spied on you."

¹²Yet he said to them, "No, but you have come to look at the undefended parts of our land!"

¹³But they said, "Your servants we proclaim as twelve brothers in all, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest remains with our father today, and one no longer lives."

¹⁴Joseph said to them, " I believe you have come to spy;

¹⁵by this I will test you : by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here!

¹⁶"Send one of you that he may get your brother, while you remain confined, that I may test your words , whether you speak the truth. But if not, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you have spied on us."

¹⁷So he put them all together in prison for three days.

¹⁸Now Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, for I fear God:

¹⁹if you consider yourselves honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined in your prison; but as for the rest of you, go, carry grain for the famine of your households,

²⁰and bring your youngest brother to me, so I may verify your words , and you will not die." And they did so.

²¹Then they said to one another, " Truly we have guilt concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us."

²²Reuben answered them, saying, " Did I not tell you, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Now comes the reckoning for his blood."

²³They did not know, however, that Joseph understood, for an interpreter stood between them.

²⁴He turned away from them and wept But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

²⁵Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus Joseph did it for them.

²⁶So they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed from there.

²⁷As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money; and behold, he found it in the mouth of his sack.

²⁸Then he said to his brothers, " Someone returned my money , and behold, I find it in my sack." And their hearts sank, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, " What has God done to us?"

Simeon Remains Held Hostage

²⁹When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying,

³⁰"The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly with us, and took us for spies of the country.

³¹"But we said to him, 'We proclaim ourselves as honest men; we have not spied.

³²'We constitute twelve brothers, sons of our father; one who no longer lives, and the youngest remains with our father today in the land of Canaan.'

³³"The man, the lord of the land, said to us, ' By this I will know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me and take grain for the famine of your households, and go.

³⁴But bring your youngest brother to me that I may know that you have not spied, but honest men. I will give your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'"

³⁵Now it came about as they emptied their sacks, that behold, every man found his bundle of money in his sack; and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they felt dismayed.

³⁶Their father Jacob said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph lives no more, and Simeon lives no more, and you would take Benjamin; all these things weigh against me."

³⁷Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "You may put my two sons to death if I do not bring him back to you; put him in my care, and I will return him to you."

³⁸But Jacob said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother has died, and he alone remains. If harm should befall him on the journey you take, then you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow."

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The Return to Egypt

¹Now the famine had grown severe in the land.

²So it came about when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

³Judah spoke to him, however, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother comes with you.'

⁴"If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

⁵"But if you do not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You will not see my face unless your brother comes with you.'"

⁶Then Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly by telling the man whether you still had another brother?"

⁷But they said, "The man questioned particularly about us and our relatives, saying, 'Does your father still live? Have you another brother?' So we answered his questions. Could we possibly know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

⁸Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the lad with me and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, we as well as you and our little ones.

⁹" I myself will provide surety for him; you may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame before you forever.

¹⁰"For if we had not delayed, surely by now we could have returned twice."

¹¹Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must happen, then do this: take some of the best products of the land in your bags, and carry down to the man as a present, a little balm and a little honey, aromatic gum and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

¹²"Take double the money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that you found returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps he made a mistake.

¹³"Take your brother also, and arise, return to the man;

¹⁴and may God Almighty grant you compassion in the sight of the man, so that he will release to you your other brother and Benjamin And as for me, if I have become bereaved of my children, I have become bereaved."

¹⁵So the men took this present, and they took double the money in their hand, and Benjamin; then they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

Joseph Sees Benjamin

¹⁶When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his house steward, "Bring the men into the house, and slay an animal and make ready; for the men will dine with me at noon."

¹⁷So the man did as Joseph said, and brought the men to Joseph's house.

¹⁸Now the men felt afraid, because officials had brought them to Joseph's house; and they said, "Because of the money that we found in our sacks the first time that he brought us in, that he may seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys."

¹⁹So they came near to Joseph's house steward, and spoke to him at the entrance of the house,

²⁰and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food,

²¹and it came about when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, each man found his money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full So we have brought it back in our hand.

²²"We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks."

²³He said, "Take it easy, do not fear. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money " Then he brought Simeon out to them.

²⁴Then the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys fodder.

²⁵So they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon; for they had heard that they would eat a meal there.

²⁶When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which they held in their hand and bowed to the ground before him.

²⁷Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, " Does your old father stay well, of whom you spoke? Does he still live?"

²⁸They said, "Your servant our father has his health; he still lives." They bowed down in homage.

²⁹As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, he said, " Do I see your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "May God show graciousness to you, my son."

³⁰Joseph hurried out for he felt deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought a place to weep; and he entered his chamber and wept there.

³¹Then he washed his face and came out; and he controlled himself and said, "Serve the meal."

³²So they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that seems loathsome to the Egyptians.

³³Now they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at one another in astonishment.

³⁴He took portions to them from his own table, but Benjamin's portion had five times as much as any of theirs. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

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Josephs Brings The Brothers Back

¹ Then he commanded his house steward, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack.

² "Put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph had told him.

³ As soon as it became light, they sent the men away with their donkeys.

⁴ They had just gone out of the city, and had not gone far off, when Joseph said to his house steward, "Up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?

⁵ Do we not recognize this as the one from which my lord drinks and which he indeed uses for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.'"

⁶ So he overtook them and spoke these words to them.

⁷ They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? We would never do such a thing.

⁸ "Behold, the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks we have brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house?

⁹ " With whomever your servants find, let him die, and we also will become my lord's slaves."

¹⁰ So he said, "Now let it also happen according to your words; he with whom I find it shall become my slave, and the rest of you I shall regard as innocent."

¹¹ Then they hurried, each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack.

¹² He searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and Benjamin found the cup in his sack.

¹³ Then they tore their clothes, and when each man loaded his donkey, they returned to the city.

¹⁴ When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, they found him still there, and they fell to the ground before him.

¹⁵ Joseph said to them, "What deed have you done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed practice divination?"

¹⁶So Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we have yielded ourselves as my lord's slaves, both we and the one in whose possession we found the cup ."

¹⁷But he said, "Let me never do this. The man in whose possession we found the cup, he shall remain my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

¹⁸Then Judah approached him, and said, "Oh my lord, may your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not become angry with your servant; for we acknowledge you as equal to Pharaoh.

¹⁹" My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

²⁰"We said to my lord, 'We have an old father and a little child of his old age Now his brother died, so he alone remains of his mother, and his father loves him.'

²¹"Then you said to your servants, ' Bring him down to me that I may set my eyes on him.'

²²"But we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

²³"You said to your servants, however, ' Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.'

²⁴"Thus it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

²⁵" Our father said, 'Go back, buy us a little food.'

²⁶"But we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother comes with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother comes with us.'

²⁷"Your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons;

²⁸and the one went out from me, and I said, "Surely a beast has torn him in pieces," and I have not seen him since.

²⁹"If you take this one also from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.'

³⁰"Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad does not come with us, since he has bound his life in the lad's life,

³¹when he sees that the lad does not come with us, he will die. Thus your servants will bring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow.

³²"For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.'

³³"Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

³⁴"For how shall I go up to my father if the lad does not come with me--for fear that I see the evil that would overtake my father?"

Genesis 45

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Joseph Deals Kindly with His Brothers

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So no man stood with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

²He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it.

³Then Joseph said to his brothers, " I reveal myself as Joseph! Does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they felt dismayed at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." And they came closer. And he said, "I identify myself to you as your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

⁵"Now do not feel grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁶"For the famine has spread throughout the land these two years, and there remain still five years in which neither plowing nor harvesting will take place.

⁷" God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

⁸"Now, therefore, you did not send me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

⁹"Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

¹⁰"You shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall live near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

¹¹"There I will also provide for you, for there remain still five years of famine to come, and you and your household and all that you have would become impoverished."

¹²"Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that my mouth speaks to you.

¹³"Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here."

¹⁴Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.

¹⁵He kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶Now when the news reached Pharaoh's house that Joseph's brothers had come, it pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

¹⁷Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan,

¹⁸and take your father and your households and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you will eat the fat of the land.'

¹⁹"Now I order you, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come.

²⁰"Do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt belongs to you."

²¹Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

²²To each of them he gave changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments.

²³To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father on the journey.

²⁴So he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the journey."

²⁵Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

²⁶They told him, saying, "Joseph still lives, and indeed he rules over all the land of Egypt." But he felt stunned, for he did not believe them.

²⁷When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

²⁸Then Israel said, " I consider it enough; my son Joseph still lives. I will go and see him before I die."

Genesis 46

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Jacob Moves to Egypt

¹So Israel set out with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

²God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, " Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here you will find me."

³He said, " I proclaim myself as God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.

⁴" I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

⁶They took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him:

⁷his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

Those Who Came to Egypt

⁸Now these we identify as the names of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

⁹The sons of Reuben: Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.

¹⁰The sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.

¹¹The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

¹²The sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). And the sons of Perez we identify as Hezron and Hamul.

¹³The sons of Issachar: Tola and Puvvah and Job and Shimron.

¹⁴The sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.

¹⁵These we identify as the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; all his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.

¹⁶The sons of Gad: Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon, Eri and Arodi and Areli.

¹⁷The sons of Asher: Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and their sister Serah And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

¹⁸These we identify as the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.

¹⁹The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁰Now to Joseph in the land of Egypt had become born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.

²¹The sons of Benjamin: Bela and Becher and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, Ehi and Rosh, Muppim and Huppim and Ard.

²²These we identify as the sons of Rachel, who had become born to Jacob; there numbered fourteen persons in all.

²³The sons of Dan: Hushim.

²⁴The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem.

²⁵These we identify the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, and she bore these to Jacob; there numbered seven persons in all.

²⁶All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, numbered sixty-six persons in all,

²⁷and the sons of Joseph, who had become born to him in Egypt numbered two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, numbered seventy.

²⁸Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out the way before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

²⁹Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared before him, he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

³⁰Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you still live."

³¹Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, " I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who lived in the land of Canaan, have come to me;

³²and the men serve as shepherds, for they have kept livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

³³"When Pharaoh calls you and says, ' What do you do for a living?'

³⁴you shall say, 'Your servants have kept livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' that you may live in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd appears loathsome to the Egyptians

Genesis 47

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Jacob's Family Settles in Goshen

¹Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers and their flocks and their herds and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they live in the land of Goshen."

²He took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh.

³Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, " What do you do for a living?" So they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants tend sheep, both we and our fathers."

⁴They said to Pharaoh, " We have come to sojourn in the land, we have no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine has grown severe in the land of Canaan Now, therefore, please let your servants live in the land of Goshen."

⁵Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

⁶"The land of Egypt you may consider at your disposal; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land, let them live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any capable men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock."

⁷Then Joseph brought his father Jacob and presented him to Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

⁸Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many years have you lived?"

⁹So Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my sojourning have reached one hundred and thirty; few and unpleasant have seemed the years of my life, nor have they attained the years that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning."

¹⁰And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from his presence.

¹¹So Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had ordered.

¹²Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to their little ones.

¹³Now no one could find food in all the land, because the famine had become very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

¹⁴Joseph gathered all the money that he found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

¹⁵When they spent all the money in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money has come to an end."

¹⁶Then Joseph said, "Give up your livestock, and I will give you food for your livestock, since your money has dwindled."

¹⁷So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses and the flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

¹⁸When that year ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that we have spent all our money, and the cattle belong to my lord. We have nothing left for my lord except our bodies and our lands.

¹⁹"Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we and our land will serve as slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate."

Result of the Famine

²⁰So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine fell severe upon them. Thus the land became Pharaoh's.

²¹As for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of Egypt's border to the other.

²²Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land.

²³Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh; now, here you may have seed, and you may sow the land.

²⁴"At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall you retain as your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

²⁵So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will remain Pharaoh's slaves."

²⁶Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt valid to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's.

²⁷Now Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in Goshen, and they acquired property in it and became fruitful and became very numerous.

²⁸Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the length of Jacob's life reached one hundred and forty-seven years.

²⁹When the time for Israel to die drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Please, if I have found favor in your sight, place now your hand under my thigh and deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt,

³⁰but when I lie down with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said."

³¹He said, " Swear to me " So he swore to him Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed.

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Israel's Last Days

¹Now it came about after these things that Joseph received the message, "Behold, your father has become sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.

²When they told Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel collected his strength and sat up in the bed.

³Then Jacob said to Joseph, " God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

⁴and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.'

⁵"Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, belong to me; Ephraim and Manasseh shall belong to me, as I consider Reuben and Simeon.

⁶"But your offspring that have become born after them shall belong to you; they shall have the names of their brothers in their inheritance.

⁷"Now as for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died, to my sorrow, in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there seemed still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (namely, Bethlehem)."

⁸When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who do these belong to?"

⁹Joseph said to his father, " They I proclaim as my sons, whom God has given me here " So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."

¹⁰Now the eyes of Israel had become so dim from age that he could not see Then Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

¹¹Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your children as well."

¹²Then Joseph took them from his knees, and bowed with his face to the ground.

¹³Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him.

¹⁴But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh had become born first.

¹⁵He blessed Joseph, and said,

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
The God who I have regarded as my shepherd all my life to this day,

¹⁶The angel who has redeemed me from all evil,

Bless the lads;
And may my name live on in them,
And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
And may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

¹⁷When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

¹⁸Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one I acknowledge as the firstborn. Place your right hand on his head."

¹⁹But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also will become a people and he also will become great. However, his younger brother shall become greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

²⁰He blessed them that day, saying,

"By you Israel will pronounce blessing, saying,
'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'"
Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

²¹Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I will soon die, but God will remain with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

²²"I give you one portion more than your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

Genesis 49

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Israel's Prophecy concerning His Sons

¹Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come.

²"Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob;
And listen to Israel your father.

³"Reuben, you I acknowledge as my firstborn;

My might and the beginning of my strength,
Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.
4" Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence,
Because you went up to your father's bed;
Then you defiled it--he went up to my couch.
5" Simeon and Levi I acknowledge as brothers;
Their swords became implements of violence.
6" Let my soul not enter into their council;
Let not my glory unite with their assembly;
Because in their anger they slew men,
And in their self-will they lamed oxen.
7" I curse their anger, for it has become fierce;
And their wrath, for it produces cruelty.
I will disperse them in Jacob,
And scatter them in Israel.
8" Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
Your hand shall rest on the neck of your enemies;
Your father's sons shall bow down to you.
9" Judah resembles a lion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, you have gone up
He couches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?
10" The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes,
And to him shall come the obedience of the peoples.
11" He ties his foal to the vine,
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine;
He washes his garments in wine,
And his robes in the blood of grapes.
12" His eyes become dull from wine,
And his teeth white from milk.
13" Zebulun will dwell at the seashore;
And he shall become a haven for ships,
And his flank shall point toward Sidon.
14" Issachar resembles a strong donkey,
Lying down between the sheepfolds.
15" When he saw that a resting place felt good
And that the land seemed pleasant,
He bowed his shoulder to bear burdens,
And became a slave at forced labor.
16" Dan shall judge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.
17" Dan shall resemble a serpent in the way,
A horned snake in the path,
That bites the horse's heels,

So that his rider falls backward.

¹⁸" For Your salvation I wait, O LORD.

¹⁹" As for Gad, raiders shall raid him,
But he will raid at their heels.

²⁰" As for Asher, his food shall become rich,
And he will yield royal dainties.

²¹" Naphtali resembles a doe let loose,
He gives beautiful words.

²²" Joseph resembles a fruitful bough,
A fruitful bough by a spring;
Its branches run over a wall.

²³"The archers bitterly attacked him,
And shot at him and harassed him;

²⁴But his bow remained firm,
And his arms became agile,
From the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob
(From there appears the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

²⁵From the God of your father who helps you,
And by the Almighty who blesses you
With blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,
Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

²⁶"The blessings of your father
Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors
Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills;
May they reside on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

²⁷"Benjamin resembles a ravenous wolf;
In the morning he devours the prey,
And in the evening he divides the spoil."

²⁸All these constitute the twelve tribes of Israel, and this their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one with the blessing appropriate to him.

²⁹Then he charged them and said to them, "I will soon become gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that lies in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

³⁰in the cave that lies in the field of Machpelah, which lies before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a burial site.

³¹"There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah, there they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah--

³²the field and the cave that lies in it, purchased from the sons of Heth."

³³When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet into the bed and breathed his last, and became gathered to his people.

Genesis 50

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The Death of Israel

¹Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.

²Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.

³Now forty days they required for it, for such do they consider the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

⁴When the days of mourning for him passed, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak to Pharaoh, saying,

⁵My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I will soon die; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return."

⁶Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."

⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

⁸and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and his father's household; they left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.

⁹There also went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it appeared a very great company.

¹⁰When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which lies beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed seven days mourning for his father.

¹¹Now when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This seems a grievous mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore they named it Abel-mizraim, which lies beyond the Jordan.

Burial at Machpelah

¹²Thus his sons did for him as he had charged them;

¹³for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

¹⁴After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father had died, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!"

¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying,

¹⁷Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we will serve you."

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for do I act in God's place?"

²⁰"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

²¹"So therefore, do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Death of Joseph

²²Now Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

²³Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's sons; also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had become born on Joseph's knees.

²⁴Joseph said to his brothers, "I will soon die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here."

²⁶So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he became embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus 1-40

Exodus 1

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Israel Multiplies in Egypt

¹Now these we identify as the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household:

²Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;

³Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin;

⁴Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

⁵All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob added up to seventy in number, but Joseph lived already in Egypt.

⁶Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

⁷But the sons of Israel became fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land filled with them.

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

⁹He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel have grown more and mightier than we.

¹⁰"Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land."

¹¹So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses.

¹²But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they felt dread of the sons of Israel.

¹³The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously;

¹⁴and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of who had the name of Shiphrah and the other had the name of Puah;

¹⁶and he said, "When you help the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if they have a son, then you shall put him to death; but if they have a daughter, then she shall live."

¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

¹⁸So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?"

¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women do not behave as the Egyptian women; for they have vigor and give birth before the midwife can get to them."

²⁰So God blessed the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.

²¹Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them.

²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who becomes born you will cast into the Nile, and every daughter you will keep alive."

Exodus 2

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The Birth of Moses

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi.

²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he appeared beautiful, she hid him for three months.

³But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.

⁴His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her.

⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy cried. And she had pity on him and said, "This child belongs to one of the Hebrews'."

⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?"

⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

⁹Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

¹⁰The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

¹¹Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

¹²So he looked this way and that, and when he saw no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

¹³He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews fought with each other; and he said to the offender, "Why have you struck your companion?"

¹⁴But he said, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses became afraid and said, "Surely the matter has become known."

Moses Escapes to Midian

¹⁵When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.

¹⁶Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

¹⁷Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock.

¹⁸When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "Why have you come back so soon today?"

¹⁹So they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and furthermore, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock."

²⁰He said to his daughters, "Where have you left him? Why have you left the man behind? Invite him to have something to eat."

²¹ Moses seemed willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses.

²² Then she gave birth to a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have sojourned in a foreign land."

²³ Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God.

²⁴ So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

²⁵ God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them.

Exodus 3

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The Burning Bush

¹ Now Moses pastured the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

² The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet the bush did not burn up.

³ So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush has not burned up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here you find me."

⁵ Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand you will consider holy ground."

⁶ He said also, "I proclaim myself the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he felt afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who live in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know of their sufferings.

⁸ So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

⁹"Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians have oppressed them.

The Mission of Moses

¹⁰"Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, " Who do you consider me, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

¹²And He said, "Certainly I will accompany you, and this shall become the sign to you that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

¹³Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I will go to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What do you call Him?' What shall I say to them?"

¹⁴God said to Moses, " I Proclaim Myself as the one who exists Eternally"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ' the one who exists eternally has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ' The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you ' This I proclaim My name forever, and this you will proclaim as My memorial-name to all generations.

¹⁶"Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ' The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, " I do concern myself about you and what has happened to you in Egypt.

¹⁷"So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

¹⁸"They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

¹⁹"But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion.

²⁰"So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.

²¹"I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall come to pass that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

²²"But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

Exodus 4

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Moses Given Powers

¹Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"

²The LORD said to him, "What do you have in your hand?" And he said, "A staff."

³Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

⁴But the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail"--so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand--

⁵"that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

⁶The LORD furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand became leprous like snow.

⁷Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it had restored like the rest of his flesh.

⁸"If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign.

⁹"But if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

¹⁰Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never had eloquence, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I have slowness of speech and slowness of tongue."

¹¹The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Haven't I, the LORD, made the tongue?"

¹²"Now then go, and I, even I, will inspire your mouth, and teach you what you should say."

¹³But he said, "Please, Lord, now send the message by whomever You will."

Aaron to Serve As Moses' Mouthpiece

¹⁴Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "How about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he speaks fluently. And moreover, behold, he comes out to meet you; when he sees you, he will feel glad in his heart.

¹⁵"You will speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I, even I, will inspire your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what you should say.

¹⁶"Moreover, he shall speak for you to the people; and he will serve as a mouth for you and you will serve as God to him.

¹⁷"You shall take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

¹⁸Then Moses departed and returned to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please, let me go, that I may return to my brethren who dwell in Egypt, and see if they still live." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

¹⁹Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who sought your life had died."

²⁰So Moses took his wife and his sons and mounted them on a donkey, and returned to the land of Egypt. Moses also took the staff of God in his hand.

²¹The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

²²"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, "Israel I consider My son, My firstborn.

²³"So I said to you, 'Let My son go that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn.'"

²⁴Now it came about at the lodging place on the way that the LORD met him and sought to put him to death.

²⁵Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and threw it at Moses' feet, and she said, "You have indeed become a bridegroom of blood to me."

²⁶So He let him alone. At that time she said, "You have become a bridegroom of blood"-- because of the circumcision.

²⁷Now the LORD said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the wilderness " So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him.

²⁸Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which He had sent him, and all the signs that He had commanded him to do.

²⁹Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the sons of Israel;

³⁰and Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses He then performed the signs in the sight of the people.

³¹So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had concerned Himself about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then they bowed low and worshiped.

Exodus 5

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Israel's Labor Increased

¹And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ' Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'"

²But Pharaoh said, "Who does this LORD consider Himself that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, I will not let Israel go."

³Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, otherwise He will fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

⁴But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you draw the people away from their work? Get back to your labors!"

⁵Again Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land have now become many, and you would have them cease from their labors!"

⁶So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters over the people and their foremen, saying,

⁷"You will no longer give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

⁸"But the quota of bricks which they made previously, you shall impose on them; you will not reduce any of it. Because they have become lazy, therefore they cry out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

⁹"Make their labor heavier on the men, and let them work at it so that they will pay no attention to false words."

¹⁰So the taskmasters of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you any straw.

¹¹'You go and get straw for yourselves wherever you can find it, but we will reduce none of your labor.'"

¹²So the people scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

¹³The taskmasters pressed them, saying, "Complete your work quota, your daily amount, just as when you had straw."

¹⁴Moreover, the foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, beat them and asked, "Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?"

¹⁵Then the foremen of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal this way with your servants?"

¹⁶"No straw will come to your servants, yet they keep saying to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants have received beatings; but not because of any fault of your own people."

¹⁷But he said, "I consider you lazy, very lazy; therefore you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.'

¹⁸"So go now and work; for you will receive no straw, yet you must deliver the quota of bricks."

¹⁹The foremen of the sons of Israel saw that they had fallen into trouble because their taskmasters told them, "You must not reduce your daily amount of bricks."

²⁰When they left Pharaoh's presence, they met Moses and Aaron as they waited for them.

²¹They said to them, "May the LORD look upon you and judge you, for you have made us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

²²Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me?"

²³"Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all."

Exodus 6

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God Promises Action

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land."

²God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I proclaim myself the LORD;

³and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.

⁴"I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned.

⁵"Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians hold them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

⁶"Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ' I proclaim the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

⁷"Then I will take you for My people, and I will serve as your God; and you shall know that I proclaim myself the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

⁸"I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I proclaim myself the LORD."

⁹So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.

¹⁰Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹¹" Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."

¹²But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; how then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I have no skill in speech?"

¹³Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

The Heads of Israel

¹⁴These represent the heads of their fathers' households. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these represent the families of Reuben.

¹⁵The sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these represent the families of Simeon.

¹⁶These we identify as the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon and Kohath and Merari; and the length of Levi's life numbered one hundred and thirty-seven years.

¹⁷The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, according to their families.

¹⁸The sons of Kohath: Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the length of Kohath's life numbered one hundred and thirty-three years.

¹⁹The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These we identify as the families of the Levites according to their generations.

²⁰Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the length of Amram's life numbered one hundred and thirty-seven years.

²¹The sons of Izhar: Korah and Nepheg and Zichri.

²²The sons of Uzziel: Mishael and Elzaphan and Sithri.

²³Aaron married Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

²⁴The sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and Abiasaph; these we identify the families of the Korahites.

²⁵Aaron's son Eleazar married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas. These we identify as the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites according to their families.

²⁶To Aaron and Moses the LORD said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts."

²⁷They spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it consisted of the same Moses and Aaron.

²⁸Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

²⁹that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I proclaim myself the LORD; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."

³⁰But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I have no skill in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

Exodus 7

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"I Will Stretch Out My Hand"

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, " See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall serve as your prophet.

²"You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

³"But I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

⁴"When Pharaoh does not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by great judgments.

⁵" The Egyptians shall know that I rule as the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."

⁶So Moses and Aaron did it; as the LORD commanded them, thus they did.

⁷Moses had reached eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Aaron's Rod Becomes a Serpent

⁸Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

⁹"When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ' Work a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, ' Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'"

¹⁰So Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and thus they did just as the LORD had commanded; and Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.

¹¹Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers, and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same with their secret arts.

¹²For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

¹³Yet Pharaoh's heart became hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Water Turns to Blood

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart has become stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.

¹⁵"Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water, and station yourself to meet him on the bank of the Nile; and you shall take in your hand the staff that had turned into a serpent.

¹⁶" You shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, " Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened until now."

¹⁷Thus says the LORD, " By this you shall know that I proclaim as the LORD: behold, I will strike the water in the Nile with the staff that I hold in my hand, and it will turn to blood.

¹⁸" The fish that live in the Nile will die, and the Nile will become foul, and the Egyptians will find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile.""

¹⁹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there will flow blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'"

²⁰So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water that flowed in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and all the water that flowed in the Nile turned to blood.

²¹The fish that lived in the Nile died, and the Nile became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood flowed through all the land of Egypt.

²²But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart became hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²³Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house with no concern even for this.

²⁴So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the Nile.

²⁵Seven days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

Exodus 8

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Frogs over the Land

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

²"But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs.

³"The Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.

⁴"So the frogs will come up on you and your people and all your servants.'""

⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, ' Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the streams and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt."

⁶So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

⁷ The magicians did the same with their secret arts, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

⁸Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, " Entreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

⁹Moses said to Pharaoh, "The honor has become yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs become destroyed from you and your houses, that they may remain only in the Nile?"

¹⁰Then he said, "Tomorrow." So he said, "May it come about according to your word, that you may know that there exists no one like the LORD our God.

¹¹"The frogs will depart from you and your houses and your servants and your people; they will remain only in the Nile."

¹²Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had inflicted upon Pharaoh.

¹³The LORD did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

¹⁴So they piled them in heaps, and the land became foul.

¹⁵But when Pharaoh saw that there came relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

The Plague of flies

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become gnats through all the land of Egypt.'"

¹⁷They did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there multiplied gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats through all the land of Egypt.

¹⁸The magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth gnats, but they could not; so there appeared gnats on man and beast.

¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, " This represents the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Now the LORD said to Moses, " Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh, as he comes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, " Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

²¹"For if you do not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and on your servants and on your people and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians will be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they dwell.

²²" But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people live, so that no swarms of flies will appear there, in order that you may know that I, the LORD, dwell in the midst of the land.

²³"I will put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign will occur.'"

²⁴Then the LORD did so. And there came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and the land became wasted because of the swarms of flies in all the land of Egypt.

²⁵Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, " Go, sacrifice to your God within the land."

²⁶But Moses said, "It does not seem right to do so, for we will sacrifice to the LORD our God what has become an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice what has become an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not then stone us?"

²⁷"We must go a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He commands us."

²⁸Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Make supplication for me."

²⁹Then Moses said, "Behold, I will go out from you, and I shall make supplication to the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

³⁰So Moses went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

³¹The LORD did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people; not one remained.

³²But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

Exodus 9

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Egyptian Cattle Die

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

²"For if you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them,

³behold, the hand of the LORD will come with a very severe pestilence on your livestock which live in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks.

⁴"But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel.'"

⁵The LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."

⁶So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.

⁷Pharaoh sent, and behold, there not even one of the livestock of Israel died. But the heart of Pharaoh became hardened, and he did not let the people go.

The Plague of Boils

⁸Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.

⁹"It will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt."

¹⁰So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast.

¹¹The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils appeared on the magicians as well as on all the Egyptians.

¹²And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

¹³Then the LORD said to Moses, " Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, " Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

¹⁴"For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there exists no one like Me in all the earth.

¹⁵"For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have perished from the earth.

¹⁶"But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

¹⁷"Still you exalt yourself against My people by not letting them go.

The Plague of Hail

¹⁸"Behold, about this time tomorrow, I will send a very heavy hail, such as no one has seen in Egypt from the day it came into existence until now.

¹⁹"Now therefore send, bring your livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety Every man and beast appeared in the field and has not gone home, when the hail comes down on them, will die."""

²⁰The one among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;

²¹but he who paid no regard to the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.

²²Now the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

²³Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

²⁴So there came hail, and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very severe, such as had not happened in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

²⁵The hail struck all that lived in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field.

²⁶Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel lived, no hail occurred.

²⁷Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, " I have sinned this time; the LORD acts righteously, and I and my people act wickedly.

²⁸" Make supplication to the LORD, for we have had enough of God's thunder and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

²⁹Moses said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease and the hail will cease, that you may know that the earth belongs to the LORD.

³⁰" But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God."

³¹(Now the flax and the barley had become ruined, for the barley remained in the ear and the flax remained in bud.

³²But the wheat and the spelt did not become ruined, for they ripen late.)

³³So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread out his hands to the LORD; and the thunder and the hail ceased, and rain no longer poured on the earth.

³⁴But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned again and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

³⁵Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

Exodus 10

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The Plague of Locusts

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them,

²and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, that you may know that I have pre-eminence as the LORD."

³Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

⁴For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

⁵They shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one can see the land. They will also eat the rest of what has escaped--what remains to you from the hail--and they will eat every tree which sprouts for you out of the field.

⁶Then your houses shall fill and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians, something which neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day that they came upon the earth until this day.'" And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

⁷Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man remain a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not realize that Egypt has fallen into destruction?"

⁸So officials summoned Moses and Aaron back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God! Who will go with you?"

⁹Moses said, "We shall go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we shall go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD."

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Thus may the LORD remain with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Take heed, for evil resides in your mind.

¹¹"Not so! Go now, the men among you, and serve the LORD, for that you desire." So officials drove them out of Pharaoh's presence.

¹²Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt and eat every plant of the land, even all that the hail has left."

¹³So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD directed an east wind on the land all that day and all that night; and when it became morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

¹⁴The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled in all the territory of Egypt; they seemed very numerous. There had never appeared so many locusts, nor would there appear so many again.

¹⁵For they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land became dark; and they ate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Thus nothing green remained on tree or plant of the field through all the land of Egypt.

¹⁶Then Pharaoh hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, " I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

¹⁷"Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and make supplication to the LORD your God, that He would only remove this death from me."

¹⁸He went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

¹⁹So the LORD shifted the wind to a very strong west wind which took up the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust remained in all the territory of Egypt.

²⁰But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

Darkness over the Land

²¹Then the LORD said to Moses, " Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may come darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which people may feel."

²²So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and a thick darkness spread over all the land of Egypt for three days.

²³They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

²⁴Then Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds stay behind Even your little ones may go with you."

²⁵But Moses said, "You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice them to the LORD our God.

²⁶" Therefore, our livestock too shall go with us; not a hoof shall remain behind, for we shall take some of them to serve the LORD our God. And until we arrive there, we ourselves do not know with what we shall serve the LORD."

²⁷But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

²⁸Then Pharaoh said to him, " Get away from me! Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!"

²⁹Moses said, "You speak correctly; I shall never see your face again!"

Exodus 11

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The Last Plague

¹Now the LORD said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt; after that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.

²"Speak now in the hearing of the people that each man ask from his neighbor and each woman from her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold."

³ The LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians Furthermore, the man Moses himself became greatly esteemed in the land of Egypt, both in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

⁴Moses said, "Thus says the LORD, 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt,

⁵and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who works behind the millstones; all the firstborn of the cattle as well.

⁶Moreover, there shall come forth a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as no one has ever heard before and such as shall never shall come again.

⁷ But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast, that you may understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

⁸" All these your servants will come down to me and bow themselves before me, saying, 'Go out, you and all the people who follow you,' and after that I will go out " And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

⁹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will multiply in the land of Egypt."

¹⁰Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

Exodus 12

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The Passover Lamb

¹Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

²"This month shall mark the beginning of months for you; it will constitute the first month of the year to you.

³"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.

⁴Now if the household appears too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house will take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you will divide the lamb.

⁵Your lamb shall consist of an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill it at twilight.

⁷Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

⁸They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails.

¹⁰ And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever you leave of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

¹¹Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—you will acknowledge it as the LORD'S Passover.

¹²For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments-- I Proclaim myself the LORD.

¹³ The blood shall serve as a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

¹⁴Now this day will mark a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you will celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.

¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall become severed from Israel.

¹⁶ On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; you shall do no work at all on them, except what you must eat, that alone you must prepare.

¹⁷You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent ordinance.

¹⁸ In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

¹⁹ Seven days you shall find no leaven in your houses; for whoever eats leavening, that person shall become severed from the congregation of Israel, whether he has alien status an alien or a native of the land.

²⁰You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread."

²¹Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb.

²²" You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which lies in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

A Memorial of Redemption

²³"For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.

²⁴"And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.

²⁵"When you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite.

²⁶" And when your children say to you, "What does this rite mean to you?"

²⁷you shall say, 'It signifies a Passover sacrifice to the LORD who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes "' And the people bowed low and worshiped.

²⁸Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹Now it came about at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who lived in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle.

³⁰Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there rose a great cry in Egypt, for there didn't exist a home where someone had not died.

³¹Then he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, worship the LORD, as you have said.

³²"Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also."

Exodus of Israel

³³ The Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We will all die."

³⁴So the people took their dough before it had become leavened, with their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders.

³⁵ Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing;

³⁶and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷Now the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children.

³⁸A mixed multitude also went up with them, along with flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.

³⁹They baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they had become driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

⁴⁰Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt numbered four hundred and thirty years.

⁴¹And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Ordinance of the Passover

⁴²You shall observe this night for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night we dedicate for the LORD, for the sons of Israel shall observe to observe throughout their generations.

⁴³The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This we acknowledge as the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it;

⁴⁴but every man's slave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it.

⁴⁵" A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

⁴⁶"It is to be eaten in a single house; you will not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor will you break any bone of it.

⁴⁷" All the congregation of Israel must to celebrate this.

⁴⁸"But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males undergo circumcision, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall become like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.

⁴⁹" The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you."

⁵⁰Then all the sons of Israel did so; they did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

⁵¹And on that same day the LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Exodus 13

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Consecration of the Firstborn

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²" Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

³Moses said to the people, " Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place And you shall eat nothing leavened .

⁴"On this day in the month of Abib, you will go forth.

⁵"It shall occur when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month.

⁶"For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day you shall have a feast to the LORD.

⁷" You shall eat unleavened bread throughout the seven days; and you shall see nothing leavened among you, nor shall you see any leaven among you in all your borders.

⁸" You shall tell your son on that day, saying, ' Because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

⁹"And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may remain in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.

¹⁰"Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

¹¹"Now when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,

¹² you shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD.

¹³"But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

¹⁴" And it shall come to pass when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What does this mean?' then you shall say to him, ' With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

¹⁵It came about, when Pharaoh maintained his stubbornness about letting us go, that the LORD killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

¹⁶"So it shall serve as a sign on your hand and as phylacteries on your forehead, for with a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

God Leads the People

¹⁷Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it drew near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt."

¹⁸Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt.

¹⁹Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you."

²⁰Then they set out from Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

²¹ The LORD had gone before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

²²He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Exodus 14

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Pharaoh in Pursuit

¹Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.

³"For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They wander aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.'

⁴"Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will receive honor through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I have pre-eminence as the LORD." And they did so.

⁵When the king of Egypt learned that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

⁶So he made his chariot ready and took his people with him;

⁷and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

⁸The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel went out boldly.

⁹Then the Egyptians chased after them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and they overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD.

¹¹Then they said to Moses, "Because you could find no graves in Egypt you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt?"

¹²"Did we not tell you this in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For we would have rather served the Egyptians than to have died in the wilderness."

The Sea Divides

¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.

¹⁴"The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.

¹⁶"As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land.

¹⁷"As for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will receive honor through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

¹⁸" Then the Egyptians will know that I have pre-eminence as the LORD, when I receive honor through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ The angel of God, who had gone before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.

²⁰ So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there the cloud went along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into ^(V)dry land, so the waters divided.

²² The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters looked like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

²³ Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.

²⁴ At the morning watch, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.

²⁵ He caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, " Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."

²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians fled right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.

²⁹ But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters looked like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

³¹ When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

Exodus 15

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The Song of Moses and Israel

- ¹ Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said,
" I will sing to the LORD, for He deserves high exaltation;
The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.
- ²" The LORD has become my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
This I regard as my God, and I will praise Him;
My father's God, and I will extol Him.
- ³" The LORD resembles a warrior;
The LORD we acknowledge His name.
- ⁴" Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
And the choicest of his officers have drowned in the Red Sea.
- ⁵" The deeps cover them;
They went down into the depths like a stone.
- ⁶" Your right hand, O LORD, has majesty in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- ⁷" And in the greatness of Your excellence You overthrow those who rise up against You;
You send forth Your burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff.
- ⁸" At the blast of Your nostrils piled the waters up,
The flowing waters stood up like a heap;
The deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- ⁹" The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil;
My desire shall become gratified against them;
I will draw out my sword, my hand will destroy them.'
- ¹⁰" You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them;
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- ¹¹" Who compares with You among the gods, O LORD?
Who compares with You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders?
- ¹²" You stretched out Your right hand,
The earth swallowed them.
- ¹³" In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed;
In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.
- ¹⁴" The peoples have heard, they tremble;
Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.
- ¹⁵" Then the chiefs of Edom felt dismayed;
The leaders of Moab, trembling grips them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- ¹⁶" Terror and dread fall upon them;
By the greatness of Your arm they feel motionless as stone;
Until Your people pass over, O LORD,

Until the people pass over whom You have purchased.

¹⁷" You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance,
The place, O LORD, which You have made for Your dwelling,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

¹⁸" The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

¹⁹ For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them, but the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea.

²⁰ Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dancing.

²¹ Miriam answered them,
" Sing to the LORD, for He deserves high exaltation;
The horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea."

The LORD Provides Water

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into [\(AY\)](#)the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they tasted bitter; therefore they named it Marah.

²⁴ So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

²⁵ Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them.

²⁶ And He said, " If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD heal you."

²⁷ Then they came to Elim where they found twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

Exodus 16

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The LORD Provides Manna

¹Then they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.

²The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

³The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.

⁵"On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will amount to twice as much as they gather daily."

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, "At evening you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt;

⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, for He hears your grumblings against the LORD; and what do you consider us, that you grumble against us?"

The LORD Provides Meat

⁸Moses said, "This will happen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the LORD hears your grumblings which you grumble against Him. And what do you consider us? You grumble not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumblings.'"

¹⁰It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹²" I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill with bread; and you shall know that I have pre-eminence as the LORD your God.'"

¹³So it came about at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew covered the camp.

¹⁴When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there appeared a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground.

¹⁵When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What do we call it?" For they did not know what to call it. And Moses said to them, "This constitutes the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

¹⁶"This the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man as much as he should eat; you shall take an omer apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.'"

¹⁷The sons of Israel did so, and some gathered much and some little.

¹⁸When they measured it with an omer, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered as much as he should eat.

¹⁹Moses said to them, " Let no man leave any of it until morning."

²⁰But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses grew angry with them.

²¹They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.

The Sabbath Observed

²²Now on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses,

²³then he said to them, "This the LORD meant: Tomorrow you will have sabbath observance, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that you leave over you should put aside until morning."

²⁴So they put it aside until morning, as Moses had ordered, and it did not become foul nor did any worm crawl in it.

²⁵Moses said, "Eat it today, for today we keep the sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

²⁶" Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, you will find none."

²⁷It came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

²⁸Then the LORD said to Moses, " How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?"

²⁹"See, the LORD has given you the sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The house of Israel named it manna, and it looked like coriander seed, white, and its taste resembled wafers with honey.

³²Then Moses said, "This the LORD has commanded, 'Keep you keep an omerful of it throughout your generations, that they may see the bread that I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

³³Moses said to Aaron, " Take a jar and put an omerful of manna in it, and place it before the LORD throughout your generations."

³⁴As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the Testimony in order to keep it.

³⁵The sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

³⁶(Now an omer consists of a tenth of an ephah.)

Exodus 17

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Water in the Rock

¹Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there they could find no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink " And Moses said to them, " Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

³But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me."

⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

⁶"Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Does the LORD dwell among us, or not?"

Amalek Fought

⁸Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim.

⁹So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

¹⁰Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

¹¹So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

¹²But Moses' hands felt heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands remained steady until the sun set.

¹³So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

¹⁵Moses built an altar and named it The LORD I regard as My Banner;

¹⁶and he said, "The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

Exodus 18

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Jethro, Moses' Father-in-law

¹Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

²Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Moses' wife Zipporah, after he had sent her away,

³and her two sons, of whom one she named Gershom, for Moses said, "I have traveled as a sojourner in a foreign land."

⁴The other they named Eliezer, for he said, " The God of my father has helped me, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh."

⁵Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he camped, at the mount of God.

⁶He sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, come to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

⁷Then Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent.

⁸Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had befallen them on the journey, and how the LORD had delivered them.

⁹Jethro rejoiced over all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, in delivering them from the hand of the Egyptians.

¹⁰So Jethro said, " We bless the name of the LORD who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

¹¹"Now I know that the LORD has more greatness than all the gods; indeed, He proved it when they dealt proudly against the people."

¹²Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat a meal with Moses' father-in-law before God.

¹³It came about the next day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from the morning until the evening.

¹⁴Now when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What thing do you do for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?"

¹⁵Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God.

¹⁶"When they have a dispute, it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor and make known the statutes of God and His laws."

Jethro Counsels Moses

¹⁷Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you have done, you have not done for good.

¹⁸" You will surely wear out, both yourself and these people who dwell with you, for the task proves too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.

¹⁹"Now listen to me: I will give you counsel, and may God remain with you. You will become the people's representative before God, and you bring the disputes to God,

²⁰ then teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they should walk and the work they should do.

²¹"Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

²²"Let them judge the people at all times; and let them bring every major dispute to you, but every minor dispute they themselves will judge So it will prove easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.

²³"If you do this thing and God so commands you, then you will have the capability to endure, and all these people also will go to their place in peace."

²⁴So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

²⁵Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

²⁶They judged the people at all times; the difficult dispute they would bring to Moses, but every minor dispute they themselves would judge.

²⁷Then Moses bade his father-in-law farewell, and he went his way into his own land.

Exodus 19

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Moses on Sinai

¹ In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

² When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain.

³ Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:

⁴ "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

⁵ "Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall become My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth belong to Me;

⁶ and you shall serve Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These words you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him.

⁸ All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

¹⁰ The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments;

¹¹ and let them make themselves ready for the third day, for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

¹² "You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹³No hand shall touch him, but you shall surely stone them or shoot through them; whether beast or man, he shall not live ' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."

¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.

¹⁵He said to the people, " Make yourselves ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."

¹⁶So it came about on the third day, when it became morning, that thunder and lightning flashes appeared and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who lived in the camp trembled.

¹⁷And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

The LORD Visits Sinai

¹⁸Now Mount Sinai became enveloped in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.

¹⁹When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

²⁰The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

²¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, warn the people, so that they do not break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

²²"Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, or else the LORD will break out against them."

²³Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us, saying, ' Set bounds about the mountain and consecrate it.'"

²⁴Then the LORD said to him, "Go down and come up again, you and Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, or He will break forth upon them."

²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

Exodus 20

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The Ten Commandments

¹Then God spoke all these words, saying,

²" I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³" You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴" You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what exists in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

⁵" You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, proclaim Myself a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

⁶but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷" You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

⁸"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹" Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰but the seventh day you shall keep as a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

¹¹" For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that lives in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²" Honor your father and your mother, that your days may prolong in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹³" You shall not murder.

¹⁴" You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵" You shall not steal.

¹⁶" You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷" You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

¹⁸ All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, " Do not fear; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin."

²¹ So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God dwelled.

²² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.

²³ You shall not make other gods besides Me; gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

²⁴ You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause you to remember My name , I will come to you and bless you.

²⁵ If you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.

²⁶ And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, so that your nakedness will not become exposed on it.'

Exodus 21

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Ordinances for the People

¹"Now these we identify as the ordinances which you will set before them:

²"If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment.

³"If he comes alone, he shall go out alone; if he has a wife or she has a husband, then his wife shall go out with him.

⁴"If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out alone.

⁵"But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,'

⁶then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.

⁷" If a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she does not have freedom as the male slaves do.

⁸"If she displeases the eyes of her master who designated her for himself, then he shall let him redeem her. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his unfairness to her.

⁹"If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.

¹⁰"If he takes to himself another woman, he may not reduce her food, her clothing, or her conjugal rights.

¹¹"If he will not do these three things for her, then she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

Personal Injuries

¹²" He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹³" But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee.

¹⁴" If, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you will take him even from My altar, that he may die.

¹⁵"He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁶" He who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or someone finds him in his possession, shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁷" He who curses his father or his mother shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁸"If men have a quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but remains in bed,

¹⁹if he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him shall go unpunished; he shall only pay for his loss of time, and shall take care of him until he has become completely healed.

²⁰"If a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies at his hand, he shall receive punishment.

²¹"If, however, he survives a day or two, no one shall take vengeance; for he has become his property.

²²"If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no injury occurs to her, he shall surely receive a fine as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide.

²³"But if there occurs any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life,

²⁴eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

²⁵burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

²⁶"If a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave, and destroys it, he shall let him go free on account of his eye.

²⁷"And if he knocks out a tooth of his male or female slave, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth.

²⁸"If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, you shall surely stone the ox and not eat its flesh; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

²⁹"If, however, an ox had previously exhibited the habit of goring and its owner had received a warning, yet he does not confine it and it kills a man or a woman, you shall stone the ox and put its owner also to death.

³⁰"If they demand a ransom of him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever they demand of him.

³¹"Whether it gores a son or a daughter, he shall receive the same penalty according to the same rule.

³²"If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner shall give his or her master thirty shekels of silver, and you shall stone the ox .

³³"If a man opens a pit, or digs a pit and does not cover it over, and an ox or a donkey falls into it,

³⁴the owner of the pit shall make restitution; he shall give money to its owner, and the dead animal shall become his.

³⁵"If one man's ox hurts another's so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its price equally; and also they shall divide the dead ox.

³⁶"Or if people know that the ox had previously exhibited the habit of goring, yet its owner has not confined it, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal shall become his.

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Property Rights

¹"If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

²"If you catch the thief while he breaks in and he strikes him so that he dies, no blood-guiltiness will accrue to his account.

³"But if the sun has risen on him, blood-guiltiness will accrue on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then they shall sell him for his theft.

⁴"If what he stole people actually find alive in his possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

⁵"If a man lets his livestock graze a field or vineyard bare and lets his animal loose so that it grazes in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

⁶"If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that the fire consumes the stacked grain or the standing grain or the field itself, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

⁷" If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep for him and a thief steals it from the man's house, if they catch the thief, he shall pay double.

⁸"If they do not catch the thief, then the owner of the house shall appear before the judges, to determine whether he laid his hands on his neighbor's property.

⁹"For every breach of trust, whether it occurs for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any lost thing about which one says, 'This we value it,' the case of both parties shall come before the judges; he whom the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

¹⁰"If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep for him, and it dies or becomes hurt or someone drives it away while no one pays attention,

¹¹ The two of them shall make an oath before the LORD that he has not laid hands on his neighbor's property; and its owner shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution.

¹²"But if someone has actually stolen it from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

¹³"If someone tears it to pieces, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what someone has torn to pieces.

¹⁴"If a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it has become injured or dies while its owner does not have it, he shall make full restitution.

¹⁵"If its owner has it, he shall not make restitution; if you hired it, it came for its hire.

Sundry Laws

¹⁶" If a man seduces a virgin who has not become engaged, and lies with her, he must pay a dowry for her to become his wife.

¹⁷"If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equal to the dowry for virgins.

¹⁸"You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

¹⁹" Whoever lies with an animal shall surely receive the death penalty.

²⁰" He who sacrifices to any god, other than to the LORD alone, shall suffer utter destruction.

²¹" You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt.

²²" You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.

²³"If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry;

²⁴and My anger will kindle, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

²⁵" If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you cannot act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.

²⁶"If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you should return it to him before the sun sets,

²⁷for that constitutes his only covering; you have taken his cloak for his body. What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that when he cries out to Me, I will hear him, for I demonstrate graciousness.

²⁸"You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

²⁹" You shall not delay the offering from your harvest and your vintage The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.

³⁰" You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep It shall remain with its mother seven days; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

³¹" You shall behave as holy men to Me, therefore you shall not eat any flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

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Sundry Laws

¹" You shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to serve as a malicious witness.

²"You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert justice;

³ nor shall you show partiality to a poor man in his dispute.

⁴" If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.

⁵" If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying helpless under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him.

⁶" You shall not pervert the justice due to your needy brother in his dispute.

⁷" Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent or the righteous, for I will not acquit the guilty.

⁸" You shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of the just.

⁹" You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you also lived as strangers in the land of Egypt.

The Sabbath and Land

¹⁰" You shall sow your land for six years and gather in its yield,

¹¹but on the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You will do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

¹²" Six days you will do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as your stranger, may refresh themselves.

¹³"Now concerning everything which I have said to you, keep on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let them come out of your mouth.

Three National Feasts

¹⁴" Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.

¹⁵"You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

¹⁶"Also you shall observe the Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors from what you sow in the field; also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field.

¹⁷" Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

¹⁸" You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor will the fat of My feast to remain overnight until morning.

¹⁹"You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God " You shall not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

Conquest of the Land

²⁰"Behold, I will send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

²¹"Keep on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not rebel toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name remains in him.

²²"But if you truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will become an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

²³" For My angel will go before you and bring you in to the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them.

²⁴" You shall not worship their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their deeds; but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their sacred pillars in pieces.

²⁵" But you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst.

²⁶" No one will miscarry or remain barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

²⁷"I will send My terror ahead of you, and throw into confusion all the people among whom you come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

²⁸"I will send hornets ahead of you so that they will drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites before you.

²⁹" I will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

³⁰"I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.

³¹" I will fix your boundary from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River Euphrates; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you will drive them out before you.

³²" You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods.

³³" They shall not live in your land, because they will make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely become a snare to you."

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People Affirm Their Covenant with God

¹Then He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance.

²"Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him."

³Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!"

⁴Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

⁵He sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.

⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

⁷Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will obey!"

⁸So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.

¹¹Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."

¹³So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

¹⁴But to the elders he said, " Wait here for us until we return to you And behold, Aaron and Hur accompany you; whoever has a legal matter, let him approach them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

¹⁷And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD resembled a consuming fire on the mountain top.

¹⁸Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 25

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Offerings for the Sanctuary

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²" Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution.

³"This contribution you will raise from them: gold, silver and bronze,

⁴blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair,

⁵rams' skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood,

⁶oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

⁷onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

⁸"Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

⁹" According to all that I will show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

Ark of the Covenant

¹⁰" They shall construct an ark of acacia wood two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high.

¹¹"You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding around it.

¹²"You shall cast four gold rings for it and fasten them on its four feet, and two rings you shall attach on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it.

¹³"You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

¹⁴"You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them.

¹⁵"The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; no one shall remove them from it.

¹⁶"You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

¹⁷"You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.

¹⁸"You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.

¹⁹"Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

²⁰" The cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim will turn toward the mercy seat.

²¹" You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you.

²²" There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

The Table of Showbread

²³" You shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long and one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high.

²⁴"You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold border around it.

²⁵"You shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around it; and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it.

²⁶"You shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which locate on its four feet.

²⁷"The rings you shall attach close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table.

²⁸"You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them you may carry the table.

²⁹"You shall make its dishes and its pans and its jars and its bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold.

³⁰"You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.

The Golden Lampstand

³¹" Then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft you will make of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers you shall make of one piece with it.

³²" Six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side and three branches of the lampstand from its other side.

³³" Three cups you shall shape like almond blossoms in the one branch, a bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bulb and a flower--so for six branches going out from the lampstand;

³⁴and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its bulbs and its flowers.

³⁵" You shall place a bulb under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

³⁶" Their bulbs and their branches shall consist of one piece with it; all of it shall consist of one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

³⁷"Then you shall make its lamps seven in number; and they shall mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it.

³⁸"Its snuffers and their trays shall consist of pure gold.

³⁹" You shall make it from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

⁴⁰" See that you make them after the pattern for them, which I showed to you on the mountain.

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Curtains of Linen

¹" Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and blue and purple and scarlet material; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

²"The length of each curtain shall consist of twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measurements.

³"Five curtains you shall join to one another, and the other five curtains you shall join to one another.

⁴"You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set, and likewise you shall make them on the edge of the curtain that appears outermost in the second set.

⁵"You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that appears in the second set; the loops shall oppose each other.

⁶"You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps so that the tabernacle will become a unit.

Curtains of Goats' Hair

⁷"Then you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in all.

⁸"The length of each curtain shall consist of thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have the same measurements.

⁹"You shall join five curtains by themselves and the other six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the front of the tent.

¹⁰"You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that appear outermost in the first set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that appear outermost in the second set.

¹¹"You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together so that it will consist of a unit.

¹²"The overlapping part that remains over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle.

¹³"The cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it.

¹⁴" You shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red and a covering of porpoise skins above.

Boards and Sockets

¹⁵"Then you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

¹⁶" You shall measure ten cubits for the length of each board and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

¹⁷" You shall have two tenons for each board, fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.

¹⁸"You shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side.

¹⁹"You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons;

²⁰and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards,

²¹and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

²²"For the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards.

²³"You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear.

²⁴" You shall make them double beneath, and together they shall appear complete to its top to the first ring; thus it shall appear with both of them: they shall form the two corners.

²⁵" You shall have eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

²⁶"Then you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

²⁷and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the rear side to the west.

²⁸"The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end.

²⁹"You shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

³⁰"Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which I showed you in the mountain.

The Veil and Screen

³¹"You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; you shall make it with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

³²"You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks also consisting of gold, on four sockets of silver.

³³"You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.

³⁴" You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

³⁵" You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

³⁶" You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver.

³⁷" You shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen and overlay them with gold, their hooks also consisting of gold; and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

Exodus 27

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The Bronze Altar

¹"And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar you shall make square, and its height you shall measure as three cubits.

²"You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall consist of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze.

³"You shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

⁴"You shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.

⁵"You shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, so that the net will reach halfway up the altar.

⁶"You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

⁷" You shall insert its poles into the rings, so that you shall have two poles shall on the two sides of the altar when you carry it.

⁸"You shall make it hollow with planks; as I showed it to you in the mountain, so they shall make it.

Court of the Tabernacle

⁹"You shall make the court of the tabernacle. On the south side you shall display hangings for the court of fine twisted linen one hundred cubits long for one side;

¹⁰and you shall have twenty pillars, with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands shall consist of silver.

¹¹"Likewise for the north side in length you shall display hangings one hundred cubits long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands shall consist of silver.

¹²"For the width of the court on the west side you shall display hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten sockets.

¹³"The width of the court on the east side shall measure fifty cubits.

¹⁴"The hangings for the one side of the gate shall measure fifteen cubits with their three pillars and their three sockets.

¹⁵"And for the other side you shall display hangings of fifteen cubits with their three pillars and their three sockets.

¹⁶"For the gate of the court you shall display a screen of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver, with their four pillars and their four sockets.

¹⁷"All the pillars around the court you shall furnish with silver bands with their hooks of silver and their sockets of bronze.

¹⁸"The length of the court shall measure one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their sockets of bronze.

¹⁹"All the utensils of the tabernacle used in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall consist of bronze.

²⁰"You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.

²¹"In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which appears before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; you shall keep it as a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.

Exodus 28

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Garments of the Priests

¹"Then bring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, to minister as priest to Me--Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

²"You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

³"You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.

⁴"These I identify as the garments which they shall make: a breastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me.

⁵"They shall take the gold and the blue and the purple and the scarlet material and the fine linen.

⁶"They shall also make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of the skillful workman.

⁷"It shall have two shoulder pieces joined to its two ends, that they may join.

⁸"The skillfully woven band, which appears on it, shall display its workmanship, of the same material: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen.

⁹"You shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,

¹⁰six of their names on the one stone and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, according to their birth.

¹¹"As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall set them in filigree settings of gold.

¹²"You shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial.

¹³" You shall make filigree settings of gold,

¹⁴and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them of twisted cordage work, and you shall put the corded chains on the filigree settings.

¹⁵" You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen you shall make it.

¹⁶" You shall make a square and folded double, a span in length and a span in width.

¹⁷"You shall mount on it four rows of stones; the first row shall consist of a row of ruby, topaz and emerald;

¹⁸and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

¹⁹and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

²⁰and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; you shall set them in gold filigree.

²¹"The stones you shall place according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall appear like the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes.

²²"You shall make on the breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

²³"You shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

²⁴"You shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

²⁵"You shall put the other two ends of the two cords on the two filigree settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it.

²⁶"You shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which locates toward the inner side of the ephod.

²⁷"You shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it joins, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

²⁸"They shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it will attach on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece will not come loose from the ephod.

²⁹"Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

³⁰" You shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall appear over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

³¹" You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

³²" You shall have an opening at its top in the middle of it; around its opening you shall display a binding of woven work, like the opening of a coat of mail, so that it will not tear.

³³"You shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet material, all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

³⁴ a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe.

³⁵" Aaron shall wear it when he ministers; and its tinkling people shall hear when he enters and leaves the holy place before the LORD, so that he will not die.

³⁶"You shall also make a plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, ' Holy to the LORD.'

³⁷"You shall fasten it on a blue cord, and it shall attach to the turban; it shall attach to the front of the turban.

³⁸"It shall appear on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall take away the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always appear on his forehead, that they may find acceptance before the LORD.

³⁹"You shall weave the tunic of checkered work of fine linen, and shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of a weaver.

⁴⁰"For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make caps for them, for glory and for beauty.

⁴¹"You shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

⁴²"You shall make for them linen breeches to cover their bare flesh; they shall reach from the loins even to the thighs.

⁴³" Aaron and on his sons shall wear them when they enter the tent of meeting, or when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur guilt and die. You shall keep it as a statute forever to him and to his descendants after him.

Exodus 29

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Consecration of the Priests

¹" Now this you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

²and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour.

³"You shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams.

⁴"Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

⁵"You shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod;

⁶and you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban.

⁷"Then you shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

⁸"You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them.

⁹"You shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

The Sacrifices

¹⁰"Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

¹¹"You shall slaughter the bull before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

¹²"You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

¹³"You shall take all the fat that covers the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that attaches to them, and offer them up in smoke on the altar.

¹⁴"But the flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; you shall regard it as a sin offering.

¹⁵" You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram;

¹⁶and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar.

¹⁷"Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put them with its pieces and its head.

¹⁸"You shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; you shall offer it as a burnt offering to the LORD: it has a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

¹⁹"Then you shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

²⁰"You shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the rest of the blood around on the altar.

²¹"Then you shall take some of the blood that remains on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; so he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons' garments with him.

²²"You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that attaches to them and the right thigh (for we regard it as a ram of ordination),

²³and one cake of bread and one cake of bread mixed with oil and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread which you set before the LORD;

²⁴and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

²⁵" You shall take them from their hands, and offer them up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering for a soothing aroma before the LORD; you shall make it as an offering by fire to the LORD.

²⁶"Then you shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of ordination, and wave it as a wave offering before the LORD; and you shall regard it as your portion.

²⁷"You shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering which you waved and which you offered from the ram of ordination, from the one which you did for Aaron and from the one which he did for his sons.

²⁸" I shall give it to Aaron and his sons as their portion forever from the sons of Israel, for it consists of a heave offering; and it shall consist of a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their heave offering to the LORD.

²⁹" The holy garments of Aaron you shall keep for his sons after him, that in them they may become anointed and ordained.

³⁰"For seven days the one of his sons who serves as priest in his stead shall put them on when he enters the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

Food of the Priests

³¹"You shall take the ram of ordination and boil its flesh in a holy place.

³²"Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that you find in the basket, at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

³³"Thus they shall eat those things by which atonement people made at their ordination and consecration; but a layman shall not eat them, because they have become holy.

³⁴" If any of the flesh of ordination or any of the bread remains until morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; you shall not eat, because we acknowledge it as holy.

³⁵"Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall ordain them through seven days.

³⁶" Each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall purify the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to consecrate it.

³⁷"For seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it; then you shall regard it as most holy, and whatever touches the altar shall become holy.

³⁸"Now this you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.

³⁹"The one lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;

⁴⁰and you shall take one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with one lamb.

⁴¹"The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it the same grain offering and the same drink offering as in the morning, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

⁴²" They shall offer a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

⁴³"I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall receive consecration by My glory.

⁴⁴"I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.

⁴⁵" I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will rule as their God.

⁴⁶"They shall know that I proclaim Myself as the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I proclaim Myself the LORD their God.

Exodus 30

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The Altar of Incense

¹"Moreover, you shall make an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

²"Its length shall measure a cubit, and its width a cubit, you shall make it square, and its height shall measure two cubits; its horns shall consist of one piece with it.

³"You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it.

⁴"You shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make them on its two side walls--on opposite sides--and they shall have holders for poles with which to carry it.

⁵"You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

⁶"You shall put this altar in front of the veil that stands near the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that appears over the ark of the testimony, where I will meet with you.

⁷"Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps.

⁸"When Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. You shall burn perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

⁹"You shall not offer any strange incense on this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a drink offering on it.

¹⁰"Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once a year throughout your generations. The LORD considers it holy."

¹¹The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

¹²"When you take a census of the sons of Israel to number them, then each one of them shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD, when you number them, so that there will come no plague among them when you number them.

¹³"This everyone numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel equals twenty gerahs), half a shekel as a contribution to the LORD.

¹⁴"Everyone who has become numbered, from twenty years old and over, shall give the contribution to the LORD.

¹⁵"The rich shall not pay more and the poor shall not pay less than the half shekel, when you give the contribution to the LORD to make atonement for yourselves.

¹⁶"You shall take the atonement money from the sons of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may constitute a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves."

¹⁷The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁸"You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.

¹⁹"Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it;

²⁰when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, so that they will not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the LORD.

²¹"So they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they will not die; and they shall offer a perpetual statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations."

The Anointing Oil

²²Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²³"Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty,

²⁴and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin.

²⁵"You shall make of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; you shall consider it a holy anointing oil.

²⁶"With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,

²⁷and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,

²⁸and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand.

²⁹"You shall also consecrate them, that they may become most holy; whatever touches them shall become holy.

³⁰" You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me.

³¹"You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ' You shall consider this a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

³² You shall not pour it out on anyone's body, nor shall you make any like it in the same proportions; I consider it holy, and you shall consider it holy.

³³ Whoever shall mix any like it or whoever puts any of it on a layman shall become severed from his people."

The Incense

³⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; you shall have an equal part of each.

³⁵"With it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.

³⁶"You shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you; you shall consider it most holy to you.

³⁷"The incense which you shall make, you shall not make in the same proportions for yourselves; You shall consider it holy to you for the LORD.

³⁸" Whoever shall make any like it, to use as perfume, shall become severed from his people."

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The Skilled Craftsmen

¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

³"I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,

⁴to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze,

⁵and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship.

⁶"And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who have demonstrated skill I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

⁷ the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,

⁸ the table also and its utensils, and the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense,

⁹ the altar of burnt offering also with all its utensils, and the laver and its stand,

¹⁰the woven garments as well, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, with which to carry on their priesthood;

¹¹ the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the holy place, they shall make them according to all that I have commanded you."

The Sign of the Sabbath

¹²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹³"But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ' You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this I regard as a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I proclaim Myself as the LORD who sanctifies you.

¹⁴Therefore you shall observe the sabbath, for you shall regard it as holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely receive the death penalty; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall become severed from among his people.

¹⁵ For six days you may do your work , but on the seventh day you shall keep a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁶So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.'

¹⁷" I consider it a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and became refreshed."

¹⁸When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

Exodus 32

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The Golden Calf

¹Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

²Aaron said to them, "Tear off the gold rings which your wives have in their ears, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."

³Then all the people tore off the gold rings which they wore in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

⁴He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This you will consider your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

⁵Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow you shall keep a feast to the LORD."

⁶So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

⁷Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

⁸"They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This you will consider your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'"

⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they appear an obstinate people.

¹⁰"Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."

Moses' Entreaty

¹¹Then Moses entreated the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?"

¹²"Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about doing harm to Your people.

¹³"Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

¹⁴So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

¹⁵Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets which God wrote on both sides; He wrote on one side and the other.

¹⁶The tablets consisted of God's work, and the writing consisted of God's writing engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷Now when Joshua heard the sound of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "I hear a sound of war in the camp."

¹⁸But he said,
 "It does not the sound of the cry of triumph,
 Nor does it sound like the cry of defeat;
 But the sound of singing I hear."

Moses' Anger

¹⁹It came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain.

²⁰He took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water and made the sons of Israel drink it.

²¹Then Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you, that you have brought such great sin upon them?"

²²Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord burn; you know the people yourself, that they show a propensity to do evil.

²³"For they said to me, 'Make a god for us who will go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

²⁴"I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them tear it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

²⁵Now when Moses saw that the people had gotten out of control--for Aaron had let them get out of control to become a derision among their enemies--

²⁶then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever prefers the LORD, come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him.

²⁷He said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.'"

²⁸So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

²⁹Then Moses said, "Dedicate yourselves today to the LORD--for every man has fought against his son and against his brother--in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."

³⁰On the next day Moses said to the people, " You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I go up to the LORD, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

³¹Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves.

³²"But now, if You will, forgive their sin--and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"

³³The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

³⁴"But go now, lead the people where I told you Behold, My angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I punish, I will punish them for their sin."

³⁵Then the LORD smote the people, because of what they did with the calf which Aaron had made.

Exodus 33

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The Journey Resumed

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ' To your descendants I will give it.'

²"I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

³"Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you have proved yourselves an obstinate people, and I might destroy you on the way."

⁴When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments.

⁵For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You have proved yourself an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I shall do with you.'"

⁶So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

⁷Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which located outside the camp.

⁸And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

⁹Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses.

¹⁰When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

¹¹Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Moses Intercedes

¹²Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'

¹³"Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight Consider too, that this nation belongs to You."

¹⁴And He said, " My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Then he said to Him, " If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.

¹⁶"For how then can people know that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Does it not occur by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may distinguish themselves from all the other people who dwell upon the face of the earth?"

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"

¹⁹And He said, " I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will show graciousness to whom I will show graciousness, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

²⁰But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

²¹Then the LORD said, "Behold, there exists a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock;

²²and it will come about, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

²³"Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but You shall not see My face."

Exodus 34

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The Two Tablets Replaced

¹Now the LORD said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself two stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that appeared on the former tablets which you shattered.

²"So make yourself ready by morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain.

³" No man will come up with you, nor let any man appear anywhere on the mountain; even the flocks and the herds may not graze in front of that mountain."

⁴So he cut out two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand.

⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD.

⁶Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

⁷who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

⁸Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

⁹He said, " If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people behave so obstinately, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession."

The Covenant Renewed

¹⁰Then God said, "Behold, I go to make a covenant Before all your people I will perform miracles which have not appeared in all the earth nor among any of the nations; and all the people among whom you live will see the working of the LORD, for I intend to perform a fearful thing with you.

¹¹"Make sure to observe what I command you this day: behold, I will drive out the Amorite before you, and the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

¹²" Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you go, or it will become a snare in your midst.

¹³" But rather, you shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and cut down their Asherim

¹⁴—for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name means Jealous, has jealousy--

¹⁵otherwise you might make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land and they would play the harlot with their gods and sacrifice to their gods, and someone might invite you to eat of his sacrifice,

¹⁶and you might take some of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters might play the harlot with their gods and cause your sons also to play the harlot with their gods.

¹⁷" You shall make for yourself no molten gods.

¹⁸"You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread For seven days you must eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt.

¹⁹" The first offspring from every womb belongs to Me, and all your male livestock, the first offspring from cattle and sheep.

²⁰" You shall redeem with a lamb the first offspring from a donkey; and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck You shall redeem all the firstborn of your sons None shall appear before Me empty-handed.

²¹"You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during plowing time and harvest you shall rest.

²²"You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, namely, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

²³" Three times a year all your males will appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

²⁴"For I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the LORD your God.

²⁵" You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover remain until morning.

²⁶"You shall bring the very first of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. "You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

²⁷Then the LORD said to Moses, " Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

²⁸So he remained there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Moses' Face Shines

²⁹It came about when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony Moses held in his hand as he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

³⁰So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they feared to come near him.

³¹Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them.

³²Afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them to do everything that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what the LORD had commanded him,

³⁵the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

Exodus 35

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The Sabbath Emphasized

¹Then Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and said to them, " These things the LORD has commanded you to do:

²" For six days you may do work , but on the seventh day you shall have a holy day, a sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; whoever does any work on it shall receive the death penalty.

³" You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day."

⁴Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "This thing the LORD has commanded, saying,

⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the LORD; whoever has a willing heart, let him bring it as the LORD'S contribution: gold, silver, and bronze,

⁶and blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goats' hair,

⁷and rams' skins dyed red, and porpoise skins, and acacia wood,

⁸and oil for lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense,

⁹and onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

Tabernacle Workmen

¹⁰ Let every skillful man among you come, and make all that the LORD has commanded:

¹¹the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

¹²the ark and its poles, the mercy seat, and the curtain of the screen;

¹³the table and its poles, and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence;

¹⁴the lampstand also for the light and its utensils and its lamps and the oil for the light;

¹⁵and the altar of incense and its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the doorway at the entrance of the tabernacle;

¹⁶ the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand;

¹⁷ the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;

¹⁸the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court and their cords;

¹⁹the woven garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests."

Gifts Received

²⁰Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from Moses' presence.

²¹ Everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came and brought the LORD'S contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments.

²² Then all whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came and brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so did every man who presented an offering of gold to the LORD.

²³ Every man, who had in his possession blue and purple and scarlet material and fine linen and goats' hair and rams' skins dyed red and porpoise skins, brought them.

²⁴ Everyone who could make a contribution of silver and bronze brought the LORD'S contribution; and every man who had in his possession acacia wood for any work of the service brought it.

²⁵ All the skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, in blue and purple and scarlet material and in fine linen.

²⁶ All the women whose heart stirred with a skill spun the goats' hair.

²⁷ The rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for setting for the ephod and for the breastpiece;

²⁸ and the spice and the oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

²⁹ The Israelites, all the men and women, whose heart moved them to bring material for all the work, which the LORD had commanded through Moses to be done, brought a freewill offering to the LORD.

³⁰ Then Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

³¹ "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all craftsmanship;

³² to make designs for working in gold and in silver and in bronze,

³³ and in the cutting of stones for settings and in the carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work.

³⁴ "He also has put in his heart to teach, both he and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

³⁵ " He has filled them with skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer and of an embroiderer, in blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and in fine linen, and of a weaver, as performers of every work and makers of designs.

Exodus 36

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The Tabernacle Underwritten

¹"Now Bezalel and Oholiab, and every skillful person in whom the LORD has put skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work in the construction of the sanctuary, shall perform in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded."

²Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful person in whom the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it.

³They received from Moses all the contributions which the sons of Israel had brought to perform the work in the construction of the sanctuary. And they still continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

⁴And all the skillful men who performed all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work which he performed,

⁵and they said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for the construction work which the LORD commanded us to perform."

⁶So Moses issued a command, and he circulated a proclamation throughout the camp, saying, "Let no man or woman any longer perform work for the contributions of the sanctuary." Thus he restrained the people from bringing any more.

⁷For the material they had proved sufficient and more than enough for all the work, to perform it.

Construction Proceeds

⁸All the skillful men among those who performed the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twisted linen and blue and purple and scarlet material, with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman, Bezalel made them.

⁹The length of each curtain measured twenty-eight cubits and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains had the same measurements.

¹⁰He joined five curtains to one another and the other five curtains he joined to one another.

¹¹He made loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set; he did likewise on the edge of the curtain that appeared outermost in the second set.

¹²He made fifty loops in the one curtain and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that attached in the second set; the loops opposed each other.

¹³He made fifty clasps of gold and joined the curtains to one another with the clasps, so the tabernacle appeared as a unit.

¹⁴Then he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains in all.

¹⁵The length of each curtain measures thirty cubits and four cubits the width of each curtain; the eleven curtains had the same measurements.

¹⁶He joined five curtains by themselves and the other six curtains by themselves.

¹⁷Moreover, he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that appeared outermost in the first set, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the second set.

¹⁸He made fifty clasps of bronze to join the tent together so that it would appear one unit.

¹⁹He made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of porpoise skins above.

²⁰Then he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

²¹Ten cubits consisted of the length of each board and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

²²He made two tenons for each board, fitted to one another; thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.

²³He made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side;

²⁴and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons.

²⁵Then for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards,

²⁶and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

²⁷For the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, he made six boards.

²⁸He made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear.

²⁹He made them double beneath, and together they reached completion at its top to the first ring; thus he did with both of them for the two corners.

³⁰He made eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets, two under every board.

³¹Then he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

³²and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the rear side to the west.

³³He made the middle bar to pass through in the center of the boards from end to end.

³⁴He overlaid the boards with gold and made their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

³⁵Moreover, he made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen; he made it with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

³⁶He made four pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

³⁷He made a screen for the doorway of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver;

³⁸and he made its five pillars with their hooks, and he overlaid their tops and their bands with gold; but their five sockets consisted of bronze.

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Construction Continues

¹Now Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length measured two and a half cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits;

²and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding for it all around.

³He cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.

⁴He made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

⁵He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry it.

⁶He made a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.

⁷He made two cherubim of gold; he made them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat;

⁸one cherub at the one end and one cherub at the other end; he made the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at the two ends.

⁹The cherubim had their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward each other; the faces of the cherubim faced toward the mercy seat.

¹⁰Then he made the table of acacia wood, two cubits long and a cubit wide and one and a half cubits high.

¹¹He overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding for it all around.

¹²He made a rim for it of a handbreadth all around, and made a gold molding for its rim all around.

¹³He cast four gold rings for it and put the rings on the four corners that located on its four feet.

¹⁴Close by the rim were the rings, the holders for the poles to carry the table.

¹⁵He made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.

¹⁶He made the utensils which he placed on the table, its dishes and its pans and its bowls and its jars, with which to pour out drink offerings, of pure gold.

¹⁷Then he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of hammered work, its base and its shaft; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers appeared of one piece with it.

¹⁸There appeared six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand from the one side of it and three branches of the lampstand from the other side of it;

¹⁹three cups shaped like almond blossoms, a bulb and a flower in one branch, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms, a bulb and a flower in the other branch--so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

²⁰In the lampstand there appeared four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its bulbs and its flowers;

²¹and a bulb appeared under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

²²Their bulbs and their branches consisted of one piece with it; the whole of it consisted of a single hammered work of pure gold.

²³He made its seven lamps with its snuffers and its trays of pure gold.

²⁴He made it and all its utensils from a talent of pure gold.

²⁵ Then he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit long and a cubit wide, square, and two cubits high; its horns consisted of one piece with it.

²⁶ He overlaid it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and he made a gold molding for it all around.

²⁷ He made two golden rings for it under its molding, on its two sides--on opposite sides--as holders for poles with which to carry it.

²⁸ He made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

²⁹ And he made the holy anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense of spices, the work of a perfumer.

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The Tabernacle Completed

¹ Then he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits wide, square, and three cubits high.

² He made its horns on its four corners, its horns consisting of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze.

³ He made all the utensils of the altar, the pails and the shovels and the basins, the flesh hooks and the firepans; he made all its utensils of bronze.

⁴ He made for the altar a grating of bronze network beneath, under its ledge, reaching halfway up.

⁵ He cast four rings on the four ends of the bronze grating as holders for the poles.

⁶ He made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.

⁷ He inserted the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to carry it. He made it hollow with planks.

⁸ Moreover, he made the laver of bronze with its base of bronze, from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁹ Then he made the court: for the south side the hangings of the court consisted of fine twisted linen, one hundred cubits;

¹⁰ their twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets, made of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands consisted of silver.

¹¹ For the north side there measured one hundred cubits; their twenty pillars and their twenty sockets consisted of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands consisted of silver.

¹² For the west side they displayed hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten sockets; the hooks of the pillars and their bands consisted of silver.

¹³ For the east side fifty cubits.

¹⁴ The hangings for the one side of the gate measured fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets,

¹⁵ and so for the other side. On both sides of the gate of the court they displayed hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

¹⁶ All the hangings of the court all around consisted of fine twisted linen.

¹⁷ The sockets for the pillars were of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands, of silver; and the overlaying of their tops, of silver, and all the pillars of the court they furnished with silver bands.

¹⁸ The screen of the gate of the court represented the work of the weaver, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen. And the length measured twenty cubits and the height measured five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

¹⁹ Their four pillars and their four sockets consisted of bronze; their hooks consisted of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their bands consisted of silver.

²⁰ All the pegs of the tabernacle and of the court all around consisted of bronze.

The Cost of the Tabernacle

²¹ This consists of the number of the things for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, as they had become numbered according to the command of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

²² Now Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

²³ With him worked Oholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a skillful workman and a weaver in blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and fine linen.

²⁴All the gold that they used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the wave offering, consisted of 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

²⁵The silver of those of the congregation who became numbered added up to 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

²⁶a beka a head (namely, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for each one who passed over to those who had become numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for 603,550 men.

²⁷The hundred talents of silver they used for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil; one hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

²⁸Of the 1,775 shekels, he made hooks for the pillars and overlaid their tops and made bands for them.

²⁹The bronze of the wave offering consisted of 70 talents and 2,400 shekels.

³⁰With it he made the sockets to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the utensils of the altar,

³¹and the sockets of the court all around and the sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pegs of the tabernacle and all the pegs of the court all around.

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The Priestly Garments

¹Moreover, from the blue and purple and scarlet material, they made finely woven garments for ministering in the holy place as well as the holy garments which belonged to Aaron, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²He made the ephod of gold, and of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen.

³Then they hammered out gold sheets and cut them into threads to become woven in with the blue and the purple and the scarlet material, and the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman.

⁴They made attaching shoulder pieces for the ephod; they attached it at its two upper ends.

⁵The skillfully woven band which appeared on it reflected its workmanship, of the same material: of gold and of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁶ They made the onyx stones, set in gold filigree settings; they engraved them like the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.

⁷ And he placed them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁸ He made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, like the workmanship of the ephod: of gold and of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen.

⁹ They made it square; they made the breastpiece folded double, a span long and a span wide when folded double.

¹⁰ And they mounted four rows of stones on it. The first row consisted of ruby, topaz, and emerald;

¹¹ and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

¹² and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

¹³ and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They set them in gold filigree settings when they mounted them.

¹⁴ The stones corresponded to the names of the sons of Israel; they added up to twelve, corresponding to their names, engraved with the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

¹⁵ They made on the breastpiece chains like cords, of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

¹⁶ They made two gold filigree settings and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

¹⁷ Then they put the two gold cords in the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

¹⁸ They put the other two ends of the two cords on the two filigree settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of it.

¹⁹ They made two gold rings and placed them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner edge which adjoined the ephod.

²⁰ Furthermore, they made two gold rings and placed them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it, close to the place where it joined, above the woven band of the ephod.

²¹ They bound the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it would appear on the woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece would not come loose from the ephod, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²² Then he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue;

²³ and the opening of the robe appeared at the top in the center, as the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding all around its opening, so that it would not tear.

²⁴ They made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet material and twisted linen on the hem of the robe.

²⁵ They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the robe,

²⁶ alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁷) They made the tunics of finely woven linen for Aaron and his sons,

²⁸ and the turban of fine linen, and the decorated caps of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twisted linen,

²⁹ and the sash of fine twisted linen, and blue and purple and scarlet material, the work of the weaver, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁰ They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and inscribed it like the engravings of a signet, "Holy to the LORD."

³¹ They fastened a blue cord to it, to fasten it on the turban above, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³² Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting had become completed; and the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

³³ They brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars and its sockets;

³⁴ and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of porpoise skins, and the screening veil;

³⁵ the ark of the testimony and its poles and the mercy seat;

³⁶ the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence;

³⁷ the pure gold lampstand, with its arrangement of lamps and all its utensils, and the oil for the light;

³⁸ and the gold altar, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the veil for the doorway of the tent;

³⁹the bronze altar and its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils, the laver and its stand;

⁴⁰the hangings for the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords and its pegs and all the equipment for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

⁴¹the woven garments for ministering in the holy place and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.

⁴²So the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁴³And Moses examined all the work and behold, they had done it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had done. So Moses blessed them.

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The Tabernacle Erected

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²" On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

³" You shall place the ark of the testimony there, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.

⁴"You shall bring in the table and arrange what belongs on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and mount its lamps.

⁵"Moreover, you shall set the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle.

⁶"You shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

⁷"You shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it.

⁸"You shall set up the court all around and hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.

⁹"Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that we find in it, and shall consecrate it and all its furnishings; and we shall regard it as holy.

¹⁰"You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, and the altar we shall regard as most holy.

¹¹"You shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it.

¹²"Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

¹³" You shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me.

¹⁴"You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them;

¹⁵and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing will qualify them for a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

¹⁶Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

¹⁷Now in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, they erected the tabernacle.

¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle and laid its sockets, and set up its boards, and inserted its bars and erected its pillars.

¹⁹He spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁰Then he took the testimony and put it into the ark, and attached the poles to the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark.

²¹He brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up a veil for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²²Then he put the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil.

²³He set the arrangement of bread in order on it before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁴Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.

²⁵He lighted the lamps before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁶Then he placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil;

²⁷and he burned fragrant incense on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁸Then he set up the veil for the doorway of the tabernacle.

²⁹He set the altar of burnt offering before the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁰He placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing.

³¹From it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

³²When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³³He erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work.

The Glory of the LORD

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

³⁵Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

³⁶Throughout all their journeys whenever God took up the cloud from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out;

³⁷but if God had not taken the cloud, then they did not set out until the day when He took it up.

³⁸For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD rested on the tabernacle by day, and fire appeared in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

Leviticus 1

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The Law of Burnt Offerings

¹Then the LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When any man of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of animals from the herd or the flock.

³If he offers a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it, a male without defect; he shall offer it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that the LORD may accept it.

⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that the LORD may accept it for him to make atonement on his behalf.

⁵ He shall slay the young bull before the LORD; and Aaron's sons the priests shall offer up the blood and sprinkle the blood around on the altar that lies at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁶ He shall then skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

⁷The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

⁸Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head and the suet over the wood which lies on the fire on the altar.

⁹Its entrails, however, and its legs he shall wash with water And the priest shall offer up in smoke all of it on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁰But if his offering comes from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer it a male without defect.

¹¹ He shall slay it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

¹²He shall then cut it into its pieces with its head and its suet, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood which lies on the fire on the altar.

¹³The entrails, however, and the legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall offer all of it, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; it constitutes a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁴But if his offering to the LORD consists of a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering from the turtledoves or from young pigeons.

¹⁵The priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head and offer it up in smoke on the altar; and you will drain its blood out on the side of the altar.

¹⁶He shall also take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar eastward, to the place of the ashes.

¹⁷Then he shall tear it by its wings, but shall not sever it. And the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar on the wood which lies on the fire; it consists of a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

Leviticus 2

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The Law of Grain Offerings

¹Now when anyone presents a grain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall consist of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.

²He shall then bring it to Aaron's sons the priests; and shall take from it his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all of its frankincense. And the priest shall offer it up in smoke as its memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

³The remainder of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

⁴Now when you bring an offering of a grain offering baked in an oven, it shall consist of unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers spread with oil.

⁵If you offer grain offering made on the griddle, it shall consist of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil;

⁶you shall break it into bits and pour oil on it; it consists of a grain offering.

⁷Now if you offer a grain offering made in a pan, you shall make it of fine flour with oil.

⁸When you bring in the grain offering which you make to the LORD, you shall present it to the priest and he shall bring it to the altar.

⁹The priest then shall take up from the grain offering its memorial portion, and shall offer it up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁰The remainder of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

¹¹You shall make no grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD.

¹²As an offering of first fruits you shall bring them to the LORD, but they shall not ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar.

¹³Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that the salt of the covenant of your God shall not lack from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

¹⁴Also if you bring a grain offering of early ripened things to the LORD, you shall bring fresh heads of grain roasted in the fire, grits of new growth, for the grain offering of your early ripened things.

¹⁵You shall then put oil on it and lay incense on it; it consists of a grain offering.

¹⁶The priest shall offer up in smoke its memorial portion, part of its grits and its oil with all its incense as an offering by fire to the LORD.

Leviticus 3

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The Law of Peace Offerings

¹Now if his offering constitutes a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he intends to offer out of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without defect before the LORD.

²He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slay it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.

³From the sacrifice of the peace offerings he shall present an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that clings to the entrails,

⁴and the two kidneys with the fat that clings to them, which locates on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

⁵Then Aaron's sons shall offer it up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering, which lies on the wood on the fire; it consists of an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

⁶But if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD comes from the flock, he shall offer it, male or female, without defect.

⁷If he intends to offer a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD,

⁸and he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slay it before the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

⁹From the sacrifice of peace offerings he shall bring as an offering by fire to the LORD, its fat, the entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that clings on the entrails,

¹⁰and the two kidneys with the fat that clings to them, which lies on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

¹¹Then the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire to the LORD.

¹²Moreover, if his offering consists of a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD,

¹³and he shall lay his hand on its head and slay it before the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

¹⁴From it he shall present his offering as an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that clings to the entrails,

¹⁵and the two kidneys with the fat that clings to them, which lies on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

¹⁶The priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; all fat belongs to the LORD.

¹⁷ You shall consider it a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat or any blood."

Leviticus 4

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The Law of Sin Offerings

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a person sins unintentionally in any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to do, and commits any of them,

³ if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD a bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has committed.

⁴He shall bring the bull to the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and slay the bull before the LORD.

⁵Then the anointed priest will take some of the blood of the bull and bring it to the tent of meeting,

⁶and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.

⁷The priest shall also put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense which spreads before the LORD in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which lies at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁸ He shall remove from it all the fat of the bull of the sin offering: the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat which clings to the entrails,

⁹and the two kidneys with the fat that clings to on them, which appears on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys

¹⁰(just as you remove from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings), and the priest will offer them up in smoke on the altar of burnt offering.

¹¹But the hide of the bull and all its flesh with its head and its legs and its entrails and its refuse,

¹²namely, all the rest of the bull, he will bring out to a clean place outside the camp where he will pour the ashes out, and burn it on wood with fire; where he will pour out the burned ashes .

¹³ Now if the whole congregation of Israel commits error and the matter escapes the notice of the assembly, and they commit any of the things which the LORD has commanded them not to do, and they become guilty;

¹⁴when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a bull of the herd for a sin offering and bring it before the tent of meeting.

¹⁵Then the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and they shall slay the bull before the LORD.

¹⁶Then the anointed priest will bring some of the blood of the bull to the tent of meeting;

¹⁷and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil.

¹⁸He shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which stands before the LORD in the tent of meeting; and all the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which lies at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

¹⁹He shall remove all its fat from it and offer it up in smoke on the altar.

²⁰He shall also do with the bull just as he did with the bull of the sin offering; thus he shall do with it So the priest shall make atonement for them, and they will receive forgiveness.

²¹Then he will bring out the bull to a place outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull; it constitutes the sin offering for the assembly.

²²When a leader sins and unintentionally does any one of all the things which the LORD his God has commanded not to do, and he becomes guilty,

²³ if his sin which he has committed becomes known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a male without defect.

²⁴He shall lay his hand on the head of the male goat and slay it in the place where they slay the burnt offering before the LORD; it constitutes a sin offering.

²⁵Then the priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

²⁶ All its fat he shall offer up in smoke on the altar as in the case of the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings Thus the priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin, and he will receive forgiveness.

²⁷Now if anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to do, and becomes guilty,

²⁸ if his sin which he has committed becomes known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without defect, for his sin which he has committed.

²⁹ He shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slay the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

³⁰ The priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

³¹ Then he shall remove all its fat, just as he removed the fat from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar for a soothing aroma to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and he will receive forgiveness.

³² But if he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without defect.

³³ He shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they slay the burnt offering.

³⁴ The priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

³⁵ Then he shall remove all its fat, just as he removes the fat of the lamb from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, and the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar, on the offerings by fire to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin which he has committed, and he will receive forgiveness.

Leviticus 5

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The Law of Guilt Offerings

¹ Now if a person sins after he hears a public adjuration to testify when he serves as a witness, whether he has seen or otherwise known, if he does not tell it, then he will bear his guilt.

² Or if a person touches any unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean beast or the carcass of unclean cattle or a carcass of unclean swarming things, though he did not see it he has become unclean, then he will have guilt.

³ Or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever sort his uncleanness may consist of causing him to become unclean, and he does not see it, and then he comes to know it, he will have guilt.

⁴ Or if a person swears thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, in whatever matter a man may speak thoughtlessly with an oath, and he does not see it, and then he comes to know it, he will have guilt in one of these.

⁵So it shall occur when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall confess that in which he has sinned.

⁶He shall also bring his guilt offering to the LORD for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin.

⁷But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD his guilt offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

⁸He shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer first that which he offers for the sin offering and shall nip its head at the front of its neck, but he shall not sever it.

⁹He shall also sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, while the rest of the blood he shall drain out at the base of the altar: it constitutes a sin offering.

¹⁰The second he shall then prepare as a burnt offering according to the ordinance So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed, and he will receive forgiveness.

¹¹But if his means don't prove sufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it constitutes a sin offering.

¹²He shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial portion and offer it up in smoke on the altar, with the offerings of the LORD by fire: it constitutes a sin offering.

¹³So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which he has committed from one of these, and he will receive forgiveness; then the rest shall become the priest's, like the grain offering."

¹⁴Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁵" If a person acts unfaithfully and sins unintentionally against the LORD'S holy things, then he shall bring his guilt offering to the LORD: a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation in silver by shekels, in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering.

¹⁶" He shall make restitution for that which he has sinned against the holy thing, and shall add to it a fifth part of it and give it to the priest The priest shall then make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and he will receive forgiveness.

¹⁷"Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded him not to do, though he didn't know, still he bears guilt and shall bear his punishment.

¹⁸"He will then bring to the priest a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned unintentionally and did not know it, and he shall receive forgiveness.

¹⁹"It constitutes a guilt offering; he had guilt before the LORD."

Leviticus 6

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Guilt Offering

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to him, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion,

³or has found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do;

⁴then it shall happen, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which people entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found,

⁵or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

⁶"Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering,

⁷and the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he will receive forgiveness for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt."

The Priest's Part in the Offerings

⁸Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁹"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This we call the law for the burnt offering: the burnt offering itself shall remain on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire on the altar we will keep burning on it.

¹⁰The priest will put on his linen robe, and he shall put on undergarments next to his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire reduces the burnt offering on the altar and place them beside the altar.

¹¹Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

¹²The fire on the altar you shall keep burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings on it.

¹³ You shall keep the Fire burning continually on the altar; you will not let it go out.

¹⁴Now this we call the law of the grain offering: the sons of Aaron shall present it before the LORD in front of the altar.

¹⁵ Then one of them shall lift up from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, with its oil and all the incense that lies on the grain offering, and he shall offer it up in smoke on the altar, a soothing aroma, as its memorial offering to the LORD.

¹⁶ What remains of it Aaron and his sons prepare to eat. They shall eat them as unleavened cakes in a holy place; they must eat it in the court of the tent of meeting.

¹⁷ You shall not bake it with leaven I have given it as their share from My offerings by fire; we regard it as most holy, like the sin offering and the guilt offering.

¹⁸ Every male among the sons of Aaron may eat it; we observe it as a permanent ordinance throughout your generations, from the offerings by fire to the LORD Whoever touches them will become consecrated."

¹⁹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁰"This offering Aaron and his sons will present to the LORD on the day when he becomes anointed; the tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

²¹"He shall prepare it with oil on a griddle. When you stir it well, you shall bring it. You shall present the grain offering in baked pieces as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

²²"The anointed priest who will stand in his place among his sons shall offer it. By a permanent ordinance you shall entirely offer it up in smoke to the LORD.

²³"So every grain offering of the priest shall burn entirely. You shall not eat it."

²⁴Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁵"Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This constitutes the law of the sin offering: in the place where you slay the burnt offering you shall slay the sin offering before the LORD; we consider it most holy.

²⁶ The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. He shall eat it in a holy place, in the court of the tent of meeting.

²⁷ Anyone who touches its flesh will become consecrated; and when any of its blood splashes on a garment, in a holy place you shall wash what you splashed on.

²⁸ Also the earthenware vessel in which you boiled it you shall break; and if you boiled it in a bronze vessel, then you shall scour and rinse it in water.

²⁹ Every male among the priests may eat of it; we regard it as most holy.

³⁰ But you shall bring no sin offering of which any of the blood we bring into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place he shall eat it; he shall burn it with fire.

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The Priest's Part in the Offerings

¹ Now this constitutes the law of the guilt offering; we regard it as most holy.

² In the place where they slay the burnt offering they will slay the guilt offering, and he shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

³ Then he shall offer from it all its fat: the fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,

⁴ and the two kidneys with the fat that clings to them, which appears on the loins, and the lobe on the liver he shall remove with the kidneys.

⁵ The priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire to the LORD; it constitutes a guilt offering.

⁶ Every male among the priests may eat of it. They shall eat it in a holy place; we regard it as most holy.

⁷ The guilt offering resembles the sin offering, there constitutes one law for them; the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.

⁸Also the priest who presents any man's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.

⁹Likewise, every grain offering that you bake in the oven and everything prepared in a pan or on a griddle shall belong to the priest who presents it.

¹⁰Every grain offering, mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to all alike.

¹¹Now this constitutes the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall present to the LORD.

¹²If he offers it by way of thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil.

¹³With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of leavened bread.

¹⁴Of this he shall present one of every offering as a contribution to the LORD; it shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.

¹⁵Now as for the flesh of the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace offerings, he shall eat on the day of his offering; he shall not leave any of it over until morning.

¹⁶But if the sacrifice of his offering constitutes a votive or a freewill offering, he shall eat it on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what has remained he shall eat;

¹⁷but what remains left over from the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day he shall burn with fire.

¹⁸So if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings he should ever eat on the third day, he who offers it God will not accept, and He will not reckon it to his benefit. We shall regard it as an offensive thing, and the person who eats of it will bear his own iniquity.

¹⁹Also the flesh that touches anything unclean one shall not eat; he shall burn it with fire. As for other flesh, anyone clean may eat such flesh.

²⁰But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, in his uncleanness, that person the LORD shall cut off from his people.

²¹When anyone touches anything unclean, whether human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or any unclean detestable thing, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, that person the LORD shall cut off from his people."

²²Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²³"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall not eat any fat from an ox, a sheep or a goat.

²⁴Also the fat of an animal which dies and the fat of an animal torn by beasts you may put to any other use, but you must certainly not eat it.

²⁵For whoever eats the fat of the animal from which an offering by fire which he offered to the LORD, even the person who eats the Lord shall cut off from his people.

²⁶ You shall not eat any blood, either of bird or animal, in any of your dwellings.

²⁷Any person who eats any blood, even that person the Lord shall cut off from his people."

²⁸Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁹"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

³⁰His own hands will bring offerings by fire to the LORD. He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast he may present as a wave offering before the LORD.

³¹The priest shall offer up the fat in smoke on the altar, but the breast shall belong to Aaron and his sons.

³²You shall give the right thigh to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

³³The one among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the right thigh shall consist of his portion.

³⁴For I have taken the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the contribution from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as their due forever from the sons of Israel.

³⁵This which people consecrated to Aaron and that which people consecrated to his sons from the offerings by fire to the LORD, in that day when he presented them to serve as priests to the LORD.

³⁶These the LORD had commanded that they give them from the sons of Israel in the day that He anointed them. It shall become his due forever throughout their generations."

³⁷This constitutes the law of the burnt offering, the grain offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering and the ordination offering and the sacrifice of peace offerings,

³⁸ which the LORD commanded Moses at Mount Sinai in the day that He commanded the sons of Israel to present their offerings to the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai.

Leviticus 8

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The Consecration of Aaron and His Sons

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²" Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread,

³and assemble all the congregation at the doorway of the tent of meeting."

⁴So Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. When the congregation assembled at the doorway of the tent of meeting,

⁵Moses said to the congregation, "This, the LORD has commanded us to do."

⁶Then Moses had Aaron and his sons come near and washed them with water.

⁷He put the tunic on him and girded him with the sash, and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the artistic band of the ephod, with which he tied it to him.

⁸He then placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim.

⁹He also placed the turban on his head, and on the turban, at its front, he placed the golden plate, the holy crown, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Moses then took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that existed in it, and consecrated them.

¹¹He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them.

¹²Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

¹³Next Moses had Aaron's sons come near and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes and bound caps on them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁴Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.

¹⁵Next Moses slaughtered it and took the blood and with his finger put some of it around on the horns of the altar, and purified the altar. Then he poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

¹⁶He also took all the fat that had accumulated on the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat; and Moses offered it up in smoke on the altar.

¹⁷But the bull and its hide and its flesh and its refuse he burned in the fire outside the camp, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁸Then he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

¹⁹Moses slaughtered it and sprinkled the blood around on the altar.

²⁰When he had cut the ram into its pieces, Moses offered up the head and the pieces and the suet in smoke.

²¹After he had washed the entrails and the legs with water, Moses offered up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It constituted a burnt offering for a soothing aroma; it consisted of an offering by fire to the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²²Then he presented the second ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

²³Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

²⁴He also had Aaron's sons come near; and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot. Moses then sprinkled the rest of the blood around on the altar.

²⁵He took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that had accumulated on the entrails, and the lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right thigh.

²⁶From the basket of unleavened bread that stood before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake and one cake of bread mixed with oil and one wafer, and placed them on the portions of fat and on the right thigh.

²⁷He then put all these on the hands of Aaron and on the hands of his sons and presented them as a wave offering before the LORD.

²⁸Then Moses took them from their hands and offered them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They made an ordination offering for a soothing aroma; it consisted of an offering by fire to the LORD.

²⁹Moses also took the breast and presented it for a wave offering before the LORD; it consisted of Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁰So Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which had accumulated on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

³¹Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, " Boil the flesh at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and eat it there together with the bread which we find in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'

³²" The remainder of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn in the fire.

³³" You shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination becomes fulfilled; for he will ordain you through seven days.

³⁴"The LORD has commanded to do as we have done this day, to make atonement on your behalf.

³⁵"At the doorway of the tent of meeting, moreover, you shall remain day and night for seven days and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you will not die, for God has commanded me."

³⁶Thus Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD had commanded through Moses.

Leviticus 9

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Aaron Offers Sacrifices

¹Now it came about on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel;

²and he said to Aaron, " Take for yourself a calf, a bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, both without defect, and offer them before the LORD.

³"Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both one year old, without defect, for a burnt offering,

⁴and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with oil; for today the LORD will appear to you.'"

⁵So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation came near and stood before the LORD.

⁶Moses said, "This the LORD has commanded you to do, that the glory of the LORD may appear to you."

⁷Moses then said to Aaron, "Come near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, that you may make atonement for yourself and for the people; then make the offering for the people, that you may make atonement for them, just as the LORD has commanded."

⁸So Aaron came near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering which he offered for himself.

⁹Aaron's sons presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood and put some on the horns of the altar, and poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

¹⁰The fat and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver of the sin offering, he then offered up in smoke on the altar just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹¹The flesh and the skin, however, he burned with fire outside the camp.

¹²Then he slaughtered the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

¹³They handed the burnt offering to him in pieces, with the head, and he offered them up in smoke on the altar.

¹⁴He also washed the entrails and the legs, and offered them up in smoke with the burnt offering on the altar.

¹⁵Then he presented the people's offering, and took the goat of the sin offering which he offered for the people, and slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the first.

¹⁶He also presented the burnt offering, and offered it according to the ordinance.

¹⁷Next he presented the grain offering, and filled his hand with some of it and offered it up in smoke on the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning.

¹⁸Then he slaughtered the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings which was for the people; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

¹⁹As for the portions of fat from the ox and from the ram, the fat tail, and the fat covering, and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver,

²⁰they now placed the portions of fat on the breasts; and he offered them up in smoke on the altar.

²¹But the breasts and the right thigh Aaron presented as a wave offering before the LORD, just as Moses had commanded.

²²Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.

²³Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.

²⁴Then fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 10

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The Sin of Nadab and Abihu

¹Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

²And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

³Then Moses said to Aaron, "The LORD spoke, saying,
'By those who come near Me will I treat as holy,
And before all the people you will honor me.'
So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

⁴Moses called also to Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come forward, carry your relatives away from the front of the sanctuary to the outside of the camp."

⁵So they came forward and carried them still in their tunics to the outside of the camp, as Moses had said.

⁶Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, so that you will not die and that He will not become wrathful against all the congregation. But your kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, shall bewail the burning which the LORD has brought about.

⁷"You shall not even go out from the doorway of the tent of meeting, or you will die; for the LORD'S anointing oil has come upon you." So they did according to the word of Moses.

⁸The LORD then spoke to Aaron, saying,

⁹" Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die—consider it a perpetual statute throughout your generations--

¹⁰and so as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,

¹¹and so as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."

¹²Then Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his surviving sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, " Take the grain offering that remains from the LORD'S offerings by fire and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for we consider it most holy.

¹³"You shall eat it, moreover, in a holy place, because you have received your due and your sons' due out of the LORD'S offerings by fire; for thus He has commanded me.

¹⁴" The breast of the wave offering, however, and the thigh of the offering you may eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you; for God has given you as your due and your sons' due out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the sons of Israel.

¹⁵" The thigh offered by lifting up and the breast offered by waving they shall bring along with the offerings by fire of the portions of fat, to present as a wave offering before the LORD; so you shall receive this thing perpetually due you and your sons with you, just as the LORD has commanded."

¹⁶But Moses searched carefully for the goat of the sin offering, and behold, it had burned up! So he became angry with Aaron's surviving sons Eleazar and Ithamar, saying,

¹⁷"Why did you not eat the sin offering at the holy place? For we consider it most holy, and He gave it to you to bear away the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD.

¹⁸"Behold, since they had not brought the blood inside, into the sanctuary, you should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, just as I commanded."

¹⁹But Aaron spoke to Moses, "Behold, this very day they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD. When things like these happened to me, if I had eaten a sin offering today, would the LORD have considered it good?"

²⁰When Moses heard that, it seemed good in his sight.

Leviticus 11

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Laws about Animals for Food

¹The LORD spoke again to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ' These constitute the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that live on the earth.

³Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, and chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

⁴Nevertheless, you must not eat of these, among those which chew the cud, or among those which divide the hoof: the camel, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, you should consider it unclean .

⁵Likewise, the shaphan, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, you should regard it as unclean to you;

⁶the rabbit also, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, you should consider it unclean ;

⁷and the pig, for though it divides the hoof, thus making a split hoof, it does not chew cud, you should consider it unclean.

⁸You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their carcasses; you should consider them unclean.

⁹ These you may eat, whatever swims in the water: all that have fins and scales, those in the water, in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat.

¹⁰ But whatever lives in the seas and in the rivers that does not have fins and scales among all the teeming life of the water, and among all the living creatures that live in the water, you should consider them detestable ,

¹¹and you shall regard them as abhorrent ; you may not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses you shall detest.

¹²Whatever in the water does not have fins and scales you should consider abhorrent.

Avoid the Unclean

¹³These, moreover, you shall detest among the birds; you shall consider them abhorrent, not to consume: the eagle and the vulture and the buzzard,

¹⁴and the kite and the falcon in its kind,

¹⁵every raven in its kind,

¹⁶and the ostrich and the owl and the sea gull and the hawk in its kind,

¹⁷and the little owl and the cormorant and the great owl,

¹⁸and the white owl and the pelican and the carrion vulture,

¹⁹and the stork, the heron in its kinds, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

²⁰All the winged insects that walk on all fours are detestable to you.

²¹Yet these you may eat among all the winged insects which walk on all fours: those which have above their feet jointed legs with which to jump on the earth.

²²These of them you may eat: the locust in its kinds, and the devastating locust in its kinds, and the cricket in its kinds, and the grasshopper in its kinds.

²³But all other winged insects which are have four feet you should detest.

²⁴By these, moreover, you will become unclean: whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

²⁵and whoever picks up any of their carcasses shall wash his clothes and shall remain unclean until evening.

²⁶Concerning all the animals which divide the hoof but do not make a split hoof, or which do not chew cud, you need to consider them unclean : whoever touches them becomes unclean.

²⁷Also whatever walks on its paws, among all the creatures that walk on all fours, you must regard as unclean; whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

²⁸and the one who picks up their carcasses shall wash his clothes and remain unclean until evening; you should consider them unclean.

²⁹Now these you should regard as unclean among the swarming things which swarm on the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the great lizard in its kinds,

³⁰and the gecko, and the crocodile, and the lizard, and the sand reptile, and the chameleon.

³¹These you shall regard as unclean among all the swarming things; whoever touches them when they die becomes unclean until evening.

³²Also anything on which one of them may fall when they die becomes unclean, including any wooden article, or clothing, or a skin, or a sack--any article of which use you make-- You shall put it in the water and remain unclean until evening, then it becomes clean.

³³As for any earthenware vessel into which one of them may fall, whatever you find in it becomes unclean and you shall break the vessel.

³⁴Any of the food which you may eat, on which water comes, shall become unclean, and any liquid which you may drink in every vessel shall become unclean.

³⁵Everything, moreover, on which part of their carcass may fall becomes unclean; you shall smash an oven or a stove ; they become unclean and shall continue as unclean to you.

³⁶Nevertheless a spring or a cistern collecting water shall remain clean, though the one who touches their carcass shall become unclean.

³⁷If a part of their carcass falls on any seed for sowing which you will sow, you may consider it clean.

³⁸Though if you put water on the seed and a part of their carcass falls on it, you should consider it unclean to you.

³⁹Also if one of the animals dies which you have for food, the one who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening.

⁴⁰ He too, who eats some of its carcass shall wash his clothes and remain unclean until evening, and the one who picks up its carcass shall wash his clothes and remain unclean until evening.

⁴¹ Now every swarming thing that swarms on the earth you should regard as detestable, and not eat it.

⁴²Whatever crawls on its belly, and whatever walks on all fours, whatever has many feet, in respect to every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them, for you should regard them as detestable.

⁴³ Do not render yourselves detestable through any of the swarming things that swarm; and you shall not make yourselves unclean with them so that you become unclean.

⁴⁴For I proclaim myself as the LORD your God Consecrate yourselves therefore, and become holy, for I have holiness. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

⁴⁵ For Your LORD brought you up from the land of Egypt to rule as your God; thus you shall become holy, for I have inherent holiness."

⁴⁶This we acknowledge as the law regarding the animal and the bird, and every living thing that moves in the waters and everything that swarms on the earth,

⁴⁷to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the edible creature and the creature which we should not eat.

Leviticus 12

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Laws of Motherhood

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying: 'When a woman gives birth and bears a male child, then she shall remain unclean for seven days, as in the days of her menstruation she shall remain unclean.

³'On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall become circumcised.

⁴'Then she shall remain in the blood of her purification for thirty-three days; she shall not touch any consecrated thing, nor enter the sanctuary until the days of her purification have concluded.

⁵'But if she bears a female child, then she shall remain unclean for two weeks, as in her menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of her purification for sixty-six days.

⁶'When the days of her purification have concluded, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the doorway of the tent of meeting a one year old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering.

⁷'Then he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her, and she shall become cleansed from the flow of her blood. This constitutes the law for her who bears a child, whether a male or a female.

⁸'But if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons, the one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will become clean.'"

Leviticus 13

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The Test for Leprosy

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

²"When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes an infection of leprosy on the skin of his body, then someone shall bring him to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

³"The priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it signals an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

⁴"But if the bright spot looks white on the skin of his body, and it does not appear deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate him who has the infection for seven days.

⁵"The priest shall look at him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the infection has not changed and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall isolate him for seven more days.

⁶"The priest shall look at him again on the seventh day, and if the infection has faded and the mark has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it has only covered over with a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and clean himself.

⁷"But if the scab spreads farther on the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again to the priest.

⁸"The priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it has become leprosy.

⁹"When the infection of leprosy breaks out on a man, then they shall bring him to the priest.

¹⁰"The priest shall then look, and if a white swelling appears in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there appears quick raw flesh in the swelling,

¹¹it has become a chronic leprosy on the skin of his body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not isolate him, for he has become unclean.

¹²"If the leprosy breaks out farther on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of him who has the infection from his head even to his feet, as far as the priest can see,

¹³then the priest shall look, and behold, if the leprosy has covered all his body, he shall pronounce clean him who has the infection; it has all turned white and he has become clean.

¹⁴"But whenever raw flesh appears on him, he shall become unclean.

¹⁵"The priest shall look at the raw flesh, and he shall pronounce him unclean; the raw flesh has become unclean, he shall call it leprosy.

¹⁶"Or if the raw flesh turns again and changes to white, then he shall come to the priest,

¹⁷and the priest shall look at him, and behold, if the infection has turned to white, then the priest shall pronounce clean him who has the infection; the priest shall pronounce him clean.

¹⁸"When the body has a boil on its skin and it has healed,

¹⁹and in the place of the boil a white swelling or a reddish-white, bright spot appears, then he must show it to the priest;

²⁰and the priest shall look, and behold, if it appears lower than the skin, and the hair on it has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall identify it as the infection of leprosy, it has broken out in the boil.

²¹"But if the priest looks at it, and behold, and no white hairs appear in it and it has not gone not lower than the skin and has faded, then the priest shall isolate him for seven days;

²²and if it spreads farther on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he has an infection.

²³"But if the bright spot remains in its place and does not spread, only the scar of the boil has appeared; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

²⁴"Or if the body sustains in its skin a burn by fire, and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white, or white,

²⁵then the priest shall look at it. And if the hair in the bright spot has turned white and it appears to have gone deeper than the skin, he shall pronounce it leprosy; it has broken out in the burn. Therefore, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it has developed into an infection of leprosy.

²⁶"But if the priest looks at it, and indeed, no white hair in the bright spot appears and it has gone no deeper than the skin, but is dim, then the priest shall isolate him for seven days;

²⁷and the priest shall look at him on the seventh day. If it spreads farther in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it has developed into an infection of leprosy.

²⁸"But if the bright spot remains in its place and has not spread in the skin, but has become dim, it has developed from the swelling from the burn; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it resulted only from the scar of the burn.

²⁹"Now if a man or woman has an infection on the head or on the beard,

³⁰then the priest shall look at the infection, and if it appears to have gone deeper than the skin and thin yellowish hair develops in it, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it has developed a scale, confirming it as leprosy of the head or of the beard.

³¹"But if the priest looks at the infection of the scale, and indeed, it appears to be have gone no deeper than the skin and no black hair appears in it, then the priest shall isolate the person with the scaly infection for seven days.

³²"On the seventh day the priest shall look at the infection, and if the scale has not spread and no yellowish hair has grown in it, and the appearance of the scale has gone no deeper than the skin,

³³then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scale; and the priest shall isolate the person with the scale seven more days.

³⁴"Then on the seventh day the priest shall look at the scale, and if the scale has not spread in the skin and it appears to have gone no deeper than the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes and become clean.

³⁵"But if the scale spreads farther in the skin after his cleansing,

³⁶then the priest shall look at him, and if the scale has spread in the skin, the priest need not seek for the yellowish hair; he has become unclean.

³⁷"If in his sight the scale has remained, however, and black hair has grown in it, the scale has healed, he has become clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

³⁸"When a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the body, even white bright spots,

³⁹then the priest shall look, and if the bright spots on the skin of their bodies appear a faint white, he has eczema that has broken out on the skin; the priest shall pronounce him clean.

⁴⁰"Now if a man loses the hair of his head, he has become bald; the priest should consider him clean.

⁴¹"If his head becomes bald at the front and sides, he has become bald on the forehead; the priest should consider him clean.

⁴²"But if on the bald head or the bald forehead, there occurs a reddish-white infection, he has leprosy breaking out on his bald head or on his bald forehead.

⁴³"Then the priest shall look at him; and if the swelling of the infection looks reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the body,

⁴⁴he has developed leprosy and has become unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his infection locates on his head.

⁴⁵"As for the leper who has the infection, he shall tear his clothes and the uncover the hair of his head , and he shall cover his mustache and cry, ' Unclean! Unclean!'"

⁴⁶"He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he has uncleanness. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall locate outside the camp.

⁴⁷"When a garment has a mark of leprosy in it, whether it consists of a wool garment or a linen garment,

⁴⁸whether in warp or woof, of linen or of wool, whether in leather or in any article made of leather,

⁴⁹if the mark looks greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, or in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, you should consider it a leprous mark and shall show it to the priest.

⁵⁰"Then the priest shall look at the mark and shall quarantine the article with the mark for seven days.

⁵¹"He shall then look at the mark on the seventh day; if the mark has spread in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in the leather, whatever the purpose for which one uses the leather, the mark signals a leprous malignancy, you should regard it as unclean.

⁵²"So he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or any article of leather in which the mark occurs, for you shall consider it a leprous malignancy and shall burn it in the fire.

⁵³"But if the priest shall look, and indeed the mark has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather,

⁵⁴then the priest shall order them to wash the thing in which the mark occurs and he shall quarantine it for seven more days.

⁵⁵"After one has washed the article with the mark , the priest shall again look, and if the mark has not changed its appearance, even though the mark has not spread, you shall consider it unclean; you shall burn it in the fire, whether an eating away has produced bareness on the top or on the front of it.

⁵⁶"Then if the priest looks, and if the mark has faded after one has washed it, then he shall tear it out of the garment or out of the leather, whether from the warp or from the woof;

⁵⁷and if it appears again in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it signals an outbreak; the article with the mark you shall burn in the fire.

⁵⁸"The garment, whether the warp or the woof, or any article of leather from which the mark has departed when you washed it, you shall then wash it a second time and it will become clean."

⁵⁹This constitutes the law for the mark of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, for pronouncing it clean or unclean.

Leviticus 14

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Law of Cleansing a Leper

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"This you consider the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. Now they shall bring him to the priest,

³and the priest shall go out to the outside of the camp. Thus the priest shall look, and if the infection of leprosy has gone away in the leper,

⁴then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and cedar wood and a scarlet string and hyssop for the one who will receive cleansing.

⁵"The priest shall also give orders to slay the one bird in an earthenware vessel over running water.

⁶"As for the live bird, he shall take it together with the cedar wood and the scarlet string and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that he killed over the running water.

⁷" He shall then sprinkle seven times the one who shall become cleansed from the leprosy and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird go free over the open field.

⁸" The one who will receive cleansing shall then wash his clothes and shave off all his hair and bathe in water and become clean. Now afterward, he may enter the camp, but he shall stay outside his tent for seven days.

⁹" On the seventh day he shall shave off all his hair: he shall shave his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair. He shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in water and become clean.

¹⁰"Now on the eighth day he will take two male lambs without defect, and a yearling ewe lamb without defect, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one log of oil;

¹¹and the priest who pronounces him clean shall present the man to receive cleansing and the aforesaid before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

¹²"Then the priest shall take the one male lamb and bring it for a guilt offering, with the log of oil, and present them as a wave offering before the LORD.

¹³"Next he shall slaughter the male lamb in the place where they slaughter the sin offering and the burnt offering, at the place of the sanctuary--for the guilt offering, like the sin offering, belongs to the priest; we consider it most holy.

¹⁴"The priest shall then take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one who will receive cleansing, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

¹⁵"The priest shall also take some of the log of oil, and pour it into his left palm;

¹⁶the priest shall then dip his right-hand finger into the oil that he carries in his left palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of the oil seven times before the LORD.

¹⁷"Of the remaining oil which remains in his palm, the priest shall put some on the right ear lobe of the one to receive cleansing, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;

¹⁸while the rest of the oil in the priest's palm, he shall put on the head of the one to receive the cleansing. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

¹⁹"The priest shall next offer the sin offering and make atonement for the one to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Then afterward, he shall slaughter the burnt offering.

²⁰"The priest shall offer up the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and shall proclaim him clean.

²¹" But if he has poverty and insufficient means , then he needs to take one male lamb for a guilt offering as a wave offering to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and a log of oil,

²²and two turtledoves or two young pigeons which he can afford, the one shall be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering.

²³" Then the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing to the priest, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, before the LORD.

²⁴"The priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering and the log of oil, and the priest shall offer them for a wave offering before the LORD.

²⁵"Next he shall slaughter the lamb of the guilt offering; and the priest will take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one who will receive the cleansing and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

²⁶"The priest shall also pour some of the oil into his left palm;

²⁷and with his right-hand finger the priest shall sprinkle some of the oil that he holds in his left palm seven times before the LORD.

²⁸"The priest shall then put some of the oil that he has in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to receive cleansing, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

²⁹"Moreover, the rest of the oil that remains in the priest's palm he shall put on the head of the one to receive cleansing, to make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

³⁰"He shall then offer one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, which he can afford.

³¹"He shall offer what he can afford, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, together with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement before the LORD on behalf of the one to receive cleansing.

³²"This we consider the law for him in whom an infection of leprosy exists, whose means seem limited for his cleansing."

Cleansing a Leprous House

³³The LORD further spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying:

³⁴" When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a mark of leprosy on a house in the land of your possession,

³⁵then the one who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, 'Something like a mark of leprosy has become visible to me in the house.'

³⁶"The priest shall then command that they empty the house before the priest goes in to look at the mark, so that everything in the house need not become unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to look at the house.

³⁷"So he shall look at the mark, and if the mark on the walls of the house has greenish or reddish depressions and appears deeper than the surface,

³⁸then the priest shall come out of the house, to the doorway, and quarantine the house for seven days.

³⁹"The priest shall return on the seventh day and make an inspection. If the mark has indeed spread in the walls of the house,

⁴⁰then the priest shall order them to tear out the stones with the mark in them and throw them away at an unclean place outside the city.

⁴¹He shall have the house scraped all around inside, and they shall dump the plaster that they scrape off at an unclean place outside the city.

⁴²Then they shall take other stones and replace those stones, and he shall take other plaster and replaster the house.

⁴³If, however, the mark breaks out again in the house after he has torn out the stones and scraped the house, and after they have replastered the house,

⁴⁴then the priest shall come in and make an inspection. If he sees that the mark has indeed spread in the house, he shall regard it as a malignant mark in the house; it has become unclean.

⁴⁵He shall therefore tear down the house, its stones, and its timbers, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall take them outside the city to an unclean place.

⁴⁶Moreover, whoever goes into the house during the time that he has quarantined it, becomes unclean until evening.

⁴⁷Likewise, whoever lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and whoever eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

⁴⁸If, on the other hand, the priest comes in and makes an inspection and the mark has not indeed spread in the house after they have replastered the house, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the mark has not reappeared.

⁴⁹To cleanse the house then, he shall take two birds and cedar wood and a scarlet string and hyssop,

⁵⁰and he shall slaughter the one bird in an earthenware vessel over running water.

⁵¹Then he shall take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the scarlet string, with the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird as well as in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

⁵²He shall thus cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the running water, along with the live bird and with the cedar wood and with the hyssop and with the scarlet string.

⁵³However, he shall let the live bird go free outside the city into the open field. So he shall make atonement for the house, and it will remain clean."

⁵⁴This he proclaims the law for any mark of leprosy--even for a scale,

⁵⁵and for the leprous garment or house,

⁵⁶and for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot--

⁵⁷to teach when they have achieved cleanness and when they have become clean. This constitutes the law of leprosy.

Leviticus 15

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Cleansing Unhealthiness

¹The LORD also spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ' When any man has a discharge from his body, his discharge one should consider unclean.

³This, moreover, shall we regard his uncleanness in his discharge: it has become unclean whether his body allows its discharge to flow or whether his body obstructs its discharge.

⁴Every bed on which the person with the discharge lies becomes unclean, and everything on which he sits becomes unclean.

⁵Anyone, moreover, who touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening;

⁶and whoever sits on the thing on which the man with the discharge has sat, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

⁷Also whoever touches the person with the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

⁸Or if the man with the discharge spits on one who has remained clean, he too shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and shall consider himself unclean until evening.

⁹Every saddle on which the person with the discharge rides becomes unclean.

¹⁰Whoever then touches any of the things which he sat on shall remain unclean until evening, and he who carries them shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

¹¹Likewise, whomever the one with the discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

¹²However, an earthenware vessel which the person with the discharge touches shall he break, and every wooden vessel he shall rinse in water.

¹³Now when the man with the discharge becomes cleansed from his discharge, then he shall count off for himself seven days for his cleansing; he shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water and will become clean.

¹⁴Then on the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting and give them to the priest;

¹⁵and the priest shall offer them, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD because of his discharge.

¹⁶ Now if a man has a seminal emission, he shall bathe all his body in water and remain unclean until evening.

¹⁷As for any garment or any leather on which a seminal emission occurs, he shall wash with water and remain unclean until evening.

¹⁸If a man lies with a woman so that a seminal emission occurs, they shall both bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

¹⁹ When a woman has a discharge, if her discharge in her body has blood, she shall continue in her menstrual impurity for seven days; and whoever touches her shall remain unclean until evening.

²⁰Everything also on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall remain unclean, and everything on which she sits shall become unclean.

²¹Anyone who touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

²²Whoever touches any thing on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

²³Whether it occurs on the bed or on the thing which she sits, when he touches it, he shall remain unclean until evening.

²⁴ If a man actually lies with her so that her menstrual impurity spills on him, he shall remain unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall remain unclean.

²⁵ Now if a woman has a discharge of her blood many days, not at the period of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond that period, all the days of her impure discharge she shall continue as though in her menstrual impurity; she has become unclean.

²⁶ Any bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge she shall consider like her bed at menstruation; and every thing on which she sits shall become unclean, like her uncleanness at that time.

²⁷ Likewise, whoever touches them shall remain unclean and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

²⁸ When she becomes clean from her discharge, she shall count off for herself seven days; and afterward she will become clean.

²⁹ Then on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons and bring them in to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

³⁰ The priest shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on her behalf before the LORD because of her impure discharge.'

³¹ "Thus you shall keep the sons of Israel separated from their uncleanness, so that they will not die in their uncleanness by their defiling My tabernacle that stands among them."

³² This we consider the law for the one with a discharge, and for the man who has a seminal emission so that he will become unclean by it,

³³ and for the woman who has become ill because of menstrual impurity, and for the one who has a discharge, whether a male or a female, or a man who lies with an unclean woman.

Leviticus 16

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Law of Atonement

¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.

² The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, or he will die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.

³ Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

⁴"He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall he wear next to his body, and he shall gird himself with the linen sash and attired with the linen turban (these we acknowledge as holy garments) Then he shall bathe his body in water and put them on.

⁵"He shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

⁶"Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which he makes for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household.

⁷"He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁸"Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.

⁹"Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering.

¹⁰"But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell he shall present alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat.

¹¹"Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering which he makes for himself and make atonement for himself and for his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which he makes for himself.

¹²"He shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD and two handfuls of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil.

¹³"He shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that lies on the ark of the testimony, otherwise he will die.

¹⁴"Moreover, he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

¹⁵"Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which he makes for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.

¹⁶" He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

¹⁷"When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall go in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel.

¹⁸"Then he shall go out to the altar that stands before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar on all sides.

¹⁹" With his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it.

²⁰"When he finishes atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat.

²¹"Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness.

²²"The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

²³"Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting and take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there.

²⁴" He shall bathe his body with water in a holy place and put on his clothes, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people.

²⁵"Then he shall offer up in smoke the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

²⁶"The one who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water; then afterward he shall come into the camp.

²⁷"But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood one brings in to make atonement in the holy place, he shall take outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire.

²⁸"Then the one who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water, then afterward he shall come into the camp.

An Annual Atonement

²⁹"You shall keep this as a permanent statute for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls and not do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you;

³⁰for on this day you shall receive atonement and cleansing; you will become clean from all your sins before the LORD.

³¹" You shall regard it as a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls; you shall keep this as a permanent statute.

³²"So the priest who has become anointed and ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on the linen garments, the holy garments,

³³and make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar. He shall also make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

³⁴"Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year." And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.

Leviticus 17

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Blood for Atonement

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel and say to them, ' The LORD has commanded this, saying,

³"Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp,

⁴and has not brought it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to present it as an offering to the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, you shall reckon bloodguiltiness to that man. He has shed blood and that man his people shall cut him off.

⁵" For this reason the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they sacrificed in the open field, that they may bring them in to the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.

⁶"The priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and offer up the fat in smoke as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

⁷" They shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons with which they play the harlot. This you shall regard as a permanent statute to them throughout their generations."

⁸"Then you shall say to them, 'Any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

⁹and does not bring it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to offer it to the LORD, that man also shall become cut off from his people.

¹⁰ And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people.

¹¹For the life of the flesh resides in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for the blood serves as the reason of the life that makes atonement.'

¹²"Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.'

¹³"So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which they may eat, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

¹⁴" For as for the life of all flesh, its blood identifies with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You shall not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh resides in its blood; whoever eats it shall become cut off.'

¹⁵" When any person eats an animal which dies or has become torn by beasts, whether he identifies himself as a native or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening; then he will become clean.

¹⁶"But if he does not wash them or bathe his body, then he shall bear his guilt."

Leviticus 18

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Laws on Immoral Relations

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ' I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

³You shall not do what they do in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor should you do what they do in the land of Canaan where I bring you; you shall not walk in their statutes.

⁴You will perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

⁵So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I proclaim Myself the LORD.

⁶None of you shall approach any blood relative of his to uncover nakedness; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

⁷You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, namely, the nakedness of your mother. You acknowledge her as your mother; you should not uncover her nakedness.

⁸You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; you would uncover your father's nakedness.

⁹The nakedness of your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

¹⁰The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for their nakedness you should regard as equivalent to yours.

¹¹The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, born to your father, you must acknowledge her as your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

¹²You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; you should consider her your father's blood relative.

¹³You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for you should consider her as your mother's blood relative.

¹⁴You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not approach his wife, you should acknowledge her as your aunt.

¹⁵You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; you shall consider her as your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

¹⁶You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; you should consider it your brother's nakedness.

¹⁷You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; you shall consider them blood relatives. It amounts to lewdness.

¹⁸You shall not marry a woman after you have first married her sister as a rival while she lives, to uncover her nakedness.

¹⁹Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her menstrual impurity.

²⁰You shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.

²¹You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I proclaim Myself the LORD.

²² You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; you should consider it an abomination.

²³ Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to defile yourself with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; you shall regard it as a perversion.

²⁴Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I cast out before you have become defiled.

²⁵For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.

²⁶But as for you, you shall keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you

²⁷(for the men of the land who have lived before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled);

²⁸so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has lived before you.

²⁹For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall cut themselves off from among their people.

³⁰Thus you shall keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which others have practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I proclaim Myself the LORD your God."

Leviticus 19

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Idolatry Forbidden

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ' You shall strive for holiness holy, for I, the LORD your God, comprise holiness.

³Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I proclaim Myself the LORD your God.

⁴Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods; I proclaim myself the LORD your God.

⁵Now when you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may become accepted.

⁶ You shall eat it the same day you offer it, and the next day; but what remains until the third day you shall burn it with fire.

⁷So if you eat it at all on the third day, I will regard it is an offense; I will not accept it.

⁸Everyone who eats it will bear his iniquity, for he has profaned the holy thing of the LORD; and that person I shall cut off from his people.

Sundry Laws

⁹Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

¹⁰Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I proclaim Myself the LORD your God.

¹¹ You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

¹² You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I proclaim Myself the LORD.

¹³ You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him The wages of a hired man shall not remain with you all night until morning.

¹⁴You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I proclaim Myself the LORD.

¹⁵ You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not show partiality to the poor nor defer to the great, but you shall judge your neighbor fairly.

¹⁶You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not to act against the life of your neighbor; I proclaim myself as the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I proclaim Myself the LORD.

¹⁹You shall keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.

²⁰ Now if a man lies carnally with a woman who has become a slave acquired for another man, but who has in no way become redeemed nor given her freedom, punishment shall occur; they shall not, however, receive execution, because she did not have her freedom.

²¹He shall bring his guilt offering to the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting, a ram for a guilt offering.

²²The priest shall also make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed, and the sin which he has committed will become forgiven.

²³When you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as forbidden. Three years you shall count it as forbidden to you; you shall not eat it.

²⁴But in the fourth year you shall consider all of its fruit as holy, an offering of praise to the LORD.

²⁵In the fifth year you will eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you; I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

²⁶You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying.

²⁷ You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads nor harm the edges of your beard.

²⁸You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

²⁹ Do not profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land will not fall to harlotry and the land become full of lewdness.

³⁰You shall keep My sabbaths and revere My sanctuary; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

³¹Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to defile yourselves by them. I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

³² You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I proclaim myself as the LORD.

³³ When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

³⁴The stranger who resides with you shall you shall regard you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you dwelled as aliens in the land of Egypt; I proclaim myself the LORD your God.

³⁵ You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity.

³⁶You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin; I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt.

³⁷You shall thus observe all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them; I proclaim Myself as the LORD."

Leviticus 20

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On Human Sacrifice and Immoralities

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"You shall also say to the sons of Israel: 'Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel who gives any of his offspring to Molech, shall surely receive the death sentence; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

³I will also set My face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given some of his offspring to Molech, so as to defile My sanctuary and to profane My holy name.

⁴If the people of the land, however, should ever disregard that man when he gives any of his offspring to Molech, so as not to put him to death,

⁵then I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family, and I will cut off from among their people both him and all those who play the harlot after him, by playing the harlot after Molech.

⁶As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

⁷You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and become holy, for I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

⁸ You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I proclaim Myself as the LORD who sanctifies you.

⁹ If anyone curses his father or his mother, he shall surely receive the death penalty; he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness will come upon him.

¹⁰ If a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹¹ If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely receive the death penalty, their bloodguiltiness will come upon them.

¹² If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely receive the death penalty; they have committed incest, their bloodguiltiness will come upon them.

¹³ If a man lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely receive the death penalty. Their bloodguiltiness will come upon them.

¹⁴ If a man marries a woman and her mother, it counts as immorality; both he and they shall burn with fire, so that there will exist no immorality in your midst.

¹⁵ If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely receive the death penalty; you shall also kill the animal.

¹⁶ If a woman approaches any animal to mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely receive the death penalty. Their bloodguiltiness has come upon them.

¹⁷ If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, you will consider it a disgrace; and they shall become cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he bears his guilt.

¹⁸ If a man lies with a menstruous woman and uncovers her nakedness, he has laid bare her flow, and she has exposed the flow of her blood; thus both of them shall cut themselves off from among their people.

¹⁹ You shall also not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for such a one has made naked his blood relative; they will bear their guilt.

²⁰ If a man who lies with his uncle's wife he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they will bear their sin. They will die childless.

²¹ If a man takes his brother's wife, it has become abhorrent; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They will remain childless.

²² You should therefore keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I bring you to live will not spew you out.

²³Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I will drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them.

²⁴Hence I have said to you, " You will possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey " I proclaim myself as the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

²⁵ You must therefore make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean.

²⁶Thus you must become holy to Me, for I the LORD consist of holiness; and I have set you apart from the peoples to belong to Me.

²⁷Now a man or a woman who serves as a medium or a spiritist shall surely receive the death penalty. You shall stone them with stones, their bloodguiltiness has come upon them."

Leviticus 21

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Regulations concerning Priests

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: ' No one shall defile himself for a dead person among his people,

² except for his relatives nearest to him, his mother and his father and his son and his daughter and his brother,

³ also for his virgin sister, who has become near to him because she has had no husband; for her he may defile himself.

⁴He shall not defile himself as a relative by marriage among his people, and so profane himself.

⁵ They shall not make any baldness on their heads, nor shave off the edges of their beards, nor make any cuts in their flesh.

⁶They shall become holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they present the offerings by fire to the LORD, the food of their God; so they shall you consider them holy.

⁷ They shall not take a woman who has profaned herself by harlotry, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for he has become holy to his God.

⁸You shall consecrate him, therefore, for he offers the food of your God; he shall become holy to you; for I the LORD, who sanctifies you, consist of holiness.

⁹ Also the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by harlotry, she profanes her father; she shall burn in the fire.

¹⁰The priest who has pre-eminence among his brothers, on whose head they have poured the anointing oil who they have consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;

¹¹ nor shall he approach any dead person, nor defile himself even for his father or his mother;

¹² nor shall he go out of the sanctuary nor profane the sanctuary of his God, for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God has come upon him; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

¹³He shall take a wife in her virginity.

¹⁴ A widow, or a divorced woman, or one who has profaned herself by harlotry, these he may not take; but rather he will marry a virgin of his own people,

¹⁵so that he will not profane his offspring among his people; for I proclaim Myself the LORD who sanctifies him."

¹⁶Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁷"Speak to Aaron, saying, 'No man of your offspring throughout their generations who has a defect shall approach to offer the food of his God.

¹⁸ For no one who has a defect shall approach: a blind man, or a lame man, or he who has a disfigured face, or any deformed limb,

¹⁹or a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,

²⁰or a hunchback or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or crushed testicles.

²¹No man among the descendants of Aaron the priest who has a defect should come near to offer the LORD'S offerings by fire; since he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer the food of his God.

²²He may eat the food of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy,

²³only he shall not go in to the veil or come near the altar because he has a defect, so that he will not profane My sanctuaries. For I proclaim Myself as the LORD who sanctifies them."

²⁴So Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel.

Leviticus 22

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Sundry Rules for Priests

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Tell Aaron and his sons to show care with the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

³"Say to them, ' If any man among all your descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy gifts which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person I shall cut off from before Me; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

⁴ No man of the descendants of Aaron, who has leprosy or who has a discharge, may eat of the holy gifts until he becomes clean And if one touches anything made unclean by a corpse or if a man has a seminal emission,

⁵ or if a man touches any teeming things by which he becomes unclean, or any man by whom he makes himself unclean, whatever his uncleanness;

⁶ a person who touches any such shall remain unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy gifts unless he has bathed his body in water.

⁷ But when the sun sets, he will consider himself clean, and afterward he shall eat of the holy gifts, for he will have this as his food.

⁸ He shall not eat an animal which dies or becomes torn by beasts, becoming unclean by it; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

⁹ They shall therefore keep My charge, so that they will not bear sin because of it and die thereby because they profane it; I proclaim Myself as the LORD who sanctifies them.

¹⁰ No layman, however, will eat the holy gift; a sojourner with the priest or a hired man shall not eat of the holy gift.

¹¹ But if a priest buys a slave as his property with his money, that one may eat of it, and those who have become born in his house may eat of his food.

¹² If a priest's daughter marries a layman, she shall not eat of the offering of the gifts.

¹³ But if a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and returns to her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's food; but no layman shall eat of it.

¹⁴ But if a man eats a holy gift unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy gift to the priest.

¹⁵ They shall not profane the holy gifts of the sons of Israel which they offer to the LORD,

¹⁶ and so cause them to bear punishment for guilt by eating their holy gifts; for I proclaim myself as the LORD who sanctifies them."

Flawless Animals for Sacrifice

¹⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁸ "Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel and say to them, ' Any man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel who presents his offering, whether it came from their votive or any of their freewill offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering--

¹⁹ for you to become accepted—you must offer a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.

²⁰ Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for God will not accept it .

²¹ When a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, you must offer a perfect one to have it accepted; no defect shall exist in it.

²² Those that exhibit blindness, or have fractures or have become maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD.

²³ In respect to an ox or a lamb which has an overgrown or stunted member, you may present it for a freewill offering, but for a vow God will not accept it.

²⁴ Also anything with its testicles bruised or crushed or torn or cut, you shall not offer to the LORD, or sacrifice in your land,

²⁵ nor shall you accept any such from the hand of a foreigner for offering as the food of your God; for their corruption remains in them, they have a defect, God will not accept them for you."

²⁶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁷ "When an ox or a sheep or a goat becomes born, it shall remain seven days with its mother, and from the eighth day you shall offer it as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD.

²⁸ But, whether you sacrifice an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill both it and its young in one day.

²⁹"When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that the LORD may accept you.

³⁰"You shall eat it on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

³¹" So you shall keep My commandments, and do them; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

³²"You shall not profane My holy name, but you will sanctify me among the sons of Israel; I proclaim Myself as the LORD who sanctifies you,

³³ who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to serve as your God; I proclaim Myself as the LORD."

Leviticus 23

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Laws of Religious Festivals

¹The LORD spoke again to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ' The LORD'S appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy convocations--My appointed times are these:

³ For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; you shall keep the sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

⁴These constitute the appointed times of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them.

⁵ In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight we observe as the LORD'S Passover.

⁶Then on the fifteenth day of the same month we keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

⁷On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work.

⁸But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the seventh day we keep as a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work."

⁹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁰"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I will give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.

¹¹He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for Him to accept you; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

¹²Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD.

¹³Its grain offering shall then consist of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to the LORD for a soothing aroma, with its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine.

¹⁴Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your God, you shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. You shall keep it as a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

¹⁵ You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; you shall observe seven complete sabbaths.

¹⁶You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD.

¹⁷You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall consist of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the LORD.

¹⁸Along with the bread you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd and two rams; you shall offer them as a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁹You shall also offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

²⁰The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the LORD; you shall consider them holy to the LORD for the priest.

²¹On this same day you shall make a proclamation as well; you must have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious work. You shall observe it as a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

²² When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the needy and the alien. I proclaim Myself the LORD your God."

²³ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁴ "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ' In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

²⁵ "You shall not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD."

The Day of Atonement

²⁶ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁷ "On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month you need to keep the day of atonement; you shall keep it a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the LORD.

²⁸ "You shall not do any work on this same day, for you shall observe it as a day of atonement, to make atonement on your behalf before the LORD your God.

²⁹ "If any person will not humble himself on this same day, God shall cut him off from his people.

³⁰ "As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

³¹ "You shall do no work at all. You shall keep it as a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

³² "You shall keep it as a sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening you shall keep your sabbath."

³³ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

³⁴ "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'On the fifteenth of this seventh month you will keep the Feast of Booths for seven days to the LORD.

³⁵ "On the first day you shall keep a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work of any kind.

³⁶ For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; you shall keep it as an assembly. You shall do no laborious work.

³⁷These you should keep as the appointed times of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to the LORD--burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each day's matter on its own day--

³⁸besides those of the sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts and besides all your votive and freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

³⁹On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day.

⁴⁰Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

⁴¹You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. You shall keep it as a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

⁴²You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths,

⁴³ so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God."

⁴⁴So Moses declared to the sons of Israel the appointed times of the LORD.

Leviticus 24

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The Lamp and the Bread of the Sanctuary

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.

³"Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually; you shall keep it a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

⁴"He shall keep the lamps in order on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

⁵" Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of an ephah you shall place in each cake.

⁶"You shall set them in two rows, six to a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD.

⁷"You shall put pure frankincense on each row that it may serve as a memorial portion for the bread, even an offering by fire to the LORD.

⁸" Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD continually; you shall observe it as an everlasting covenant for the sons of Israel.

⁹" Aaron and his sons shall eat it in a holy place; for has become most holy to him from the LORD'S offerings by fire, his portion forever."

¹⁰Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father came from Egyptian stock, went out among the sons of Israel; and the Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel struggled with each other in the camp.

¹¹The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name and cursed. So they brought him to Moses. (Now his mother had the name of Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

¹²They put him in custody so that the command of the LORD might become clear to them.

¹³Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁴"Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head; then let all the congregation stone him.

¹⁵"You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ' If anyone curses his God, then he will bear his sin.

¹⁶Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely receive the death penalty; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall receive the death penalty.

"An Eye for an Eye"

¹⁷ If a man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁸ The one who takes the life of an animal shall make it good, life for life.

¹⁹If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so he shall receive from him:

²⁰ fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so he shall receive the infliction.

²¹Thus the one who kills an animal shall make it good, but the one who kills a man shall receive the death penalty.

²²You shall keep one standard for you; the stranger shall keep it as well as well as the native, for I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God."

²³Then Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the one who had cursed outside the camp and stoned him with stones. Thus the sons of Israel did, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Leviticus 25

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The Sabbatic Year and Year of Jubilee

¹The LORD then spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD.

³ Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop,

⁴but during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

⁵Your harvest's aftergrowth you shall not reap, and your grapes of untrimmed vines you shall not gather; the land shall have a sabbatical year.

⁶ All of you shall have the sabbath products of the land for food; yourself, and your male and female slaves, and your hired man and your foreign resident, those who live as aliens with you.

⁷Even your cattle and the animals that live in your land shall have all its crops to eat.

⁸You will also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years.

⁹You shall then sound a ram's horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.

¹⁰You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants You shall proclaim a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family.

¹¹You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee; you shall not sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in from its untrimmed vines.

¹²For you shall keep a jubilee; you shall keep it holy. You shall eat its crops out of the field.

¹³ On this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property.

¹⁴If you make a sale, moreover, to your friend or buy from your friend's hand, you shall not wrong one another.

¹⁵Corresponding to the number of years after the jubilee, you shall buy from your friend; he shall it to you according to the number of years of crops.

¹⁶ In proportion to the extent of the years you shall increase its price, and in proportion to the fewness of the years you shall diminish its price, for it equates to a number of crops he sells to you.

¹⁷So you shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I proclaim Myself the LORD your God.

¹⁸You shall thus observe My statutes and keep My judgments, so as to carry them out, that you may live securely on the land.

¹⁹Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it.

²⁰But if you say, " What will we on the seventh year if we do not sow or gather in our crops?"

²¹then I will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

²²When you sow the eighth year, you can still eat old things from the crop, eating the old until the ninth year when its crop comes in.

The Law of Redemption

²³The land, moreover, shall not remain sold permanently, for the land belongs to Me; for you remain but aliens and sojourners with Me.

²⁴Thus for every piece of your property, you provide for the redemption of the land.

²⁵ If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman shall come and buy back what his relative has sold.

²⁶Or in case a man has no kinsman, but so recovers his means as to find sufficient for its redemption,

²⁷ then he shall calculate the years since its sale and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and so return to his property.

²⁸ But if he has not found sufficient means to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hands of its purchaser until the year of jubilee; but at the jubilee it shall revert, that he may return to his property.

²⁹ Likewise, if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then his redemption right remains valid until a full year from its sale; his right of redemption lasts a full year.

³⁰ But if he cannot buy it back for him within the space of a full year, then the house that locates in the walled city passes permanently to its purchaser throughout his generations; it does not revert in the jubilee.

³¹ The houses of the villages, however, which have no surrounding wall we shall consider as open fields; they have redemption rights and revert in the jubilee.

³² As for cities of the Levites, the Levites have a permanent right of redemption for the houses of the cities which have become their possession.

³³ What, therefore, belongs to the Levites they may redeem and a house sale in the city of this possession reverts in the jubilee, for the houses of the cities of the Levites become their possession among the sons of Israel.

³⁴ But pasture fields of their cities they shall not sell, for that will become their perpetual possession.

Of Poor Countrymen

³⁵ Now in case a countryman of yours becomes poor and his means with regard to you falter, then you will sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.

³⁶ Do not take usurious interest from him, but revere your God, that your countryman may live with you.

³⁷ You shall not give him your silver at interest, nor your food for gain.

³⁸ I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to serve as your God.

³⁹ If a countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to you that he sells himself to you, you shall not subject him to a slave's service.

⁴⁰ You shall consider him as a hired man, as if he lived among you as a sojourner; he shall serve with you until the year of jubilee.

⁴¹He shall then go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall go back to his family, that he may return to the property of his forefathers.

⁴²For they consist of My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt; you shall not sell them in a slave sale.

⁴³You shall not rule over him with severity, but you shall revere your God.

⁴⁴As for your male and female slaves whom you may have--you may acquire male and female slaves from the pagan nations that surround you.

⁴⁵Then, too, you shall do so out of the sons of the sojourners who live as aliens among you that you may gain acquisition, and out of their families who dwell with you, whom they will have produced in your land; they also may become your possession.

⁴⁶You may even bequeath them to your sons after you, to receive as a possession; you can use them as permanent slaves. But in respect to your countrymen, the sons of Israel, you shall not rule with severity over one another.

Of Redeeming a Poor Man

⁴⁷Now if the means of a stranger or of a sojourner with you becomes sufficient, and a countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to him as to sell himself to a stranger who sojourns with you, or to the descendants of a stranger's family,

⁴⁸then he shall have redemption right after you have sold him. One of his brothers may redeem him,

⁴⁹or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or one of his blood relatives from his family may redeem him; or if he prospers, he may redeem himself.

⁵⁰He then with his purchaser shall calculate from the year when he sold himself to him up to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall correspond to the number of years. It should correspond to the days of a hired man that he shall remain with him.

⁵¹If there remain still many years, he shall refund part of his purchase price in proportion to them for his own redemption;

⁵²and if few years remain until the year of jubilee, he shall so calculate with him. In proportion to his years he should refund the amount for his redemption.

⁵³Like a man hired year by year he shall remain with him; he shall not rule over him with severity in your sight.

⁵⁴Even if he cannot receive redemption by these means, he shall still go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him.

⁵⁵For the sons of Israel have become My servants; they remain My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt. I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

Leviticus 26

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Blessings of Obedience

¹You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God.

² You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

³ If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out,

⁴then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.

⁵ Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your food to the full and live securely in your land.

⁶ I shall also grant peace in the land, so that you may lie down with no one making you tremble. I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and no sword will pass through your land.

⁷But you will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword;

⁸ five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword.

⁹So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.

¹⁰ You will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.

¹¹ Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you.

¹² I will also walk among you and will serve as your God, and I shall regard you as My people.

¹³ I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not remain their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

Penalties of Disobedience

¹⁴ But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,

¹⁵ if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant,

¹⁶ I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up.

¹⁷ I will set My face against you so that you will find yourself struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one pursues you.

¹⁸ If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

¹⁹ I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.

²⁰ Your strength you will spend uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit.

²¹ If then, you act with hostility against Me and prove unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins.

²² I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

²³ And if by these things you do not turn to Me, but act with hostility against Me,

²⁴ then I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins.

²⁵ I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall become delivered into enemy hands.

²⁶ When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not feel satisfied.

²⁷ Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me,

²⁸ then I will act with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins.

²⁹ Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat.

³⁰I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you.

³¹I will lay waste your cities as well and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your soothing aromas.

³²I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will feel appalled over it.

³³You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.

³⁴ Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you dwell in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

³⁵All the days of its desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you lived on it.

³⁶As for those of you who may remain, I will also bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them, and even when no one pursues they will flee as though from the sword, and they will fall.

³⁷ They will therefore stumble over each other as if running from the sword, although no one pursues; and you will have no strength to stand up before your enemies.

³⁸But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you.

³⁹ So those of you who may remain will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.

⁴⁰ If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me--

⁴¹I also acted with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies-- or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity,

⁴²then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land.

⁴³ For they will abandon the land, and will make up for its sabbaths while has become desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will make amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.

⁴⁴Yet in spite of this, when they live in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I proclaim Myself as the LORD their God.

⁴⁵"But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might serve as their God. I proclaim Myself as the LORD."

⁴⁶These we acknowledge as the statutes and ordinances and laws which the LORD established between Himself and the sons of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai.

Leviticus 27

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Rules concerning Valuations

¹Again, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ' When a man makes a difficult vow, he shall become valued according to your valuation of persons belonging to the LORD.

³If your valuation comes from the male from twenty years even to sixty years old, then your valuation shall calculate as fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

⁴Or if a female, then your valuation shall consist of thirty shekels.

⁵If it should range from five years even to twenty years old then your valuation for the male shall consist of twenty shekels and for the female ten shekels.

⁶But if they range from a month even up to five years old, then your valuation shall consist of five shekels of silver for the male, and for the female your valuation shall consist of three shekels of silver.

⁷If they range from sixty years old and upward, if should consist of a male, then your valuation shall consist of fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

⁸But if he proves poorer than your valuation, then he shall appear before the priest and the priest shall value him; according to the means of the one who vowed, the priest shall value him.

⁹Now if it consists of an animal of the kind which men can present as an offering to the LORD, any such that one gives to the LORD shall prove holy.

¹⁰ He shall not replace it or exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; or if he does exchange animal for animal, then both it and its substitute shall become holy.

¹¹If, however, it consists of any unclean animal of the kind which men do not present as an offering to the LORD, then he shall place the animal before the priest.

¹²The priest shall value it as either good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall happen.

¹³But if he should ever wish to redeem it, then he shall add one-fifth of it to your valuation.

¹⁴Now if a man consecrates his house as holy to the LORD, then the priest shall value it as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

¹⁵Yet if the one who consecrates it should wish to redeem his house, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may become his.

¹⁶Again, if a man consecrates to the LORD part of the fields of his own property, then your valuation shall become proportionate to the seed needed for it: a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver.

¹⁷If he consecrates his field as of the year of jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand.

¹⁸If he consecrates his field after the jubilee, however, then the priest shall calculate the price for him proportionate to the years that remain until the year of jubilee; and you shall deduct it from your valuation.

¹⁹If the one who consecrates it should ever wish to redeem the field, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may pass to him.

²⁰Yet if he will not redeem the field, but has sold the field to another man, it may no longer become redeemed;

²¹and when it reverts in the jubilee, the field shall become holy to the LORD, like a field set apart; it shall accrue for the priest as his property.

²²Or if he consecrates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which he did not use as a part of the field of his own property,

²³then the priest shall calculate for him the amount of your valuation up to the year of jubilee; and he shall on that day give your valuation as holy to the LORD.

²⁴In the year of jubilee the field shall return to the one from whom he bought it, to whom the possession of the land belongs.

²⁵Every valuation of yours, moreover, shall remain consistent with the shekel of the sanctuary. The shekel shall consist of twenty gerahs.

²⁶However, a firstborn among animals, which as a firstborn belongs to the LORD, no man may consecrate it; whether ox or sheep, it belongs to the LORD.

²⁷But if it comes from the unclean animals, then he shall redeem it according to your valuation and add to it one-fifth of it; and if he does not redeem it, then he shall sell it according to your valuation.

²⁸Nevertheless, anything which a man sets apart to the LORD out of all that he has, of man or animal or of the fields of his own property, he shall not sell or redeem it. Anything devoted to destruction has become most holy to the LORD.

²⁹No one who men have set apart shall become ransomed; he shall surely receive the death penalty.

³⁰Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, belongs to the LORD; it has become holy to the LORD.

³¹If, therefore, a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he shall add to it one-fifth of it.

³²For every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall become holy to the LORD.

³³He cannot concern himself whether it looks good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; or if he does exchange it, then both it and its substitute shall become holy. He cannot redeem it."

³⁴These commandments the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

Numbers 1-36

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The Census of Israel's Warriors

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

²"Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head

³from twenty years old and upward, whoever can go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

⁴"With you, moreover, there shall accompany a man of each tribe, each one head of his father's household.

⁵"These then represent the names of the men who shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

⁶of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

⁷of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

⁸of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

⁹of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

¹⁰of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

¹¹of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon;

¹²of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

¹³of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;

¹⁴of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

¹⁵of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

¹⁶"These represent those who received the calling of the congregation, the leaders of their fathers' tribes; they constituted the heads of divisions of Israel."

¹⁷So Moses and Aaron took these men who received designation by name,

¹⁸and they assembled all the congregation together on the first of the second month Then they registered by ancestry in their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head,

¹⁹just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

²⁰Now the sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

²¹their numbered men of the tribe of Reuben added up to 46,500.

²²Of the sons of Simeon, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, their numbered men, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

²³their numbered men of the tribe of Simeon added up to 59,300.

²⁴Of the sons of Gad, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

²⁵their numbered men of the tribe of Gad added up to 45,650.

²⁶Of the sons of Judah, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

²⁷their numbered men of the tribe of Judah added up to 74,600.

²⁸Of the sons of Issachar, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

²⁹their numbered men of the tribe of Issachar added up to 54,400.

³⁰Of the sons of Zebulun, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

³¹their numbered men of the tribe of Zebulun added up to 57,400.

³²Of the sons of Joseph, namely, of the sons of Ephraim, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

³³their numbered men of the tribe of Ephraim added up to 40,500.

³⁴Of the sons of Manasseh, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

³⁵their numbered men of the tribe of Manasseh added up to 32,200.

³⁶Of the sons of Benjamin, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

³⁷their numbered men of the tribe of Benjamin added up to 35,400.

³⁸Of the sons of Dan, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

³⁹their numbered men of the tribe of Dan added up to 62,700.

⁴⁰Of the sons of Asher, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

⁴¹their numbered men of the tribe of Asher added up to 41,500.

⁴²Of the sons of Naphtali, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war,

⁴³their numbered men of the tribe of Naphtali added up to 53,400.

⁴⁴These represent the ones who had become numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each of whom dwelled in his father's household.

⁴⁵So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, whoever could go out to war in Israel,

⁴⁶even all the numbered men added up to 603,550.

Levites Exempted

⁴⁷The Levites, however, had not become numbered among them by their fathers' tribe.

⁴⁸For the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying,

⁴⁹"Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor shall you take their census among the sons of Israel.

⁵⁰"But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it; they shall also camp around the tabernacle.

⁵¹" So when the tabernacle will set out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall set it up But the layman who comes near shall receive the death penalty.

⁵²" The sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies.

⁵³" But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there will occur no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel So the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony."

⁵⁴Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all which the LORD had commanded Moses, so they did.

Numbers 2

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Arrangement of the Camps

¹Now the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

²" The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.

³"Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall represent the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab,

⁴and his army, even their numbered men, 74,600.

⁵"Those who camp next to him shall consist of the tribe of Issachar, and the leader of the sons of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar,

⁶and his army, even their numbered men, 54,400.

⁷"Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the sons of Zebulun: Eliab the son of Helon,

⁸and his army, even his numbered men, 57,400.

⁹"The total of the numbered men of the camp of Judah: 186,400, by their armies. They shall set out first.

¹⁰"On the south side shall stand the standard of the camp of Reuben by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur,

¹¹and his army, even their numbered men, 46,500.

¹²"Those who camp next to him shall stand the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the sons of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai,

¹³and his army, even their numbered men, 59,300.

¹⁴"Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the sons of Gad: Eliasaph the son of Deuel,

¹⁵and his army, even their numbered men, 45,650.

¹⁶"The total of the numbered men of the camp of Reuben: 151,450 by their armies. And they shall set out second.

¹⁷" Then the tent of meeting shall set out with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; just as they camp, so they shall set out, every man in his place by their standards.

¹⁸"On the west side shall stand the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Ephraim shall stand Elishama the son of Ammihud,

¹⁹and his army, even their numbered men, 40,500.

²⁰"Next to him shall stand the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the sons of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur,

²¹and his army, even their numbered men, 32,200.

²²"Then comes the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the sons of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideon,

²³and his army, even their numbered men, 35,400.

²⁴"The total of the numbered men of the camp of Ephraim: 108,100, by their armies. And they shall set out third.

²⁵"On the north side shall stand the standard of the camp of Dan by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai,

²⁶and his army, even their numbered men, 62,700.

²⁷"Those who camp next to him shall stand the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the sons of Asher: Pagiel the son of Ocran,

²⁸and his army, even their numbered men, 41,500.

²⁹"Then comes the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the sons of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan,

³⁰and his army, even their numbered men, 53,400.

³¹"The total of the numbered men of the camp of Dan added up to 157,600. They shall set out last by their standards."

³²These represent the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, 603,550.

³³The Levites, however, had not become numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁴Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by his family according to his father's household.

Numbers 3

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Levites to Become Priesthood

¹Now these constitutes the records of the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

²These then constitute the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

³These consist of the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to serve as priests.

⁴ But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests in the lifetime of their father Aaron.

⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁶ "Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.

⁷ "They shall perform the duties for him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle.

⁸ "They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

⁹ "You shall thus give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; he receives them wholly from among the sons of Israel.

¹⁰ "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that they may keep their priesthood, but the layman who comes near shall receive the death penalty."

¹¹ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹² "Now, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall belong to Me.

¹³ "For all the firstborn are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, from man to beast. They shall belong to Me; I proclaim myself as the LORD."

¹⁴ Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

¹⁵ "Number the sons of Levi by their fathers' households, by their families; every male from a month old and upward you shall number."

¹⁶ So Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, just as he had received the command.

¹⁷ These then constitute the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.

¹⁸ These consist of the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei;

¹⁹ and the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel;

²⁰ and the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These constitute the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

²¹Of Gershon came the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimeites; these constituted the families of the Gershonites.

²²Their numbered men, in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, even their numbered men added up to 7,500.

²³The families of the Gershonites received instructions to camp behind the tabernacle westward,

²⁴and the leader of the fathers' households of the Gershonites came Eliasaph the son of Lael.

Duties of the Priests

²⁵Now the duties of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting involved the tabernacle and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,

²⁶and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the court which wraps around the tabernacle and the altar, and its cords, according to all the service concerning them.

²⁷Of Kohath came the family of the Amramites and the family of the Izharites and the family of the Hebronites and the family of the Uzzielites; these we identify as the families of the Kohathites.

²⁸In the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, there numbered 8,600, performing the duties of the sanctuary.

²⁹The families of the sons of Kohath received instructions to camp on the southward side of the tabernacle,

³⁰and the leader of the fathers' households of the Kohathite families they designated Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

³¹Now their duties involved the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service concerning them;

³²and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest became designated as the chief of the leaders of Levi, and had the oversight of those who perform the duties of the sanctuary.

³³Of Merari came the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these became designated the families of Merari.

³⁴Their numbered men in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, numbered 6,200.

³⁵The leader of the fathers' households of the families of Merari consisted of Zuriel the son of Abihail. They received instructions to camp on the northward side of the tabernacle.

³⁶Now the appointed duties of the sons of Merari involved the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its equipment, and the service concerning them,

³⁷and the pillars around the court with their sockets and their pegs and their cords.

³⁸Now those who received instructions to camp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, consist of Moses and Aaron and his sons, performing the duties of the sanctuary for the obligation of the sons of Israel; but the layman coming near would receive the death penalty.

³⁹All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the command of the LORD by their families, every male from a month old and upward, added up to 22,000.

Firstborn Redeemed

⁴⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, " Number every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and make a list of their names.

⁴¹"You shall take the Levites for Me, I proclaim Myself as the LORD, instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the sons of Israel."

⁴²So Moses numbered all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded him;

⁴³and all the firstborn males by the number of names from a month old and upward, for their numbered men added up to 22,273.

⁴⁴Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁴⁵" Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel and the cattle of the Levites. And the Levites shall belong to Me; I proclaim Myself as the LORD.

⁴⁶" For the ransom of the 273 of the firstborn of the sons of Israel who exceeded beyond the Levites,

⁴⁷you shall take five shekels apiece, per head; you shall take them in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel equals twenty gerahs),

⁴⁸and give the money, the ransom of those who have become excess among them, to Aaron and to his sons."

⁴⁹So Moses took the ransom money from those who have become excess, beyond those ransomed by the Levites;

⁵⁰from the firstborn of the sons of Israel he took the money in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary, 1,365.

⁵¹Then Moses gave the ransom money to Aaron and to his sons, at the command of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 4

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Duties of the Kohathites

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

²"Take a census of the descendants of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' households,

³from thirty years and upward, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

⁴"This constitutes the work of the descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, concerning the most holy things.

⁵"When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;

⁶and they shall lay a covering of porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth of pure blue, and shall insert its poles.

⁷"Over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall also spread a cloth of blue and put on it the dishes and the pans and the sacrificial bowls and the jars for the drink offering, and the continual bread shall remain on it.

⁸"They shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet material, and cover the same with a covering of porpoise skin, and they shall insert its poles.

⁹"Then they shall take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand for the light, along with its lamps and its snuffers, and its trays and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it;

¹⁰and they shall put it and all its utensils in a covering of porpoise skin, and shall put it on the carrying bars.

¹¹"Over the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth and cover it with a covering of porpoise skin, and shall insert its poles;

¹²and they shall take all the utensils of service, with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a blue cloth and cover them with a covering of porpoise skin, and put them on the carrying bars.

¹³"Then they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.

¹⁴"They shall also put on it all its utensils by which they serve in connection with it: the firepans, the forks and shovels and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread a cover of porpoise skin over it and insert its poles.

¹⁵"When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy objects and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when they set the camp out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them, so that they will not touch the holy objects and die. These constitute the things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath can carry.

¹⁶"The responsibility of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest consists of the oil for the light and the fragrant incense and the continual grain offering and the anointing oil--the responsibility of all the tabernacle and of all that exists in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

¹⁷Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

¹⁸"Do not let the tribe of the families of the Kohathites become cut off from among the Levites.

¹⁹"But do this to them that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy objects: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign each of them to his work and to his load;

²⁰but they shall not go in to see the holy objects even for a moment, or they will die."

Duties of the Gershonites

²¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²²"Take a census of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' households, by their families;

²³from thirty years and upward to fifty years old, you shall number them; all who enter to perform the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

²⁴"This constitutes the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in carrying:

²⁵they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle and the tent of meeting with its covering and the covering of porpoise skin that lies on top of it, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,

²⁶and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the gate of the court which extends around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords and all the equipment for their service; and all that they must do, they shall perform.

²⁷"All the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their loads and in all their work, they shall perform at the command of Aaron and his sons; and you shall assign to them as a duty all their loads.

²⁸"This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting, and their duties shall emanate from the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

Duties of the Merarites

²⁹"As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' households;

³⁰from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tent of meeting.

³¹"Now this constitutes the duty of their loads, for all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its sockets,

³²and the pillars around the court and their sockets and their pegs and their cords, with all their equipment and with all their service; and you shall assign each man by name the items he must carry.

³³"This constitutes the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tent of meeting, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

³⁴So Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families and by their fathers' households,

³⁵from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

³⁶Their numbered men by their families added up to 2,750.

³⁷These constitute the numbered men of the Kohathite families, everyone who served in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

³⁸The numbered men of the sons of Gershon by their families and by their fathers' households,

³⁹from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

⁴⁰Their numbered men by their families, by their fathers' households, added up to 2,630.

⁴¹These constitute the numbered men of the families of the sons of Gershon, everyone who served in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

⁴²The numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' households,

⁴³from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

⁴⁴Their numbered men by their families added up to 3,200.

⁴⁵These constitute the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

⁴⁶All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' households,

⁴⁷from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who could enter to do the work of service and the work of carrying in the tent of meeting.

⁴⁸Their numbered men added up to 8,580.

⁴⁹According to the commandment of the LORD through Moses, they had become numbered, everyone by his serving or carrying; thus these constituted his numbered men, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 5

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On Defilement

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who has become unclean because of a dead person.

³"You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell in their midst."

⁴The sons of Israel did so and sent them outside the camp; just as the LORD had spoken to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did.

⁵Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁶"Speak to the sons of Israel, ' When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person has become guilty,

⁷then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give it to him whom he has wronged.

⁸But if the man has no relative to whom restitution they will make for the wrong, the restitution which they make made for the wrong must go to the LORD for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement they make for him.

⁹ Also every contribution pertaining to all the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, which they offer to the priest, shall belong to him.

¹⁰So every man's holy gifts shall belong to him; whatever any man gives to the priest, it becomes his."

The Adultery Test

¹¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'If any man's wife goes astray and becomes unfaithful to him,

¹³and a man has intercourse with her and it has become hidden from the eyes of her husband and she remains undetected, although she has defiled herself, and no witness comes against her and no one has caught her in the act,

¹⁴if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he has jealousy over his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he has jealousy over his wife when she has not defiled herself,

¹⁵the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring as an offering for her one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it nor put frankincense on it, for it constitutes a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, a reminder of iniquity.

¹⁶Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD,

¹⁷and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and he shall take some of the dust that lies on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water.

¹⁸The priest shall then have the woman stand before the LORD and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and place the grain offering of memorial in her hands, which constitutes the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest will appear the water of bitterness that brings a curse.

¹⁹The priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you have not gone astray into uncleanness, being under the authority of your husband, stay immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse;

²⁰if you, however, have gone astray, having remained under the authority of your husband, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you"

²¹(then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the woman), "the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people by the LORD'S making your thigh waste away and your abdomen swell;

²²and this water that brings a curse shall go into your stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amen. Amen."

²³The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the water of bitterness.

²⁴Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness.

²⁵The priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar;

²⁶and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.

²⁷When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has proved unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away, and the woman will become a curse among her people.

²⁸But if the woman has not defiled herself and proves clean, she will then become free and conceive children.

²⁹This constitutes the law of jealousy: when a wife, being under the authority of her husband, goes astray and defiles herself,

³⁰or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he has become jealous of his wife, he shall then make the woman stand before the LORD, and the priest shall apply all this law to her.

³¹Moreover, the man will have freedom from guilt, but that woman shall bear her guilt."

Numbers 6

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Law of the Nazirites

¹Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When a man or woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to dedicate himself to the LORD,

³he shall abstain from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar, whether made from wine or strong drink, nor shall he drink any grape juice nor eat fresh or dried grapes.

⁴All the days of his separation he shall not eat anything that becomes produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.

⁵All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall remain holy until the days become fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD; he shall let the locks of hair on his head grow long.

⁶ All the days of his separation to the LORD he shall not go near to a dead person.

⁷He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God remains on his head.

⁸All the days of his separation he remains holy to the LORD.

⁹But if a man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his dedicated head of hair, then he shall shave his head on the day when he becomes clean; he shall shave it on the seventh day.

¹⁰Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

¹¹The priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him concerning his sin because of the dead person. And that same day he shall consecrate his head,

¹²and shall dedicate to the LORD his days as a Nazirite, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering; but the former days will become void because his separation had become defiled.

¹³Now this we identify as the law of the Nazirite when the days of his separation have become fulfilled, he shall bring the offering to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

¹⁴He shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering and one ewe-lamb a year old without defect for a sin offering and one ram without defect for a peace offering,

¹⁵and a basket of unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened wafers spread with oil, along with their grain offering and their drink offering.

¹⁶Then the priest shall present them before the LORD and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.

¹⁷He shall also offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, together with the basket of unleavened cakes; the priest shall likewise offer its grain offering and its drink offering.

¹⁸The Nazirite shall then shave his dedicated head of hair at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and take the dedicated hair of his head and put it on the fire which we make under the sacrifice of peace offerings.

¹⁹The priest shall take the ram's shoulder when it has become boiled, and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his dedicated hair.

²⁰Then the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. It has become holy for the priest, together with the breast offered by waving and the thigh offered by lifting up; and afterward the Nazirite may drink wine.'

²¹"This constitutes the law of the Nazirite who vows his offering to the LORD according to his separation, in addition to what else he can afford; according to his vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the law of his separation."

Aaron's Benediction

²²Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²³"Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

²⁴The LORD bless you, and keep you;

²⁵The LORD make His face shine on you,
And show grace to you;

²⁶The LORD lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.'

²⁷"So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

Numbers 7

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Offerings of the Leaders

¹Now on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings and the altar and all its utensils; he anointed them and consecrated them also.

²Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, made an offering (they constituted the leaders of the tribes; they presided over the numbered men).

³When they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they presented them before the tabernacle.

⁴Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁵"Accept these things from them, that you may use them in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service."

⁶So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.

⁷Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service,

⁸and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

⁹But he did not give any to the sons of Kohath because they served the holy objects, which they carried on the shoulder.

¹⁰The leaders offered the dedication offering for the altar when they anointed it, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

¹¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Let them present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

¹²Now Nahshon the son of Amminadab of the tribe of Judah presented his offering on the first day ;

¹³and his offering consists of one silver dish whose weight consists of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

¹⁴one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

¹⁵one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

¹⁶one male goat for a sin offering;

¹⁷and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering;

¹⁹he presented as his offering one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

²⁰one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

²¹one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

²²one male goat for a sin offering;

²³and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

²⁴On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun gave the offering;

²⁵his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight measured one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

²⁶one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

²⁷one young bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

²⁸one male goat for a sin offering;

²⁹and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰On the fourth day it became the responsibility of Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben;

³¹his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

³²one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

³³one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

³⁴one male goat for a sin offering;

³⁵and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶On the fifth day it became the responsibility of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon;

³⁷his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

³⁸one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

³⁹one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁴⁰one male goat for a sin offering;

⁴¹and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁴²On the sixth day it became the responsibility of Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad;

⁴³his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁴⁴one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁴⁵one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁴⁶one male goat for a sin offering;

⁴⁷and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted of the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸On the seventh day it became the responsibility of Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim;

⁴⁹his offering was one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁵⁰one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁵¹one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁵²one male goat for a sin offering;

⁵³and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴On the eighth day it became the responsibility of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh;

⁵⁵his offering was one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁵⁶one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁵⁷one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁵⁸one male goat for a sin offering;

⁵⁹and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰On the ninth day it became the responsibility of Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the sons of Benjamin;

⁶¹his offering was one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁶²one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁶³one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁶⁴one male goat for a sin offering;

⁶⁵and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

⁶⁶On the tenth day it became the responsibility of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan;

⁶⁷his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁶⁸one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁶⁹one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁷⁰one male goat for a sin offering;

⁷¹and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

⁷²On the eleventh day it became the responsibility of Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the sons of Asher;

⁷³his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁷⁴one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁷⁵one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁷⁶one male goat for a sin offering;

⁷⁷and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

⁷⁸On the twelfth day it became the responsibility of Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the sons of Naphtali;

⁷⁹his offering consisted of one silver dish whose weight consisted of one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁸⁰one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

⁸¹one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁸²one male goat for a sin offering;

⁸³and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This constituted the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

⁸⁴This constituted the dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel when they anointed it : twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold pans,

⁸⁵each silver dish weighing one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils consisted of 2,400 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

⁸⁶the twelve gold pans, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans 120 shekels;

⁸⁷all the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls, all the rams twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve, and the male goats for a sin offering twelve;

⁸⁸and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls, all the rams 60, the male goats 60, the male lambs one year old 60. This constituted the dedication offering for the altar after they anointed it.

⁸⁹Now when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that located on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim, so He spoke to him.

Numbers 8

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The Seven Lamps

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to Aaron and say to him, 'When you mount the lamps, the seven lamps will give light in the front of the lampstand.'"

³Aaron therefore did so; he mounted its lamps at the front of the lampstand, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁴Now this constituted the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold; from its base to its flowers it consisted of hammered work; according to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

Cleansing the Levites

⁵Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁶"Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and cleanse them.

⁷"Thus you shall do to them, for their cleansing: sprinkle purifying water on them, and let them use a razor over their whole body and wash their clothes, and they will become clean.

⁸"Then let them take a bull with its grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and a second bull you shall take for a sin offering.

⁹"So you shall present the Levites before the tent of meeting You shall also assemble the whole congregation of the sons of Israel,

¹⁰and present the Levites before the LORD; and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.

¹¹"Aaron then shall present the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering from the sons of Israel, that they may qualify to perform the service of the LORD.

¹²"Now the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls; then offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

¹³"You shall have the Levites stand before Aaron and before his sons so as to present them as a wave offering to the LORD.

¹⁴"Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and the Levites shall belong to Me.

¹⁵"Then after that the Levites may go in to serve the tent of meeting. But you shall cleanse them and present them as a wave offering;

¹⁶for they have come to Me from among the sons of Israel I have taken them for Myself instead of every first issue of the womb, the firstborn of all the sons of Israel.

¹⁷"For every firstborn among the sons of Israel belongs to Me, among the men and among the animals; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself.

¹⁸"But I have taken the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel.

¹⁹" I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to perform the service of the sons of Israel at the tent of meeting and to make atonement on behalf of the sons of Israel, so that there will come no plague among the sons of Israel by their coming near to the sanctuary."

²⁰Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel to the Levites; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.

²¹ The Levites, too, purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes; and Aaron presented them as a wave offering before the LORD. Aaron also made atonement for them to cleanse them.

²² Then after that the Levites went in to perform their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and before his sons; just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

Retirement

²³ Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁴ "This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall enter to perform service in the work of the tent of meeting.

²⁵ "But at the age of fifty years they shall retire from service in the work and not work any more.

²⁶ "They may, however, assist their brothers in the tent of meeting, to keep an obligation, but they themselves shall do no work. Thus you shall deal with the Levites concerning their obligations."

Numbers 9

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The Passover

¹ Thus the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

² "Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at its appointed time.

³ "On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances."

⁴ So Moses told the sons of Israel to observe the Passover.

⁵ They observed the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

⁶ But there came some men who had uncleanness because of the dead person, so that they could not observe Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

⁷Those men said to him, "Though we have become unclean because of the dead person, why have we not become restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?"

⁸Moses therefore said to them, " Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

⁹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁰"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a dead person, or has gone on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.

¹¹In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

¹²They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

¹³ But the man who remain clean and has not gone on a journey, and yet neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then become cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time That man will bear his sin.

¹⁴ If an alien sojourns among you and observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land."

The Cloud on the Tabernacle

¹⁵Now on the day that the tabernacle had become erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it resembled the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning.

¹⁶So it appeared continuously; the cloud would cover it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

¹⁷ Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.

¹⁸At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

¹⁹Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would keep the LORD'S charge and not set out.

²⁰If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the command of the LORD they set out.

²¹If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud lifted in the morning, they would move out; or if it remained in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud lifted, they would set out.

²²Whether it lasted two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it lifted, they did set out.

²³At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD'S charge, according to the command of the LORD through Moses.

Numbers 10

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The Silver Trumpets

¹The LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

²"Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.

³" When they both blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁴"Yet if you blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.

⁵"But when you blow an alarm, the camps that you pitched on the east side shall set out.

⁶"When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that they pitched on the south side shall set out; you will blow an alarm for them to set out.

⁷"When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without sounding an alarm.

⁸" The priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and this shall become for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

⁹"When you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that the LORD your God may remember you, and will save you from your enemies.

¹⁰"Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first days of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall serve as a reminder of you before your God. I proclaim Myself as the LORD your God."

The Tribes Leave Sinai

¹¹Now in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, the cloud lifted from over the tabernacle of the testimony;

¹²and the sons of Israel set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sinai. Then the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

¹³So they moved out for the first time according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

¹⁴The standard of the camp of the sons of Judah, according to their armies, set out first, with Nahshon the son of Amminadab, over its army,

¹⁵and Nethanel the son of Zuar, over the tribal army of the sons of Issachar;

¹⁶and Eliab the son of Helon over the tribal army of the sons of Zebulun.

¹⁷Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who carried the tabernacle, set out.

¹⁸Next the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies, set out with Elizur the son of Shedeur, over its army,

¹⁹and Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai over the tribal army of the sons of Simeon,

²⁰and Eliasaph the son of Deuel presided over the tribal army of the sons of Gad.

²¹Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy objects; and the tabernacle had become set up before their arrival.

²²Next the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim, according to their armies, was set out, with Elishama the son of Ammihud over its army,

²³and Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur over the tribal army of the sons of Manasseh;

²⁴and Abidan the son of Gideoni over the tribal army of the sons of Benjamin.

²⁵Then the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan, according to their armies, which formed the rear guard for all the camps, set out, with Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai over its army,

²⁶and Pagiel the son of Ochran over the tribal army of the sons of Asher;

²⁷and Ahira the son of Enan over the tribal army of the sons of Naphtali.

²⁸This constituted the order of march of the sons of Israel by their armies as they set out.

²⁹Then Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We set out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us and we will do you good, for the LORD has promised good concerning Israel."

³⁰But he said to him, "I will not come, but rather will go to my own land and relatives."

³¹Then he said, "Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us.

³²"So it will come to pass, if you go with us, that whatever good the LORD does for us, we will do for you."

³³Thus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the three days, to seek out a resting place for them.

³⁴The cloud of the LORD hovered over them by day when they set out from the camp.

³⁵Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said,

" Rise up, O LORD!
And let Your enemies become scattered,
And let those who hate You flee before You."

³⁶When it came to rest, he said,

" Return, O LORD,
To the myriad thousands of Israel."

Numbers 11

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The People Complain

¹Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, His anger kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

² The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD and the fire died out.

³ So the name of that place they called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

⁴ The rabble who lived among them had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, " Who will give us meat to eat?"

⁵ " We remember the fish which we used to freely eat in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,

⁶ but now our appetite has left us. We find nothing at all to look at except this manna."

⁷ Now the manna resembled coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium.

⁸ The people would go about and gather it and grind it between two millstones or beat it in the mortar, and boil it in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste resembled the taste of cakes baked with oil.

⁹ When the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall with it.

The Complaint of Moses

¹⁰ Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, each man at the doorway of his tent; and the anger of the LORD kindled greatly, and Moses felt displeased.

¹¹ So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You seemed so hard on Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all this people on me?"

¹² " Did I conceive all this people? Did I bring them forth, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which You swore to their fathers'?"

¹³ "Where can I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me, saying, 'Give us meat that we may eat!'

¹⁴ " I alone cannot able to carry all this people, because they have become too burdensome for me.

¹⁵ " So if You will deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Your sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness."

Seventy Elders to Assist

¹⁶The LORD therefore said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know as the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

¹⁷" Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who will come upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it all alone.

¹⁸"Say to the people, ' Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, "Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we felt well-off in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat and you shall eat.

¹⁹You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

²⁰but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the LORD who dwells among you and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?"'"

²¹But Moses said, "The people, among whom I dwell, add up to 600,000 on foot; yet You have said, 'I will give them meat, so that they may eat for a whole month.'

²²"Should we slaughter sufficient flocks and herds for them? Or should we gather all the fish of the sea together for them, which they will find sufficient?"

²³The LORD said to Moses, " Does the LORD have limited power ? Now you shall see whether My word will come true for you or not."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent.

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who dwelled upon him and placed Him upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do it again.

²⁶But two men had remained in the camp; one had the name of Eldad and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them (now they dwelled among those who had become registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.

²⁷So a young man ran and told Moses and said, "Eldad and Medad prophesied in the camp."

²⁸Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, said, " Moses, my lord, restrain them."

²⁹But Moses said to him, "Have you become jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

³⁰Then Moses returned to the camp, both he and the elders of Israel.

The Quail and the Plague

³¹Now there went forth a wind from the LORD and it brought quail from the sea, and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp and about two cubits deep on the surface of the ground.

³²The people spent all day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers) and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

³³While the meat remained still between their teeth, before they could chew it, the anger of the LORD kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very severe plague.

³⁴So they named that place Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had demonstrated their greediness.

³⁵From Kibroth-hattaavah the people set out for Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

Numbers 12

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The Murmuring of Miriam and Aaron

¹Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman);

²and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it.

³(Now the man Moses remained very humble, more than any man who lived on the face of the earth.)

⁴Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out.

⁵Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward,

⁶He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there lives a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision

I shall speak with him in a dream.

⁷"Not so, with My servant Moses,

He proves faithful in all My household;

⁸With him I speak mouth to mouth,

Even openly, and not in dark sayings,

And he beholds the form of the LORD.

Why then did you not fear

To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

⁹So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed.

¹⁰But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, ^(L)Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she became leprous.

¹¹Then Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, I beg you, do not account this sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned.

¹²"Oh, do not let her resemble one dead, whose flesh has become half eaten away when he comes from his mother's womb!"

¹³Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "O God, heal her, I pray!"

¹⁴But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her remain shut up for seven days outside the camp, and afterward we may receive her again."

¹⁵So Miriam remained shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until they received Miriam again.

¹⁶Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers 13

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Spies View the Land

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying,

²" Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I plan to give to the sons of Israel; you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them."

³So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran at the command of the LORD, all of them men who headed the sons of Israel.

⁴These then we record their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

⁵from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

⁶from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

⁷from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

⁸from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun;

⁹from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

¹⁰from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

¹¹from the tribe of Joseph, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

¹²from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

¹³from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

¹⁴from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

¹⁵from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

¹⁶These we record as the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; but Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

¹⁷When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up there into the Negev; then go up into the hill country.

¹⁸"See what the land looks like, and whether the people who live in it seem strong or weak, whether they seem few or many.

¹⁹"How does the land in which they live look, does it seem good or bad? And how do the cities in which they live appear, do they look like open camps or with fortifications?

²⁰" How does the land look, do they seem fat or lean? Does it have trees in it or not? Make an effort then to get some of the fruit of the land." Now the time had arrived of the first ripe grapes.

²¹So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, at Lebohamath.

²²When they had gone up into the Negev, they came to Hebron where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak dwelled (Now they built Hebron seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

²³Then they came to the valley of Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two men, with some of the pomegranates and the figs.

²⁴That place they called the valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut down from there.

The Spies' Reports

²⁵When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,

²⁶they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land.

²⁷Thus they told him, and said, "We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and it has fruit.

²⁸"Nevertheless, the people who live in the land have strength, and the cities have become fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

²⁹"Amalek lives in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites live in the hill country, and the Canaanites live by the sea and by the side of the Jordan."

³⁰Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it."

³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, " We cannot go up against the people, for they have too much strength for us."

³²So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, appears a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it seem men of great size.

³³"There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak have descended from the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we seemed in their sight."

Numbers 14

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The People Rebel

¹Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

²All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, " Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

³"Why has the LORD brought us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not seem better for us to return to Egypt?"

⁴So they said to one another, " Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt."

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

⁶Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

⁷and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, " The land which we passed through to spy out has proved an exceedingly good land.

⁸" If the LORD takes pleasure with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us-- a land which flows with milk and honey.

⁹"Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will become our prey. God has removed their protection from them, and the LORD dwells with us; do not fear them."

¹⁰ But all the congregation said to stone them with stones Then the glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

Moses Pleads for the People

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?"

¹² "I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they."

¹³ But Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Your strength You brought up this people from their midst,

¹⁴ and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, O LORD, dwell in the midst of this people, for You, O LORD, remain in view- eye to eye, while Your cloud stands over them; and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

¹⁵ "Now if You slay this people as one man, then the nations who have heard of Your fame will say,

¹⁶ "Because the LORD could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.'

¹⁷ "But now, I pray, let the power of the Lord remain great, just as You have declared,

¹⁸ 'The LORD demonstrates slowness in anger and abundance in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generations.'

¹⁹ " Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You also have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

The LORD Pardons and Rebukes

²⁰ So the LORD said, " I have pardoned them according to your word;

²¹ but indeed, as I live, all the earth will fill with the glory of the LORD.

²² "Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice,

²³ shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it.

²⁴ "But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.

²⁵" Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys; turn tomorrow and set out to the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea."

²⁶The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

²⁷"How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who grumble against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they make against Me.

²⁸"Say to them, ' As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you;

²⁹ your corpses will fall in this wilderness, even all your numbered men, according to your complete number from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me.

³⁰"Surely you shall not come into the land in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

³¹ Your children, however, whom you said would become a prey--I will bring them in, and they will know the land which you have rejected.

³² But as for you, your corpses will fall in this wilderness.

³³Your sons shall serve as shepherds for forty years in the wilderness, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness.

³⁴According to the number of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your guilt a year, even forty years, and you will know My opposition.

³⁵ I, the LORD, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall suffer destruction, and there they will die."

³⁶ As for the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing out a bad report concerning the land,

³⁷ even those men who brought out the very bad report of the land died by a plague before the LORD.

³⁸ But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive out of those men who went to spy out the land.

Israel Repulsed

³⁹When Moses spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people mourned greatly.

⁴⁰In the morning, however, they rose up early and went up to the ridge of the hill country, saying, " Here we present ourselves; we have indeed sinned, but we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised."

⁴¹But Moses said, " Why then do you transgress the commandment of the LORD, when it will not succeed?

⁴²" Do not go up, or your enemies will strike you down, for the LORD does not dwell among you.

⁴³"For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will come to front of you, and you will fall by the sword, inasmuch as you have turned back from following the LORD. And the LORD will not dwell with you."

⁴⁴But they went up heedlessly to the ridge of the hill country; neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses left the camp.

⁴⁵Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down, and struck them and beat them down as far as Hormah.

Numbers 15

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Laws for Canaan

¹Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²" Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, "When you enter the land where you are to live, which I give you,

³then make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a special vow, or as a freewill offering or in your appointed times, to make a soothing aroma to the LORD, from the herd or from the flock.

⁴ The one who presents his offering shall present to the LORD a grain offering of one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of oil,

⁵and you shall prepare wine for the drink offering, one-fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for each lamb.

⁶Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;

⁷and for the drink offering you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

⁸When you prepare a bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

⁹then you shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin of oil;

¹⁰and you shall offer as the drink offering one-half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

¹¹Thus you shall do for each ox, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the goats.

¹²According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do for everyone according to their number.

¹³All natives shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

Law of the Sojourner

¹⁴If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may live among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

¹⁵As for the assembly, there shall exist only one statute for you and for the alien who sojourns with you, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you observe, so shall the alien observe before the LORD.

¹⁶ You shall have one law and one ordinance for you and for the alien who sojourns with you."

¹⁷Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁸"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I bring you,

¹⁹then it shall come to pass, that when you eat of the food of the land, you shall lift up an offering to the LORD.

²⁰ Of the first of your dough you shall lift up a cake as an offering; as the offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

²¹From the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD an offering throughout your generations.

²²But when you unwittingly fail and do not observe all these commandments, which the LORD has spoken to Moses,

²³even all that the LORD has commanded you through Moses, from the day when the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations,

²⁴then it shall come to pass, if you do it unintentionally, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one bull for a burnt offering, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.

²⁵Then the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and they receive forgiveness; for they did it as an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their error.

²⁶So all the congregation of the sons of Israel will receive forgiveness, with the alien who sojourns among them, for it happened to all the people through error.

²⁷Also if one person sins unintentionally, then he shall offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering.

²⁸The priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally, making atonement for him that he may receive forgiveness.

²⁹You shall have one law for him who does anything unintentionally, for him who lives as a native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them.

³⁰But the person who does anything defiantly, whether a native or an alien, that one who blasphemes the LORD shall become cut off from among his people.

³¹Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall become completely cut off; his guilt will fall on him."

Sabbath-breaking Punished

³²Now while the sons of Israel lived in the wilderness, they found a man gathering wood on the sabbath day.

³³Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation;

³⁴and they put him in custody because they had not declared what they should do to him.

³⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man shall surely receive the death penalty; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

³⁶So all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death with stones, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁷The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

³⁸"Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.

³⁹" You shall consider it a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot,

⁴⁰so that you may remember to do all My commandments and remain holy to your God.

⁴¹"I proclaim Myself the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to serve as your God; I proclaim Myself the LORD your God."

Numbers 16

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Korah's Rebellion

¹Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took action,

²and they rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, men of renown.

³They assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, " You have gone far enough, for all the congregation have holiness, every one of them, and the LORD dwells in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

⁴When Moses heard this, he fell on his face;

⁵and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who belongs to Him, and who has holiness and will bring him near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself.

⁶"Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company,

⁷and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the LORD tomorrow; and the man whom the LORD chooses shall prove the one who has holiness. You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!"

⁸Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi,

⁹ Has it not seemed enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them;

¹⁰and that He has brought you near, Korah, and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And do you seek for the priesthood also?

¹¹"Therefore you and all your company have gathered together against the LORD; but as for Aaron, who grumbles against him?"

¹²Then Moses sent a summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up.

¹³"Does it not seem enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us?

¹⁴"Indeed, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Would you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!"

¹⁵Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, "Do not regard their offering! I have not taken a single donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them."

¹⁶Moses said to Korah, "You and all your company will present yourself before the LORD tomorrow, both you and they along with Aaron.

¹⁷"Each of you take his firepan and put incense on it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty firepans; also you and Aaron shall each bring his firepan."

¹⁸So they each took his own censer and put fire on it, and laid incense on it; and they stood at the doorway of the tent of meeting, with Moses and Aaron.

¹⁹Thus Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the doorway of the tent of meeting. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

²⁰Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

²¹"Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly."

²²But they fell on their faces and said, "O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, will You show anger with the entire congregation?"

²³Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁴"Speak to the congregation, saying, ' Get back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'"

²⁵Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him,

²⁶and he spoke to the congregation, saying, " Depart now from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, or you will find yourself swept away in all their sin."

²⁷So they got back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the doorway of their tents, along with their wives and their sons and their little ones.

²⁸Moses said, "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these deeds; for I do not this.

²⁹"If these men die the death of all men or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me.

³⁰"But if the LORD brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that they possess, and they descend alive into Sheol, then you will understand that these men have spurned the LORD."

³¹As he finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split open;

³²and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah with their possessions.

³³So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

³⁴All Israel who stood around them fled at their outcry, for they said, "The earth may swallow us up!"

³⁵Fire also came forth from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who offered the incense.

³⁶Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

³⁷"Say to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, that he shall take up the censers out of the midst of the blaze, for they have holiness; and you scatter the burning coals abroad.

³⁸"As for the censers of these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them become hammered sheets for a plating of the altar, since they did present them before the LORD and they have holiness; and they shall remain for a sign to the sons of Israel."

³⁹So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which the men who burned had offered, and they hammered them out as a plating for the altar,

⁴⁰as a reminder to the sons of Israel that no layman who does not come from the descendants of Aaron should come near to burn incense before the LORD; so that he will not become like Korah and his company--just as the LORD had spoken to him through Moses.

Murmuring and Plague

⁴¹But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have caused the death of the LORD'S people."

⁴²It came about, however, when the congregation had assembled against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tent of meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it and the glory of the LORD appeared.

⁴³Then Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting,

⁴⁴and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁴⁵"Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly." Then they fell on their faces.

⁴⁶Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put in it fire from the altar, and lay incense on it; then bring it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them, for wrath has gone forth from the LORD, the plague has begun!"

⁴⁷Then Aaron took it as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly, for behold, the plague had begun among the people. So he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.

⁴⁸He took his stand between the dead and the living, so that the plague became checked.

⁴⁹But those who died by the plague numbered 14,700, besides those who died on account of Korah.

⁵⁰Then Aaron returned to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting, for the plague had become checked.

Numbers 17

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Aaron's Rod Buds

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household: twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write each name on his rod,

³and write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there exists one rod for the head of each of their fathers' households.

⁴"You shall then deposit them in the tent of meeting in front of the testimony, where I meet with you.

⁵"It will come about that the rod of the man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I will lessen from upon Myself the grumblings of the sons of Israel, who grumble against you."

⁶Moses therefore spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' households, twelve rods, with the rod of Aaron among their rods.

⁷So Moses deposited the rods before the LORD in the tent of the testimony.

⁸Now on the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.

⁹Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the LORD to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

¹⁰But the LORD said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony that we keep as a sign against the rebels, that you may put an end to their grumblings against Me, so that they will not die."

¹¹Thus Moses did; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

¹²Then the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Behold, we perish, we will die, we all die!

¹³"Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, must die. Will we perish completely?"

Numbers 18

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Duties of Levites

¹So the LORD said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your father's household with you shall bear the guilt in connection with the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the guilt in connection with your priesthood.

²"But bring with you also your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may join with you and serve you, while you and your sons with you stand before the tent of the testimony.

³"And they shall thus attend to your obligation and the obligation of all the tent, but they shall not come near to the furnishings of the sanctuary and the altar, or both they and you will die.

⁴"They shall join with you and attend to the obligations of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent; but an outsider may not come near you.

⁵"So you shall attend to the obligations of the sanctuary and the obligations of the altar, so that there will no longer remain wrath on the sons of Israel.

⁶"Behold, I Myself have taken your fellow Levites from among the sons of Israel; I give them as a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD, to perform the service for the tent of meeting.

⁷"But you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything concerning the altar and inside the veil, and you shall perform service I give you the priesthood as a bestowed service, but the outsider who comes near shall receive the death penalty."

The Priests' Portion

⁸Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, "Now behold, I Myself have given you charge of My offerings, even all the holy gifts of the sons of Israel I have given them to you as a portion and to your sons as a perpetual allotment.

⁹"This shall become yours from the most holy gifts reserved from the fire; every offering of theirs, even every grain offering and every sin offering and every guilt offering, which they shall render to Me, shall become most holy for you and for your sons.

¹⁰"As the most holy gifts you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall remain holy to you.

¹¹"This also belongs to you, the offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel; I have given them to you and to your sons and daughters with you as a perpetual allotment. Everyone of your household who remains clean may eat it.

¹²" All the best of the fresh oil and all the best of the fresh wine and of the grain, the first fruits of those which they give to the LORD, I give them to you.

¹³" The first ripe fruits of all that grow in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall become yours; everyone of your household who has remained clean may eat it.

¹⁴" Every devoted thing in Israel shall belong to you.

¹⁵" Every first issue of the womb of all flesh, whether man or animal, which they offer to the LORD, shall belong to you; nevertheless the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem.

¹⁶"As to their redemption price, from a month old you shall redeem them, by your valuation, five shekels in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which amounts to twenty gerahs.

¹⁷"But the firstborn of an ox or the firstborn of a sheep or the firstborn of a goat, you shall not redeem; I consider them holy You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall offer up their fat in smoke as an offering by fire, for a soothing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁸"Their meat shall belong to you; it shall belong to you like the breast of a wave offering and like the right thigh.

¹⁹" All the offerings of the holy gifts, which the sons of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment You shall make an everlasting covenant of salt before the LORD to you and your descendants with you."

²⁰Then the LORD said to Aaron, " You shall have no inheritance in their land nor own any portion among them; I have become your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel.

²¹"To the sons of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting.

²²" The sons of Israel shall not come near the tent of meeting again, or they will bear sin and die.

²³"Only the Levites shall perform the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; you shall keep it as a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the sons of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

²⁴"For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance; therefore I have said concerning them, ' They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.'"

²⁵Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁶"Moreover, you shall speak to the Levites and say to them, 'When you take from the sons of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present an offering from it to the LORD, a tithe of the tithe.

²⁷Your offering you shall reckon as the grain from the threshing floor or the full produce from the wine vat.

²⁸So you shall also present an offering to the LORD from your tithes, which you receive from the sons of Israel; and from it you shall give the LORD'S offering to Aaron the priest.

²⁹'Out of all your gifts you shall present every offering due to the LORD, from all the best of them, the sacred part from them.'

³⁰"You shall say to them, 'When you have offered from it the best of it, then the rest you shall reckon to the Levites as the product of the threshing floor, and as the product of the wine vat.

³¹'You may eat it anywhere, you and your households, for it serves as your compensation in return for your service in the tent of meeting.

³²'You will bear no sin by reason of it when you have offered the best of it. But you shall not profane the sacred gifts of the sons of Israel, or you will die.'"

Numbers 19

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Ordinance of the Red Heifer

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

²"This we acknowledge as the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring you an unblemished red heifer in which we find no defect and on which no one has never placed a yoke.

³'You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring outside the camp and will command it slaughtered in his presence.

⁴Next Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.

⁵'Then they will burn the heifer in his sight; its hide and its flesh and its blood, with its refuse, they shall burn.

⁶The priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet material and cast it into the midst of the burning heifer.

⁷The priest shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward come into the camp, but the priest shall remain unclean until evening.

⁸The one who burns it shall also wash his clothes in water and bathe his body in water, and shall remain unclean until evening.

⁹Now a man who has become clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and the congregation of the sons of Israel shall keep it as water to remove impurity; it has become purified from sin.

¹⁰The one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and remain unclean until evening; and the sons of Israel shall keep a perpetual statute to the sons of Israel and to the alien who sojourns among them.

¹¹ The one who touches the corpse of any person shall remain unclean for seven days.

¹²That one shall purify himself from uncleanness with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and then we will regard him as clean; but if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean.

¹³ Anyone who touches a corpse, the body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall become cut off from Israel Because they had sprinkled the water for impurity on him, he shall become unclean; his uncleanness remains still on him.

¹⁴This we regard as the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who dwells in the tent shall remain unclean for seven days.

¹⁵Every open vessel, which has no covering tied down on it, shall remain unclean.

¹⁶ Also, anyone who in the open field touches one who has become slain with a sword or who has died naturally, or a human bone or a grave, shall remain unclean for seven days.

¹⁷Then for the unclean person they shall take some of the ashes of the burnt purification from sin and flowing water you shall add to them in a vessel.

¹⁸A clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who lived there, and on the one who touched the bone or the one slain or the one dying naturally or the grave.

¹⁹Then the clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify him from uncleanness, and he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and shall become clean by evening.

²⁰But the man who has become unclean and does not purify himself from uncleanness, that person shall find himself cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD; someone has not sprinkled the water for impurity on him, he has become unclean.

²¹So they shall keep it a perpetual statute for them. And he who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall become unclean until evening.

²²Furthermore, anything that the unclean person touches shall remain unclean; and the person who touches it shall remain unclean until evening."

Numbers 20

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Death of Miriam

¹Then the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to the wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and the congregation buried her buried there.

²The congregation could find no water , and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron.

³The people thus contended with Moses and spoke, saying, " If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD!

⁴" Why then have you brought the LORD'S assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die here?

⁵"Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? It certainly does not look like a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor do we find water to drink."

⁶Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to them;

⁷and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

The Water of Meribah

⁸"Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink."

⁹So Moses took the rod from before the LORD, just as He had commanded him;

¹⁰and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, " Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

¹¹Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

¹²But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, " Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

¹³Those they called the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel contended with the LORD, and He proved Himself holy among them.

¹⁴From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to the king of Edom: "Thus your brother Israel has said, 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us;

¹⁵that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly.

¹⁶But when we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we have come to Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

¹⁷"Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or through vineyard; we will not even drink water from a well. We will go along the king's highway, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory."

¹⁸ Edom, however, said to him, "You shall not pass through us, or I will come out with the sword against you."

¹⁹Again, the sons of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway, and if I and my livestock do drink any of your water, then I will pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, nothing else."

²⁰But he said, " You shall not pass through." And Edom came out against him with a heavy force and with a strong hand.

²¹ Thus Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.

²²Now when they set out from Kadesh, the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.

Death of Aaron

²³Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

²⁴"Aaron will become gathered to his people; for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because you rebelled against My command at the waters of Meribah.

²⁵"Take Aaron and his son Eleazar and bring them up to Mount Hor;

²⁶and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar. So Aaron will become gathered to his people, and will die there."

²⁷So Moses did just as the LORD had commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

²⁸After Moses had stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar, Aaron died there on the mountain top. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

²⁹When all the congregation saw that Aaron had died, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

Numbers 21

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Arad Conquered

¹When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negev, heard that Israel came by the way of Atharim, then he fought against Israel and took some of them captive.

²So Israel made a vow to the LORD and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities."

³The LORD heard the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites; then they utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus they named the place Hormah.

⁴Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient because of the journey.

⁵The people spoke against God and Moses, " Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For we can't find no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food."

The Bronze Serpent

⁶The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

⁷So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people.

⁸Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who received a bite, when he looks at it, he will live."

⁹And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

¹⁰Now the sons of Israel moved out and camped in Oboth.

¹¹They journeyed from Oboth and camped at Iyeabarim, in the wilderness which lies opposite Moab, to the east.

¹²From there they set out and camped in Wadi Zered.

¹³From there they journeyed and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which locates in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon locates on the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

¹⁴Therefore people will say in the Book of the Wars of the LORD,
"Waheb in Suphah,

And the wadis of the Arnon,

¹⁵And the slope of the wadis

That extends to the site of Ar,

And leans to the border of Moab."

¹⁶From there they continued to Beer, that we acknowledge as the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Assemble the people, that I may give them water."

¹⁷Then Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well! Sing to it!

¹⁸"The well, which the leaders sank,

Which the nobles of the people dug,

With the scepter and with their staffs."

And from the wilderness they continued to Mattanah,

¹⁹and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

²⁰and from Bamoth to the valley that locates in the land of Moab, at the top of Pisgah which overlooks the wasteland.

Two Victories

²¹ Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying,

²²" Let me pass through your land. We will not turn off into field or vineyard; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the king's highway until we have passed through your border."

²³ But Sihon would not permit Israel to pass through his border So Sihon gathered all his people and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

²⁴Then Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon; for the border of the sons of Ammon we call Jazer.

²⁵Israel took all these cities and Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all her villages.

²⁶For Heshbon we acknowledge as the city of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

²⁷Therefore those who use proverbs say,
"Come to Heshbon! Let us build it !
So let the city of Sihon become established.

²⁸" For a fire went forth from Heshbon,
A flame from the town of Sihon;
It devoured Ar of Moab,
The dominant heights of the Arnon.

²⁹" Woe to you, O Moab!
You have fallen to ruin, O people of Chemosh!
He has given his sons as fugitives,
And his daughters into captivity,
To an Amorite king, Sihon.

³⁰"But we have cast them down,
Heshbon has become ruined as far as Dibon,
Then we have laid waste even to Nophah,
Which reaches to Medeba."

³¹Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

³²Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who lived there.

³³ Then they turned and went up by the way of Bashan, and Og the king of Bashan went out with all his people, for battle at Edrei.

³⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, " Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."

³⁵ So they killed him and his sons and all his people, until he had no remnant left him; and they possessed his land.

Numbers 22

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Balak Sends for Balaam

¹ Then the sons of Israel journeyed, and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan opposite Jericho.

² Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

³ So Moab felt great fear because of the people, for they had become numerous; and Moab felt dread of the sons of Israel.

⁴ Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this horde will lick up all that exist around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor ruled as king of Moab at that time.

⁵ So he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, at Pethor, which locates near the River, in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people came out of Egypt; behold, they cover the surface of the land, and they live opposite me.

⁶ " Now, therefore, please come, curse this people for me since they have become too mighty for me; perhaps I may have the capability of defeating them and drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless will receive a blessing, and he whom you curse will receive a curse."

⁷ So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam and repeated Balak's words to him.

⁸ He said to them, "Spend the night here, and I will bring word back to you as the LORD may speak to me." And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

⁹Then God came to Balaam and said, "What men have you brought with you?"

¹⁰Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent word to me,

¹¹"Behold, a people came out of Egypt and they cover the surface of the land; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I may have the capability to fight against them and drive them out."

¹²God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for I have blessed them."

¹³So Balaam arose in the morning and said to Balak's leaders, "Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you."

¹⁴The leaders of Moab arose and went to Balak and said, "Balaam refused to come with us."

¹⁵Then Balak again sent leaders, more numerous and more distinguished than the former.

¹⁶They came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, 'Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;

¹⁷for I will indeed honor you richly, and I will do whatever you say to me.) Please come then, curse this people for me.'"

¹⁸Balaam replied to the servants of Balak, " Though Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the command of the LORD my God.

¹⁹"Now please, you also stay here tonight, and I will find out what else the LORD will speak to me."

²⁰God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise up and go with them; but only the word which I speak to you shall you do."

²¹ So Balaam arose in the morning, and saddled his donkey and went with the leaders of Moab.

The Angel and Balaam

²²But God showed anger because he went, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as an adversary against him. Now he rode on his donkey and his two servants accompanied him.

²³When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned off from the way and went into the field; but Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back into the way.

²⁴Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

²⁵When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed herself to the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck her again.

²⁶The angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where he could find no way to turn to the right hand or the left.

²⁷When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam became angry and struck the donkey with his stick.

²⁸And the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

²⁹Then Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a mockery of me! If I would have had a sword in my hand, I would have killed you by now."

³⁰The donkey said to Balaam, "Do you not know me as your donkey on which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I ever done this to you before?" And he said, "No."

³¹Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed all the way to the ground.

³²The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way became contrary to me.

³³"But the donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you just now, and let her live."

³⁴Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you stood in the way against me. Now then, if it displeases you, I will turn back."

³⁵But the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but you shall speak only the word which I tell you." So Balaam went along with the leaders of Balak.

³⁶When Balak heard that Balaam came, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which locates on the Arnon border, at the extreme end of the border.

³⁷Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not urgently send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Do you regard me as unable to honor you?"

³⁸So Balaam said to Balak, "Behold, I have come now to you! Can I speak anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak."

³⁹And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

⁴⁰Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent some to Balaam and the leaders who dwelled with him.

⁴¹Then it came about in the morning that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to the high places of Baal, and he saw from there a portion of the people.

Numbers 23

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The Prophecies of Balaam

¹Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

²Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

³Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a bare hill.

⁴Now God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have set up the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

⁵Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and you shall speak thus."

⁶So he returned to him, and behold, he stood beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

⁷He took up his discourse and said,
"From Aram Balak has brought me,
Moab's king from the mountains of the East,
' Come curse Jacob for me,
And come, denounce Israel!"

⁸" How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?
And how can I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced?"

⁹"As I see him from the top of the rocks,
And I look at him from the hills;
Behold, a people who dwells apart,
And will not become reckoned among the nations.

¹⁰" Who can count the dust of Jacob,
Or number the fourth part of Israel?
Let me die the death of the upright,
And let my end become like his!"

¹¹Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have actually blessed them!"

¹²He replied, "Must I not have care to speak what the LORD puts in my mouth?"

¹³Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from where you may see them, although you will only see the extreme end of them and will not see all of them; and curse them for me from there."

¹⁴So he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

¹⁵And he said to Balak, "Stand here beside your burnt offering while I myself meet the LORD over there."

¹⁶Then the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

¹⁷He came to him, and behold, he stood beside his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?"

¹⁸Then he took up his discourse and said,

"Arise, O Balak, and hear;
Give ear to me, O son of Zippor!

¹⁹" We cannot consider God a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent;
Has He said, and will He not do it?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

²⁰"Behold, I have received a command to bless;
When He has blessed, then I cannot revoke it.

²¹" He has not observed misfortune in Jacob;
Nor has He seen trouble in Israel;
The LORD his God accompanies him,
And the shout of a king sounds among them.

²²" God brings them out of Egypt,
He supports them like the horns of the wild ox.

²³" For we can find no omen against Jacob,
Nor can we make any divination against Israel;
At the proper time people will say to Jacob
And to Israel, what God has done!

²⁴" Behold, a people rises like a lioness,
And as a lion it lifts itself;
It will not lie down until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain."

²⁵Then Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them at all nor bless them at all!"

²⁶But Balaam replied to Balak, "Did I not tell you, ' Whatever the LORD speaks, that I must do'?"

²⁷Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will become agreeable with God that you curse them for me from there."

²⁸So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor which overlooks the wasteland.

²⁹Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

³⁰Balak did just as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 24

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The Prophecy from Peor

¹When Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times to seek omens but he set his face toward the wilderness.

²And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

³He took up his discourse and said,

" The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,
And the oracle of the man whose eye opens;

⁴The oracle of him who hears the words of God,
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered,

⁵How fair look your tents, O Jacob,
Your dwellings, O Israel!

⁶"Like valleys that stretch out,
Like gardens beside the river,
Like aloes planted by the LORD,
Like cedars beside the waters.

⁷"Water will flow from his buckets,
And his seed will dwell by many waters,
And his king shall rise higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall become exalted.

⁸" God brings him out of Egypt,
He protects him like the horns of the wild ox
He will devour the nations who have become his adversaries,

And will crush their bones in pieces,
And shatter them with his arrows.

⁹" He crouches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a lion, who dares rouse him?
Blessed will become everyone who blesses you,
And cursed will become everyone who curses you."

¹⁰Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have persisted in blessing them these three times!

¹¹"Therefore, flee to your place now. I said I would honor you greatly, but behold, the LORD has held you back from honor."

¹²Balaam said to Balak, " Did I not tell your messengers whom you had sent to me, saying,

¹³Though Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything contrary to the command of the LORD, either good or bad, of my own accord What the LORD speaks, that I will speak'?

¹⁴"And now, behold, I go to my people; come, and I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the days to come."

¹⁵He took up his discourse and said,
" The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,
And the oracle of the man whose eye has become opened,

¹⁶The oracle of him who hears the words of God,
And knows the knowledge of the Most High,
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered.

¹⁷"I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near;
A star shall come forth from Jacob,
A scepter shall rise from Israel,
And shall crush through the forehead of Moab,
And tear down all the sons of Sheth.

¹⁸" Edom shall become a possession,
Seir, its enemies, also will become a possession,
While Israel performs valiantly.

¹⁹"One from Jacob shall have dominion,
And will destroy the remnant from the city."

²⁰And he looked at Amalek and took up his discourse and said,
"Amalek became the first of the nations,
But his end shall result in destruction."

²¹And he looked at the Kenite, and took up his discourse and said,
"Your dwelling place endures,
And your nest locates in the cliff.

²²"Nevertheless Kain will become consumed;
How long will Asshur keep you captive?"

²³Then he took up his discourse and said,
"Alas, who can live except God has ordained it?

²⁴"But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim,
And they shall afflict Asshur and will afflict Eber;
So they also will come to destruction."

²⁵Then Balaam arose and departed and returned to his place, and Balak also went his way.

Numbers 25

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The Sin of Peor

¹While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

²For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

³So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the LORD had become angry against Israel.

⁴The LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the LORD, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

⁵So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to Baal of Peor."

⁶Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his relatives a Midianite woman, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, while they wept at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁷When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand,

⁸and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the body. So the plague on the sons of Israel had become checked.

⁹ Those who died by the plague numbered 24,000.

The Zeal of Phinehas

¹⁰ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹¹ " Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel in that he became jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.

¹² "Therefore say, ' Behold, I give him My covenant of peace;

¹³ and it shall come to pass for him and his descendants after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he had jealousy for his God and made atonement for the sons of Israel."

¹⁴ Now the name of the slain man of Israel who became slain with the Midianite woman, had the name of Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father's household among the Simeonites.

¹⁵ The name of the Midianite woman who had become slain we identify as Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who headed the people of a father's household in Midian.

¹⁶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁷ " Show hostility to the Midianites and strike them;

¹⁸ for they have shown hostility to you with their tricks, with which they have deceived you in the affair of Peor and in the affair of Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister who had become slain on the day of the plague because of Peor."

Numbers 26

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Census of a New Generation

¹ Then it came about after the plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

² " Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' households, whoever can go out to war in Israel."

³So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

⁴"Take a census of the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD has commanded Moses." Now the sons of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt consisted of:

⁵Reuben, Israel's firstborn, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

⁶of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

⁷These we identify as the families of the Reubenites, and those who we number of them consists of 43,730.

⁸The son of Pallu: Eliab.

⁹The sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. These we identify as Dathan and Abiram who had become called by the congregation, who contended against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD,

¹⁰and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a warning.

¹¹The sons of Korah, however, did not die.

¹²The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

¹³of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

¹⁴These constitute the families of the Simeonites, 22,200.

¹⁵The sons of Gad according to their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

¹⁶of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

¹⁷of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

¹⁸These constitute the families of the sons of Gad according to those who they numbered of them, 40,500.

¹⁹The sons of Judah we identify Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

²⁰The sons of Judah according to their families we identify as: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

²¹The sons of Perez we identify as: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

²²These consist of the families of Judah according to those who they had numbered of them, 76,500.

²³The sons of Issachar according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the Punites;

²⁴of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

²⁵These constitute the families of Issachar according to those who they numbered of them, 64,300.

²⁶The sons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

²⁷These we identify the families of the Zebulunites according to those who they numbered of them, 60,500.

²⁸The sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

²⁹The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir became the father of Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

³⁰These we identify as the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

³¹and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

³²and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

³³Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but only daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad we identify as Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

³⁴These constitute the families of Manasseh; and those who they numbered of them added up to 52,700.

³⁵These we identify as the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

³⁶These we identify as the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

³⁷These we identify as the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who they numbered of them, 32,500. These constitute the sons of Joseph according to their families.

³⁸The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

³⁹of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

⁴⁰The sons of Bela had the names of Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

⁴¹These we identify as the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who they numbered of them added up to 45,600.

⁴²These we identify as the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These we identify as the families of Dan according to their families.

⁴³All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those whom they numbered of them, added up to 64,400.

⁴⁴The sons of Asher according to their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

⁴⁵Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

⁴⁶They named the daughter of Asher Serah.

⁴⁷These we identify as the families of the sons of Asher according to those who they numbered of them, 53,400.

⁴⁸The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

⁴⁹of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

⁵⁰These we identify as the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who they numbered of them added up to 45,400.

⁵¹These we identify as those who they numbered of the sons of Israel, 601,730.

⁵²Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁵³"Among these the land shall become divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

⁵⁴" To the larger group you shall increase their inheritance, and to the smaller group you shall diminish their inheritance; each shall receive their inheritance according to those who became numbered of them.

⁵⁵"But the land shall become divided by lot. They shall receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

⁵⁶"According to the selection by lot, their inheritance shall become divided between the larger and the smaller groups."

⁵⁷ These we identify as those who they numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

⁵⁸These we identify as the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. Kohath became the father of Amram.

⁵⁹ Amram's wife had the name of Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who had become born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram: Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.

⁶⁰ To Aaron had become born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

⁶¹But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

⁶²Those who they numbered of them added up to 23,000, every male from a month old and upward, for they did not number among the sons of Israel since no inheritance had become given to them among the sons of Israel.

⁶³These we identify as those who they numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

⁶⁴ But among these lived not a man of those who Moses numbered and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

⁶⁵For the LORD had said of them, " They shall surely die in the wilderness " And not a man remained of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

Numbers 27

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A Law of Inheritance

¹Then the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph, came near; and these we identify the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah.

²They stood before Moses and before Eleazar the priest and before the leaders and all the congregation, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, saying,

³"Our father died in the wilderness, yet he did not accompany those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but he died in his own sin, and he had no sons.

⁴"Why should the name of our father become withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

⁵ So Moses brought their case before the LORD.

⁶Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁷" The daughters of Zelophehad have merit in their statements. You shall surely give them a hereditary possession among their father's brothers, and you shall transfer the inheritance of their father to them.

⁸"Further, you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

⁹"If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

¹⁰If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

¹¹"If his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative in his own family, and he shall possess it; and it shall become a statutory ordinance to the sons of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses."

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up to this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel.

¹³"When you have seen it, you too will become gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother had become;

¹⁴for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water." (These we called the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

Joshua to Succeed Moses

¹⁵Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

¹⁶" May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

¹⁷who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD will not resemble sheep which have no shepherd."

¹⁸So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom dwells the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;

¹⁹and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and commission him in their sight.

²⁰"You shall put some of your authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey him.

²¹"Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his command they shall go out and at his command they shall come in, both he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

²²Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

Numbers 28

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Laws for Offerings

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall show care to present My offering, My food for My offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma to Me, at their appointed time.'

³" You shall say to them, 'This offering by fire you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs one year old without defect as a continual burnt offering every day.

⁴"You shall offer the one lamb in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;

⁵also a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

⁶It constitutes a continual burnt offering which had become ordained in Mount Sinai as a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

⁷Then the drink offering with it shall constitute a fourth of a hin for each lamb, in the holy place you shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to the LORD.

⁸The other lamb you shall offer at twilight; as the grain offering of the morning and as its drink offering, you shall offer it, an offering by fire, a soothing aroma to the LORD.

⁹Then on the sabbath day two male lambs one year old without defect, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and its drink offering:

¹⁰This constitutes the burnt offering of every sabbath in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

¹¹Then at the beginning of each of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two bulls and one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect;

¹²and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, for each bull; and two-tenths of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, for the one ram;

¹³and a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

¹⁴Their drink offerings shall consist of half a hin of wine for a bull and a third of a hin for the ram and a fourth of a hin for a lamb; this constitutes the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year.

¹⁵And one male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; you shall offer it offered with its drink offering in addition to the continual burnt offering.

¹⁶ Then on the fourteenth day of the first month shall constitute the LORD'S Passover.

¹⁷ On the fifteenth day of this month shall consist of a feast, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days.

¹⁸On the first day you shall keep a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

¹⁹You shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to the LORD: two bulls and one ram and seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect.

²⁰For their grain offering, you shall offer fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for a bull and two-tenths for the ram.

²¹A tenth of an ephah you shall offer for each of the seven lambs;

²²and one male goat for a sin offering to make atonement for you.

²³You shall present these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which you shall offer for a continual burnt offering.

²⁴After this manner you shall present daily, for seven days, the food of the offering by fire, of a soothing aroma to the LORD; you shall present with its drink offering in addition to the continual burnt offering.

²⁵On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

²⁶Also on the day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the LORD in your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

²⁷You shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing aroma to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs one year old;

²⁸and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

²⁹a tenth for each of the seven lambs;

³⁰also one male goat to make atonement for you.

³¹Besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, you shall present them with their drink offerings. They shall have no defect.

Numbers 29

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Offerings of the Seventh Month

¹Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. You will have a day for blowing trumpets.

²You shall offer a burnt offering as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old without defect;

³also their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

⁴and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs.

⁵Offer one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you,

⁶besides the burnt offering of the new moon and its grain offering, and the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

⁷Then on the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall humble yourselves; you shall not do any work.

⁸You shall present a burnt offering to the LORD as a soothing aroma: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect;

⁹and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

¹⁰a tenth for each of the seven lambs;

¹¹one male goat for a sin offering, besides the sin offering of atonement and the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

¹²Then on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work, and you shall observe a feast to the LORD for seven days.

¹³You shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire as a soothing aroma to the LORD: thirteen bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old, which have no defect;

¹⁴and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams,

¹⁵and a tenth for each of the fourteen lambs;

¹⁶and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.

¹⁷Then on the second day: twelve bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

¹⁸and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

¹⁹and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

²⁰Then on the third day: eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

²¹and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

²²and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its drink offering.

²³Then on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

²⁴their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

²⁵and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.

²⁶Then on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

²⁷and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

²⁸and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its drink offering.

²⁹Then on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

³⁰and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

³¹and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offerings.

³²Then on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

³³and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

³⁴and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.

³⁵ On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work.

³⁶But you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect;

³⁷their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

³⁸and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its drink offering.

³⁹You shall present these to the LORD at your appointed times, besides your votive offerings and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your grain offerings and for your drink offerings and for your peace offerings."

⁴⁰Moses spoke to the sons of Israel in accordance with all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 30

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The Law of Vows

¹Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, "I deliver the word which the LORD has commanded.

²" If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

³"Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth,

⁴and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand.

⁵"But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her.

⁶"However, if she should marry while under her vows or the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself,

⁷and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears it, then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand.

⁸"But if on the day her husband hears of it, he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which she has made under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and the LORD will forgive her.

⁹"But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

¹⁰"However, if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an obligation with an oath,

¹¹and her husband heard it, but said nothing to her and did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand and every obligation by which she bound herself shall stand.

¹²"But if her husband indeed annuls them on the day he hears them, then whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the obligation of herself shall not stand; her husband has annulled them, and the LORD will forgive her.

¹³"Every vow and every binding oath to humble herself, her husband may confirm it or her husband may annul it.

¹⁴"But if her husband indeed says nothing to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all her obligations which she has assumed; he has confirmed them, because he said nothing to her on the day he heard them.

¹⁵"But if he indeed annuls them after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt."

¹⁶These represents the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, as between a man and his wife, and as between a father and his daughter, while she spends in her youth in her father's house.

Numbers 31

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The Slaughter of Midian

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²" Take full vengeance for the sons of Israel on the Midianites; afterward you will become gathered to your people."

³Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian to execute the LORD'S vengeance on Midian.

⁴"A thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war."

⁵So there became furnished from the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

⁶Moses sent them, a thousand from each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them, and the holy vessels and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

⁷So they made war against Midian, just as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they killed every male.

⁸They killed the kings of Midian along with the rest of their slain: Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the five kings of Midian; they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

⁹The sons of Israel captured the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle and all their flocks and all their goods they plundered.

¹⁰Then they burned all their cities where they lived and all their camps with fire.

¹¹They took all the spoil and all the prey, both of man and of beast.

¹²They brought the captives and the prey and the spoil to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which lie by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

¹³Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp.

¹⁴Moses became angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.

¹⁵And Moses said to them, "Have you spared all the women?"

¹⁶"Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so the plague spread among the congregation of the LORD.

¹⁷"Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man intimately.

¹⁸"But all the girls who have not known man intimately, spare for yourselves.

¹⁹"And you, camp outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves, you and your captives, on the third day and on the seventh day.

²⁰"You shall purify for yourselves every garment and every article of leather and all the work of goats' hair, and all articles of wood."

²¹Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, "This statute of the law the LORD has commanded Moses:

²²only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin and the lead,

²³everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall become clean, but you shall purify with water for impurity. But whatever cannot stand the fire you shall pass through the water.

²⁴"And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and become clean, and afterward you may enter the camp."

Division of the Booty

²⁵Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁶"You and Eleazar the priest and the heads of the fathers' households of the congregation take a count of the booty that they captured, both of man and of animal;

²⁷and divide the booty between the warriors who went out to battle and all the congregation.

²⁸" Levy a tax for the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle, one in five hundred of the persons and of the cattle and of the donkeys and of the sheep;

²⁹take it from their half and give it to Eleazar the priest, as an offering to the LORD.

³⁰"From the sons of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys and of the sheep, from all the animals, and give them to the Levites who keep charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

³¹Moses and Eleazar the priest did just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³²Now the booty that remained from the spoil which the men of war had plundered numbered 675,000 sheep,

³³and 72,000 cattle,

³⁴and 61,000 donkeys,

³⁵and of human beings, of the women who had not known man intimately, all the persons numbered 32,000.

³⁶The half, the portion of those who went out to war, summed up as follows: the number of sheep totaled 337,500,

³⁷and the LORD'S levy of the sheep numbered 675;

³⁸and the cattle numbered 36,000, from which the LORD'S levy consisted of 72;

³⁹and the donkeys numbered 30,500, from which the LORD'S levy numbered 61;

⁴⁰and the human beings numbered 16,000, from whom the LORD'S levy numbered 32 persons.

⁴¹Moses gave the levy which constituted the LORD'S offering to Eleazar the priest, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁴²As for the sons of Israel's half, which Moses separated from the men who had gone to war--

⁴³now the congregation's half numbered 337,500 sheep,

⁴⁴and 36,000 cattle,

⁴⁵and 30,500 donkeys,

⁴⁶and the human beings numbered 16,000--

⁴⁷and from the sons of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of animals, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁴⁸Then the officers who presided over the thousands of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, approached Moses,

⁴⁹and they said to Moses, "Your servants have taken a census of men of war who we have in our charge, and no man of us has become missing.

⁵⁰"So we have brought as an offering to the LORD what each man found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD."

⁵¹Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all kinds of wrought articles.

⁵²All the gold of the offering which they offered up to the LORD, from the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, numbered 16,750 shekels.

⁵³The men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.

⁵⁴So Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it to the tent of meeting as a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD.

Numbers 32

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Reuben and Gad Settle in Gilead

¹Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had an exceedingly large number of livestock. So when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that it appeared indeed a place suitable for livestock,

²the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

³"Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon,

⁴the land which the LORD conquered before the congregation of Israel, appears a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock."

⁵They said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let us give this land to your servants as a possession; do not take us across the Jordan."

⁶But Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here?"

⁷"Now why do you discourage the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which the LORD has given them?"

⁸"This your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

⁹"For when they went up to the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the sons of Israel so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

¹⁰"So the LORD'S anger burned in that day, and He swore, saying,

¹¹None of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob; for they did not follow Me fully,

¹²except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have followed the LORD fully.'

¹³"So the LORD'S anger burned against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire generation of those who had done evil in the sight of the LORD became destroyed.

¹⁴"Now behold, you have risen up in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to add still more to the burning anger of the LORD against Israel.

¹⁵"For if you turn away from following Him, He will once more abandon them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people."

¹⁶Then they came near to him and said, "We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones;

¹⁷ but we ourselves will arm ourselves ready to go before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, while our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

¹⁸" We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.

¹⁹"For we will not have an inheritance with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of the Jordan toward the east."

²⁰ So Moses said to them, "If you will do this, if you will arm yourselves before the LORD for the war,

²¹ and all of you armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven His enemies out from before Him,

²² and the land has become subdued before the LORD, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward the LORD and toward Israel, and this land shall become yours for a possession before the LORD.

²³"But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and have absolute assurance that your sin will find you out.

²⁴"Build yourselves cities for your little ones, and sheepfolds for your sheep, and do what you have promised."

²⁵The sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do just as my lord commands.

²⁶" Our little ones, our wives, our livestock and all our cattle shall remain there in the cities of Gilead;

²⁷ while your servants, everyone who arm themselves for war, will cross over in the presence of the LORD to battle, just as my lord says."

²⁸So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' households of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

²⁹Moses said to them, "If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, everyone who has armed themselves for battle, will cross with you over the Jordan in the presence of the LORD, and the land He subdues before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

³⁰but if they will not cross over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

³¹The sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.

³²"We ourselves will cross over armed in the presence of the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us across the Jordan."

³³So Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og, the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with their territories, the cities of the surrounding land.

³⁴The sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer,

³⁵and Atroth-shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah,

³⁶and Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran as fortified cities, and sheepfolds for sheep.

³⁷The sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kiriathaim,

³⁸and Nebo and Baal-meon—having changed their names --and Sibmah, and they gave other names to the cities which they built.

³⁹The sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who lived in it.

⁴⁰So Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it.

⁴¹Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its towns, and called them Havvoth-jair.

⁴²Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

Numbers 33

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Review of the Journey from Egypt to Jordan

¹These constitute the journeys of the sons of Israel, by which they came out from the land of Egypt by their armies, under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

²Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the command of the LORD, and these constitute their journeys according to their starting places.

³They journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel started out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians,

⁴while the Egyptians buried all their firstborn whom the LORD had struck down among them. The LORD had also executed judgments on their gods.

⁵Then the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses and camped in Succoth.

⁶They journeyed from Succoth and camped in Etham, which live on the edge of the wilderness.

⁷They journeyed from Etham and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which faces Baal-zephon, and they camped before Migdol.

⁸They journeyed from before Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness; and they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham and camped at Marah.

⁹They journeyed from Marah and came to Elim; and in Elim they found twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they camped there.

¹⁰They journeyed from Elim and camped by the Red Sea.

¹¹They journeyed from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

¹²They journeyed from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah.

¹³They journeyed from Dophkah and camped at Alush.

¹⁴They journeyed from Alush and camped at Rephidim; now there the people had no water to drink.

¹⁵They journeyed from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.

- ¹⁶They journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai and camped at Kibroth-hattaavah.
- ¹⁷They journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.
- ¹⁸They journeyed from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.
- ¹⁹They journeyed from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon-perez.
- ²⁰They journeyed from Rimmon-perez and camped at Libnah.
- ²¹They journeyed from Libnah and camped at Rissah.
- ²²They journeyed from Rissah and camped in Kehelathah.
- ²³They journeyed from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.
- ²⁴They journeyed from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.
- ²⁵They journeyed from Haradah and camped at Makheloth.
- ²⁶They journeyed from Makheloth and camped at Tahath.
- ²⁷They journeyed from Tahath and camped at Terah.
- ²⁸They journeyed from Terah and camped at Mithkah.
- ²⁹They journeyed from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah.
- ³⁰They journeyed from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.
- ³¹They journeyed from Moseroth and camped at Bene-jaakan.
- ³²They journeyed from Bene-jaakan and camped at Hor-haggidgad.
- ³³They journeyed from Hor-haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.
- ³⁴They journeyed from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.
- ³⁵They journeyed from Abronah and camped at Ezion-geber.
- ³⁶They journeyed from Ezion-geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin, namely, Kadesh.
- ³⁷They journeyed from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, at the edge of the land of Edom.

³⁸ Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the command of the LORD, and died there in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come from the land of Egypt, on the first day in the fifth month.

³⁹ Aaron reached one hundred twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

⁴⁰ Now the Canaanite, the king of Arad who lived in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.

⁴¹ Then they journeyed from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.

⁴² They journeyed from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.

⁴³ They journeyed from Punon and camped at Oboth.

⁴⁴ They journeyed from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim, at the border of Moab.

⁴⁵ They journeyed from Iyim and camped at Dibon-gad.

⁴⁶ They journeyed from Dibon-gad and camped at Almon-diblathaim.

⁴⁷ They journeyed from Almon-diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

⁴⁸ They journeyed from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

⁴⁹ They camped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth as far as Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

Law of Possessing the Land

⁵⁰ Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying,

⁵¹ "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ' When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

⁵² then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their figured stones, and destroy all their molten images and demolish all their high places;

⁵³ and you shall take possession of the land and live in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it.

⁵⁴ You shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the larger you shall give more inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give less inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to anyone, that shall be his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

⁵⁵But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come about that those whom you let remain of them will become as pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they will trouble you in the land in which you live.

⁵⁶And as I plan to do to them, so I will do to you."

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Instruction for Apportioning Canaan

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders.

³ Your southern sector shall extend from the wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern border shall extend from the end of the Salt Sea eastward.

⁴Then your border shall turn direction from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim and continue to Zin, and its termination shall extend to the south of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall reach Hazaraddar and continue to Azmon.

⁵The border shall turn direction from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its termination shall extend to the sea.

⁶As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea, namely, its coastline; this shall you consider your west border.

⁷ And this you shall consider your north border: you shall draw your border line from the Great Sea to Mount Hor.

⁸You shall draw a line from Mount Hor to the Lebo-hamath, and the termination of the border shall extend to Zedad;

⁹and the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and its termination shall extend to Hazar-enan. This you shall consider your north border.

¹⁰For your eastern border you shall also draw a line from Hazar-enan to Shepham,

¹¹and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down and reach to the slope on the east side of the Sea of Chinnereth.

¹²And the border shall go down to the Jordan and its termination shall extend to the Salt Sea. This you shall consider your land according to its borders all around."

¹³So Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, " This land you will apportion by lot among you as a possession, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine and a half tribes.

¹⁴" For the tribe of the sons of Reuben have received theirs according to their fathers' households, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to their fathers' households, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their possession.

¹⁵"The two and a half tribes have received their possession across the Jordan opposite Jericho, eastward toward the sunrising."

¹⁶Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁷" These constitute the names of the men who shall apportion the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

¹⁸"You shall take one leader of every tribe to apportion the land for inheritance.

¹⁹"These constitute the names of the men: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

²⁰"Of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Samuel the son of Ammihud.

²¹"Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

²²"Of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli.

²³"Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

²⁴"Of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiptan.

²⁵"Of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

²⁶"Of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

²⁷"Of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

²⁸"Of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

²⁹These the LORD commanded to apportion the inheritance to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

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Cities for the Levites

¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying,

²"Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites from the inheritance of their possession cities to live in; and you shall give to the Levites pasture lands around the cities.

³"The cities shall belong to them to live in; and their pasture lands they shall receive for their cattle and for their herds and for all their beasts.

⁴"The pasture lands of the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall extend from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits around.

⁵"You shall also measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, with the city in the center. This shall become theirs as pasture lands for the cities.

Cities of Refuge

⁶"The cities which you shall give to the Levites shall consist of the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to; and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

⁷"All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall consist of forty-eight cities, together with their pasture lands.

⁸" As for the cities which you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel, you shall take more from the larger and you shall take less from the smaller; each shall give some of his cities to the Levites in proportion to his possession which he inherits."

⁹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁰" Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

¹¹ then you shall select for yourselves cities to consist of your cities of refuge, that the manslayer who has killed any person unintentionally may flee there.

¹² The cities shall become to you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer will not die until he stands before the congregation for trial.

¹³The cities which you will give shall consist of your six cities of refuge.

¹⁴You shall give three cities across the Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan; they shall become cities of refuge.

¹⁵These six cities shall exist for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there.

¹⁶ But if he struck him down with an iron object, so that he died, he has murdered; the murderer shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁷If he struck him down with a stone in the hand, by which he will die, and as a result he died, he has murdered; the murderer shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁸Or if he struck him with a wooden object in the hand, by which he might die, and as a result he died, he has murdered; the murderer shall surely receive the death penalty.

¹⁹The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he shall put him to death when he meets him.

²⁰ If he pushed him of hatred, or threw something at him lying in wait and as a result he died,

²¹ or if he struck him down with his hand in enmity, and as a result he died, the one who struck him shall surely receive the death penalty, he has murdered; the blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

²² But if he pushed him suddenly without enmity, or threw something at him without lying in wait,

²³ or with any deadly object of stone, and without seeing it dropped on him so that he died, while he didn't regard him as his enemy nor sought his injury,

²⁴ then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the blood avenger according to these ordinances.

²⁵The congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who had become anointed with the holy oil.

²⁶But if the manslayer at any time goes beyond the border of his city of refuge to which he may flee,

²⁷ and the blood avenger finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the blood avenger kills the manslayer, he will not have bloodguilt

²⁸ because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return to the land of his possession.

²⁹These things you shall observe for a statutory ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

³⁰If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall receive the death penalty at the evidence of witnesses, but no person shall receive the death penalty on the testimony of one witness.

³¹Moreover, you shall not take ransom for the life of a murderer who has become guilty of death, but he shall surely receive the death penalty.

³²You shall not take ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to live in the land before the death of the priest.

³³So you shall not pollute the land in which you live; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can one make for the land for the blood that has become shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it.

³⁴You shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel."

Numbers 36

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Inheritance by Marriage

¹And the heads of the fathers' households of the family of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the leaders, the heads of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel,

²and they said, "The LORD commanded my lord to give the land by lot to the sons of Israel as an inheritance, and my lord received a commandment by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

³"But if they marry one of the sons of the other tribes of the sons of Israel, they will forfeit their inheritance from the inheritance of our fathers and will become added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they belong; thus it will become withdrawn from our allotted inheritance.

⁴"When the jubilee of the sons of Israel comes, then their inheritance will become added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they belong; so their inheritance they will forfeit from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."

⁵Then Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, "The tribe of the sons of Joseph have accuracy in their statements.

⁶"This the LORD has commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them marry whom they wish; only they must marry within the family of the tribe of their father.'

⁷"Thus no inheritance of the sons of Israel shall transfer from tribe to tribe, for the sons of Israel shall each hold to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

⁸" Every daughter who comes into possession of an inheritance of any tribe of the sons of Israel shall become wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

⁹"Thus no inheritance shall transfer from one tribe to another tribe, for the tribes of the sons of Israel shall each hold to his own inheritance."

¹⁰Just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zelophehad did:

¹¹ Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad married their uncles' sons.

¹²They married those from the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained with the tribe of the family of their father.

¹³ These constitute the commandments and the ordinances which the LORD commanded to the sons of Israel through Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

Deuteronomy 1-34

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Israel's History after the Exodus

¹These words Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab.

²It will take eleven days to journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

³In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD had commanded him to give to them,

⁴after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei.

⁵Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law, saying,

⁶"The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

⁷Turn and set your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negev and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

⁸'See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them.'

⁹"I spoke to you at that time, saying, 'I cannot bear the burden of you alone.

¹⁰The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you have increased and have become this day like the stars of heaven in number.

¹¹'May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you once accounted yourself and bless you, just as He has promised you!

¹²How can I alone bear the load and burden of you and your strife?

¹³'Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads.'

¹⁴"You answered me and said, 'The thing which you have said to do sounds good.'

¹⁵"So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands and of hundreds, of fifties and of tens, and officers for your tribes.

¹⁶"Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who dwells with him.

¹⁷ You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike You shall not fear man, for the judgment belongs to God The case that you find too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.'

¹⁸" I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

¹⁹"Then we set out from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, just as the LORD our God had commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

²⁰"I said to you, 'You have come to the hill country of the Amorites which the LORD our God will soon give us.

²¹'See, the LORD your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. Do not fear or feel dismay.'

²²" Then all of you approached me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up and the cities which we shall enter.'

²³"The thing pleased me and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe.

²⁴" They turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol and spied it out.

²⁵"Then they took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought us back a report and said, 'It appears a good land which the LORD our God will soon give us.'

²⁶" Yet you did not show willingness to go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God;

²⁷and you grumbled in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.

²⁸"Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people look bigger and taller than we; the cities appear large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there."

²⁹"Then I said to you, 'Do not allow yourselves to become shocked, nor fear them.

³⁰The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

³¹and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.'

³²"But for all this, you did not trust the LORD your God,

³³who goes before you on your way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.

³⁴"Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He became angry and took an oath, saying,

³⁵Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers,

³⁶except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.'

³⁷"The LORD became angry with me also on your account, saying, 'Not even you shall enter there.

³⁸Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it.

³⁹Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.

⁴⁰But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.'

⁴¹"Then you said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country.

⁴²"And the LORD said to me, 'Say to them, "Do not go up nor fight, for I will not dwell among you; otherwise you will suffer defeat before your enemies.'"

⁴³"So I spoke to you, but you would not listen. Instead you rebelled against the command of the LORD, and acted presumptuously and went up into the hill country.

⁴⁴"The Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do, and crushed you from Seir to Hormah.

⁴⁵"Then you returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD did not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.

⁴⁶"So you remained in Kadesh many days, the days that you spent there.

Deuteronomy 2

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Wanderings in the Wilderness

¹" Then we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled Mount Seir for many days.

²"And the LORD spoke to me, saying,

³"You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north,

⁴ and command the people, saying, "You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and they will fear you. So take care;

⁵ do not provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even as little as a footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

⁶"You shall buy food from them with money so that you may eat, and you shall also purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.

⁷"For the LORD your God has blessed you in all that you have done; He has known your wanderings through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has dwelt with you; you have not lacked a thing."

⁸"So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road, away from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed through by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

⁹"Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession.

¹⁰(The Emim lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.

¹¹Like the Anakim, they also descend from the Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

¹² The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

¹³ "Now arise and cross over the brook Zered yourselves.' So we crossed over the brook Zered.

¹⁴ "Now the time that it took for us to come from Kadesh-barnea until we crossed over the brook Zered reached thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war perished from within the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.

¹⁵ " Moreover the hand of the LORD came against them, to destroy them from within the camp until they all perished.

¹⁶ "So it came about when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people,

¹⁷ that the LORD spoke to me, saying,

¹⁸ "Today you shall cross over Ar, the border of Moab.

¹⁹ "When you come opposite the sons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a possession.'

²⁰ (We also regard it as the land of the Rephaim, for Rephaim formerly lived in it, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummin,

²¹ a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

²² just as He did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them; they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day.

²³ And the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

²⁴ "Arise, set out, and pass through the valley of Arnon. Look! I have given Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession and contend with him in battle.

²⁵ "This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the peoples everywhere under the heavens, who, when they hear the report of you, will tremble and feel anguish because of you.'

²⁶ " So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

²⁷Let me pass through your land, I will travel only on the highway; I will not turn aside to the right or to the left.

²⁸You will sell me food for money so that I may eat, and give me water for money so that I may drink, only let me pass through on foot,

²⁹just as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for me, until I cross over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God gives to us.'

³⁰But Sihon king of Heshbon did not want us to pass through his land; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand, as he has today.

³¹The LORD said to me, 'See, I have begun to deliver Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to occupy, that you may possess his land.'

³²Then Sihon with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz.

³³ The LORD our God delivered him over to us, and we defeated him with his sons and all his people.

³⁴So we captured all his cities at that time and utterly destroyed the men, women and children of every city. We left no survivor.

³⁵We took only the animals as our booty and the spoil of the cities which we had captured.

³⁶From Aroer which locates on the edge of the valley of Arnon and from the city which we acknowledge as the valley, even to Gilead, we found no city too high for us; the LORD our God delivered all over to us.

³⁷ Only you did not go near to the land of the sons of Ammon, all along the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, and wherever the LORD our God had commanded us.

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Conquests Recounted

¹" Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og, king of Bashan, with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Edrei.

²"But the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.'

³"So the LORD our God delivered Og also, king of Bashan, with all his people into our hand, and we smote them until no survivor remained.

⁴"We captured all his cities at that time; there did not remain a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

⁵"All these cities had fortified high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many unwalled towns.

⁶"We utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women and children of every city.

⁷" But all the animals and the spoil of the cities we took as our booty.

⁸" Thus we took the land at that time from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan, from the valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon

⁹(Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir):

¹⁰all the cities of the plateau and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

¹¹(For only Og king of Bashan remained as the remnant of the Rephaim Behold, his bedstead completely consisted of iron ; it stood in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length measured nine cubits and its width four cubits by ordinary cubit.)

¹²"So we took possession of this land at that time. From Aroer, which locates by the valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead and its cities I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

¹³"The rest of Gilead and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob (concerning all Bashan, we call it the land of Rephaim.

¹⁴ Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called it, namely, Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as we call it to this day.)

¹⁵" To Machir I gave Gilead.

¹⁶"To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even as far as the valley of Arnon, the middle of the valley as a border and as far as the river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

¹⁷the Arabah also, with the Jordan as a border, from Chinnereth even as far as the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

¹⁸"Then I commanded you at that time, saying, ' The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it; all you valiant men shall cross over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel.

¹⁹ But your wives and your little ones and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall remain in your cities which I have given you,

²⁰ until the LORD gives rest to your fellow countrymen as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God will give them beyond the Jordan Then you may return every man to his possession which I have given you.'

²¹"I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms into which will soon cross.

²²'Do not fear them, for the LORD your God fights for you.'

²³"I also pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,

²⁴'O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what god do we find in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?

²⁵'Let me, I pray, cross over and see the fair land that lies beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.'

²⁶"But the LORD became angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me; and the LORD said to me, 'Enough! Speak to Me no more of this matter.

²⁷'Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

²⁸ But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him, for he shall go across at the head of this people, and he will give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.'

²⁹"So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.

Deuteronomy 4

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Israel Urged to Obey God's Law

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to perform, so that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, gives you.

²" You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

³" Your eyes have seen what the LORD has done in the case of Baal-peor, for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the LORD your God has destroyed them from among you.

⁴"But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.

⁵"See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you enter to possess it.

⁶"So keep and do them, for that constitutes your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation consists of a wise and understanding people.'

⁷"For what great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?

⁸"Or what great nation has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I set before you today?

⁹"Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.

¹⁰"Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

¹¹"You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the very heart of the heavens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

¹²"Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form--only a voice.

¹³"So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, namely, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

¹⁴"The LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you go over to possess it.

¹⁵"So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire,

¹⁶so that you do not act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

¹⁷the likeness of any animal that dwells on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky,

¹⁸the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that lives in the water below the earth.

¹⁹"And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and draw yourselves away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

²⁰"But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to live as a people for His own possession, as today.

²¹" Now the LORD became angry with me on your account, and swore that I would not cross the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

²²"For I will die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land.

²³"So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the LORD your God has commanded you.

²⁴"For the LORD your God resembles a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵"When you become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger,

²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you go over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will suffer utter destruction.

²⁷"The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will remain few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.

²⁸" There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

²⁹" But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.

³⁰"When you fall in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

³¹"For the LORD your God shows compassion; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

³²"Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which you lived through, since the day that God created man on the earth, and inquire from one end of the heavens to the other Has anything taken place done like this great thing, or has anyone heard anything like it?

³³" Has any people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard it, and survived?

³⁴" Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within another nation by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

³⁵"To you He has shown you that you might know that the LORD, we acknowledge only as God; no other exists besides Him.

³⁶" Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire.

³⁷" Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them And He personally brought you from Egypt by His great power,

³⁸driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in and to give you their land for an inheritance, as we have it today.

³⁹"Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD alone we acknowledge as God in heaven above and on the earth below; no other exists.

⁴⁰" So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I give you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may live long on the land which the LORD your God gives you for all time."

⁴¹ Then Moses set apart three cities across the Jordan to the east,

⁴² that a manslayer might flee there, who unintentionally slew his neighbor without having enmity toward him in time past; and by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

⁴³ Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

⁴⁴ Now this reads the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel;

⁴⁵ these testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out from Egypt,

⁴⁶ across the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel defeated when they came out from Egypt.

⁴⁷ They took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who lived across the Jordan to the east,

⁴⁸ from Aroer, which we find on the edge of the valley of Arnon, even as far as Mount Sion (namely, Hermon),

⁴⁹ with all the Arabah across the Jordan to the east, even as far as the sea of the Arabah, at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah.

Deuteronomy 5

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The Ten Commandments Repeated

¹ Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully.

² "The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb.

³ "The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today.

⁴"The LORD spoke to you face to face at the mountain from the midst of the fire,

⁵while I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you feared because of the fire and did not go up the mountain. He said,

⁶I alone constitute the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

⁷You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁸You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what exists in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

⁹You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, have jealousy, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

¹⁰but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

¹¹You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

¹²Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁴but the seventh day God has designated as a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

¹⁵You shall remember that you served as slaves in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

¹⁶Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may prolong and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹⁷You shall not murder.

¹⁸You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁹You shall not steal.

²⁰You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

²¹ You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

Moses Interceded

²²"These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

²³"And when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain burned with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.

²⁴"You said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

²⁵ Now then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer, then we will die.

²⁶For who of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

²⁷Go near and hear all that the LORD our God says; then speak to us all that the LORD our God speaks to you, and we will hear and do it.'

²⁸"The LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.

²⁹ Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may go well with them and with their sons forever!

³⁰Go, say to them, "Return to your tents."

³¹ But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I give them to possess.'

³²"So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.

³³ You shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may go well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess.

Deuteronomy 6

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Obey God and Prosper

¹"Now this constitutes the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it,

²so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may lengthen.

³"O Israel, you should listen and carefully do it, that it may go well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴" Hear, O Israel! The LORD we acknowledge as our God, the LORD we recognize as one!

⁵" You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶" These words, which I command you today, shall dwell on your heart.

⁷" You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

⁸" You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall resemble frontals on your forehead.

⁹" You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰"Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build,

¹¹and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and satisfy yourselves,

¹²then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹³" You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

¹⁴" You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

¹⁵for the LORD your God in the midst of you has jealousy for you; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will kindle against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

¹⁶" You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah.

¹⁷" You should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you.

¹⁸"You shall do right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to give your fathers,

¹⁹by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

²⁰" When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the LORD our God commanded you?'

²¹then you shall say to your son, 'We served as slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand.

²²Moreover, the LORD showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household;

²³He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.'

²⁴"So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it has occurred today.

²⁵" It will appear as righteousness for us if we carefully observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

Deuteronomy 7

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Warnings

¹" When the LORD your God brings you into the land where you enter to possess it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and stronger than you,

²and when the LORD your God delivers them before you and you defeat them, then you shall utterly destroy them You shall make no covenant with them and show no favor to them.

³"Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons.

⁴"For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will kindle against you and He will quickly destroy you.

⁵"But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their sacred pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

⁶"For the Lord your God regards you as a holy people ; the LORD your God has chosen you to serve as a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who dwell on the face of the earth.

⁷" The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you numbered more than any of the peoples, for you had the fewest number of all peoples,

⁸but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹"Know therefore that the LORD your God, He alone we regard as God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

¹⁰but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

¹¹"Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I command you today, to do them.

Promises of God

¹²" Then it shall come about, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you His covenant and His lovingkindness which He swore to your forefathers.

¹³"He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

¹⁴"You shall receive blessings above all peoples; there no male or female will have barrenness among you or among your cattle.

¹⁵" The LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you.

¹⁶"You shall consume all the peoples whom the LORD your God will deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them, nor shall you serve their gods, for that would snare you.

¹⁷"If you should say in your heart, 'These nations seem greater than I; how can I dispossess them?'

¹⁸you shall not fear them; you shall well remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

¹⁹ the great trials which your eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you fear.

²⁰"Moreover, the LORD your God will send the hornet against them, until those who remain hide themselves from you and perish.

²¹"You shall not dread them, for the LORD your God dwells in your midst, a great and awesome God.

²²" The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will have the capability to put an end to them quickly, for the wild beasts would grow too numerous for you.

²³" But the LORD your God will deliver them before you, and will throw them into great confusion until they destroy themselves.

²⁴" He will deliver their kings into your hand so that you will make their name perish from under heaven; no man will have the ability to stand before you until you have destroyed them.

²⁵"The graven images of their gods you will burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that covers them, nor take it for yourselves, or you will ensnare yourselves by it, for the Lord your God considers it an abomination.

²⁶"You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it come under the ban; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for the Lord bans it.

Deuteronomy 8

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God's Gracious Dealings

¹"All the commandments that I command you today you shall carefully do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers.

²" You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what you had in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

³"He humbled you and let you felt hungry , and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

⁴" Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

⁵" Thus you should know in your heart that the LORD your God disciplined you just as a man disciplines his son.

⁶"Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

⁷"For the LORD your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

⁹a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones consist of iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

¹⁰"When you have eaten and have satisfied yourself, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I command you today;

¹²otherwise, when you have eaten and have satisfied yourselves, and have built good houses and lived in them,

¹³and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplied,

¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹⁵He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where you could find no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint.

¹⁶In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end.

¹⁷Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'

¹⁸But you shall remember the LORD your God, for He gives you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it has occurred this day.

¹⁹It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish.

²⁰Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 9

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Israel Provoked God

¹Hear, O Israel! You will cross over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities fortified to heaven,

²a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard it said, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'

³Know therefore today that the LORD your God crosses over before you as a consuming fire He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you.

⁴Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before you, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD dispossesses them before you.

⁵God did not reward you for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart the possession of their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God

drives them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

⁶"Know, then, it does not occur because of your righteousness that the LORD your God gives you this good land to possess, for you have behaved stubbornly.

⁷"Remember, do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness; from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have rebelled against the LORD.

⁸"Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD became so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.

⁹"When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water.

¹⁰"The LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written by the finger of God; and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

¹¹"It came about at the end of forty days and nights that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

¹²" Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.'

¹³"The LORD spoke further to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed, they show themselves a stubborn people.

¹⁴ Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

¹⁵" So I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain had burned with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant I carried in my two hands.

¹⁶"And I saw that you had indeed sinned against the LORD your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you.

¹⁷"I took hold of the two tablets and threw them from my hands and smashed them before your eyes.

¹⁸" I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you had committed in doing evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger.

¹⁹"For I feared the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD exercised wrath against you in order to destroy you, but the LORD listened to me that time also.

²⁰"The LORD felt angry enough with Aaron to destroy him; so I also prayed for Aaron at the same time.

²¹" I took your sinful thing, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small until it became as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain.

²²"Again at Taberah and at Massah and at Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath.

²³"When the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, ' Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; you neither believed Him nor listened to His voice.

²⁴" You rebelled against the LORD from the day I knew you.

²⁵" So I fell down before the LORD the forty days and nights, which I did because the LORD had said He would destroy you.

²⁶" I prayed to the LORD and said, 'O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people, even Your inheritance, whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

²⁷"Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look at the stubbornness of this people or at their wickedness or their sin.

²⁸"Otherwise the land from which You brought us may say, " Because the LORD could not bring them into the land which He had promised them and because He hated them He has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness."

²⁹"Yet this people still belongs to You, even Your inheritance, whom You have brought out by Your great power and Your outstretched arm.'

Deuteronomy 10

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The Tablets Rewritten

¹"At that time the LORD said to me, 'Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the former ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood for yourself.

²'I will write on the tablets the words that appeared on the former tablets which you shattered, and you shall put them in the ark.'

³"So I made an ark of acacia wood and cut out two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.

⁴"He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, the Ten Commandments which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

⁵"Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they remain, as the LORD commanded me."

⁶(Now the sons of Israel set out from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah There Aaron died and there the people buried him and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place.

⁷From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.

⁸At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.

⁹Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD serves as his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)

¹⁰"I, moreover, stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights like the first time, and the LORD listened to me that time also; the LORD refrained from destroying you.

¹¹"Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.'

¹²"Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

¹³and to keep the LORD'S commandments and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

¹⁴"Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that lives in it.

¹⁵" Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it occurs on this day.

¹⁶" So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

¹⁷" For the LORD your God we acknowledge as the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

¹⁸"He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

¹⁹" So show your love for the alien, for you lived as aliens in the land of Egypt.

²⁰"You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name.

²¹"You praise and acknowledge Him as your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

²²" Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Deuteronomy 11

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Rewards of Obedience

¹"You shall therefore love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.

²"Know this day that I do not speak with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of the LORD your God--His greatness, His mighty hand and His outstretched arm,

³and His signs and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land;

⁴and what He did to Egypt's army, to its horses and its chariots, when He made the water of the Red Sea to engulf them while they pursued you, and the LORD completely destroyed them;

⁵and what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

⁶and what He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, among all Israel--

⁷but your own eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which He did.

⁸"You shall therefore keep every commandment which I command you today, so that you may remain strong and go in and possess the land into which you will soon cross to possess it;

⁹so that you may prolong your days on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰"For the land, into which you enter to possess it, does not resemble the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your foot like a vegetable garden.

¹¹"But the land into which you will soon cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven,

¹²a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God fixes always on it, from the beginning even to the end of the year.

¹³"It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul,

¹⁴that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.

¹⁵" He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and satisfy yourself.

¹⁶" Beware that your hearts fall into deception, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

¹⁷"Or the anger of the LORD will kindle against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there it will not rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD gives you.

¹⁸" You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall resemble frontals on your forehead.

¹⁹" You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

²⁰" You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

²¹so that your days and the days of your sons may multiply in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.

²²"For if you carefully keep all this commandment which I command you to do, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him,

²³then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

²⁴" Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall belong to you; your border will extend from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea.

²⁵" No man can stand before you; the LORD your God will lay the dread of you and the fear of you on all the land on which you set foot, as He has spoken to you.

²⁶" See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:

²⁷the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today;

²⁸and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, by following other gods which you have not known.

²⁹"It shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you enter to possess it, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

³⁰"Do you not see them across the Jordan, west of the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?

³¹"For you will soon cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God will give you, and you shall possess it and live in it,

³²and you shall carefully to do all the statutes and the judgments which I set before you today.

Deuteronomy 12

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Laws of the Sanctuary

¹"These constitute the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess as long as you live on the earth.

²"You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

³" You shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods and obliterate their name from that place.

⁴"You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God.

⁵" But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.

⁶"There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.

⁷"There also you and your households shall eat before the LORD your God, and rejoice in all your undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

⁸"You shall not do at all what we do here today, every man doing right in his own eyes;

⁹for you have not as yet come to the resting place and the inheritance which the LORD your God gives you.

¹⁰"When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God gives you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies around you so that you live in security,

¹¹ then it shall come about that the place in which the LORD your God will choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the LORD.

¹²"And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who dwell within your gates, since he has no portion or inheritance with you.

¹³" Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every cultic place you see,

¹⁴but in the place which the LORD chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

¹⁵" However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your gates, whatever you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and the deer.

¹⁶" Only you shall not eat the blood; you must pour it out on the ground like water.

¹⁷" You cannot eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or new wine or oil, or the firstborn of your herd or flock, or any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the contribution of your hand.

¹⁸"But you shall eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male and female servants, and the Levite who dwells within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all your undertakings.

¹⁹" Take care that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

²⁰"When the LORD your God extends your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' because you desire to eat meat, then you may eat meat, whatever you desire.

²¹"If the place which the LORD your God chooses to put His name lies too far from you, then you may slaughter of your herd and flock which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates whatever you desire.

²²"Just as a gazelle or a deer eats, so you will eat it; the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.

²³"Only make sure not to eat the blood, for the blood contains the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh.

²⁴"You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the ground like water.

²⁵"You shall not eat it, so that it may go well with you and your sons after you, for you will be doing right in the sight of the LORD.

²⁶" Only your holy things which you may have and your votive offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses.

²⁷"And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices you shall pour out on the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the flesh.

²⁸"Take care to listen to all these words which I command you, so that it may go well with you and your sons after you forever, for you will do good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

²⁹"When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

³⁰beware that you do not become ensnared to follow them, after God destroys them before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?'

³¹" You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

³²" Whatever I command you, you shall carefully do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

Deuteronomy 13

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Shun Idolatry

¹" If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,

²and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ' Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'

³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God tests you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

⁴" You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.

⁵"But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams you shall put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk So you shall purge the evil from among you.

⁶" If your brother, your mother's son, or your son or daughter, or the wife you cherish, or your friend who you regard as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, ' Let us go and serve other gods' (whom neither you nor your fathers have known,

⁷of the gods of the peoples who live around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other end),

⁸ you shall not yield to him or listen to him; and your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him.

⁹" But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall quickly put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

¹⁰"So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹¹"Then all Israel will hear and fear, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

¹²"If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to live in, anyone saying that

¹³some worthless men have gone out from among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying, ' Let us go and serve other gods' (whom you have not known),

¹⁴then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly. If it corroborates and the matter established that this abomination has taken place among you,

¹⁵ you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it and all that dwells in it and its cattle with the edge of the sword.

¹⁶" Then you shall gather all its booty into the middle of its open square and burn the city and all its booty with fire as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God; and it shall remain a ruin forever. You shall never rebuild it.

¹⁷"Nothing from that which you have put under the ban shall cling to your hand, in order that the LORD may turn from His burning anger and show mercy to you, and have compassion on you and make you increase, just as He has sworn to your fathers,

¹⁸if you will listen to the voice of the LORD your God, keeping all His commandments which I command you today, and do right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 14

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Clean and Unclean Animals

¹"You shall behave as the sons of the LORD your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.

²"For the Lord your God considers you a holy people, and the LORD has chosen you to live as a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who dwell on the face of the earth.

³" You shall not eat any detestable thing.

⁴" These animals you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,

⁵the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope and the mountain sheep.

⁶"Any animal that divides the hoof and has the hoof split in two and chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

⁷"Nevertheless, you cannot eat of these among those which chew the cud, or among those that divide the hoof in two: the camel and the rabbit and the shaphan, for though they chew the cud, they do not divide the hoof; you must regard them as unclean.

⁸"The pig, because it divides the hoof but does not chew the cud, you must regard it as unclean. You shall not eat any of their flesh nor touch their carcasses.

⁹"These you may eat of all that live in water: anything that has fins and scales you may eat,

¹⁰but anything that does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; you should regard it as unclean for you.

¹¹"You may eat any clean bird.

¹²"But these you shall not eat: the eagle and the vulture and the buzzard,

¹³and the red kite, the falcon, and the kite in their kinds,

¹⁴and every raven in its kind,

¹⁵and the ostrich, the owl, the sea gull, and the hawk in their kinds,

¹⁶the little owl, the great owl, the white owl,

¹⁷the pelican, the carrion vulture, the cormorant,

¹⁸the stork, and the heron in their kinds, and the hoopoe and the bat.

¹⁹"And all the teeming life with wings you should regard as unclean; you shall not eat them.

²⁰"You may eat any clean bird.

²¹" You shall not eat anything which dies of itself You may give it to the alien who lives in your town, so that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner, for the Lord your God regards you as a holy people You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

²²"You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes out of the field every year.

²³"You shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

²⁴"If the distance seems too great for you that you cannot bring the tithe, since the place where the LORD your God chooses to set His name lies too far away from you when the LORD your God blesses you,

²⁵then you shall exchange it for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

²⁶"You may spend the money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

²⁷"Also you shall not neglect the Levite who lives in your town, for he has no portion or inheritance among you.

²⁸" At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your town.

²⁹"The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who dwell in your town, shall come and eat and satisfy themselves in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deuteronomy 15

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The Sabbath Year

¹" At the end of every seven years you shall grant a remission of debts.

²"This will constitute the manner of remission: every creditor shall release what he has loaned to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother, because the LORD'S remission has become proclaimed.

³" From a foreigner you may exact it, but your hand shall release whatever of yours remains with your brother.

⁴"However, there will dwell no poor among you, since the LORD will surely bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to possess,

⁵if only you listen obediently to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all this commandment which I command you today.

⁶" For the LORD your God will bless you as He has promised you, and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

⁷"If a poor man dwells with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother;

⁸but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks.

⁹"Beware that there emerges no base thought in your heart, saying, ' The seventh year, the year of remission, draws near,' and your eye remains hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he may cry to the LORD against you, and it will constitute a sin in you.

¹⁰"You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not have grief when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.

¹¹" For the poor will never cease to live in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'

¹²" If someone sells your kinsman, a Hebrew man or woman, then he shall serve you six years, but in the seventh year you shall set him free.

¹³"When you set him free, you shall not send him away empty-handed.

¹⁴"You shall furnish him liberally from your flock and from your threshing floor and from your wine vat; you shall give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you.

¹⁵"You shall remember that you served as a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.

¹⁶"It shall come about if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he fares well with you;

¹⁷then you shall take an awl and pierce it through his ear into the door, and he shall serve as your servant forever. Also you shall do likewise to your maidservant.

¹⁸"It shall not seem hard to you when you set him free, for he has given you six years with double the service of a hired man; so the LORD your God will bless you in whatever you do.

¹⁹" You shall consecrate to the LORD your God all the firstborn males that have become born of your herd and of your flock; you shall not work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock.

²⁰" You and your household shall eat it every year before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses.

²¹" But if it has any defect, such as lameness or blindness, or any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

²²"You shall eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean alike may eat it, as a gazelle or a deer.

²³"Only you shall not eat its blood; you must pour it out on the ground like water.

Deuteronomy 16

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The Feasts of Passover, of Weeks, and of Booths

¹"Observe the month of Abib and celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

²"You shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God from the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD chooses to establish His name.

³" You shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat with it unleavened bread, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), so that you may remember all the days of your life the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.

⁴"For seven days no leaven shall appear with you in all your territory, and none of the flesh which you sacrifice on the evening of the first day shall remain overnight until morning.

⁵"You must not sacrifice the Passover in any of your towns which the LORD your God gives you;

⁶but at the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name, you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at sunset, at the time that you came out of Egypt.

⁷"You shall cook and eat it in the place which the LORD your God chooses. In the morning you shall return to your tents.

⁸"Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day you shall hold a solemn assembly to the LORD your God; you shall do no work on it.

⁹" You shall count seven weeks for yourself; you shall begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

¹⁰"Then you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the LORD your God blesses you;

¹¹and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite who lives in your town, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who dwell in your midst, in the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

¹²" You shall remember that you served as a slave in Egypt, and you shall carefully observe these statutes.

¹³" You shall celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat;

¹⁴and you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who dwell in your towns.

¹⁵"Seven days you shall celebrate a feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will have joy.

¹⁶" Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

¹⁷"Every man shall give as he can, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

¹⁸"You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

¹⁹" You shall not distort justice; you shall not show partiality, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

²⁰"Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, that you may live and possess the land which the LORD your God gives you.

²¹" You shall not plant for yourself an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself.

²²" You shall not set up for yourself a sacred pillar which the LORD your God hates.

Deuteronomy 17

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Administration of Justice

¹" You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish or any defect, for the Lord your God regards that as detestable.

²" If you find in your midst, in any of your towns, which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who does evil in the sight of the LORD your God, by transgressing His covenant,

³and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded,

⁴and if someone tells you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. Behold, if you find it true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has occurred in Israel,

⁵then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed to your gates, namely, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them to death.

⁶" On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who has received the death sentence; he shall not receive the death penalty on the evidence of one witness.

⁷" The hand of the witnesses shall have the first opportunity to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

⁸" If any case seems too difficult for you to decide, between one kind of homicide or another, between one kind of lawsuit or another, and between one kind of assault or another, as cases of dispute in your courts, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

⁹"So you shall come to the Levitical priest or the judge who holds office in those days, and you shall inquire of them and they will declare to you the verdict in the case.

¹⁰"You shall do according to the terms of the verdict which they declare to you from that place which the LORD chooses; and you shall carefully observe according to all that they teach you.

¹¹" According to the terms of the law which they teach you, and according to the verdict which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, to the right or the left.

¹²"The man who acts presumptuously by not listening to the priest who stands there to serve the LORD your God, nor to the judge, that man shall die; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

¹³"Then all the people will hear and fear, and will not act presumptuously again.

¹⁴"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, ' I will set a king over me like all the nations who surround me,'

¹⁵you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who does not belong to your country.

¹⁶" Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he ^(T)cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

¹⁷" He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

¹⁸"Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

¹⁹"It shall remain with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

²⁰that his heart may not lift up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

Deuteronomy 18

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Portion of the Levites

¹" The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the LORD'S offerings by fire and His portion.

²" They shall have no inheritance among their countrymen; the LORD serves as their inheritance, as He promised them.

³" Now this shall accrue to the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, either an ox or a sheep, of which they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach.

⁴"You shall give him the first fruits of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the first shearing of your sheep.

⁵" For the LORD your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to stand and serve in the name of the LORD forever.

⁶"Now if a Levite comes from any of your towns throughout Israel where he resides, and comes whenever he desires to the place which the LORD chooses,

⁷then he shall serve in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand there before the LORD.

⁸" They shall eat equal portions, except what they receive from the sale of their fathers' estates.

Spiritism Forbidden

⁹"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations.

¹⁰"There shall not dwell among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

¹¹ or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

¹² "For the Lord considers whoever does these things as detestable ; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

¹³ " You shall live blamelessly before the LORD your God.

¹⁴ "For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.

¹⁵ " The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

¹⁶ "This accords to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, or I will die.'

¹⁷ " The LORD said to me, 'They have spoken well.

¹⁸ "I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

¹⁹ " It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.

²⁰ "But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

²¹ "You may say in your heart, 'How will we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'

²² " When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that thing the LORD has not spoken The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not fear him.

Deuteronomy 19

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Cities of Refuge

¹ " When the LORD your God cuts off the nations, whose land the LORD your God gives you, and you dispossess them and settle in their cities and in their houses,

² you shall set aside three cities for yourself in the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to possess.

³ "You shall prepare the roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the LORD your God will give you as a possession, so that any manslayer may flee there.

⁴ " Now this constitutes the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he kills his friend unintentionally, not hating him previously--

⁵ as when a man goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron head slips off the handle and strikes his friend so that he dies--he may flee to one of these cities and live;

⁶ otherwise the avenger of blood might pursue the manslayer in the heat of his anger, and overtake him, because the way seems long, and take his life, though he had not deserved death, since he had not hated him previously.

⁷ "Therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall set aside three cities for yourself.'

⁸ "If the LORD your God enlarges your territory, just as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He promised to give your fathers--

⁹ if you carefully observe all this commandment which I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in His ways always-- then you shall add three more cities for yourself, besides these three.

¹⁰ "So you will not shed innocent blood in the midst of your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and bloodguiltiness fall upon you.

¹¹ "But if a man hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes him so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

¹² then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

¹³ " You shall not pity him, but you shall purge the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with you.

Laws of Landmark and Testimony

¹⁴ " You shall not move your neighbor's boundary mark, which the ancestors have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.

¹⁵ " A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall come to a conclusion.

¹⁶" If a malicious witness rises up against a man to accuse him of wrongdoing,

¹⁷then both the men who have the dispute shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will hold office in those days.

¹⁸"The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness proves a false witness and he has accused his brother falsely,

¹⁹then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

²⁰" The rest will hear and fear, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.

²¹"Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Deuteronomy 20

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Laws of Warfare

¹"When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not fear them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, goes with you.

²"When you approach the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people.

³"He shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you approach the battle against your enemies today. Do not show faintheartedness. Do not fear, or panic, or tremble before them,

⁴for the LORD your God goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

⁵"The officers also shall speak to the people, saying, 'Who builds a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him depart and return to his house, otherwise he might die in the battle and another man would dedicate it.

⁶'Who has planted a vineyard and has not begun to use its fruit? Let him depart and return to his house, otherwise he might die in the battle and another man would begin to use its fruit.

⁷' And who has become engaged to a woman and has not married her? Let him depart and return to his house, otherwise he might die in the battle and another man would marry her.'

⁸"Then the officers shall speak further to the people and say, ' Who shows fear and faintheartedness? Let him depart and return to his house, so that he might not make his brothers' hearts melt like his heart.'

⁹"When the officers have finished speaking to the people, they shall appoint commanders of armies at the head of the people.

¹⁰"When you approach a city to fight against it, you shall offer it terms of peace.

¹¹"If it agrees to make peace with you and opens to you, then all the people who dwell in it shall become your forced labor and shall serve you.

¹²"However, if it does not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

¹³"When the LORD your God gives it into your hand, you shall strike all the men in it with the edge of the sword.

¹⁴"Only the women and the children and the animals and all that dwell in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourself; and you shall use the spoil of your enemies which the LORD your God has given you.

¹⁵"Thus you shall do to all the cities that lie very far from you, which do not consist of the cities of these nations nearby.

¹⁶" Only in the cities of these peoples that the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes.

¹⁷"But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the LORD your God has commanded you,

¹⁸so that they may not teach you to do according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the LORD your God.

¹⁹"When you besiege a city a long time, to make war against it in order to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. For the tree of the field does not resemble a man that you should besiege it.

²⁰"Only the trees which you recognize as not fruit-bearing trees you shall destroy and cut down, that you may construct siegeworks against the city making war with you until it falls.

Deuteronomy 21

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Expiation of a Crime

¹"If you find a slain person lying in the open country in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess, and no one knows who has struck him,

²then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure the distance to the cities which lie around the slain one.

³"It shall occur that the city which locates nearest to the slain man, namely, the elders of that city, shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not worked and which has not pulled in a yoke;

⁴and the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with running water, which no one has plowed or sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

⁵"Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; and every dispute and every assault they shall settle.

⁶"All the elders of that city which lie nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;

⁷and they shall answer and say, 'Our hands did not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it.

⁸'Forgive Your people Israel whom You have redeemed, O LORD, and do not place the guilt of innocent blood in the midst of Your people Israel.' And they shall receive forgiveness for bloodguiltiness.

⁹"So you shall remove the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do right in the eyes of the LORD.

Domestic Relations

¹⁰"When you go out to battle against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hands and you take them away captive,

¹¹and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire for her and would take her as a wife for yourself,

¹²then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails.

¹³"She shall also remove the clothes of her captivity and shall remain in your house, and mourn her father and mother a full month; and after that you may go in to her and become her husband and she shall become your wife.

¹⁴"It shall happen, if you do not find her pleasing, then you shall let her go wherever she wishes; but you shall certainly not sell her for money, you shall not mistreat her, because you have humbled her.

¹⁵"If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other unloved, and both the loved and the unloved have borne him sons, if the firstborn son belongs to the unloved,

¹⁶then it shall occur in the day he wills what he has to his sons, he cannot make the son of the loved the firstborn before the son of the unloved, who actually came into the world first.

¹⁷"But he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he represents the beginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the firstborn.

¹⁸"If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them,

¹⁹then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his hometown.

²⁰"They shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours behaves stubbornly and rebellious, he will not obey us, he lives his life as a glutton and a drunkard.'

²¹" Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear of it and fear.

²²"If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and you put him to death, and you hang him on a tree,

²³ his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who hangs has become accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 22

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Sundry Laws

¹" You shall not see your countryman's ox or his sheep straying away, and pay no attention to them; you shall certainly bring them back to your countryman.

²"If your countryman does not live near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall remain with you until your countryman looks for it; then you shall restore it to him.

³"Thus you shall do with his donkey, and you shall do the same with his garment, and you shall do likewise with anything lost by your countryman, which he has lost and you have found. You must not neglect them.

⁴"You shall not see your countryman's donkey or his ox fallen down on the way, and pay no attention to them; you shall certainly help him to raise them up.

⁵"A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things the Lord your God considers an abomination.

⁶"If you happen to come upon a bird's nest along the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young;

⁷you shall certainly let the mother go, but the young you may take for yourself, in order that it may go well with you and that you may prolong your days.

⁸"When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, so that you will not bring bloodguilt on your house if anyone falls from it.

⁹" You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, or all the produce of the seed which you have sown and the increase of the vineyard will become defiled.

¹⁰" You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

¹¹" You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together.

¹²" You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself.

Laws on Morality

¹³" If any man takes a wife and goes in to her and then turns against her,

¹⁴and charges her with shameful deeds and publicly defames her, and says, 'I took this woman, but when I came near her, I did not find her a virgin,'

¹⁵then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring out the evidence of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

¹⁶"The girl's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man for a wife, but he turned against her;

¹⁷and behold, he has charged her with shameful deeds, saying, "I did not find your daughter a virgin." But this represents the evidence of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city.

¹⁸"So the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him,

¹⁹and they shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver and give it to the girl's father, because he publicly defamed a virgin of Israel. And she shall remain his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.

²⁰"But if this charge proves true, that the girl did not prove a virgin,

²¹then they shall bring out the girl to the doorway of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death because she has committed an act of folly in Israel by playing the harlot in her father's house; thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

²²" If a man lies with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

²³" If a virgin girl becomes engaged to a man, and another man finds her in the city and lies with her,

²⁴then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city and you shall stone them to death; the girl, because she did not cry out in the city, and the man, because he has violated his neighbor's wife. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

²⁵"But if in the field the man finds the engaged girl, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lies with her shall die.

²⁶"But you shall do nothing to the girl; no sin exists in the girl worthy of death, for just as a man rises against his neighbor and murders him, as we find in this case.

²⁷"When he found her in the field, the engaged girl cried out, but no one came to save her.

²⁸" If a man finds a virgin girl who has not become engaged, and seizes her and lies with her and people discover them,

²⁹then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall become his wife because he has violated her; he cannot divorce her all his days.

³⁰" A man shall not take his father's wife so that he will not uncover his father's skirt.

Deuteronomy 23

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Persons Excluded from the Assembly

¹" No one who has become emasculated or has his male organ cut off shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

²"No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of his descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

³" No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD,

⁴because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

⁵"Nevertheless, the LORD your God refused to listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the LORD your God loves you.

⁶" You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.

⁷"You shall not detest an Edomite, for you acknowledge him as your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian, because you dwelt as an alien in his land.

⁸"The sons of the third generation who have become born to them may enter the assembly of the LORD.

⁹"When you go out as an army against your enemies, you shall keep yourself from every evil thing.

¹⁰" If any man becomes unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he must go outside the camp; he may not reenter the camp.

¹¹"But when evening approaches, he shall bathe himself with water, and at sundown he may reenter the camp.

¹²"You shall also have a place outside the camp and go out there,

¹³and you shall have a spade among your tools, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and shall turn to cover up your excrement.

¹⁴"Since the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must remain holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you or He will turn away from you.

¹⁵" You shall not hand over to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you.

¹⁶"He shall live with you in your midst, in the place which he shall choose in one of your towns where it pleases him; you shall not mistreat him.

¹⁷" None of the daughters of Israel shall serve as a cult prostitute, nor shall any of the sons of Israel serve as a cult prostitute.

¹⁸"You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a dog into the house of the LORD your God for any votive offering, for both of these represent an abomination to the LORD your God.

¹⁹" You shall not charge interest to your countrymen: interest on money, food, or lend anything at interest.

²⁰" You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your countrymen you shall not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you undertake in the land which you will soon enter to possess.

²¹" When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for you would sin by doing so, and the LORD your God will surely require it of you.

²²"However, if you refrain from vowing, you would not sin .

²³"You shall carefully perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God, what you have promised.

²⁴"When you enter your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes until you feel fully satisfied, but you shall not put any in your basket.

²⁵"When you enter your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not wield a sickle in your neighbor's standing grain.

Deuteronomy 24

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Law of Divorce

¹"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house,

²and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife,

³and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife,

⁴then her former husband who sent her away cannot take her again for his wife, since she has become defiled; for that constitutes an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

⁵" When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army nor become charged with any duty; he shall remain free at home one year and shall give happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

Sundry Laws

⁶"No one shall take a handmill or an upper millstone in pledge, for he would take a life in pledge.

⁷" If you catch a man kidnapping any of his countrymen of the sons of Israel, and he deals with him violently or sells him, then that thief shall die; so you shall purge the evil from among you.

⁸" Take care against an infection of leprosy, that you diligently observe and do according to all that the Levitical priests teach you; as I have commanded them, so you shall carefully do.

⁹"Remember what the LORD your God did to Miriam on the way as you came out of Egypt.

¹⁰" When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, you shall not enter his house to take his pledge.

¹¹"You shall remain outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.

¹²"If he proves a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge.

¹³" When the sun goes down you shall surely return the pledge to him, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you; and the Lord your God will regard you as righteous.

¹⁴" You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he comes from your country or one of your aliens who lives in your land in your towns.

¹⁵" You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun sets, for he has become poor and sets his heart on it; so that he will not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

¹⁶" Fathers shall not receive the death penalty for their sons, nor shall sons receive the death penalty for their fathers; everyone shall suffer death for his own sin.

¹⁷" You shall not pervert the justice due an alien or an orphan, nor take a widow's garment in pledge.

¹⁸" But you shall remember that you served as a slave in Egypt, and that the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

¹⁹" When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall remain for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

²⁰" When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall remain for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow.

²¹" When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not go over it again; it shall remain for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow.

²²" You shall remember that you formerly served as a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

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Sundry Laws

¹" If a dispute arises between men and they go to court, and the judges decide their case, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked,

² then if the wicked man deserves a beating, the judge shall then make him lie down and receive a beating in his presence with the number of stripes according to his guilt.

³" He may beat him forty times but no more, so that he does not beat him with many more stripes than these and your brother has not become degraded in your eyes.

⁴" You shall not muzzle the ox while he threshes.

⁵"When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not marry outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

⁶"It shall come to pass that the firstborn whom she bears shall assume the name of his dead brother, so that his name will not disappear out from Israel.

⁷" But if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to establish a name for his brother in Israel; he does not want to perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.'

⁸"Then the elders of his city shall summon him and speak to him. And if he persists and says, 'I do not desire to take her,'

⁹ then his brother's wife shall come to him in the sight of the elders, and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face; and she shall declare, 'Thus it will happen to the man who does not build up his brother's house.'

¹⁰"In Israel his name will read, 'The house of him whose sandal has become removed.'

¹¹"If two men, a man and his countryman, struggle together, and the wife of one comes near to deliver her husband from the hand of the one who strikes him, and puts out her hand and seizes his genitals,

¹² then you shall cut off her hand; you shall not show pity.

¹³" You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small.

¹⁴"You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.

¹⁵"You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may lengthen in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹⁶"For everyone who does these things, everyone who acts unjustly the Lord your God considers an abomination.

¹⁷" Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt,

¹⁸ how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you became faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

¹⁹"Therefore it shall come about when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget.

Deuteronomy 26

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Offering First Fruits

¹"Then it shall come to pass, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it,

²that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

³"You shall go to the priest s in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD my God that I have entered the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.'

⁴"Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵"You shall answer and say before the LORD your God, ' My father became known as a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; but there he became a great, mighty and populous nation.

⁶'And the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

⁷'Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression;

⁸and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders;

⁹and He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰"Now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which You, O LORD have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God;

¹¹and you and the Levite and the alien who dwells among you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household.

¹²" When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your towns and have satisfaction.

¹³"You shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the orphan and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Your commandments.

¹⁴"I have not eaten of it while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I became unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me.

¹⁵ Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the ground which You have given us, a land flowing with milk and honey, as You swore to our fathers.'

¹⁶"This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore carefully do them with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹⁷" You have today declared the LORD as your God, and that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

¹⁸"The LORD has today declared you His people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and that you should keep all His commandments;

¹⁹and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall become a consecrated people to the LORD your God, as He has spoken."

Deuteronomy 27

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The Curses of Mount Ebal

¹Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you today.

²" So it shall happen on the day when you cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself large stones and coat them with lime

³and write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over, so that you may enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

⁴"So it shall happen when you cross the Jordan, you shall set up on Mount Ebal, these stones, as I command you today, and you shall coat them with lime.

⁵"Moreover, you shall build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not wield an iron tool on them.

⁶"You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of uncut stones, and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the LORD your God;

⁷and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God.

⁸"You shall write on the stones all the words of this law very distinctly."

⁹Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Keep silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God.

¹⁰"You shall therefore obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

¹¹Moses also charged the people on that day, saying,

¹²"When you cross the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

¹³"For the curse, these shall stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

¹⁴"The Levites shall then answer and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

¹⁵ God curses the man who makes an idol or a molten image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret ' And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.'

¹⁶ God curses the person who dishonors his father or mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

¹⁷ God curses the person who moves his neighbor's boundary mark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

¹⁸ God curses the man who misleads a blind person on the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

¹⁹ God curses the person who distorts the justice due an alien, orphan, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²⁰ God curses the person who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²¹ GOD Curses the person who lies with any animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²² God curses the man who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²³ God curses the man who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²⁴ God curses the person who strikes his neighbor in secret.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²⁵ God curses the person who accepts a bribe to strike down an innocent person.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

²⁶ God curses the person who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

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Blessings at Gerizim

¹" Now it shall happen, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, carefully doing all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

²"All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:

³"God shall bless you in the city, and God shall bless you in the country.

⁴" God shall bless the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

⁵"God shall bless your basket and your kneading bowl.

⁶"God shall bless shall you when you come in, and shall bless you when you go out.

⁷"The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to suffer defeat; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways.

⁸"The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

⁹" The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

¹⁰"So all the peoples of the earth will see that you have the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.

¹¹" The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

¹²"The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

¹³" The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will have the advantage, and you will not have the disadvantage, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully,

¹⁴and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Consequences of Disobedience

¹⁵" But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

¹⁶" God shall curse you in the city, and shall curse you in the country.

¹⁷" God shall curse your basket and your kneading bowl.

¹⁸"God shall curse the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

¹⁹" God shall curse you when you come in, and curse you when you go out.

²⁰" The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all you undertake to do, until He has destroyed you and until you perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me.

²¹" The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land where you enter to possess it.

²²" The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they will pursue you until you perish.

²³"The heaven which rises over your head shall seem like bronze, and the earth under you, like iron.

²⁴" The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until it destroys you.

²⁵" The LORD shall cause you to suffer defeat before your enemies; you will go out one way against them, but you will flee seven ways before them, and you will serve as an example of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

²⁶" Your carcasses will provide food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and no one will frighten them away.

²⁷" The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot become healed.

²⁸"The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart;

²⁹and you will grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways; but you shall only suffer oppression and robbed continually, with none to save you.

³⁰" You shall betroth a wife, but another man will violate her; you shall build a house, but you will not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you will not eat its fruit.

³¹"Someone shall slaughter your ox before your eyes, but you will not eat of it; someone will tear your donkey away from you, and will not restore it to you; someone shall give your sheep to your enemies, and you will have none to save you.

³²" Someone shall give your sons and your daughters to another people, while your eyes look on and yearn for them continually; but you can do nothing .

³³" A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you will never amount to anything but suffer oppression and crushing continually.

³⁴"You shall go mad by the sight of what you see.

³⁵" The LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot receive healing, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

³⁶" The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.

³⁷" You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD drives you.

³⁸" You shall bring out much seed to the field but you will gather in little, for the locust will consume it.

³⁹" You shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you will neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm will devour them.

⁴⁰" You shall have olive trees throughout your territory but you will not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives will drop off.

⁴¹" You shall have sons and daughters but they will not belong to you, for they will go into captivity.

⁴²" The cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground.

⁴³" The alien who dwells among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you will go down lower and lower.

⁴⁴" He shall lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he shall become the head, and you will become the tail.

⁴⁵" So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you suffer destruction, because you would not obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

⁴⁶" They shall become a sign and a wonder on you and your descendants forever.

⁴⁷" Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things;

⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

⁴⁹" The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

⁵⁰ a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.

⁵¹" Moreover, it shall eat the offspring of your herd and the produce of your ground until you suffer destruction, who also leaves you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor the increase of your herd or the young of your flock until they have caused you to perish.

⁵²" It shall besiege you in all your towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land, and it shall besiege you in all your towns throughout your land which the LORD your God has given you.

⁵³" Then you shall eat the offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you.

⁵⁴"The man who previously has exhibited refinement and very delicate among you shall become hostile toward his brother and toward the wife he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain,

⁵⁵so that he will not give even one of them any of the flesh of his children which he will eat, since he has nothing else left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in all your towns.

⁵⁶" The refined and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and refinement, shall show hostility toward the husband she cherishes and toward her son and daughter,

⁵⁷and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her legs and toward her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of anything else, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in your towns.

⁵⁸"If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law which we have written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

⁵⁹then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

⁶⁰" He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you feared, and they will cling to you.

⁶¹"Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you suffer destruction.

⁶²"Then you shall dwindle to few in number, whereas you had augmented as numerous as the stars of heaven, because you did not obey the LORD your God.

⁶³"It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will become torn from the land where you enter to possess it.

⁶⁴"Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

⁶⁵" Among those nations you shall find no rest, and will find no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

⁶⁶"So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will tremble in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

⁶⁷" In the morning you shall say, 'Would that evening would come!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that morning would come!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see.

⁶⁸"The LORD will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no buyer will appear."

Deuteronomy 29

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The Covenant in Moab

¹ These constitute the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He had made with them at Horeb.

² And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land;

³ the great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders.

⁴ Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

⁵ I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot.

⁶ You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, in order that you might know that I rule as the LORD your God.

⁷ When you reached this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us for battle, but we defeated them;

⁸ and we took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.

⁹" So keep the words of this covenant to do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

¹⁰"You stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders and your officers, even all the men of Israel,

¹¹your little ones, your wives, and the alien who dwell within your camps, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water,

¹²that you may enter into the covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath which the LORD your God makes with you today,

¹³in order that He may establish you today as His people and that He may rule as your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

¹⁴"Now not with you alone do I make this covenant and this oath,

¹⁵ but both with those who stand here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who do not join with us here today

¹⁶(for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed;

¹⁷ moreover, you have seen their abominations and their idols of wood, stone, silver, and gold, which they had with them);

¹⁸ so that there will not live among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; that there will not exist among you a root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood.

¹⁹"It shall happen when he hears the words of this curse, that he will boast, saying, 'I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart in order to destroy the watered land with the dry.'

²⁰"The LORD shall never show willingness to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and His jealousy will burn against that man, and every curse which appears in this book will rest on him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.

²¹"Then the LORD will single him out for adversity from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant which appear in this book of the law.

²²"Now the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has afflicted it, will say,

²³'All its land has become brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.'

²⁴"All the nations will say, ' Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great outburst of anger?'

²⁵"Then men will say, ' Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

²⁶"They went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not allotted to them.

²⁷"Therefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which appears in this book;

²⁸and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as it has become this day.'

²⁹" The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 30

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Restoration Promised

¹"So it shall come to pass when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,

²and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

³then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

⁴"If your outcasts dwell at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.

⁵" The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

⁶"Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

⁷" The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

⁸"And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

⁹" Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

¹⁰if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which appear in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

¹¹"For this commandment which I command you today should not prove too difficult for you, nor does it seem out of reach.

¹²"It does not appear in heaven, that you should say, ' Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'

¹³"Nor does it exist beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'

¹⁴"But the word dwells very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

Choose Life

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity;

¹⁶in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you enter to possess it.

¹⁷"But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but allow it to become drawn away and worship other gods and serve them,

¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you cross the Jordan to enter and possess it.

¹⁹" I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

²⁰by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this constitutes your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Deuteronomy 31

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Moses' Last Counsel

¹So Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

²And he said to them, "I have lived a hundred and twenty years old today; I can no longer come and go, and the LORD has said to me, ' You shall not cross this Jordan.'

³" The LORD your God who will cross ahead of you; He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, just as the LORD has spoken.

⁴"The LORD will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

⁵" The LORD will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.

⁶"Remain strong and courageous, do not fear or tremble at them, for the LORD your God goes with you He will not fail you or forsake you."

⁷Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel,"

Show strength and courage, for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance.

⁸" The LORD goes ahead of you; He will accompany you He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or feel dismay."

⁹So Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

¹⁰Then Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, at the time of the year of remission of debts, at the Feast of Booths,

¹¹when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place which He will choose, you shall read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing.

¹²"Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who dwells in your town, so that they may hear and learn and fear the LORD your God, and carefully observe all the words of this law.

¹³"Their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land which you will soon cross the Jordan to possess."

Israel Will Fall Away

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the time for you to die draws near; call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him " So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the tent of meeting.

¹⁵The LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood at the doorway of the tent.

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you will soon lie down with your fathers; and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they go, and will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

¹⁷" Then My anger will kindle against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they will become consumed, and many evils and troubles will come upon them; so that they will say in that day, 'Does it not seem evident that because our God does not dwell among us that these evils have come upon us?'

¹⁸"But I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they will do, for they will turn to other gods.

¹⁹"Now therefore, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips, so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel.

²⁰" For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and have satisfied themselves and have become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

²¹"Then it shall come about, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify before them as a witness (for it shall not disappear from the lips of their descendants); for I know their intent which they develop today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore."

²²So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel.

Moses Commissions Joshua

²³ Then He commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, " Remain strong and courageous, for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore to them, and I will remain with you."

²⁴It came about, when Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book until they had become complete,

²⁵that Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

²⁶"Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may remain there as a witness against you.

²⁷"For I know your rebellion and your stubbornness; behold, while I remain alive with you today, you have rebelled against the LORD; how much more, then, after my death?

²⁸"Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them.

²⁹"For I know that after my death you will act corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, for you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of your hands."

³⁰Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they had reached completion:

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The Song of Moses

- ¹" Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak;
And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
- ²" Let my teaching drop as the rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
As the droplets on the fresh grass
And as the showers on the herb.
- ³" For I proclaim the name of the LORD;
Ascribe greatness to our God!
- ⁴" The Rock! His work reveals perfection,
For all His ways prove just;
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
He demonstrates Righteousness and uprightness.
- ⁵" They have acted corruptly toward Him,
They do not seem like His children, because of their defect;
But this generations behaves perversely and crookedly.
- ⁶"Do you thus repay the LORD,
O foolish and unwise people?
Has not your Father bought you?
He has made you and established you.
- ⁷"Remember the days of old,

Consider the years of all generations.
Ask your father, and he will inform you,
Your elders, and they will tell you.

8" When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,
When He separated the sons of man,
He set the boundaries of the peoples
According to the number of the sons of Israel.

9" For the LORD reserves His people as His portion ;
Jacob represents the allotment of His inheritance.

10" He found him in a desert land,
And in the howling waste of a wilderness;
He encircled him, He cared for him,
He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

11" Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,
That hovers over its young,
He spread His wings and caught them,
He carried them on His pinions.

12" The LORD alone guided him,
And there existed no foreign god with him.

13" He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
And he ate the produce of the field;
And He made him suck honey from the rock,
And oil from the flinty rock,

14" Curds of cows, and milk of the flock,
With fat of lambs,
And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats,
With the finest of the wheat--
And of the blood of grapes you drank wine.

15" But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked--
You have grown fat, thick, and sleek--
Then he forsook God who made him,
And scorned the Rock of his salvation.

16" They made Him jealous with strange gods;
With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

17" They sacrificed to demons who didn't equate to God,
To gods whom they have not known,
New gods who came lately,
Whom your fathers did not dread.

18" You neglected the Rock who begot you,
And forgot the God who gave you birth.

19" The LORD saw this, and spurned them
Because of the provocation of His sons and daughters.

20" Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them,
I will see what their end shall consist of;
For this generation act perversely,
Sons in whom have no faithfulness.

21¹ They have made Me jealous with what does not equate to God;
They have provoked Me to anger with their idols
So I will make them jealous with those who have not yet emerged as a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,
22² For a fire kindles in My anger,
And burns to the lowest part of Sheol,
And consumes the earth with its yield,
And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23³ I will heap misfortunes on them;
I will use My arrows on them.
24⁴ They will waste away by famine, and consumed by plague
And bitter destruction;
And the teeth of beasts I will send upon them,
With the venom of crawling things of the dust.
25⁵ Outside the sword will bereave,
And inside terror--
Both young man and virgin,
The nursling with the man of gray hair.
26⁶ I would have said, " I will cut them to pieces,
I will remove the memory of them from men,"
27⁷ Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy,
That their adversaries would misjudge,
That they would say, " Our hand triumphs,
And the LORD has not done all this."
28⁸ For they have become a nation lacking in counsel,
And no understanding exists in them.
29⁹ Would that they acted wisely, that they understood this,
That they would discern their future!
30¹⁰ How could one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Unless their Rock had sold them,
And the LORD had given them up?
31¹¹ Indeed their rock does not compare to our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves judge this.
32¹² For their vine derives from the vine of Sodom,
And from the fields of Gomorrah;
Their grapes have poison,
Their clusters, bitter.
33¹³ Their wine contains the venom of serpents,
And the deadly poison of cobras.
34¹⁴ Does it not lay up in store with Me,
Sealed up in My treasuries?
35¹⁵ Vengeance belongs to Me, and retribution,
In due time their foot will slip;
For the day of their calamity draws near,
And the impending things hasten upon them.'

³⁶" For the LORD will vindicate His people,
And will have compassion on His servants,
When He sees that their strength has left them,
And none remains, bond or free.

³⁷"And He will say, ' Where do their gods exist,
The rock in which they sought refuge?

³⁸ Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you,
Let them serve as your hiding place!

³⁹ See now that I, I comprise He,
And there exists no god besides Me;
I put to death and give life
I have wounded and I heal,
And no one who can deliver from My hand.

⁴⁰ Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven,
And say, as I live forever,

⁴¹ If I sharpen My flashing sword,
And My hand takes hold on justice,
I will render vengeance on My adversaries,
And I will repay those who hate Me.

⁴² I will make My arrows drunk with blood,
And My sword will devour flesh,
With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.'

⁴³" Rejoice, O nations, with His people;
For He will avenge the blood of His servants,
And will render vengeance on His adversaries,
And will atone for His land and His people."

⁴⁴ Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, with Joshua the son of Nun.

⁴⁵ When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

⁴⁶ he said to them, "Take to your heart all the words with which I warn you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law.

⁴⁷"For it will not prove an idle word for you; indeed it saves your life And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you will soon cross the Jordan to possess."

⁴⁸ The LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying,

⁴⁹" Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which lies in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I give to the sons of Israel for a possession.

⁵⁰"Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and become gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and became gathered to his people,

⁵¹ because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel.

⁵²" For you shall see the land at a distance, but you shall not go there, into the land which I give the sons of Israel."

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The Blessing of Moses

¹Now this constitutes the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

²He said,

" The LORD came from Sinai,
And dawned on them from Seir;
He shone forth from Mount Paran,
And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones;
At His right hand flashed lightning for them.

³" Indeed, He loves the people;
All Your holy ones dwell in Your hand,
And they followed in Your steps;
Everyone receives of Your words.

⁴" Moses charged us with a law,
A possession for the assembly of Jacob.

⁵" And He served as king in Jeshurun,
When the heads of the people gathered,
The tribes of Israel together.

⁶" May Reuben live and not die,
Nor his men dwindle in number."

⁷ And this regarding Judah; so he said,
"Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah,
And bring him to his people.
With his hands he contended for them,
And may You help against his adversaries."

⁸Of Levi he said,
"Let Your Thummim and Your Urim belong to Your godly man,
Whom You proved at Massah,
With whom You contended at the waters of Meribah;

⁹Who said of his father and his mother,
'I did not consider them';
And he did not acknowledge his brothers,
Nor did he regard his own sons,
For they observed Your word,
And kept Your covenant.

¹⁰"They shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob,
And Your law to Israel
They shall put incense before You,
And whole burnt offerings on Your altar.

¹¹"O LORD, bless his substance,
And accept the work of his hands;
Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him,
And those who hate him, so that they will not rise again."

¹²Of Benjamin he said,
"May the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by Him,
Who shields him all the day,
And he dwells between His shoulders."

¹³Of Joseph he said,
"The LORD will bless his land,
With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,
And from the deep lying beneath,
¹⁴And with the choice yield of the sun,
And with the choice produce of the months.
¹⁵"And with the best things of the ancient mountains,
And with the choice things of the everlasting hills,
¹⁶And with the choice things of the earth and its fullness,
And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.
Let it come to the head of Joseph,
And to the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.
¹⁷"As the firstborn of his ox, majesty belongs to him,
And his horns resemble the horns of the wild ox;
With them he will push the peoples,
All at once, to the ends of the earth.
And those comprise the ten thousands of Ephraim,
And those comprise the thousands of Manasseh."

¹⁸Of Zebulun he said,
"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth,
And, Issachar, in your tents.

¹⁹" They will call peoples to the mountain;
There they will offer righteous sacrifices;
For they will draw out the abundance of the seas,
And the hidden treasures of the sand."

²⁰ Of Gad he said,
" God will bless the one who enlarges Gad;
He lies down as a lion,
And tears the arm, also the crown of the head.

²¹" Then he provided the first part for himself,
For there the ruler reserved his portion;
And he came with the leaders of the people;
He executed the justice of the LORD,
And His ordinances with Israel."

²² Of Dan he said,
"Dan resembles a lion's whelp,
That leaps forth from Bashan."

²³ Of Naphtali he said,
" O Naphtali, satisfied with favor,
And full of the blessing of the LORD,
Take possession of the sea and the south."

²⁴ Of Asher he said,
"Asher receives more blessing than the other sons ;
May he receive favor from his brothers,
And may he dip his foot in oil.
²⁵" Your locks will resemble iron and bronze,
And according to your days, so will you leisurely walk .
²⁶" There exists none like the God of Jeshurun,
Who rides the heavens to your help,
And through the skies in His majesty.
²⁷" The eternal God serves as a dwelling place,
And underneath support the everlasting arms;
And He drove out the enemy from before you,
And said, 'Destroy!'
²⁸" So Israel dwells in security,
The fountain of Jacob secluded,
In a land of grain and new wine;
His heavens also drop down dew.
²⁹" God has blessed you, O Israel;
Who compares with you, a people saved by the LORD,
Who has become the shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!

So your enemies will cringe before you,
And you will tread upon their high places."

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The Death of Moses

¹ Now Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which lies opposite Jericho And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan,

² and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,

³ and the Negev and the plain in the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

⁴ Then the LORD said to him, "This land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

⁶ And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

⁷ Although Moses had reached one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye had not dimmed, nor his vigor abated.

⁸ So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

⁹ Now Joshua the son of Nun had fully received the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

¹¹ for all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land,

¹² and for all the mighty power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel