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Exodus

Chapter 1

¹And these are the names of the sons of Israel, the ones who came to Egypt. They came in with Jacob, a man and his house: ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ⁵And all the lives, going out of the loins of Jacob, were 70 lives. And Joseph was in Egypt. ⁶And Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died. ⁷And the sons of Israel were fruitful and propagated and multiplied and were mighty, with great greatness; and the land was filled with them.

⁸And a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are many and mighty compared to us. ¹⁰Come, let us act wisely towards him; lest he multiplies, and it happens that a battle occurs, and he even adds himself onto the ones hating us, and he fights with us, and he leaves from the land." ¹¹And they set over him overseers of labor gangs in order to afflict him by their burdens. And he built Pithom and Rameses, cities of storage for Pharaoh. ¹²And insofar as they afflicted him, thus he multiplied and thus he spread out. And they felt a sickening dread from the face of the sons of Israel. ¹³And the Egyptians enslaved the sons of Israel with rigor. ¹⁴And they embittered their lives by hard slavery, by mortar and by bricks, and by all kinds of slave labor in the fields; all their work with which they worked for them was with rigor.

¹⁵And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the second was Puah. ¹⁶And he said, "When you assist the Hebrew women as midwives and you see on the birth stool, if he is a son, then you shall cause him to die; but if she is a daughter, then she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God and did not do according to what the king of Egypt spoke to them; and they let the sons live. ¹⁸And the king of Egypt called out to the midwives, and he said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the sons live?"

¹⁹And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and, before the midwife comes to them, they have given birth." ²⁰And God caused good to the midwives. And the people multiplied and became very mighty. ²¹And it came about, since the midwives feared God, that he made houses for them.

²²And Pharaoh commanded to all of his people, saying, "You shall throw every new-born son into the river, but every daughter you shall let live."

Chapter 2

¹And a man from the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi. ²And the woman conceived, and she birthed a son. And she saw him, that he was good, and she hid him three months. ³And she was not able to hide him still, and she took for him an ark of papyrus reeds and she daubed it with bitumen and with pitch. And she placed the child in it, and she placed it in the reeds along the shore of the river. ⁴And his sister stationed herself at a distance to know what would be done to him.

⁵And a daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river, and her young women were walking along the hand of the river. And she saw the ark in the middle of the reeds, and she sent her slave woman, and she took it ⁶and opened, and she saw him, the child; and behold, a crying boy. And she had compassion on him, and she said, "This one is from the children of the Hebrews."

⁷And his sister said to the daughter of Pharaoh, "Should I go and call for you a nursing woman from the Hebrews? And she could cause the child to nurse for you."

⁸And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, "Go." And the girl went and called the mother of the child. ⁹And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, "Take this child and cause him to nurse for me, and I shall give your wages." And the woman took the child and caused him to nurse. ¹⁰And the child grew older, and she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh, and he became as a son to her. And she called his name Moses and she said, "For out of the water I drew him."

¹¹And it happened in those days that Moses had grown up and went out to his brothers, and he saw their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian man striking a Hebrew man from his brothers. ¹²And he turned this way and that way, and he saw that there was no man, and he struck the Egyptian, and he hid him in the sand. ¹³And he went out the second day, and behold, two Hebrew men were fighting. And he said to the guilty one, "Why are you striking your companion?"

¹⁴And he said, "Who set you as the ruler man and judge over us? Are you saying to kill me like you killed the Egyptian?"

And Moses feared and said, "Certainly the thing is known." ¹⁵And Pharaoh heard this thing, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh.

And he dwelt in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well. ¹⁶And the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew and filled up the troughs to cause the flock of their father to drink water. ¹⁷And the men who were shepherding came and drove them away, but Moses arose and saved them and caused their flock to drink water.

¹⁸And they came to Reuel their father, and he said, "Why have you hurried coming today?"

¹⁹And they said, "An Egyptian man rescued us from the hand of the men who were shepherding. And he even drew especially for us and caused the flock to drink water."

²⁰And he said to his daughters, "And where is he? What is this? You left the man? Call him and he shall eat bread!"

²¹And Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. ²²And she birthed a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

²³And it happened in these many days. And the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel groaned from the slavery. And they cried out, and their plea ascended to God from their slavery. ²⁴And God heard their groaning; and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵And God saw the sons of Israel, and God knew.

Chapter 3

¹And Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock beyond the wilderness, and he came to the mountain of God-to Horeb. ²And the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in a flame of fire from the middle of a bush. And he looked, and behold, the bush was burning in the fire, but the bush was not being consumed. ³And Moses said, "Let me turn aside and see this great sight! Why does the bush not burn up?"

⁴And Yahweh saw that he had turned aside in order to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, and he said, "Moses, Moses."

And he said, "Behold me!"

⁵And he said, "You must not come close to here. Take your sandals off from on your feet, for the place on which you are standing, it is holy ground." ⁶And 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, for he was afraid from staring toward God. ⁷And Yahweh said, "I have certainly seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt. And I have heard their cries from the faces of those who oppress him. I surely know his anguish. ⁸And I have come down to deliver him from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring him up from that land to a good and wide land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to me. And moreover, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰And now go, and I shall send you to Pharaoh. And bring out my people, the sons of Israel, from Egypt."

¹¹And Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt?"

¹²And he said, "I shall certainly be with you, and this will be the sign for you that I have sent you: when you bring the people out from Egypt you all will serve God on this mountain."

¹³And Moses said to God, "Behold, I am about to go to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' And they will say to me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

¹⁴And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "You shall speak this way to the sons of Israel, 'I AM sent me to you.'" ¹⁵And God also said to Moses, "You shall speak this way to the sons of Israel: 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is my memorial from generation to generation.'

¹⁶Go and gather the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, appeared to me-the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-to say, "I have certainly attended to you and what is being done to you in Egypt, ¹⁷and I said, 'I will bring you up from affliction in Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'"' ¹⁸And they will listen to your voice.

And you and the elders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt, and you all will say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. And now please let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Yahweh, our God.' ¹⁹And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go; and not with a strong hand. ²⁰And I shall send out my hand and I shall strike Egypt with all my wonders, which I shall do within him. And after that, he will send you out.

²¹And I shall give this people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, and it will be that when you go, you will not go empty. ²²And a woman will ask from her neighbor and from one sojourning in her house for items of silver, and items of gold, and clothing. And you will put them on your sons and on your daughters. And you will plunder the Egyptians."

Chapter 4

¹And Moses answered and said, "But look, they will not believe me, and they will not listen to my voice; for they will say, 'Yahweh has not appeared to you.'"

²And Yahweh said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

And he said, "A staff."

³And he said, "Throw it to the ground." And he threw it to the ground, and it became a snake. And Moses fled from its face. ⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by its tail"--and he reached out his hand and

he caught it to him, and it became a staff in his palm-- ⁵"in order to cause them to believe that Yahweh appeared to you; the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

⁶And Yahweh also said to him, "Put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom. And he brought it out, and behold, his hand was being struck with a skin disease like snow. ⁷And he said, "Return your hand into your bosom." And he returned his hand into his bosom; and he brought it out from his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his flesh.

⁸"And it will be, if they do not believe you, and they do not listen to the voice of the first sign, then they will believe the voice of the following sign. ⁹And it will be, if they do not believe even these two signs, and they do not listen to your voice, then you shall take from the water of the river and you shall pour it on the dry land. And it will happen, the water which you take from the river, that it will become blood on the dry land."

¹⁰And Moses said to Yahweh, "Oh my Lord, I am not a man of words; not since yesterday, nor since three days ago, nor since you spoke to your servant. For I am heavy of mouth and heavy of tongue."

¹¹And Yahweh said to him, "Who put a mouth in mankind; or who makes a mute or a deaf or a seeing or a blind? Is it not I, Yahweh? ¹²And now go! And I shall be with your mouth, and I shall teach you what you will speak."

¹³And he said, "Oh my Lord, please send by a hand you send."

¹⁴And the nose of Yahweh burned at Moses, and he said, "Is not Aaron, the Levite, your brother? I know that he can speak well. And even more, behold, he is coming to meet you, and he will see you and he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵And you shall speak to him, and you shall put the words in his mouth. And I am with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you both what you should do. ¹⁶And he will speak to the people for you. So it will be, he will be like a mouth for you, and you will be like God to him. ¹⁷And you shall take in your hand this staff, with which you will do the signs."

¹⁸And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law and he said to him, "Please let me go and let me return to my brothers who are in Egypt and see whether they are still alive."

And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

¹⁹And Yahweh said to Moses in Midian, "Go! Return to Egypt! For all the men who were seeking your life are dead."

²⁰And Moses took his wife and his sons and caused them ride on a donkey, and he returned towards the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand. ²¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "While you are going to return to Egypt, see all the miracles that I put in your hand, and do them before the face of Pharaoh. But as for me, I shall strengthen his heart, and he will not let the people go. ²²And say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says Yahweh: "Israel is my son, my firstborn, ²³and I said to you, 'Let my son go that he may serve me.' But you have refused to let him go. Behold, I shall kill your son, your firstborn.'"

²⁴And it happened on the road, in the lodging-place, that he encountered Yahweh, and he sought to kill him. ²⁵And Zipporah took a flint and she cut off the foreskin of her son, and she touched it to his feet, and she said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me." ²⁶And he relented from him. That was when she said, "bridegroom of blood" because of the circumcision.

²⁷And Yahweh said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." And he went, and he met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him. ²⁸And Moses told Aaron all the words of Yahweh that he had sent him, and all the signs that he commanded him.

²⁹And Moses and Aaron went; and they gathered all of the elders of the sons of Israel. ³⁰And Aaron spoke all of the words that Yahweh had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the eyes of the people. ³¹and the people believed. And they heard that Yahweh had attended to the sons of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, and they bowed and prostrated themselves.

Chapter 5

¹And afterward, Moses and Aaron went in and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'Let my people go, and they shall celebrate me in the wilderness.'"

²And Pharaoh said, "Who is Yahweh that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I do not know Yahweh; and moreover, I shall not let Israel go."

³And they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Yahweh our God lest he come upon us with the plague or with the sword."

⁴And the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why are you causing the people to leave off from their tasks? Go to your burdens."

⁵And Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you have caused them to rest from their burdens." ⁶And on that day, Pharaoh ordered the taskmasters among the people and officers, saying, ⁷"Do not continue to give straw to the people to make bricks as yesterday and the day before yesterday. They shall go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸But you shall put on them the quota of the bricks which they were making yesterday and the day before yesterday; do not diminish from it. For they are idle, therefore they are crying, saying, 'Let us go, let us sacrifice to our God.' ⁹Let the slavery be heavy on the men so they shall do it, and shall not gaze at words of lies."

¹⁰And the taskmasters of the people and officers went out and said to the people saying, "Thus says Pharaoh: 'I am not giving straw to you. ¹¹You go and get your own straw from wherever you might find it, for there will be no reducing of things from your slavery.'" ¹²So the people dispersed throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. ¹³Now the taskmasters were hastening them, saying, "Finish your work, the task of day by day, as when there was straw." ¹⁴And the officers of the sons of Israel, whom the taskmasters of Pharaoh had put over them, were beaten, saying, "Why have you not finished your required brick making like yesterday and the day before yesterday, neither yesterday nor today?"

¹⁵And the officers of the sons of Israel came in and cried to Pharaoh, saying, "Why are you doing this to your servants? ¹⁶No straw is being given to your servants. And they are saying to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are beaten but it is the sin of your people."

¹⁷And he said, "You are lazy! Lazy! That is why you are saying, 'Let us go sacrifice to Yahweh.' ¹⁸And now go! Work! And straw will not be given to you, but you will give the set amount of bricks."

¹⁹And the officers of the sons of Israel saw themselves in distress regarding the saying, "You shall not reduce the day-by-day task from your bricks." ²⁰And they met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting to meet them when they came out from Pharaoh. ²¹And they said to them, "May Yahweh look on you and judge; for you have caused our scent to stink in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword into their hand to kill us."

²²And Moses went back to Yahweh and said, "My Lord, why have you afflicted this people? Was this why you sent me? ²³And since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has afflicted this people. And you have certainly not rescued your people."

Chapter 6

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand he will let them go; and by a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

²And God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am Yahweh ³and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El Shaddai; but by my name Yahweh I was not known to them. ⁴And moreover, I established my covenant with them,

to give to them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojourning, in which they sojourned. ⁵And moreover, I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶Therefore, say to the sons of Israel, 'I am Yahweh. And I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rescue you from their slavery. And I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments. ⁷And I will take you to myself as a people, and I will be to you as God. And you will know that I am Yahweh your God, the one bringing you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸And I will bring you to the land that I raised my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you as a possession. I am Yahweh.'

⁹And Moses spoke in this way to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses because of shortness of spirit and because of hard slavery.

¹⁰And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹¹"Go speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, that he should let the sons of Israel go from his land."

¹²And Moses spoke before the face of Yahweh, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me, so how will Pharaoh listen to me? And I have uncircumcised lips."

¹³And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and he gave them a command to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh, king of Egypt: to bring the sons of Israel out from the land of Egypt.

¹⁴These were the heads of the houses of their fathers:

The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanok, and Pallu, Hezron, and Karmi. These were the clans of Reuben.

¹⁵And the sons of Simeon were Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jakin, and Zohar, and Shaul—the son of a Canaanite woman. These were the clans of Simeon.

¹⁶And these are the names of the sons of Levi, from their genealogy: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi were 137 years. ¹⁷The sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei, according to their clans. ¹⁸And the sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were 133 years. ¹⁹And the sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These were the clans of the Levites, according to their genealogy.

²⁰And Amram took Jochebed, his aunt, as a wife for himself. And she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were 137 years.

²¹And the sons of Izhar were Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. ²²And the sons of Uzziel were Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri.

²³And Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, as a wife for himself. And she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

²⁴And the sons of Korah were Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These were the clans of the Korahites. ²⁵And Eleazar, son of Aaron took a wife for himself from the daughters of Putiel. And she bore him Phinehas. These were the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their clans.

²⁶It was Aaron and Moses to whom Yahweh said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, by their hosts." ²⁷They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt. It was Moses and Aaron.

²⁸And it happened on a day that Yahweh spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt. ²⁹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "I am Yahweh. Speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, everything that I speak to you."

³⁰But Moses said to the face of Yahweh, "Behold, I have uncircumcised lips so how will Pharaoh listen to me?"

Chapter 7

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Look, I have made you God to Pharaoh and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. ²You shall say everything that I will command you. And your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he should let the sons of Israel go from his land. ³But I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and I will multiply my signs and my miracles in the land of Egypt. ⁴And Pharaoh will not listen to you, so I will put my hand on Egypt and will bring out my armies, my people, the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt with great judgments. ⁵And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh when I stretch out my hand over Egypt to bring the sons of Israel out from their midst."

⁶And Moses and Aaron did, they did just as Yahweh commanded them. ⁷And Moses was a son of 80 years and Aaron was a son of 83 years when they were speaking to Pharaoh.

⁸And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron saying, ⁹"For Pharaoh will speak to you, saying, 'Create a miracle yourself,' and you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before the face of Pharaoh, let it become a serpent.'"

¹⁰And Moses and Aaron entered in to Pharaoh, and they did just as Yahweh commanded. And Aaron threw down his staff before the face of Pharaoh and before the faces of his servants, and it became a serpent. ¹¹And Pharaoh also called for wise men and sorcerers. And the magicians of Egypt also did so by their magic. ¹²And each man threw down his staff, and they became serpents. And the staff of Aaron swallowed up their staffs. ¹³And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had spoken.

¹⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "The heart of Pharaoh is heavy; he has refused to let the people go. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh. Behold, in the morning he goes out to the water, so station yourself to meet him on the edge of the river. And take in your hand the staff that turned into a snake. ¹⁶And say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you to say, "Let my people go, and they will serve me in the wilderness. And behold, until now, you have not listened." ¹⁷Thus says Yahweh: "By this you will know that I am Yahweh. Behold, I am about to strike against the waters that are in the river with the staff that is in my hand, and they will turn to blood. ¹⁸And the fish that are in the river will die, and the river will stink. And the Egyptians will exhaust themselves to drink water from the river.'"

¹⁹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt; over their streams, over their canals, and over their pools, and over every reservoir of their water, and it will become blood.' And there will be blood in all the land of Egypt, and in containers of wood and in containers of stone."

²⁰And Moses and Aaron did so, just as Yahweh commanded. And he raised the staff, and he struck the water that was in the river, in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants. And all the water that was in the river turned to blood. ²¹And the fish that were in the river died, and the river stank, so the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the river. And the blood was in all the land of Egypt. ²²And the magicians of Egypt did the same with their magic. And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had spoken. ²³And Pharaoh turned around and went into his house. And he did not set his heart even to this. ²⁴And all the Egyptians dug water to drink around the river, for they were not able to drink from the waters of the river.

²⁵And seven days were filled after Yahweh struck the river.

Chapter 8

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and you shall say to him, 'Thus says Yahweh: "Let my people go and they shall serve me. ²And if you refuse to let go, behold! I am about to strike all your territory with frogs. ³And frogs will swarm the river. And they will climb, and they will go into your house, and in the room of your bed, and

on your bed, and into the house of your servants, and among your people, and in your ovens, and in your bread making bowls, ⁴and the frogs will climb on you, and on your people, and on all your servants.””

⁵And Yahweh said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Reach out your hand with your staff over the canals, over the streams, and over the pools, and cause the frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.’” ⁶And Aaron reached out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frog came up and covered the land of Egypt. ⁷And the magicians did likewise with their magic; and they brought up frogs over the land of Egypt.

⁸And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron and he said, “Pray to Yahweh that he may take away the frogs from me and from my people. And I will let the people go, and they may sacrifice to Yahweh.”

⁹And Moses said to Pharaoh, “Glorify yourself over me: when shall I pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to cause to cut off the frogs from you and from your houses? They will be left in the river only.”

¹⁰And he said, “Tomorrow.”

And he said, “Just as you say. So that you will know that there is no one like Yahweh, our God. ¹¹And the frogs will withdraw from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They will be left in the river only.”

¹²And Moses and Aaron went out from being with Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to Yahweh concerning the matter of the frogs that he had set on Pharaoh. ¹³And Yahweh did according to the word of Moses: and the frogs died off from the houses, from the courts, and from the fields. ¹⁴And they gathered them into many piles, and the land stank. ¹⁵And Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, and he caused his heart to be heavy and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had said.

¹⁶And Yahweh said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground, and it will become lice in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so: and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and he struck the dust of the ground, and it became lice on man and on beast. All the dust of the ground was lice in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And the magicians did so with their magic to bring out lice, but they were not able. And there were lice on man and beast.

¹⁹And the magicians said to Pharaoh, “It is the finger of God.” And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh said.

²⁰And Yahweh said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and station yourself before the face of Pharaoh. Behold, he goes out to the waters. And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “Let my people go and they will serve me. ²¹Surely if you do not immediately send my people out, behold me! I am about to send the swarm at you, and at your servants, and at your people, and into your houses. And the houses of Egypt will be full of the swarm, and even the ground which they are on. ²²And in that day, I will distinguish the land of Goshen, on which my people dwell, so that the swarm will not be there, in order that you may know that I am Yahweh in the middle of the land. ²³And I will put redemption between my people and between your people. This sign will happen tomorrow.””

²⁴And Yahweh did so, and a heavy swarm came to the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and all the land of Egypt. The land was ruined from the face of the swarm.

²⁵And Pharaoh called to Moses and to Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.”

²⁶And Moses said, “It would not be right to do so, because we will sacrifice an abomination of the Egyptians to Yahweh our God. Look, we would sacrifice an abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and would they not stone us? ²⁷We must travel a journey of three days into the wilderness, and we will sacrifice to Yahweh our God, just as he is saying to us.”

²⁸And Pharaoh said, “I will let you go and sacrifice to Yahweh your God in the wilderness; only you may certainly not go very far. Pray for me.”

²⁹And Moses said, "Behold, I am about to go out from with you. And I shall pray to Yahweh, and he will withdraw the swarm from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow. Only may Pharaoh not continue to deceive in order to fail to let the people go to sacrifice to Yahweh." ³⁰And Moses went out from with Pharaoh and prayed to Yahweh. ³¹And Yahweh did according to the word of Moses; and he withdrew the swarm from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained. ³²And Pharaoh caused his heart to be heavy at this time also, and he did not let the people go.

Chapter 9

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and speak to him: 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews: "Let my people go and they shall serve me. ²Surely if you are unwilling to let go, but are still holding on to them, ³behold! The hand of Yahweh is about to be on your livestock, which are in the field: on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the cattle, and on the flock; an exceedingly heavy plague. ⁴And Yahweh will distinguish between the livestock of Israel and between the livestock of Egypt. And no thing will die from any of the sons of Israel.'"

⁵And Yahweh set an appointment, saying, "Tomorrow Yahweh will do this thing in the land." ⁶And Yahweh did this thing the next day, and all of the livestock of Egypt died. But from the livestock of the sons of Israel not one died. ⁷And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not even one of the livestock of Israel had died. But the heart of Pharaoh was heavy, and he did not let the people go.

⁸And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron, "Take to you a fullness of both your hands of ash of a furnace. And Moses shall sprinkle it toward heaven before the eyes of Pharaoh. ⁹And it will become powder over all the land of Egypt. And it will become boils, bursting blisters, on man and on beast in all the land of Egypt." ¹⁰And they took ash of a furnace, and they stood before the face of Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it toward the heavens, and it became boils, bursting blisters, on man and on beast. ¹¹And the magicians were not able to stand before the face of Moses because of the face of the boils. Because boils were on the magicians and on all of Egypt. ¹²But Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had said to Moses.

¹³And Yahweh said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning, and stand before the face of Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews: "Let my people go, and they shall serve me. ¹⁴For this time I am about to send all my plagues to your heart, and on your servants, and on your people, in order that you may know that there is nothing like me in all the earth. ¹⁵For now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague, and you would have been destroyed from the land. ¹⁶However, for this reason I appointed you: in order to show you my power, and in order to proclaim my name in all the earth. ¹⁷You are still exalting yourself against my people by failing to let them go. ¹⁸Behold me! I am about to cause extremely heavy hail to rain tomorrow at this time, which there has never been anything like in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. ¹⁹And now send and bring to safety your livestock and all that is yours in the field; and the hail will come down on every man and beast that is found in the field, and was not gathered to the house, and they will die.'"

²⁰The fearers of the word of Yahweh from the servants of Pharaoh made their slaves and their livestock run to the houses, ²¹but whoever did not set his heart to the word of Yahweh left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

²²And Yahweh said to Moses, "Reach out your hand toward the heavens and there will be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man, and on beast, and on every plant of the field in the land of Egypt."

²³And Moses stretched his staff to the heavens, and Yahweh gave thunder and hail, and fire darted to the land. And Yahweh rained hail on the land of Egypt. ²⁴And there was hail and fire coming in the middle of the very heavy hail such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵And the hail hit everything in the land of Egypt, everything which was in the field, from man to beast. And the hail struck every plant of the field, and it broke every tree of the field. ²⁶Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.

²⁷And Pharaoh sent, and he called for Moses and for Aaron. And he said to them, "I have sinned this time. Yahweh is righteous, and I and my people are guilty. ²⁸Pray to Yahweh, for the thunder of God and hail are too much. And I will let you go, and you will not continue to stay."

²⁹And Moses said to him, "As I leave the city, I will spread my palms to Yahweh. The thunder will cease, and the hail will not continue, so that you may know that the earth belongs to Yahweh. ³⁰But you and your servants, I know that you are not yet afraid of the face of Yahweh God."

³¹(And the flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in ear, and the flax was in bloom. ³²But the wheat and the spelt were not struck down for they are late.)

³³And Moses left the city from being with Pharaoh, and he spread his palms to Yahweh; and the thunder and hail ceased; and the rain was not poured on the earth. ³⁴And Pharaoh saw that the rain, and hail, and thunder ceased; and he added to his sin, and he caused his heart to be heavy, he and his servants. ³⁵And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as Yahweh had said by the hand of Moses.

Chapter 10

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have made his heart and the heart of his servants heavy, in order to perform these my signs in his midst, ²and so that you may proclaim in the ears of your son, and the son of your son that I toyed with Egypt, and my signs which I performed among them; and you will know that I am Yahweh."

³And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, God of the Hebrews: 'Until when will you refuse to be humble from my face? Let my people go, and they will serve me. ⁴For if you refuse to let my people go, behold me, I am about to bring locust within your borders tomorrow. ⁵And it will cover the sight of the land, and none will be able to see the land. And it will devour the remnant of whatever escaped, of whatever is left to you from the hail. And it will devour every tree growing for you from the field. ⁶And they will fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians, which your fathers had never seen, nor the fathers of your fathers, from the day they came to be on the earth until this day.'" And he turned around and left from being with Pharaoh.

⁷And the servants of Pharaoh said to him, "Until when will this be a trap to us? Let the men go and they will serve Yahweh their God. Do you not understand yet that Egypt has perished?"

⁸And Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go serve Yahweh your God. Who and who shall go?"

⁹And Moses said, "We shall go with our young and with our old. We shall go with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and our herds because the festival of Yahweh is for us."

¹⁰And he said to them, "May Yahweh be with you in the same way as I will let you and your children go. See, for evil is before your faces! ¹¹Not so! You may go, the men, and serve Yahweh, because this is what you are seeking." And he drove them from the face of Pharaoh.

¹²And Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt with the locust, and let it rise up over the land of Egypt; and let it devour all of the plants of the land, everything which the hail had spared."

¹³And Moses reached out his staff over the land of Egypt, and Yahweh drove an east wind over the land all that day and all night. The morning was, and the east wind had brought the locust. ¹⁴And the locust rose up over all the land of Egypt and came to rest everywhere within the borders of Egypt. They were extremely numerous. Never before was there such locust like it, and nothing will be like it after. ¹⁵And it covered the sight of all of the land, and

the land was dark. And it devoured all of the plants of the land and all of the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. And not any of the greenery remained, in a tree or in a plant of the field, in all of the land of Egypt.

¹⁶And Pharaoh hurried to call for Moses and for Aaron and said, "I have sinned against Yahweh your God and against you. ¹⁷And now, please bear my sin, just this once, and pray to Yahweh your God and let him take this death only away from me."

¹⁸And he went out from being with Pharaoh, and he prayed to Yahweh. ¹⁹And Yahweh turned a very strong sea wind; and it carried away the locust, and it drove it into the sea of reeds; not one locust remained in all of the territory of Egypt. ²⁰And Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

²¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, and let it become dark over the land of Egypt; and darkness will feel." ²²And Moses stretched out his hand above the heavens, and dark darkness was in all of the land of Egypt for three days. ²³No man could see his brother; and no man rose from his place for three days. But for all the sons of Israel, there was light in their dwelling-places.

²⁴And Pharaoh called to Moses, and he said, "Go serve Yahweh. Only, your flocks and your herds must remain behind; however, your children will go with you."

²⁵And Moses said, "Also you, you must give in our hands sacrifices and burnt offerings, and we will do to Yahweh our God. ²⁶And even our livestock shall go with us. Not a hoof shall be left behind, for we shall take from them to serve Yahweh our God. And as for us, we will not know with what we must serve Yahweh until we arrive there."

²⁷And Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he would not agree to let them go. ²⁸And Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Watch yourself; you shall not again see my face; because in the day of your seeing my face, you shall die."

²⁹And Moses said, "Just as you say, I will not ever see your face again."

Chapter 11

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that he will let you go from here. As soon as he lets go, he will certainly drive you completely away from here. ²Speak now in the ears of the people; and let them ask, a man from his neighbor and a woman from her neighbor, items of silver and items of gold. ³And Yahweh gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. Furthermore, 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.

⁴And Moses said, "Thus says Yahweh: 'About the middle of the night I will go out in the midst of Egypt, ⁵and every firstborn in the land of Egypt will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the mill; and every firstborn of a beast. ⁶And there will be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, which nothing like it has ever happened, and nothing like it will happen again. ⁷But to each of the sons of Israel, a dog will not sharpen his tongue, from man to beast; so that you will know that Yahweh distinguishes between Egypt and between Israel.' ⁸And all your servants, these will come down to me and they will bow to me, saying, 'Go, you and all the people who are at your feet!' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh with burning of the nose.

⁹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, in order to multiply my miracles in the land of Egypt."

¹⁰And Moses and Aaron did all these miracles before the face of Pharaoh. But Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not let the sons of Israel go from his land.

Chapter 12

¹And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²“This month is to you the head of the months. It is the first to you of the months of the year. ³Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they shall take to themselves, each man, a lamb to the house of the fathers: a lamb to a house. ⁴And if the household is too few for having a lamb, then he and his neighbor near to his house by the number of people shall take the lamb; according to the eating of the mouth of each man you shall calculate it. ⁵Your lamb shall be complete, male, the son of a year. You may take from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶And it shall be to you to reserve until the fourteenth day of this month. And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall slaughter it between the evenings. ⁷And they shall take from the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸And they shall eat the flesh that night, roast of fire; and they shall eat unleavened bread over bitter herbs. ⁹You shall not eat from it raw or boiled from boiling in water. But instead, roasted of fire, its head with its legs and with its internal organs. ¹⁰And you shall not cause to remain anything from it until morning; and you shall burn in the fire what remains from it until morning. ¹¹And this is how you shall eat it: belts fastened on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it with haste. It is the Passover to Yahweh.

¹²And I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast. And I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am Yahweh. ¹³And the blood will be a sign for you on the houses which you are in. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over above you, and the plague will not be on you for destruction as my striking on the land of Egypt.

¹⁴And this day shall become a memorial for you; and you shall celebrate it as a festival to Yahweh; for your generations—a statute you shall celebrate forever. ¹⁵You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. Yes—on the first day you shall remove yeast from your houses, because anyone who eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶And on the first day an assembly of holiness and on the seventh day an assembly of holiness shall be for you. All work shall not be done in these, except what each person eats, that alone may be done by you.

¹⁷And you shall keep the Unleavened Bread, because on this very day I will have brought out your hosts from the land of Egypt. And you shall keep this day throughout your generations, a statute forever. ¹⁸In the first month, on the fourteenth day in the evening you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening. ¹⁹For seven days, no yeast shall be found in your houses. Because anyone who eats yeasted bread, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel—among the sojourner or among the native of the land. ²⁰You shall not eat any yeast. In all of your dwelling places, you shall eat unleavened bread.”

²¹And Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and he said to them, “Proceed and take a lamb for yourself, according to your families, and slaughter the Passover. ²²And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin and apply to the lintel and to both the doorposts from the blood that is in the basin. And you, not a man shall go out from the door of his house until morning. ²³And Yahweh will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And he will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and Yahweh will pass over the door and will not permit the causer of destruction to enter into your houses to strike.

²⁴And you shall keep this thing as a statute for you and for your sons until eternity. ²⁵And so it will happen, as you enter into the land that Yahweh will give to you, just as he said, then you shall keep this service. ²⁶And it will happen, when your sons are saying to you, ‘What is this service to you?’ ²⁷then you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of Passover to Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt in striking the Egyptians. And he rescued our households.’” And the people bowed their heads and prostrated themselves. ²⁸And the sons of Israel went and did; as Yahweh had commanded Moses and Aaron so they did.

²⁹And so it happened, in the middle of the night, and Yahweh struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the house of the pit, and all the

firstborn of beasts. ³⁰And Pharaoh got up in the night—he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

³¹And he called for Moses and for Aaron in the night and said, “Get up, get out from among my people, both you and also the sons of Israel. And go, serve Yahweh, as you have said. ³²Also take your flocks, also your herds as you have said; and go, and also bless me.”

³³And the Egyptians strengthened the people, hurrying to let them go from the land, for they said, “We are all dying.” ³⁴And the people carried his dough before it developed leaven. Their bread-making bowls were wrapped in their clothes on their shoulders. ³⁵And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked from the Egyptians items of silver and items of gold and clothing. ³⁶And Yahweh gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. And they made the request, and they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷And the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses toward Succoth, about 600,000 strong men on foot, apart from children. ³⁸And also a mixed multitude went up with them; and flock and herd—a very great number of livestock. ³⁹And they baked the dough that they brought from Egypt into unleavened bread, for it was not leavened because they were driven out of Egypt, and they could not delay. And furthermore, they had not made provisions for themselves.

⁴⁰And the residence of the sons of Israel, during which they resided in Egypt, was 430 years. ⁴¹And so it was, at the end of 430 years, it was on that very day all of the hosts of Yahweh went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴²It was a night of observing for Yahweh to bring them out from the land of Egypt. This night, it is for all the sons of Israel to observe for Yahweh throughout their generations.

⁴³And Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the statute of the Passover: Any son of foreignness shall not eat it. ⁴⁴But any slave of a man, a purchase of silver, if you circumcised him, then he may eat it. ⁴⁵An outsider or a hireling shall not eat it. ⁴⁶It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not bring from the house from the flesh to the outside, and you shall not break its bone. ⁴⁷All the congregation of Israel shall do it.

⁴⁸And if a sojourner is sojourning with you, and keeps the Passover to Yahweh, all his males shall be circumcised. And then he may draw near to keep it, and he will become like a native of the land. And any uncircumcised person shall not eat it. ⁴⁹One law shall be for the native and for the sojourner sojourning among you.”

⁵⁰And all of the sons of Israel did—just as Yahweh commanded Moses and Aaron—so they did. ⁵¹And so it was, in that very day, Yahweh brought the sons of Israel out from the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Chapter 13

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Set apart to me all the firstborn, openers of every womb among the sons of Israel, among man and among beast, he is mine.”

³And Moses said to the people, “Remember this day, that you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; because by a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from here. And no yeast may be eaten. ⁴Today you are going out, in the month of Aviv. ⁵And it will be that Yahweh will bring you to the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; which he swore to your fathers to give to you, a land flowing with milk and honey— and you shall serve this service in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day {there shall be} a festival to Yahweh. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and leavened bread may not be seen among you. And yeast may not be seen among you within any of your borders.

⁸And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, ‘This is because of what Yahweh did for me when I came out from Egypt.’ ⁹And it shall be a sign for you on your hand, and a memorial between your eyes, so that the law of Yahweh

may be in your mouth, for with a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from Egypt. ¹⁰And you shall keep this statute at its appointed time from days to days.

¹¹And it will be, when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and to your fathers, and he gives it to you, ¹²then cause to pass over to Yahweh all the openers of the womb; and all the openers of the litter of beasts that are yours. The males are for Yahweh. ¹³And every opener of a donkey you shall ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom it, then you shall break his neck. And all the firstborn of men among your sons, you shall ransom.

¹⁴And so it will be, when your son asks you later saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a strong hand Yahweh brought us out from Egypt, from the house of slaves.' ¹⁵And so it was, that when Pharaoh was hard to let us go, then Yahweh struck all of the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of man and to the firstborn of beast. That is why I sacrifice to Yahweh all the openers of the womb—the males—and I ransom all of the firstborn of my sons.' ¹⁶And it shall be a sign on your hand and a headband between your eyes, for with a strong hand Yahweh brought us out from Egypt."

¹⁷And so it was, when Pharaoh let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearby. For God said, "Lest the people repent when they see war and return to Egypt." ¹⁸And God caused the people to turn to the way of the wilderness, to the sea of reeds. And the sons of Israel went up from the land of Egypt by fives.

¹⁹And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had certainly caused the sons of Israel to vow, saying, "God will certainly attend to you, and you shall bring my bones up with you from here."

²⁰And they journeyed from Succoth, and they camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And Yahweh went before their faces by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way; and by night in a pillar of fire to be light to them, to go by day or by night. ²²He did not withdraw the daytime pillar of cloud or the nighttime pillar of fire from the face of the people.

Chapter 14

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Say to the sons of Israel that they should turn and camp before the face of Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before the face of Baal Zephon. You are to camp by the sea opposite it. ³And Pharaoh will say about the sons of Israel, 'They are confused in the land. The wilderness has closed in on them.' ⁴And I will strengthen the heart of Pharaoh, and he will pursue after them. And I will be glorified because of Pharaoh and because of all his army. And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh." And they did so.

⁵And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned to the people. And they said, "What is this we did that we released Israel from our slavery?" ⁶And he hitched his chariot and took his people with him. ⁷And he took 600 chosen chariots, and all of the chariots of Egypt, and third men were on all of them. ⁸And Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he pursued after the sons of Israel; and the sons of Israel were going out with a high hand. ⁹And the Egyptians pursued after them. And all of the horses of the chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army overtook them camping above the sea; above Pi Hahiroth before the face of Baal Zephon.

¹⁰And Pharaoh approached, and the sons of Israel lifted their eyes and, behold! the Egyptians started after them, and they were extremely afraid. And the sons of Israel cried to Yahweh. ¹¹And they said to Moses, "Is it because there were not any graves in Egypt, that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What is this you have done to us, to bring us out from Egypt? ¹²Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt saying, 'Cease from us and let us serve the Egyptians'? Because serving the Egyptians is better to us than dying in the wilderness."

¹³And Moses said to the people, "You must not fear! Stand still and see the salvation of Yahweh, that he will do for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today you will not repeat seeing again until eternity. ¹⁴Yahweh himself will fight for you. As for you, you will be silent."

¹⁵And Yahweh said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Speak to the sons of Israel and let them start moving. ¹⁶As for you—raise your staff and reach out your hand over the sea and split it. And the sons of Israel will enter into the midst of the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And behold me: I will strengthen the heart of the Egyptians, and they will enter after them. And I will be glorified because of Pharaoh and because of all his army, because of his chariots, and because of his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh when I am glorified because of Pharaoh, because of his chariots, and because of his horsemen."

¹⁹And the angel of God moved, who traveled before the face of the camp of Israel and went behind them. And the pillar of cloud moved from before their face and stood behind them. ²⁰And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. And it became a cloud, and darkness, and it lit up the night, and one did not come near to the other all night. ²¹And Moses reached out his hand over the sea. And Yahweh drove the sea by a strong east wind all night and made the sea into dry land. And the waters were divided. ²²And the sons of Israel entered the middle of the sea on dry ground. And the waters were a wall for them on their right and on their left.

²³And the Egyptians pursued, and entered after them—every horse of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen—into the middle of the sea. ²⁴And so it was, in the watch of the morning, Yahweh looked down on the camp of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud. And he confused the camp of the Egyptians. ²⁵And he caused the wheels of their chariots to turn aside and caused them to drive heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us run from the face of Israel, for Yahweh is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶And Yahweh said to Moses, "Reach out your hand over the sea, and the waters will return on the Egyptians, on his chariots, and on his horsemen." ²⁷And Moses reached out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned before the face of the morning to its normal place. And the Egyptians fled before its impact; and Yahweh shook off the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. ²⁸And the waters returned, and they covered the chariots and the horsemen, even the entire army of Pharaoh that entered after them into the sea. Not even one of them remained.

²⁹And the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea. And the waters were a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰And Yahweh saved Israel that day from the hand of Egypt, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the shore of the sea. ³¹And Israel saw the great hand that Yahweh used against the Egyptians, and the people feared Yahweh, and they believed in Yahweh, and in his servant Moses.

Chapter 15

¹Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to Yahweh. And they said, saying,

"Let me sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphantly triumphed;

the horse and the one riding it he threw into the sea.

²Yah is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

This is my God, and I will glorify him,

the God of my father, and I will exalt him.

³Yahweh is a man of war;

Yahweh is his name.

⁴He threw the chariots of Pharaoh and his army into the sea.

And his chosen officers sank in the sea of reeds.

⁵The deeps cover them;

they descended into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, Yahweh, is majestic in power;

your right hand, Yahweh, shatters the enemy.

⁷And in the abundance of your majesty you overthrow those who rise up against you.

You send out your heat, it devours them like stubble.

⁸And by the breath of your nostrils the waters were piled up;

the flowing waters were stood upright like a heap;

the deeps thickened in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said,

'I will pursue,

I will overtake,

I will share out the plunder;

my soul will be satisfied in them,

I will empty my sword,

my hand will dispossess them.'

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;

they sank like lead in the majestic waters.

¹¹Who is like you among the gods Yahweh?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,

feared in praises, doing miracles?

¹²You reached out your right hand,

and the earth swallows them.

¹³In your covenant faithfulness, you led this people you redeemed.

In your strength, you guided them to the home of your holiness.

¹⁴The peoples heard: they shake;

anguish seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

¹⁵Then the chiefs of Edom panicked;

trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;

all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.

¹⁶Terror and dread fall on them.

By the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone

until your people pass by, Yahweh—

until this people you acquired pass by.

¹⁷You will bring them, and you will plant them on the mountain of your possession,

the place, Yahweh, that you made for your dwelling,

the holy place, my Lord, that your hands built.

¹⁸Yahweh will reign forever and ever.”

¹⁹For the horse of Pharaoh went with his chariots and horsemen into the sea. And Yahweh returned upon them the waters of the sea. And the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea. ²⁰And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam responded to them: “Sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphed triumphantly; the horse and the one riding it he threw into the sea.”

²²And Moses caused Israel to set out from the sea of reeds. And they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they traveled for three days into the wilderness, and they found no water. ²³And they came to Marah, and they were not able to drink the waters of Marah because they were bitter. So he called its name Marah. ²⁴And the people murmured against Moses saying, “What can we drink?” ²⁵And he cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a tree. And he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There he gave him a statute and an ordinance, and there he tested him. ²⁶And he said, “If you carefully listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, and you do what is right in his eyes, and you give ear to his commands and you keep all of his laws, all of the diseases that I put on the Egyptians I shall not put on you, for I am Yahweh your healer.”

²⁷And they came to Elim, and there there was 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees. And they camped there by the water.

Chapter 16

¹And they journeyed on from Elim, and all of the congregation of the sons of Israel entered into the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. ²And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness. ³And the sons of Israel said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, sitting by a pot of meat, eating bread to the full. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, “Behold me make bread rain down from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather the portion of a day each day, so that I may test them: will they walk in my law or not? ⁵And so it will be, on the sixth day, that they shall prepare what they bring in, and that will be twice as much as what they gather daily.”

⁶And Moses and Aaron said to all of the sons of Israel, “At evening you will know that Yahweh brought you out from the land of Egypt. ⁷In the morning you will see the glory of Yahweh in his hearing your murmurings against Yahweh. And who are we that you murmur against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “So Yahweh gives you meat to eat in the evening and bread in the morning to satiation; Yahweh is hearing your murmurings that you murmur against him. And what are we? Not against us is your mumuring, but against Yahweh.”

⁹And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel, 'Approach the face of Yahweh, for he has heard your murmurings.'" ¹⁰And so it was, as Aaron spoke to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel, that they turned toward the wilderness, and behold! the glory of Yahweh appeared in the cloud!

¹¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²"I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them saying, 'Between the evenings you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be satisfied with bread. And you will know that I am Yahweh your God.'"

¹³And so it was, in the evening quail came up and covered the camp. And in the morning the dew was lying round about the camp. ¹⁴And the lying dew went up; and behold! on the face of the wilderness were thin flakes, thin like frost on the ground. ¹⁵And the sons of Israel saw it, and they said each man to his brother, "What is it?" Because they did not know what it was.

And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded: 'Gather from it each according to the mouths of his eating; an omer for each person up to the number of your people, each shall take for those in his tent.'" ¹⁷And the sons of Israel did so. And they gathered much, or little, ¹⁸and they measured it by omer. And there was no extra for those with much, and no lack for those with little. Each man gathered according to what he needed to eat.

¹⁹And Moses said to them, "No one shall save any of it until morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. And men reserved some of it until morning, and it bred worms, and it stank. And Moses became angry with them. ²¹And they gathered it morning by morning, each man according to the mouths of his eating. And the sun became hot, and it melted.

²²And so it was, on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each person. And all the leaders of the community came and told Moses. ²³And he said to them, "This is what Yahweh spoke: 'Tomorrow is a rest, a holy Sabbath to Yahweh. What you are baking-bake! and what you are cooking-cook! And all of the leftovers cause to rest, for preservation for yourselves until morning.'"

²⁴And they left it until morning, as Moses had instructed. And it did not become foul, and no worms were in it.

²⁵And Moses said, "Eat it today, for it is Sabbath, a day for Yahweh, a day you will not find it in the fields. ²⁶You shall gather it for six days, and on the seventh day, Sabbath, there will be none of it."

²⁷And so it was, on the seventh day, some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. ²⁸And Yahweh said to Moses, "Until what time will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? ²⁹Look! For Yahweh has given you the Sabbath. So on the sixth day he is giving you bread for two days. Each one stay where he is; a man shall not be going out from his place on the seventh day." ³⁰And the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹And the house of Israel called its name "manna." And it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey. ³²And Moses said, "This is the procedure that Yahweh has commanded: 'A full omer of it for preservation for your descendants so that they can see the bread which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.'"

³³And Moses said to Aaron, "Take one pot and put there a full omer of manna. Put it before the face of Yahweh, for preservation for your descendants." ³⁴Just as Yahweh commanded to Moses, so Aaron put it before the face of the Covenant, for preservation. ³⁵And the sons of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to inhabited land. They ate manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan. ³⁶(And an omer, it is a tenth of an ephah.)

Chapter 17

¹And all the community of the sons of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, journeying at the mouth of Yahweh. And they camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. ²And the people quarreled with Moses and they said, "Give us water to drink."

And Moses said to them, "Why are you quarreling with me? Why do you test Yahweh?"

³And the people were thirsty for water there, and the people murmured against Moses. And he said, "Is this why you brought us up from Egypt? To kill me, and my sons, and my cattle, with thirst?"

⁴And Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, "What should I do for this people? A little longer and they will stone me."

⁵And Yahweh said to Moses, "Pass before the face of the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel, and your staff, the one with which you struck the river, take in your hand; and go. ⁶Behold me! I will stand before your face there on the rock at Horeb, and you will strike on the rock. And water will come from it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so in the eyes of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, for the conflict of the sons of Israel, and for their testing of Yahweh by saying, "Is Yahweh among us or not?"

⁸And Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out. Fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will be stationed on top of the hill, and the staff of God will be in my hand." ¹⁰And Joshua did as Moses said to him, to fight Amalek.

And Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed up to the top of the hill. ¹¹And so it was, when Moses raised his hand, then Israel would be winning; and when he set his hand down, then Amalek would be winning. ¹²And the hands of Moses became heavy; and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one from this, and one from that. And so his hands were steady until the sun went down. ¹³And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

¹⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "Write this memory in the book and put it in the ears of Joshua, because I will certainly blot out the memory of Amalek from under the skies." ¹⁵And Moses built an altar and he called its name "Yahweh is my banner." ¹⁶And he said, "Because a hand was against the throne of Yah, war is to Yahweh against Amalek from generation to generation."

Chapter 18

¹And Jethro, the priest of Midian, father-in-law of Moses, heard all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people; that Yahweh brought Israel out from Egypt. ²And Jethro, father-in-law of Moses, took Zipporah, wife of Moses, after he had sent her back, ³and her two sons; one of whose names was Gershom, for he had said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land." ⁴And the name of the other was Eliezer, for "The God of my father was my helper. And he rescued me from the sword of Pharaoh."

⁵And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, came, and his sons and his wife, to Moses, to the wilderness where he was camping, at the mountain of God. ⁶And he said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her." ⁷And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him. And they asked, each man his friend, of their welfare, and they went into the tent. ⁸And Moses related to his father-in-law all that Yahweh had done to Pharaoh and to Egypt on account of Israel, all the hardship that found them along the way, and of Yahweh rescuing them.

⁹And Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Yahweh had done for Israel, whom he rescued from the hand of Egypt. ¹⁰And Jethro said, "Bless Yahweh, who rescued you out of the hand of Egypt and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who rescued the people from under the hand of Egypt. ¹¹Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all the gods, because of the matter which they were arrogant against them." ¹²And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, took a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. And Aaron came, and all of the elders of Israel, to eat bread before the face of God with the father-in-law of Moses.

¹³And so it happened the next day, that Moses sat down to judge the people. And the people stood around Moses from morning until evening. ¹⁴And the father-in-law of Moses was watching all that he did for the people, and he

said, "What is this thing that you are doing with the people? For what purpose do you sit alone, and all the people position themselves next to you from morning until evening?"

¹⁵And Moses said to his father-in-law that, "The people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶When a situation comes up among them, someone comes to me. And I judge between a man and his associate, and I help them understand the statutes of God and his laws."

¹⁷And the father-in-law of Moses said to him, "The thing which you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You will certainly wear yourself out, both you and also these people who are with you, because the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. ¹⁹Now, listen to my voice. I will advise you, and God will be with you. You be before God for the people, and you should bring their disputes to God yourself. ²⁰And you should teach them the statutes and the laws. And you should cause them to know the way they should walk in and the work that they should do. ²¹And you yourself should search out from all of the people men of ability, fearers of God, men of faithfulness, haters of dishonest profit. And you should appoint over them: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens. ²²And they will judge the people at all times. And so it will be, every great situation they will bring to you, and every small situation they will judge themselves. And lighten from on you! And they will carry alongside you. ²³If you do this thing, and God instructs you, then you will be able to endure; and furthermore, all of this people will go to its place in peace."

²⁴And Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did everything that he had said. ²⁵And Moses chose men of ability from all Israel, and he appointed them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens. ²⁶And they judged the people at all times. They brought the difficult situations to Moses, and they judged each small situation themselves.

²⁷And Moses let his father-in-law go, and he went into his own land.

Chapter 19

¹In the third month from the people of Israel exiting the land of Egypt, on the same day, they entered the wilderness of Sinai. ²And they departed from Rephidim; and they entered the wilderness of Sinai, and they camped in the wilderness. And Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³And Moses went up to God, and Yahweh called to him from the mountain saying, "Thus you shall speak to the house of Jacob, and you shall tell the sons of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves saw what I did to the Egyptians, how I carried you on the wings of eagles and brought you to myself. ⁵And now, if you listen intently to my voice; and keep my covenant; then you will be my possession from among all peoples. For all the earth is mine ⁶and you yourselves will be my kingdom of priests and holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

⁷And Moses came and summoned the elders of the people. And he set before their faces all these words that Yahweh had commanded him. ⁸And all the people responded together and they said, "We will do everything that Yahweh has said." And Moses brought the words of the people back to Yahweh.

⁹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Look, I will come to you in a thick cloud so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever." And Moses told the words of the people to Yahweh.

¹⁰And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go to the people and make them holy today and tomorrow; and have them wash their clothing. ¹¹So they will be prepared for the third day; for on the third day Yahweh will come down to Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people. ¹²And you shall set boundaries for the people all around, saying, 'Watch yourselves climbing on the mountain or touching on its edge. Every mountain toucher shall certainly be killed. ¹³No hand shall touch that one. Instead, he shall be stoned or he shall be shot. Whether animal or human, he shall not live.' At the prolonged sound of the horn, they shall ascend on the mountain."

¹⁴And Moses went down from the mountain to the people. And he made the people holy, and they washed their clothing. ¹⁵And he said to the people, "Be prepared by the third day; you shall not come near to a woman."

¹⁶And it happened on the third day, when it was the morning, there were thunder and lightning and a heavy cloud on the mountain, and an extremely strong horn sound. And all the people who were in the camp were trembling.

¹⁷And Moses brought the people out from the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the bottom of the mountain. ¹⁸And Mount Sinai smoked—all of it—because Yahweh descended on it in fire. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled mightily. ¹⁹And it happened, the sound of the horn went very strong. Moses was speaking, and God was answering him in a voice.

²⁰And Yahweh descended on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, and Yahweh called Moses to the top of the mountain. And Moses ascended. ²¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people lest they break through to Yahweh to see and many from them fall. ²²And furthermore, the priests, the ones who come near to Yahweh, they shall make themselves holy lest Yahweh bursts out against them."

²³And Moses said to Yahweh, "The people are not able to come up on Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying: 'Set boundaries on the mountain and set it apart.'"

²⁴And Yahweh said to him, "Go, climb down. And you shall come back up, you and Aaron with you; and the priests and the people shall not break through to come up to Yahweh, lest he burst out against them." ²⁵And Moses went down to the people and he spoke to them.

Chapter 20

¹God spoke all these words saying: ²"I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ³There shall not be to you other gods above my face.

⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved figure nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them and you shall not serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God. I visit the iniquity of the fathers on the sons on the third and on the fourth of the haters of me. ⁶But I show covenant faithfulness to thousands, to lovers of me and to keepers of my commandments.

⁷You shall not lift up the name of Yahweh your God with emptiness, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished anyone who lifts up my name with emptiness.

⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart to me. ⁹Six days you may labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath for Yahweh your God. You shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter; your male servant, or your female servant; or your cattle, or the foreigner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not testify false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet the house of your neighbor; you shall not covet the wife of your neighbor, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

¹⁸All the people were seeing the thundering and the lightning and the sound of the horn and the mountain smoking. And the people saw it, and they trembled, and they stood from a distance. ¹⁹They said to Moses, "You speak to us and let us listen! But do not let God speak to us lest we die."

²⁰And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come to test you so that the fear of him may be on your faces, and so that you do not sin."

²¹So the people stood far off, and Moses approached toward the thick darkness where God was.

²²And Yahweh said to Moses, "You shall speak thus to the sons of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. ²³You shall not make alongside me—you shall not make gods of silver or gods of gold for yourselves. ²⁴You shall make an altar of earth for me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and peace offerings, sheep, and oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you. ²⁵And if you make me an altar of stones, you shall not build them of cut stones, for causing your tool to move over it will defile it. ²⁶And you shall not go up to my altar on steps, so that your nakedness is not exposed over it.'

Chapter 21

¹And these are the ordinances that you shall set before their faces:

²If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve for six years, and in the seventh year he shall go free without paying anything. ³If he came by himself, he shall go free by himself; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go free with him. ⁴If his master gave him a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children are her master's, and he must go out by himself. ⁵But if the servant plainly says, "I love my master, my wife, and my children; I shall not go out free," ⁶then his master shall bring him to God. He shall bring him to a door or to a doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl. Then he shall serve him forever.

⁷And if a man sells his daughter as a female servant, she shall not go out as the male servants go out. ⁸If she is bad in the eyes of her master, who has appointed her for himself, then he shall cause her to be ransomed. He has no authority to sell her to a foreign people, since he has acted treacherously with her. ⁹And if he appoints her for his son, he shall act toward her according to the custom of daughters. ¹⁰If he takes another to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. ¹¹But if he does not provide these three things to her, then she can go free without silver.

¹²Whoever strikes a man and he dies, he shall surely be put to death; ¹³but if he did not lie in wait, but God let it happen by his hand, then I will appoint a place for you where he can flee. ¹⁴If a man willfully acts against his neighbor to kill him with cunning, then you shall take him from my altar for execution.

¹⁵Whoever hits his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁶Whoever steals a man—whether he sells him, or he is found in his hand—he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁷Whoever acts contemptuously towards his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸If men fight and a man hits his neighbor with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but falls to bed; ¹⁹if he rises and walks about in the outdoors on his staff, then the striker is free. He only shall pay for his sitting and for his complete healing.

²⁰And if a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a staff and he dies under his hand, he shall certainly be avenged. ²¹However, if he stands a day or two, he shall not be avenged, for he is his silver.

²²And if men fight together and strike a pregnant woman and her children come out, but there is no serious injury, then he shall surely be fined as the husband of the woman puts on him, and he shall give according to the judges.

²³But if there is serious injury, then you shall give a life for a life, ²⁴an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, ²⁵a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, or a bruise for a bruise.

²⁶And if a man hits the eye of his male servant or the eye of his female servant and destroys it, he shall let him go free in compensation for his eye. ²⁷And if he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or a tooth of his female servant, he shall let him go free as compensation for the tooth.

²⁸And if an ox gores a man or a woman and he dies, the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox is innocent. ²⁹But if the ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death. ³⁰If a ransom is imposed on him, he shall give the ransom of his life, according to all that is imposed on him. ³¹If it gores a son or it gores a daughter, it shall be done to him according to this ordinance. ³²If the ox gores a male servant or a female servant, he shall give thirty silver shekels to the master, and the ox shall be stoned.

³³And if a man opens a cistern, or if a man digs a cistern and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls there, ³⁴the owner of the pit shall compensate. He shall cause silver to return to its owner, and the dead animal shall become his.

³⁵And if the ox of a man strikes the ox of another and it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its silver, and they shall also divide the dead ox. ³⁶If it was known that the ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner has not kept it in, he shall surely compensate ox for ox, and the dead animal shall become his own.

Chapter 22

¹If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall compensate five cattle for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.

²If a thief is found while breaking in, and he is struck and he dies, there is no blood-guilt for him. ³But if the sun has risen on him, there is blood-guilt for him. must shall restitution. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. ⁴If the stolen thing is actually found alive in his hand, from an ox, to a donkey, to a sheep, he shall compensate double.

⁵If a man causes his livestock to graze a field or vineyard and lets it go, and it grazes in the field of another, he shall compensate from the best of his field and from the best of his vineyard.

⁶If a fire breaks out and spreads in thorns and stacked grain or the standing grain or a field is consumed, the fire starter shall surely compensate.

⁷If a man gives silver or goods to his neighbor for safe keeping, and if it is stolen from the house of the man, if the thief is found he shall compensate double. ⁸If the thief is not found, then the owner of the house shall be brought to God, whether or not he has stretched out his hand against the property of his neighbor. ⁹Concerning every matter of transgression, concerning an ox, concerning a donkey, concerning a sheep, concerning clothing, concerning every lost property about which someone says, "Surely this is it," the matter of both parties shall come to God. Whomever God declares guilty shall compensate his neighbor double.

¹⁰If a man gives to his neighbor a donkey, or an ox, or a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies or is hurt or is carried away without a witness, ¹¹there shall be an oath of Yahweh between both of them, whether or not he stretched out his hand against the property of his neighbor. Its owner must accept, and he shall not compensate.

¹²But if it was truly stolen from him, he shall compensate its owner. ¹³If it was truly torn, he shall bring it as evidence. He shall not compensate for what was torn.

¹⁴If a man borrows from his neighbor and it is injured or dies without the owner with it, he shall surely compensate. ¹⁵If its owner was with it, he shall not compensate; if it was for hire, it came for its hiring fee.

¹⁶If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he lies with her, he shall surely pay her bride price to make her his wife. ¹⁷If her father completely refuses to give her to him, he shall weigh out silver equal to the bride price of virgins.

¹⁸You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

¹⁹Any liar with an animal shall surely be put to death.

²⁰A sacrificer to the gods except to Yahweh alone shall be completely destroyed.

²¹You shall not wrong a sojourner and you shall not oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

²²You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. ²³If you actually afflict them, and if they actually cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry; ²⁴and my nose will burn, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows, and your sons will become fatherless.

²⁵If you lend silver to my people, the poor with you, you shall not be like a creditor to him—you shall not put interest on him. ²⁶If you actually take the clothing of your neighbor in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, ²⁷for it is his only covering; it is his clothing for his skin. In what will he lie down? And it will be when he cries to me, that I will hear him, for I am gracious.

²⁸You shall not act contemptuously towards God, and you shall not curse a ruler of your people. ²⁹You shall not hold back from your full harvest or your presses.

You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me. ³⁰You shall do the same to your ox and to your sheep. Seven days it will be with its mother, on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

³¹And you shall be men of holiness to me. And you shall not eat animal-torn-in-the-field meat. You shall throw it to the dogs.

Chapter 23

¹You shall not take up a report of emptiness. You shall not put your hand with the wicked to be a witness of violence. ²You shall not follow a crowd into evil, nor shall you testify on legal matters to turn aside behind the crowd that turns aside. ³And you shall not favor the poor in his lawsuit.

⁴If you meet the ox of your enemy or his donkey going astray, you shall certainly bring it back to him. ⁵If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen to the ground under its load, you shall refrain from leaving him. You shall surely release it with him.

⁶You shall not turn aside justice for your poor in his lawsuit. ⁷You shall be far from a word of deception, and you shall not kill the innocent or righteous, for I will not justify the wicked. ⁸And you shall not take a bribe, for the bribe blinds the clear-sighted, and it perverts the words of the righteous.

⁹And you shall not oppress a foreigner, since you yourself know the soul of the foreigner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

¹⁰And six years you shall sow your land and gather its produce. ¹¹But the seventh you shall let it drop and leave it alone, and the poor of your people shall eat. And the living things of the field shall eat the remainder. You shall do thus to your vineyard and to your olive orchard.

¹²Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the son of your female slave and the sojourner may be refreshed.

¹³You shall take heed to everything that I have said to you. You shall not mention the names of other gods, nor let them be heard on your mouth.

¹⁴You shall celebrate me three times every year:

¹⁵You shall keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the appointed time, the month of Aviv, for in it you came out from Egypt. And you shall not appear at my face empty-handed.

¹⁶And the Festival of the Harvest: the firstfruits of your labors which you sowed in the field.

And the Festival of the Gathering: in the exiting of the year, in your gathering of your labors from the field.

¹⁷Three times in a year, all your males shall appear to the face of the Lord Yahweh.

¹⁸You shall not sacrifice the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and the fat of my festival shall not remain all night until morning. ¹⁹You shall bring the first of the firstfruits of your ground to the house of Yahweh your God. You shall not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

²⁰Behold, I am about to send an angel before your face to guard you on the way, and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. ²¹Be guarded from his face and listen to his voice. Do not cause bitterness in him, for he will not bear with your transgressions, for my name is within him. ²²For if you indeed heed his voice and do everything that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and I will be an adversary to your adversaries. ²³For my angel will go before your face and bring you to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. I will annihilate them. ²⁴You shall not bow down to their gods, and you shall not serve them, and you shall not do as they do. For you shall completely overthrow them and completely smash their stone pillars.

²⁵And you shall serve Yahweh your God, and he will bless your bread and your water. And I will remove sickness from among you. ²⁶There will not be a miscarriage or barren in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days.

²⁷I will send my terror before your face and I will confuse all of the people into whom you will go and I will give the back of the neck of all of your enemies to you. ²⁸And I will send the hornet before your face and it will drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and the Hittites from before your face. ²⁹I will not drive them out from before your face in one year lest the land become desolate, and the animals of the field become too many for you. ³⁰I will drive them out little by little from before your face until you become fruitful and possess the land. ³¹And I will set your borders from the sea of reeds to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River. For I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand. And you will drive them out from before your faces.

³²You shall not make a covenant with them or with their gods. ³³They shall not live in your land, lest they cause you to sin against me; for you will serve their gods, surely it will become a snare for you."

Chapter 24

¹And he said to Moses, "Come up to Yahweh—you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy from the elders of Israel, and you shall bow down from a distance. ²And Moses alone shall come near to Yahweh, and they shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

³And Moses went and recounted to the people all of the words of Yahweh and all of the ordinances. And all of the people answered with one voice and said, "We will do all the things that Yahweh has spoken." ⁴And Moses wrote all of the words of Yahweh. And he rose early in the morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain and twelve stone pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵He sent the young men of the sons of Israel and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of bulls to Yahweh. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it into basins and sprinkled half of the blood onto the altar. ⁷And he took the book of the Covenant and read it aloud in the ears of the people. And they said, "We will do and hear all that Yahweh has spoken."

⁸And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it onto the people. And he said, "Behold! the blood of the covenant that Yahweh has cut with you according to all of these words."

⁹And Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy from the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰And they saw the God of Israel. And under his feet was like tile made of sapphire, and its substance was as the sky in purity. ¹¹And he did not send out his hand to the leaders of the sons of Israel. And they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²And Yahweh said to Moses, "Come up to me to the mountain and be there. And I will give you the tablets of stone and the law and the commandments that I have written to teach them."

¹³And Moses and his servant Joshua got up and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he had said to the elders, "Wait for us in this place until we return to you. And behold! Aaron and Hur are with you—Whoever is a master of words may come near to them."

¹⁵And Moses went up to the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶And the glory of Yahweh settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷And the appearance of the glory of Yahweh was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the sons of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses entered the middle of the cloud and went up to the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Chapter 25

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses saying, ²"Speak to the sons of Israel and they shall take a contribution for me. You shall take my contribution from every man whose heart incites him. ³And these are the contributions that you shall receive from them: gold, and silver, and bronze; ⁴and blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair; ⁵and reddened hides of rams, and hides of sea-cows, and wood of acacias; ⁶oil for the light; spices for the oil of anointing and for the incense of fragrance; ⁷stones of onyx and precious stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

⁸And they shall make a sanctuary for me and I shall live in their midst. ⁹According to all that I am about to show you—the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all of its utensils—and thus you shall make it.

¹⁰And they shall make a box of wood of acacias—its length: two cubits and a half; and its width: one cubit and a half; and its height: one cubit and a half. ¹¹And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it, and you shall make on it a border of gold around it. ¹²And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them on its four feet: two rings on its one side, and two rings on its second side. ¹³And you shall make poles of wood of acacias and overlay them with gold. ¹⁴And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box, to carry the box with them. ¹⁵The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it. ¹⁶And you shall put into the box the Testimony that I give to you.

¹⁷And you shall make an atonement lid of pure gold—its length: two cubits and a half; and its width: a cubit and a half. ¹⁸And you shall make two gold cherubim, you shall make them of hammered work from the two ends of the atonement lid. ¹⁹And make one cherub from this end, and one cherub from this end. You shall make the cherubim from the atonement lid on its two ends. ²⁰And the cherubim shall be spreading out their wings upward, covering

over the atonement lid with their wings and their faces shall each be towards his brother. The faces of the cherubim shall be towards the atonement lid. ²¹And you shall put the atonement lid on the box from above, and you shall put into the box the Testimony that I give to you. ²²And I will meet with you there and I will speak with you all that I will command you for the sons of Israel from above the atonement lid, from between the two cherubim which are above the Box of the Testimony.

²³And you shall make a table from wood of acacias. Its length: two cubits, and its width: one cubit, and its height: a cubit and a half. ²⁴And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and you shall make for it a border of gold around it.

²⁵And you shall make a rim for it, a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a border of gold around its rim.

²⁶And you shall make four rings of gold for it and put the rings on the four corners, where its four legs are. ²⁷The rings shall be close to the rim to house the poles to carry the table. ²⁸And you shall make the poles out of wood of acacias and cover them with gold. And the table shall be carried with them. ²⁹And you shall make its plates, and its pans, and its pitchers, and its bowls with which it will be poured out. You shall make them from pure gold. ³⁰And you shall continually put the bread of faces on the table before my face.

³¹And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand—its base and its shaft—shall be made of hammered work. Its cups, its buds, and its blossoms shall be from it. ³²And six branches shall be going out from its sides—three branches of the lampstand from the one side, and three branches of the lampstand from the second side. ³³Three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, shall be on the one branch, a bulb and a blossom; and three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, shall be on the one branch, a bulb and a blossom; thus for the six branches going out from the lampstand. ³⁴And on the lampstand there shall be four cups shaped like almond blossoms with its bulbs and its blossoms, ³⁵And a bulb will be under two of the branches from it, and a bulb will be under two of the branches from it, and a bulb will be under two of the branches from it—for all six branches extending out from the lampstand. ³⁶Their bulbs and their branches from it shall all be one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

³⁷And you shall make its seven lamps and it will hold up its lamps and it will make light on the side of its face. ³⁸And its tongs and its trays will be of pure gold. ³⁹He shall make all these items from a talent of pure gold.

⁴⁰See and make by the pattern that you are being shown on the mountain.

Chapter 26

¹And the tabernacle you shall make with ten curtains: twisted fine linen, and blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet; cherubim—the work of a skilled craftsman you shall make them. ²The length of each curtain shall be 28 cubits and the width of each curtain shall be four cubits. All of the curtains shall be one size. ³Five of the curtains shall be joined each to another, and five of the curtains joined each to another. ⁴And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain from the edge in the set. And you shall do thus along the edge of the end curtain in the second set. ⁵You shall make 50 loops on the first curtain, and you shall make 50 loops on the end of the curtain which is in the second set. The loops should be opposite woman to her sister. ⁶And you shall make 50 clasps of gold and join the curtains woman to her sister with the clasps and the tabernacle will be one.

⁷And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make 11 of these curtains. ⁸The length of each curtain shall be 30 cubits, and the width of each curtain shall be four cubits. The 11 curtains shall be the same size. ⁹And you shall join five curtains to each other and six curtains to each other. And you shall double over the sixth curtain at the front of the face of the tent. ¹⁰And you shall make 50 loops on the edge of the one end curtain in the joined set, and 50 loops on the edge of the curtain in the second joined set. ¹¹And you shall make 50 clasps of bronze and put the clasps in the loops and join them and the tent will be one. ¹²And the remaining excess curtain of the tent, the half curtain remaining, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. ¹³And a cubit from this side and a cubit from that side, the excess of the length of the curtains of the tent shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, from this side and from that side to cover it. ¹⁴And you shall make a covering for the tent of reddened hides of rams, and a covering of hides of sea-cows above that.

¹⁵And you shall make upright frames for the tabernacle from wood of acacias. ¹⁶The length of a frame shall be ten cubits, and the width of one frame shall be a cubit and a half of a cubit. ¹⁷There shall be two tenons in each frame for joining a woman to her sister. Thus you shall make all of the frames of the tabernacle. ¹⁸And you shall make the frames for the tabernacle: 20 frames for the south side. ¹⁹And you shall make 40 bases of silver under the 20 frames: two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under one frame for its two tenons. ²⁰And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side: 20 frames ²¹and their 40 silver bases: two bases under one frame, and two bases under one frame. ²²And you shall make six frames for the back side of the tabernacle, towards the west. ²³And you shall make two frames for the back corners of the tabernacle. ²⁴And they shall be a pair at the bottom, and they shall be completely together at the top to one ring. Thus it shall be for both, the two shall be the corners. ²⁵And there shall be eight frames and their silver bases, 16 bases: two bases under one frame and two bases under one frame.

²⁶And you shall make crossbars of wood of acacias—five for the frames of the one side of the tabernacle, ²⁷and five crossbars for the frames of the second side of the tabernacle, and five crossbars for the frames for the back side of the tabernacle to the west. ²⁸And the middle crossbar in the center of the frames shall pass through from end to end. ²⁹And you shall cover the frames with gold. And you shall make their rings of gold, the holders for the crossbars. And you shall cover the bars with gold. ³⁰And you shall set up the tabernacle according to its plan that you were shown on the mountain.

³¹And you shall make a curtain of blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and of twisted fine linen; the work of a skillful workman, he shall make cherubim. ³²And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia wood covered with gold and their hooks of gold on four bases of silver. ³³And you shall hang the curtain under the clasps, and you shall bring the Box of the Testimony there inside the curtain. And the curtain shall separate for you between the holy and the holy of holies. ³⁴And you shall put the atonement lid on the Box of the Testimony in the holy of holies. ³⁵And you shall put the table outside the curtain and the lampstand opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle. And put the table on the north side.

³⁶And you shall make a curtain for the entrance of the tent: of blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and of twisted fine linen; the work of an embroiderer. ³⁷And you shall make five pillars of acacia wood for the curtain and you shall overlay them with gold and their hooks shall be gold and you shall cast five bases of bronze for them.

Chapter 27

¹And you shall make the altar of wood of acacias, five cubits long and five cubits wide. The altar shall be square and three cubits high. ²And you shall make its horns on its four corners, its horns will be part of it. And you shall overlay it with bronze. ³And you shall make its pots for fatty ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its meat forks, and its trays. You shall make all its utensils with bronze. ⁴And you shall make a grate for it, a work of a network of bronze. And you shall make four rings of bronze on the network, on its four corners. ⁵And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar below, and the network shall be up to the middle of the altar. ⁶And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of wood of acacias, and you shall overlay them with bronze. ⁷And its poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when carrying it. ⁸You shall make it hollow of planks. Just as he showed you on the mountain, so they shall do.

⁹And you shall make the courtyard of the tabernacle. There shall be curtains of fine twisted linen on the south side of the courtyard; one side shall be 100 cubits long, ¹⁰with its 20 pillars, and their 20 bronze bases; the hooks of the pillars and their rings of silver. ¹¹And thus for the north side, the length of the curtains: 100 long, and its 20 posts, 20 bases of bronze, hooks of the pillars, and rings of silver. ¹²And the width of the courtyard, on the west side, shall have a curtain 50 cubits long with its ten posts and ten bases. ¹³And the width of the courtyard, on the east side, shall be 50 cubits. ¹⁴The curtains for the side shall be fifteen cubits with their three posts and their three bases. ¹⁵The curtains for the second side shall be fifteen with their three posts and their three bases. ¹⁶And the gate of

the courtyard shall be a curtain 20 cubits wide of blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and of twisted fine linen—the work of an embroiderer—with its four pillars and its four bases. ¹⁷All the pillars of the courtyard shall be joined around with silver, and their silver hooks, and their bases of bronze. ¹⁸The length of the courtyard shall be 100 cubits, and the width 50, and the height five cubits with fine twined linen, and bases of bronze. ¹⁹All of the equipment of the tabernacle for all of its service, and all of its tent pegs and all of the pegs of the courtyard shall be bronze.

²⁰And you shall command the sons of Israel and they shall bring pure pressed oil of olive to you for the lamp, to cause the lamp to burn continually. ²¹In the tent of meeting, outside the curtain inside of which is the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall arrange it before the face of Yahweh, from evening to morning. This is an eternal statute throughout the generations of the sons of Israel.

Chapter 28

¹And you, bring Aaron your brother and his sons with him near to you from among the sons of Israel to be priests for me—Aaron and Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar the sons of Aaron! ²And you shall make for Aaron your brother clothes of holiness for glory and for splendor. ³And you, you shall speak to all of the wise of heart, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, and they shall make the clothes of Aaron to set him apart to be a priest for me. ⁴And these are the clothes that they shall make: a breastpiece, and an ephod, and a robe, and a tunic of woven work, a turban, and a sash. And they shall make clothes of holiness for your brother Aaron and for his sons to be priests for me. ⁵And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and fine linen.

⁶And they shall make the ephod from gold, blue, and purple, worm of scarlet, and twisted fine linen—the work of a skillful craftsman. ⁷It shall have two shoulder pieces joining to its two ends, so it shall be joined. ⁸And the skillfully-crafted sash of the ephod which is on it shall be of like workmanship, from it; of gold, blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and twined fine linen.

⁹And you shall take two stones of onyx and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰six of their names on one stone, and the six remaining names on the second stone, according to their genealogies. ¹¹You shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel—the work of a craftsman of stone, the engravings of a signet. You shall make them surrounded with ornamental settings of gold. ¹²And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as stones of reminder for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall carry their names before the face of Yahweh on his two shoulders for a reminder. ¹³And you shall make ornamental settings of gold ¹⁴and two twisted chains of pure gold, you shall make them as a work of rope, and you shall attach the chains of the rope to the ornamental settings.

¹⁵And you shall make a breastpiece of judgment—the work of a skillful craftsman—you shall make it like the work of the ephod; you shall make it from gold, blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and twisted fine linen. ¹⁶It shall be square, folded double; its length: a span; and its width: a span. ¹⁷And you shall set in it settings of precious stone—four stone rows. The first row shall be a row with a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet. ¹⁸And the second row: an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹⁹And the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. ²⁰And the fourth row: a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold—in their ornamental settings. ²¹And the precious stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel—according to their 12 names. Each shall be like the engraving of a signet according to its name—for the 12 tribes.

²²And you shall make twisted chains on the breastpiece, as a work of rope—pure gold. ²³And you shall make two rings of gold for the breastpiece and you shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece. ²⁴And you shall attach the two chains of gold to the rings on the two ends of the breastpiece. ²⁵And you shall attach two of the ends of the two chains to the two ornamental settings. And you shall attach those to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of its face. ²⁶And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge which is toward the inner side of the ephod. ²⁷And you shall make two rings of gold,

and you shall put them on the two shoulder pieces of the ephod on the bottom of the front of its face, close to its joining above the skillfully-crafted waistband of the ephod. ²⁸And they shall tie the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a cord of blue to be on the finely-crafted waistband of the ephod, so the breastpiece shall not become detached from on the ephod.

²⁹And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he goes into the holy place as a reminder before the face of Yahweh continually. ³⁰And you shall put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece of judgment, and they shall be over the heart of Aaron when he goes in before the face of Yahweh. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the face of Yahweh continually.

³¹And you shall make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue. ³²And there shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it. There shall be an edge for its opening, all around so it is not torn—the work of a weaver, it shall be like an opening of a garment. ³³And on its bottom hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and worm of scarlet all around on its hem with bells of gold between them all around: ³⁴a bell of gold and a pomegranate, a bell of gold and a pomegranate all around the hem of the robe. ³⁵And it shall be on Aaron while serving, and its sound shall be heard at his going into the holy place before the face of Yahweh and at his leaving. And he shall not die.

³⁶And you shall make a rosette of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving on a signet, 'Holy to Yahweh.' ³⁷And you shall attach it by a cord of blue and it shall be on the turban. It shall be toward the front of the face of the turban. ³⁸And it shall be on the forehead of Aaron and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel shall cause to be holy, for all of the gifts of their holy things, and it shall be on his forehead continually for their acceptance before the face of Yahweh.

³⁹And you shall weave the tunic with fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen. And you shall make a sash, the work of an embroiderer. ⁴⁰And for the sons of Aaron you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them, and you shall make headbands for them for glory and for splendor. ⁴¹And you shall clothe them, your brother Aaron and his sons with him. And you shall anoint them and you shall fill their hand and you shall set them apart to be priests to me.

⁴²And make for them undergarments of linen to cover the flesh of nakedness—they shall be from the waist to the thighs. ⁴³And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons at their entering into the tent of meeting or at their drawing near to the alter to serve in the holy place. And they shall not bear iniquity and die.

This is a statute forever for him and for his offspring after him.

Chapter 29

¹And this is the thing that you shall do to them to set them apart to be priests to me. Take one bull, a son of the herd, and two unblemished rams, ²and unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers rubbed with oil. Make them with fine flour of wheat. ³And you shall put them into one basket, and you shall bring them near in the basket, and the bull and the two rams. ⁴And you shall bring Aaron and his sons near to the entrance of the tent of meeting. And you shall wash them with water. ⁵And you shall take the garments and you shall clothe Aaron with the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastpiece, and you shall fasten the ephod to him with the finely-woven waistband of the ephod. ⁶And you shall set the turban on his head and put the crown of holiness on the turban. ⁷And you shall take the oil of anointing and pour it on his head and anoint him. ⁸And you shall bring his sons and clothe them with tunics. ⁹And you shall wrap them—Aaron and his sons—with the sash and bind headbands to them. And the priesthood will be to them as a statute forever. And you shall fill the hand of Aaron and the hand of his sons.

¹⁰And you shall bring the bull to the face of the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull. ¹¹And you shall slaughter the bull before the face of Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of

meeting. ¹²And you shall take from the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and you shall pour out all of the blood on the base of the altar. ¹³And you shall take all of the fat covering the entrails, and the lobe above the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and cause them to become smoke on the altar. ¹⁴But you shall burn the flesh of the bull and its skin and its dung in the fire outside of the camp. It is a purification offering.

¹⁵And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram, ¹⁶and you shall slaughter the ram. And you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all around on the altar. ¹⁷And you shall cut the ram into pieces and wash its entrails and its legs and put them on its pieces and on its head, ¹⁸and cause all of the ram to become smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering to Yahweh. It is an appeasing, aromatic, fire offering to Yahweh.

¹⁹And you shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram, ²⁰and you shall slaughter the ram and take some of its blood. And you shall put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the great toe of their right foot. And you shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. ²¹And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the oil of anointing, and sprinkle it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons, and on the garments of his sons along with him. And he will be set apart, and his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons along with him.

²²And you shall take the fat from the ram, and the fat tail, and the fat covering the entrails, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and the right thigh—for this is a ram of consecration— ²³and one round loaf of bread, and one cake of bread of oil, and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread that is before the face of Yahweh. ²⁴And you shall put all these on the palms of Aaron and on the palms of his sons and you shall raise them as a raised offering before the face of Yahweh. ²⁵And you shall take them from their hands and cause them to become smoke on the altar above the burnt offering to be an aroma of appeasing before the face of Yahweh, it is a fire offering to Yahweh. ²⁶And you shall take the breast from the ram of consecration that is for Aaron and raise it for a raised offering before the face of Yahweh, and it will be your share. ²⁷And from the ram of consecration which is for Aaron and which is for his sons you shall set apart the breast of the raised offering that was raised and the thigh of the contribution that was contributed. ²⁸And it shall belong to Aaron and to his sons—as an eternal requirement—for it is an offering from the sons of Israel. And it shall be an offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, their offerings to Yahweh.

²⁹And the garments of holiness that are for Aaron shall be for his sons after him for anointing in them and to fill their hand in them. ³⁰The priest who succeeds him from among his sons, who comes into the tent of meeting to serve in the holy place, shall wear them for seven days.

³¹And you shall take the ram of consecration and boil its meat in a holy place. ³²And Aaron and his sons shall eat the meat of the ram and the bread that is in the basket at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ³³And they shall eat these that were for their atoning to fill their hand, to set them apart. But a stranger shall not eat them, because they are set apart. ³⁴And if any meat of the consecration or any of the bread remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten because it is set apart.

³⁵And thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons according to all that I have commanded you: you shall fill their hand seven days. ³⁶And you shall offer a bull of purification for atonement daily and you shall purify the altar by making atonement for it. And you shall anoint it to set it apart. ³⁷You shall make atonement for the altar seven days and set it apart. And the altar will be holy of holies. Whatever touches the altar will be set apart.

³⁸And this is what you shall offer on the altar every day continually: two lambs, sons of a year. ³⁹The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer between the evenings. ⁴⁰For the first lamb: a tenth of fine flour mixed with pressed oil (the fourth part of a hin), and a drink offering: the fourth part of a hin of wine. ⁴¹And you shall offer the second lamb between the evenings. You shall offer the same grain offering as in the morning, and the same drink offering with it for an appeasing, aromatic, fire offering to Yahweh.

⁴²It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations, at the entrance to the tent of meeting before the face of Yahweh, there where I will meet with you to speak to you there. ⁴³And I will meet with the sons of Israel there and it will be set apart by my glory. ⁴⁴And I will set apart the tent of meeting and the altar. And I will set apart Aaron and his sons to be priests to me. ⁴⁵And I will live among the sons of Israel and will be their God. ⁴⁶And they will know that I am Yahweh their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt to live among them. I am Yahweh their God.

Chapter 30

¹And you shall make an altar, a place of burning of incense. You shall make it with wood of acacias, ²Its length shall be one cubit and its width shall be one cubit. It shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits. Its horns shall be part of it. ³And you shall overlay it with pure gold—its top and all around its sides and its horns—and you shall make for it a border of gold around it. ⁴And you shall make two rings of gold for it under its border on its two sides. You shall make them on its two sides. They will be housings for the poles for carrying it with. ⁵And you shall make the poles of wood of acacias, and you shall overlay them with gold. ⁶And you shall place it before the face of the curtain that is over the Box of the Testimony. It shall be before the face of the atonement lid that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

⁷And Aaron shall cause smoke on it, incense of fragrance. Morning by morning when he makes the lamps good he shall cause it to smoke. ⁸and when Aaron lifts up the lamps between the evenings he will make it smoke. Incense will be continually before the face of Yahweh throughout your generations. ⁹You shall not offer up strange incense or a burnt offering or a grain offering on it. And you shall not pour a drink offering on it. ¹⁰And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. From the blood of the purification of the atonement once a year he shall make atonement for it throughout your generations. It is holy of holies to Yahweh.”

¹¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²“When you lift up the head of the sons of Israel to count them, then each man shall give the ransom of his life to Yahweh when counting them. And there will not be a plague among them when counting them. ¹³Every passer over to the counted ones shall give this: half of a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 20 gerahs). The half shekel is an offering to Yahweh. ¹⁴Every passer over to the counted ones, from a son of 20 years and up, shall give the contribution of Yahweh. ¹⁵The rich shall not increase and the poor shall not decrease from the half shekel for giving the contribution of Yahweh to cover over your lives. ¹⁶And you shall take the silver of ransoms from the sons of Israel and you shall give it to the work of the tent of meeting. And it shall be as a reminder for the sons of Israel before the face of Yahweh, to cover over your lives.”

¹⁷And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸“And you shall make a basin of bronze and its base of bronze for washing. And you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. ¹⁹And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in it. ²⁰When they go into the tent of meeting they shall wash with water and they will not die. Also when they go near to the altar to serve by causing a fire offering to Yahweh to smoke ²¹then they shall wash their hands and their feet and they will not die. And this shall be a statue forever for them, for him and his offspring throughout their generations.”

²²And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“As for you, take the best spices: myrrh of flowing—500—and cinnamon of fragrance, its half—250—and cane of fragrance—250— ²⁴and cassia—500—according to the shekel of the sanctuary and a hin of oil of olive. ²⁵And you shall make it into an oil of anointment of holiness, an ointment from an ointment mixture, the work of an ointment mixer. It shall be an oil of anointment of holiness. ²⁶And you shall anoint with it the tent of meeting, and the box of the testimony, ²⁷and the table and all of its utensils, and the lampstand and its equipment, and the altar of incense, ²⁸and the altar of burnt offerings and all of its equipment, and the basin and its stand. ²⁹And you shall set them apart and they will be holy of holies. Anything that touches them will be set apart.

³⁰And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and set them apart to be priests to me. ³¹And you shall speak to the sons of Israel saying, 'This will be my oil of anointment of holiness throughout your generations. ³²It shall not be poured on the body of a man, and you shall not make anything like it with its formula. It is holy, it shall be holy to you. ³³A man that mixes its like or that puts any of it on a stranger shall be cut off from his people.'

³⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "Take to yourself spices—stacte, and onycha, and galbanum—spices and pure frankincense. They shall each be in equal amounts. ³⁵And you shall make it into incense, an ointment, the work of an ointment mixer: salted, pure, holy. ³⁶And you shall pulverize some of it until pulverized. And you shall put some of it before the face of the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It will be holy of holies to you. ³⁷And the incense that you will make, you shall not make any with its formula for yourselves. It must be holy to Yahweh for you. ³⁸A man that makes its like to smell it shall be cut off from his people."

Chapter 31

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses saying, ²"See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah. ³And I have filled him with the spirit of God, with skill, and with understanding, and with knowledge, and with all kinds of craftsmanship, ⁴to design designs, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze; ⁵and in carving of precious stones for setting and in carving of wood—to do all kinds of craftsmanship. ⁶And behold! I have given Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan with him. And I have put skill into the hearts of all of the skilled of heart and they shall make all that I have commanded you: ⁷the tent of meeting, and the box of the testimony, and the atonement lid that is on it, and all of the furniture of the tent— ⁸the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand and all its equipment, and the altar of incense, ⁹and the altar of burnt offerings and all its equipment, and the basin and its base— ¹⁰and the finely-woven clothing, and the clothing of holiness, for Aaron the priest and the clothing of his sons to {be} priests, ¹¹and the oil of anointing and the incense of fragrance for the sanctuary. They shall make according to all that I have commanded you."

¹²And Yahweh said to Moses saying, ¹³"And you, speak to the sons of Israel saying: 'Surely you shall keep my Sabbaths, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations so that you may know that I am Yahweh who sets you apart. ¹⁴And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you.' The profaner of it shall surely be put to death, for every worker of work on it—that person—shall be cut off from his people. ¹⁵Work shall be done six days, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of Sabbath, holy to Yahweh. Every worker of work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶And the sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations. A covenant of eternity ¹⁷is between me and the sons of Israel. It is a sign forever, for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

¹⁸And as he finished speaking with him on the mountain of Sinai, he gave to Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

Chapter 32

¹And the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain, and the people gathered themselves around Aaron and said to him, "Arise, make gods for us that shall go before our faces, for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him."

²And Aaron said to them, "Tear off the rings of gold that are on the ears of your wives, your sons and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³And all the people tore the rings of gold off themselves that were on their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he took it from their hand and fashioned it with a tool and he made a calf of molten metal. And they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt." ⁵And Aaron saw, and he built an altar before the face of it and Aaron proclaimed and said, "Tomorrow will be a festival to

Yahweh.” ⁶And they arose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and to drink, and got up to play.

⁷And Yahweh spoke to Moses, “Go! Descend! For your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have quickly turned from the way that I commanded them. They have made a calf of molten metal for themselves and have bowed before it and sacrificed to it. And they have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.’” ⁹And Yahweh said to Moses, “I have seen this people and behold! it is a people hard of neck. ¹⁰So now, leave me alone! And let my nose burn against them, and I will destroy them. And I will make you into a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses entreated the face of Yahweh his God. And he said, “Yahweh, why does your nose burn against your people whom you have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, saying, ‘He brought them out with evil intent, to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from on the face of the ground’? Turn from your burning nose and repent from the evil to your people. ¹³Remember Abraham and Isaac and Israel, your servants that you swore to them by yourself and spoke to them, ‘I will cause your descendants to increase as the stars of the heavens, and I will give to your descendants all this land of which I have spoken. And they will inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴Then Yahweh repented from the evil that he had spoken to do to his people.

¹⁵And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the testimony {were} in his hand. The tablets were written on both their sides, on this {side} and on that {side} they were written. ¹⁶And the tablets, they {were} the work of God. And the writing, it {was} the writing of God, {it} was engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷And Joshua heard the noise of the people in its shouting, and he said to Moses, “{There is} the noise of war in the camp.”

¹⁸But Moses said,

“There is not the sound of singing of strength,

and there is not the sound of singing of weakness,

the sound of singing I am hearing.”

¹⁹And it happened as he approached to the camp and he saw the calf and dancing. And the nose of Moses burned. And he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them under the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf that they had made, and burned {it} in the fire, and ground {it} until it was fine, and scattered {it} on the face of the water, and caused the sons of Israel to drink {it}.

²¹And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you, that you have brought a great sin on them?”

²²And Aaron said, “Do not let {your} nose burn, my lord. You know the people, that it {is/was} in evil. ²³And they said to me, ‘Make for us a god that will go before our faces. As for this Moses, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴And I said to them, ‘Whoever has gold, take it off yourself.’ And they gave {it} to me and I threw it in the fire and this calf came out.”

²⁵And Moses saw the people, that it was let loose, for Aaron had let it loose, to mockery by the risers-up against them. ²⁶And Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who {is} for Yahweh, to me!” And all of the sons of Levi gathered themselves to him. ²⁷And he said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘Each man put his sword on his side. Pass through and return from gate to gate in the camp, and kill each his brother, and each his companion, and each his neighbor.’” ²⁸And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And on that day about 3,000 men from the people fell. ²⁹And Moses said, “Fill your hand for Yahweh today! For a man {was} against his son and against his brother and to give a blessing over you today.”

³⁰And it happened the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to Yahweh. Perhaps I can atone for your sin." ³¹And Moses returned to Yahweh and said, "Oh, this people has sinned a great sin and made themselves gods of gold. ³²But now, if you forgive their sin; but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written."

³³But Yahweh said to Moses, "Whoever that sinned against me, I will blot him out from my book. ³⁴So now go, lead the people to where I have spoken to you! Behold, my angel will go before your face. But on the day I visit them, then I will visit their sin on them."

³⁵And Yahweh plagued the people on account that they had made the calf (that Aaron made).

Chapter 33

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, "Go, arise from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your seed.' ²And I will send an angel before your face, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, Hivites, and the Jebusites. ³{Go} to a land flowing {with} milk and honey, but I will not go up in your midst, because you {are} a people hard of neck, lest I destroy you on the way."

⁴And the people heard this evil word, and they mourned, and each one did not put his ornaments on him. ⁵And Yahweh {had} said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are a people hard of neck. {If} I went up among you {for} one moment, then I {would} destroy you. And now, take your ornaments down from on you and I will know what I will do to you.'" ⁶And the sons of Israel stripped themselves {of} their ornaments from Mount Horeb.

⁷And Moses would take a tent and would pitch it on the outside of the camp, at a distance from the camp. And he called it the tent of meeting. And it happened, every seeker of Yahweh would go out to the tent of meeting that {was} on the outside of the camp. ⁸And it happened as Moses went out to the tent, all the people would stand up and each would be stationed {at} the entrance of his tent. And they stared behind Moses until he went in to the tent. ⁹And it happened, as Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand {at} the entrance of the tent. And he would speak with Moses. ¹⁰And all of the people saw the pillar of cloud standing {at} the entrance of the tent, and all of the people would get up and bow down, each {at} the entrance of his tent.

¹¹And Yahweh would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua son of Nun, a young man, would not withdraw from the midst of the tent.

¹²And Moses said to Yahweh, "See, you {have been} saying to me, 'Take this people up,' but you have not caused me to know whom you will send with me. And you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my eyes.' ¹³And now please if I have found favor in your eyes, please cause me to know your ways and I will know you so that I can find favor in your eyes. And see that this nation is your people."

¹⁴And he said, "My face will go and I will cause rest for you."

¹⁵And he said to him, "If your face {is} not going, do not take us up from here. ¹⁶And in what then will it be known that I have found favor in your eyes, I and your people? {Is it} not in your going with us? And I and your people shall be distinct from all of the people that {are} on the face of the earth."

¹⁷And Yahweh said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken, for you have found favor in my eyes, and I know you by name."

¹⁸And he said, "Please show me your glory."

¹⁹And he said, "I myself will cause all my goodness to pass over above your face, and I will proclaim in the name of Yahweh before your face: and I will favor whom I will favor, and I will be compassionate to whom I will be compassionate." ²⁰But he said, "You are not able to see my face, for mankind can not see me and live." ²¹And

Yahweh said, "Behold, a place with me, and you shall station yourself on the rock. ²²And it will happen, while my glory passes over, that I will put you in a crevice of the rock and my hand will cover over you until I have passed over. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face will not be seen."

Chapter 34

¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first. And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke. ²And be ready by morning and in the morning come up to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of mountain. ³And a man shall not come up with you and also let a man not be seen on all of the mountain. Also let not the flocks and the herds graze to the front of that mountain." ⁴And he carved two tablets of stone like the first, and Moses got up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai as Yahweh had commanded him. And he took the two tablets of stone in his hand.

⁵And Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with him there and he pronounced in the name of Yahweh. ⁶And Yahweh passed over above his face and proclaimed, "Yahweh, Yahweh, a God compassionate and gracious, long of nostril, and abounding in covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness, ⁷keeping covenant faithfulness to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. But acquitting he will not acquit, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the sons and on the sons of the sons, on the third and on the fourth."

⁸And Moses hurried and bowed to the ground and prostrated himself. ⁹And he said, "Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, may my Lord please go among us, for this {is} a people hard of neck. And forgive our iniquity and our sin, and inherit us."

¹⁰And he said, "Behold, I am about to cut a covenant before all of your people, I will do wonders that have not been created in all of the earth and in all of the nations. And all of the people that you are in the midst of will see the work of Yahweh, for it {is} fear-filling what I {am} doing with you. ¹¹Keep for yourself what I am commanding today. Behold I am about to drive out from before your face the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

¹²Guard yourself lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitant of the land where you are about to go into, lest he become as a trap in your midst. ¹³Instead, their altars you shall break down, and their pillars you shall smash, and his Asherah poles you shall cut down. ¹⁴For you shall not bow to another god, for Yahweh, Jealous {is} his name, he {is} a jealous God. ¹⁵Lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitant of the land, and they prostitute after their gods and sacrifice to their gods, and he invite you, and you eat from his sacrifice ¹⁶and take from his daughters for your sons, and his daughters prostitute after their gods and cause your sons to prostitute after their gods.

¹⁷Do not make for yourselves gods of molten metal.

¹⁸You shall keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, which I commanded you, at the appointed time, the month of Aviv, for in the month of Aviv you came out from Egypt.

¹⁹All of the openers of the womb are mine, and all of your male livestock, the openers of cattle and of sheep. ²⁰And the opener of a donkey you shall ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom it, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons, you shall ransom. And you shall not appear at my face empty-handed.

²¹Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest time, you shall rest.

²²And you shall keep for yourself the Festival of Weeks {with} the first-fruits of the harvest of the wheat, and the Festival of the Gathering at the turning of the year. ²³Three times in a year, all your males shall appear before the face of the Lord Yahweh, God of Israel. ²⁴For I will drive out nations before your face and expand your borders. And a man will not desire your land when you go up to appear before the face of Yahweh your God three times in a year.

²⁵You shall not slaughter the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and the sacrifice of the Festival of the Passover shall not remain all night to the morning.

²⁶You shall bring the first of the first-fruits of your ground to the house of Yahweh your God.

You shall not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.”

²⁷And Yahweh said to Moses, “Write these words for yourself, for over the mouth of these words I have cut a covenant with you and with Israel.” ²⁸And he was there with Yahweh 40 days and 40 nights; bread he did not eat and water he did not drink. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten words.

²⁹And it happened, as Moses {was} descending from Mount Sinai, and the two tablets of the testimony {were} in the hand of Moses as he {was} descending from the mountain. And Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while speaking with him, ³⁰and Aaron and all of the sons of Israel saw Moses, and behold! the skin of his face shone! And they were afraid to come near to him. ³¹And Moses called to them, and Aaron and all of the leaders among the congregation returned to him. And Moses spoke to them. ³²And after this, all of the sons of Israel approached, and he commanded them all that Yahweh had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³And Moses finished from speaking with them, and he put a veil over his face.

³⁴And whenever Moses went before the face of Yahweh to speak with him, he would remove the veil until he came out. And he would come out, and he would speak to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded. ³⁵And the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of the face of Moses shone. And Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with him.

Chapter 35

¹And Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel and said to them, “These are the things that Yahweh has commanded you to do. ²Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day {there} shall be for you a holy Sabbath of rest to Yahweh. Every doer of work on it shall be put to death. ³You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the days of the Sabbath.”

⁴And Moses said to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel saying, “This {is} the thing that Yahweh commanded, saying, ⁵Take from with you a contribution for Yahweh, every{one} willing of his heart. Let him bring the contribution of Yahweh—gold, and silver, and bronze, ⁶and blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair; ⁷and reddened hides of rams, and hides of sea-cows, and wood of acacias; ⁸and oil for the light; and spices for the oil of anointing and for the incense of fragrance; ⁹and stones of onyx and precious stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

¹⁰And all of the wise of heart among you shall come and make all that Yahweh has commanded— ¹¹the tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; ¹²the Box and its poles, the atonement lid, and the curtain of covering, ¹³the table and its poles, and all of its equipment, and the bread of the faces; ¹⁴and the lampstand of the light, and its utensils, and its lamps, and the oil of the light; ¹⁵and the altar of incense and its poles, and the oil of anointing and the incense of fragrance, and the curtain of the entrance for the entrance of the tabernacle, ¹⁶the altar of the burnt offering and the grate of bronze that {is} for it, its poles and all of its utensils, the basin and its base, ¹⁷the curtains of the courtyard, its pillars and bases, and the curtain of the gate of the courtyard; ¹⁸the tent pegs of the tabernacle, and the pegs of the courtyard, and their ropes, ¹⁹finely-woven clothing for serving in the holy place, the clothing of holiness for Aaron the priest and the clothing of his sons, to {be} priests.”

²⁰And all of the congregation of the sons of Israel went away from before the face of Moses. ²¹And every man whose heart lifted him came. And all whose spirit impelled him brought the contribution of Yahweh for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all of its service, and for the clothing of holiness. ²²And men along with women came,

all impelled of heart. They brought brooches, and earrings, and rings, and ornaments, all of the things of gold. And every man that raised {did} as a raised offering of gold to Yahweh. ²³And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and reddened ram skins, and hides of sea-cows brought {them}. ²⁴All of the presenters {of} a contribution of silver and of bronze brought the contribution of Yahweh, and all with whom wood of acacias was found for all the work of the service brought {it}. ²⁵And every woman skilled of heart spun with her hands and they brought the spun items, the blue, and the purple, the worm of scarlet, and the fine linen. ²⁶All the women with skill whose hearts lifted them spun goats' hair. ²⁷And the leaders brought the onyx stones and precious stones of setting for the ephod and for the breastpiece, ²⁸and spice and the oil for light, and for the oil of anointing, and for the incense of fragrance. ²⁹The sons of Israel brought a freewill offering to Yahweh, every man and woman whose heart impelled them to bring {something} for all of the work which Yahweh had commanded {them} to do by the hand of Moses.

³⁰And Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, Yahweh has called by name on Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah. ³¹And he has filled him with the spirit of God, with skill, and with understanding, and with knowledge, and with all kinds of craftsmanship, ³²and to design designs, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, ³³and in carving of precious stones for setting and in carving of wood—to do all kinds of craftsmanship of invention, ³⁴and he has put in his heart to teach, he and Oholiab the son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan. ³⁵He has filled them {with} skill of heart to do all of the work of a craftsman and of a skillful workman and of an embroiderer in the blue, and in the purple, and in the worm of scarlet, and in the fine linen, and of a weaver. {They are} doers of all work and designers of design.

Chapter 36

¹And Bezalel and Oholiab and every man skilled of heart to whom Yahweh has given skill and understanding to know {how} to do all of the work of the service of the holy place shall do according to all that Yahweh has commanded."

²And Moses called to Bezalel and to Oholiab and to every man skilled of heart in whose heart Yahweh had put skill, all whose heart lifted him to come near to the work to do it, ³and they took from before the face of Moses all of the contributions that the sons of Israel had brought for doing the work of the service of the holy place. And they continually brought a freewill offering to him in the morning in the morning. ⁴So all the skilled doing all the work of the holy place came, every single man from the work that they were doing ⁵and they said to Moses saying, "The people {are} bringing much more than enough for the service of the work that Yahweh has commanded {us} to do." ⁶And Moses commanded and they caused a sound to pass through in the camp saying, "A man and a woman shall not make any more work for the contribution of the holy place." And the people were restrained from bringing. ⁷And the work was sufficient for doing all their work and there was excess.

⁸And every skilled of heart among the doers of the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains: twisted fine linen, and blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet; cherubim—the work of a skilled craftsman he made them. ⁹The length of each curtain {was} 28 cubits and the width of each curtain {was} four cubits. All of the curtains {were} one size. ¹⁰And five of the curtains were joined each to another, and five of the curtains were joined each to another. ¹¹And he made loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain from the edge in the set. And he did thus along the edge of the end curtain in the second set. ¹²He made 50 loops on the first curtain, and he made 50 loops on the end of the curtain which is in the second set. The loops were opposite one to one. ¹³And he made 50 clasps of gold and joined the curtains one to one with the clasps and the tabernacle was one.

¹⁴And he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle. He made 11 of these curtains. ¹⁵The length of each curtain {was} 30 cubits, and the width of each curtain {was} four cubits. The 11 curtains {were} the same size. ¹⁶And he joined five curtains to each other and six curtains to each other. ¹⁷And he made 50 loops on the edge of the end curtain in the joined set, and he made 50 loops on the edge of the curtain in the second joined set. ¹⁸And

he made 50 clasps of bronze to join the tent to be one. ¹⁹And he made a covering for the tent of reddened hides of rams, and a covering of hides of sea-cows above that.

²⁰And he made upright frames for the tabernacle from wood of acacias. ²¹The length of a frame {was} ten cubits, and the width of one frame {was} a cubit and a half of a cubit. ²²{There were} two tenons in each frame for joining one to one. Thus he made all of the frames of the tabernacle. ²³And he made the frames for the tabernacle: 20 frames for the south side. ²⁴And he made 40 bases of silver under the 20 frames: two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under one frame for its two tenons. ²⁵And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made 20 frames ²⁶and their 40 silver bases: two bases under one frame, and two bases under one frame. ²⁷And he made six frames for the back side of the tabernacle, towards the west. ²⁸And he made two frames for the back corners of the tabernacle. ²⁹And they were a pair at the bottom, and they were completely together at the top to one ring. Thus he did for both as the two corners. ³⁰And there were eight frames and their silver bases, 16 bases: two bases, two bases under one frame.

³¹And he made crossbars of wood of acacias—five for the frames of the one side of the tabernacle, ³²and five crossbars for the frames of the second side of the tabernacle, and five crossbars for the frames for the back of the tabernacle to the west. ³³And he made the middle crossbar in the center of the frames to pass through from end to end. ³⁴And he covered the frames with gold. And he made their rings of gold, the holders for the crossbars. And he covered the bars with gold.

³⁵And he made a curtain of blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and of twisted fine linen; the work of a skillful workman, he made cherubim. ³⁶And he made for it four pillars of acacia wood, and he covered them {with} gold and their hooks with gold. And he cast for them four bases of silver. ³⁷And he made a curtain for the entrance of the tent: of blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and of twisted fine linen—the work of an embroiderer— ³⁸and its five pillars and their hooks. And he covered their tops and their rings {with} gold. And their five bases {were} bronze.

Chapter 37

¹Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length was two and a half cubits; its width was one cubit and a half; and its height was one cubit and a half. ²He covered it inside and out with pure gold and made for it a border of gold around its top. ³He cast four rings of gold for its four feet, with two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side. ⁴He made poles of acacia wood and covered them with gold. ⁵He put the poles into the rings on the ark's sides, in order to carry the ark. ⁶He made an atonement lid of pure gold. Its length was two and a half cubits, and its width was one and a half cubits. ⁷Bezalel made two cherubim of hammered gold for the two ends of the atonement lid. ⁸One cherub was for one end of the atonement lid, and other cherub was for the other end. They were made as one piece with the atonement lid. ⁹The cherubim spread out their wings upward and overshadowed the atonement lid with them. The cherubim faced one another and looked toward the center of the atonement lid.

¹⁰Bezalel made the table of acacia wood. Its length was two cubits, its width was one cubit, and its height was one and a half cubits. ¹¹He covered it with pure gold and put a border of pure gold around the top. ¹²He made a surrounding frame for it one handbreadth wide, with a surrounding border of gold for the frame. ¹³He cast for it four rings of gold and attached the rings to the four corners, where the four feet were. ¹⁴The rings were attached to the frame to provide places for the poles, in order to carry the table. ¹⁵He made the poles out of acacia wood and covered them with gold, in order to carry the table. ¹⁶He made the objects that would be on the table—the dishes, spoons, the bowls, and pitchers to be used to pour out the offerings. He made them out of pure gold.

¹⁷He made the lampstand of pure hammered gold. He made the lampstand with its base and shaft. Its cups, its leafy bases, and its flowers were all made of one piece with it. ¹⁸Six branches extended out from its sides—three branches extended from one side, and three branches of the lampstand extended from the other side. ¹⁹The first

branch had three cups made like almond blossoms, with a leafy base and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, with a leafy base and a flower. It was the same for all six branches extending out from the lampstand. ²⁰On the lampstand itself, the central shaft, there were four cups made like almond blossoms, with their leafy bases and the flowers. ²¹There was a leafy base under the first pair of branches—made as one piece with it, and a leafy base under the second pair of branches—also made as one piece with it. In the same way there was a leafy base under the third pair of branches, made as one piece with it. It was the same for all six branches extending out from the lampstand. ²²Their leafy bases and branches were all one piece with it, one beaten piece of work of pure gold. ²³Bezalel made the lampstand and its seven lamps, its tongs and their trays of pure gold. ²⁴He made the lampstand and its accessories with one talent of pure gold.

²⁵Bezalel made the incense altar. He made it with acacia wood. Its length was one cubit, and its width one cubit. It was square, and its height was two cubits. Its horns were made as one piece with it. ²⁶He covered the incense altar with pure gold—its top, its sides, and its horns. He also made a surrounding border of gold for it. ²⁷He made two golden rings to be attached to it under its border on its two opposite sides. The rings were holders for poles to carry the altar. ²⁸He made the poles of acacia wood, and he covered them with gold. ²⁹He made the holy anointing oil and the pure fragrant incense, the work of a perfumer.

Chapter 38

¹Bezalel made the altar for burnt offerings of acacia wood. It was five cubits long and five cubits wide—a square—and three cubits high. ²He made extensions of its four corners shaped like ox horns. The horns were made of one piece with the altar, and he covered it with bronze. ³He made all the equipment for the altar—pots for ashes, shovels, basins, meat forks, and firepans. He made all this equipment with bronze. ⁴He made a grate for the altar, a network of bronze to be placed under the ledge, halfway down to the bottom. ⁵He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grate, as holders for the poles. ⁶Bezalel made poles of acacia wood and covered them with bronze. ⁷He put the poles through the rings on the sides of the altar, to carry it. He made the altar hollow, out of planks.

⁸Bezalel made the large bronze basin with a bronze stand. He made the basin out of mirrors belonging to the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ⁹He also made the courtyard. The hangings on the south side of the courtyard were of fine linen, one hundred cubits long. ¹⁰The hangings had twenty posts, with twenty bronze bases. There were hooks attached to the posts, as well as silver rods. ¹¹Likewise along the north side, there were hangings one hundred cubits long with twenty posts, twenty bronze bases, hooks attached to the posts, and silver rods. ¹²The hangings of the west side were fifty cubits long, with ten posts and bases. The hooks and rods of the posts were silver. ¹³The courtyard was also fifty cubits long on the east side. ¹⁴The hangings for one side of the entrance were fifteen cubits long. They had three posts with three bases. ¹⁵On the other side of the entrance of the courtyard were also hangings fifteen cubits long, with three posts and three bases. ¹⁶All the hangings around the courtyard were made of fine linen. ¹⁷The bases for the posts were made of bronze. The hooks and rods for the posts were made of silver, and the covering for the tops of the posts was also made of silver. All the courtyard posts were covered with silver. ¹⁸The curtain at the courtyard gate was twenty cubits long. The curtain was made of blue, purple, and scarlet linen, fine twined linen, and was twenty cubits long. It was twenty cubits in length and five cubits in height, like the courtyard curtains. ¹⁹It had four bronze bases and silver hooks. The covering for their tops and its rods were made of silver. ²⁰All the tent pegs for the tabernacle and courtyard were made of bronze.

²¹This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the covenant decrees, as it was taken following Moses' instructions. It was the work of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. ²²Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah, made everything that Yahweh had commanded Moses. ²³Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan, worked with Bezalel as an engraver, as a skillful workman, and as an embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and in fine linen.

²⁴All the gold that was used for the project, in all the work connected with the holy place—the gold from the wave offering—was twenty-nine talents and 730 shekels, measured by the standard of the sanctuary shekel. ²⁵The silver given by the community weighed one hundred talents and 1, 775 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel, ²⁶or one beka per man, which is half a shekel, measured by the sanctuary shekel. This figure was reached on the basis of every person who was counted in the census, those twenty years old and older—603, 550 men in all. ²⁷One hundred talents of silver were cast for the bases of the holy place and the curtain's bases—one hundred bases, one talent for each base. ²⁸With the remaining 1, 775 shekels of silver, Bezalel made the hooks for the posts, covered the tops of the posts, and made the rods for them. ²⁹The bronze from wave offering weighed seventy talents and 2, 400 shekels. ³⁰With this he made the bases for the entrance to the tent of meeting, the bronze altar, its bronze grate, all the equipment for the altar, ³¹the bases for the courtyard, the bases for the courtyard entrance, all the tent pegs for the tabernacle, and all the tent pegs for the courtyard.

Chapter 39

¹With the blue, purple, and scarlet wool, they made finely-woven garments for service in the holy place. They made Aaron's garments for the holy place, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

²Bezalel made the ephod of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine twined linen. ³They hammered gold sheets and cut them into wires, to work them into the blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and into the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman. ⁴They made shoulder pieces for the ephod, attached at its two upper corners. ⁵Its finely-woven waistband was like the ephod; it was made of one piece with the ephod, made of fine twined linen that was gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

⁶They crafted the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, set with engravings as on a signet, and engraved with the names of Israel's twelve sons. ⁷Bezalel put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones to remind Yahweh of Israel's twelve sons, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

⁸He made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, fashioned like the ephod. He made it of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine linen. ⁹It was square. They folded the breastpiece double. It was one span long and one span wide. ¹⁰They set in it four rows of precious stones. The first row had a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet. ¹¹The second row had an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹²The third row had a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. ¹³The fourth row had a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. The stones were mounted in gold settings. ¹⁴The stones were arranged by the names of Israel's twelve sons, each in order by name. They were like the engraving on a signet ring, each name standing for one of the twelve tribes. ¹⁵On the breastpiece they made chains like cords, braided work of pure gold. ¹⁶They made two settings of gold and two gold rings, and they attached the two rings to the two corners of the breastpiece. ¹⁷They put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings at the corners of the breastpiece. ¹⁸They attached the other two ends of the braided chains to the two settings. They attached them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at its front. ¹⁹They made two rings of gold and put them on the two other corners of the breastpiece, on the edge next to the inner border. ²⁰They made two more gold rings and attached them to the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the front of the ephod, close to its seam above the finely-woven waistband of the ephod. ²¹They tied the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord, so that it might be attached just above the ephod's finely-woven waistband. This was so that the breastpiece might not become unattached from the ephod. This was done as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

²²Bezalel made the robe of the ephod entirely of blue fabric, the work of a weaver. ²³It had an opening for the head in the middle. The opening had a woven edge round about so that it did not tear. ²⁴On the bottom hem, they made pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and of fine linen. ²⁵They made bells of pure gold, and they put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge the robe, between the pomegranates— ²⁶a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate—on the edge of the robe for Aaron to serve in. This was as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

²⁷They made the coats of fine linen for Aaron and for his sons. ²⁸They made the turban of fine linen, the ornate headbands of fine linen, the linen undergarments of fine linen, ²⁹and the sash of fine linen and of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, the work of an embroiderer. This was as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

³⁰They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold; they engraved on it, like the engraving on a signet, "Holy to Yahweh." ³¹They attached to the turban a blue cord to the top of the turban. This was as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

³²So the work on the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, was finished. The people of Israel did everything. They followed all the instructions that Yahweh had given to Moses. ³³They brought the tabernacle to Moses—the tent and all its equipment, its clasps, frames, bars, posts, and bases; ³⁴the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of fine leather, and the curtain to conceal ³⁵the ark of the testimony, as well as the poles and the atonement lid. ³⁶They brought the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the presence; ³⁷the lampstand of pure gold and its lamps in a row, with its accessories and the oil for the lamps; ³⁸the golden altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; the hanging for the tabernacle entrance; ³⁹the bronze altar with its bronze grate and its poles and utensil and the large basin with its base. ⁴⁰They brought the hangings for the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the courtyard entrance; its ropes and tent pegs; and all the equipment for the service of the tabernacle, the tent of meeting. ⁴¹They brought the fine woven garments for serving in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and his sons, for them to serve as priests. ⁴²Thus the people of Israel did all the work as Yahweh had commanded Moses. ⁴³Moses examined all the work, and, behold, they had done it. As Yahweh had commanded, in that way they did it. Then Moses blessed them.

Chapter 40

¹Then Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²"On the first day of the first month of the new year you must set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting. ³You must place the ark of the testimony in it, and you must shield the ark with the curtain. ⁴You must bring in the table and set in order the things that belong on it. Then you must bring in the lampstand and set up the lamps. ⁵You must put the golden incense altar before the ark of the testimony, and you must put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. ⁶You must put the altar for burnt offerings in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting. ⁷You must put the large basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and you must put water in it. ⁸You must set up the courtyard around it, and you must hang up the curtain at the courtyard entrance. ⁹You must take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything that is in it. You must set it apart and all its furnishings to me; then it will be holy. ¹⁰You must anoint the altar for burnt offerings and all its utensils. You must set apart the altar to me and it will become very holy to me. ¹¹You must anoint the bronze basin and its base and set it apart to me. ¹²You are to bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and you must wash them with water. ¹³You are to clothe Aaron with the garments that are set apart to me, anoint him and set him apart so that he may serve as my priest. ¹⁴You are to bring his sons and clothe them with coats. ¹⁵You must anoint them as you anointed their father so that they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will make for them a permanent priesthood throughout their people's generations." ¹⁶This is what Moses did; he followed all that Yahweh had commanded him. He did all these things.

¹⁷So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year. ¹⁸Moses set up the tabernacle, put its bases in place, set up its frames, attached its bars, and set up its pillars and posts. ¹⁹He spread the covering over the tabernacle and put tent over it, as Yahweh had commanded him. ²⁰He took the covenant decrees and put them into the ark. He also placed the poles on the ark and put the atonement lid on it. ²¹He brought the ark into the tabernacle. He set up the curtain for it to shield the ark of the testimony, as Yahweh had commanded him. ²²He put the table into the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the curtain. ²³He placed the bread in order on the table before Yahweh, as Yahweh had commanded him. ²⁴He put the lampstand into the tent of meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the tabernacle. ²⁵He lit the lamps before Yahweh, as

Yahweh had commanded him. ²⁶He put the golden incense altar into the tent of meeting in front of the curtain. ²⁷He burned fragrant incense on it, as Yahweh had commanded him. ²⁸He hung the curtain at the tabernacle entrance. ²⁹He put the altar for the burnt offering at the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting. He offered on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as Yahweh had commanded him. ³⁰He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and he put water in it for washing. ³¹Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet from the basin ³²whenever they would go into the tent of meeting and whenever they would go up to the altar. They washed themselves, as Yahweh had commanded Moses. ³³Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and the altar. He set up the curtain at the courtyard entrance. In this way, Moses finished the work.

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and Yahweh's glory filled the tabernacle. ³⁵Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and because Yahweh's glory filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey. ³⁷But if the cloud did not rise up from the tabernacle, then the people would not travel. They would stay until the day that it was lifted up. ³⁸For Yahweh's cloud was over the tabernacle by day, and his fire was over it by night, in plain view of all the people of Israel throughout their journey.

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