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2. You shall not add to the word that I am commanding you, and you shall not take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you.

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5. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, as Jehovah my God commanded me, to do in the land which you are entering in to possess.

6. And you shall keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the eyes of the nations which hear all these statutes. And they will say, "Surely, this great nation is a wise and understanding people!"

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22. These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly on the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness with a great voice, and He added no more, but He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.
23. And it came to pass that when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness and the mountain burning with the fire, then you drew near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders,
24. that you said, 'Behold, Jehovah our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire! This day, we have seen that God can speak with man, and yet, he live.
25. So why should we now die? For this great fire will consume us if we hear the voice of Jehovah our God again, and we will die!
26. For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and lived?
27. You go near and hear all that Jehovah our God says, and then you tell us everything that Jehovah our God said to you, and we will hear it and do it.'
28. And Jehovah heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and Jehovah said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people that they spoke to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.
29. Who will give them to have such a heart, to fear me always and to keep all my commandments, that it might be well with them and their children forever?'
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Deuteronomy 6

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4. Hear, O Israel! Jehovah our God is Jehovah alone!
5. You shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your souls, and with all your might."
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25. And it will be our righteousness before Jehovah our God if we are careful to do all this law just as He has commanded us.

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8. But because of Jehovah's love for you and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, Jehovah brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slaves, out of the hand of Pharaoh, King of Egypt.
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Deuteronomy 9

- ¶1. “Hear, O Israel. You are passing over the Jordan today, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and walled up to heaven,
2. a people great and tall, children of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard *it said*, ‘Who can stand before the children of Anak?’
3. Know then today, that Jehovah your God, He is going over before you. As a consuming fire He will annihilate them, and He shall humble them before you, and you shall dispossess them and destroy them quickly, just as Jehovah has said to you.
4. But when the LORD your God thrusts them out from before you, do not think in your heart, saying, ‘It is because of my righteousness has the LORD brought me in to possess this land’, for it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you.
5. Not because of your righteousness or because of the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations is the LORD your God driving them out from before you, to establish the word which Jehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
6. Know then, that Jehovah your God is not giving this good land to you to possess it because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people,
7. Remember! Do not forget that you provoked Jehovah your God to wrath in the wilderness, for from the day that you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place you have been rebellious against the LORD.
8. And at Horeb you provoked Jehovah to wrath, and Jehovah was angry with you so as to have destroyed you.

9. When I went up into the mount to receive the stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, and I remained in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water.
10. And Jehovah gave me the two stone tablets, written by the finger of God, and on them were all the words that Jehovah had spoken with you in the mount from the midst of the fire on the day of the Assembly.
11. And it came to pass that at the end of forty days and forty nights Jehovah gave me the two stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant.
12. Then Jehovah said to me, 'Get up! Go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out from Egypt have corrupted *themselves*. They have turned aside quickly from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten image.'
13. Jehovah also spoke to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.
14. Leave Me alone, and I will annihilate them and blot out their name from under heaven, and I will make you into a nation mightier and greater than it.'
15. So, I turned and went down from the mount, and the mount was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.
16. And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against Jehovah your God and had made for yourselves a molten calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way which Jehovah had commanded you.
17. And I took the two tablets and threw them from my two hands, and I shattered them before your eyes.
18. Then I threw myself down before Jehovah, as before, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water because of all your sin that you had sinned in doing evil in the sight of Jehovah, provoking him to anger.
19. For I was afraid of the anger and fury with which Jehovah raged against you, to destroy you. But Jehovah listened to me at that time also.
20. And Jehovah was very angry with Aaron so as to have destroyed him, and I also prayed for Aaron at that time.
21. And I took your sin, the calf that you had made, and I burned it with fire, and I crushed it, grinding it thoroughly until it was ground fine as dust, and I cast the dust into the river that descended from the mount.
22. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibrothhattavah, you provoked Jehovah to wrath.
23. And when Jehovah sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, 'Go up and take possession of the land which I have given to you', then you rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God, and you did not believe Him, and you did not listen to His voice.
24. You have been rebellious against Jehovah from the day I knew you.
25. So I threw myself down before Jehovah forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *before*, because Jehovah had thought to annihilate you.
26. And I prayed to Jehovah, and said, 'My Lord Jehovah, do not destroy your people and your inheritance which you redeemed through your greatness, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand.
27. Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not regard the stubbornness of this people, or its wickedness, or its sin.

28. Lest the land from which you brought us out from says, "Because Jehovah was not able to bring them to the land of which He had spoken to them, and because of His hatred of them, He brought them out to kill them in the wilderness."
29. For they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out by your mighty power and with your outstretched arm."

Deuteronomy 10

- ¶1. "At that time, Jehovah said to me, 'Hew out for yourself two stone tablets like the first ones, and come up the mount to me, and make for yourself a wooden ark.
2. And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you shattered, and you shall put them in the ark.'
3. And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two stone tablets like the first ones, and I went up the mount with the two tablets in my hand.
4. And He wrote on the tablets the same writing as on the first, the ten commandments which Jehovah spoke to you in the mount, from the midst of the fire on the day of the Assembly; and Jehovah gave them to me.
5. And I turned and came down from the mount and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And they are there, as Jehovah commanded me.
- ¶6. (And the children of Israel journeyed from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera. There Aaron died and was buried, and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place.
7. From there they journeyed to Gudgod, and from Gudgod to Jotbath, a land of streams of water.)
- ¶8. At that time, Jehovah separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister, and to bless in His Name, as until this day.
9. Therefore, there is no portion and no inheritance for Levi with his brethren. Jehovah is his inheritance as Jehovah your God spoke to him.
- ¶10. And I stayed in the mount according to the days of the first time, forty days and forty nights, and Jehovah listened to me at that time also; Jehovah would not destroy you.
11. And Jehovah said to me, 'Get up and go on *your* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.'
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26. Behold, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:
27. the blessing when *you* obey the commandments of Jehovah *your* God which I am commanding you today,
28. and the curse if you do not obey the commandments of Jehovah *your* God, but turn aside from the way that I command you today, to walk after other gods which you have not known.
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6. And there, *you* shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock.
7. And there, *you* shall eat before Jehovah *your* God, and you shall rejoice in all your hand does, you and your households with which Jehovah *your* God has blessed you.
8. You shall not do altogether as we are doing here, today, each one doing whatever is right in his own eyes,

9. for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that Jehovah your God is giving you.
10. But when you have crossed over the Jordan and have settled in the land which Jehovah your God will cause you to inherit, and when He has given you rest from all your enemies round about and you dwell in safety,
11. then there will be a place which Jehovah your God will choose as a dwelling place for His name. There shall you bring all that I have commanded you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the offering of your hand, and all the best of your votive offerings which you may vow to Jehovah.”
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13. Take heed to yourself, that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see.
14. but only at the place that Jehovah will choose in one of your tribes. There you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.
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32. Be careful to do everything that I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.

Deuteronomy 13

- ¶1. Now, if a prophet rise up in your midst, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,
2. and the sign or the wonder come to pass that he spoke to you, and if he says, “Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and serve them,”
3. do not heed the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for Jehovah your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
4. You shall follow after the LORD your God, and Him shall you fear, and His commandments shall you keep, and His voice shall you heed, and Him shall you serve, and to Him shall you cling!
5. And that prophet or dreamer of dreams shall be put to death because he spoke apostasy against Jehovah your God, the One who brought you out from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to thrust you out from the way that the LORD your God commanded you to walk in. And you shall purge the evil from your midst.
6. If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, “Let us go and serve other gods that you have not known, you or your fathers,

7. even the gods of the peoples who are about you, who are close to you or far from you, even from one end of the earth to the other end,
8. you shall not give in to him, nor listen to him! Nor shall your eye pity him; nor shall you spare or conceal him!
9. But you shall kill him! Your own hand shall be first against him, to put him to death, and afterward, the hand of all the people.
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15. And you remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, but Jehovah your God redeemed you.
That is why I have commanded this thing of you today.

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14. When you come into the land that Jehovah your God is giving to you and have possessed it and settled in it, then you will say, “I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me.”
15. You must set over you a king whom Jehovah your God will choose; you will set one from among your brothers as king over you. You may not appoint over you a foreigner, one who is not your brother.
16. Only, he shall not multiply to himself horses, nor return the people to Egypt in order to heap up horses, for Jehovah has said to you, “You are never again to return by this way.”
17. Nor shall he multiply wives to himself, so that his heart will not turn aside, and he shall not greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.
18. And it will come to pass, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book from *that which is* before the Levitical priests.
19. And it will be with him, and he will read it all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear Jehovah his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them,
20. so that his heart will not be exalted above his brothers, so that he will not turn from the commandment, either to the right or the left, so that he may prolong his days over his kingdom, he, and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

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15. A prophet like me will Jehovah your God raise up for you, from among you, from your kinsmen (to him, you must listen),
16. according to all that you asked when we were at Horeb with Jehovah your God on the day of the Assembly, saying, "I cannot hear again the voice of Jehovah my God or view any longer this great fire, lest I die!"
17. And Jehovah said to me, "What they have said is good.
18. I will raise up for them, from among their kinsmen, a prophet like you, and I will put my words into his mouth, and he will tell them all that I command him.
19. And it shall be that whoever will not listen to my words which he will speak in my name, I will require it of him.
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15. A lone witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity or any sin, regarding any sin that he has committed. By the mouth of two witnesses, or by the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be confirmed.
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21. and all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die, and you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear *of it*, and fear.
22. And when there is a sentence of death against a man for sin, and he is put to death, and hang him on the tree,

23. you shall not allow his corpse remain on the tree, but you shall certainly bury him on that day, for a hanged man is accursed of God. And you shall not defile your land that the Lord[?] your God gave you for a possession.

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10. You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

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13. Now, if a man takes a wife and goes in to her, and then hates her,

14. and accuses her of wrongful deeds, and brings upon her a bad name, and says, “I took this woman and came near her, but did not find evidence of her virginity,”

15. then the father shall take the young woman, with her mother, and they shall produce the evidence of her virginity to the elders at the city gate.

16. Then the father shall say to the elders, “I gave this young woman, my daughter, to this man for a wife, and he has hated her.

17. And, behold, he has accused her of wrongful deeds, saying, “I did not find evidence of your daughter’s virginity. But here is the evidence of my daughter’s virginity.” And then they spread out the cloth before the elders of the city.

18. Then the elders of that city shall take the man and punish him.¹

19. And they shall fine him one hundred pieces of silver and give the young woman to her father because he brought a bad name upon a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife. He may not put her away all his days.

20. But if this thing be true, if they do not find evidence of the young woman’s virginity,

21. then they shall bring the young woman out of the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones, and she shall die because she has committed folly in Israel, in committing whoredom in her father’s house. So shall you purge out the evil from your midst.

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17 (18 Heb.). There shall be no temple prostitute of the daughters of Israel, nor a temple prostitute of the sons of Israel.

18. You shall not bring the hire of a harlot nor the price of a dog into the house of the LORD your God for any vow, for they both are *an* abomination to the LORD your God.

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Deuteronomy 24

¶1. When a man takes a woman and marries her, and if it be that she does not find favor in his eyes because he finds in her some indecency, then he shall write her a certificate of divorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her away from his house.

2. When she goes out of his house, and leaves, then she may be another man's *wife*.

3. But if that latter man hate her, then shall he write her a certificate of divorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her away from his house, or if it be that the latter man die who took her as his wife,

4. her first husband who sent her away may not take her again to be his wife after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before Jehovah, that you do not bring condemnation upon the land which Jehovah your God has given you as a possession.

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18. And you remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but Jehovah your God redeemed you from there.
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26. Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the commandments of this law by doing them! And all the people shall say, "Amen."

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64. And the LORD will scatter you among all the nations, from one end of the earth to the other, and there will you serve other gods of wood and stone that you and your fathers have not known.
65. And among those nations will you not find rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot. And there, Jehovah will give you a trembling heart, and failing eyes, and a languishing soul.
66. And your lives will hang in doubt before you, and night and day you will live in fear, and you will have no certainty in your lives.
67. In the morning you will say, "Oh, that it was evening!", and at evening you will say, "Oh, that it was morning!" Because of the _____ your heart will feel and the sights that your eyes will see.
68. And the LORD will send you back to Egypt in _____, by the route that I told you never to look at again. And there will you offer yourselves for sale as slaves to your enemies, male and _____, but there will be no buyer.

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24. And all the nations will say, "Why has Jehovah done such as this to this land? What *provoked* the fierceness of this great anger?"

25. And they will say, "It is because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out from the land of Egypt,
26. and they went and served other gods, and bowed themselves to them, gods whom they did not know and *whom* He had not assigned to them.
27. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book.
28. And Jehovah rooted them up out of their ground in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath, and He cast them out into another land, as it is this day."
29. The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may perform all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 30

- ¶1. And it shall be that when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse that I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all the nations to which Jehovah your God has driven you,
2. and you return to Jehovah your God and obey His voice according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,
3. then Jehovah your God will return your captivity and show you compassion. Yea, Jehovah your God will relent and gather you up out of all the nations where He had scattered you.
4. Even if you have been banished to the end of heaven, from there will Jehovah your God gather you up, and from there will He fetch you.
5. And Jehovah your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you will possess it, and He will do good to you and multiply you more than your fathers.
6. And Jehovah your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.
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19. I summon heaven and earth to bear witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Choose life, so that you and your offspring may live
- 20a. to love the Lord your God, to obey His voice, and to cleave to Him, for He is your life.

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29. For I know that after my death, you will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you, and that evil will befall you in the latter days because you will do evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke Him to anger by the work of your hands.
30. And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended:

Deuteronomy 32

- ¶1. Give ear, O heaven, and I will speak, and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2. My doctrine will drop like the rain, my speech will distill like the dew, like raindrops upon grass, like showers upon herbs,
3. for I will proclaim the name of Jehovah. Ascribe greatness to our God!
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8. When the Most High gave an inheritance to Gentiles, when He divided the sons of man, He fixed the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.²
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² The Masoretic Text has “sons of Israel”.

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16. They provoked Him to jealousy with strange *gods*; with abominations, they provoked Him to anger.
17. They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, new gods that came in from close by, whom your fathers had not feared.
18. Of the Rock who bore you, you were unmindful, and you forgot God, who travailed with you.
19. And Jehovah saw it, and He despised *them* because of the provocations of His sons and His daughters.
20. And He said, "Let me hide my face from them. I will see what their end *will be*, for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness.
21. They have moved me to jealousy with *that which* is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities. Therefore, I will move them to jealousy with *those which* are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
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26. I said I would cut them to pieces, that I would erase the memory of them from mankind,
27. except that I wanted to avoid provocation of the enemy, lest their adversaries misconstrue *it* and say, "Our power is superior; Jehovah did not do all this."
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36. Jehovah will certainly judge His people, but He will have pity on His servants when He sees that *their* strength is gone, whether to hold on or let go.
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39. See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with me! I kill, and I restore to life. I wound, and I heal. And there is no one who can deliver out of my hand.
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46. And he said to them, "Apply your hearts to all the words that I am testifying among you today, so that you command your children to be careful to do all the words of this law."
47. For it is not a vain thing for you, because it is your life, and by this thing you will prolong your days in the land that you are about to cross the Jordan to possess.
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Deuteronomy 33

- ¶1. This is the blessing with which Moses, the man of God, blessed the children of Israel before his death.
2. And he said, “Jehovah came from Sinai, and appeared to them from Seir. He shone forth from Mount Paran. From His right hand came the Holy One with myriads; fire was their mandate.
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8. And to Levi, he said, “Let your Thummim and your Urim belong to a godly man, whom you tested at Massah, with whom you contended at the waters of Meribah,
9. he who who said to his father and mother, “I do not recognize you,” and to his kinsman, “I do not acknowledge you,” and to his children, “I do not know you.” But they obeyed what you said and kept your covenant.
- 10 They will teach Jacob your judgments, and Israel, your law; they will burn the smoke of sacrifice into your nostrils and whole burnt offering upon your altar.
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