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Numbers

Chapter 1

¹Then Yahweh spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the wilderness of Sinai on 1 of the second month in the second year of their going out from the land of Egypt, saying, ²"Lift up the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of names, every male according to their skulls, ³from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war in Israel. You and Aaron must count them according to their armies. ⁴And with you will be a man, a man of the tribe. He will be the head man of the house of his fathers. ⁵And these are the names of the men who will stand with you:

Of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur,

⁶of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

⁷of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

⁸of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

⁹of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

¹⁰of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud;

of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

¹¹of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

¹²of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

¹³of Asher, Pagiel the son of Okran;

¹⁴of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

¹⁵of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan."

¹⁶These were the called ones of the congregation, the leaders of the tribes of their fathers. They were the heads of the thousands of Israel. ¹⁷And Moses and Aaron took these men, who were designated by names. ¹⁸And they assembled all the congregation on 1 of the second month. And they declared their ancestry in accordance with their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, according to their skulls. ¹⁹And he counted them in the wilderness of Sinai, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

²⁰And the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, according to their skulls, every male from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ²¹their counted ones of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

²²Of the sons of Simeon, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, his counted ones by the number of the names, according to their skulls, every male from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ²³their counted ones of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

²⁴Of the sons of Gad, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ²⁵their counted ones of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

²⁶Of the sons of Judah, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ²⁷their counted ones of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

²⁸Of the sons of Issachar, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ²⁹their counted ones of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

³⁰Of the sons of Zebulun, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ³¹their counted ones of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

³²Of the sons of Joseph: of the sons of Ephraim, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ³³their counted ones of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

³⁴Of the sons of Manasseh, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ³⁵their counted ones of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

³⁶Of the sons of Benjamin, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ³⁷their counted ones of the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.

³⁸Of the sons of Dan, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ³⁹their counted ones of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

⁴⁰Of the sons of Asher, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ⁴¹their counted ones of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

⁴²Of the sons of Naphtali, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war, ⁴³their counted ones of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

⁴⁴These were the counted ones, whom Moses and Aaron had counted, and the leaders of Israel, 12 men, they were one man for the house of his fathers. ⁴⁵And they were all the counted ones of the sons of Israel according to the house of their fathers, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war in Israel. ⁴⁶And all the counted ones were 603,550.

⁴⁷And the Levites according to the tribe of their father were not counted in the midst of them. ⁴⁸And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁴⁹“Only the tribe of Levi you must not count. And you must not lift up their heads in the midst of the sons of Israel. ⁵⁰And you, appoint the Levites over the dwelling of the testimony and over all its vessels and over all that belongs to it. They themselves must carry the dwelling and all its vessels, and they themselves must serve it. And they must camp around the dwelling. ⁵¹And when the dwelling sets out, the Levites must take it down. And when the dwelling camps, the Levites must raise it up. And the stranger who comes near must be put to death. ⁵²And the sons of Israel will camp, a man at his camp, and a man at his banner, according to their armies.

⁵³And the Levites must camp around the dwelling of the testimony and wrath will not be upon the congregation of

the sons of Israel. And the Levites must keep the keeping of the dwelling of the testimony." ⁵⁴And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so they did.

Chapter 2

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²"The sons of Israel will camp, a man at his banner, with the sign of the house of their fathers. They will camp away from the front, around the tent of meeting. ³And the ones camping to the east, to the sunrise, will be the banner of the camp of Judah according to their armies. And the leader of the sons of Judah is Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ⁴And his army and their counted ones are 74,600. ⁵And the ones camping beside him are the tribe of Issachar. And the leader of the sons of Issachar is Nethanel the son of Zuar. ⁶And his army and his counted ones are 54,400. ⁷The tribe of Zebulun: and the leader of the sons of Zebulun is Eliab the son of Helon. ⁸And his army and his counted ones are 57,400. ⁹All the counted ones of the camp of Judah are 186,400 according to their armies. They will set out first.

¹⁰The banner of the camp of Reuben will be to the south of their armies. And the leader of the sons of Reuben is Elizur the son of Shedeur. ¹¹And his army and his counted ones are 46,500. ¹²And the ones camping beside him will be the tribe of Simeon. And the leader of the sons of Simeon is Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. ¹³And his army and their counted ones are 59,300. ¹⁴And the tribe of Gad: and the leader of the sons of Gad is Eliasaph the son of Reuel. ¹⁵And his army and their counted ones are 45,650. ¹⁶All the counted ones of the camp of Reuben are 151,450 according to their armies. And they will set out second.

¹⁷And the tent of meeting will set out from the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps. As they came so will they set out, a man on his hand, according to their banners.

¹⁸The banner of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies will be to the west. And the leader of the sons of Ephraim is Elishama the son of Ammihud. ¹⁹And his army and their counted ones are 40,500. ²⁰And beside him is the tribe of Manasseh. And the leader of the sons of Manasseh is Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²¹And his army and their counted ones are 32,200. ²²And the tribe of Benjamin: and the leader of the sons of Benjamin is Abidan the son of Gideoni. ²³And his army and their counted ones are 35,400. ²⁴All the counted ones of the camp of Ephraim are 108,100 according to their armies. And they will set out third.

²⁵The banner of the camp of Dan will be to the north according to their armies. And the leader of the sons of Dan is Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶And his army and their counted ones are 62,700. ²⁷And the ones camping beside him will be the tribe of Asher. And the leader of the sons of Asher is Pagiel the son of Okran. ²⁸And his army and their counted ones are 41,500. ²⁹And the tribe of Naphtali: and the leader of the sons of Naphtali is Ahira the son of Enan. ³⁰And his army and their counted ones are 53,400. ³¹All the counted ones of the camp of Dan are 157,600. They will set out last, according to their banners."

³²These are the counted ones of the sons of Israel according to the houses of their fathers. All the counted ones of the camps according to their armies are 603,550. ³³And they did not count the Levites in the midst of the sons of Israel, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses. ³⁴And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses. So they camped according to their banners and so they set out, a man according to his clans, in accordance with the house of his fathers.

Chapter 3

¹And these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day Yahweh spoke with Moses on the mountain of Sinai. ²And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ³These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests, the ones who were anointed, whose hand he filled to serve as priest. ⁴And Nadab died and Abihu before the face of Yahweh when they offered unfamiliar fire before the face of Yahweh in

the wilderness of Sinai. And sons were not belonging to them. And Eleazar served as priest and Ithamar with the face of Aaron their father.

⁵And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶“Bring near the tribe of Levi and stand it before the face of Aaron the priest. And they shall serve him. ⁷And they shall keep his keeping and the keeping of all the congregation before the face of the tent of meeting, to serve the service of the dwelling. ⁸And they shall keep all the vessels of the tent of meeting and the keeping of the sons of Israel, to serve the service of the dwelling. ⁹And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons. They are given, given to him from with the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.”

¹¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²“And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the opener of the womb from the sons of Israel. And the Levites are for me. ¹³For every firstborn belongs to me. In the day of my striking down every firstborn in the land of Egypt I set apart for me every firstborn in Israel, from human up to livestock. They are for me. I am Yahweh.”

¹⁴And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, ¹⁵“Count the sons of Levi according to the house of their fathers, according to their clans. You shall count them, every male from a son of a month and upward.” ¹⁶And Moses counted them in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, just as he was commanded. ¹⁷And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. ¹⁸And these are the names of the sons of Gershon according to their clans: Libni and Shimei. ¹⁹And the sons of Kohath according to their clans were Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel. ²⁰And the sons of Merari according to their clans were Mahli and Mushi. These are they, the clans of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

²¹Of Gershon were the clan of the Libnite and the clan of the Shimeite. These are they, the clans of the Gershonite. ²²Their counted ones by the number of every male from a son of a month and upward, their counted ones were 7,500. ²³The clans of the Gershonites were to camp behind the dwelling, to the west. ²⁴And the leader of the house of the father of the Gershonite was Eliasaph the son of Lael. ²⁵And the keeping of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting was the dwelling and the tent, its covering, and the curtain of the opening of the tent of meeting, ²⁶and the hangings of the courtyard, and the curtains of the opening of the courtyard that is upon the dwelling and upon the altar all around, and its ropes for all its service.

²⁷And of Kohath were the clan of the Amramite, and the clan of the Izharite, and the clan of the Hebronite, and the clan of the Uzzielite. These are they, the clans of the Kohathite. ²⁸By the number of every male from a son of a month and upward, 8,600 were the keepers of the keeping of the holy place. ²⁹The clans of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the side of the dwelling, to the south. ³⁰And the leader of the house of the father of the clans of the Kohathite was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. ³¹And their duty was the box, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altar, and the vessels of the holy place with which they serve, and the covering, and all its service. ³²And the leader of the leaders of the Levites was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, the oversight of the keepers of the keeping of the holy place.

³³Of Merari were the clan of the Mahlite and the clan of the Mushite. These are they, the clans of Merari. ³⁴And their counted ones by the number of every male from a son of a month and upward were 6,200. ³⁵And the leader of the house of the father of the clans of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the side of the dwelling, to the north. ³⁶And the oversight of the duty of the sons of Merari was the boards of the dwelling, and its bars, and its pillars, and its bases, and all its vessels, and all its service, ³⁷and the pillars of the courtyard all around, and their bases, and their pegs, and their ropes.

³⁸And the ones camping before the face of the dwelling to the east, before the face of the tent of meeting toward the sunrise were to be Moses and Aaron and his sons, the keepers of the keeping of the holy place, according to the keeping of the sons of Israel. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. ³⁹All the counted ones of the Levites whom Moses and Aaron counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, according to their clans, every male from a son of a month and upward, were 22,000.

⁴⁰And Yahweh said to Moses, "Count every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a son of a month and upward. And lift up the number of their names. ⁴¹And you shall take the Levites for me—I am Yahweh—instead of all the firstborn of the sons of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the sons of Israel." ⁴²And Moses counted all the firstborn of the sons of Israel, just as Yahweh had commanded him. ⁴³And it happened that every firstborn male by the number of the names from a son of a month and upward, according to their counted ones, was 22,273.

⁴⁴And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁴⁵"Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock (and the Levites shall belong to me—I am Yahweh), ⁴⁶and the ransoms of the 273, the ones in excess over the Levites from the firstborn of the sons of Israel. ⁴⁷And you shall take five, five shekels for the skull. You shall take by the shekel of the holy place, 20 gerahs is the shekel. ⁴⁸And you shall give the silver to Aaron and to his sons, the ransom of the ones in excess among them. ⁴⁹And Moses took the silver of the ransom from with the ones in excess over the ransomed ones of the Levites. ⁵⁰From with the firstborn of the sons of Israel he took the silver: 1,365 by the shekel of the holy place. ⁵¹And Moses gave the silver of the ransom to Aaron and to his sons in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Chapter 4

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²"Lift up the head of the sons of Kohath from the midst of the sons of Levi, according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, ³from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, all who come to the company to do work in the tent of meeting. ⁴This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting, the holy thing of the holy things. ⁵And Aaron and his sons shall come when the camp sets out. And they shall take down the curtain of the covering and with it they shall cover the box of the testimony. ⁶And they shall put upon it a cover of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall spread a cloth entirely of blue above. And they shall place its poles. ⁷And over the table of the face they shall spread a cloth of blue. And they shall put on it the dishes and the pans and the sacrificial bowls and the jars of the drink offering. And the bread of continuity shall be on it. ⁸And they shall spread on them a cloth of the worms of scarlet. And they shall cover it with a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall place its poles. ⁹And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover the lampstand of the light source, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its trays, and all the vessels of its oil with which they serve it. ¹⁰And they shall put it and all its vessels into the covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall put it on the carrying bar. ¹¹And upon the altar of gold they shall spread a cloth of blue. And they shall cover it with a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall place its poles. ¹²And they shall take all the implements of the service with which they serve in the holy place and they shall put them into a cloth of blue. And they shall cover them with a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall put it on the carrying bar. ¹³And they shall remove the fatty ashes from the altar and they shall spread on it a cloth of purple. ¹⁴And they shall put on it all its implements with which they serve on it: the trays, the meat forks, and the shovels, and the bowls—all the implements of the altar. And they shall spread on it a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall place its poles. ¹⁵And Aaron and his sons shall finish to cover the holy place and all the implements of the holy place when the camp sets out. And afterward the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them, and they shall not touch the holy thing and die. These are the load of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting. ¹⁶And the oversight of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is the oil of the light source, and the incense of the spices, and the grain offering of the continuity, and the oil of the anointment, the oversight of all the dwelling and all that is in it, with the holy place and with its implements."

¹⁷And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ¹⁸"Do not let the tribe of the clans of the Kohathite be cut off from the midst of the Levites. ¹⁹And do this for them and they will live and not die when they approach the holiest holy thing. Aaron and his sons shall come and place them man by man in accordance with his service and according to his load. ²⁰And they shall not enter to look at the holy place like a gulp and die."

²¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²²“Lift up the head of the sons of Gershon, even them, according to the house of their fathers, according to their clans. ²³You shall count them from a son of 30 years and upward, up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to serve service, to work work in the tent of meeting. ²⁴This is the work of the clans of the Gershonite, for working and for a load. ²⁵And they shall carry the curtains of the dwelling and the tent of meeting, its covering, the covering of porpoise which is on it above, and the covering of the opening of the tent of meeting, ²⁶and the hangings of the courtyard, and the covering of the opening of the gate of the courtyard that is beside the dwelling and beside the altar all around, and their ropes, and all the implements of their work, and all that is to be done for them. And they shall work. ²⁷In accordance with the mouth of Aaron and his sons will be all the work of the sons of the Gershonite, according to all their load, and according to all their work. And you shall appoint for them by duty all their load. ²⁸This is the work of the clans of the sons of the Gershonite in the tent of meeting and their duty in the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

²⁹You shall count them, the sons of Merari according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers. ³⁰You shall count them from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company, to serve the service of the tent of meeting. ³¹And this is the duty of their load according to all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the dwelling, and its bars, and its pillars, and its bases, ³²and the pillars of the courtyard all around, and their bases, and their pegs, and their ropes, for all their implements and for all their work. And by names you shall appoint the implements of the duty of their load. ³³This is the service of the clans of the sons of Merari for all their service in the tent of meeting, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

³⁴And Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation counted the sons of the Kohathite according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers, ³⁵from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company for service in the tent of meeting. ³⁶And their counted ones according to their clans were 2,750. ³⁷These were the counted ones of the clans of the Kohathite, every one who serves in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron had counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

³⁸And the counted ones of the sons of Gershon, according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers, ³⁹from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company for service in the tent of meeting. ⁴⁰And their counted ones according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers were 2,630. ⁴¹These were the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Gershon, every one who serves in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron had counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh.

⁴²And the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, ⁴³from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company for service in the tent of meeting. ⁴⁴And their counted ones according to their clans were 3,200. ⁴⁵These are the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron had counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses,

⁴⁶all the counted ones whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel had counted, the Levites according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers, ⁴⁷from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to serve the service of service and the service of load in the tent of meeting. ⁴⁸And their counted ones were 8,580. ⁴⁹In accordance with the mouth of Yahweh he counted them by the hand of Moses, man by man in accordance with his work and in accordance with his load, and his numbered ones that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Chapter 5

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Command the sons of Israel and they shall send away from the camp every one with an infectious skin disease, and every one who flows, and every one unclean by a dead person. ³From male

up to female you shall send, to the outside of the camp you shall send them. And they shall not defile their camp, because I am dwelling in the midst of them." ⁴And the sons of Israel did so. And they sent them to the outside of the camp. Thus the sons of Israel did just as Yahweh had spoken to Moses.

⁵And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶"Speak to the sons of Israel: 'When a man or woman does from any of the sins of the human to act unfaithfully in unfaithfulness against Yahweh, then that person has done wrong. ⁷And they shall confess their sin that they did. And he shall return his price of wrongdoing by its head and he shall add its fifth in addition to it. And he shall give to whom he has done wrong to. ⁸And if there is not a redeemer for the man to return the price of wrongdoing to him, the price of wrongdoing will be returned to Yahweh, to the priest, apart from the ram of the atonement with which he shall make atonement for him. ⁹And every contribution of all the holy things of the sons of Israel that they offer to the priest, it shall belong to him. ¹⁰And a man, his holy things shall belong to him; what a man gives to the priest shall belong to him.'"

¹¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'Man by man, if his wife turns aside and acts unfaithfully against him in unfaithfulness, ¹³and a man lies the lying of seed with her and it is concealed from the eyes of her husband, and it is hidden, and she herself is defiled, and there is no witness against her, and she herself has not been caught, ¹⁴and a spirit of jealousy passes over upon him and he is jealous of his wife and she herself is defiled, or a spirit of jealousy comes over upon him and he is jealous of his wife but she herself is not defiled; ¹⁵then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth of the ephah of the flour of barley. He shall not pour oil upon it and he shall not put frankincense upon it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of remembrance, one that causes iniquity to be remembered.

¹⁶And the priest shall bring her near. And he shall stand her before the face of Yahweh. ¹⁷And the priest shall take the holy water in the vessel of clay. And the priest shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the dwelling. And he shall put it into the water. ¹⁸And the priest shall stand the woman before the face of Yahweh. And he shall unbind the head of the woman. And he shall put upon her palm the grain offering of remembrance. It is the grain offering of jealousy. And in the hand of the priest shall be the water of bitterness that brings a curse. ¹⁹And the priest shall make her swear and he shall say to the woman, "If a man has not lain with you, and if you have not turned aside to uncleanness under your husband, you will be free from this water of bitterness that brings a curse. ²⁰But if you have turned aside under your husband, and if you are defiled and a man apart from your husband has given his lying with you," ²¹(and the priest shall make the woman swear with an oath of the curse). And the priest shall say to the woman, "Yahweh will make you into a curse and into an oath in the midst of your people when Yahweh makes your thigh fall away and your abdomen swell. ²²And this water that brings a curse will enter in your inward parts to cause swelling of the abdomen and to cause falling away of your thigh." And the woman shall say, "Truly, truly."

²³And the priest shall write these curses in the book and he shall wipe it off into the water of bitterness. ²⁴And he shall cause the woman to drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse. And the water that brings a curse of bitterness will enter in her. ²⁵And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the hand of the woman. And he shall wave the grain offering before the face of Yahweh and he shall bring it near to the altar. ²⁶And the priest shall grasp from the grain offering its memorial portion and he shall burn it up at the altar. And after he shall make the woman drink the water. ²⁷And he shall make her drink the water. And it will be that if she is defiled and has acted unfaithfully in unfaithfulness with her husband, then the water that brings a curse of bitterness will enter in her and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will fall away. And the woman will become a curse in the midst of her people. ²⁸And if the woman is not defiled then she herself is clean. And she will be free and she will be sown with seed.

²⁹This is the law of jealousy, when a woman turns aside under her husband and is defiled. ³⁰or a man, when a spirit of jealousy passes over upon him and he is jealous of his wife. And he shall stand the woman before the face of Yahweh. And the priest shall do all this law to her. ³¹And the man will be free from iniquity. And this woman will carry her iniquity."

Chapter 6

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When a man or a woman does something extraordinary by vowing the vow of a separate one to separate to Yahweh, ³he shall separate from wine and intoxicating drink. He shall not drink the vinegar of wine and the vinegar of intoxicating drink. And he shall not drink any of the juice of grapes. And he shall not eat moist and dried grapes. ⁴All the days of his separation he shall not eat from all that is made from the vine of the wine, from seeds and up to skin.

⁵All the days of the vow of his separation a razor shall not pass over his head. Until the fulfilling of the days that he has separated to Yahweh he shall be holy, the locks of the hair of his head shall grow long.

⁶All the days of his separation to Yahweh he shall not go near a person who is dead. ⁷For his father and for his mother, for his brother and for his sister, he shall not defile himself for them with their death, because the separation of his God is on his head. ⁸All the days of his separation he shall be holy to Yahweh.

⁹And if one who is dead dies near him in suddenness suddenly and he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it ¹⁰And on the eighth day he shall bring two of the turtedoves or two of the sons of the dove to the priest, to the opening of the tent of meeting. ¹¹And the priest shall make one for a sin offering and one for a burnt up offering. And he shall make atonement for him because he sinned on account of the person. And he shall make his head holy on that day. ¹²And he shall separate to Yahweh the days of his separation. And he shall bring a male lamb, a son of his year, for a guilt offering. And the first days shall fall because his separation was defiled.

¹³And this is the law of the separate one. On a day fulfilling the days of his separation he shall bring him to the opening of the tent of meeting. ¹⁴And he shall offer his offering to Yahweh, one male lamb without defect, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, and one female lamb without defect, a daughter of her year, for a sin offering, and one ram without defect for peace offerings, ¹⁵and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with the oil, and wafers of unleavened bread smeared with the oil and their grain offering and their drink offerings. ¹⁶And the priest shall offer before the face of Yahweh and he shall make his sin offering and his burnt up offering. ¹⁷And he shall make the ram a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh with the basket of the unleavened bread. And the priest shall make his grain offering and his drink offering. ¹⁸And the separate one shall shave the head of his separation at the opening of the tent of meeting. And he shall take the hair of the head of his separation. And he shall put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings. ¹⁹And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder from the ram and one cake of unleavened bread from the basket and one wafer of unleavened bread. And he shall put them on the palms of the separate one after his shaving his separation. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh. It is a holy thing to the priest with the breast of the wave offering and with the thigh of the contribution. And after the separate one may drink wine.

²¹This is the law of the separate one who vows his offering to Yahweh for his separation, apart from what his hand reaches. According to the mouth of his vow that he vowed, so he shall do in accordance with the law of his separation.”

²²And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel, saying to them,

²⁴“May Yahweh bless you and keep you.

²⁵May Yahweh cause his face to shine to you and may he be gracious to you.

²⁶May Yahweh lift up his face to you and may he set peace for you.”

²⁷And they shall set my name upon the sons of Israel and I shall bless them.”

Chapter 7

¹And it happened on the day Moses finished erecting the dwelling that he anointed it and made it holy, and all its vessels and the altar and all its vessels. And he anointed them and made them holy. ²And the leaders of Israel, the heads of the house of their fathers, made an offering. They were the leaders of the tribes. They were the ones standing over the counted ones. ³And they brought their offering before the face of Yahweh, six covered carts and 12 cattle, a cart for two of the leaders and an ox for one. And they offered them before the face of the dwelling. ⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, saying, ⁵"Take from with them and they shall be for serving the service of the tent of meeting. And you shall give them to the Levites, a man according to the mouth of his service." ⁶And Moses took the carts and the cattle. And he gave them to the Levites. ⁷He gave two of the carts and four of the cattle to the sons of Gershon, according to the mouth of their service. ⁸And he gave four of the carts and eight of the cattle to the sons of Merari, according to the mouth of their service, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹But he did not give to the sons of Kohath, for the service of the holy place was on them, they carried on the shoulder. ¹⁰And the leaders offered the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed. And the leaders offered their offering before the face of the altar. ¹¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "One leader for the day, one leader for the day, shall they offer their offering for the dedication of the altar."

¹²And it happened that the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab of the tribe of Judah. ¹³And his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ¹⁴one pan of ten gold full of incense, ¹⁵one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ¹⁶one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ¹⁷and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸On the second day, Nethanel the son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar made an offering. ¹⁹He offered his offering: one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ²⁰one pan of ten gold full of incense, ²¹one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ²²one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ²³and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

²⁴On the third day, the leader of the sons of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon, ²⁵his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ²⁶one pan of ten gold full of incense, ²⁷one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ²⁸one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ²⁹and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰On the fourth day, the leader of the sons of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur, ³¹his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ³²one pan of ten gold full of incense, ³³one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ³⁴one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ³⁵and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶On the fifth day, the leader of the sons of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, ³⁷his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ³⁸one pan of ten gold full of incense, ³⁹one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁴⁰one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁴¹and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁴²On the sixth day, the leader of the sons of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel, ⁴³his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁴⁴one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁴⁵one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁴⁶one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁴⁷and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸On the seventh day, the leader of the sons of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud, ⁴⁹his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁵⁰one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁵¹one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁵²one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁵³and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴On the eighth day, the leader of the sons of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, ⁵⁵his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁵⁶one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁵⁷one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁵⁸one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁵⁹and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰On the ninth day, the leader of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni, ⁶¹his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁶²one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁶³one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁶⁴one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁶⁵and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

⁶⁶On the tenth day, the leader of the sons of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, ⁶⁷his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁶⁸one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁶⁹one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁷⁰one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁷¹and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

⁷²On the day of the eleventh day, the leader of the sons of Asher, Pagiel the son of Okran, ⁷³his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁷⁴one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁷⁵one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁷⁶one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁷⁷and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Okran.

⁷⁸On the day of the twelfth day, the leader of the sons of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan, ⁷⁹his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering, ⁸⁰one pan of ten gold full of incense, ⁸¹one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, ⁸²one buck of the goats for a sin offering, ⁸³and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

⁸⁴This is the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed from with the leaders of Israel: 12 dishes of silver, 12 bowls of silver, 12 pans of gold. ⁸⁵One silver bowl was 130 and one bowl was 70. All the silver of the vessels was 2,400 by the shekel of the holy place. ⁸⁶The pans of gold were 12, full of incense. The pan was ten by ten by the shekel of the holy place. All the gold of the pans was 120. ⁸⁷All the cattle for the burnt up offering were 12 bulls, 12

rams, 12 male lambs, sons of a year, and their grain offering. And 12 bucks of the goats were for a sin offering.

⁸⁸And all the cattle of the sacrifice of the peace offerings were 24 bulls, 60 rams, 60 male goats, 60 male lambs, sons of a year. This is the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.

⁸⁹And when Moses entered into the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the voice speaking to him from above the atonement lid that is on the box of the testimony, from between the two cherubim. And he spoke to him.

Chapter 8

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to Aaron and say to him, ‘When you lift up the lamps to the front of the face of the lampstand, the seven lamps shall give light.’” ³And Aaron did so. To the front of the face of the lampstand he lifted up its lamps, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses. ⁴And this is the work of the lampstand, a hammered gold work. It was a hammered work up to its base, up to its blossom. According to the appearance that Yahweh showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

⁵And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶“Take the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel and make them clean.

⁷And thus you shall do to them to make them clean: Sprinkle on them the water of the sin offering. And they shall pass a razor over all their body, and they shall wash their garments, and they shall make themselves clean. ⁸And they shall take a bull, a son of cattle, and its grain offering of fine flour mixed with the oil. And you shall take a second bull, a son of cattle, for a sin offering. ⁹And you shall bring the Levites near before the face of the tent of meeting. And you shall assemble all the congregation of the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And you shall bring the Levites near before the face of Yahweh. And the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites. ¹¹And Aaron shall wave the Levites as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh from with the sons of Israel. And they shall be for serving the service of Yahweh. ¹²And the Levites shall lay their hands on the head of the bulls. And make the one as a sin offering and the one as a burnt offering to Yahweh, to make atonement for the Levites. ¹³And you shall stand the Levites before the face of Aaron and before the face of his sons. And you shall wave them as a wave offering to Yahweh.

¹⁴And you shall separate the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall be for me. ¹⁵And afterwards the Levites shall enter to serve the tent of meeting. And you shall make them clean and you shall wave them as a wave offering. ¹⁶For they are given, given to me from the midst of the sons of Israel. Instead of the opener of every womb, the firstborn of all from the sons of Israel, I have taken them for myself. ¹⁷For every firstborn among the sons of Israel, among the human and among the livestock, belongs to me. On the day of my striking every firstborn in the land of Egypt I set them apart for me. ¹⁸And I have taken the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel. ¹⁹And I have given the Levites as given ones to Aaron and to his sons, from the midst of the sons of Israel, to serve the service of the sons of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the sons of Israel. And there shall be no plague among the sons of Israel at the coming of the sons of Israel to the holy place.”

²⁰And Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel did to the Levites, according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses for the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them. ²¹And the Levites purified themselves of sin and they washed their garments and Aaron waved them as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh. And Aaron made atonement for them to make them clean. ²²And afterward the Levites entered to serve their service in the tent of meeting before the face of Aaron and before the face of his sons, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so he did to them.

²³And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴“This is what is for the Levites. From a son of 25 years and above he shall enter to serve service in the work of the tent of meeting. ²⁵And from a son of 50 years he shall return from the service of the work and he shall not work more. ²⁶And he shall serve his brothers in the tent of meeting to keep duty but work he shall not work. Thus you shall do for the Levites in their duties.”

Chapter 9

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the second year of their going out from the land of Egypt, in the first month, saying, ²“And let the sons of Israel do the Passover at its appointed time. ³On day 14 in this month, between the evenings, you shall do it at its appointed time. According to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances you shall do it.” ⁴And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel to do the Passover. ⁵And they did the Passover in the first, on day 14 of the month, between the evenings, in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses, so did the sons of Israel. ⁶And there were men who were unclean by the body of a man and they were not able to do the Passover on that day. And they came near before the face of Moses and before the face of Aaron on that day. ⁷And those men said to him, “We are unclean by the body of a man. Why are we restrained to not offer an offering of Yahweh at its appointed time in the midst of the sons of Israel?” ⁸And Moses said to them, “Stand and I shall hear what Yahweh commands for you.”

⁹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If a man, a man is unclean by a body or is on a distant road, for you or for your generations, then he may do the Passover to Yahweh, ¹¹in the second month on day 14 between the evenings, they shall do it. With unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ¹²They shall not leave some of it until morning. And a bone, they shall not break it. According to every statute of the Passover they shall do it. ¹³And the man, he who is clean and is not on a road but ceases to do the Passover, and that person shall be cut off from his people because he did not offer the offering of Yahweh at its appointed time. That man shall carry his sin. ¹⁴And if a sojourner sojourns with you and does the Passover to Yahweh, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do. One statute shall be for you and for the sojourner and for the native of the land.’”

¹⁵And on the day of raising up the dwelling the cloud covered the dwelling of the tent of the testimony and in the evening it was above the dwelling like the appearance of fire until morning. ¹⁶So it was continually. The cloud covered it and the appearance of fire at night. ¹⁷And according to the mouth the cloud was lifted from above the tent, then afterward the sons of Israel set out. And in the place there where the cloud dwelled, there the sons of Israel camped. ¹⁸In accordance with the mouth of Yahweh the sons of Israel set out, and in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh they camped. They camped all the days that the cloud dwelled above the dwelling. ¹⁹And when the cloud prolonged above the dwelling many days, then the sons of Israel kept the keeping of Yahweh and did not set out. ²⁰And it was when the cloud was days of number above the dwelling, they camped in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh and they set out in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh. ²¹And it was when the cloud was from evening until morning and the cloud was taken up in the morning then they set out, or in the daytime and night, and the cloud was taken up then they set out. ²²Whether two days or a month or days, when the cloud prolonged above the dwelling to dwell above it, the sons of Israel camped and did not set out. And when it was taken up they set out. ²³They camped in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh and they set out in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh. They kept the keeping of Yahweh in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

Chapter 10

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Make for you two trumpets of silver. You shall make them hammered work. And they shall be for you for the calling of the congregation and for pulling up the camps. ³And they shall blow them and they shall congregate themselves to you, all the congregation, to the opening of the tent of meeting. ⁴And if they blow one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall congregate themselves to you. ⁵And you shall blow a blast and the camps camping to the east shall set out. ⁶And you shall blow a second blast and the camps camping to the south shall set out. They shall blow a blast for their setting out. ⁷And when assembling the assembly you shall blow but you shall not blast. ⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets And it shall be for you for a statute forever, for your generations. ⁹And when you enter battle in your land against the opponents who oppose you, then you shall blast the trumpets. And you shall be remembered before the face of Yahweh your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰And on a day of your joy and at your

appointed times and at the heads of your months, then you shall blow the trumpets with your burnt up offerings and with the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And it will be for you for a memorial before the face of your God. I am Yahweh your God.

¹¹And it happened that in the second year, in the second month, on 20 in the month, the cloud was taken up from above the dwelling of the testimony. ¹²And the sons of Israel set out from the wilderness of Sinai according to their tribes. And the cloud dwelled in the wilderness of Paran. ¹³And they set out at the first in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses. ¹⁴And the banner of the camp of the sons of Judah set out at the first according to their armies. And over his army was Nahson the son of Amminadab. ¹⁵And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar. ¹⁶And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. ¹⁷And the dwelling was taken down. And the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, the lifters of the dwelling, set out. ¹⁸And the banner of the tribe of Reuben set out according to their armies. And over his company was Elizur the son of Shedeur. ¹⁹And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. ²⁰And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

²¹And the Kohathites, lifters of the holy place, set out. And they raised up the dwelling until their coming. ²²And the banner of the camp of the sons of Ephraim set out according to their armies. And over his army was Elishama the son of Ammihud. ²³And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²⁴And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

²⁵And the banner of the camp of the sons of Dan, gatherer for all the camps according to their armies, set out. And over his army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Asher was Pagiel the son of Okran. ²⁷And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. ²⁸These were the tribes of the sons of Israel according to their armies. And they set out.

²⁹And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, the father-in-law of Moses, "We are about to set out to the place that Yahweh said, 'I shall give it to you.' Go with us and we will do good to you. For Yahweh has spoken good for Israel." ³⁰And he said to him, "I will not go, but I will go to my land and to my family." ³¹And he said, "Please do not leave us! Because you know our camping in the wilderness and you could be for eyes for us." ³²And it will happen that if you go with us, then it will happen that that good which Yahweh shall do good with us even we will do good to you."

³³And they set out from the mountain of Yahweh a road of three days. And the box of the covenant of Yahweh was setting out before the face of them a road of three days, to seek out for them a resting place. ³⁴And the cloud of Yahweh was over them by day when they set out from the camp.

³⁵And it happened when the box set out that Moses said, "Rise up, Yahweh, and your enemies will be scattered, and those who hate you will flee from your face." ³⁶And when it rested, he said, "Return, Yahweh, to the multitudes of the thousands of Israel."

Chapter 11

¹And when the people were complaining it was evil in the ears of Yahweh. And Yahweh heard and his nose burned. And the fire of Yahweh burned among them and it ate at the end of the camp. ²And the people cried out to Moses. And Moses prayed to Yahweh and the fire sank. ³And the name of that place was called Taberah, for the fire of Yahweh burned among them.

⁴And the gathered rabble that was in its inner part desired a desire. And they turned back and they wept, also the sons of Israel. And they said, "Who will let us eat meat? ⁵We remember the fish that we ate in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic. ⁶And now our life is dried up, there is not anything except for the manna in our eyes." ⁷And the manna, it was like the seed of coriander. And its eye was

like the eye of bdellium. ⁸The people went around and picked up and ground with the handmill or crushed with the mortar and boiled in the pot and made it cakes. And its taste was like the taste of the delicacy of the oil. ⁹And when the dew came down on the camp at night, the manna came down on it. ¹⁰And Moses heard the people weeping according to its clans, a man to the opening of his tent. And the nose of Yahweh burned exceedingly and it was evil in the eyes of Moses. ¹¹And Moses said to Yahweh, "Why do you do evil to your servant? And why have I not found favor in your eyes, by putting the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all of this people? Did I give birth to him so that you could say to me, 'Carry him in your bosom just as the one who nourishes carries the one who sucks over the ground that you have sworn to his fathers?' ¹³From where is meat for me to give to all of this people? For they weep beside me, saying, 'Give to us meat and let us eat.' ¹⁴I am not able by myself to carry all of this people, for they are heavier than me. ¹⁵And if you are going to do thus to me, please slay me quickly, if I have found favor in your eyes. And do not let me look on my evil."

¹⁶And Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather for me 70 men from the elders of Israel whom you know, so that they will be elders of the people and its officers. And take them to the tent of meeting and they shall station themselves there with you. ¹⁷And I will come down and speak with you there. And I will withdraw some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them. And they will carry with you the burden of the people. And you will not carry by yourself. ¹⁸And to the people you shall say, 'Make yourselves holy for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat. For you have wept in the ears of Yahweh, saying, "Who will let us eat meat? For it was good for us in Egypt." And Yahweh will give to you meat, and you will eat. ¹⁹You will eat not one day, and not two days, and not five days, and not ten days, and not twenty days, ²⁰until a month of days, until when it goes out from your nose. And it shall be for disgust for you, because that you rejected Yahweh who is in the midst of you. And you wept before his face, saying, "Why this—we went out from Egypt?"' ²¹And Moses said, "The people are 600,000 on foot who I am in the midst of, and you have said, 'I shall give to them meat and they shall eat a month of days.' ²²Shall flock and herd be slaughtered for them then one find for them? If all the fish of the sea were gathered for them then one will find for them." ²³And Yahweh said to Moses, "Is the hand of Yahweh short? Now you will see whether my word will happen to you or not."

²⁴And Moses went out and he spoke to the people the words of Yahweh. And he gathered 70 men from the elders of the people. And he had them stand round about the tent. ²⁵And Yahweh came down in the cloud and he spoke to him. And he withdrew some of the spirit that was on him and he put it on 70 men, the elders. And it happened when the spirit rested on them that they prophesied but did not again.

²⁶And two of the men were left in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad and the name of the second was Medad. And the spirit rested on them and they were among the written down ones but they had not gone out to the tent. And they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And the young man ran and reported to Moses, and he said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the server of Moses from his youth, responded and said, "My master Moses, restrain them." ²⁹And Moses said to him, "Are you being jealous for me? And if only he would make all the people of Yahweh prophets, that Yahweh would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses withdrew to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

³¹And a wind set out from with Yahweh and it brought over quail from the sea and it left on the camp like a road of a day here and like a road of a day here, round about the camp, and like two cubits upon the face of the land.

³²And the people rose all that day and all the night and all the day of the next day, and they gathered the quail. The one who did little gathered ten homers. And they spread out for them, spreading out round about the camp. ³³The meat was still between their teeth before it was chewed, and the nose of Yahweh burned against the people. And Yahweh struck the people an exceedingly great blow. ³⁴And he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had desired. ³⁵From Kibroth Hattaavah the people set out to Hazeroth. Then they were in Hazeroth.

Chapter 12

¹And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses on account of the Cushite wife that he had taken because he had taken a Cushite wife. ²And they said, "Has Yahweh really only spoken with Moses? Has he not spoken also with us?" And Yahweh heard. ³(And the man Moses was exceedingly humble, more than every human who was on the face of the ground.)

⁴And Yahweh said immediately to Moses and to Aaron and to Miriam, "The three of you go out to the tent of meeting." And the three of them went out. ⁵And Yahweh came down in a column of cloud. And he stood at the opening of the tent. And he called Aaron and Miriam and the two of them went out. ⁶And he said, "Hear now my words! If one is your prophet, I, Yahweh will make myself known to him in the vision. I will speak with him in the dream.

⁷Not so my servant Moses. He is trustworthy in all my house.

⁸I speak with him mouth to mouth and with appearance and not with riddles. And he looks at the form of Yahweh. And why are you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?"

⁹And the nose of Yahweh burned against them and he went. ¹⁰And the cloud departed from over the tent. And behold, Miriam was with a skin disease, like the snow. And Aaron turned to Miriam, and behold, she was with a skin disease. ¹¹And Aaron said to Moses, "Please, my master, please do not put upon us sin which we did foolishly and which we sinned. ¹²Please do not let her be like the dead one who when he comes out from the womb of his mother and half of his flesh is eaten." ¹³And Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, "God, please, please heal her!" ¹⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "If her father surely spit in her face, would she not be humiliated seven days? She shall be shut up seven days from outside of the camp and afterward she may be brought in." ¹⁵And Miriam was shut up from outside of the camp seven days. And the people did not set out until the bringing in of Miriam.

¹⁶And after the people set out from Hazeroth. And they camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Chapter 13

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Send for yourself men and they shall explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. You shall send one man by one man according to the tribe of his fathers, every leader among them." ³And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh. All of them were men, they were the heads of the sons of Israel ⁴And these are their names: of the tribe of Reuben was Shammua the son of Zaccur, ⁵of the tribe of Simeon was Shaphat the son of Hori, ⁶of the tribe of Judah was Caleb the son of Jephunneh, ⁷of the tribe of Issachar was Igal the son of Joseph, ⁸of the tribe of Ephraim was Hoshea the son of Nun, ⁹of the tribe of Benjamin was Palti the son of Raphu, ¹⁰of the tribe of Zebulun was Gaddiel the son of Sodi, ¹¹of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, was Gaddi the son of Susi, ¹²of the tribe of Dan was Ammiel the son of Gemalli, ¹³of the tribe of Asher was Sethur the son of Michael, ¹⁴of the tribe of Naphtali was Nahbi the son of Vophsi, ¹⁵of the tribe of Gad was Geuel the son of Maki. ¹⁶These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to explore the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

¹⁷And Moses sent them to explore the land of Canaan. And he said to them, "Go up here through the Negev and you shall go up the hill country. ¹⁸And you shall see the land, how it is; and the people who dwell on it, whether he is strong or weak, whether he is few or many; ¹⁹and how is the land in which he is dwelling, whether it is good or evil; and how are the cities in which he is dwelling, whether in camps or in fortifications; ²⁰and how is the land, whether it is fat or lean, whether there are trees in it or not. And you shall strengthen yourselves and you shall take from the fruit of the land." (And the days were the days of the firstfruits of the grapes.)

²¹And they went up and they explored the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to enter Hamath. ²²And they went up through the Negev and they came to Hebron. And Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, those born of the Anak, were there. (And Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan of Egypt.) ²³And they came to the wadi of Eschol. And from there they cut a branch and one cluster of grapes. And they carried it by the pole with two men, and some of the pomegranates, and some of the figs. ²⁴He called that place the wadi of Eshkol, on account of the cluster that the sons of Israel cut from there.

²⁵And they returned from exploring the land at the end of 40 days. ²⁶And they went and they came to Moses and to Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran at Kadesh. And they brought back them and all the congregation word. And they showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷And they recounted to him. And they said, "We entered into the land where you sent us. And it is certainly flowing with milk and honey. And this is its fruit. ²⁸However, the people who dwell in the land are fierce. And the cities are fortified very large. And also we saw those born of the Anak there. ²⁹Amalek is dwelling in the land of the Negev. And the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite is dwelling in the hill country. And the Canaanite is dwelling beside the sea and beside the hand of the Jordan."

³⁰And Caleb hushed the people near Moses. And he said, "We will certainly go up and take possession of it, for we are certainly able to prevail over it." ³¹And the men who went up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people because he is stronger than us." ³²And they caused an evil report of the land, it that they had explored, to go out to the sons of Israel, saying, "The land in which we passed through to explore it, it is a land that eats those who dwell in it. And all the people whom we saw in the midst of it were men of size. ³³And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak from the Nephilim. And we were like grasshoppers in our eyes, and so we were in their eyes."

Chapter 14

¹And all the congregation lifted up and gave their voice. And the people wept in that night. ²And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! ³And why is Yahweh bringing us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our children will be for plunder. Is it not good for us to return to Egypt?"

⁴And they said, a man to his brother, "Let us set a head and let us return to Egypt." ⁵And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the face of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. ⁶And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, from the ones who explored the land, tore their garments. ⁷And they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "The land in which we passed through to explore it is a very exceedingly good land. ⁸If Yahweh delights in us, then he will bring us into this land. And he will give it to us, a land that is flowing with milk and honey. ⁹Only you must not rebel against Yahweh and you must not fear the people of the land, for they are our food. He has turned their shadow from over them and Yahweh is with us. You must not fear them!" ¹⁰And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of Yahweh appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

¹¹And Yahweh said to Moses, "Until when will this people spurn me? And until when will they not trust in me, despite all the signs that I have done in the midst of them? ¹²I will strike him down with the plague and I will disinherit him. And I will make you into a nation greater and more numerous than them."

¹³And Moses said to Yahweh, "And the Egyptians have heard that you brought this people up with your power from the midst of him. ¹⁴And they have said to those dwelling in this land. They have heard that you, Yahweh, are in the midst of this people, that you, Yahweh, have been seen eye by eye, and your cloud is standing over them, and in a column of cloud you are going before their face by day and in a column of fire at night. ¹⁵If you kill this people like one man, then the nations will say that they heard hearing of you, saying, ¹⁶'Because Yahweh was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to them, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.' ¹⁷And now, please let

the power of my Lord be great, just as you have spoken, saying, ¹⁸'Yahweh is long of nostrils and abundant of covenant faithfulness, lifting up iniquity and transgression. But surely he will not leave unpunished, appointing the iniquity of fathers on sons, on thirds, and on fourths.' ¹⁹Please forgive this people of the iniquity according to the greatness of your covenant faithfulness, and just as you have lifted up this people from Egypt and to here."

²⁰And Yahweh said, "I have forgiven according to your word. ²¹But truly, I live, and all the earth will be filled with the glory of Yahweh. ²²For all the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and they tested me this ten times and have not listened to my voice, ²³if they see the land that I have sworn to their fathers...and all those who spurn me will not see it. ²⁴But my servant Caleb, because another spirit is with him and he was fully after me, I will bring him into the land that he will come to there. And his seed will inherit it. ²⁵(And the Amalekite and the Canaanite was dwelling in the valley.) Tomorrow turn and set out for yourselves to the wilderness, the way of the Sea of Reeds."

²⁶And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²⁷"Until when must I listen to this evil congregation, they who are murmuring against me the murmurings of the sons of Israel, they who are murmuring against me? ²⁸Say to them, 'I live,' the declaration of Yahweh, 'surely just as you have spoken in my ears, so I will do to you. ²⁹In this wilderness your corpses will fall and all your counted ones according to all your number, from a son of 20 years and upward, who have murmured against me. ³⁰If you enter into the land that I have lifted up my hand to make you dwell in...except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹And your children who you said would be for plunder, and I will bring them and they will know the land, it that you have rejected. ³²And you, your corpses will fall in this wilderness. ³³And your sons will be those who herd in the wilderness 40 years. And they will carry your fornications until the finishing of your corpses in the wilderness. ³⁴By the number of the days that you explored the land, 40 days, a day for the year, a day for the year, you will carry your iniquities 40 years. And you will know my opposition. ³⁵I, Yahweh, have spoken. Surely I will do this to all this evil congregation, the ones who have congregated themselves against me. In this wilderness they will finish and there they will die."

³⁶And the men whom Moses had sent to explore the land and had returned and caused all the congregation to murmur against him by causing an evil report against the land to go out, ³⁷even the men who had caused to go out the evil report of the evil land, died by the plague before the face of Yahweh. ³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh lived from those men, the ones who went to explore the land.

³⁹And Moses spoke these words to all the sons of Israel. And the people mourned exceedingly. ⁴⁰And they rose early in the morning and went up to the head of the mountain, saying, "Here we are, and we will go up to the place that Yahweh has said, for we have sinned." ⁴¹And Moses said, "Why this—are you passing over the mouth of Yahweh? And it will not succeed. ⁴²You must not go up because Yahweh is not in the midst of you, that you not be struck down before the face of your enemies. ⁴³For the Amalekite and the Canaanite are there before your face and you will fall by the sword. For therefore you have turned from after Yahweh, and Yahweh will not be with you." ⁴⁴And they presumed to go up to the head of the mountain, but the box of the covenant of Yahweh and Moses did not depart from the midst of the camp. ⁴⁵And the Amalekite and the Canaanite who dwelled on that mountain, came down. And they smote them and beat them to pieces as far as the Hormah.

Chapter 15

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter into the land of your dwellings, which I am giving to you, ³then you shall make an offering made by fire to Yahweh, a burnt up offering or a sacrifice, to do an extraordinary vow or with a voluntary offering, or at your appointed times, to make an aroma of soothing for Yahweh from the herd or from the flock. ⁴And the one who is offering shall offer his offering to Yahweh, a grain offering, a tenth of fine flour mixed with a fourth of the hin of oil. ⁵And wine for the drink offering, a fourth of the hin, you shall make with the burnt up offering or for the sacrifice, for the one male lamb. ⁶Or for the ram you shall make a grain offering, two tenths fine flour mixed with a third of the hin of oil. ⁷And wine for the drink offering, a third of the hin, you shall offer as an aroma of soothing for Yahweh. ⁸And when you

make a son of cattle a burnt up offering or a sacrifice, to do an extraordinary vow or peace offerings to Yahweh, ⁹then you shall offer with the son of the cattle a grain offering, three tenths fine flour mixed with a half of the hin of the oil, ¹⁰and you shall offer a half of the hin of wine for the drink offering; an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing for Yahweh.

¹¹Thus it shall be done for the one ox or for the one ram, or for the small livestock among the male lambs or among the goats. ¹²According to the number that you do, thus you shall do for the one according to their number. ¹³Every native shall do these things thus for offering an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing for Yahweh. ¹⁴And if a sojourner sojourns with you, or whoever is in the midst of you for your generations, and he makes an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing for Yahweh, just as you shall do so he shall do. ¹⁵The assembly statute is one for you and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning, a statute of eternity for your generations. As you, so the sojourner shall be before the face of Yahweh. ¹⁶One instruction and one ordinance shall be for you and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning with you.”

¹⁷And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter into the land there which I am bringing you, ¹⁹and it shall be that when you eat from the bread of the land, you shall raise a raised offering to Yahweh. ²⁰The first of your dough shall be a cake you shall raise as a raised offering. Like a raised offering of the threshing floor, so you shall raise it. ²¹From the first of your dough you shall give a raised offering to Yahweh for your generations.

²²And when you stray and do not do all these commandments that Yahweh has spoken to Moses, ²³all that Yahweh has commanded to you by the hand of Moses, from the day that Yahweh commanded and beyond for your generations, ²⁴and it shall be that if it was done as unintentional sin away from the eyes of the congregation, then all the congregation shall make a bull, one son of cattle, for a burnt up offering, for an aroma of soothing for Yahweh, and its grain offering and its drink offering according to the ordinance, and one buck of the goats for a sin offering. ²⁵And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and it shall be forgiven for them. For it was an unintentional sin and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire, to Yahweh, and their sin offering before the face of Yahweh for their unintentional sin. ²⁶And it shall be forgiven for all the congregation of the sons of Israel and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning in the midst of them, because of all the people with unintentional sin.

²⁷And if one person sins with an unintentional sin, then he shall offer a female goat, a daughter of its year, for a sin offering. ²⁸And the priest shall make atonement for the person, the one who sinned unintentionally with a sin, with an unintentional sin, before the face of Yahweh, to make atonement for him and it shall be forgiven for him. ²⁹The native among the sons of Israel and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning in the midst of them, one instruction shall be for you for the one who does an unintentional sin. ³⁰But the person who does with a raised hand, from the native and from the sojourner, he is blaspheming Yahweh. And that person shall be cut off from the midst of his people. ³¹Because he has despised the word of Yahweh and has broken his commandment, that person shall certainly be cut off. His iniquity shall be on him.”

³²And the sons of Israel were in the wilderness. And they found a man gathering pieces of wood on the day of the Sabbath. ³³And the ones who found him gathering pieces of wood brought him near to Moses and to Aaron and to all the congregation. ³⁴And they made him rest in the keeping place because it had not been declared what should be done to him. ³⁵And Yahweh said to Moses, “The man shall certainly die, all the congregation stoning him with the stones from the outside of the camp.” ³⁶And all the congregation brought him out to the outside of the camp. And they stoned him with the stones and he died, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

³⁷And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁸“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘And they shall make for themselves a tassel on the wings of their garments for their generations. And they shall put a cord of blue on the tassel of the wing. ³⁹And it shall be for you for a tassel and you shall see it and you shall remember all the commandments of Yahweh, and you shall do them. And you shall not explore after your heart and after your eyes, them which you are prostituting after, ⁴⁰so that you shall remember and do all my commandments. And you shall

be holy ones for your God. ⁴¹I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to become a God for you. I am Yahweh your God."

Chapter 16

¹And Korah the son of Izhar the son of Kohath the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben, took men. ²And they rose up before the face of Moses, and men from the sons of Israel, 250 leaders of the congregation, the called ones of the appointed meeting, men of name. ³And they assembled against Moses and against Aaron. And they said to them, "It is much for you! For all of the congregation, all of them, are holy and Yahweh is in their midst. And why do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of Yahweh?"

⁴And Moses heard and fell upon his face. ⁵And he spoke to Korah and to all his congregation, saying, "And in the morning Yahweh will make known who belongs to him and is the holy one and whom he will bring near to him. And him whom he chooses he will bring near to him." ⁶Do this, Korah and all his congregation, take for yourselves censers. ⁷And put fire in them and set incense on them before the face of Yahweh tomorrow. And it will happen that the man whom Yahweh chooses, he will be the holy one. It is much for you, sons of Levi!" ⁸And Moses said to Korah, "Now listen, sons of Levi: ⁹is it a small thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to him, to serve the service of the dwelling of Yahweh and to stand before the face of the congregation to minister to them? ¹⁰And he has brought you near, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi, with you. And you are seeking the priesthood also! ¹¹Therefore you and all your congregation are the ones congregating against Yahweh. And Aaron, what is he that you grumble against him?"

¹²And Moses sent to call for Dathan and for Abiram, the sons of Eliab. And they said, "We will not go up. ¹³Is it a small thing that you have brought us up from a land flowing with milk and honey, to make us die in the wilderness? But you have made yourself ruler over us, even to make yourself ruler! ¹⁴Moreover, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, or given to us an inheritance of field or vineyard. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? We will not go up."

¹⁵And it burned exceedingly for Moses and he said to Yahweh, "Do not turn to their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them. And I have not harmed one of them." ¹⁶And Moses said to Korah, "You and all your congregation be before the face of Yahweh, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. ¹⁷And take, a man, his censer and put incense on them. And bring before the face of Yahweh, a man his censer, 250 censers. And you and Aaron, a man his censer." ¹⁸And they took a man his censer, and they put fire on it, and set incense on it. And they stood at the opening of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. ¹⁹And Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the opening of the tent of meeting. And the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the congregation.

²⁰And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²¹"Separate yourselves from the midst of this congregation and I shall finish them in a moment." ²²And they fell on their faces and said, "God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, will one man sin and you become furious against all the congregation?" ²³And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴"Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get yourselves up from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'"

²⁵And Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram. And the elders of Israel went after him. ²⁶And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Now turn from beside the tents of these wicked men and do not touch anything that belongs to them, lest you be swept away by all their sins." ²⁷And they got themselves up from beside the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, from all around. And Dathan and Abiram went out, standing at the opening of their tents with their wives and their sons and their little children. ²⁸And Moses said, "By this you will know that Yahweh has sent me to do all these deeds, that they are not from my heart: ²⁹If these ones die like the death of every man and the appointment of every man is appointed to them, Yahweh has not sent me. ³⁰But if Yahweh creates a

creation and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them and all that belongs to them and they go down alive to Sheol, then you will know that these men have spurned Yahweh."

³¹And it happened when he finished speaking all these words that the ground that was under them split open.

³²And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their houses and every man who belonged to Korah and all the property. ³³And they went down to Sheol alive, they and all that belonged to them. And the earth covered over them and they perished from the midst of the assembly. ³⁴And all Israel who was surrounding them fled from their sound, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us!" ³⁵And fire went out from with Yahweh. And it ate the 250 men offering the incense.

³⁶And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁷"Say to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest and he shall lift up the censers from between the burning and scatter the fire abroad, for they are holy. ³⁸And the censers of these sinners against their lives, make them hammered sheets of thin metal, plating for the altar. For they offered them before the face of Yahweh and they are holy. And they shall be for a sign for the sons of Israel."

³⁹And Eleazar the priest took the censers of bronze that the burned ones had offered and they hammered them as a plating for the altar, ⁴⁰a reminder for the sons of Israel, so that an unfamiliar man, he who is not from the seed of Aaron, shall not come near to burn incense before the face of Yahweh. And he shall not be like Korah and his congregation, just as Yahweh spoke by the hand of Moses to him.

⁴¹And all the congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and against Aaron from the next day, saying, "You yourselves killed the people of Yahweh!" ⁴²And it happened when the congregation assembled against Moses and against Aaron that they turned to the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it and the glory of Yahweh was seen. ⁴³And Moses and Aaron came to the face of the tent of meeting. ⁴⁴And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁴⁵"Get yourselves up from the midst of this congregation and I shall finish them in a moment. And they fell on their faces. ⁴⁶And Moses said to Aaron, "Take the censer and put fire on it from on the altar and set incense. And go quickly into the congregation and make atonement for them, because the wrath has gone out from before the face of Yahweh. The plague has begun." ⁴⁷And Aaron took just as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had begun among the people. And he put the incense and made atonement for the people. ⁴⁸And he stood between the ones who died and the ones who lived. And the plague was stopped. ⁴⁹And the ones who died by the plague were 14,700, apart from the ones who died on account of the matter of Korah. ⁵⁰And Aaron returned to Moses, to the opening of the tent of meeting. And the plague was stopped.

Chapter 17

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the sons of Israel and take a staff from with them, a staff for the house of a father, from with all their leaders for the house of their fathers, 12 staffs. You shall write a man his name on his staff. ³And you shall write the name of Aaron on the staff of Levi, for one staff is for the head of the house of their fathers. ⁴And you shall rest them in the tent of meeting, before the face of the testimony, there where I meet with you. ⁵And it will happen that the man, him whom I choose, his staff will bud. And I will make the grumbings of the sons of Israel that they are grumbling against you cease from against me." ⁶And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel and all their leaders gave to him a staff for one leader, a staff for one leader, for the house of their fathers, 12 staffs. And the staff of Aaron was in the midst of their staffs. ⁷And Moses rested the staffs before the face of Yahweh in the tent of testimony.

⁸And it happened from the next day that Moses came into the tent of the testimony. And behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and it brought out a bud and it blossomed a flower and it ripened almonds! ⁹And Moses brought out all the staffs from before the face of Yahweh to all the sons of Israel. And they saw and took, a man his staff. ¹⁰And Yahweh said to Moses, "Return the staff of Aaron to the face of the testimony for keeping for a sign for the sons of rebellion. And you shall end their grumbings from against me and they shall not die." ¹¹And Moses did just as Yahweh had commanded him, thus he did.

¹²And the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Look, we will expire! We will perish! All of us will perish! ¹³All who come near, who come near to the dwelling of Yahweh die. Will we be finished by expiring?"

Chapter 18

¹And Yahweh said to Aaron, "You and your sons and the house of your father with you shall bear the iniquity of the holy place. And you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. ²And also bring with you your brothers, the staff of Levi, the tribe of your father, and they shall be joined to you and serve you. And you and your sons with you shall be before the face of the tent of the testimony. ³And they shall keep your keeping and the keeping of all of the tent. However, they shall not come near to the vessels of the holy place or to the altar, and they will not die, both them and you. ⁴And they shall be joined to you and shall keep the keeping of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent. And a stranger shall not come near to you. ⁵And you shall keep the keeping of the holy place and the keeping of the altar. And there shall not again be fury against the sons of Israel. ⁶And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel as a gift for you, ones given to Yahweh to serve the service of the tent of meeting. ⁷And you and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for all the things of the altar and for the inside of the curtain. And you shall serve. I have given your priesthood as a gift of service. And a stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

⁸And Yahweh spoke to Aaron, "And I, behold, I have given to you the keeping of my contribution, of all the holy things of the sons of Israel I have given them to you for a portion and to your sons for a statute of eternity. ⁹This will belong to you from the holiest holy thing from the fire: every offering of theirs, of every grain offering of theirs and of every sin offering of theirs and of every guilt offering of theirs which they return to me, a holiest holy thing it is for you and for your sons. ¹⁰You shall eat it as a holiest holy thing. Every male shall eat it. It is holy for you. ¹¹And this belongs to you: the contribution of their gift, of all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel, I have given them to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you for a statute of eternity. Every clean one in your house shall eat it. ¹²All the fat of fresh oil and all the fat of new wine and grain, their firstfruits which they will give to Yahweh, I have given them to you. ¹³The firstfruits of all that is in the land which they will bring to Yahweh will belong to you. Every clean one in your house shall eat it. ¹⁴Every dedicated thing in Israel will belong to you. ¹⁵Every opener of the womb of all flesh that they offer to Yahweh, among mankind and among livestock, will belong to you. But you shall surely redeem the firstborn of mankind, and you shall redeem the firstborn of the unclean livestock. ¹⁶And his redeemed ones from a son of a month you shall redeem by your valuation, five silver shekels by the shekel of the holy place, it is 20 gerahs. ¹⁷But the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall throw their blood on the altar and you shall make their fat smoke as an offering made by fire for an aroma of soothing for Yahweh. ¹⁸And their flesh will belong to you like the breast of the wave offering or like the right thigh it will belong to you. ¹⁹All the contributions of the holy things which the sons of Israel lift up to Yahweh, I have given to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you for a statute of eternity. It is an eternal covenant of salt before the face of Yahweh for you and for your seed with you." ²⁰And Yahweh said to Aaron, "You shall not inherit in their land and a portion in their midst shall not belong to you. I am your portion and your inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel.

²¹And to the sons of Levi, behold, I have given every tenth in Israel for an inheritance in exchange for their service which they are serving, the service of the tent of meeting. ²²And the sons of Israel shall not again come near to the tent of meeting to bear sin to die. ²³And the Levite, he shall serve the service of the tent of meeting and they shall bear their iniquity. It is a statute of eternity for your generations and in the midst of the sons of Israel you shall not inherit an inheritance. ²⁴For I have given to the Levites for an inheritance the tenth of the sons of Israel which they lift up to Yahweh as a contribution. Therefore I have said to them, 'You shall not inherit an inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel.'

²⁵And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁶"And speak to the Levites and say to them, 'When you take from with the sons of Israel the tenth that I have given to you from with them as your inheritance, then you shall lift up from it a contribution of Yahweh, a tenth from the tenth. ²⁷And it shall be reckoned to you as your contribution like the grain

from the threshing floor and like the fullness from the winepress. ²⁸Thus you shall lift up, also you, the contribution of Yahweh from all your tenths which you took from with the sons of Israel. And you shall give from it the contribution of Yahweh to Aaron the priest. ²⁹From all your gifts you shall lift up all of the contribution of Yahweh, from all its fat, its holy part from it. ³⁰And you shall say to them, 'When you lift up its fat from it, then it shall be reckoned to the Levites like the product of the threshing floor and like the product of the winepress. ³¹And you shall eat it in every place, you and your house, because it is a wage for you in exchange for your service in the tent of meeting. ³²And you shall not bear sin on account of it when you lift up its fat from it. And the holy things of the sons of Israel you shall not defile and not die.'"

Chapter 19

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²"This is the statute of the law which Yahweh has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel and they shall bring to you an unblemished red heifer in which there is no defect, on which a yoke has not gone up. ³And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest. And he shall bring it out to the outside of the camp and shall slaughter it before his face. ⁴And Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and shall sprinkle some of its blood to opposite the face of the tent of meeting seven times. ⁵And he shall burn the heifer before his eyes. He shall burn its skin and its flesh, and its blood with its dung. ⁶And the priest shall take wood of cedar, and hyssop, and scarlet material of a worm, and throw into the midst of the burning of the heifer. ⁷And the priest shall wash his garments and bathe his flesh in the water and afterward he shall enter into the camp. And the priest shall be unclean until the evening. ⁸And the one who burned it shall wash his garments in the water and bathe his flesh in the water. And he shall be unclean until the evening. ⁹And a clean man shall gather the ashes of the heifer and rest them in a clean place outside of the camp. And it shall be for the congregation of the sons of Israel to keep for the water of purification. It is a sin offering. ¹⁰And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his garments and be unclean until the evening. And it shall be for the sons of Israel and for the sojourner who sojourns in their midst for a statute of eternity.

¹¹The one who touches a dead body of any human life will be unclean seven days. ¹²He shall purify himself with it on the third day and on the seventh day he will be clean. And if he does not purify himself on the third day then on the seventh day he will not be clean. ¹³Every one who touches a dead body, a human person who has died, and does not purify himself makes the dwelling of Yahweh unclean. And that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him, he will be unclean, his uncleanness is still on him.

¹⁴This is the law of a man who dies in a tent: Every one who enters into the tent and everyone who is in the tent will be unclean seven days. ¹⁵And every opened vessel on which there is no fastened cover, it is unclean. ¹⁶And all who touch one pierced of the sword or a dead body or a bone of a human or a grave on the face of the field will be unclean seven days. ¹⁷And they shall take for the unclean one some of the ashes of the burning of the sin offering. And he shall put living water with it into a vessel. ¹⁸And a clean man shall take and dip hyssop in the water. And he shall sprinkle on the tent and on all the vessels and on the lives who were there, and on the one who touched the bone, or the pierced one, or the dead body, or the grave. ¹⁹And the clean one shall sprinkle on the unclean one on the third day and on the seventh day. And he shall purify him on the seventh day. And he shall wash his garments and bathe in the water and he will be unclean until the evening.

²⁰And a man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly because he has made the holy place of Yahweh unclean. He has not thrown on himself the water of purification. He is unclean. ²¹And it shall be for them for a statute of eternity, and the one who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his garments and the one who touches the water of purification will be unclean until the evening. ²²And all who touch him, the unclean one, will be unclean. And the person who touches will be unclean until the evening."

Chapter 20

¹And the sons of Israel, all the congregation, entered the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed at Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

²And there was no water for the congregation, and they assembled against Moses and against Aaron. ³And the people quarreled with Moses, and spoke, saying, "If only we had expired when our brothers expired before the face of Yahweh! ⁴And why have you brought the assembly of Yahweh into this wilderness to die here, we and our livestock? ⁵And why did you bring us up from Egypt to bring us into this evil place? It is not a place of seed or fig free or vine or pomegranate tree, and there is no water to drink!" ⁶And Moses and Aaron went from the face of the assembly to the opening of the tent of meeting. And they fell on their faces and the glory of Yahweh appeared to them. ⁷And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸"Take the staff and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and you shall speak to the rock before their eyes and it will give its water. And you shall bring out water to them from the rock. And you shall have the congregation and their livestock drink." ⁹And Moses took the staff from before the face of Yahweh, just as he had commanded him.

¹⁰And Moses and Aaron assembled the assembly at the face of the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, the rebellious ones, shall we bring out from this rock water for you?" ¹¹And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice. And abundant water came out and the congregation and their livestock drank. ¹²And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me to regard me as holy before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given to them." ¹³These are the waters of Meribah where the sons of Israel quarreled with Yahweh and he showed himself holy among them.

¹⁴And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, "Thus says your brother Israel: you yourself know all the hardship that we found. ¹⁵And our fathers went down to Egypt and we dwelled in Egypt many days. And the Egyptians did evil to us and to our fathers. ¹⁶And we cried out to Yahweh and he heard our voice and sent a messenger and brought us out from Egypt. And behold, we are in Kadesh, the city of the end of your border. ¹⁷Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, and will we not drink the water of a well. We will go on the road of the king. We will not turn right or left until we have passed through your border." ¹⁸And Edom said to him, "You may not pass through me, lest I go out to meet you with the sword." ¹⁹And the sons of Israel said to him, "We will go on the highway. And if we drink your water, me or my livestock, then we will give their value. Only, there is no matter, let me pass through with my feet." ²⁰And he said, "You may not pass through." And Edom came out to meet him with a heavy people and a strong hand. ²¹And Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory. And Israel turned from near him.

²²And the sons of Israel, all the congregation, set out from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor. ²³And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron at Mount Hor, near the border of the land of Edom, saying, ²⁴"Aaron will be gathered to his people, because he will not enter into the land that I have given to the sons of Israel because you rebelled against my mouth before the waters of Meribah. ²⁵Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up Mount Hor. ²⁶And strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered and die there." ²⁷And Moses did just as Yahweh had commanded. And they went up to Mount Hor before the eyes of all the congregation. ²⁸And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the head of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. ²⁹And all the congregation saw that Aaron had expired. And all the house of Israel bewailed Aaron 30 days.

Chapter 21

¹And the Canaanite king of Arad, who dwelled in the Negev, heard that Israel had come by the road of the Atharim. And he fought against Israel and took captive some of them as captives. ²And Israel vowed a vow to Yahweh and said, "If you surely give this people into my hand, then I will dedicate their cities by ban." ³And Yahweh listened to

the voice of Israel and gave the Canaanites. And he dedicated them and their cities by ban. And he called the name of the place Hormah.

⁴And they set out from Mount Hor by the road of the Sea of Reeds to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people was short on the road. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why did you bring us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and there is no water, and our soul detests the worthless bread." ⁶And Yahweh sent snakes, fiery ones, among the people and they bit the people. And many people from Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned because we have spoken against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh and may he remove from on us the snake." And Moses prayed on behalf of the people. ⁸And Yahweh said to Moses, "Make for yourself a snake and set it on a pole. And it will happen that any of the bitten will see it and live." ⁹And Moses made a snake of bronze and he set it on the pole. And it happened that if the snake bit a man then he looked to the snake of bronze and he lived.

¹⁰And the sons of Israel set out and camped at Oboth. ¹¹And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim in the wilderness that is on the face of Moab from the rising of the sun. ¹²From there they set out and camped at the wadi of Zered. ¹³From there they set out and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that goes out from the border of the Amorite, because the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorite. ¹⁴Therefore it says in the book of the Wars of Yahweh,

"...Waheb in Suphah, and the wadis of the Arnon,

¹⁵and the slope of the wadis that spreads out to the dwelling of Ar and it leans to the border of Moab."

¹⁶And from there to Beer. It is the well where Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather the people and I will give water to them."

¹⁷Then Israel sang this song:

"Rise up, well!

Sing for it,

¹⁸the well leaders dug,

the noblemen of the people dug it,

with a decreer's staff and their staffs."

And from the wilderness to Mattanah, ¹⁹and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth, ²⁰and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, the head of the Pisgah, and is looking down on the face of the wasteland.

²¹And Israel sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorite, saying, ²²"Let us pass through your land. We will not turn into a field or into a vineyard. We will not drink the water of a well. We will go by the road of the king until we have passed through your border." ²³And Sihon did not give Israel passage through his boundary. And Sihon gathered all his people and went out to the wilderness to meet Israel. And he came to Jahaz and fought with Israel. ²⁴And Israel struck him by the mouth of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon, because the border of the sons of Ammon was fortified. ²⁵And Israel took all these cities. And Israel dwelled in all the cities of the Amorite in Heshbon and in all its daughters. ²⁶For Heshbon, it was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorite. And he had fought with the previous king of Moab and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon. ²⁷Therefore the speakers of proverbs say,

"Come to Heshbon.

Let the city of Sihon be built and established.

²⁸For fire went out from Heshbon,
a flame from the city of Sihon.

It ate Ar of Moab,
the lords of the high places of Arnon.

²⁹Woe to you, Moab!
You have perished, people of Chemosh.
He has given his sons to be escapees
and his daughters into the captivity
of Sihon the king of the Amorites.

³⁰And we have shot them. Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon.
And we have made devastation as far as Nophah,
which is as far as Medeba."

³¹And Israel dwelled in the land of the Amorites. ³²And Moses sent to spy out Jazer and they captured her daughters. And they dispossessed the Amorites who were there.

³³And they turned and went up the road of the Bashan. And Og the king of the Bashan went out to meet them, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. ³⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "Do not fear him, because I have given into your hand him, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorite, who dwelled in Heshbon." ³⁵And they struck him and his sons and all his people until they had left no survivor for him. And they took possession of his land.

Chapter 22

¹And the sons of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab, from the other side of the Jordan at Jericho.

²And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorite. ³And Moab was extremely terrified because of the face of the people, because they were numerous. And Moab was sick with terror because of the face of the sons of Israel. ⁴And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now the assembly will lick up all that is around us like an ox licks up the green of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was the king of Moab at that time. ⁵And he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River, the land of the sons of his people, to summon him, saying, "Behold, a people went out from Egypt. Behold, he has covered the eye of the land and he is dwelling opposite me. ⁶And now please go curse this people for me because they are more numerous than I. Perhaps I will be able to strike them and drive them out from the land. For I know whom you bless will be blessed and whom you curse will be cursed.

⁷And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian went and divination fees were in their hand. And they came to Balaam and spoke to him the words of Balak. ⁸And he said to them, "Lodge here tonight and I will bring you back a word, just as Yahweh speaks to me." And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam. ⁹And God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?" ¹⁰And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, has sent to me. ¹¹Behold, the people who have come out from Egypt and have covered the eye of the land! Now go curse them for me. Perhaps I will be able to fight them and drive them out." ¹²And God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people because they are blessed." ¹³And Balaam rose in the morning and said to

the leaders of Balak, "Go to your land because Yahweh has refused to grant me to go with you." ¹⁴And the leaders of Moab rose and came to Balak. And they said, "Balaam refused to come with us."

¹⁵And Balak added again and sent many leaders and they were more honored than these. ¹⁶And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, 'Please do not refrain from coming to me. ¹⁷For I will very greatly honor you and I will do all that you say to me. And please go curse this people for me.'" ¹⁸And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "If Balak gives to me his house full of silver and gold, I will not be able to go beyond the mouth of Yahweh my God to do small or big. ¹⁹And now, you also please stay in this place tonight. And may I know what Yahweh will add to speak with me." ²⁰And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to summon you, rise and go with them. And only the word that I speak to you, it you shall do."

²¹And Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his female donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab. ²²And the nose of God burned because he was going. And the angel of Yahweh stationed himself in the road as an adversary to him. And he was riding on his female donkey and two of his servants were with him. ²³And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh stationed in the road and his drawn sword was in his hand. And the female donkey turned aside from the road and went in the field. And Balaam struck the female donkey to turn her to the road. ²⁴And the angel of Yahweh stood in the narrow pass of the vineyards, a wall on this side and a wall on that side. ²⁵And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh and she pressed herself to the wall. And she pressed the foot of Balaam to the wall. And he struck her again. ²⁶And the angel of Yahweh passed on again and stood in a narrow place where there was no road to turn right or left. ²⁷And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh and lay down under Balaam. And the nose of Balaam burned and he struck the female donkey with the staff. ²⁸And Yahweh opened the mouth of the female donkey. And she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you that you struck me these three times?" ²⁹And Balaam said to the female donkey, "Because you acted mockingly with me! If only there was a sword in my hand! Surely I would slay you!" ³⁰And the female donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your female donkey on which you have ridden from your continuance until this day? Have I ever been accustomed to doing thus to you?" And he said, "No."

³¹And Yahweh uncovered the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Yahweh stationed in the road and his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed and bowed down his nose. ³²And the angel of Yahweh said to him, "On account of what have you struck your female donkey these three times? Behold, I myself have gone out as an adversary because your way has been perverse in front of me. ³³And the female donkey saw me and turned aside before my face these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely now even you I would have slain and kept her alive." ³⁴And Balaam said to the angel of Yahweh, "I have sinned, because I did not know that you were stationed to meet me in the road. And now, if it is evil in your eyes, I will return to me." ³⁵And the angel of Yahweh said to Balaam, "Go with the men. And only the word that I speak to you, it you must speak." And Balaam went with the leaders of Balak.

³⁶And Balak heard that Balaam had come. And he went out to meet him at a city of Moab, that is near the border of the Arnon, which is at the end of the border. ³⁷And Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not indeed send to you to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I truly not able to honor you?" ³⁸And Balaam said to Balak, "Behold, I have come to you. Am I now at all able to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, it will I speak." ³⁹And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath Huzoth. ⁴⁰And Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep and sent to Balaam and to the leaders who were with him.

⁴¹And it happened in the morning that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to the high place of Baal. And from there he saw the edge of the people.

Chapter 23

¹And Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me in this place seven altars and prepare for me in this place seven bulls and seven rams." ²And Balak did just as Balaam had said. And Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on the altar. ³And Balaam said to Balak, "Station yourself beside your burnt up offering and I will go. Perhaps Yahweh will be met to meet me. And I will declare to you the word of what he shows me." And he went to a bare high place. ⁴And God met with Balaam and he said to him, "I have arranged seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on the altar." ⁵And Yahweh put a word in the mouth of Balaam and said, "Return to Balak and speak thus." ⁶And he returned to him, and behold, he was stationed beside his burnt up offering, he and all the leaders of Moab. ⁷And he lifted up his oracle and said,

"Balak has led me from Aram,

the king of Moab from the mountains of the east.

'Go curse Jacob for me,

and go denounce Israel.'

⁸How can I curse? God has not cursed.

And how can I denounce? Yahweh has not denounced.

⁹For from the head of the rocks I see him.

And from the hills I look at him.

Behold, the people dwells by itself

and it does not reckon itself among the nations.

¹⁰Who can count the dust of Jacob

or number the fourth part of Israel?

Let my life die the death of the upright ones,

and let my end be like his!"

¹¹And Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed indeed!" ¹²And he answered and said, "Should I not be careful to speak it that Yahweh puts in my mouth?"

¹³And Balak said to him, "Please go with me to another place from which you can see him. You will only see his edge and you will not see all of him. And you will curse him for me from there." ¹⁴And he took him to the field of Zophim, to the head of the Pisgah. And he built seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on the altar. ¹⁵Then he said to Balak, "Station yourself here beside your burnt offering, and I will be met with there." ¹⁶And Yahweh met with Balaam and put a word in his mouth. And he said, "Return to Balak and thus you shall speak." ¹⁷And he came to him, and behold, he was stationed beside his altar and the leaders of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What did Yahweh speak?" ¹⁸And he lifted up his oracle and said,

"Rise up, Balak, and listen.

Give ear to me, son of Zippor.

¹⁹God is not a man, that he would lie,

Or a son of mankind, that he would change his mind.

Has he said and not done,

Or spoken and not made it arise? ²⁰Behold, I have received to bless.

And he has blessed, and I can not turn it back.

²¹He has not looked at hardship in Jacob

and he has not seen trouble in Israel.

Yahweh his God is with him,

and the shout of the king is with him. ²²God is bringing them out from Egypt

like the horns of a wild ox for him.

²³For there is no omen against Jacob,

and no divination against Israel.

At this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel,

'What God has done!'

²⁴Look, a people rises like a lioness,

and like a lion he lifts himself up.

He will not lie down until he eats prey

and drinks the blood of the pierced ones."

²⁵And Balak said to Balaam, "Even do not curse him at all, also do not bless him at all!" ²⁶And Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'All that Yahweh speaks, it I must do?'" ²⁷And Balak said to Balaam, "Come now, I will take you to another place. Perhaps it will be right in the eyes of God and you will curse him for me from there." ²⁸And Balak took Balaam to the head of the Peor, looking down on the face of the wasteland.

²⁹And Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me in this place seven altars and prepare for me in this place seven bulls and seven rams." ³⁰And Balak did just as Balaam had said. And he offered up a bull and a ram on the altar.

Chapter 24

¹And Balaam saw that it was good in the eyes of Yahweh to bless Israel. And he did not go as time by time to meet omens. And he set his face to the wilderness. ²And Balaam lifted up his eyes and he saw Israel dwelling according to its tribes. And the Spirit of God was on him. ³And he lifted up his discourse and said,

"The declaration of Balaam the son of Beor,

and the declaration of the man opened of eye,

⁴the declaration of the hearer of the words of God,

who sees the vision of the Almighty,

falling down and opened of eyes:

⁵How good are your tents, Jacob,

your dwellings, Israel!

⁶Like wadis they spread out,
like gardens beside a river,
like aloes Yahweh has planted,
like cedars beside water.

⁷Water will flow from his buckets,
and his seed with much water.
And his king will be higher than Agag,
and his kingdom will lift itself up.

⁸God is bringing him out from Egypt,
like the horns of a wild ox for him.
He will eat the nations, his enemies.
And he will break their bones.
And he will strike his arrows.

⁹He crouched, he lay down like a lion,
and like a lioness. Who will get him up?
Those who bless you are blessed;
and those who curse you are cursed."

¹⁰And the nose of Balak burned toward Balaam and he struck his palms. And Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have repeatedly blessed these three times! ¹¹And now, flee for yourself to your place. I said I would honor you greatly, and behold, Yahweh has held you back from honor." ¹²And Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also speak to the messengers that you sent to me, saying, ¹³If Balak gives to me his house full of silver and gold, I will not be able to go beyond the mouth of Yahweh to do good or evil from my heart; what Yahweh speaks, it I must speak?" ¹⁴And now, behold I am about to go to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the future days." ¹⁵And he lifted up his discourse and said,

"The declaration of Balaam the son of Beor,
and the declaration of the man opened of eye,

¹⁶the declaration of the hearer of the words of God,
and the knower of the knowledge of the Most High,
he sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down and opened of eyes:

¹⁷I will see him, but not now.
I will look at him, but not near.
A star has marched from Jacob,

and a rod has risen from Israel.

And he will strike the sides of Moab

and destroy all the sons of Seth.

¹⁸And Edom will become a possession,

and Seir will become a possession,

his enemies.

And Israel will act strongly.

¹⁹And he will rule from Jacob,

and he will destroy the survivor from a city."

²⁰And he saw Amalek and lifted up his discourse, and said,

"The first of the nations is Amalek,

and his end will be up to destruction."

²¹And he saw the Kenite, and he lifted up his discourse, and said,

"Your dwelling is permanent,

and your nest is set in the cliff.

²²But the Kenite will be for burning.

Until when will Assyria take you captive?"

²³And he lifted up his discourse and said,

"Woe! Who can live apart from God establishing him?"

²⁴And ships will be from the hand of Kittim,

and they will afflict Asshur and will afflict Eber,

and he, too, will be up to destruction."

²⁵And Balaam got up, and went, and returned to his place. And Balak also went on his way.

Chapter 25

¹And Israel dwelled in Shittim, and the people began to prostitute themselves with the daughters of Moab, ²And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and they worshipped their gods. ³And Israel bound himself to Baal of Peor. And the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel. ⁴And Yahweh said to Moses, "Take all the heads of the people and hang them up before Yahweh in front of the sun. And the burning of the nose of Yahweh may turn back from Israel." ⁵And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Slay a man his men, the ones who bound themselves to Baal of Peor:"

⁶And behold, a man from the sons of Israel came and brought near to his brothers the Midianite woman, before the eyes of Moses and before the eyes of all the congregation of the sons of Israel. And they were weeping at the opening of the tent of meeting. ⁷And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saw and rose up from

the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand. ⁸And he came after the man of Israel into the domed tent, and he pierced the two of them, the man of Israel and the woman in her stomach. And the plague was stopped from on the sons of Israel. ⁹And the ones who died by the plague were 24,000.

¹⁰And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹¹“Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my heat from on the sons of Israel by his being zealous with my zeal in the midst of them. And I will not make an end of the sons of Israel in my zeal. ¹²Therefore say, ‘Behold, I am giving to him my covenant of peace. ¹³And it will be a covenant of a priesthood of eternity for him and for his seed after him, because he was zealous for his God and he made atonement for the sons of Israel.”

¹⁴And the name of the man of Israel, the struck down one who was struck down with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, the leader of a house of a father of the Simeonites. ¹⁵And the name of the woman, the struck down Midianite woman, was Kozbi the daughter of Zur, who was the head of a tribe of a house of a father in Midian.

¹⁶And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁷“Vex the Midianites and you shall strike them down. ¹⁸For they were vexing you by their deceitfulness when they deceived you over the matter of Peor and over the matter of Kosbi the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister, the one struck down on the plague day over the matter of Peor.”

Chapter 26

¹And it happened after the plague that Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, ²“Lift up the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from a son of 20 years and upward according to the house of their fathers, all who go out to war in Israel.” ³And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying, ⁴“From a son of 20 years and upward, just as Yahweh commanded Moses and the sons of Israel, the ones who came out from the land of Egypt.”

⁵Reuben was the firstborn of Israel. The sons of Reuben: Hanok, the clan of the Hanokite; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluite; ⁶of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronite; of Karmi, the clan of the Karmite. ⁷These were the clans of the Reubenite. And their counted ones were 43,730. ⁸And the son of Pallu was Eliab. ⁹And the sons of Eliab were Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. This is Dathan and Abiram, the called ones of the congregation, who rebelled against Moses and against Aaron with the congregation of Korah when they rebelled against Yahweh. ¹⁰And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and Korah when the congregation died, when the fire ate 250 men, and they became a sign. ¹¹And the sons of Korah did not die.

¹²The sons of Simeon according to their clans: of Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelite; of Jamin, the clan of the Jaminite; of Jakin, the clan of the Jakinite; ¹³of Zerah, the clan of the Zerahite; of Shaul, the clan of the Shaulite.

¹⁴These were the clans of the Simeonite, 22,200.

¹⁵The sons of Gad according to their clans: of Zephon, the clan of the Zephonite; of Haggi, the clan of the Haggite; of Shuni, the clan of the Shunite; ¹⁶of Ozni, the clan of the Oznite; of Eri, the clan of the Erite; ¹⁷of Arod, the clan of the Arodite; of Areli, the clan of the Arelite. ¹⁸These were the clans of the sons of Gad according to their counted ones, 40,500.

¹⁹The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. ²⁰And the sons of Judah according to their clans were:

of Shelah, the clan of the Shelanite;

of Perez, the clan of the Perezite;

of Zerah, the clan of the Zerahite. ²¹And the sons of Perez were:

of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronite;

of Hamul, the clan of the Hamulite. ²²These were the clans of Judah according to their counted ones, 76,500.

²³The sons of Issachar according to their clans:

Tola, the clan of the Tolaite;

of Puah, the clan of the Puite; ²⁴of Jashub, the clan of the Jashubite;

of Shimron, the clan of the Shimronite. ²⁵These were the clans of Issachar according to their counted ones, 64,300.

²⁶The sons of Zebulun according to their clans:

of Sered, the clan of the Seredite;

of Elon, the clan of the Elonite;

of Jahleel, the clan of the Jahleelite. ²⁷These were the clans of the Zebulunite according to their counted ones, 60,500.

²⁸The sons of Joseph according to their clans were Manasseh and Ephraim. ²⁹The sons of Manasseh:

of Makir, the clan of the Makirite (and Makir fathered Gilead);

of Gilead, the clan of the Gileadite. ³⁰These were the sons of Gilead:

Iezer, the clan of the Iezerite;

of Helek, the clan of the Helekite;

³¹and Asriel, the clan of the Asrielite;

and Shechem, the clan of the Shechemite;

³²and Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaite;

and Hephher, the clan of the Hephherite. ³³And there were no sons for Zelophehad the son of Hephher, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah. ³⁴These were the clans of Manasseh and their counted ones, 52,700.

³⁵These were the sons of Ephraim according to their clans:

of Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahite;

of Beker, the clan of the Bekerite;

of Tahan, the clan of the Tahanite. ³⁶And these were the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the clan of the Eranite. ³⁷These were the clans of the sons of Ephraim according to their counted ones, 32,500. These were the sons of Joseph according to their clans.

³⁸The sons of Benjamin according to their clans:

of Bela, the clan of the Belaite;

of Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelite;

of Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramite;

³⁹of Shephupham, the clan of the Shuphamite;

of Hupham, the clan of the Huphamite.

⁴⁰And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: the clan of the Ardite; of Naaman, the clan of the Naamite. ⁴¹These were the sons of Benjamin according to their clans. And their counted ones were 45,600.

⁴²These were the sons of Dan according to their clans: of Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamite. These were the clans of Dan according to their clans. ⁴³All the clans of the Shuhamite according to their counted ones were 64,400.

⁴⁴The sons of Asher according to their clans:

of Imnah, the clan of the Imnite;

of Ishvi, the clan of the Ishvite;

of Beriah, the clan of the Beriite.

⁴⁵The sons of Beriah:

of Heber, the clan of the Heberite;

of Malkiel, the clan of the Malkielite.

⁴⁶And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. ⁴⁷These were the clans of the sons of Asher according to their counted ones, 53,400.

⁴⁸The sons of Naphtali according to their clans:

of Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelite;

of Guni, the clan of the Gunite;

⁴⁹of Jezer, the clan of the Jezerite;

of Shillem, the clan of the Shillemite.

⁵⁰These were the clans of Naphtali according to their clans. And their counted ones were 45,400.

⁵¹These were the counted ones of the sons of Israel: 601,730.

⁵²And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵³"The land shall be apportioned to these ones as an inheritance by the number of the names. ⁵⁴To the numerous you shall increase his inheritance, and to the small you shall lessen his inheritance. His inheritance shall be given, a man according to the mouth of his counted ones. ⁵⁵Surely the land shall be apportioned by lots. They shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. ⁵⁶His inheritance shall be apportioned in accordance with the mouth of the lot, between the numerous and the small."

⁵⁷And these were the counted ones of the Levite according to their clans:

of Gershon, the clan of the Gershonite;

of Kohath, the clan of the Kohathite;

of Merari, the clan of the Merarite.

⁵⁸These were the clans of the Levite:

the clan of the Libnite,

the clan of the Hebronite,

the clan of the Mahlite,

the clan of the Mushite,

the clan of the Korahite.

And Kohath fathered Amram. ⁵⁹And the name of the wife of Amram was Jochebed, a daughter of Levi, she who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam their sister. ⁶⁰And to Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ⁶¹And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered unfamiliar fire before the face of Yahweh. ⁶²And their counted ones were 23,000, every male from a son of a month and upward. But they were not counted in the midst of the sons of Israel because an inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel was not given to them.

⁶³These are the counted ones of Moses and Eleazar the priest when they counted the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho. ⁶⁴And among these there was not a man from the counted ones of Moses and Aaron the priest when they counted the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. ⁶⁵For Yahweh had said to them, "You shall surely die in the wilderness and a man shall not remain from them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun."

Chapter 27

¹And the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher the son of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh the son of Joseph came near. And these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milkah, and Tirzah. ²And they stood before the face of Moses, and before the face of Eleazar the priest, and before the face of the leaders, and all the congregation at the opening of the tent of meeting, saying, ³"Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the midst of the congregation who assembled against Yahweh with the congregation of Korah. But he died in his sin and there were no sons for him. ⁴Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from the midst of his clan because there is no son for him? Give to us a possession in the midst of the brothers of our father." ⁵And Moses brought near their case before the face of Yahweh.

⁶And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ⁷"The daughters of Zelophehad are speaking rightly. You shall certainly give to them the possession of an inheritance in the midst of the brothers of their father. And you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass over to them. ⁸And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies and there is no son for him, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass over to his daughter. ⁹And if there is no daughter for him, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. ¹⁰And if there are no brothers for him, then you shall give his inheritance to the brothers of his father. ¹¹And if there are no brothers for his father, then you shall give his inheritance to his blood-relative, the nearest to him from his clan, and he shall take possession of it. And it shall be for the sons of Israel as a statute of judgment, just as Yahweh has commanded Moses.'" "

¹²And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go up to this mountain of Abarim, and see the land that I have given to the sons of Israel. ¹³And you shall see it and be gathered to your people, also you, just as Aaron your brother was gathered. ¹⁴because in the wilderness of Zin, in the quarrel of the congregation, you rebelled against my mouth to regard me as holy at the waters before their eyes" These are the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

¹⁵And Moses spoke to Yahweh, saying, ¹⁶"May Yahweh, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, ¹⁷who will go out before the face of them and who will come before the face of them and who will take them out and who will bring them in, and the congregation of Yahweh will not be like sheep that have no shepherd for them." ¹⁸And Yahweh said to Moses, "Take for yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is a spirit, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹And you shall stand him before the face of Eleazar the priest and before the face of all the congregation. And you shall command him before their eyes. ²⁰And you shall give some of your authority on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel will hear. ²¹And he shall stand before the face of Eleazar the priest. And he shall ask for him by the judgment of the Urim before the face of Yahweh. In accordance with his mouth he shall go out and in accordance with his mouth he shall come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him and all the congregation." ²²And Moses did just as Yahweh had commanded him. And he took Joshua and stood

him before the face of Eleazar the priest and before the face of all the congregation. ²³And he laid his hands on him and he commanded him, just as Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Moses.

Chapter 28

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be careful to offer to me at its appointed time my offering, my food for my offerings made by fire, an aroma of my soothing.’ ³And you shall say to them, ‘This is the offering made by fire that you shall offer to Yahweh: unblemished male lambs, sons of a year, two for the day, a burnt up offering continually. ⁴One male lamb you shall do in the morning, and the second male lamb you shall do between the evenings, ⁵and the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with the fourth of a hin of beaten oil. ⁶It is a burnt up offering of continuity, the one done at Mount Sinai for an aroma of soothing, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. ⁷And its drink offering shall be the fourth of a hin for one male lamb. You shall pour out in the holy place a drink offering of intoxicating drink to Yahweh. ⁸And you shall do the second male lamb between the evenings. You shall do like the grain offering of the morning and its drink offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh.

⁹And on the Sabbath day: two unblemished male lambs, sons of a year, and two-tenths fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil, and its drink offering. ¹⁰It is the burnt up offering of the Sabbath by its Sabbath, in addition to the burnt up offering of the continuity and its drink offering.

¹¹And at the heads of your months, you shall offer a burnt up offering to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, and one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished; ¹²and three-tenths fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil for one bull, and two-tenths fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil for the one ram, ¹³and a tenth, a tenth fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil for one male lamb. It is a burnt up offering, an aroma of soothing, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. ¹⁴And their drink offerings shall be half of a hin of wine for the bull, and a third of a hin for the ram, and a fourth of a hin for the male lamb. This shall be the burnt up offering of the month by its month for the months of the year. ¹⁵And one buck of the goats shall be done as a sin offering to Yahweh, in addition to the burnt up offering of the continuity and its drink offering.

¹⁶And in the first month, on day 14 of the month is the Passover of Yahweh. ¹⁷And on day 15 of this month shall be a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. ¹⁸On the first day shall be a convocation of holiness. You shall not do any work of labor. ¹⁹And you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt up offering to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, and one ram, and seven male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be unblemished for you. ²⁰And their grain offering: you shall do fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for the bull and two-tenths for the ram. ²¹A tenth, a tenth you shall do for one male lamb of the seven male lambs, ²²and one male goat as the sin offering to make atonement for yourselves. ²³You shall do these apart from the burnt up offering of the morning, which is for the burnt up offering of the continuity. ²⁴You shall do like these for the day, seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh. It shall be done in addition to the burnt up offering of the continuity and its drink offering. ²⁵And on the seventh day there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of labor.

²⁶And on the day of the firstfruits, when you offer the new grain offering to Yahweh in your festival of weeks, there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of labor. ²⁷And you shall offer a burnt up offering as an aroma of soothing to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, ²⁸And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for one bull, two-tenths for the one ram, ²⁹a tenth, a tenth for one male lamb of the seven of the male lambs, ³⁰one buck of the goats to make atonement for yourselves. ³¹You shall do apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering. They shall be unblemished for you and their drink offerings.”

Chapter 29

¹And in the seventh month, on the first of the month, there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of labor. It shall be a day of horn blowing for you. ²And you shall do a burnt up offering for an aroma of soothing to Yahweh: one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ³And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, ⁴and one-tenth for one male lamb of the seven male lambs. ⁵And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering to make atonement for yourselves. ⁶It is apart from the burnt up offering of the month and its grain offering, and the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering, and their drink offerings according to their ordinance, for an aroma of soothing, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

⁷And on the tenth of this seventh month there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. And you shall afflict your lives. You shall not do any work. ⁸And you shall offer a burnt up offering to Yahweh, an aroma of soothing: one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be unblemished for you. ⁹And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, ¹⁰a tenth, a tenth for the one male lamb, for the seven male lambs. ¹¹One buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the sin offering of the atonement and the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering and their drink offerings.

¹²And on day 15 of the seventh month there shall be for you a convocation of holiness. You shall not do any work of labor, and you shall feast a feast to Yahweh seven days. ¹³And you shall offer a burnt up offering, a sacrifice made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh, 13 bulls, sons of cattle, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be unblemished. ¹⁴And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for one bull for the 13 bulls, two-tenths for one ram for the two rams, ¹⁵and a tenth, a tenth for one male lamb for the 14 male lambs. ¹⁶And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

¹⁷And on the second day: 12 bulls, sons of cattle, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ¹⁸And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs shall be by their number according to the ordinance. ¹⁹And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, and its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

²⁰And on the third day: 11 bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ²¹And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs shall be by their number according to the ordinance, ²²and one male goat of the sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering and its drink offering.

²³And on the fourth day: 10 bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ²⁴And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance. ²⁵And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

²⁶And on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ²⁷And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance, ²⁸and one male goat of a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, and its grain offering, and its drink offering.

²⁹And on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ³⁰And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance, ³¹and one male goat of a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offerings.

³²And on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ³³And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs, shall be by their number according to their ordinance, ³⁴and one male goat of the sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

³⁵On the eighth day an assembly shall be for you. You shall not do any work of labor. ³⁶And you shall offer a burnt up offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished. ³⁷Their grain offering and their drink offerings, for the bull, for the ram, and for the male lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance, ³⁸and one male goat of the sin offering apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering and its drink offering.

³⁹You shall do these for Yahweh at your appointed times, apart from your vows and your voluntary offerings, for your burnt up offerings, and for your grain offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings."

⁴⁰And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Chapter 30

¹And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the word that Yahweh has commanded: ²When a man vows a vow to Yahweh, or swears an oath to bind a binding vow on his life, he shall not profane his word. He shall do according to all that came out from his mouth. ³And if a woman vows a vow to Yahweh and binds a binding vow in the house of her father, in her youth, ⁴and her father hears her vow and her binding vow that she bound on her life and her father is silent to her, then all her vows shall stand and every binding vow that she has bound on her life shall stand. ⁵And if her father forbids her on the day of his hearing, any of her vows and her binding vows that she bound on her life shall not stand. And Yahweh will forgive her because her father forbade her. ⁶And if she ever belongs to a man and her vows are on her, or thoughtless speech of her lips that she has bound is on her life, ⁷and her husband hears on the day of his hearing and is silent to her, then her vows shall stand, and her binding vows that she bound on her life shall stand. ⁸And if her husband forbids her on the day of his hearing, then he breaks her vow which is on her and the thoughtless speech of her lips that she bound on her life. And Yahweh will forgive her. ⁹And the vow of a widow and a cast out woman, all that she binds on her life shall stand on her. ¹⁰And if she vowed or bound a binding vow on her life by an oath in the house of her husband, ¹¹and her husband hears and is silent to her, he does not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every binding vow that she bound on her life shall stand. ¹²And if her husband ever breaks them on the day of his hearing, all that went out of her lips for her vows and for the binding vow of her life shall not stand. Her husband has broken them and Yahweh will forgive her. ¹³Every vow and every oath of a binding vow to afflict her life, her husband may make it stand and her husband may break it. ¹⁴And if her husband is wholly silent to her from day to day, then he will make all her vows or all her binding vows which are on her stand. He made them stand because he was silent to her on the day of his hearing. ¹⁵And if he ever breaks them after his hearing, then he will bear her iniquity." ¹⁶These are the statutes that Yahweh commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter in her youth in the house of her father.

Chapter 31

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Take vengeance, the vengeance of the sons of Israel, from with the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people." ³And Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Equip yourselves, some of the men with you, for the war. And they will be against Midian to give the vengeance of Yahweh on Midian. ⁴You shall send to the war for all the tribes of Israel, a thousand for a tribe, a thousand for a tribe." ⁵And a thousand for a tribe were provided from the thousands of Israel, 12,000 equipped for battle. ⁶And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand for a tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the war. And the vessels of holiness and the blasting trumpets were in his hand. ⁷And they waged war against Midian, just as

Yahweh had commanded Moses. And they slew every male. ⁸And they slew the kings of Midian with their pierced ones: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. And they slew Balaam the son of Beor by the sword. ⁹And the sons of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their children. And they plundered all their animals, and all their livestock, and all their wealth. ¹⁰And they burned with the fire all their cities with their dwellings and all their encampments. ¹¹And they took all the spoil and all the booty of human and of animal. ¹²And they brought to Moses and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, the captives and the booty and the spoil to the camp at the plains of Moab which are beside the Jordan at Jericho.

¹³And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them at the outside of the camp. ¹⁴And Moses was furious with the appointed ones of the army, the leaders of the thousands and the leaders of the hundreds, the ones coming from the battle of the war. ¹⁵And Moses said to them, "Have you let every woman live? ¹⁶Look, these were by the word of Balaam for the sons of Israel to commit unfaithfulness against Yahweh concerning the matter of Peor, and the plague was among the congregation of Yahweh. ¹⁷And now, slay every male among the children and slay every woman who has known a man by the bed of a male. ¹⁸And keep alive for yourselves every child among the women who has not known the bed of a male. ¹⁹And you, camp outside of the camp seven days, all who have slain a person and all who have touched a pierced one. Purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives. ²⁰And you shall purify every garment and every vessel of skin and every work of goats, and every vessel of wood."

²¹And Eleazar the priest said to the men of the army who had gone to the battle, "This is a statute of the law that Yahweh has commanded Moses: ²²Only the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, ²³every thing that can come through the fire you shall pass through the fire, and it will become clean. However, it must be purified with the water of purification. And all that can not come through the fire you shall pass through the water. ²⁴And you shall wash your garments on the seventh day, and you will be clean. And afterward you may enter into the camp."

²⁵And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁶"Lift up the head of the booty of the captives, of human and of animal. You, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers of the congregation. ²⁷And you shall divide the booty between the wielders of the war who went out to the battle, and all the congregation. ²⁸And you shall raise a tax for Yahweh from with the men of the war who went out to the battle, one life from 500, from human and from cattle, and from the donkeys, and from the flock. ²⁹You shall take from half of them and give the contribution of Yahweh to Eleazar the priest. ³⁰And from the half of the sons of Israel you shall take one taken from the 50, from human, from cattle, from the donkeys, and from the flock, from every animal, and you shall give them to the Levites, the keepers of the keeping of the dwelling of Yahweh." ³¹And Moses and Eleazar the priest did just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

³²And the booty, the remainder of the plunder that the people of the army plundered, was 675,000 sheep, ³³and 72,000 cattle, ³⁴and 61,000 donkeys, ³⁵and human lives, from the women who had not known the bed of a male, every life, 32,000. ³⁶And the half of the portion of the ones who went out with the army: the number of the sheep was 337,500. ³⁷And the tax for Yahweh from the flock was 675. ³⁸And the cattle were 36,000 and their tax for Yahweh was 72. ³⁹And the donkeys were 30,500, and their tax for Yahweh was 61. ⁴⁰And the human lives were 16,000, and their tax for Yahweh was 32 lives. ⁴¹And Moses gave the tax of the contribution of Yahweh to Eleazar the priest, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

⁴²And from the half of the sons of Israel whom Moses had divided from the men who waged war, ⁴³and the half of the congregation from the flock was 337,500, ⁴⁴and 36,000 cattle, ⁴⁵and 30,500 donkeys, ⁴⁶and 16,000 human lives. ⁴⁷And Moses took from the half of the sons of Israel the taken, one from the 50, from human and from animal. And he gave them to the Levites, the keepers of the keeping of the dwelling of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

⁴⁸And the appointed ones who were for the thousands of the army, the leaders of the thousands and the leaders of the hundreds, came near to Moses. ⁴⁹And they said to Moses, "Your servants have lifted up the heads of the

men of the war who were in our hand, and not a man from us is missing. ⁵⁰And we have offered the offering of Yahweh, a man what he found of the objects of gold, armlet, and bracelet, signet ring, earring, and ornament, to make atonement for our lives before the face of Yahweh." ⁵¹And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from with them, every object of craft. ⁵²And all the gold of the contribution which they raised to Yahweh from with the leaders of the thousands and from with the leaders of the hundreds was 16,750 shekels. ⁵³The men of the army had plundered, a man for himself. ⁵⁴And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from with the leaders of the thousands and the hundreds. And they brought it to the tent of meeting, a memorial for the sons of Israel before the face of Yahweh.

Chapter 32

¹And the livestock of the sons of Reuben and of the sons of Gad was great, very numerous. And they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and behold, the place was a place of livestock. ²And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and said to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, ³"Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Sebam, and Nebo, and Beon ⁴are the land that Yahweh struck before the face of the congregation of Israel. It is a land of livestock and livestock belongs to your servants." ⁵And they said, "If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not make us cross over the Jordan."

⁶And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, "Will your brothers go to the war and you yourselves will dwell here? ⁷And why do you discourage the heart of the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land that Yahweh has given to them? ⁸Thus your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to see the land. ⁹And they went up as far as the wadi of Eshkol. And they saw the land and discouraged the heart of the sons of Israel to not enter into the land that Yahweh had given to them. ¹⁰And the nose of Yahweh burned on that day. And he swore, saying, ¹¹If the men who went up from Egypt, from a son of 20 years and upward, will see the ground which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob! For they are not fully after me, ¹²except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun because they are fully after Yahweh." ¹³And the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel. And he made them wander in the wilderness 40 years until the finishing of all the generation who had done evil in the eyes of Yahweh. ¹⁴And behold, you have risen up in place of your fathers, a brood of sinful men, to add more to the burning of the nose of Yahweh toward Israel. ¹⁵If you turn from after him, then he will yet again leave him in the wilderness and you will have destroyed all this people."

¹⁶And they came near to him and said, "Here we will build walls of the flock for our livestock and cities for our children. ¹⁷And we ourselves will be equipped for war, hurrying before the face of the sons of Israel until when we have brought them into their place. And our children will dwell in the cities of the fortification because of the face of those who dwell in the land. ¹⁸We will not return to our houses until the sons of Israel get an inheritance for themselves, a man his inheritance. ¹⁹For we will not inherit with them from across of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance came to us from beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

²⁰And Moses said to them, "If you do this thing, if you equip yourselves before the face of Yahweh for the war, ²¹then every man equipped for war shall cross over the Jordan for you before the face of Yahweh, until he has dispossessed his enemy from his face ²²and the land is subdued before the face of Yahweh, then afterward you may return. And you will be free of obligation from Yahweh and from Israel. And this land will be for you for a possession before the face of Yahweh. ²³And if you do not do so, behold, you will have sinned against Yahweh. And know that your sin will find you. ²⁴Build for yourselves cities for your children and walls for your livestock. And you shall do what has gone out from your mouth." ²⁵And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do just as my master is commanding. ²⁶Our children, our wives, our livestock, and all our animals will be there in the cities of the Gilead. ²⁷And your servants will cross over, every man equipped for war of the army, before the face of Yahweh for the war, just as my master has spoken."

²⁸And Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel concerning them. ²⁹And Moses said to them, "If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every equipped man for the war before the face of Yahweh, and the land is subdued before your faces, then you will give to them the land of the Gilead as a possession. ³⁰And if the men equipped for war do not cross over with you, then they will take possession in your midst in the land of Canaan." ³¹And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, "What Yahweh has spoken to your servants, so we will do. ³²We will cross over, the men equipped for war, before the face of Yahweh into the land of Canaan. And with us will be the possession of our inheritance from beyond the Jordan."

³³And Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og the king of the Bashan, the land of its cities with the borders of the cities of the surrounding land. ³⁴And the sons of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, ³⁵and Atroth Shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, ³⁶and Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran, the cities of fortification and the walls of the flock. ³⁷And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim, ³⁸and Nebo, and Baal Meon (names were changed) and Sibmah. And they called the names of the cities that they built by names. ³⁹And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and captured it and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it. ⁴⁰And Moses gave the Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelled in it. ⁴¹And Jair the son of Manasseh went and captured their tent villages. And he called them Havvoth Jair. ⁴²And Nobah went and captured Kenath and its daughters. And he called it Nobah, by his name.

Chapter 33

¹These are the journeys of the sons of Israel who went out from the land of Egypt according to their tribes by the hand of Moses and Aaron. ²And Moses wrote down their departure points according to their tribes in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh. And these are their journeys according to their departure points. ³And they set out from Rameses on the first month, on day 15 of the first month, from the day after the Passover the sons of Israel went out with a raised hand before the eyes of all the Egyptians. ⁴And the Egyptians were burying those whom Yahweh had struck down, all the firstborn. And Yahweh enacted judgment against their gods.

⁵And the sons of Israel set out from Rameses and camped at Succoth. ⁶And they set out from Succoth and camped at Etham, which is at the edge of the wilderness. ⁷And they set out from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth, which is on the face of Baal Zephon. And they camped before the face of Migdol. ⁸And they set out from the face of Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea to the wilderness. And they went a distance of three days in the wilderness of Etham and camped at Marah. ⁹And they set out from Marah and camped at Elim. And at Elim were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees. And they camped there. ¹⁰And they set out from Elim and camped beside the Sea of Reeds. ¹¹And they set out from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the wilderness of Sin. ¹²And they set out from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah. ¹³And they set out from Dophkah and camped at Alush. ¹⁴And they set out from Alush and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water there for the people to drink. ¹⁵And they set out from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai. ¹⁶And they set out from the wilderness of Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah. ¹⁷And they set out from Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth. ¹⁸And they set out from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah. ¹⁹And they set out from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perez. ²⁰And they set out from Rimmon Perez and camped at Libnah. ²¹And they set out from Libnah and camped at Rissah. ²²And they set out from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah. ²³And they set out from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher. ²⁴And they set out from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah. ²⁵And they set out from Haradah and camped at Makheloth. ²⁶And they set out from Makheloth and camped at Tahath. ²⁷And they set out from Tahath and camped at Terah. ²⁸And they set out from Terah and camped at Mithkah. ²⁹And they set out from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah. ³⁰And they set out from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth. ³¹And they set out from Moseroth and camped at Bene Jaakan. ³²And they set out from Bene Jaakan and camped at Hor Haggidgad. ³³And they set out from Hor Haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah. ³⁴And they set out from Jotbathah

and camped at Abronah. ³⁵And they set out from Abronah and camped at Ezion Geber. ³⁶And they set out from Ezion Geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin (it is Kadesh). ³⁷And they set out from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, at the edge of the land of Edom.

³⁸And Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh and died there in the fortieth year of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on 1 of the month.

³⁹And Aaron was a son of 123 years when he died at Mount Hor.

⁴⁰And the Canaanite, the king of Arad (and he was dwelling in the Negev in the land of Canaan), heard when the sons of Israel came.

⁴¹And they set out from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah. ⁴²And they set out from Zalmonah and camped at Punon. ⁴³And they set out from Punon and camped at Oboth. ⁴⁴And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim, on the border of Moab. ⁴⁵And they set out from Iye and camped at Dibon Gad. ⁴⁶And they set out from Dibon Gad and camped at Almon Diblathaim. ⁴⁷And they set out from Almon Diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before the face of Nebo. ⁴⁸And they set out from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho. ⁴⁹And they camped beside the Jordan, from Beth Jeshimoth to Abel Shittim in the plains of Moab.

⁵⁰And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying, ⁵¹“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ⁵²then you shall dispossess all those who dwell in the land from your face. And you shall destroy all their carved figures, and you shall destroy all the figures of their molten metal, and you shall destroy all their high places. ⁵³And you shall take possession of the land and dwell in it, because I have given the land to you to possess it. ⁵⁴And you shall inherit for yourselves the land by lot, according to your clans. You shall increase his inheritance for the numerous, and you shall decrease his inheritance for the few. To there where the lot goes out for him, to him it will belong. According to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit for yourselves. ⁵⁵And if you do not dispossess those who dwell in the land from your face, then whom you leave from them will be as thorns in your eyes and as pricks in your sides. And they shall vex you on the land that you are about to dwell in. ⁵⁶And it will happen that I will do to you just as I had intended to do to them.”

Chapter 34

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter into the land of Canaan, this is the land that has fallen to you as an inheritance, the land of Canaan and its borders, ³and the corner of the south will be for you from the wilderness of Zin beside the hands of Edom. And the border of the south will be for you from the end of the Sea of Salt eastward. ⁴And the border will turn for you from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim and cross over to Zin. And its outer limits will be from the south to Kadesh Barnea. And it will go out to Hazar Addar and cross over to Azmon. ⁵And the border will turn from Azmon toward the wadi of Egypt and its outer limits will be to the sea.

⁶And the border of the west, it will be for you the Great Sea and the border. This will be for you the border of the west.

⁷And this will be for you the border of the north, from the Great Sea you shall mark out for you to Mount Hor.

⁸From Mount Hor you shall mark out to Lebo Hamath, and the outer limits of the border will be to Zedad. ⁹And the border will go out to Ziphron and its outer limits will be at Hazar Enan. This will be for you the border of the north.

¹⁰And you shall mark out for you the border to the east from Hazar Enan to Shepham. ¹¹And the border will go down from Shepham to Riblah, from east of Ain. And the border will go down and strike on the shoulder of the Sea of Kinnereth eastward. ¹²And the border will go down to the Jordan and its outer limits will be the Sea of Salt. This will be for you the land according to its borders all around.”

¹³And Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the land, it which you will inherit for yourselves by lot, which Yahweh has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half of the tribe. ¹⁴For the tribe of the sons of the Reubenites according to the house of their fathers and the tribe of the sons of the Gadites according to the house of their fathers have taken, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh has taken their inheritance. ¹⁵The two tribes and the half of the tribe have taken their inheritance from beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise."

¹⁶And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁷"These are the names of the men who will divide the land for you as an inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun. ¹⁸And you shall take one leader, one leader from a tribe to divide the land as an inheritance. ¹⁹And these are the names of the men:

of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

²⁰and of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud;

²¹of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Kislou;

²²and of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli;

²³of the sons of Joseph, of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod;

²⁴and of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan;

²⁵and of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnak;

²⁶and of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan;

²⁷and of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi;

²⁸and of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

²⁹These are whom Yahweh commanded to divide an inheritance for the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

Chapter 35

¹And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying, ²"Command the sons of Israel and they shall give to the Levites cities for dwelling from the inheritance of their possession. And you shall give to the Levites pastureland for the cities, all around them. ³And the cities will be for them for dwelling, and their pastureland will be for their livestock and for their property and for all their living things. ⁴And the pasturelands of the cities that you shall give to the Levites shall be from the wall of the city and outward 1,000 cubits all around. ⁵And you shall measure 2,000 by the cubit from outside of the city toward the corner of the east, and 2,000 by the cubit to the corner of the south, and 2,000 by the cubit to the corner of the west, and 2,000 by the cubit to the corner of the north, and the city will be in the middle. This will be the pastureland of the cities for them. ⁶And along with the cities which you shall give to the Levites you shall give six cities of refuge to which the one who kills may flee. And in addition to them you shall give 42 cities. ⁷All the cities that you shall give to the Levites shall be 48 cities, them and their pasturelands. ⁸And the cities that you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel, you shall increase from with the numerous, and you shall decrease from with the few. A man shall give from his cities to the Levites according to the mouth of his inheritance that he has inherited."

⁹And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ¹¹then you shall choose for yourselves cities, they will be cities of refuge for you. And the one who kills, the one who struck down a person by mistake, shall flee to there. ¹²And the cities will be for you for refuge from the avenger. And the one who kills will not die until he stands before the face of the congregation for the judgment. ¹³And the cities that you shall give shall be six cities of refuge for you. ¹⁴You shall

give three cities from beyond the Jordan. And you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan. They shall be cities of refuge. ¹⁵For the sons of Israel, and for the sojourner, and for the temporary dweller in your midst, these six cities shall be for refuge to flee to, every one who has struck down a person by mistake.

¹⁶And if he struck him down with an object of iron and he died, he is one who murders. The one who murders shall certainly be put to death. ¹⁷And if he struck him down with a stone in hand by which one could die and he died, he is one who murders. The one who murders shall certainly be put to death. ¹⁸Or if he struck him down with an object of wood in hand by which one could die and he died, he is one who murders. The one who murders shall certainly be put to death. ¹⁹The avenger of blood, he shall put the one who murders to death. When he meets him, he shall put him to death. ²⁰And if with hatred he pushes him or throws something at him by lying in wait and he dies, ²¹or if with hostility he strikes him down with his hand and he dies, you shall certainly put to death the one who strikes down; he is one who murders. The avenger of blood shall put to death the one who murders when he meets him.

²²And if with suddenness without hostility he pushes him or throws any object at him without lying in wait, ²³or if with any stone by which one could die without seeing he drops it on him and he dies, and he was not an enemy to him and was not seeking his harm, ²⁴then the congregation shall judge between the one who struck down and the avenger of blood in accordance with these judgments. ²⁵And the congregation shall rescue the one who kills from the hand of the avenger of blood. And the congregation shall bring him back into the city of his refuge to which he had fled. And he shall dwell in it until the death of the great priest, him whom he anointed with the oil of holiness. ²⁶And if the one who kills ever goes out of the border of the city of his refuge to which he has fled, ²⁷and the avenger of blood finds him outside the border of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the one who kills, there will be no blood against him. ²⁸For in the city of his refuge he must dwell until the death of the great priest, and after the death of the great priest the one who kills may return to the land of his possession.

²⁹And these shall be for you as a statute of judgment for your generations, in all your dwellings. ³⁰Every one who strikes down a person, according to the mouth of witnesses he must kill the one who kills. And one witness shall not testify against a person to put to death. ³¹And you shall not take a ransom for the life of one who kills, he who is guilty to die, because he shall certainly be put to death. ³²And you shall not take a ransom for the one who flees into the city of his refuge, to return to dwell in the land until the death of the priest. ³³And you shall not pollute the land which you are in because the blood itself pollutes the land. And atonement cannot be made for the land for the blood that is poured out on it except by the blood of the one who poured it out. ³⁴And you shall not defile the land which you are dwelling in, which I am dwelling in the midst of, because I, Yahweh, am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.”

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¹And the heads of the fathers of the clans of the sons of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh from the clans of the sons of Joseph came near and spoke before the face of Moses and before the face of the leaders, the heads of the fathers of the sons of Israel. ²And they said, “Yahweh commanded my master to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel. And my master was commanded by Yahweh to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. ³And they will become wives for one from the sons of the tribes of the sons of Israel. And their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added onto the inheritance of the tribe that they belong to. And it will be withdrawn from the lot of our inheritance. ⁴And when it will be the Jubilee for the sons of Israel, then their inheritance will be added onto the inheritance of the tribe which they belong to. And their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.”

⁵And Moses commanded the sons of Israel in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, saying, “What the tribe of the sons of Joseph is speaking is right. ⁶This is the word that Yahweh commands to the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, ‘They may become wives of the good one in their eyes, only they must become wives of the clan of the tribe of their father. ⁷And an inheritance of the sons of Israel shall not go around from tribe to tribe, but a man of the

sons of Israel shall cling to the inheritance of the tribe of his father. ⁸And every daughter who possesses an inheritance from the tribes of the sons of Israel shall become a wife for one from the clan of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel will have a possession, a man the inheritance of his fathers. ⁹And an inheritance shall not go around from a tribe to another tribe, but each tribe of the sons of Israel shall cling to his inheritance.”

¹⁰Just as Yahweh commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad. ¹¹And Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milkah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, became wives for the sons of their uncles. ¹²They became wives from the clans of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph. And their inheritance was with the tribe of the clan of their father.

¹³These are the commands and the judgments that Yahweh commanded by the hand of Moses to the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.

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