# Exodus

- ¶1. These are the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob (each man and his household came):
- 2. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
- 3. Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
- 4. Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.
- 5. And all the souls who came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls. (Joseph was in Egypt already).
- 6. And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that entire generation.
- 7. And the sons of Israel were fruitful, and increased, and multiplied, and became very, very many, so that the land was filled with them.
- ¶8. And a new king rose up over Egypt who did not know Joseph.
- 9. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we.
- 10. Come now, let us deal wisely with them lest they multiply, and it be that when war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us, and go up out of the country."
- 11. And so, they put taskmasters over them in order to humble them with their burdens, and they built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses.
- 12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and increased. And so, they were in dread of the sons of Israel.
- 13. And the Egyptians ruthlessly made the sons of Israel serve *them*.
- 14. And they made their lives bitter with hard labor, with mortar, and with bricks, and with every kind of work in the field. All their labor which they made them do was with ruthlessness.
- 15. And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, the name of the first being Shiphrah, and the name of the second, Puah.
- 16. And he said, "When you help the Hebrew women deliver, and you see them on the birth-stools, if it is a son, then kill him. But if it is a daughter, let her live."
- 17. But the midwives feared God, so they did not do as the king of Egypt told them, for they let the male children live.
- 18. So, the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why are you doing this thing and letting the male children live?"
- 19. And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptians, but they are lively; they bear children before the midwife gets to them."
- 20. And God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very numerous.
- 21. And it came to pass that because the midwives feared God, He made them houses.

22. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Throw every son that is born into the Nile, but let every daughter live."

- ¶1. And a man from the house of Levi went and took a daughter from Levi.
- 2. And the woman conceived and gave birth to a son, and she saw him, that he was a beautiful boy, and she hid him three months.
- 3. But when she could no longer hide him, she fetched for him an ark made of papyrus, and she smeared it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and placed it among the rushes along the bank of the Nile.
- 4. And his sister stationed herself at a distance to see what would happen to him.
- 5. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens were walking along the Nile. Then she saw the ark among the rushes and sent her maidservant, and she fetched it.
- 6. And she opened it and looked at the child, and behold, the boy was weeping. And she had compassion on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew children."
- 7. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and summon a woman for you, a wet-nurse from the Hebrews, that she may nurse the child for you?"
- 8. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." And the girl went and summoned the child's mother.
- 9. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." And the woman took the child and nursed him.
- 10. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter. And he became her son, and she called his name Moses, for she said, "I drew¹ him out of the water."
- 11. And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brothers, and he saw their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian man beating a Hebrew man, one of his brothers.
- 12. And he looked here and there, and he saw that there was no one around, and he slew the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
- 13. On the next day, he went out, and behold, two Hebrew men were fighting. And he said to the guilty one, "Why are you striking your fellow?"
- 14. And he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us!" Do you plan to kill me the way you killed that Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and he thought, "Surely, this thing is known."
- 15. And when Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses, but Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat by a well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The name for Moses comes from the Hebrew word for "to draw".

16. And the priest of Midian had seven daughters who came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

- 17. And shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses rose up and delivered them, and he watered their flock.
- 18. Then they went to Reuel their father, and he said, "Why have you come so quickly today?"
- 19. And they said, "An Egyptian man rescued us from the hand of the shepherds, and he even drew for us and watered the flock."
- 20. And he said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why is it that *y*ou left the man? Call him so that he may eat bread."
- 21. And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Zipporah, his daughter, to Moses.
- 22. And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have become a stranger<sup>2</sup> in a foreign land."
- ¶23. And it came to pass during those many days that the king of Egypt died, and the sons of Israel groaned because of their slavery. And they cried out, and their cry went up to God because of their slavery.
- 24. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- 25. And God looked upon the sons of Israel, and God knew.

- ¶1. Now, Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back side of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.
- 2. And an angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a thorn-bush. And he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.
- 3. And Moses said, "Let me turn aside and see this great sight. Why is this bush not burned up?"
- 4. And Jehovah saw that he went over to look, and God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."
- 5. And He said, "Do not come near here! Take your sandals off your feet, for the place upon which you are standing is holy ground."
- 6. Then He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The name Gershom is related to the word "stranger" in Hebrew.

7. And Jehovah said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their cry because of their slavemasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

- 8. And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and wide land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite, even the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.
- 9. And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.
- 10. So, come, and I will send you now to Pharaoh, and you bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
- 11. But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"
- 12. And He said, "But I will be with you. And this will be the sign for you that I have sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."
- 13. And Moses said to God, "Behold, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of *y*our fathers has sent me to *y*ou, 'they will say to me, 'What is His name?' What should I tell them?"
- 14. And God said to Moses, "I am who I am." Then He said, "Say this to the children of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."
- 15. And again, God said to Moses, "Speak thus to the children of Israel: Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob has sent me to you.' This is my name forever. This is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.
- 16. Go and gather the elders of Israel, and say to them, "Jehovah, the God of your fathers, has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I have surely visited you and *have seen* what is being done to you in Egypt.
- 17. And I say I will bring you up from the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, even the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'
- 18. And they will heed your voice, and you and the elders of Israel will go in to the king of Egypt, and *y*ou will tell him, 'Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Therefore, let us go now, we pray you, on a three-day journey into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Jehovah our God.'
- 19. Now, I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go, except by a mighty hand.
- 20. So, I will stretch out my hand, and I will strike the Egyptians with all my wonders, which I will do in their midst. And after that, he will drive *y*ou out.
- 21. And I will give this people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, and it will come to pass that when *y*ou leave, *y*ou will not leave empty-handed.

22. So, let every woman ask from her neighbor and from her who is staying in her house things of silver, and things of gold, and clothes, and you will put them on your sons and your daughters. And you will spoil the Egyptians."

- ¶1. And Moses answered and said, "But, behold, they will not believe me nor heed my voice, and they will say, 'Jehovah has not appeared to you.'"
- 2. And Jehovah said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff."
- 3. And He said, "Throw it to the ground." And he threw it to the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses got away from it.
- 4. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand, and grasp it by its tail." So, he stretched out his hand and grabbed it, and it became a staff in his hand.
- 5. "By this, they will believe that Jehovah has appeared to you, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."
- 6. And Jehovah said to him again, "Put your hand into your bosom." So, he put his hand into his bosom; then, he pulled it out, and behold, his hand was leprous as snow.
- 7. Then He said, "Put your hand back into your bosom." And he put his hand back into his bosom, and pulled it out from his bosom, and, behold, it was restored as his flesh.
- 8. "And it shall come to pass that if they do not believe you nor heed the first sign, they will believe the latter sign.
- 9. And it shall come to pass that if they do not believe the second of these signs either, and do not listen to your voice, then take water from the Nile and pour it out onto the dry ground. And it shall come to pass that the water which you took from the Nile will become blood on the ground."
- 10. Then Moses said to Jehovah, "If you please, my Lord, I am not an eloquent man, neither before nor since you began speaking to your servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."
- 11. And Jehovah said to him, "Who made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb or the deaf, or the seeing or the blind? Do not I, Jehovah?
- 12. So, go! Now! I will be with your mouth, and I will show you what you are to say."
- 13. But he said, "If you please, my Lord! I beg you, send by the hand of whomever else you will send!"
- 14. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Moses, and He said, "Do I not know that Aaron your brother, the Levite, can speak well? Also, behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.
- 15. And you will speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth. And I will show you what you are to do.

16. And he will speak for you to the people. And so, he will be your mouth, and you will be his god.

- 17. And you will take this staff in your hand, by which you will perform the signs.
- ¶18. Then, Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and he said to him, "Let me go, I pray you, and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and I will see if they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."
- 19. And Jehovah said to Moses in Midian, "Go! Return to Egypt, for all the men are dead who sought your life."
- 20. So, Moses took his wife and his sons, and they rode on the donkey and returned to the land of Egypt, and Moses took the staff of God in his hand.
- 21. And Jehovah said to Moses, "On your way back to Egypt, keep in mind all the signs which I have placed in your hand, and do them before Pharaoh. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.
- 22. And you will say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says Jehovah, "My firstborn son is Israel.
- 23. And I say to you, let my son go, that he may serve me. And if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son."
- 24. And it came to pass on the road, by the khan, Jehovah met him and sought to kill him.
- 25. And Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son, and she threw it at his feet and said, "You are certainly a bloody husband to me!"
- 26. So, He let him go. Now, she said, "You are a bloody husband" because of the circumcision.
- ¶27. And Jehovah said to Aaron, "Go meet Moses in the desert." So he went and met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.
- 28. And Moses made known to Aaron all the words of Jehovah with which he had sent him and all the signs that he had commanded him.
- 29. Then, Moses and Aaron went and gathered all the elders of the children of Israel,
- 30. and Aaron spoke all the words which Jehovah had spoken to Moses, and he wrought the signs in the sight of the people.
- 31. And the people believed. And when they heard that Jehovah had visited the children of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, they bowed down and worshipped.

- ¶1. And afterwards, Moses and Aaron went in and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may make a feast to me in the wilderness!"
- 2. And Pharaoh said, "Who is Jehovah, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know Jehovah, nor will I let Israel go."
- 3. But they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Let us go, I pray you, a three-day journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

4. And the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why are *y*ou making the people neglect their responsibilities? Get to *y*our work!"

- 5. Then Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are many now, and *you* are making them to cease from their labors."
- 6. And that day, Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters over the people and their overseers, saying,
- 7. "No longer give straw to the people to make bricks, as before. They shall go and gather straw for themselves,
- 8. but the quota of bricks that they were making previously, *y*ou will require of them and not diminish it. They are idle! That is why they cry out, saying, 'Let us go! Let us sacrifice to our God!'
- 9. Let heavier work be laid on the men, that they labor at it and no longer pay attention to deceitful words."
- 10. And the taskmasters over the people and their overseers went out, and they spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you straw.
- 11. You go get straw for yourselves wherever you can find it, but your service will not be diminished one whit."
- 12. And the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.
- 13. And the taskmasters kept pressing *them*, saying, "Finish *y*our daily tasks each day, just as when there was straw!"
- 14. And the officers of the children of Israel were beaten, those whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had appointed over them, saying, "Why have you not completed your tasks of brick-making as before, either yesterday or today?"
- 15. And the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why are you treating your servants like this?
- 16. There is no straw given to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are beaten, but your people are at fault."
- 17. But he said, "Idle! You are idle! That is why you are saying, 'Let us go sacrifice to Jehovah'!
- 18. Go, now! Work! Straw will not be given to you, and you will deliver the required amount of bricks!"
- 19. Then the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in trouble when it was said, "You shall not reduce your quota of bricks."
- 20. And they met Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them when they came out from Pharaoh.
- 21. And they said to them, "Jehovah look upon you and judge you who have made us stink in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us!"
- 22. And Moses returned to Jehovah and said, "My Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you send me?

23. For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all!"

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- ¶1. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "You will soon see what I will do to Pharaoh, for with a strong hand he will send them away. With a strong hand, he will drive them from his land."
- 2. And God spoke to Moses and told him, "I am Jehovah.
- 3. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as 'God Almighty', but I did not reveal my name Jehovah to them.
- 4. Even so, I established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojournings in which they lived as strangers.
- 5. Furthermore, I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians have as their slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.
- 6. Therefore say to the sons of Israel, 'I am Jehovah. And I will bring you out from under the burdens of Egypt, and I will deliver you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and mighty judgments.
- 7. And I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am Jehovah your God who is bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt.
- 8. And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession. I am Jehovah."
- 9. And Moses told this to the children of Israel, but they would not listen to Moses for anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.
- 10. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 11. "Go tell Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to send the children of Israel out of his land."
- 12. And Moses spoke before Jehovah, saying, "Behold, the children of Israel would not listen to me, so how will Pharaoh listen to me—me with uncircumcised lips?"
- 13. And so, Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and He commanded them *to go* to the children of Israel and to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.
- ¶14. These are the chiefs of the house of their fathers. The sons of Reuben, firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These are the families of Reuben.
- 15. And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. These are the families of Simeon.
- 16. These are the names of the sons of Levi, by their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of Levi's life were one hundred thirty-seven.

- 17. The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, by their families.
- 18. And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were one hundred thirty-three years.
- 19. And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Levi according to their generations.
- 20. And Amram took Jochebed his aunt for his wife. And she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred thirty-seven years.
- 21. And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.
- 22. And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri.
- 23. And Aaron took Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon, to him for a wife, and she bore to him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
- 24. And the sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korhites.
- 25. And Eleazar, Aaron's son, took one of the daughters of Putiel to him for a wife, and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.
- 26. It was Aaron and Moses to whom Jehovah said, "Bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their hosts."
- 27. These are the ones who spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt. It was Moses and Aaron.
- 28. And so it was on the day Jehovah spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,
- 29. that Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, "I am Jehovah. Tell Pharaoh, king of Egypt, everything that I am saying to you,"
- 30. and Moses said before Jehovah, "Behold, I am uncircumcised of lips, and how will Pharaoh listen to me?"

- ¶1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.
- 2. You say all that I command you, and Aaron your brother will speak to Pharaoh, and he will send the children of Israel out of his land.
- 3. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and I will multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.
- 4. And Pharaoh will not harken to *y*ou, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt, and by mighty judgments will I bring my hosts, my people, the sons of Israel, out of the land of Egypt.
- 5. And the Egyptians shall know that I am Jehovah when I have stretched out my hand against Egypt and have brought the children of Israel out of their midst."
- 6. And Moses and Aaron did so; as Jehovah commanded them, so did they.
- ¶7. Now, Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

- 8. And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,
- 9. "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Perform a miracle for yourselves,' you say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh that it may become a serpent.'"
- 10. Then Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and did so, just as Jehovah had commanded. And Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.
- 11. And Pharaoh also called for the wise men and sorcerers, and the magicians of Egypt did the same by their magic arts,
- 12. for each man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed their rods.
- 13. Nevertheless, Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he would not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.
- ¶14. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.
- 15. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, for, behold, he goes out to the water. But you stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the rod that was turned into a serpent.
- 16. And you say to him, 'Jehovah, God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness," and so far, behold, you have not listened.
- 17. Thus says Jehovah: By this, you shall know that I am Jehovah. Behold, with the staff that is in my hand will I strike upon the waters that are in the Nile, and they will be turned to blood.
- 18. And the fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will be loathe to drink water from the Nile."
- ¶19. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, over their ponds, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they become blood. And there shall be blood in all the land of Egypt, in both wooden vessels and stone."
- 20. And Moses and Aaron did as Jehovah commanded them. And he lifted up the rod and struck the water that was in the Nile before Pharaoh's eyes, and before the eyes of his servants, and all the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood.
- 21. And the fish that were in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, and the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile, and blood was in all the land of Egypt.
- 22. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their magic arts, and Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he would not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.
- 23. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, for he did not take to heart even this.
- 24. And all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they were not able to drink of water from the Nile.
- 25. And seven days passed after Jehovah struck the Nile.

- ¶1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says Jehovah, "Let my people go, that they may serve me!
- 2. And if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all your land with frogs.
- 3. And the Nile will swarm with frogs, and they will come up and enter into your house, into your bedchamber, and onto your bed, and into the house of your servants, and on your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs.
- 4. And the frogs will come up on you, and on your people, and on all your servants.""
- 5. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the rivers, over the streams, and over the ponds, and bring up the frogs upon the land of Egypt."
- 6. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.
- 7. And the magicians did the same with their magic arts; they, too, brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.
- 8. And Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat Jehovah that He remove the frogs from me and my people, and I will let the people go that they may sacrifice to Jehovah."
- 9. And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Glory over me. When shall I entreat for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to cut off the frogs from you and from your houses? Only in the river will they remain."
- 10. And he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "*It will be* according to your word, that you may know that there is none like Jehovah our God.
- 11. And the frogs will depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. Only in the river will they remain."
- 12. And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried out to Jehovah about the frogs which He had sent upon Pharaoh.
- 13. And Jehovah did as Moses said, and the frogs died out, in the houses, in the villages, and in the fields.
- 14. And they gathered them, heaps upon heaps, and the land stank.
- 15. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.
- ¶16. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground, and it will become lice throughout the land of Egypt."
- 17. And they did so. Aaron stretched forth his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the ground. And there were lice on man and beast. All the dust of the ground became lice throughout the land of Egypt.
- 18. And the magicians tried with their magic arts to bring forth lice, but they could not. And the lice was on man and beast.

19. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "It is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he would not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.

- ¶20. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and station yourself before Pharaoh. Behold, he will be going out to the water, and you say to him, 'Thus says Jehovah, "Let my people go, that they may serve me!
- 21. And if you do not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms *of flies* upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, and in your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians will be filled with the swarms *of flies*, as will the land they are on.
- 22. On that day, I will sever the land of Goshen where my people dwell, and there will be no swarms there, that you may know that I, Jehovah, am in the midst of the land.
- 23. And I will make a difference between my people and your people; tomorrow this sign will come to pass.""
- 24. And Jehovah did so, and a massive swarm came into the house of Pharaoh, and the house of his servants, and into all the land of Egypt, and the land was ruined by reason of the swarms of flies.
- 25. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Go! Sacrifice to your God in the land."
- 26. And Moses said, "It is not safe to do so, for we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God an abomination of the Egyptians. Behold, if we sacrifice an abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?
- 27. We must make a three-day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, just as He will tell us to do."
- 28. And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to Jehovah your God in the wilderness. Only, you must not go far away. Now, pray for me."
- 29. And Moses said, "Behold, I am leaving you, and I will pray to Jehovah, that he may remove the flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow. Only, let not Pharaoh deal treacherously again and not let the people go to sacrifice to Jehovah."
- ¶30. Then Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to Jehovah.
- 31. And Jehovah did according to Moses 'word, and He removed the flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not even one was left.
- 32. But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also and did not let the people go.

- ¶1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says Jehovah, 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,
- 3. behold, the hand of Jehovah will be on your livestock that is in the field, on the horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, flocks, a very severe plague.

4. And Jehovah will make a difference between Israel's cattle and Egypt's cattle. And none belonging to the sons of Israel will die."

- 5. And Jehovah set an appointed time, saying, "Tomorrow, Jehovah will do this thing in the land."
- 6. And Jehovah did this thing on the next day, and all of Egypt's cattle died, but of the cattle of the sons of Israel, not one died.
- 7. And Pharaoh sent, and behold, the cattle of Israel did not die, not even one. But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not let the people go.
- ¶8. And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for *y*ourselves both *y*our hands full of soot from a furnace, and let Moses toss it up toward heaven before the eyes of Pharaoh.
- 9. And it will become a dust over all the land of Egypt, and there will be boils upon man and beast, ulcers breaking out in all the land of Egypt."
- 10. And so, they took soot from the furnace, and they stood before Pharaoh, and Moses tossed it up toward heaven, and it became boils, ulcers breaking out on man and beast.
- 11. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.
- 12. But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he would not listen to them, as Jehovah had said to Moses.
- ¶13. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and station yourself before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says Jehovah, God of the Hebrews: let my people go, that they may serve me!
- 14. For this time, I will send all my plagues to your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.
- 15. For now, I have stretched out my hand, and I will strike you and your people with the plague, and you will be eradicated from the earth.
- 16. But indeed, for this purpose have I raised you up, to make you see my power, and so that my name is proclaimed in all the earth.
- 17. You are still exalting yourself against my people, refusing to let them go.
- 18. Behold, about this time tomorrow, I will cause it to rain very grievous hail, the likes of which has never been in Egypt from the day of its founding even until now.
- 19. Send forth now and shelter your cattle and all that is yours in the field. The hail will fall on every man and beast that is left in the field and is not brought to the house, and they will die."
- 20. He who feared the word of Jehovah among Pharaoh servants drove his servants and cattle to their houses,
- 21. but he that did not set his heart upon the word of Jehovah left his servants and his cattle in the field.
- ¶22. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man, and on beasts, and on all the herbage of the field in the land of Egypt."

23. And Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and Jehovah sent thunder and hail, with fire coming down to earth; and so, Jehovah rained hail upon the land of Egypt,

- 24. and there was hail, with fire running to and fro in the midst of the severe hail. There had been nothing like it in the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
- 25. And throughout all the land of Egypt, the hail smote all that was in the field, both man and beast. And the hail smote all the herbage of the field, and every tree of the field was splintered.
- 26. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.
- 27. Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron, and he said to them, "This time, I have sinned. Jehovah is just, and I and my people are guilty.
- 28. Entreat Jehovah, that it is enough of God's thunder and hail, and I will let *y*ou go, and *y*ou will no longer have to wait."
- 29. Then Moses said to him, "When I have left the city, I will extend my hands to Jehovah. The thundering will come to an end, and the hail will be no more, so that you may know that the earth belongs to Jehovah.
- 30. And as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear Jehovah God."
- 31. And the flax and the barley were smitten, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in flower,
- 32. but the wheat and the emmer were not smitten, for they are late.
- 33. And Moses went out from Pharaoh, out of the city, and he spread out his hands to Jehovah, and the thunderings and the hail ceased, and rain was no *longer* poured out on the land.
- 34. Then Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunderings had ceased, and he again sinned and hardened his heart, he and his servants.
- 35. And Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he would not let the children of Israel go, just as Jehovah had said by the hand of Moses.

- ¶1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these, my signs, in his presence,
- 2. and that you may, in the ears of your son and your son's son, give account of my severe dealing with Egypt and of my signs that I have performed among them, that *y*ou may know that I am Jehovah."
- 3. Then Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they said to him, "Thus says Jehovah, God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me!
- 4. And if you refuse to let my people go, behold, I will bring a locust swarm into your country tomorrow.

5. And it will cover the face of the land so that no one will be able to see the land. And it will consume the remainder of what escaped, that which is left to you from the hail, and it will consume every tree of *y*ours that is growing in the field.

- 6. Your houses will be full, and the houses of all of your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians, which neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen since the time they were on the earth until this day." And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.
- 7. And Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go that they may serve Jehovah their God! Do you not yet realize that Egypt is perishing?"
- 8. Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go! Serve Jehovah your God! But who are the ones who will go?"
- 9. Then Moses said, "We will go with our young men and with our old men, with our sons and with our daughters; we will go with our flocks and with our herds for our feast unto Jehovah."
- 10. And he said to them, "Jehovah be like this with you, if I ever let you go with your little ones! Beware, for evil is before you!
- 11. Not so! Let the men go, now, and serve Jehovah, for that is what you were after!" And one drove them out from Pharaoh's presence.
- ¶12. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they come up upon the land of Egypt and consume every plant of the land—everything which the hail left."
- 13. So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and Jehovah brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. The morning came, and the east wind had carried in the locusts.
- 14. And the locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled in every border of Egypt, very many. Before it, there never was such a swarm of locusts, and after it will never be the like.
- 15. And it covered the face of the whole land and the land grew dark, and it consumed all the herbage of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left, and there was nothing green left in the trees and in the plants of the field throughout the land of Egypt.
- 16. Then Pharaoh hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, "I have sinned against Jehovah your God and against you.
- 17. I beseech you, forgive now my sin only this once, and pray to Jehovah *y*our God, that He will turn away this death from me just this once!"
- 18. Then he went out from Pharaoh, and he prayed to Jehovah.

19. And Jehovah changed the course of a very strong west wind, and it carried away the swarm and threw it into the Red Sea. And not one locust was left in all the border of Egypt.

- 20. But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the children of Israel go.
- ¶21. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, and let there be darkness upon the land of Egypt, even a darkness one may feel."
- 22. And Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.
- 23. They did not see one another, and no one arose from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.
- 24. And Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go! Serve Jehovah. Only, leave behind your flocks and your herds, but your little ones may go with you."
- 25. But Moses said, "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings that we may prepare for Jehovah our God.
- 26. Our cattle must also go with us; not a hoof can be left behind, for we must take from them to serve Jehovah our God. We will not know how we are to serve Jehovah until we arrive there."
- 27. But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.
- 28. Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take care not to see my face again, for on the day you see my face, you will die."
- 29. And Moses said, "As you say, I will not see your face again."

- ¶1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterwards, he will let *y*ou leave this place. When he lets you go, he will drive *y*ou altogether out of this place.
- 2. Now, speak in the ears of the people, and let each man ask from his friend, and each woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold."
- 3. And Jehovah gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of Pharaoh's servants and in the eyes of the people.
- ¶4. And Moses said, "Thus says Jehovah, 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt.
- 5. And every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh who is sitting on his throne to the first-born of the slave girl who follows the millstones, and every first-born of animals.
- 6. And there shall be a great cry throughout the land of Egypt, the likes of which has never been, and the likes of which shall never be again.

7. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog wag its tongue, neither against man nor beast, so that *y*ou may know that Jehovah makes a difference between Egypt and Israel.

- 8. And all of these, your servants, will come down to me and bow themselves down to 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 burning with anger.
- ¶9. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to *y*ou, so that I might multiply my wonders in the land of Egypt."
- 10. And Moses and Aaron had done all these wonders before Pharaoh, but Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2. "This month shall be the first of months for *y*ou. It shall be the first of the months of *y*our year.
- 3. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month, they shall each take for themselves a lamb from the flock for his father's house, a lamb for each household.
- 4. And if the household be too small for a lamb, he and his neighbor that is next to his house shall take it. You shall gauge the lamb according to the number of souls, according to what each can eat.
- 5. Your lamb shall be unblemished, a male, one year old. You may take it from the sheep or the goats,
- 6. and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.
- 7. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two door posts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- 8. And they shall eat the flesh in this night, roasted by fire, and with unleavened bread and bitter herbs shall they eat it.
- 9. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all in water, but roast it with fire, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts.
- 10. And you shall not leave any of it until morning. Anything remaining in the morning, you shall burn with fire.
- 11. This is how you shall eat it, with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is Jehovah's Passover.
- 12. And I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and I will execute judgments on all the gods of Egypt: I am Jehovah.

13. But for *y*ou, the blood will be a sign on the houses where *y*ou are, and I will see the blood and pass over *y*ou, and the destroying plague will not be among *y*ou when I strike the land of Egypt.

- 14. And this day shall be for *y*ou a memorial, and *y*ou shall observe it as a feast to Jehovah throughout *y*our generations; it shall be a statute forever that *y*ou keep the feast.
- 15. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days. On the first day, you must remove all leaven from your houses, for anyone eating that which is leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.
- 16. And on the first day, there is to be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day also there will be a holy convocation for *y*ou. No work may be done on them. However, whatever must be eaten by each person, that alone may be prepared by *y*ou.
- 17. And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your host out of the land of Egypt. Therefore, you shall observe this day throughout your generations, as a statute forever.
- 18. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, *y*ou are to eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day at evening.
- 19. *For* seven days, leaven shall not be found in *y*our houses. Anyone who eats whatever is leavened, whether a sojourner or one born in the land, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel.
- 20. You must eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings, you are to eat unleavened bread."
- ¶21. Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take lambs for *y*ourselves and *y*our families, and slaughter the Passover.
- 22. Then take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin, and none of *y*ou is to go out of the door of his house until morning.
- 23. For Jehovah will pass through to strike the Egyptians, but He will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and Jehovah will pass over the door and will not permit the destroyer to go into *y*our houses to strike *you*.
- 24. And you will keep this commandment as a statute for you and your sons forever.
- 25. And it shall be that when you come into the land that Jehovah will give to you, as He has said, then you will keep this ceremony.
- 26. And it shall be that when your children say to you, "What do you mean by this ritual?"
- 27. then you are to say, "This is the Passover sacrifice to Jehovah who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when he struck the Egyptians and delivered our houses." And the people bowed and worshipped.
- 28. So the children of Israel went and did so. As Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

¶29. And it came to pass in the middle of the night that Jehovah 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 was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of animals.

- 30. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians, and there was a great wailing in Egypt for there was not a house where there was no one dead.
- 31. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Get up and go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel, and go serve Jehovah, as you said.
- 32. Take both your flocks and your herds, as you said, and go! And bless me also!"
- 33. And the Egyptians were pressing upon the people, to drive them out of the land quickly, for they said, "We will all be dead men."
- 34. And the people took up their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their garments on their shoulders.
- 35. And the children of Israel did according to Moses 'word, and they asked of the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.
- 36. And Jehovah gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, and they gave them what they asked. Thus, they plundered the Egyptians.
- ¶37. And the children of Israel traveled from Rameses towards Succoth about six hundred thousand footmen, besides little ones.
- 38. And a mixed multitude also went up with them, and flocks and herds, a large number of livestock.
- 39. And they baked unleavened cakes with the dough that they brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened because they were driven out from Egypt and could not tarry, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.
- 40. And the sojourning of the children of Israel who dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.
- 41. And it came to pass at the end of four hundred and thirty years—it came to pass on the selfsame day—that all the hosts of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.
- 42. It was a night of keeping watch for Jehovah to bring them out from the land of Egypt. This night is for keeping watch for Jehovah throughout all generations of the children of Israel.
- ¶43. And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover. No son of a foreigner is to eat of it.
- 44. But every man's slave that is purchased with money may eat of it—after you have circumcised him.
- 45. Neither a visitor nor a hired man may eat of it.
- 46. It must be eaten in one house. You are not to bring any of its flesh outside the house, and you must not break a bone of it.
- 47. All the congregation of Israel shall do it.

48. And if a stranger sojourns with you and would keep the Passover to Jehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then he may come near to keep it. And he will be like one born in the land. But no uncircumcised man shall eat of it.

- 49. There shall be one law for the one born in the land and for the stranger who sojourns among *y*ou."
- 50. And all the sons of Israel did as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron; so did they.
- ¶51. And it came to pass that on the selfsame day, Jehovah brought out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts.

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2. "Consecrate to me every firstborn male of the children of Israel that opens every womb, of man or of beast. He is mine."
- 3. Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day that *y*ou came out of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, for with a strong hand, Jehovah brought *y*ou out of this place. That which is leavened shall not be eaten.
- 4. This day, in the month of Abib, *y*ou are leaving.
- 5. And it will come to pass that when Jehovah brings you to the land of the Canaanites, even the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give to you, a land flowing with milk and honey, then you shall offer this service in this month:
- 6. For seven days shall you eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day, there is to be a feast to Jehovah.
- 7. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. That which is leavened must not be seen among you; yea, leaven is not to be seen among you in all your land.
- 8. You shall make it known to your son on that day, saying, '*This is* because of what Jehovah did for me when He brought me out of Egypt.'
- 9. And it will be for you like a sign on your hand and like a memorial between your eyes, so that the law of Jehovah will be in your mouth, for with a strong hand, Jehovah brought you out of Egypt.
- 10. You shall observe this statute at its appointed time from year to year.
- 11. And it will come to pass when Jehovah brings you to the land of the Canaanites, just as He swore to you and to your fathers, that He will give it to you.
- 12. So, you shall dedicate to Jehovah all that first open the womb, and all the firstlings that open it among the animals which you own; the males are Jehovah's.
- 13. And every firstborn donkey, you shall redeem with a sheep, but if you will not redeem it, you shall break its neck. But you shall redeem every firstborn man among your sons.
- 14. And when in time to come your son asks you, saying, 'Why is this?' you shall say to him, 'By a mighty hand, Jehovah brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of slaves.

15. For it came to pass that when Pharaoh hardened *himself* against letting us go, Jehovah slew every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of man even to the firstborn of animals. That is why I sacrifice to Jehovah all the males that first open the womb, and redeem all of my firstborn sons.'

- 16. And it shall be as a sign upon your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by a mighty hand, Jehovah brought us out of Egypt."
- ¶17. And it came to pass that when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not take them by the way of the land of the Philistines, though it was near. For God said, "Lest the people lose heart when they face war and return to Egypt."
- 18. But God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up from the land of Egypt armed.
- 19. And Moses took Joseph's bones with him, for he had bound the children of Israel with an oath, saying, "God will surely visit *y*ou, and *y*ou shall take my bones away from here with *y*ou."
- 20. So, they set out from Succoth, and they made camp at Etham, at the edge of the wilderness.
- 21. And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them in the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.
- 22. The pillar of cloud did not cease by day before the people, nor the pillar of fire by night.

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2. "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. You shall encamp before Baal-zephon by the sea.
- 3. And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They are confused by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.'
- 4. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them, and I will be honored in Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall confess that I am Jehovah." And they did so.
- 5. And it was reported to the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this? We have let Israel go from serving us."
- 6. So he made ready his chariot, and he took his army with him.
- 7. And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and officers over them all.
- 8. Then Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he pursued the children of Israel, for the children of Israel went out with a high hand.

9. And the Egyptians pursued them, and all of Pharaoh's horsedrawn chariots, and his horsemen, and his army caught up with them as they camped by the sea, at Pi-hahiroth before Baal-zephon.

- 10. And as Pharaoh approached, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were advancing upon them! And they were greatly afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.
- 11. And they said to Moses, "Is it because there are no burial sites in Egypt that you have taken us out into the desert to die? What is this that you have done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?
- 12. Isn't this what we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Stay away from us, and let us serve the Egyptians, for it is better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert."
- 13. And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will bring to pass for *y*ou today. For though *y*ou see the Egyptians today, *y*ou will never see them again, forever.
- 14. Jehovah will fight for you, and you will be speechless."
- ¶15. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the children of Israel to set out.
- 16. And you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, so that the children of Israel may go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.
- 17. And I, behold I, will harden the heart of the Egyptians, and they will follow them in. Then will I be honored in Pharaoh, and in all his army, in his chariots, and in his horsemen.
- 18. And the Egyptians will know that I *am* Jehovah when I have been honored in Pharaoh, in his chariots, and in his horsemen."
- 19. Then the angel of God who had been traveling before the camp of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of the cloud moved from in front of them, and it stood behind them,
- 20. and it went between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. And the cloud and the darkness was *upon them*, but he lit up the night *for Israel*, so that one did not come near the other all that night.
- 21. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and Jehovah caused the sea to go back with a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry ground, and the waters were divided.
- 22. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
- 23. Then the Egyptians made pursuit and went in after them—all of the horses of Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen—into the middle of the sea.

24. And it came to pass, on the morning watch, Jehovah looked down upon the host of Egypt through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and He troubled the host of the Egyptians.

- 25. And He removed the wheels of their chariots so that they could hardly drive. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for Jehovah is fighting for them, against Egypt!"
- ¶26. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch your hand out over the sea, and let the waters return upon the Egyptians, upon his chariots and upon his horsemen."
- 27. So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal flow by the break of day. Now the Egyptians fled at its coming, but Jehovah shook off the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.
- 28. And the waters returned and covered the chariots and horsemen, even all of the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; there was not so much as one of them left.
- 29. But the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them, on their right hand and on their left.
- 30. And so Jehovah delivered Israel that day from the hand of Egypt, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.
- 31. And Israel saw the great power that Jehovah wrought against the Egyptians, and the people feared Jehovah, and they believed in Jehovah and in His servant Moses.

- ¶1. Then Moses, with the children of Israel sang this song to Jehovah, and they spoke, saying, "I will sing to Jehovah because He has triumphed gloriously. The horse and its rider He has cast into the sea.
- 2. Jehovah is my strength and song, and He is my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise the God of my father, and I will exalt Him.
- 3. Jehovah is a man of war. Jehovah is His name.
- 4. Pharaoh's chariots and his army He cast into the sea, and the elite of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea.
- 5. The depths covered them; they went down like a stone into the deep.
- 6. Your right hand, O Jehovah, is majestic in power. Your right hand, O Jehovah, has smashed the enemy.
- 7. And in the greatness of your majesty, you overthrow those who rise up against you. You send forth your burning anger; it consumes them like stubble.
- 8. And by the blast of your nostrils, the waters were heaped up, flowing waters stood like a dam, the depths congealed in the middle of the sea.
- 9. The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil. My soul will be filled with what is theirs. I will draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.'

10. You blew with your wind; the sea buried them. They sank like lead in majestic waters.

- 11. Who among the gods is like you, O Jehovah? Who, like you, is glorious in holiness, revered in praises, doing wonders?
- 12. You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.
- 13. In your mercy, you led this people whom you have redeemed. In your strength, you guided them toward your holy dwelling place.
- 14. Nations heard; they trembled; fear seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- 15. Then the chiefs of Edom were terrified. Trembling seized the strong men of Moab. All the inhabitants of Canaan melted.
- 16. Terror and dread will fall on them; by the power of your arm, O Jehovah, they will be as still as a stone until your people pass by, until this people you have purchased pass by.
- 17. You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance, the fixed place you created for your dwelling, O Jehovah, the holy site, my Lord, that your hands have prepared.
- 18. Jehovah will reign forever and ever!
- 19. For Pharaoh's horses with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea and Jehovah brought the waters of the sea back over them but the children of Israel went through on dry ground in the midst of the sea."
- ¶20. Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her with timbrels and dancing.
- 21. And Miriam sang to them, "Sing to Jehovah because He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has cast into the sea."
- ¶22. Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went forth into the wilderness of Shur, and they traveled three days in the wilderness and did not find water.
- 23. And they came to Marah, but they could not drink the water at Marah because it was bitter. (That is why it is called Marah.)
- 24. Then the people murmured against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"
- 25. And he cried out to Jehovah, and Jehovah pointed out a tree, and he cast it into the water, and the water became sweet. And there, He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He put them to the test.
- 26. And He said, "If you will diligently hearken to the voice of Jehovah your God, and do what is right in His sight, and listen to His commandments, and keep all of His statutes, none of the diseases that I put on the Egyptians will I bring upon you because I am Jehovah your healer."
- ¶27. Then they came to Elim where there were twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there by the waters.

- 1. And they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they left the land of Egypt.
- 2. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.
- 3. And the sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt when we sat by the flesh pots and ate bread to the full. Instead, you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger!"
- ¶4. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for *y*ou, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I might prove them, whether or not they will walk in my law.
- 5. And it shall be on the sixth day, they shall prepare what they bring in, and there will be twice as much as they gather day by day."
- 6. So Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening, you will know that Jehovah has brought you out of the land of Egypt;
- 7. and in the morning you will see the glory of Jehovah, for He hears your murmurings against Jehovah, and who are we that you murmur against us?"
- 8. And Moses said, "Jehovah will give you meat to eat in the evening and bread to the full in the morning, for Jehovah hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him. And who are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against Jehovah."
- 9. Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before Jehovah, for He has heard *y*our murmurings."
- 10. And it came to pass when Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud.
- ¶11. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 12. "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight, you will eat meat, and in the morning, you will be filled with bread, and you shall know that I am Jehovah your God."
- 13. So, it came to pass in the evening that the quails went up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew round about the camp.
- 14. And when the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the face of the wilderness there was a thin flake, fine as the frost on the ground.
- 15. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that Jehovah has given you to eat.

16. This is the thing which Jehovah has commanded: Let them gather it, each according to his appetite. An omer apiece shall *y*ou take, according to the number of souls each of you has in his tent."

- 17. And the children of Israel did so, and they gathered, some a lot and some a little.
- 18. When they measured it by the omer, the one gathering much had no excess, and the one gathering little did not lack; each man gathered what he could eat.
- 19. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it until morning."
- 20. But they did not listen to Moses, and some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.
- 21. So, they gathered it morning by morning, every man according to his appetite, but when the sun grew hot, it melted.
- 22. And it came to pass on the sixth day, they gathered twice as much bread, two homers instead of one, and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.
- 23. And he said to them, "This is what Jehovah said: 'Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath to Jehovah. Bake what *y*ou will bake, and boil what *y*ou will boil, and all that is left over, put up for *y*ourselves to keep until the morning."
- 24. And they put it up until the morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there was no worm in it.
- 25. And Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to Jehovah; today, you will not find it in the field.
- 26. Six days you can gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none."
- 27. And it came to pass, on the seventh day, that some of the people went out to gather *manna*, but they found none.
- ¶28. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?
- 29. Understand that Jehovah has given you the Sabbath! Therefore, on the sixth day, He gives you bread for two days. Let every man remain in his tent! Let no one leave his place on the seventh day!"
- 30. So the people rested on the seventh day.
- 31. And the house of Israel called it manna, and it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey.
- 32. And Moses said, "This is the thing which Jehovah has commanded: Fill an homer of it to be kept for *y*our descendants, so that they may see the bread which I fed *y*ou in the wilderness when I brought *y*ou out of the land of Egypt."
- 33. And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna in it, and place it before Jehovah, to be kept for your generations."
- 34. And Aaron laid it up inside the testimony to be kept, as Jehovah commanded Moses.
- 35. And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came into an inhabited land. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

36. Now, an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

## Exodus 17

- ¶1. And all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sin according to the commandment of Jehovah, and they camped in Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 2. Then the people contended with Moses, saying, "Give us water that we may drink!" But Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt Jehovah?"
- 3. And the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us, and our children, and our livestock with thirst?"
- 4. And Moses cried unto Jehovah, saying, "What shall I do for this people? They are on the verge of stoning me!"
- 5. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Pass on in front of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you. And take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go!
- 6. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock on Horeb. 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.
- 7. And he called the name of the place Massah<sup>3</sup> and Meribah<sup>4</sup> because of the contention of the children of Israel and because they put Jehovah to the test by saying, "Is Jehovah among us, or not?"
- ¶8. Then Amalek came out and fought against Israel in Rephidim.
- 9. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow, I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."
- 10. And Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and he fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur ascended to the top of the hill.
- 11. And it came to pass when Moses lifted up his hands, Israel prevailed, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek prevailed.
- 12. But Moses 'hands became heavy, and they took a stone and placed it under him, and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other. And his hands remained steady until the sun went down.
- 13. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

<sup>4</sup> That is, "strife."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> That is, "test."

¶14. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly wipe out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

- 15. And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-Nissi<sup>5</sup>,
- 16. for he said, "Jehovah has sworn by his throne, that there will be war between Jehovah and Amalek from generation to generation."

## Exodus 18

- ¶1. And Jethro, priest of Midian, Moses 'father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people when Jehovah brought Israel out from Egypt.
- 2. Now Jethro, Moses 'father-in-law, had taken in Zipporah, Moses 'wife, after she was sent back,
- 3. and her two sons, one of whom was named Gershom, for he said, "I have become a stranger in a foreign land,"
- 4. and the name of the other was Eliezer<sup>6</sup>, because, *he said*," The God of my father is my help, for He delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh."
- 5. And Jethro, Moses 'father-in-law, came to Moses, with his two sons and his wife, in the wilderness where he was camped at the mountain of God.
- 6. And he said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, have come to you, and your wife and her two sons with her."
- 7. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down, and he kissed him, and they asked after each other's welfare and then went into the tent.
- 8. And Moses recounted to his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh and to Egypt for Israel's sake and all the hardship that had come upon them along the way, but that Jehovah had delivered them.
- 9. Then Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Jehovah had done for Israel, whom He had delivered from the hand of the Egyptians.
- 10. And Jethro said, "Blessed is Jehovah who has delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who has rescued the people from under the hand of Egypt.
- 11. I know now that Jehovah is greater than all the gods because in the thing of which they were proud, He was above them."
- 12. And Jethro, Moses 'father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God, and Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat bread with Moses 'father-in-law before God.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Literally, "Jehovah is my standard."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> That is, "God is my help."

13. And it came to pass on the next day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood before Moses from morning till evening.

- 14. And Moses 'father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, and he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why are you sitting by yourself while all the people are standing around you from morning till evening?"
- 15. And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
- 16. When there is a dispute among them, one comes to me, and I judge between each man and his neighbor, and I make the statutes of God and His laws known."
- 17. Then Moses 'father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good.
- 18. You will certainly wear out, both you and this people who are with you, because this thing is too heavy for you. You cannot do it alone.
- 19. Listen now to my voice. Let me advise you, and may God be with you. You must remain before God for the people, and bring their cases to God.
- 20. And you teach them the statutes and laws and make known to them the way they are to live and the thing they must do,
- 21. but you look for able men who fear God among the people, trustworthy men who hate a bribe, and set over them rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 22. And let them judge the people at all times, and it will be that they will bring every great matter to you, but every lesser matter, they will themselves judge. So, make it easier on yourself, and let them bear *the burden* with you.
- 23. If you will do this thing, and God command it you, then you will be able to continue, and all this people will also go to their place in peace."
- 24. And Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and he did everything that he had said.
- 25. And Moses chose able men from all Israel, and he appointed them as heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 26. And they judged the people at all times. A difficult matter, they brought to Moses, but every lesser matter, they themselves judged.
- 27. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went to his own country.

- ¶1. In the third month after the children of Israel went out from the land of Egypt, on that day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.
- 2. For they journeyed from Rephidim, then came into the wilderness of Sinai and set up camp in the wilderness. There Israel camped in front of the mountain.
- 3. Then Moses went up to God, and Jehovah called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel,
- 4. You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and that I bore you on eagles 'wings and brought you to me.

5. And now, if *y*ou will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, *y*ou will be a treasured possession to me above all peoples, for all the earth is mine.

- 6. And you will be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you will speak to the children of Israel."
- 7. So, Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and he put before them all these words that Jehovah commanded him.
- 8. Then all the people answered together and said, "All that Jehovah has spoken, we will do." And Moses brought back the words of the people to Jehovah.
- 9. And Jehovah 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 believe in you also forever." And Moses declared the words of the people to Jehovah.
- 10. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothes.
- 11. And be ready for the third day, because on the third day Jehovah will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people,
- 12. and set boundaries for the people all around saying, 'Take heed to *y*ourselves *that you do not* go up on the mountain or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.
- 13. No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through. Whether animal or man, he shall not live. When the ram's horn sounds, then let them come up to the mountain."
- 14. And Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes.
- 15. And he said to the people, "Be prepared for the third day. Do not go in to a woman."
- 16. And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were peals of thunder, and flashes of lightning, and a thick cloud on the mountain, and a very loud blast of a shofar. And all the people in the camp trembled.
- 17. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they presented themselves at the base of the mountain.
- 18. And Mount Sinai was covered in smoke because of the presence of Jehovah who had descended upon it in fire, and His smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked exceedingly.
- 19. When the sound of the shofar came and grew very loud, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice.
- 20. And Jehovah came down on Mount Sinai, on top of the mountain. Then Jehovah summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.
- 21. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go down. Warn the people, lest they break through to Jehovah to look, and many of them perish.
- 22. And also, let the priests who draw near to Jehovah consecrate themselves, lest Jehovah break forth upon them."

23. Then Moses said to Jehovah, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai because you warned us saying, 'Set boundaries around the mountain and consecrate it.'"

- 24. But Jehovah said to him, "Away! Go down! And then you will come up, and Aaron with you. But let not the priests nor the people break through *the boundary* to come up to Jehovah, lest He break forth upon them."
- 25. So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

- ¶1. And God spoke all these words, saying,
- ¶2. "I am Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.
- 3. You shall have no other god besides me.
- ¶4. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth.
- 5. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I, Jehovah your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of fathers upon children, even to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
- 6. and showing mercy to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- ¶7. "You shall not bear the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless who bears His name in vain.
- ¶8. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9. Six days shall you labor and do all your work,
- 10. but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Jehovah your God. You shall do no work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male slave or your female slave, or your livestock, or your foreigner who is in your gates.
- 11. For in six days, Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.
- ¶12. "Honor your father and your mother so that your days may be long upon the land that Jehovah your God is giving you.
- ¶13. "You shall not kill.
- ¶14. "You shall not commit adultery.
- ¶15. "You shall not steal.
- ¶16. "You shall not testify falsely against your neighbor.

¶17. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male slave, or his female slave, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

- ¶18. And when all the people beheld the thunderings, and the lightning flashes, and the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid, and trembled, and stood far off.
- 19. And they said to Moses, "You speak with us yourself, and we will listen, but don't let God speak with us, lest we die!"
- 20. Then Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid! For God has come in order to prove you, that the fear of Him may be before you so that you will not sin."
- 21. Nevertheless, the people stayed far off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.
- ¶22. And Jehovah said to Moses, "This is what you shall say to the children of Israel, 'You have seen that I spoke with you from heaven.
- 23. You shall not make *other gods* besides me; you shall not make for yourselves gods of silver or of gold.
- 24. You shall make for me an altar of earth, and you shall sacrifice upon it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your flocks and your herds. In every place that I cause my name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.
- 25. And if you make an altar of stones for me, you shall not build it with hewn stone, for if you use your tool on it, you have defiled it.
- 26. And you shall not ascend by steps to my altar, so that your nakedness may not be exposed to it.'

- ¶1. "And these are the judgments that you will set before them:
- 2. If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years, and in the seventh, he shall go out free, for nothing.
- 3. If he came in by himself, he will leave by himself. If he had a wife, his wife shall leave with him.
- 4. If his master gave him a wife, and she bore sons or daughters to him, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall leave by himself.
- 5. But if the slave says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'
- 6. then his master shall bring him to the judges. And he shall bring him to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with the awl, and he shall serve him forever.
- ¶7. "And if a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out the same way the male slaves go out.

8. If she does not please her master who has betrothed her to himself, he shall let her be redeemed. He has no authority to sell her to a foreign people, seeing he has broken faith with her.

- 9. And if he betroths her to his son, he shall deal with her as is customary with daughters.
- 10. And if he takes himself another wife, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marriage rights.
- 11. But if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without money.
- ¶12. "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.
- 13. But if a man lies not in wait, but God delivers him into his hand, I will appoint you a place to which he may flee.
- 14. But if a man makes a plan against his neighbor to treacherously kill him, you shall take him away from my altar that he die.
- 15. He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- 16. He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.
- 17. He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- 18. If men are fighting and one strikes his neighbor with a rock or with his fist, and he does not die, but takes to bed,
- 19. if he rises and walks about outside on his staff, the one who struck him shall not be punished; only, he shall pay for his lost time and for his complete recovery.
- 20. And if a man strikes his male slave or his female slave with the rod, and he dies by his hand, he shall certainly be avenged.
- 21. However, if he continues a day or two, he shall not be avenged, for he is his money.
- 22. And if men are struggling with each other, and they hit a pregnant woman so that her fruit leaves her, but no harm follows, he shall surely be fined according to what the woman's husband lays upon him, and he shall make payment through the judges.
- 23. But if harm does follow, you shall pay life for life,
- 24. eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
- 25. burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.
- 26. And if a man strikes an eye of his male slave or an eye of his female slave, and he ruins it, he shall set him free because of his eye.
- 27. And if he knocks out a tooth of his male slave or a tooth of his female slave, he shall set him free because of his tooth.
- ¶28. "And if an ox gores a man or a woman so that he dies, the ox shall surely be stoned, and no one shall eat its flesh, and the owner of the ox shall be innocent.
- 29. But if an ox were apt to gore in the past, and warning had been given to its owner but he did not keep it in, and then it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner shall also be put to death.

30. If a ransom is laid upon him, he shall pay for the redemption of his life, according to everything imposed upon him.

- 31. Whether it gores a son or gores a daughter, it shall be done to him according to this ordinance.
- 32. If the ox gores a male slave or a female slave, he shall pay thirty shekels of silver to its owner, and the ox shall be stoned.
- 33. And if a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a well, and he does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it,
- 34. the owner of the pit shall pay full compensation. He shall give money to its owner, and the dead *beast* shall be his.
- 35. And if one man's ox injures his neighbor's ox so that it dies, then they shall sell the living ox and divide the money from it, and they shall also divide the dead one.
- 36. However, if it was known that the ox gored in the past, but he did not keep it in, its master shall certainly pay full compensation, ox for ox, but the dead one shall be his.

- ¶1. "If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall repay five cattle for an ox, and four from the flock for the sheep.
- 2. If the thief is found in the act of breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no blood-guilt *imputed* for him.
- 3. If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood-guilt *imputed* for him. He shall surely make restitution. If he does not have it, then he shall be sold for his theft.
- 4. If, when he is found, the stolen thing is found in his hand alive, whether ox, or ass, or sheep, he shall restore double.
- 5. If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over by letting his beast loose so that it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his field and from the best of his vineyard.
- 6. If a fire breaks out and ignites thorns, so that stacks *of grain*, or standing grain, or a field is consumed, he who kindled the blaze shall pay full compensation.
- 7. If a man delivers to his neighbor money or valuables to keep, and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double.
- 8. If the thief is not found, the owner of the house shall be brought to the gods<sup>7</sup> to determine whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's property.
- 9. For every type of transgression concerning an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or any lost item that one claims is his, the case of both parties shall go to the gods. Whoever the gods condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> God refers to the rulers in Israel as "gods" on several occasions (cf. 22:9, 28). Moreover, everyone to whom the word of God comes are "gods", according to Jesus in John 10:34–35, quoting Psalm 82:6.

10. If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast to keep, and it dies or is crippled or is driven off, no one seeing it,

- 11. an oath of Jehovah shall be between the two of them, that he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods. Its owner shall accept it, and he shall not restore it.
- 12. But if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.
- 13. If it be torn in pieces, he shall bring it as evidence, and he shall not make restitution for the torn animal.
- 14. And if a man borrows *an animal* from his neighbor, and it is crippled or dies, its owner not being with it, he shall pay full compensation.
- 15. If its owner was with it, he shall not repay. If it was rented, it came for its rental fee.
- 16. If a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, he shall certainly pay a bride-price for her to be his wife.
- 17. If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall weigh out silver, according to the bride-price of virgins.
- 18. You shall not allow a sorceress to live.
- 19. Anyone who lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.
- 20. Whoever sacrifices to gods other than Jehovah alone shall be devoted.
- 21. You shall not maltreat a foreigner, nor shall you oppress him, for *y*ou were foreigners in the land of Egypt.
- 22. You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.
- 23. If you afflict them in the least so that they cry out at all to me, I will surely hear their cry,
- 24. and my anger will be kindled, and I will kill *y*ou with the sword so that *y*our wives become widows and *y*our children, orphans.
- 25. If you lend money to my people who are poor among you, you shall not be as a usurer to him; you shall not lay interest upon him.
- 26. If you take the garment of your neighbor in pledge until the sun goes down, you shall return it to him,
- 27. for that is his only covering; it is the garment for his skin. In what will he sleep? And it shall be that when he cries out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.
- 28. You shall not revile the gods, nor shall you curse the ruler of your people.
- 29. You shall not delay *the offering* from your harvest or your presses. You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me.
- 30. You shall do likewise with your cattle and your flock. It shall stay seven days with its mother; on the eighth day, you shall give it to me.
- 31. And you shall be holy men to me. And you shall not eat flesh torn in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

#### Exodus 23

¶1. "You shall not raise a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

2. You shall not follow a multitude to do evil, and you shall not testify in a dispute to side with many to pervert *justice*.

- 3. Nor shall you show partiality to a poor man in his dispute.
- 4. If you come upon your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely return it to him.
- 5. If you see the donkey of him who hates you lying under its burden, then you shall refrain from leaving it to him; you shall by all means rescue it with him.
- 6. You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute.
- 7. You shall keep far from a false matter, and you shall not put an innocent or righteous man to death, for I do not justify a wicked man.
- 8. And you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and subverts the words of the righteous.
- 9. You shall not oppress a stranger. You yourselves know the life of a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- 10. For six years, you may sow your land and gather its produce,
- 11. but in the seventh, you shall let it rest and lie untilled so that the poor of your people may eat. And what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. Thus shall you do with your vineyard and your oliveyard.
- 12. Six days shall you do your work, and on the seventh day, you shall cease, that your ox and your donkey may rest and the son of your handmaid and the stranger may be refreshed.
- 13. You shall surely observe all that I have said to you. And you shall not mention other gods by name; it shall not be heard from your mouth.
- 14. Three times each year, you shall make a feast to me.
- 15. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (seven days shall you eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in it, you came forth out of Egypt, and none shall appear before me empty-handed),
- 16. and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your produce that you sowed in the field, and the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in your produce from the field.
- 17. Three times each year, all your males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah.
- 18. You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and the fat of my feast shall not remain until morning.
- 19. The first of the firstfruits of your land shall you bring to the house of Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.
- ¶20. "Behold, I am sending an angel before you to protect you along the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.
- 21. Beware of him, and obey his voice. Do not provoke him, for he will not pardon *y*our transgression, for my name is in him.

22. But if you diligently obey his voice, and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will be a foe to your foes.

- 23. For my angel shall go before you and bring you in to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I will annihilate them.
- 24. You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor shall you do according to their deeds, but you shall utterly destroy them and break their pillars to pieces.
- 25. And you shall serve Jehovah your God, and He will bless your bread and your water, and I will take away sickness from your midst.
- 26. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days.
- 27. I will send my terror before you and put to confusion all the people to whom you come, and I will give you the neck of all your enemies.
- 28. And I will send hornets before you that will drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you.
- 29. I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too many for you.
- 30. Little by little, I will drive them out from before you until you become fruitful and possess the land.
- 31. And I will establish your border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River. For I will give into *y*our hands the inhabitants of the land, and you will drive them out from before you.
- 32. You shall not make a covenant with them and their gods.
- 33. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they cause you to sin against me, for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

#### Exodus 24

- ¶1. And He said to Moses, "Come up to Jehovah, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders, and worship at a distance.
- 2. And Moses, by himself, shall draw near to Jehovah, but they must not come near. And the people shall not come up with him."
- 3. Then Moses went and recounted to the people all the words of Jehovah and all the judgments; and *with* one voice all the people answered and said, "All the words that Jehovah has spoken, we will do."
- 4. Then Moses wrote down all the words of Jehovah, and he rose up early in the morning and erected an altar and twelve pillars at the base of the mountain for the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 5. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, and they offered up bullocks for burnt offerings and slaughtered sacrifices for peace offerings to Jehovah.
- 6. And Moses took half of the blood and put it into basins, and half of the blood, he threw against the altar.

7. And he took the book of the covenant and read it aloud in the ears of the people, and they said, "All that Jehovah has spoken, we will do and obey."

- 8. And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and he said, "Behold! The blood of the covenant that Jehovah has made with you with all these words."
- 9. Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders went up.
- 10. And they saw the God of Israel, and under His feet was something like a paved work of sapphire as pure as the sky itself.
- 11. Yet, He did not stretch out His hand against the chief men of the sons of Israel, but they beheld God, and ate and drank.
- ¶12. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, and I will give you stone tablets with the law and the commandment that I have written to guide them."
- 13. And Moses arose, and Joshua his minister, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.
- 14. But to the elders he said, "Wait for us here until we come back to *y*ou. Behold, Aaron and Hur are with *y*ou; whoever has a matter, let him go to them."
- 15. Then Moses ascended the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
- 16. And the glory of Jehovah settled upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day, He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.
- 17. And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah on the top of the mountain was like a consuming fire in the eyes of the children of Israel.
- 18. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud and ascended the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## Exodus 25

### The Materials Required for the Tabernacle

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2. "Tell the children of Israel that they may take a portion out for me. From every man whose heart is willing shall *y*ou receive my portion.
- 3. And this is the portion that you shall receive from them: gold, and silver, and bronze;
- 4. and blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine linen, and goats 'hair;
- 5. and rams 'skins dyed red, and badgers 'skins; and shittim wood;
- 6. oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the pungent incense;
- 7. onyx stones and stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastplate.
- 8. And they shall build a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell among them.
- 9. You shall make it according to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its accourtements.

### The Ark

¶10. "They shall make an ark of shittim wood, its length, two and a half cubits, its width, a cubit and a half, and its height, a cubit and a half.

11. And you shall overlay it with pure gold inside and out. You shall make a crown of gold on it all around.

- 12. And you shall cast four rings of gold for it and attach them to its four feet, two rings on one of its sides and two rings on its other side.
- 13. And you shall make poles of shittim wood and overlay them with gold,
- 14. and 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; they shall not be taken away from it.
- 16. And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I will give you.

## The Mercy-Seat

- ¶17. "And you shall make the mercy-seat<sup>8</sup> of pure gold, two and a half cubits its length, and a cubit and a half its width.
- 18. And you shall fashion two cherubim of gold. Of beaten work shall you make them at the two ends of the mercy-seat.
- 19. And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end. You shall make the cherubim part of the mercy-seat, on the two ends of it.
- 20. And the wings of the cherubim shall be spread out above, their wings overshadowing the mercy-seat, with their faces toward one another. The faces of the cherubim shall face the mercy-seat.
- 21. And you shall place the mercy-seat on top of the ark, and you shall put into the ark the testimony that I will give you.
- 22. And I will meet with you there between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the testimony, and I will speak to you from above the mercy-seat all that I command you for the children of Israel.

#### The Table

- ¶23. "And you shall make a table of shittim wood, its length, two cubits, its width, a cubit, and its height, a cubit and a half.
- And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and you shall make a crown of gold for it all around.
- 25. And you shall make for it a border a handbreadth wide around it, and you shall make a crown of gold for its border round about.
- 26. And you shall make four gold rings for it and attach the rings to the four corners that are on its four feet.
- 27. The rings shall be close to the border, as housings for poles for carrying the table.
- 28. And you shall make the poles of shittim wood and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them.
- 29. And you shall make its dishes, and its spoons, and its cups, and its bowls with which libation is made; of pure gold shall you make them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Literally, "place of atonement".

30. And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me always.

#### The Menorah

- ¶31. "And you shall make a menorah of pure gold. The menorah shall be made of beaten work; its base and its shaft, its cups, its bulbs, and its flowers shall be of one piece.
- 32. And six branches shall go out from its sides, three branches of the menorah from one side, and three branches of the menorah from the other side.
- 33. On the one branch shall be three almond-shaped cups, a bulb, and a flower, and on the other branch, three almond-shaped cups, a bulb, and a flower. Thus shall it be for the six branches that go out from the menorah,
- 34. but on the menorah *shaft shall be* four almond-shaped cups, its bulbs, and its flowers.
- 35. And for the six branches that go out from the menorah, there shall be a bulb below a pair of its branches, and a bulb below a pair of its branches, and a bulb below a pair of its branches.
- 36. Their bulbs and their branches shall be of one piece, they shall all be of one beaten work of pure gold.
- 37. And you shall make its seven lamps so that when he lights its lamps, it gives light to the area before it.
- 38. And its tongs and its snuff-dishes shall be of pure gold.
- 39. Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these accoutrements.
- 40. And see to it that you make them according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain!

### Exodus 26

#### The Curtains

- ¶1. "And you shall make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains of fine-twined linen, and blue, and purple, and bright scarlet. And you shall make them with skillfully worked cherubim.
- 2. The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits. There shall be one measurement for all the curtains.
- 3. Five of the curtains shall be joined to one another, and the *other* five curtains shall be joined to one another.
- 4. And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the curtain at the end of the first set, and you shall do likewise on the edge of the innermost curtain in the second set.
- 5. You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops in the end curtain of the second set; the loops shall be opposite each other.
- 6. And you shall make fifty hooks of gold, and you shall couple the curtains to each other with the hooks, so that the tabernacle may be one.
- 7. And you shall make curtains of goats 'hair for a tent over the tabernacle. Eleven curtains shall you make.
- 8. The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain shall be four cubits. There shall be one measurement for the eleven curtains.

9. And you shall join five of the curtains by themselves and six of the curtains by themselves. And you shall fold the sixth curtain double at the front of the tent.

- 10. And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain innermost in the *first* set and fifty loops on the edge of the *innermost* curtain of the second set.
- 11. And you shall make fifty hooks of bronze, and put the hooks into the loops, and couple the tent together so that it may be one.
- 12. And the excess that remains of the curtains of the tent, the remaining half curtain, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.
- 13. And the excess length of the curtains of the tent shall extend a cubit on one *side* and a cubit on the other, beyond each of the sides of the tabernacle, to conceal it.

## The Coverings

14. And you shall make a covering of rams' skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badgers' skins over that.

#### The Boards

- ¶15. "And you shall make boards of shittim wood for the tabernacle that stand upright.
- 16. Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the width of each board.
- 17. Two tenons shall be to one board each connecting with its mate. Thus shall you do for all the boards of the tabernacle.
- 18. And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south wall, facing southward.
- 19. And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under each board for its two tenons, and two sockets under the next board for its two tenons.
- 20. And for the second side of the tabernacle, for the north wall, *you shall make* twenty boards,
- 21. and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board.
- 22. And for the rear of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards.
- 23. And you shall make two boards for the corners, for the two back corners of the tabernacle.
- 24. And they shall be coupled at the base, and they shall be perfectly joined together at its top to the one ring. Thus shall it be for them both. They shall be for the two corners.
- 25. And so, there shall be eight boards and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets, two sockets under one board, and two sockets under the next board.

#### The Bars

- ¶26. And you shall make bars of shittim wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,
- 27. and five bars for the boards of the second side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle to the rear, westward,

- 28. and the middle bar running through the midst of the boards from end to end.
- 29. And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold to house the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.
- 30. And you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan that you were shown on the mountain.

### The Veil

- ¶31. "And you shall make a veil of blue, purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen. He shall make it with cherubim, skillfully worked.
- 32. And you shall hang it on four posts of shittim wood overlaid with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold, with four sockets of silver.
- 33. And you shall hang the veil from the hooks, and you shall bring the ark of the testimony there within the veil, and the veil shall make a separation between the holy place and the Most Holy Place.

## Arrangement of the Furniture

- ¶34. "And you shall place the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.
- 35. And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the menorah, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, with the table on the north side.

## The Hanging

- ¶36. "And for the entrance of the tent, you shall make a hanging of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, the work of a weaver.
- 37. And for the hanging, you shall make five posts of shittim wood and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five bronze sockets for them.

#### Exodus 27

# The Altar for Burnt Offerings

- ¶1. "And you shall make the altar *for burnt offering* of shittim wood, five cubits shall be its length, and five cubits, its width. The altar shall be square. And its height shall be three cubits.
- 2. And you shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze.
- 3. And you shall make its pans for its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its meathooks, and its fire-pans. You shall make all its accoutrements of bronze.
- 4. And you shall make for it a grate of bronze lattice work, and on the lattice work you shall make four bronze rings on its four corners.
- 5. And you shall set it underneath the ledge of the altar, and the lattice shall be situated halfway down the altar.
- 6. And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7. And its poles shall be put into the rings, and on the two sides of the altar shall be the poles with which to carry it.

8. You shall make it hollow with boards. Just as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make *it*.

## The Courtyard

- ¶9. "And you shall make a courtyard for the tabernacle. For the south side, facing southward, *you shall make* screens for the courtyard of fine-twined linen, one hundred cubits in length for that one side.
- 10. And its twenty posts and their twenty sockets shall be of bronze, and the hooks of the posts and their fillets shall be of silver.
- 11. And *you shall* likewise *make* screens for the length of the north side one hundred in length, and its twenty posts and their twenty sockets shall be of bronze, and the hooks of the posts and their fillets shall be of silver.
- 12. And the width of the courtyard on the west side shall have fifty cubits of screens, their ten posts, and their ten sockets.
- 13. And the width of the courtyard on the east side, eastward, shall be fifty cubits.
- 14. And the screens for the one side *of the gate* shall be fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three,
- 15. and the screens for the other side shall be fifteen *cubits*, their posts, three, and their sockets, three.
- 16. And for the gate of the courtyard *shall be* a hanging twenty cubits *long* of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, the work of a weaver; their posts shall be four, and their sockets, four.
- 17. All the pillars around the courtyard shall be filleted *with* silver, and their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets, bronze.
- 18. The length of the courtyard shall be one hundred cubits, and the width, fifty at each end, and the height, five cubits. *It shall be made* of fine-twined linen, and their sockets shall be bronze.
- 19. All the accourrements of the tabernacle for all its service, and all its stakes, and all the stakes for the courtyard, shall be bronze.

#### The Oil for the Menorah

- ¶20. "And command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure, beaten olive oil for the light, so that *each* lamp may burn continually.
- 21. Within the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall attend to it from evening until morning before Jehovah. It is a statute forever throughout their generations for the children of Israel.

#### Exodus 28

## The Holy Garments

¶1. "And you shall cause Aaron your brother to come near you, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister as priest to me, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron.

- 2. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.
- 3. And you shall speak to all who are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom, and they shall make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to me.
- 4. And these are the garments that they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. And they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and for his sons, that he may minister as priest to me.
- 5. And they shall take the gold, and the blue, the purple, and the bright scarlet, and the fine linen.

## The Ephod

- ¶6. "And they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, skillfully worked.
- 7. It shall have two shoulder pieces attached at its two edges so that it may be joined together.
- 8. And the skillfully woven band of his ephod which is on it shall be of the same work: gold, blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen.
- 9. And you shall take two onyx stones, and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,
- 10. six of their names on the one stone, and the six remaining names on the second stone, in the order of their birth,
- 11. the work of a craftsman skilled with stone. Like engravings of a seal shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be set in settings of gold filigree.
- 12. And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, stones of remembrance for the children of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before Jehovah on his two shoulders for a remembrance.
- 13. And you shall make gold filigree settings,
- 14. and two braided chains of pure gold. You shall make them of cord work and fasten the corded chains onto the filigree settings.

## The Breastplate

- ¶15. "And you shall make a breastplate for judgment. You shall make it of skillful workmanship, like the work of the ephod. You shall make it of gold, blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen.
- 16. It shall be a square, doubled. Its length shall be a span, and its width, a span.
- 17. And you shall finish it with set stones, four rows of stones. A row of a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle, the first row;
- 18. and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond;

- 19. and the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst;
- 20. and the fourth row, a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in woven gold within their settings.
- 21. And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like engravings of a seal; each with his name shall they be, corresponding to the twelve tribes.
- 22. And you shall make for the breastplate braided chains, a work of pure gold cords.
- 23. And you shall make for the breastplate two gold rings, and you shall put the two rings on the two edges of the breastplate.
- 24. And you shall attach the two gold cords to the two rings at the edges of the breastplate.
- 25. And you shall attach the two ends of the two cords to the two filigree settings, and you shall attach them to the front of the shoulder pieces of the ephod.
- 26. And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall attach them to two edges of the breastplate, which, on its inner side, is against the ephod.
- 27. And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall attach them to the lower part of the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in front, close to its seam, above the band of the ephod.
- 28. And they shall bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue thread, so that it is above the band of the ephod, that the breastplate not come loose from the ephod.
- 29. And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart when he goes into the holy place for a continual memorial before Jehovah.
- 30. And in the breastplate of judgment, you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart when he goes in before Jehovah, and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel on his heart before Jehovah continually.

#### The Robe

- $\P{31.}$  "And you shall make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue.
- 32. And there shall be an opening in the center of its top. There shall be around its opening a selvedge of woven work. It shall be like the opening of a cuirass, that it not be torn.
- 33. And on its hem, you shall make pomegranates of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet around its hem, and gold bells between them, all around –
- 34. a gold bell and a pomegranate, a gold bell and a pomegranate, on the hem of the robe all around.
- 35. And it shall be on Aaron when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the holy place before Jehovah and when he comes out, lest he die.

### The Turban

¶36. "And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and you shall engrave upon it, like the engravings of a seal, 'Holiness to Jehovah'.

- 37. And you shall attach it by a ribbon of blue, that it may be on the turban; it shall be at the forefront of the turban.
- 38. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things that the children of Israel shall consecrate from all their holy gifts, and it shall be upon his forehead always for their acceptance before Jehovah.

## The Tunic

- 39. "And you shall weave the tunic from linen, and you shall make a turban of linen, and you shall make a sash of woven work.
- 40. And for the sons of Aaron, you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them, and you shall make head-coverings for them for honor and beauty.
- 41. And with these, you shall clothe Aaron, your brother, and his sons with him, and you shall anoint them, and you shall ordain them, and you shall consecrate them. Then, they will minister to me as priests.

## The Undergarments

- 42. "And you shall make linen undergarments for them to cover the flesh of their nakedness. They shall reach from the hips to the thighs.
- 43. And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting or when they draw near the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they will not bear iniquity and die. It is a statute forever for him and for his seed after him.

## Exodus 29

### The Ordination Ritual for Aaron and His Sons

- ¶1. "And this is the thing that you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to me. You shall take one bullock from the herd and two unblemished rams,
- 2. and unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil. You shall make them with fine wheat flour.
- 3. And you shall put them into one basket and bring them near in the basket, along with the bullock and the two rams.
- 4. And you shall bring Aaron and his sons near to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and you shall wash them with water.
- 5. And you shall take the garments, and you shall clothe Aaron with the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod.
- 6. And you shall put the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban.
- 7. And you shall take the anointing oil, and you shall pour it on his head and anoint him.
- 8. Then you shall bring his sons near and put the tunics on them.

9. And you shall gird them, Aaron and his sons, with a sash, and bind the head-coverings on them, and the priesthood shall be theirs by statute forever. And you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

- 10. Then you shall bring the bullock before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bullock.
- 11. And you shall kill the bullock before Jehovah, at the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- 12. And you shall take some of the bullock's blood 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. And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, and you shall burn them on the altar.
- 14. But the bullock's flesh, and its hide, and its dung, you shall burn up with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.
- 15. And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.
- 16. Then you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and throw it against the altar all around.
- 17. And you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and you shall wash its entrails and its legs and put them on its pieces and its head.
- 18. And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to Jehovah. It is a placating aroma made by fire to Jehovah.
- 19. And you shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.
- 20. Then you shall kill the ram, and you shall take some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the tip of the ear of his sons, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot, and you shall throw the blood against the altar all around.
- 21. And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and you shall sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments along with him, and he and his garments will be consecrated, and his sons and his sons 'garments with him.
- 22. And you shall take the fat from the ram, and the fat-tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and the right thigh (it is the ram of ordination),
- 23. and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread that is before Jehovah.
- 24. And you shall place everything onto Aaron's palms and onto the palms of his sons, and you shall make them wave a wave offering before Jehovah.
- 25. And you shall take them from their hand and burn them on the altar on top of the burnt offering for a placating aroma before Jehovah; it is an offering made by fire to Jehovah.

26. And you shall take the breast of the ram for Aaron's ordination and wave it as a wave offering before Jehovah. And it shall be your portion.

- 27. And you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the exsect offering, that which is waved and that which is exsected from the ram that was for Aaron's ordination and for that of his sons.
- 28. And it shall be for Aaron and for his sons from the children of Israel, by statute forever, for it is an exsect offering. And it shall be an exsect offering from the children of Israel, from their sacrifices of peace offerings unto Jehovah.
- 29. And the holy garments that belong to Aaron shall be for his sons after him because of the anointing on them, and they shall be ordained in them.
- 30. The priest from his sons who succeeds him shall wear them for seven days when he enters into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.
- 31. And you shall take the ram of ordination, and you shall boil its flesh in the holy place.
- 32. And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket at the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- 33. And they shall eat the things with which the atonement is made for their ordination to consecrate them, and a stranger shall not eat them, for they are holy.
- 34. And if any of the flesh of the ordination, or the bread, remain until the morning, then you shall burn up what remains with fire; it shall not be eaten, for it is holy.
- 35. And thus shall you do to Aaron and to his sons according to all that I have commanded you. For seven days shall you ordain them.
- 36. And you shall make a sin offering of a bullock for the daily atonements, and you shall make a sin offering upon the altar when you make atonement on it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it.
- 37. Seven days shall you make atonement upon the altar and sanctify it, and the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar shall be holy.
- 38. And this is what you shall offer upon the altar: two lambs a year old, day by day continually.
- 39. The one lamb, you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb, you shall offer at twilight.
- 40. And with the one lamb, *you shall offer* a tenth part of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering.
- 41. And the second lamb, you shall offer at twilight. You shall do it as you did the morning meal offering and its drink offering, for a placating aroma, an offering by fire to Jehovah,
- 42. a continual burnt offering throughout *y*our generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before Jehovah, where I will meet with *y*ou, to speak to you there.
- 43. And there will I meet with the children of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory.
- 44. And I will sanctify the tent of meeting and the altar, and I will sanctify Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to me.

- 45. And I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel, and I will be their God.
- 46. And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt to dwell among them. I am Jehovah their God.

### Exodus 30

### The Incense Altar

- ¶1. "And you shall make an altar for burning incense. You shall make it of shittim wood.
- 2. It shall be square, its length, a cubit, and its width, a cubit, and its height, two cubits. Its horns shall be one piece with it.
- 3. And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, and its sides round about, and its horns. And you shall make for it a crown of gold round about.
- 4. And you shall make two gold rings for it below its crown on two of its sides. You shall make them on two sides, and they shall be housings for poles with which to carry it.
- 5. And you shall make the poles of shittim wood and overlay them with gold.
- 6. And you shall put it in front of the veil that is before the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you.
- 7. And Aaron shall burn pungent incense upon it. He shall burn it morning by morning when he dresses the lamps.
- 8. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a continual incense before Jehovah throughout your generations.
- 9. You shall not offer upon it strange incense, or a burnt offering, or a meal offering. Nor shall you pour out a drink offering upon it.
- 10. And once a year, Aaron shall make atonement on its horns with the blood of the sin offering for the atonements. Throughout *y*our generations shall he make atonement on it once a year. It is most holy to Jehovah."

## The Census Offering

- ¶11. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 12. "You shall count the sons of Israel so that they may be numbered, and each man shall give to Jehovah a ransom for his soul when they are numbered, so that there will not be a plague among them when they are numbered.
- 13. This shall they give, everyone who passes through the numbering: a half-shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (twenty gerah to the shekel), a half-shekel as an offering for Jehovah.
- 14. Everyone from twenty years old and above who passes through the numbering shall render Jehovah's offering.
- 15. The rich man shall not do more, and the poor man shall do no less than a half-shekel when rendering Jehovah's offering, to make atonement for *y*our souls.
- 16. And you shall take the atonement money from the sons of Israel, and you shall use it for the service of the tent of meeting, and it will be a memorial for the sons of Israel before Jehovah to atone for *y*our souls."

#### The Laver

- ¶17. Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 18. "You shall make a laver of bronze for washing, and its base of bronze, and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.
- 19. And from it, Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.
- 20. When they go into the tent of meeting or when they approach the altar to minister, to burn an offering by fire to Jehovah, they shall wash with water so that they do not die.
- 21. They shall wash their hands and their feet so that they do not die, and it is for them a statute forever, for him and for his seed throughout their generations."

## The Anointing Oil

- ¶22. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 23. "Take to you choice spices: flowing myrrh, five hundred; and sweet cinnamon, half as much, two hundred and fifty; and sweet calamus, two hundred and fifty;
- 24. and cassia, five hundred by the shekel of the sanctuary; and olive oil, a hin.
- 25. And you shall make a holy anointing oil with it, a scented mixture, the work of a perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil.
- 26. And with it shall you anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,
- 27. and the table and all its accourrements, and the menorah and its accourrements, and the altar of incense,
- 28. and the altar of burnt offering and all its accoutrements, and the laver and its base.
- 29. And you shall consecrate them, and they shall be most holy. Whatever touches them shall be holy.
- 30. And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and you shall consecrate them to minister as priests to me.
- 31. And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil for me throughout *y*our generations.
- 32. It shall not be poured out on the flesh of man, nor shall *y*ou make *any* like it with its proportions. It is holy. It shall be holy to *y*ou.
- 33. Whoever compounds the like or whoever puts some of it on a stranger shall be cut off from his people.'"

### The Incense

- ¶34. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Take to you spices: stacte, and onycha, and galbanum. The spices and pure frankincense shall be in equal parts,
- 35. and you shall make of it a scented incense, the work of a perfumer, mixed with salt, pure and holy.
- 36. And you shall beat some of it fine and put some of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.
- 37. And the incense that you shall make, you shall not make for yourselves any with its proportions. It shall be holy to you for Jehovah.

38. Whoever makes the like, to smell it, shall be cut off from his people."

### Exodus 31

## Bezaleel and Aholiab

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2. "Behold, I have called by name Bezaleel ben-Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
- 3. And I have filled him *with* the Spirit of God, with wisdom, and with understanding, and with knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
- 4. to devise designs, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,
- 5. and in the cutting of stone for setting, and in the working of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship.
- 6. And behold, I have appointed with him Aholiab ben-Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, and in the heart of all who are wise-hearted have I put wisdom so that they shall make all that I have commanded you,
- 7. the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is on it, and all the accourrements of the tent,
- 8. and the table and its accourrements, and the menorah of pure *gold* and all its accourrements, and the altar of incense,
- 9. and the altar for burnt offering and all its accoutrements, and the laver and its base,
- and the woven garments, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments
  of his sons to minister as priests,
- 11. and the anointing oil, and the pungent incense for the holy place. According to all I have commanded you, they shall do."

### The Sabbath

- ¶12. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 13. "You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'You shall certainly keep my Sabbaths, for it will be a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am Jehovah who sanctifies you.
- 14. You shall certainly keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Those who defile it shall surely be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
- 15. Six days may work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to Jehovah. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death.'
- 16. And the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations as a covenant forever.
- 17. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever, for in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day, He rested and was refreshed."
- ¶18. And when He had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of testimony, tablets of stone written with the finger of God.

#### Exodus 32

- ¶1. And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and told him, "Get up! 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 don't know what's happened to him."
- 2. And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."
- 3. So, all the people broke off the golden earrings that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.
- 4. And he took *them* from their hand and shaped it with a graving tool, and he fashioned a molten calf. And they said, "This is your God, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"
- 5. When Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron cried out and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to Jehovah!"
- 6. And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings, and they brought peace offerings, and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.
- 7. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go! Go down! For your people whom you brought up from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.
- 8. They have turned aside quickly from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf and are worshipping it and sacrificing to it, and they said, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.'"
- 9. And Jehovah said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.
- 10. So, leave me alone now, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and I will utterly destroy them and make of you a great nation."
- 11. But Moses sought the face of Jehovah his God, saying, "O Jehovah, why does your wrath burn against your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a strong hand?
- 12. Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'He brought them out for evil, to kill them in the mountains and utterly destroy them from the face of the earth!' Turn from your burning anger and repent of the evil against your people!
- 13. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they will possess it forever.'"
- 14. So, Jehovah turned from the evil which He had threatened to do to His people.
- ¶15. Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with two tablets of the testimony in his hand. The tablets were written on both their sides; they were written on the one side and on the other.
- 16. The tablets were the handiwork of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets.

17. And Joshua heard the voice of the people as they shouted, and he said to Moses, "A sound of war is in the camp!"

- 18. But he said, "It's not the sound of shouting for victory, nor is it the sound of shouting for defeat; I hear the sound of singing."
- 19. And it came to pass when he came near the camp that he saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and shattered them at the base of the mountain.
- 20. And he took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and he ground it to a fine powder, and strewed it upon the face of the water, and made the children of Israel drink it.
- 21. And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you, that you have brought upon them a great sin?"
- 22. And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil.
- 23. And they told me, 'Make gods for us that will go before us, for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't know what's happened to him!'
- 24. So, I said to them, 'Whoever has gold, break it off.' So, they gave it to me, and so, I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."
- 25. And Moses saw that the people were naked, for Aaron had made them naked, to the derision of their enemies.
- 26. Therefore, Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is for Jehovah? Come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.
- 27. And he said to them, "Thus says Jehovah, God of Israel: 'Each man put his sword on his thigh and go up and down, from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each man kill his brother, and each one, his friend, and each one, his neighbor!'"
- 28. And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And among the people, there fell about three thousand men that day.
- 29. And Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to Jehovah, for each man has acted against his son and against his brother, so that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."
- 30. And it came to pass the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin, but I will go up now to Jehovah; it may be that I can make atonement for your sin."
- 31. So, Moses returned to Jehovah and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin in that they have made for themselves a god of gold!
- 32. Yet, now, if you will forgive their sin but if not, I pray you, blot me out of your Book that you have written."
- 33. But Jehovah said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of my Book.

34. And now, go! Lead the people to *the land* of which I have spoken to you. Behold, my angel will go before you. Yet, on the day of my visitation, I will visit their sin upon them."

35. And Jehovah plagued the people because they had made the calf, which Aaron fashioned.

## Exodus 33

- 1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go! Rise up from here, you and the people that you brought up from the land of Egypt to the land that I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your seed.'
- 2. And I will send an angel before you—and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—
- 3. to a land flowing with milk and honey, though I will not go up in your midst because you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you on the way."
- 4. And the people heard this evil report, and they mourned, and no one put on their ornaments.
- 5. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. In one moment, I will come up in your midst and destroy you. So, take off your ornaments now, and I will consider what I will do to you."
- 6. So, the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.
- 7. And Moses took the tent and pitched it outside of the camp, removing it from the camp. And he called it "tent of meeting", and everyone who sought Jehovah went out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.
- 8. And it came to pass that when Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood, each at the entrance of his tent, and they watched Moses until he went into the tent.
- 9. And it came to pass, when Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud came down and stood at the entrance of the tent, and He talked with Moses.
- 10. And all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, and all the people rose and bowed down, each at the entrance of his tent.
- 11. And Jehovah spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then he returned to the camp, but his minister, Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the tent.
- 12. And Moses said to Jehovah, "Behold, you say to me, 'Bring up this people, 'and you have not made known to me who you will send with me, but you say, 'I know you by name, 'and also, 'You have found favor in my sight.'
- 13. If, I pray, I have now found favor in your sight, make your ways known to me, I beg you, and let me know you, that I may find favor in your sight. And consider that this people is your nation."
- 14. And He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15. And he said to Him, "If your presence does not go with us, don't bring us up from this place.

- 16. For by what, after all, shall it be known that I and the people have found favor in your eyes? Is it not by your going with us? Thus, I and your people will be set apart from all the people that are on the face of the earth."
- ¶17. And Jehovah said to Moses, "This thing that you have spoken, I will certainly do, for you have found favor in my eyes, and I know you by name."
- 18. And he said, "Show me your glory, I pray."
- 19. And He said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim 'Jehovah' by name before you. And I will show favor to whom I will show favor, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion,
- 20. but", He said, "You cannot see my face. For no man can see me and live."
- 21. And Jehovah said, "There is a place by me, and you shall stand on the rock.
- 22. And it shall come to pass that as my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I pass by.
- 23. Then, I will take my hand away, and you will see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

### Exodus 34

- 1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Hew out for yourself two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke into pieces.
- 2. Be ready in the morning. And go up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and there, on top of the mountain, present yourself to me.
- 3. No one is to come up with you. Let no one even be seen on the whole mountain; let not the flocks and the herds even graze in front of that mountain."
- 4. So, he hewed out two stone tablets like the first ones, and Moses rose early in the morning, and he went up to Mount Sinai, just as Jehovah had commanded him. And he took in his hand the two stone tablets.
- 5. And Jehovah came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and He proclaimed the name "Jehovah".
- 6. Yea, Jehovah passed before him and proclaimed, "Jehovah! Jehovah! A compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abundant in mercy and truth,
- 7. keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and who by no means will leave *the wicked* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children to the third and fourth generations."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Cf. Num. 14:18.

- 8. And Moses made haste, and bowed down on the ground and worshipped.
- 9. Then he said, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, I pray, let my Lord go in our midst, for this is a stiff-necked people. Forgive our iniquity and our sin, and take us as your possession."
- 10. And He said, "Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people, I will perform wonders that have not been done anywhere on earth or among any of the nations. And all the people, in whose midst you are, shall see Jehovah's work, for it is a fearful thing that I am doing with you.
- 11. Observe what I am commanding you today. Behold, I am going to drive out before you the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- 12. Watch yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, and it become a snare in your midst.
- 13. But you shall pull down their altars, and you shall break down their pillars, and you shall cut down their sacred groves.
- 14. For you shall not bow down to another god, for Jehovah, whose name is jealous, is a jealous God!
- 15. *Beware*, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and then they go whoring after their gods and sacrifice to their gods, and they call for you, and you eat of their sacrifice.
- 16. And you take their daughters for your sons, and then their daughters go whoring after their gods and cause your sons to go whoring after their gods.
- 17. You shall not make for yourself molten gods.
- 18. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in the month Abib, you came out of Egypt.
- 19. All that first opens the womb is mine, and every firstborn male of your cattle, ox and sheep,
- 20. and you shall redeem the firstborn of a donkey with a sheep, and if you will not redeem it, you shall break its neck. You shall redeem every firstborn of your sons, and they shall not appear before me empty-handed.
- 21. Six days shall you work, and on the seventh day, you shall rest. In ploughing time and in harvest time, you shall rest.
- 22. And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, *that is*, the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year.
- 23. Three times in the year, all your males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah, God of Israel.
- 24. For I will drive out nations from before you, and I will enlarge your border, and no man will desire your land when you go up to appear before Jehovah your God three times in the year.

25. You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with that which is leavened. And the sacrifice of the Feast of Passover shall not remain overnight until morning.

- 26. The first of the firstfruits of your land shall you bring to the house of Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk."
- ¶27. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Write these words for yourself, for with these words, I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."
- 28. And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and drank no water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, ten commandments.
- 29. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the testimony in Moses 'hand as he came down from the mountain, that Moses did not realize that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with Him.
- 30. And Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to approach him.
- 31. And Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the princes of the congregation came back to him, and Moses talked to them.
- 32. Then, afterwards, all the sons of Israel approached, and he commanded them all that Jehovah had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.
- 33. And Moses finished speaking with them, and he put a veil over his face.
- 34. And when Moses went before Jehovah to talk with Him, he would remove the veil until he came out, then he would come out and tell the sons of Israel what he was commanded.
- 35. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses 'face shone. So, Moses put the veil back over his face until he went in to talk with Him.

#### Exodus 35

- 1. And Moses assembled the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, and he said to them, "These are the things that Jehovah has commanded, to do them.
- 2. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh, there shall be a holy day for *y*ou, a Sabbath of rest to Jehovah. Anyone who does work on it shall be put to death.
- 3. You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

# The Materials Required for the Tabernacle

- ¶4. And Moses spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the thing that Jehovah has commanded, saying,
- 5. 'Take a portion for Jehovah out from what you have. Let each one whose heart is willing bring Jehovah's offering: gold, and silver, and bronze;
- 6. and blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and linen, and goats 'hair;
- 7. and rams 'skins dyed red, and badgers 'skins; and shittim wood;

- 8. and oil for the light; and spices for the anointing oil and for the pungent incense;
- 9. and onyx stones and stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastplate.

### The Tabernacle Elements

- 10. And let all the wise-hearted among you come and make all that Jehovah has commanded:
- 11. the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its posts and its sockets;
- 12. the ark and its poles, the mercy-seat, and the veil for the hanging;
- 13. and the table and its poles, and all its accoutrements, and the bread of the Presence;
- 14. and the menorah of light, and its accoutrements, and its lamps, and the oil for the light;
- 15. and the incense altar and its poles; and the anointing oil; and the pungent incense; and a hanging for the entrance at the door of the tabernacle;
- 16. the altar for burnt offering and its bronze grate, its poles and all its accourrements; the laver and its base;
- 17. the screens for the courtyard, its posts and its sockets, and the hanging for the courtyard gate;
- 18. and stakes for the tabernacle, and stakes for the courtyard, and their ropes;
- 19. and the woven garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and garments for his sons to minister as priests."
- 20. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.
- 21. And they came, every man whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and they brought Jehovah's offering for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.
- 22. And they came, both men and women, all who were of a willing heart, and they brought earrings, and rings, and ornaments, all kinds of gold articles, even everyone who made a wave offering of gold to Jehovah.
- 23. And everyone who had blue, or purple, or bright scarlet, or fine linen, or goats 'hair, or rams 'skins dyed red, or badgers 'skins, brought it.
- 24. Everyone who took out a portion of silver or bronze brought it as Jehovah's exsect offering, and everyone who had shittim wood brought it for all the work of the service.
- 25. And every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands, and they brought spun yarn, the blue, and the purple, the bright scarlet, and the fine linen.
- 26. And all the women whose hearts stirred them up skillfully spun the goats 'hair.
- 27. And the rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastplate,
- 28. and the spice and the oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the pungent incense.

29. Every man and woman of the children of Israel whose heart moved them to bring *an offering* for all the work that Jehovah commanded to be done by the hand of Moses brought a freewill offering to Jehovah.

- ¶30. And Moses said to the children of Israel, "Behold, Jehovah has called by name Bezaleel ben-Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
- 31. And He has filled him *with* the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding and knowledge, and with all workmanship,
- 32. to devise designs, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,
- 33. and in the cutting of stone for setting, and in the working of wood, to work in all manner of cunning workmanship.
- 34. And He has put it in his heart to teach, both he and Aholiab ben-Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.
- 35. He has filled them with wisdom of heart, to do all the work of an engraver, and of a designer, and of an embroiderer with the blue, and with the purple, with the bright scarlet, and with the fine linen, and of a weaver, doers of all workmanship, and devisers of designs.

#### Exodus 36

- 1. And Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whom Jehovah has put wisdom and understanding to know how to make all the work for the service of the sanctuary, are to do all that Jehovah has commanded."
- 2. And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, along with every wise-hearted man in whose heart Jehovah had put wisdom, every one whose heart stirred him to approach the work to do it.
- 3. And they received from Moses all the offering that the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to do it, and they continued to bring him a freewill offering morning after morning.
- 4. Then all the wise men who were making all the work of the sanctuary came, each man from his work which they were doing,
- 5. and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people have brought much more than enough for the service of the work that Jehovah commanded to be done."
- 6. And Moses commanded, and they spread the news in the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for an offering for the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing,
- 7. for the work done was sufficient for them to do all the work, and more.

### The Curtains

¶8. And all the wise-hearted among them doing the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine-twined linen, blue, purple, and bright scarlet. And he made them with skillfully worked cherubim.

9. And the length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits. There shall be one measurement for all the curtains.

- 10. And he joined five of the curtains to one another, and he joined the *other* five curtains to one another.
- 11. And he made loops of blue on the edge of the curtain at the end of the first set. He did likewise on the edge of the innermost curtain in the second set.
- 12. He made fifty loops in the one curtain, and he made fifty loops in the end curtain of the second set; the loops were opposite one another.
- 13. And He made fifty hooks of gold, and he coupled the curtains to each other with the hooks, so that the tabernacle was one.
- ¶14. And he made curtains of goats 'hair for a tent over the tabernacle. Eleven curtains he made.
- 15. The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain was four cubits. There was one measurement for the eleven curtains.
- 16. And he joined five of the curtains by themselves and six of the curtains by themselves.
- 17. And he made fifty loops on the edge of the end curtain in the *first* set, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the *end* curtain of the second set.
- 18. And he made fifty hooks of bronze, and he coupled the tent together so that it might be one.

## The Coverings

19. And he made a covering of rams 'skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badgers' skins over that.

#### The Boards

- ¶20. And he made boards of shittim wood for the tabernacle *that* stood upright.
- 21. Ten cubits was the length of a board, and a cubit and a half was the width of each board.
- 22. Two tenons were for each board, connecting one to another. Thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.
- 23. And he made the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south wall, facing southward.
- 24. And he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under each board for its two tenons, and two sockets under the next board for its two tenons.
- 25. And for the second side of the tabernacle, for the north wall, he made twenty boards,
- 26. and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board, and two sockets under the next board.
- 27. And for the rear of the tabernacle, westward, he made six boards.
- 28. And he made two boards for the corners, for the two back corners of the tabernacle.
- 29. And they were coupled at the base, and they were perfectly joined together at its top to the one ring. Thus he made them both for the two corners.

30. And so, there were eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets. There were two sockets *for each*, two sockets for each board.

#### The Bars

- ¶31. And he made bars of shittim wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,
- 32. and five bars for the boards of the second side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle to the rear, westward.
- 33. And he made the middle bar to run through the midst of the boards from end to end.
- 34. And he overlaid the boards with gold, and he made their rings of gold to house the bars, and he overlaid the bars with gold.

### The Veil

- 35. And he made the veil of blue, purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen. He made it with cherubim, skillfully worked.
- 36. And he made for it four posts of shittim *wood* and overlaid them with gold, their hooks were of gold, and for them, he cast four sockets of silver.

## The Hanging

- 37. And for the entrance of the tent, he made a hanging of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, the work of a weaver,
- 38. and its five posts, and their hooks. And he overlaid their tops and their fillets with gold and their five sockets with bronze.

### Exodus 37

#### The Ark

- ¶1. And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood, its length, two and a half cubits, its width, a cubit and a half, and its height, a cubit and a half.
- 2. And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and he made a crown of gold for it all around.
- 3. And he cast four rings of gold for it for its four feet, two rings on one of its sides and two rings on its other side.
- 4. And he made poles of shittim wood and overlaid them with gold.
- 5. And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark.

## The Mercy-Seat

- 6. And he made the mercy-seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits its length, and a cubit and a half its width.
- 7. And he fashioned two cherubim of gold. Of beaten work, he made them at the two ends of the mercy-seat,
- 8. one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end. He made the cherubim part of the mercy-seat, in the two ends of it.

9. And the wings of the cherubim were spread out above, their wings overshadowing the mercy-seat, with their faces toward one other. The faces of the cherubim faced the mercy-seat.

#### The Table

- ¶10. And he made the table of shittim wood, its length, two cubits, its width, a cubit, and its height, a cubit and a half.
- 11. And he overlaid it with pure gold, and he made a crown of gold for it all around.
- 12. And he made a border a handbreadth wide around it, and he made a crown of gold for its border round about.
- 13. And he cast four rings for it and attached the rings to the four corners that are on its four feet.
- 14. The rings were close to the border, as housings for the poles for carrying the table.
- 15. And he made the poles of shittim wood and overlaid them with gold, *with which* to carry the table.
- 16. And he made of pure gold the vessels that are on the table, its dishes, and its spoons, and its bowls, and the cups with which libation is made.

#### The Menorah

- ¶17. And he made the menorah of pure gold. He made the menorah of beaten work; its base and its shaft, its cups, its bulbs, and its flowers were of one piece.
- 18. And six branches went out from its sides, three branches of the menorah from one side and three branches of the menorah from the other side.
- 19. On the one branch were three almond-shaped cups, a bulb, and a flower; and on the other branch, three almond-shaped cups, a bulb, and a flower. Thus *it was* for the six branches that go out from the menorah,
- 20. but on the menorah *shaft* were four almond-shaped cups, its bulbs, and its flowers.
- 21. And for the six branches going out from it, there was a bulb below a pair of its branches, and a bulb below a pair of its branches.
- 22. Their bulbs and their branches were of one piece; they were all of one beaten work of pure gold.
- 23. And he made its seven lamps, and its tongs, and its snuff-dishes of pure gold.
- 24. Of a talent of pure gold, he made it, with all its accoutrements.

### The Incense Altar

- ¶25. And he made the incense altar of shittim wood, its length, a cubit, and its width, a cubit, square, and its height, was two cubits. Its horns were one piece with it.
- 26. And he overlaid it with pure gold, its top, and its sides round about, and its horns. And he made for it a crown of gold round about.
- 27. And he made two gold rings for it below its crown on two of its sides; *he made them* on two sides as housings for poles with which to carry it.
- 28. And he made the poles of shittim wood and overlaid them with gold.

29. And he made the holy anointing oil and the pure, pungent incense, the work of a perfumer.

#### Exodus 38

## The Altar for Burnt Offering

- ¶1. And he made the altar for burnt offering of shittim wood; five cubits was its length, and five cubits was its width. It was square. And its height was three cubits.
- 2. And he made its horns on its four corners; its horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze.
- 3. And he made all the accourrements of the altar: the pans, and the shovels, and the basins, and the meat-hooks, and the fire-pans. He made all its accourrements of bronze.
- 4. And he made for the altar a grate of bronze lattice work underneath its ledge, halfway down it.
- 5. And he cast four rings on the four corners for the bronze grate, housings for the poles.
- 6. And he made the poles of shittim wood and overlaid them with bronze.
- 7. And on the sides of the altar, he put the poles into the rings, with which to carry it. He made it hollow with boards.

#### The Laver

¶8. And he made the laver of bronze and its base of bronze from the mirrors of the serving women who serve *at the* entrance of the tent of meeting.

## The Courtyard

- ¶9. And he made the courtyard. For the south side, facing southward, *he made* the courtyard screens of fine-twined linen, one hundred cubits.
- 10. Their twenty posts and their twenty sockets were of bronze, and the hooks of the posts and their fillets were of silver.
- 11. And for the north side, *he made screens* one hundred cubits, and their twenty posts and their twenty sockets were of bronze, and the hooks of the posts and their fillets were of silver.
- 12. And on the west side were fifty cubits of screens, their ten posts, and their ten sockets, and the hooks of the posts and their fillets were of silver.
- 13. And on the east side, eastward, the width was fifty cubits.
- 14. Screens for the one side *of the gate* were fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three,
- 15. and likewise for the other side. On both sides of the gate of the courtyard, the screens were fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three.
- 16. All the screens of the surrounding courtyard were of fine-twined linen.
- 17. And the sockets for the posts were of bronze, and the hooks on the posts and their fillets were of silver, and the plating of their tops was of silver, and all the posts of the courtyard were filleted with silver.

18. And the hanging for the gate of the courtyard, the work of a weaver, was of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, twenty cubits long. And its height along the width was five cubits, corresponding to the screens of the courtyard.

- 19. And their four posts and their four sockets were of bronze, and their hooks, silver, and the plating of their tops and their fillets were of silver.
- 20. And all the stakes for the tabernacle and for the surrounding courtyard were of bronze.
- ¶21. These are the sums for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, which were counted at the command of Moses for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar ben-Aaron the priest.
- 22. And Bezaleel ben-Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses,
- 23. and with him was Aholiab ben-Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skilled workman, and a weaver of the blue, and the purple, and the bright scarlet, and the linen.
- $\P24$ . All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary: the gold from the wave offering was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.
- 25. And the silver from those who were numbered of the assembly, one hundred talents and one thousand and seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary,
- 26. one bekah apiece (that is, half a shekel by the shekel of the sanctuary) given by every man who passed through the numbering, twenty-years-old and upwards, six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty men.<sup>10</sup>
- 27. And the one hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets for the sanctuary and the sockets for the veil, one hundred sockets from the one hundred talents, one talent for each socket.
- 28. And he made one thousand and seven hundred and seventy-five hooks for the posts, and he overlaid their tops and filleted them.
- 29. And from the wave offering came seventy talents and two thousand and four hundred shekels of bronze.
- 30. And with it, he made sockets for the entrance of the tent of meeting, and the bronze altar and its bronze grate, and all the accoutrements of the altar,
- 31. and the sockets for the courtyard round about, and the sockets for the gate of the courtyard, and all the stakes for the tabernacle, and all the stakes for the surrounding courtyard.

Exodus 39

The Ephod

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> According to these figures, there are 3,000 shekels in a talent, by the shekel of the sanctuary.

1. And of the blue, and the purple, and the bright scarlet, they made woven garments to do service in the sanctuary, and they made the holy garments that were for Aaron, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

- 2. And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen.
- 3. And they beat out the sheets of gold, and he cut threads to work into the blue, and into the purple, and into the bright scarlet, and into the linen, skillfully worked.
- 4. They made shoulder pieces for it, attached at its two edges, *by which* it was joined together.
- 5. And the skillfully woven band of his ephod which is on it was of the same work: gold, blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- 6. And they worked the onyx stones, enclosing them within settings of gold filigree, engraving them with the names of the sons of Israel, *like* the engravings of a seal.
- 7. And he put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, stones of remembrance for the children of Israel, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

## The Breastplate

- ¶8. And he made the breastplate of skillful workmanship, like the work of the ephod, of gold, blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen.
- 9. It was square. They made the breastplate folded double, its length shall be a span, and its width, a span, when doubled.
- 10. And they finished it with four rows of stones. A row of a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle, the first row;
- 11. and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond;
- 12. and the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst;
- 13. and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper set within their settings of gold filigree.
- 14. And the stones *shall be* according to the names of the sons of Israel; they were twelve, according to their names, *like* engravings of a seal, each with its name, corresponding to the twelve tribes.
- 15. And they made for the breastplate braided chains, a work of pure gold cords.
- 16. And they made two gold filigree settings, and two gold rings, and they put the two rings on the two edges of the breastplate.
- 17. And they attached the two gold cords to the two rings on the edges of the breastplate.
- 18. And they attached the two ends of the two cords to the two filigree settings, and they attached them to the front of the shoulder pieces of the ephod.
- 19. And they made two rings of gold, and they attached them to two edges of the breastplate, which, on its inner side, is against the ephod.
- 20. And they made two rings of gold, and they attached them to the lower part of the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in front, close to its seam, above the band of the ephod.

21. And they bound the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue thread, so that it was above the band of the ephod, that the breastplate not come loose from the ephod, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

#### The Robe

- ¶22. And he made the robe of the ephod, the work of a weaver, entirely of blue.
- 23. And there was an opening in the center of the robe, like the opening of a cuirass, with a selvedge around its opening, that it might not be torn.
- 24. And on the hem of the robe, they made pomegranates of fine-twined blue, and purple, and bright scarlet.
- 25. And they made bells of pure gold, and they attached the bells between the pomegranates, on the hem of the robe all around, between the pomegranates—
- 26. a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate on the hem of the robe all around when he ministers, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

## The Tunic, Turban, and Undergarments

- ¶27. And they made tunics of linen, a woven work, for Aaron and for his sons,
- 28. and the turban of linen, and the headdresses, the linen head-coverings, and the linen undergarments of fine-twined linen,
- 29. and the sash of fine-twined linen, and blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, the work of a weaver, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- 30. And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and they wrote upon it writing *like the* engravings of a seal, "Holiness to Jehovah".
- 31. And they put a ribbon of blue on it, to attach it high on the turban, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶32. So, all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the sons of Israel had made it. According to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses, so did they.
- 33. And they brought the tabernacle to Moses: the tent, and all its accoutrements, its hooks, its boards, its bars, and its posts, and its sockets,
- 34. and the covering of rams 'skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers 'skins, and the veil for the hanging;
- 35. the ark of the testimony, and its poles, and the mercy-seat;
- 36. the table, all its accoutrements, and the bread of the Presence;
- 37. the menorah of pure *gold* with its lamps, the row of lamps, and all its accourrements, and the oil for the light;
- 38. and the gold altar; and the anointing oil; and the pungent incense; and the hanging at the entrance of the tent;
- 39. the bronze altar, and its bronze grate, its poles, and all its accoutrements; the laver and its base;

40. the screens for the courtyard, its posts, and its sockets, and the hanging for the gate of the courtyard, its ropes, and its stakes; and all the accourtements for the service of the tabernacle for the tent of meeting;

- 41. the woven garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and garments for his sons to minister as priests.
- 42. So, the sons of Israel made all the work according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- 43. And Moses examined all the work, and behold, they had done it. Just as Jehovah had commanded, so had they done, and Moses blessed them.

#### Exodus 40

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2. "On the first day of the month, in the first month, you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting,
- 3. and therein shall you set the ark of the testimony, and you shall conceal the ark with the veil.
- 4. And you shall bring in the table and set its arrangement in order, and you shall bring in the menorah and light its lamps.
- 5. And you shall place the gold altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and you shall put up the hanging for the entrance of the tabernacle.
- 6. And you shall place the altar for burnt offering before the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.
- 7. And you shall place the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.
- 8. And you shall set up the courtyard all around, and you shall put up the hanging of the gate of the courtyard.
- 9. And you shall take the anointing oil, and you shall anoint the tabernacle and everything that is in it, and you shall consecrate it and all its accoutrements, and it shall be holy.
- 10. And you shall anoint the altar for burnt offering and all its accourrements, and you shall consecrate the altar, and the altar shall be most holy.
- 11. And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it.
- 12. And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and you shall wash them with the water,
- 13. and you shall clothe Aaron with the holy garments, and you shall anoint him and consecrate him, and he shall minister to me as priest.
- 14. And you shall bring his sons near, and you shall clothe them with tunics,
- 15. and you shall anoint them just as you anointed their father, and they shall minister to me as priests. And their anointing shall surely be theirs for the priesthood forever, throughout their generations.
- 16. And Moses did *so*. According to everything that Jehovah had commanded him, so did he.

¶17. And it came to pass in the second year, in the first month, on the first *day* of the month, the tabernacle was erected.

- 18. And Moses erected the tabernacle, and he set its sockets, and he set its boards, and he put in its bars, and he erected its posts,
- 19. and he spread out the tent over the tabernacle, and over that, he put the covering of the tent above, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶20. And he took, and placed the testimony in the ark, and he set the poles on the ark, and he placed the mercy-seat on top of the ark,
- 21. and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and he set the veil for the covering, and he concealed the ark of the testimony, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶22. And he placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil,
- 23. and on it, he arranged of the bread of Jehovah's Presence in order, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶24. And he set the menorah in the tent of meeting opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle,
- 25. and he lit the lamps in the presence of Jehovah, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶26. And he put the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil,
- 27. and he offered upon it pungent incense, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- $\P 28$ . And he put in place the hanging for the entrance of the tabernacle,
- 29. and he put the altar for burnt offering *before* the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and he offered the burnt offering on it, and the meal offering, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶30. And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and he put in water for washing,
- 31. and with it, Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.
- 32. When they went into the tent of meeting and when they drew near to the altar, they washed, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶33. And he erected the courtyard all around for the tabernacle and for the altar, and he set the hanging for the gate of the courtyard. So, Moses completed the work.
- $\P 34$ . And the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and Jehovah's glory filled the tabernacle.
- 35. And Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and Jehovah's glory filled the tabernacle.
- 36. And throughout all their journeys, when the cloud was lifted from the tabernacle, the children of Israel would set out.
- 37. But if the cloud was not lifted, they did not journey until the day that it was lifted,

38. for the cloud of Jehovah *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.