

# Exodus

## Chapter 1

- ¶1. These are the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob; each one came with his house:
  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, “Look, the people of the sons of Israel are many and are mightier than we.
10. Come now, let us deal wisely with them lest they multiply, and it will be that if war breaks out he will join our enemies and fight against us and leave the country.”
11. And they put slavemasters over them in order to humble them with their burdens, and they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pittom and Ramses.
12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and increased. And they were in dread of the sons of Israel.
13. And the Egyptians forced the sons of Israel to labor with cruelty.
14. And they made their lives bitter with hard labor, with mortar and bricks, and in every kind of work in the field; all their labor which they made them do *was* with cruelty.
15. And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, the name of the first was Shiphrah, and the name of the second was 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, you will cause it to die. But if it is a daughter, it shall 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 called 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 Egyptian women, but they are lively, for they bear children before the midwife arrives!”
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 gave them families.

22. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “You will throw every son that is born into the Nile, but you will let every daughter live.”

## Chapter 2

- ¶1. At that time, a man from the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi.
2. And the woman conceived and gave birth to a son, and she saw him, that he was a beautiful child, and she hid him for three months.
3. But when she could no longer hide him, she got an ark *made of* papyrus for him, and she smeared it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and placed it among the rushes *that were* 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 in the Nile, and her maidens were walking beside the Nile. Then she saw the ark in the midst of the rushes, so she sent her maidservant, and she fetched it.
6. And she opened it and looked at the child, and there was a boy child crying! And she had compassion on him, and she 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 wetnurse from the Hebrew women, so 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, and she said, “Because I drew<sup>1</sup> 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 beating a Hebrew, 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 one in the wrong, “Why do you strike your fellow?” Do you intend to kill me the way you killed that Egyptian?” And Moses was afraid and thought, “Surely, the thing is known.”
14. And he said, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us!” Do you plan to kill me the way you killed the 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 Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian, and he sat by a well.

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<sup>1</sup> The name for Moses comes from the Hebrew word for “to draw”.

16. And there was a priest of Midian *who had* seven daughters. And they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.
17. And shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses rose up, delivered them, and 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 also, he even drew for us and watered the flock!"
20. And he said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Call him so that he may eat bread."
21. And Moses was content to stay 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 an alien<sup>2</sup> in a foreign land."
- ¶23. And it came to pass after many days, the king of Egypt died, and the sons of Israel groaned because of slavery. And they cried out, and their cry for deliverance from slavery went up to God.
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 considered *them*.

### Chapter 3

- ¶1. And 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 desert, and he came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.
2. And an angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a thorn-bush. And he looked, and behold, the thorn-bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.
3. And Moses said, "Let me go over and see this great sight. Why is this thorn-bush not burned up?"
4. And the LORD saw that he went over to look, and God called to him from the midst of the thorn-bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."
5. And He said, "Do not come near! Take your sandals off your feet! The place where 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.
7. And the LORD 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 know their sufferings."

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<sup>2</sup> The name Gershom is related to the word "alien" in Hebrew.

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 Perizite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.
9. And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.
10. And now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh, and you bring my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”
11. And Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?”
12. And He said, “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 sons of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ they will say to me, ‘What is his name?’ What should I tell them?”
14. And God said to Moses, “I will be who I will be.” Then He said, “You will say this to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”
15. And again, God spoke to Moses, “You will say this to the sons 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 *see* what is being done to you in Egypt.’
17. And I say I will bring you up, away from the afflictions 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 give heed to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt, and you will tell him, ‘Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please let us go on a three day journey into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Jehovah our God.’
19. And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, not even by a strong hand.
20. And I will stretch out my hand, and I will strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will do in its midst. And after that he will send you away.
21. And I will give this people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, and it will come to pass that when you leave, you will not leave empty-handed.
22. And every woman will ask from the woman who is her neighbor and from her who spends time in her house, things of silver, and things of gold, and garments. And you will put *them* on your sons and your daughters, and you will spoil the Egyptians.”

## Chapter 4

- ¶1. And Moses answered and said, “Behold, they will not believe me or heed my voice, but they will say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’”
2. And the LORD said to him, “What is this 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 fled from it.
4. And the LORD 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 the LORD has appeared to you, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”
6. And the LORD said to him again, “Put your hand in your bosom.” So he put his hand in his bosom and pulled it out, and behold, his hand was leprous as snow.
7. And He said, “Put your hand back into your bosom.” And behold, it was restored as his flesh.
8. “And it will come to pass that if they do not believe you nor heed the first sign, they will believe the latter sign.
9. And it will come to pass that if they do not believe the second of these signs either, and will not listen to your voice, then take water from the Nile and pour it out onto the dry ground. And it will come to pass that the water which you took from the Nile will become blood on the ground.”
10. And Moses said to the LORD, “Please, Lord, I am not an eloquent man, neither before nor since you began speaking to your servant, for I am slow of mouth and tongue.”
11. And the LORD 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, the LORD?”
12. Now, go! I will be with your mouth, and I will teach you what you should say.”
13. But he said, “I beg you, my Lord! Please send . . . send by the hand of *another*.”
14. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said, “Do I not know that Aaron your brother, the Levite, can speak well? Also, 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 teach you what you should do.
16. And he will speak for you to the people. And so he will be a spokesman for you, and you will be a god for him.
17. And you will take this staff in your hand, by which you will do the signs.
- ¶18. And Moses went and returned to Jethro, his father-in-law, and he said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt and see if they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”
19. And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go! Return to Egypt, for all the men are dead who sought your life.”

20. And 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 the LORD said to Moses, "On your way back to Egypt, keep in mind all the signs which I have put in your hand, and do them before Pharaoh. But I will harden his heart so that he will not send the people out.
22. And you will say to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, "My son, my firstborn, is Israel.""
23. And I say to you, send forth my son that he may serve me. And if you refuse to send him, behold I will kill your son, your firstborn."
24. And it came to pass on the road, by the khan, the LORD met him and sought to kill him.
25. And Zipporah took a sharp stone, and she 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, and she said, "You are a bloody husband" because of the circumcision.
- ¶27. And the LORD 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 told Aaron all the words of the LORD *with* which he had sent him, and all the signs that he commanded him.
29. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered all the elders of the sons of Israel.
30. And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD 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 the LORD visited the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, they bowed down and worshipped.

## Chapter 5

- ¶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. And they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Let us go now 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 you making the people neglect their responsibilities? Get to your 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. "You shall no longer give straw to the people to make bricks as before. They will go and gather straw for themselves,

8. but the quota of bricks that they were making previously, you will put upon them and not diminish from it. They are idle! That is why they are crying out, saying, ‘Let us go sacrifice to our God.’
9. Let the bondage be heavy on the men, that they may labor under it and no longer pay attention to deceptive 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. Go! Get straw for yourselves wherever you can find *it* so that your work will not be diminished at all.”
12. And the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.
13. And the taskmasters pressed, saying, “Finish your daily tasks each day, just like when there was straw!”
14. And the officers of the sons 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, both yesterday and today?”
15. And the officers of the sons 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 saying 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’s why you are saying, ‘Let us go sacrifice to Jehovah’!
18. Now go work! Straw will not be given to you, and you will deliver the required amount of bricks!”
19. And the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in trouble when it was said, “You shall not reduce your daily amount of bricks.”
20. And they met Moses and Aaron who were standing *there* to meet them when they came from Pharaoh.
21. And they said to them, “May the LORD look on 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 ever 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!”

## Chapter 6

- ¶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 as a people for myself, 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. Then 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, “Look, the children of Israel would not listen to me, so how will Pharaoh listen to me - me with uncircumcised lips?”
- ¶13. And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and he commanded them *to go* to the sons 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, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, Shaul, 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, 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, Izhar, 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, to him for a 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, Nepheg, and Zichri.
22. And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri.
23. And Aaron took Elisheba, daughter of Amminidab, sister of Nahshon, to him for a wife, and she bore to him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24. And the sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korahites.
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 the LORD 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 the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,
29. that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am Jehovah. Tell Pharaoh, king of Egypt, everything that I am saying to you."
30. And Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am uncircumcised of lips, and how would Pharaoh listen to me?"

## Chapter 7

- ¶1. And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.
2. You will 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. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and I will multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.
4. But Pharaoh will not harken to you, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt, and by mighty judgments I will bring my hosts, my people, the sons of Israel, out of the land of Egypt.
5. And the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah, when I have stretched out my hand against Egypt and bring the children of Israel out of their midst."
6. And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them. Thus, they did.
7. And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.
- ¶8. And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,
9. "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Perform a miracle for yourselves,' you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff, and throw *it* down before Pharaoh. It will become a serpent.'"
10. Then Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD 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. And 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 the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.
15. In the morning, go to Pharaoh. Behold, he goes to the water, but you stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and you shall take in your hand the rod that was turned into a serpent.
16. And you shall 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, behold, so far you have not listened.'
17. Thus says the LORD, 'By this, you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I am about to strike the waters that are in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, 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 the LORD 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 and stone *vessels*.'"
20. And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD 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. And the magicians of Egypt did the same by their magic arts. But Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he would not listen to them, just as Jehovah said.
23. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and even this, he did not take to heart.
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.

## Chapter 8

Hebrew Chapter 7 continues

- ¶1/26. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says Jehovah, "Let my people go that they may serve me.
- 2/27. And if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all your land with frogs.

3/28. And the Nile will swarm with frogs, and they will come up and enter into your house, into your bed chamber, and onto your bed, and into the house of your servants, and on your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs.

4/29. And the frogs will come up on you, and on your people, and on all your servants.””

Hebrew Chapter 8

5/1. And the LORD 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.’”

6/2. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7/3. And the magicians did the same with their magic arts, they too brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8/4. And Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron, and said, “Entreat Jehovah that He may remove the frogs from me and my people, and I will let the people go that they may sacrifice to Jehovah.

9/5. 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.”

10/6. And he said, “Tomorrow.” And he said, “*Be it* according to your word, so that you will know that there is none like Jehovah our God.

11/7. 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.”

12/8. And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried out to Jehovah about the frogs which He had sent upon Pharaoh.

13/9. And the LORD did as Moses said, and the frogs died out, in the houses, in the villages, and in the fields.

14/10. And they gathered them, heaps upon heaps, and the land stank.

15/11. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

¶16/12. Then the Lord spoke to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground, and it will be come lice throughout the land of Egypt.’”

17/13. 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.

18/14. And the magicians did so with their magic arts to drive out the lice, but they could not. And the lice was on man and beast.

19/15. 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 the LORD had said.

¶20/16. And the LORD said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh. Behold, he will be going out to the water, and you will say to him, ‘Thus says the Jehovah, “Let my people go that they may serve me!”

21/17. For if you do not let my people go, behold, I will send flies upon you and your servants, and upon your people, and your houses, and the houses of the Egyptians, as well as the land they are on, will be filled with flies.

22/18. On that day, I will sever the land of Goshen where my people dwell, and there will be no swarms there, so that you will know that I, Jehovah, am in the midst of the land.

23/19. And I will make a difference between my people and your people; tomorrow this sign will come to pass.””

24/20. And the LORD 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.

25/21. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, “Go! Sacrifice to your God in the land.”

26/22. 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?”

27/23. We must make a three day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, just as he will tell us to do.”

28/24. 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.”

29/25. 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 the LORD.”

30/26. Then Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to the LORD.

31/27. And the LORD did according to Moses’ word, and He removed the flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not even one was left.

32/28. But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also and did not let the people go.

## Chapter 9

¶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 the LORD set an appointed time, saying, "Tomorrow, Jehovah will do this thing in the land."
6. And the LORD 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. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not let the people go.
- ¶8. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves both your 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 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. And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said to Moses.
- ¶13. And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present 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 will 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. As long as you exalt yourself against my people, and send them not away,
18. behold, I will cause it to rain very grievous hail about this time tomorrow, the likes of which has never been in Egypt from the day of its founding even until now.
19. Now, send forth, 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 the LORD among Pharaoh servants drove his servants and cattle to their houses,
21. but he that did not set his heart upon the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.
- ¶22. Then the LORD 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. Pray to Jehovah, and let it be enough of mighty thunder and hail, and I will let you go, and you 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 spelt were not smitten, for they were late *crops*.
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 came to an end, 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 the LORD had said by the hand of Moses.

## Chapter 10

- ¶1. And the LORD 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 recount in the ears of your son, and your son’s son, how I dealt severely with the Egyptians, and my signs that I have performed among them, that you 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. For 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 surface of the land, and no one will be able to see the land. And it will consume the remainder of what escaped, that which is left for you from the hail, and it will consume every tree that you have 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 the fathers of your fathers have seen, since the day 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, “May Jehovah be so with you, as that I will let you and your little ones go! Beware for evil is before you!
11. Not so! Let the men go and serve Jehovah, for that is what you were after.” And one drove them out from Pharaoh's presence.
- ¶12. And the LORD 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 the LORD 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 ascended over all the land of Egypt, and they 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. Please, forgive now my sin only this once, and pray to Jehovah your 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 the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the children of Israel go.
- ¶21. Then the LORD 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 unto Jehovah our God.
26. So, our cattle must 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 must serve Jehovah until we arrive there.
27. But the LORD 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."

## Chapter 11

- ¶1. And Jehovah said to Moses, "I will bring one plague more upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterwards, he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you altogether from 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 the servants of Pharaoh, 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 first-born 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 in all 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 you 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 you, 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.

## Chapter 12

- ¶1. The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
  2. "This month shall be the first of months for you. It shall be the first of the months of your year.
  3. Speak to all the congregation of Israel and say: On the tenth day of this month, they shall each take for themselves an animal from the flock for his father's house, an animal per household.
  4. And if the household be too small for the animal, he and his neighbor that is next to his house shall take *it*. You shall gauge the animal according to the number of souls, as each one is able to eat.
  5. Your animal shall be unblemished, a male, one year old. You can take it from the sheep or the goats.
  6. It shall be kept for you until the fourteenth day of this month. And 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* they shall 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 the LORD'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 you, the blood shall be a sign on the houses that you are in. I will see the blood and pass over you, and the destroying plague will not be among you when I smite the land of Egypt.
14. And this day will be a day of remembrance for you, you will celebrate it as a feast to Jehovah. You shall keep *this* festival forever, a statute for all your generations.
15. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day, you shall certainly 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 *will be* a holy convocation, and, also, on the seventh day there will be a holy convocation for you. No work will be done on them. However, whatever must be eaten by each person, that alone may be prepared by you.
17. And you will keep *the days of* unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your host out of the land of Egypt so you will observe this day throughout your generations as a statute forever.
18. In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, you will begin to eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day in the evening.
19. *For* seven days, leaven shall not be found in your houses. Anyone who eats whatever is leavened, whether a sojourner or one born in the land, that soul will be cut off from the congregation of Israel.
20. You will eat nothing leavened. In all your dwellings, you will eat unleavened bread.
- ¶21. Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Choose and take out of the flock for yourselves and your families, and slaughter the Passover *sacrifice*.”
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 not one of you 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 your 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 when your children say to you, “What does this ritual *mean* to you?”,
27. then you will 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 worshiped.
28. So the children of Israel went and did so. As Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

- ¶29. And it happened that in the middle of the night 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 all will be dead men.”
34. And the people took up their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being wrapped 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 the LORD 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 Raameses 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 happened at the end of four hundred and thirty years, it came to pass on this self same day, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.
42. It *was* a night of watching for the LORD to bring them out from the land of Egypt. This night *is* for watching for the LORD throughout all generations of the children of Israel.
- ¶43. And the LORD 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. A sojourner and a hired servant may not eat of it.
46. It must be eaten in one house. You shall not bring any of its flesh outside the house, and you shall 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 the LORD, let all his males be circumcised and then come 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 one born in the land and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”
50. And all the sons of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron; so did they.
- ¶51. And it came to pass that self-same day, that the LORD brought out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts.

### Chapter 13

- ¶1. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
  2. “Consecrate to me every firstborn male of the children of Israel that opens every womb, of man or beast. He is mine.”
  3. Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day that you came out of Egypt, out of the home of slavery, for with a strong hand, the LORD brought you out of this place. That which is leavened shall not be eaten.
  4. This day, in the month of Abib<sup>3</sup>, you 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 Ammorites, 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. You will eat unleavened bread seven days, and on the seventh day, a feast to the LORD.
  7. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. That which is leavened should not be seen by you, and leaven should not be seen by you in all your land.
  8. You will make it known to your son on that day, saying, “*I do this* because of what the LORD did for me when He brought me out of Egypt.”
  9. And it will be like a sign for you on your hand and like a memorial between your eyes, so that the law of the LORD will be in your mouth, for with a strong hand, the LORD brought you out of Egypt.
  10. You shall observe this statute at its appointed time from year to year.
- ¶11. It will come to pass that the LORD will bring you to the land of the Canaanites, just as He swore to you and to your fathers, and He will give it to you.
  12. So, you shall dedicate to the LORD all that first open the womb, and all the firstlings that open *it* among the animals which you own; the males are the LORD’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.

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<sup>3</sup> Literally, “the month of the budding grain”.

14. And when in time to come your son asks you, saying, “Why is this?”, you shall say to him, “By a mighty hand, the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
15. For it came to pass that when Pharaoh hardened *himself* against letting us go, the LORD 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 the LORD 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, the LORD 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 the* 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 you, and you shall take my bones away from here with you.”
20. And so, they set out from Succoth, and they made camp at Etham, at the edge of the wilderness.
21. And the LORD 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 or by night.
22. The pillar of cloud did not cease by day before the people, nor the pillar of fire by night.

#### Chapter 14

- ¶1. And the LORD 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 on the side toward the sea.
3. And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ‘They are confused by the land; the wilderness has closed in upon them.’
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 the LORD.” (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 people with him.
7. And he took six hundred select chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and officers over them all.

8. Then the LORD 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 were* encamping by the sea, at Pihahiroth, 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 the LORD.
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 firm and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will bring to pass for you today. For though you see the Egyptians today, you will never see them again, forever.
14. The LORD will fight for you, and you will be quiet."
- ¶15. And the LORD 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 hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them in; then I will 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 in front of the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them,
20. and it went between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. And there was a cloud and darkness *upon the Egyptians*, but He gave light during the night *to the Israelites*, so that one did not come near the other all that night.
21. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD 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 the 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, the LORD looked down upon the host of Egypt, through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and He troubled the host of Egypt.
25. And He removed the wheel of its 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 the LORD 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 the LORD 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 went 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 the LORD delivered Israel that day from the hand of Egypt, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the shore of the sea.
31. And Israel saw the great power that the LORD wrought against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

## Chapter 15

- ¶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. The LORD 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. The LORD 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 had said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil. My soul will be filled with *what is* theirs. I will draw out 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, O Miracle Maker?
12. You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.
13. In your mercy, you led out this people you have redeemed. With your strength you guided *them* toward your holy dwelling place.
14. Nations heard, they trembled; fear seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
15. Then the Alluphim of Edom were terrified. Trembling seized the strong men of Moab. All the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.
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 place you have created for your dwelling, O Jehovah, the holy site, O Lord, your hands have prepared.
18. The LORD will reign forever and ever!
19. For Pharaoh's horses with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea and the LORD brought the waters of the seas 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 answered 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 away from the Red Sea, and they went out 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 will we drink?"
25. And he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD 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 him, and there He put him to the test.
26. And He said, "If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD your God and will do what is right in His sight and will listen to His commandments and will keep all of His statutes, *then* none of the disease that I put on the Egyptians will I bring upon you because I am the LORD 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.

## Chapter 16

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, when we 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 you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may 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 *manna* 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, “*You’ll know it* when Jehovah gives 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 your 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 the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
12. “I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall 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. 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 the LORD has commanded: Each man gather of it as much as he can eat; take an homer apiece, 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 homer, 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 of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.
21. And they gathered it morning by morning, every man according to his appetite; and 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 a rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake, and boil what you will boil; and all that is left over, put up for yourselves 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 the LORD; 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 the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?”
29. “Understand that the LORD 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 the LORD has commanded, ‘Fill a homer of it to be kept for your descendants, so that they may see the bread which I fed you in the wilderness when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’”
33. And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a pot and put a homer full of *manna* in it, and place it before the LORD to keep for your descendants.”
34. And Aaron laid it up before the testimony to be kept, as the LORD 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, a homer is the tenth part of an ephah.

## Chapter 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 the LORD, 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 the LORD?”
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 the LORD, saying, “What shall I do for this people? They are on the verge of stoning me!”
5. And the LORD 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 and Meribah because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tested the LORD 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 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 place 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.
- ¶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>4</sup>,

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<sup>4</sup> Literally, “The LORD is my standard.”

16. *for* he said, “The LORD has sworn by his throne, that there will be war between Jehovah and Amalek from generation to generation!”

## Chapter 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 the LORD 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 sojourner in a foreign land”,
4. and the name of the other was Eliezer, because, “The God of my father *was* my help and 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 the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to Egypt for Israel’s sake, and all the hardship that had come upon them along the way and that the LORD had delivered them.
9. Then Jethro rejoiced over all the good that the LORD had done for Israel whom He had delivered from the hand of Egypt.
10. And Jethro said, “Blessed is the LORD 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. Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all the gods because in what they were proud, *He was* greater than 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.
13. And it happened 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 one 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. Surely you will be worn out, both you and this people with you because this thing is too heavy for you. You cannot do it alone.
19. Now, hear my voice. Let me advise you and may God be with you. You must remain before God for the people and bring the 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 should look among the people for able men who fear God, 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 continually, and it will be that they will bring every important matter to you, but every lesser matter they will judge themselves. And make *it* lighter on yourself, and let them bear *the burden* with you.
23. If you will do this thing, and God direct you *to do so*, then you will be able to continue, and, also, all these people will 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 continually. A difficult matter they brought to Moses, but every lesser matter they judged themselves.
27. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went to his own country.

## Chapter 19

- ¶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 you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, you 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 the LORD commanded him.
8. Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken, we will do.” And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

9. And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may believe in you also forever.” And Moses declared the words of the people to the LORD.
10. Then the LORD 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 the LORD 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 yourselves *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 trumpet sounds long, 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, there were peals of thunder and flashes of lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast. 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 the LORD 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 trumpet came and grew very loud, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice.
20. And the LORD came down on Mount Sinai, on top of the mountain. Then the LORD summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.
21. And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down. Warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look, and many of them perish.
22. And also, let the priests who draw near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.”
23. Then Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai because you warned us saying, ‘Set boundaries around the mountain and consecrate it.’”
24. But the LORD 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 the LORD, 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 slavery.
- 3/2b. You shall have no other god besides me.
- 4/3. 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.
- 5/4. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I, Jehovah your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, even to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
- 6/5. showing mercy to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- ¶7/6. You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not leave unpunished whoever takes His name in vain.<sup>5</sup>
- ¶8/7. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9/8. Six days shall you labor and do all your work.
- 10/9. 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 a foreigner who is in your gates.
- 11/10. 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.
- ¶12/11. Honor your father and your mother so that your days may be long upon the land that Jehovah your God is giving you.
- ¶13/12a. You shall not murder.
- ¶14/12b. You shall not commit adultery.
- ¶15/12c. You shall not steal.
- ¶16/12d. You shall not testify falsely against your neighbor.
- ¶17/13. 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.
- ¶18/14. And all the people beheld the thunderings and the lightning flashes, and the sound of the ram's horn, and the mountain smoking, and the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood afar off.
- 19/15. And they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and let us hear! Don't let God speak with us, lest we die!"

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<sup>5</sup> For an explanation of this verse see *Spiritual Light*.

- 20/16. Then Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid! For God has come in order to prove you, and so that fear of Him may be before you so that you will not sin.”
- 21/17. Nevertheless, the people stayed afar off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was,
- ¶22/18. 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.
- 23/19. You shall not make *other gods* besides me; you shall not make for yourselves gods of silver or of gold.
- 24/20. 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.
- 25/21. And if you make an altar of stones for me, you shall not build *it* with hewn stones, *for* when you use your tool on *a stone*, you defile it.
- 26/22. And you shall not ascend by steps to my altar, so that your nakedness may not be exposed to it.”

## Chapter 21

- ¶1. And these are the judgments that you will set before them:
2. If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve *you* for six years, but 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 sincerely 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 female 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 does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people since he has dealt treacherously 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, and 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 may 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 shall pay 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 follows, 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 protest was made against its owner, but he did not keep him 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 if it 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, *the owner* shall pay thirty shekels of silver to his 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 *animal* 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.

## Chapter 22

- ¶1. If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and he slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five cattle for an ox, and four from the flock for a sheep.
2. If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no blood *shed* for him.
3. If the sun has risen on him, there shall be blood *shed* for him. He shall make full restitution, *but* if he no longer has it, 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 animal from the flock, he shall restore double.
5. If a man causes a field or vineyard to be eaten by letting loose *his* beasts, and it feasts in another man's field, he shall repay with the best of his field and the best of his vineyard.
6. If a fire breaks out and lights upon thorns, and a stack of sheaves, or a stand of grain, or a field is consumed, the one 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 judges<sup>6</sup> *to see* whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's property.
9. For every type of transgression concerning an ox, a donkey, an animal from the flock, or clothing, or any lost item that one declares is his, the case of both of them shall go to the judges.<sup>7</sup> Whoever the judges<sup>8</sup> condemn as guilty shall restore double to his neighbor.
10. If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, or an ox, or an animal from the flock, or any beast, to keep, and it dies or is crippled or is driven off, no one seeing *it*,
11. an oath of the LORD 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 indeed stolen from him, he shall repay its owner.
13. If it is torn in pieces, he shall bring it as evidence, and he shall not repay for the torn animal.

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<sup>6</sup> Hebrew, "the gods".

<sup>7</sup> Hebrew, "to the gods".

<sup>8</sup> Hebrew, "the gods".

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 is with it, he shall not repay. If it was hired, it came for its hire.
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 destroyed.
21. You shall not maltreat a foreigner, nor shall you oppress him, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.
22. You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.
23. If you afflict them in any way, indeed, if they cry out to me at all, I will surely hear their cry,
24. and my anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall be widows, and your children shall be 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. What *else* will he lie down in? And it shall come to pass 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 *your offering from* your ripened field, your oil, or your wine. You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me.
30. You shall do likewise with your ox and your flock animal. It shall stay seven days with its mother, then you shall give it to me on the eighth day.
31. And to me, you shall be sanctified men. And you shall not eat flesh torn in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

## Chapter 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. And you shall not show partiality to a poor person in his dispute.
4. If you come upon your enemy's donkey wandering, 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 not leave *it* to him; you shall surely loose it with him.
6. You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute.
7. You shall keep away far away from a false matter, and you shall not put the innocent and righteous to death; for I will not justify a wicked man.
8. And you shall not take a bribe, for the bribe blinds those who see and wrests the words of the righteous.
9. You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the life of a stranger; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
10. You sow your land for six years, and you shall gather in its produce.
11. And the seventh *year* you shall let it rest and lie untilled, and let the poor of your people eat, and what they leave the animals of the field shall eat. Thus shall you do with your vineyard *and* with your olive tree.
12. Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall cease so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your handmaid and the stranger may be refreshed.
13. And you shall observe all that I have said to you. And you shall not mention other gods by name; it shall not be heard *coming* from your mouth.
14. Three times a year you shall make a feast to me.
15. You shall keep the feast of the unleavened bread. Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the set time of the month Abib. For in it you came forth out of Egypt, and they shall not appear before me empty-handed.
16. And the feast of the 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 in the 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 you shall bring in 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 your 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 Perezites, 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 completely destroy them and totally smash their images to bits.
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. There shall not be one miscarrying or barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.
27. I will send my terror before you, and will confuse 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, as far as the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness unto the river. For I will give into your 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 for you.

#### Chapter 24

- ¶1. And He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance.
2. And Moses, by himself, shall draw near to the LORD, but they must not come near. And the people shall not come up with him."
3. So Moses went and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments; and *with* one voice all the people answered and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken, we will do."
4. Then Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD, 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 young bulls 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 the LORD has spoken we will do and we will obey."

8. And Moses took the blood and threw *it* on the people and said, “Behold! The blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words!”
9. Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel 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; they beheld God, and they ate and drank.
- ¶12. And the LORD 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. And to the elders he said, “Wait here for us until we return to you. Behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; let the judges come to them.”
15. Then Moses ascended the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
16. And the glory of the LORD settled upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. And on the seventh day, He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.
17. And the appearance of the glory of the LORD 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.

## Chapter 25

- ¶1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
  2. “Tell the children of Israel that they are to bring an offering to me. Receive my offering from every man whose heart is willing to give it.
  3. And this is the offering that you shall receive from them: gold, and silver, and bronze;
  4. and blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ *skins*;
  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 fragrant incense;
  7. onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastplate.
  8. And they shall build a sanctuary for me so I may dwell among them.
  9. You shall construct *it* exactly according to everything in the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of each of its accoutrements that I will show you.
- ¶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 gold rings 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 you shall 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.
17. And you shall make the mercy-seat<sup>9</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. 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 one toward the other. 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 shall meet with you there between the two cherubim that *are* over the ark of the testimony, and I shall speak to you from above the mercy-seat all that I command you for the children of Israel.
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.
24. 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 a border around *it*, a handbreadth wide, and you shall make a crown of gold around its border.
26. And you shall make four gold rings for it, and you shall 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, and with them shall the table be carried.
29. And you shall make its dishes, and its pans, and its cups and its bowls with which libation is made; you shall make them of pure gold.
30. And you shall place the bread of Presence<sup>10</sup> on the table continually before me.
- ¶31. “And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of beaten work; its base, and its shaft, its cups, its knobs, and its flowers shall be of one piece.
32. And six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from one side and three branches of the lampstand from the other side;

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<sup>9</sup> Literally, “place of atonement”.

<sup>10</sup> Or, “showbread”.

33. on one branch *shall be* three almond-shaped cups, a knob, and a flower; and on another branch, three almond-shaped cups, a knob, and a flower. Thus *do* for the six branches that go out from the lampstand.
34. And on the lampstand *shaft shall be* four almond-shaped cups, *and* its knobs and flowers.
35. And *there shall be* a knob below *the first* pair of its branches, and a knob below *the second* pair of its branches, and a knob below *the third* pair of its branches, for the six branches going out from the lampstand.
36. Their knobs and their branches shall all be of one piece, of one beaten work of pure gold.
37. And you shall make its seven lamps, and when he lights its lamps, it shall give light to the area in front of it.
38. And its snuffers and its snuff-dishes *shall be* of pure gold.
39. He shall make it *and* all these accoutrements of a talent of pure gold.
40. And see to it that you make them according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.

## Chapter 26

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

11. And you shall make fifty hooks of bronze, and you shall put the hooks into the loops and couple the tent together that it may be one *piece*.
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 *side*, beyond each of the sides of the tabernacle, to conceal it.
14. And you shall make a covering of rams' skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badgers' skins over that.
- ¶15. And you shall make boards of shittim wood for the tabernacle *that will* stand upright.
16. The length of a board *shall be* ten cubits and the width of one board *shall be* a cubit and a half.
17. *There shall be* two tenons in each board for joining one to another. You shall do likewise for all the boards of the tabernacle.
18. And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle; *there shall be* twenty boards for the south side facing southward.
19. And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under each board to *receive* its two tenons and two sockets under the next board for its two tenons.
20. And for the second side of the tabernacle, the side facing northward, *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 sides of the tabernacle to the west, 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 both of them. 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.
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 at the rear, to the west.
28. And *there shall be* a 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.

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, hooks of gold, upon 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 *for you* between the holy place and the most holy place.
34. And you shall set the mercy-seat on the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.
35. And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle. And you shall set the table on the north side.
36. And you shall make a hanging for the entrance of the tent of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, the work of a weaver.
37. And you shall make for the hanging five posts of shittim *wood* and overlay them with gold, their hooks of gold and you shall cast five bronze sockets for them.

## Chapter 27

- ¶1. And you shall make the altar of shittim wood five cubits long and five cubits wide. The altar shall be square, and its height, three cubits.
2. And you shall make its horns at 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 to remove its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its meat-hooks, 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 the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.
8. You shall make it hollow with boards. Just as it has been shown to you on the mountain, so shall they make *it*.
- ¶9. And you shall make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side facing southward, *you shall make* screens for the court 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 on the posts and their fillets *shall be* of silver.
11. And likewise for the length of the north side, *you shall make* screens one hundred *cubits* in length, and its twenty posts and their twenty sockets *shall be* of bronze, and the hooks for the posts and their fillets *shall be* of silver.

12. And the width of the court on the west side *shall have* fifty cubits of screens, their ten posts and their ten sockets.
13. And the width of the court on the east side, eastward, *shall be* fifty cubits.
14. And the screens on one side of *the gate shall be* fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three.
15. And on the other side the screens *shall be* fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three.
16. And for the gate of the court *you shall make* a hanging twenty cubits of blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen, the work of a weaver, their posts, four, and their sockets, four.
17. All the pillars around the court shall be filleted *with silver bands*, and their hooks *shall be* of silver and their sockets, bronze.
18. The length of the court *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 accoutrements of the tabernacle for all its service, and all its stakes, and all the stakes for the court, *shall be* bronze.
- ¶20. And you shall 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. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil, that is in front of the testimony, Aaron shall attend to it with his sons from evening until morning before the LORD. *This shall be* a statute forever throughout their generations for the children of Israel.

## Chapter 28

- ¶1. And from among the children of Israel, you shall cause Aaron your brother to come near you, and his sons with him, that he may serve as priest to me, 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 serve 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 serve as priest to me.
5. And they shall take the gold, and the blue, the purple, and the bright scarlet, and the fine linen,
- ¶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 joined *together* at its two edges, and it shall be joined.

8. And the skillfully *woven waistband* 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. *With the* work of an engraver of stone, *as the* engravings of a seal, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them within 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.
- ¶15. And you shall make a breastplate of judgment. You shall make it of skillful workmanship, like the work for the ephod. You shall make it of gold, blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and fine-twined linen.
16. It shall be square *and* 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 in their settings.
21. And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, according to their twelve names, they shall each be engraved *like* a seal, with its name, 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 two ends of the two cords you shall attach 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 waistband 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 waistband 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.
- ¶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.
- ¶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 of all their holy gifts and it shall be upon his forehead always for their acceptance before Jehovah.
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 consecrate them, and you shall sanctify them. Then, they will serve me as priests.
42. And you shall make linen undergarments for them to cover the nakedness of *their* flesh. They will reach from the hips to the thighs.
43. And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they go into the tent of meeting, or when they draw near to the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they will not bear iniquity and die. *This shall be* a statute forever for him and for his seed after him.

- ¶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 waistband 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 you shall put the tunics on them.
9. And you shall gird them, Aaron and his sons, with a sash, and bind the caps on them, and the priesthood shall be theirs by a 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 lobe on 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 skin, and its dung, you shall burn 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, an offering 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 hands, and on the big toe of their right foot, and throw *the rest of* 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 spatter it upon Aaron and upon his garments, and upon his sons and upon his sons' garments along with him, and he and his garments will be consecrated, and his sons and his sons' garments along with him.
22. And you shall take the fat from the ram, and the tail fat, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the lobe on 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 *you shall take* one loaf of bread, and one cake of bread with oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before Jehovah.
24. And you shall place everything in the palms of Aaron and in the palms of his sons, and you shall wave them as 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 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 shoulder of the offering that is waved and lifted up, of the ram that was for Aaron's ordination and for that of his sons.
28. And it shall be a statute forever, *an offering* from the children of Israel for Aaron and for his sons, for it is an offering lifted up, and it shall be a lifted offering from the children of Israel, their lifted offering from the sacrifices of their peace offerings unto Jehovah.
29. And the holy garments that are for Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them and ordained in them.
30. The priest from *among* 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 at their ordination to consecrate them, they shall eat the things with which the atonement is made, but a stranger shall not eat *of them*, for they are holy.
34. And if any of the flesh of the ordinations, or the bread, remain until the morning, then you shall burn 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. All that touches the altar shall become 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 your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before Jehovah, where I will meet with you, 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.

### Chapter 30

- ¶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 all around, and its horns. And you shall make for it a crown of gold all around.
4. And you shall make two gold rings for it, below its crown on two of its sides. You shall make *them* on opposite sides<sup>11</sup>. And they shall be housings for poles with which to carry it.
5. And you shall make the poles of shittim wood, and you shall overlay them with gold.
6. And you shall put it in front of 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 fragrant 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 burn strange incense upon it, nor a burnt offering, nor a meal offering. Neither shall you pour a drink offering on it.
10. And once a year, Aaron shall make atonement on its horns with the blood of the sin offering of the atonements. Throughout your generations, he shall make atonement on it once a year. It is most holy to Jehovah.

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<sup>11</sup> Or possibly, “two corners”.

¶11. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12. “When you take a census of the sons of Israel to number them, then 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. They shall give this, 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 to 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 not do less than a half shekel when rendering the offering to Jehovah to make atonement for your 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 your souls.”

¶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 shall be for them a statute forever, for him and for his seed throughout their generations.”

¶22. Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

23. “And take to you choice spices; pure myrrh five hundred, and cinnamon spice half as much, two hundred and fifty, and calamus spice 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, you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,
27. and the table and all its accoutrements, and the lampstand and its accoutrements, 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 become most holy. All that touches them shall become 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 your generations.

32. It shall not be poured out on the flesh of man, nor shall you make *any* like it with its proportions. It is holy. It shall be holy to you.
33. Whoever mixes *any* like it, or that puts *any* of it on a stranger shall be cut off from his people.’”
- ¶34. And Jehovah said to Moses, “Take to you fragrant spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, fragrant spices and pure frankincense (*each* will 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 grind some of it very 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 any like it, to smell it, shall be cut off from his people.”

### Chapter 31

1. And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2. “Behold, I have called by name Bezaleel ben Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
3. And I have filled him *by* the Spirit of God with wisdom, and with understanding, and with knowledge, even 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, I have 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 accoutrements of the tent,
8. and the table and its accoutrements, and the pure lampstand and all its accoutrements, and the altar of incense,
9. and the altar for burnt offering and all its accoutrements, and the laver and its base,
10. 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 fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do according to all I have commanded you.”
- ¶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 *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that *you* may know that I am Jehovah who sanctifies you.

14. Therefore, you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Those who defile it shall surely be put to death. Anyone doing work on it, his soul shall be cut off from among his people.
15. Six days may work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to Jehovah. Anyone who does work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death.'
16. And the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath to observe 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.

### Chapter 32

- ¶1. When the people saw that Moses took so long to come down from the mountain, the people assembled against Aaron and told him, "Get up! Make us gods who shall 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 *the gold* from their hand and shaped it with a graving tool, and he fashioned a molten calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt!"
5. When Aaron saw *this*, he built an altar before it. Then Aaron cried out and said, "A feast to Jehovah tomorrow!"
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, saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, which 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. And now, leave me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and I will utterly destroy them and make you a great nation."
11. Then, 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, I will give to your seed, and they shall 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 a cry of victory, and it's not the sound of a cry of 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 sons of Israel drink it.
21. And Moses said to Aaron, "What have these people done to you that you have brought great sin upon them?"
22. Then 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, because 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 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 with me?" And all the sons of Levi gathered around 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. So, the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And on that day, about three thousand men of the people fell.
29. And Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to Jehovah because each man *has been* against his son, and against his brother, so that He may bring a blessing upon you today."
30. It came to pass the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to Jehovah; perhaps I can make atonement for your sins."
31. And Moses returned to Jehovah and said, "Oh! This people has sinned a great sin and have made for themselves gods of gold.
32. And now, if you will forgive their sin — but if not, I pray, 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 place* 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 made the calf, which Aaron fashioned.

### Chapter 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, for you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you in 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. Should I go up in your midst for one moment, then I would destroy you. Now, take off your ornaments, 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 *the 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, 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, a 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. Now if, I pray, I have found favor in your sight, make your ways known to me that I may know you, so that I will find favor in your sight. And consider that this nation is your people."
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 is not going *with us*, don't bring us up from this place.
16. And 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 of 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, "I pray, show me your glory."
19. And He said, "I will make all my goodness pass over before you, and I will proclaim 'Jehovah' by name before you. Moreover, 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 sees me and lives."
21. And Jehovah said, "There is a place by me, and you shall stand on the rock.
22. And it shall come to pass, 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."

## Chapter 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 shall 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 “Jehovah” by name.
6. And Jehovah passed before him, and He proclaimed, “Jehovah! Jehovah God! Compassionate and gracious, 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*.”
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 make 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 will do with you.
11. Observe what I am commanding you today. Behold, I drive out before you the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivvites, 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 Asherim.
14. For you shall not worship any other god, for Jehovah is jealous of His name. He 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 you shall keep all of your cattle in mind, the firstborn of 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 of your males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah, God of Israel.
24. For I shall drive out nations from before you, and I shall 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 in accordance 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 (now, the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain) that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of His speaking 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 concerning 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 sons of Israel saw the face of Moses, for the skin of Moses' face shone, so Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to talk with Him.

## Chapter 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 you, 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.”
- ¶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 up an offering from among you for Jehovah. Let everyone who has a willing heart bring it, Jehovah’s offering: gold, and silver, and bronze,
  6. and blue, and purple, and bright scarlet, and linen, and goats’ *skins*,
  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 fragrant incense,
  9. and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastplate.
  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 lampstand for the 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 fragrant 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 accoutrements, the laver and its base,
    17. the screens for the court, its posts and its sockets, and the hanging for the court gate,
    18. and stakes for the tabernacle, and stakes for the court, 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 sons of Israel went out from before Moses.
  21. And they came, every man whose heart moved him, and everyone whose spirit compelled him, and they brought the LORD’s offering for the workmanship of the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.
  22. And the men came, together with the women, all *who had* a willing heart, bringing earrings, and nose rings, and *other* rings, and ornaments, all 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’ *skins*, or rams’ skins dyed red, or badgers’ skins, brought *it*.
  24. All who lifted up an offering of silver or bronze brought the LORD’s offering, and all 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 moved them skillfully spun the goats' *hair*.
27. And the rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for setting, 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 fragrant incense.
29. Every man and woman of the children of Israel whose heart compelled them to bring *an offering* for all the work that Jehovah commanded to be done by the hand of Moses brought *it* willingly to Jehovah.
- ¶30. And Moses said to the children of Israel, "Behold, Jehovah has called by name Bezaleel ben Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
31. And the Spirit of God has filled him 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.

## Chapter 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 took from Moses all the offerings 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 free-will offerings, 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 make any more work as an offering for the sanctuary.” So the people were restrained from bringing.
7. And the work was sufficient for them to do the whole work, and more.
- ¶8. And all the wise-hearted men who were doing the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains, and made them with cherubim, skillfully worked, of fine-twined linen, blue, purple, and bright scarlet.
9. And the length of each curtain *was* twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain *was* four cubits. There *was* one measure for all the curtains.
10. And he joined five of the curtains, one to another, and the *other* five curtains he joined one to another.
11. And he made loops of blue on the edge of the curtain at the end of the first set of *curtains*. 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 opposite one another.
13. And He made fifty hooks of gold, and he coupled the curtains to each other with the hooks, and it was one tabernacle.
- ¶14. And he made curtains of goats’ skins for a tent over the tabernacle. He made them, eleven curtains.
15. The length of each curtain *was* thirty cubits and the width of each curtain *was* four cubits. There *was* one measure 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 *one* curtain at the end of the *first* set of *curtains*, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the *innermost* curtain of the second set.
18. And he made fifty hooks of bronze, and he coupled the tent together so that it was one *piece*.
19. And he made a covering of rams’ skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badgers’ skins over that.
- ¶20. And he made boards of shittim wood for the tabernacle *that* stand upright.
21. The length of a boards *was* ten cubits and the width of one board *was* a cubit and a half.
22. *There were* two tenons in each board for joining one to another. He did likewise for all the boards of the tabernacle.
23. And he made the boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side facing south.
24. And he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under each board to *receive* its two tenons and two sockets under the next board for its two tenons.
25. And for the second side of the tabernacle, the side facing southward, 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 sides of the tabernacle to the west, 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. This is how he made both of them, for the two corners.
30. And so there were eight boards and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets, two sockets under each board.
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 at the rear, to the west.
33. And he made a 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.
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 he overlaid them with gold, hooks of gold, and he cast four sockets of silver for them.
37. And he made a hanging for the entrance of the tent 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 *he made* their five bronze sockets.

### Chapter 37

- ¶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 gold rings for it on 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 he overlaid them with gold.
5. And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark.
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 one toward the other. The faces of the cherubim faced the mercy-seat.
- ¶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 around *it*, a handbreadth wide, and he made a crown of gold around its border.
13. And he cast four rings for it, and he attached the rings to the four corners that are on its four feet.
14. The rings were close to the border, housings for the poles, for carrying the table.
15. And he made the poles of shittim wood, for carrying the table, and overlaid them with gold.
16. And he made of pure gold the vessels that are on the table, its dishes, and its pans, and its bowls and the cups with which libation is made.
- ¶17. And he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of beaten work; its base, and its shaft, its cups, its knobs, and its flowers were of one piece.
18. And six branches went out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from one side and three branches of the lampstand from the other side;
19. on one branch *were* three almond-shaped cups, a knob, and a flower; and on another branch, three almond-shaped cups, a knob, and a flower. Thus *he did* for the six branches that go out from the lampstand.
20. And on the lampstand *shaft were* four almond cups, *and* its knobs and flowers.
21. And *there was* a knob below *the first* pair of its branches, and a knob below *the second* pair of its branches, and a knob below *the third* pair of its branches, for the six branches going out from it.
22. Their knobs and their branches were of one piece, of one beaten work of pure gold.
23. And he made of pure gold its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes.
24. He made it and all its accoutrements of a talent of pure gold.
- ¶25. And he made an altar for the incense of shittim wood. *It was* square, its length a cubit and its width a cubit, and its height two cubits. Its horns were one piece with it.
26. And he overlaid it with pure gold; its top and its sides all around, and its horns. And he made for it a crown of gold all around.
27. And he made two gold rings for it, below its crown on two of its sides, on opposite sides<sup>12</sup>, housings for poles with which to carry it.
28. And he made the poles of shittim wood, and he overlaid them with gold.

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<sup>12</sup> Or possibly, "two corners".

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

### Chapter 38

- ¶1. And he made the altar for burnt offering of shittim wood, five cubits its length, and five cubits its width, square, and its height, three cubits.
2. And he made its horns at its four corners; its horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze.
3. And he made all the accoutrements of the altar: the pans, and the shovels, and the basins, and the meat-hooks, and the fire-pans. He made all its accoutrements of bronze.
4. And he made for the altar a grating of bronze lattice work, underneath its ledge, halfway down it.
5. And he cast four rings on the four corners for the bronze grating, housings for the poles.
6. And he made the poles of shittim wood, and he overlaid them with bronze.
7. And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, to carry it with them. He made it hollow with boards.
- ¶8. And from the mirrors of the serving women, who serve *at the* entrance of the tent of meeting, he made the laver of bronze, and its base of bronze.
- ¶9. And he made the courtyard. For the south side facing southward, *he made* the courtyard screens of fine-twined linen, one hundred cubits *long*.
10. Their twenty posts and their twenty sockets *were* of bronze, and the hooks on the posts and their fillets *were* of silver.
11. And for the north side, *he made screens* one hundred cubits *long*, and their twenty posts and their twenty sockets *were* of bronze, and the hooks for 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 for the posts and their fillets *were* of silver.
13. And on the east side, eastward, *were* fifty cubits.
14. The screens to the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three.
15. And likewise the other side. On both sides of the gate of the court, the screens *were* fifteen cubits, their posts, three, and their sockets, three.
16. All the screens of the surrounding court *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 at their tops *was* of silver, and all the posts of the court were filleted with silver.
18. And for the gate of the court *was* a hanging, the work of a weaver, 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 court.

19. And their posts four, and their sockets four, *were* of bronze, and their hooks *were* of silver, and the plating at their tops and their fillets *were* of silver.
20. And all the stakes for the tabernacle and for the surrounding court *were* of bronze.
- ¶21. These are the sums of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, which were counted at the command of Moses *for the* service of the Levites at the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.
22. And Bezaleel, son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses,
23. and with him, Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skilled workman, and weaver of the blue, and the purple, and the bright scarlet, and the linen.
- ¶24. All the gold that was used for the work, for all the work of the sanctuary: the gold from the wave offering was 29 talents and 730 shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.
25. And the silver from those who were numbered of the assembly, 100 talents and 1,775 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 being numbered, twenty years old and upwards, 603,550 men.<sup>13</sup>
27. And there were 100 talents of silver for casting the sockets for the sanctuary and the sockets for the veil: 100 sockets from the 100 talents, one talent for each socket.
28. And he made 1,775 hooks for the posts, and he overlaid their tops, and he filleted them.<sup>14</sup>
29. And *there were* 70 talents and 2,400 shekels of bronze from the wave offering.
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 surrounding court, and the sockets for the gate of the court, and all the stakes for the tabernacle, and all the stakes for the surrounding court.

### Chapter 39

1. And of the blue, and the purple, and the bright scarlet, they made woven garments for serving in the sanctuary, and they made holy garments which 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, joined together on its two edges, *and* it was joined.

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<sup>13</sup> According to these figures, there are 3,000 shekels in a talent, by the shekel of the sanctuary.

<sup>14</sup> According to these figures, one talent of silver was used for each socket, and one shekel was used for each hook.

5. And the skillfully *woven waistband* 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 set the onyx stones within settings of gold filigree, being engraved with the names of the sons of Israel, *like* the engravings of a seal.
7. And he set them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, stones of remembrance for the children of Israel, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶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, *and* they made the breastplate folded double, its length 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. As for the stones, they *were* according to the names of the sons of Israel, according to their twelve names, each engraved *like* a seal with its name, corresponding to the twelve tribes.
15. And they made for the breastplate pure gold cords, braided chain work.
16. And they made two gold filigree settings, and two gold rings, and they put the 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 two ends of the two cords they attached 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 waistband 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 waistband of the ephod, that the breastplate not come loose from the ephod, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶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, to minister, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶27. And they made the tunic 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 pure gold for the holy crown, 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 pure lampstand with its lamps, the row of lamps, and all its accoutrements, and the oil for the light,
38. and the gold altar, and the anointing oil, and the fragrant 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 court, its posts, and its sockets, and the hanging for the gate of the court, its ropes, and its stakes, and all the accoutrements 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.

- ¶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 lampstand 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 court all around, and you shall put up the hanging of the gate of the court.
9. And you shall take the anointing oil, and you shall anoint the tabernacle and everything that is in it and consecrate it and all its accoutrements, and it shall be holy.
10. And you shall anoint the altar for burnt offering and all its accoutrements and 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 be a priest to me.
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 as priests to me, and their anointing shall surely be to them for an eternal priesthood, throughout their generations.
16. And Moses did *all this*; 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 of the veil,
23. and on it, he set the arrangement of the bread of Jehovah's Presence in order, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶24. And he set the lampstand 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, before the veil,
27. and he offered upon it fragrant incense, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶28. And he set the hanging for the entrance of the tabernacle,
29. and he put the altar for burnt offering *at* 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 water in *it* for washing,
31. from which, 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, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- ¶33. And he erected the court all around for the tabernacle and for the altar, and he set the hanging for the gate of the court. So, Moses completed the work.
- ¶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.