

The Fourth Book of Moses Called  
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*Jehovah commands Moses to number the children of Israel*

CHAPTER 1

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the desert of Sinai, in the tent of appointed meeting, on the first *day* of the second new moon, in the second year after they had gone out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Lift the heads of all the congregation of the children of Israel by their families, by the house of their fathers, the number of names, every male by their heads,

3 From a son<sup>3a</sup> of twenty years and upward, all who go out in the host of Israel; you and Aaron shall visit<sup>3b</sup> them by their hosts.

<sup>3a</sup> **1:3, a son of.** This phrase constantly occurs in the Bible. It is the word *ben*, which Hebrew word you find in so many names, like BenJamin, meaning son of my right hand, Gen 35:18. It comes from the verb *banah*, and means to build by binding together. The father and mother bind their *ben*, son, and *batah*, daughter to themselves to build up their house.

<sup>3b</sup> **1:3 shall visit.** God commanded Moses to visit, *paqad*, the children of Israel for the purpose of numbering them. When he visited each tribe the total numbers were recorded. Therefore most translations translate the word numbered, and that is not the meaning of the word. The word is *paqad*, which means to visit with a friendly or hostile intent, to oversee a particular work. The first place *paqad* appears is Gen 21:1 where Jehovah visited Sarah as He promised, and she conceived Isaac. God visited and supervised so that she conceived. He did not come for a social visit. He visited to fulfill His Word. Potiphar made Joseph the visitor over all his house, that is the one who visited everything under Potiphar, and supervised it to a successful conclusion. Joseph prophesied that God would certainly visit them after his death, Gen 50:24-25. God was not coming for a social visit. He visited Israel in Egypt to deliver them out of bondage, Ex 3:16; 4:31; 13:19. God visits the sin of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of them who hate Him, Ex 20:5, etc. It is important to see the exact word so that you make the connection in thought in the real world of God. Zacharias declared that God had visited His people in declaring to him in a vision that his son John

4 And a man from every tribe shall be with you; every man, *the* head of the house of his fathers.

5 And these are the names of the men who shall stand with you: of the tribe of Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon: Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah: Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar: Nethaneel, the son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun: Eliab, the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim: Elishama, the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh: Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

would be the immediate forerunner of the Christ, Luk 1:68, etc. The word visit, rather than number, conveys the correct meaning. When you arrive at Num 3:40 you find this statement: **And Jehovah said to Moses, Visit all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel, sons of a new moon, and upward, and take the number of their names.** If visit meant to number or count, God would not have said later in the same command, take the number of their names. It is here clearly shown that visit and number are not the same word. The first word in the sentence, *paqad*, is visit, and in the last phrase of the verse, take the number, are two words, *nasa' micpar*, which mean, take number, or take a count. Moses and Aaron had to visit each tribe to supervise the counting and recording of the correct numbers, and instruct the people why the visit and counting were necessary. You do not draft people into the army without some explanation and motivation. This shows the importance of the consistent translation of the actual meaning of the word, rather than interpreting the word to mean the end result. The end result of interpreting is what the believer does under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, after he has the exact word pictures the Holy Spirit gave in the original words. This is equipping the believer in the use of words which have God's impregnated specific patterns built into their nature like seeds that produce a specific plant.

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*Moses numbers the children of Israel in the Desert of Sinai*

11 Of Benjamin: Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan: Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

13 Of Asher: Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

14 Of Gad: Eliasaph, the son of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali: Ahira, the son of Enan.

16 These were the called out of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men who were punctured out by their names,

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second new moon, and *they declared* their generations by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, by their heads.

19 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so he visited them in the desert of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, by their heads, every male a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host:

21 Those visited of the tribe of Reuben, forty-six thousand, five hundred.

22 Of the children of Simeon by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, those visited by the number of the names, by their heads, every male,

a son of twenty years and upward, all able to go out in the host:

23 Those visited of the tribe of Simeon, fifty-nine thousand, three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all able to go out in the host:

25 Those visited of the tribe of Gad, forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the children of Judah by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host:

27 Those visited of the tribe of Judah, seventy-four thousand, six hundred.

28 Of the children of Issachar by their generations by their families by the house of their fathers by the number of the names from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host.

29 Those visited of the tribe of Issachar, fifty-four thousand, four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zebulun by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host:

31 Those visited of the tribe of Zebulun, fifty-seven thousand, four hundred:

32 Of the children of Joseph, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host.

33 Those visited of the tribe of Ephraim, forty thousand, five hundred.

34 Of the children of Manasseh by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host.

35 Those visited of the tribe of Manasseh, thirty-two thousand, two hundred.

36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host:

37 Those visited of the tribe of Benjamin, thirty-five thousand, four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host:

39 Those visited of the tribe of Dan, sixty-two thousand, seven hundred.

40 Of the children of Asher, by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward,

all who were able to go out in the host:

41 Those visited of the tribe of Asher, forty-one thousand, five hundred.

42 Of the children of Naphtali by their generations, by their families, by the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host:

43 Those visited of the tribe of Naphtali, fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

44 These are those visited, which Moses and Aaron and the princes of Israel visited, twelve men; each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those visited of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from a son of twenty years and upward, all who were able to go out in the host of Israel:

46 All those who were visited were six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

47 And the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not visited among them,

48 Because Jehovah had spoken to Moses, saying,

49 Only you shall not visit the tribe of Levi, nor lift the head count among the children of Israel;

50 And you shall visit to place the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all its implements, and over all things that *belong* to it; they shall bear the tabernacle, and all its implements; and they shall minister to it, and shall

**NUMBERS 2** *The responsibilities of the Levites; each tribe pitches by their flag*

encamp around the tabernacle. See

Note Exo 25:9-10

51 And when the tabernacle is to be pulled up, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own flag, by their hosts.

53 And the Levites shall pitch around the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel; and the Levites shall hedge about the guard duty of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so they did.

**CHAPTER 2**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own flag, with the insignia of their father's house; they shall pitch opposite, and around the tent of appointed meeting.

3 And they of the flag of the camp of Judah shall pitch by their hosts on the east side toward the rising of the sun, and Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, shall be prince of the children of Judah.

4 And his host and those who were visited of them, seventy-four thousand, six hundred.

5 And those who pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar; and Nethaneel, the son of Zuar, shall be prince of the children of Issachar.

6 And his host and those who were visited of him, fifty-four thousand, four hundred.

7 And the tribe of Zebulun: Eliab, the son of Helon, shall be prince of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his host and those who were visited of him, fifty-seven thousand, four hundred.

9 All who were visited in the camp of Judah were one hundred and eighty-six thousand, four hundred, by their hosts. These shall pull up first.

10 The flag of the camp of Reuben shall be on the south side by their hosts, and the prince of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur, the son of Shedeur;

11 And his host and those who were visited of him, forty-six thousand, five hundred.

12 And those who pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon; the prince of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his host and those who were visited of them, fifty-nine thousand, three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad; the prince of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph, the son of Reuel.

15 And his host and those who were visited of them, forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty.

16 All who were visited in the camp of Reuben, one hundred and fifty-one thousand, four hundred

and fifty, by their hosts. And they shall pull up second.

17 And the tent of appointed meeting shall pull up with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp; as they encamp, so they shall pull up, every man in his place by their flags.

18 The flag of the camp of Ephraim by their hosts *shall be* on the west side; and the prince of the sons of Ephraim, Elishama, the son of Ammihud.

19 And his host and those who were visited of them, forty thousand, five hundred.

20 And by him, the tribe of Manasseh; and the prince of the children of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his host and those who were visited of them, thirty-two thousand, two hundred.

22 The tribe of Benjamin: and the prince of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan, the son of Gideoni;

23 And his host and those who were visited of them, thirty-five thousand, four hundred.

24 All who were visited of the camp of Ephraim, one hundred and eight thousand, one hundred, by their hosts. And they shall pull up third.

25 The flag of the camp of Dan, on the north by their armies; and the prince of the children of Dan, Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his host and those who were visited of them, sixty-two thousand, seven hundred.

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27 And those who encamp by him, the tribe of Asher; and the prince of the children of Asher, Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

28 And his host and those who were visited of them, forty-one thousand, five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali; and the prince of the children of Naphtali, Ahira, the son of Enan.

30 And his host and those who were visited of them, fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

31 All they who were visited in the camp of Dan, one hundred and fifty-seven thousand, six hundred. They shall pull up last with their flags.

32 These are those who were visited of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those who were visited of the camps by their hosts *were* six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

33 And the Levites were not visited among the children of Israel, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses; so they pitched by their flags, and so they pulled up, every one by their families, by the house of their fathers.

### **CHAPTER 3**

1 These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day Jehovah spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai.

2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

**NUMBERS 3** *The Sons of Aaron and their families are taken in place of the firstborn*

3 These, *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whose hand he filled to officiate in the priest's office.

4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the face of Jehovah, when they brought near strange fire before the face of Jehovah in the desert of Sinai, and there were no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar officiated in the priest's office before the face of Aaron, their father.

5 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Bring near the tribe of Levi, and stand them before the face of Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him.

7 And they shall hedge about his guard duty, and the guard duty of the whole congregation before the face of the tent of appointed meeting to do the work of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall hedge about all the implements of the tent of appointed meeting and the guard duty of the children of Israel to do the work of the tabernacle.

9 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him out of the children of Israel.

10 And you shall visit Aaron and his sons, and they shall hedge about the priesthood; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn who opens the womb

among the children of Israel; the Levites are mine,

13 Because all the firstborn are mine; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified to me all the firstborn in Israel, man and animal; they are mine; *I am* Jehovah.

14 And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the desert of Sinai, saying,

15 Visit the children of Levi after the house of their fathers by their families; you shall visit every male, son of a new moon and upward.

16 And Moses visited them according to the mouth of Jehovah as he was commanded.

17 And these are the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli, and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon, the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites, these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those who were visited of them by the number of all the males, son of a new moon and upward, even those who were visited of them *were* seven thousand, five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the prince of the father's house of the Gershonites, Eliasaph, the son of Lael.

25 And the guard duty of the sons of Gershon in the tent of appointed meeting; the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the hanging for the door of the tent of appointed meeting,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar all around, and its cords for all its work.

27 And of Kohath, the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izecharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these *are* the families of the Kohathites.

28 In number, all the males, sons of a new moon and upward, were eight thousand, six hundred, hedging about the guard duty of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the prince of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites, Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 And their guard duty: the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the implements of the sanctuary with which they work, and the curtain, and all its work.

32 And Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest shall be prince over the princes of the Levites, and

the visitation of them who hedge about the guard duty of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari, the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites; these *are* the families of Merari.

34 And those who were visited of them, by the number of all the males, sons of a new moon and upward *were* six thousand, two hundred.

35 And the prince of the house of the father of the families of Merari, Zuriel the son of Abihail, shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And the visitation of the guard duty of the sons of Merari: the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its implements, and all its work,

37 And the columns around the court, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 And those who pitch their tents before the face of the tabernacle toward the east, before the face of the tent of appointed meeting eastward; Moses, and Aaron, and his sons, hedging about the guard duty of the sanctuary for the guard duty of the children of Israel; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

39 All who were visited of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron visited at the mouth of Jehovah, according to their families, all the males, sons of a new moon and upward, twenty-two thousand.

**NUMBERS 4** *Five shekels for each firstborn of Israel above the 22,000 Levites; sons of Kohath*

40 And Jehovah said to Moses, Visit all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel, sons of a new moon and upward, and lift the number of their names.

41 And you shall take the Levites for me - *I am Jehovah* - instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses visited, as Jehovah commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, sons of a new moon and upward, of those who were visited of them *were* twenty-two thousand, two hundred and seventy-three.

44 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the animals of the Levites instead of their animals; and the Levites shall be mine; *I am Jehovah*.

46 And for those who are ransomed of the two hundred and seventy-three of the firstborn of the children of Israel which are more than the Levites,

47 You shall take five shekels by the head, by the shekel of the sanctuary you shall take (the shekel *is* twenty gerahs)

48 And you shall give the silver, with which those over and above are ransomed, to Aaron and to his sons.

49 And Moses took the ransom silver of them who were over and above them who were ransomed by the Levites;

50 He took the silver from the firstborn of the children of Israel, one thousand, three hundred and sixty-five shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary;

51 And Moses gave the silver of them who were ransomed to Aaron and to his sons, by the mouth of Jehovah, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

**CHAPTER 4**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Lift the heads of the sons of Kohath from the midst of the sons of Levi, by their families, by the house of their fathers,

3 From a son of thirty years and upward even to a son of fifty years, all who go into the host to do the ministry in the tent of appointed meeting.

4 This shall be the work of the sons of Kohath in the tent of appointed meeting about the most holy things;

5 And when the camp pulls up, Aaron shall come and his sons, and they shall take down the covering veil, and cover the ark of testimony with it;

6 And shall give it the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the separators. Note Ex 25:5.

7 And upon the table of his face they shall spread out a cloth of blue, and put on it the dishes,



and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover it; and the continuous bread shall be on it; Note, Ex 25:30.

8 And they shall spread over them a cloth of crimson, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in its separators.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the lampstand of its light, and its lamps, and its tongs, and its snuffdishes, and all its oil vessels with which they minister to it;

10 And they shall give it, and all its implements within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

11 And they shall spread out a cloth of blue on the gold altar, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in its separators;

12 And they shall take all the implements of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and give them a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall give them on a bar;

13 And they *shall take away* what was anointed from the altar, and spread out a purple cloth on it;

14 And they shall give upon it all its implements, with which they minister about it, the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the bowls, all the implements of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put in its separators.

15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the implements

of the sanctuary, and the camp is pulled up, after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to lift it; and they shall not touch a holy thing, lest they die. These *are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tent of appointed meeting.

16 And the visitation of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest: the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the daily food offering, the anointing oil, the visitation of all the tabernacle, and of everything in the sanctuary, and in its implements.

17 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18 Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from the midst of the Levites;

19 And do this to them that they may live and not die, when they come near to the holy of holies; Aaron and his sons shall go in, and put every one of them to his work and to his burden;

20 And they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered lest they die.

21 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

22 Also lift the heads of the sons of Gershon, by the houses of their fathers, by their families;

23 You shall visit them from a son of thirty years and upward to a son of fifty years; all who go in to assemble the host to do the work in the tent of appointed meeting.

24 This is the work of the families of the Gershonites, to work, and for burdens;

25 And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of appointed meeting, its covering,

**NUMBERS 4** *Gershonites to carry curtains; sons of Merari to carry boards, framing, etc*

and the covering of the badgers' skins which is above upon it, and the curtain for the door of the tent of appointed meeting,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar all around, and their cords, and all the instruments of their work, and all that is made for them; so they shall work.

27 All the work of the sons of the Gershonites in all their burdens, and in all their work shall be at the mouth of Aaron and his sons, and you shall visit upon them the guard duty of all their burdens.

28 This is the work of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tent of appointed meeting; and their guard duty shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron, the priest.

29 You shall visit the sons of Merari by their families, by the house of their fathers;

30 You shall visit them from a son of thirty years and upward to a son of fifty years, everyone who goes into the host to do the work of the tent of appointed meeting.

31 And this is the guard duty of their burden, according to all their work in the tent of appointed meeting; the boards of the tabernacle, and its bolts, and its columns, and its sockets,

32 And the columns of the court all around, and their bases, and their pins, and their cords, with all their implements, and with all their work; and you shall visit the implements of the guard duty of their

burden by name.

33 This is the work of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their work, in the tent of appointed meeting, under the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron, the priest.

34 And Moses and Aaron and the princes of the congregation visited the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and after the house of their fathers,

35 From a son of thirty years and upward to a son of fifty years, everyone who goes into the host for the work in the tent of appointed meeting;

36 And those who were visited of them by their families were two thousand, seven hundred and fifty.

37 These *are* they who were visited of the families of the Kohathites, all who worked in the tent of appointed meeting, whom Moses and Aaron visited according to the mouth of Jehovah by the hand of Moses,

38 And those who were visited of the sons of Gershon, by their families, and by the house of their fathers,

39 From a son of thirty years and upward to a son of fifty years, every one who went into the host, for the work in the tent of appointed meeting,

40 Those who were visited of them, by their families, by the house of their fathers, *were* two thousand, six hundred and thirty.

41 These *are* they who were visited of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all who did work in the

tent of appointed meeting, whom Moses and Aaron visited according to the mouth of Jehovah.

42 And those who were visited of the families of the sons of Merari, according to their families, by the house of their fathers,

43 From a son of thirty years and upward to a son of fifty years, every one who went into the host, for the work in the tent of appointed meeting,

44 Even those who were visited of them by their families, *were* three thousand, two hundred.

45 These *are* they who were visited of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron visited according to the mouth of Jehovah by the hand of Moses,

46 All those who were visited of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron, and the princes of Israel visited, by their families, and by the house of their fathers,

47 From a son of thirty years and upward to a son of fifty years, every one who came to do the work of the work, even the work of the burden in the tent of appointed meeting,

48 And those who were visited of them *were* eight thousand, five hundred and eighty.

49 They were visited by the hand of Moses according to the mouth of Jehovah, every man according to his work, and according to his burden; they were visited by him, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

## CHAPTER 5

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel that they send away out of the camp every leper, and every one who has an issue, and whoever is defiled by any soul;

3 You shall send away male and female; you shall send them away outside of the camp, that they do not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and sent them away, outside of the camp; as Jehovah spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did.

5 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Speak to the children of Israel, man or woman, When they do any sin, as men cover treachery against Jehovah, and that soul is guilty,

7 Then they shall raise their hand for the sin which they have done, and he shall return his trespass with its principal, and add to it a fifth, and give it to him against whom he has trespassed.

8 And if the man has no kinsman redeemer<sup>8</sup> to return the trespass to, let the trespass be returned to Jehovah, to the priest, separate from the ram of the covering *for sin*, by which a covering *of sin* is made for him.

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<sup>8</sup>5:8 kinsman redeemer, Note Lev 25:25

## NUMBERS 5

*Dealing with the spirit of jealousy and accused adultery*

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring near to the priest, shall be his.

10 And every man's sanctified things shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, If any man's wife deviates, and covers a treachery against him,

13 And a man lies down with her sowing seed, and it is concealed from the eyes of her husband, and it is hidden, and she is defiled, and there is no witness against her, she was not caught,

14 And the spirit of jealousy crosses over upon him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled, or, if the spirit of jealousy crosses over upon him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled,

15 Then the man shall bring his wife to the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it, nor give frankincense on it, because it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and stand her before the face of Jehovah;

17 And the priest shall take holy water in a vessel of pottery; and the priest shall take of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle, and give it into the water;

18 And the priest shall stand the woman before the face of Jehovah, and make the woman's head bare, and give the offering of memorial in her palms, which is the jealousy offering; and the bitter water that causes the curse shall be in the hand of the priest;

19 And the priest shall swear her by swearing, and say to the woman, If no man has lain down with you, and if you have not deviated to uncleanness while under your husband, be clean from this bitter water that causes the curse;

20 And if you have deviated, while under your husband, and if you are defiled, and some man has given sexual lying down with you besides your husband,

21 Then the priest shall swear the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say to the woman, Jehovah gives you a curse and an oath in the midst of your people, when Jehovah gives your thigh to fall,<sup>21</sup> and your belly to swell;

22 And these waters that cause the curse shall go into your insides to make your stomach swell and your thigh to fall. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.<sup>22</sup>

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall rub them out with the bitter water;

<sup>21</sup> 5:21 **thigh to fall**, *naphal*, the regular word, to fall, as in to fall asleep, Gen 2:21, a person's face to fall, Gen 4:5, and to fall into a pit, Gen 14:10. When used of members of the body it means the limb will shrivel and fall in strength, or even die and fall off the body.

<sup>22</sup> 5:22 Amen is a Hebrew word, spelled *amen* in Hebrew, and means sure, true.

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causes the curse; and the water that causes the curse shall go into her bitter.

25 And the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the face of Jehovah, and bring it near upon the altar;

26 And the priest shall take a hand full of the offering, even its memorial, and burn it as perfumed incense on the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he has caused her to drink the water, it shall be, if she is defiled, and has covered the treachery against her husband, that the water that causes the curse shall go into her bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall; and the woman shall be a curse in the midst of her people.

28 And if the woman is not defiled, and is pure; then she shall be clean, and shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousies, when a wife deviates, while under her husband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy crosses over upon him, and he is jealous over his wife, and shall stand the woman before the face of Jehovah, and the priest shall do upon her all this law.

31 And the man shall be clean from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

## CHAPTER 6

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When a man or woman shall be separated to vow a vow of a Nazirite, to be set apart to Jehovah,

3 He shall be set apart from wine and hard liquor, and shall not drink vinegar of wine, or vinegar of hard liquor, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes, or dried.

4 All the days of his being set apart he shall eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the skins.

5 All the days of the vow of his being set apart there shall no razor cross over upon his head, until the days are fulfilled, in which he is set apart to Jehovah; he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head become long.

6 All the days that he is set apart to Jehovah he shall not come against a dead soul.

7 He shall not be unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister at *their* death, because his being set apart to his God is upon his head.

8 All the days of his being set apart he is holy to Jehovah.

9 And if dying, anyone dies in a wink suddenly by him, and he has defiled the head of his being set apart, he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing; he shall shave it on the seventh day.

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*The law of the Nazirite; On this wise you shall bless*

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tent of appointed meeting,

11 And the priest shall make the one a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering, and make a covering *of sin* for him who sinned by the dead, and shall sanctify his head that day.

12 And he shall be set apart to Jehovah the days of his being set apart, and shall bring a young ram, a son of a year, for a trespass offering; and the days that were before shall fall away<sup>12</sup> because his being set apart was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his being set apart are fulfilled; he shall come to the door of the tent of appointed meeting;

14 And he shall bring near his offering to Jehovah, one young ram, a son of a year, without blemish for a burnt offering, and one young ewe, a daughter of a year, without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of flour mixed with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their food offering, and their drink offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring them near before the face of Jehovah, and shall make his sin offering and his burnt offering;

17 And he shall bring near the ram, a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall bring near also its food offering and its drink offering.

18 And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the palms of the Nazirite, after the hair of his separation is shaved;

20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the face of Jehovah; this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast, and heave shoulder; and after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

21 This is the law of the Nazirite who has vowed, and of his offering to Jehovah for his being set apart, separate from that which his hand shall reach; he must do the vow out of his mouth which he rightly vowed after the law of his being set apart.

22 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, On this wise you shall bless<sup>23</sup> the children of Israel, saying to them,

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<sup>23</sup> **6:23-27. bless.** The principal meaning of the Hebrew word, *barak*, which is translated bless, is to kneel down. When used of God it means that He kneels down to bestow His goodness upon us. When we bless God, we

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<sup>12</sup> **6:12 fall away, naphal,** to fall, (not be counted).

24 May Jehovah kneel down with goodness to you, and hedge you about;

25 May Jehovah make his face shine upon you, and stoop down with grace to you;

26 May Jehovah lift up his face upon you, and put within you peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will kneel down with goodness to them.

### CHAPTER 7

1 And it was on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all its implements, the altar and all its implements, and had anointed them, and sanctified them,

2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them who were visited, came near,

3 And they brought their offering before the face of Jehovah, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one a bullock; and they brought them before the

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kneel down to give Him praise for His goodness. *Barak* is one of those words that gathers all the goodness of God into one word, and it is impossible to give it a full translation. Stoop down with grace is the translation of *chanan*, usually translated be gracious. *Chanan* means to stoop down with grace. *The Heritage Bible* changes the beautiful, traditional words of King James to the above translation with the prayer that ultimately these literal, and I believe beautiful words, will become as traditional in the next generations as the previous words were to previous generations. *The Heritage Bible* sometimes translates *barak* as bless, and at other times as kneel down with goodness.

face of the tabernacle.

4 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

5 Take it of them that they may be to do the work of the tent of appointed meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his work.

6 And Moses took the wagons, and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 He gave to the sons of Gershon two wagons and four oxen according to their work;

8 And he gave to the sons of Merari four wagons and eight oxen according to their work, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 And to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because the work of the sanctuary belonging to them was that they should lift upon their shoulders.

10 And the princes brought near for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed; the princes brought near their offering before the face of the altar.

11 And Jehovah said to Moses, They shall bring near their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 And he who brought near his offering the first day was Nahshon, the son of Amminadab of the tribe of Judah;

13 And his offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

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14 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

15 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

16 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

17 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, brought near;

19 He brought near his offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

20 One spoon of gold of ten, full of incense;

21 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

22 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

23 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Nethaneel, the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab, the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, brought near

25 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

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26 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

27 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

28 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

29 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Eliab, the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur, the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, brought near

31 His offering: one silver dish of the weight of one hundred and thirty; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

32 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

33 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

34 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

35 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, brought near

37 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;



38 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

39 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

40 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

41 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph, the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad;

43 His offering: one silver dish weighing one hundred and thirty, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

44 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

45 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

46 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

47 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Eliasaph, the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim;

49 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty; one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

50 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

51 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

52 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

53 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day offered Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh;

55 His offering: one silver dish of the weight of one hundred and thirty, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

56 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

57 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

58 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

59 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan, the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin;

61 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

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62 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

63 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

64 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

65 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan;

67 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

68 One gold spoon of ten, full of incense;

69 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

70 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

71 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel, the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher;

73 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

74 One gold spoon of ten full of incense;

75 One young bullock one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

76 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

77 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira, the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali;

79 His offering: one silver dish, weighing one hundred and thirty, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, the two full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

80 One gold spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

81 One young bullock, one ram, one young ram, son of a year, for a burnt offering;

82 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering;

83 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five young rams, sons of a year; this *was* the offering of Ahira, the son of Enan.

84 This *was for* the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed by the princes of Israel; twelve dishes of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold;

85 Each dish of silver weighing one hundred and thirty, each bowl seventy; all the silver implements weighed two thousand, four hundred, after the shekel of the sanctuary;

86 The gold spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten each, after the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the spoons, one hundred and twenty shekels.

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering, twelve bullocks; the rams, twelve, the young rams, sons of a year, twelve, with their food offering; and the he goats of the goats for sin offering, twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty-four bullocks; the rams, sixty, the he goats, sixty, the young rams, sons of a year, sixty. This *was for* the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tent of appointed meeting to speak with him, he heard the voice of one speaking to him from above the mercy seat<sup>89</sup> that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubs; and he spoke to him.

## CHAPTER 8

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron and say to him, When you cause the lamps to light up, the seven lamps shall give light to the front of the face of the lampstand.

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<sup>89</sup> **7:89 the mercy seat**, *kapporeth*, means covering, referring to the lid of the ark of the testimony or covenant. It is a form of the word *kaphar* which is the word to cover translated in KJV to make an atonement. This cover is the place where the blood is sprinkled inside the holy of holies to cover our sins. Therefore, it is the mercy seat.

3 And Aaron did so; he caused the lamps to light up to the front of the face of the lampstand, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

4 And this work of the lampstand of beaten gold, its shaft, its flowers, a beaten work, according to the appearance which Jehovah caused Moses to see, so he made the lampstand.

5 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from the midst of the children of Israel, and purify them.

7 And you shall do like this to them to purify them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let the razor cross over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make them pure.

8 And let them take a bullock, a son of cattle, with its food offering, flour mixed with oil, and a second bullock, a son of cattle, you shall take for a sin offering.

9 And you shall bring the Levites near before the face of the tent of appointed meeting, and you shall assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel;

10 And you shall bring the Levites near before the face of Jehovah, and the children of Israel shall take hold with their hands upon the Levites;

11 And Aaron shall wave the Levites before the face of Jehovah for a wave offering of the children of Israel; they are to work the work of Jehovah.

**NUMBERS 9** *The Levites given to Aaron and his sons as assistants instead of the firstborn*

12 And the Levites shall take hold with their hands upon the heads of the bullocks, and you shall make the one a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering, to Jehovah, to make a covering for the Levites.

13 And you shall stand the Levites before the face of Aaron, and before the faces of his sons, and wave them as a wave offering to Jehovah.

14 You shall separate the Levites from the midst of the children of Israel; the Levites are mine.

15 After that the Levites shall go in to work the tent of appointed meeting, and you shall purify them, and wave them *as* a wave offering,

16 Because they are wholly given to me from the midst of the children of Israel; I have taken them to myself instead of those who open every womb, instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel,

17 Because all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, man and animal; I sanctified them for myself on the day that I struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt.

18 And I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

19 And I have given the Levites, a gift to Aaron, and to his sons from the midst of the children of Israel, to work the work of the children of Israel in the tent of appointed meeting, and to make a covering for the children of Israel, that there will not be a plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come near to the sanctuary.

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20 And Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites all that Jehovah commanded Moses concerning the Levites; so the children of Israel did to them.

21 And the Levites were cleansed from sin, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron waved them *as* a wave offering before the face of Jehovah; and Aaron made a covering for them to cleanse them from sin.

22 And after that, the Levites went in to work their work in the tent of appointed meeting before the face of Aaron and before the faces of his sons; what Jehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

24 This is what pertains to the Levites: sons of twenty-five years and upward shall go in the host to work the work of the tent of appointed meeting;

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall retire from the host of work, and shall work no more;

26 And shall minister with their brothers in the tent of appointed meeting to hedge about the guard duty, and shall work no work. Just so you shall do to the Levites concerning their guard duty.

**CHAPTER 9**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the desert of Sinai, in the first new moon of the second year after they had gone out of the land of Egypt, saying,

*Jehovah commands to do the Passover; Israel journeys at the mouth of Jehovah* **NUMBERS 9**

2 The children of Israel shall do the Passover at its appointed meeting.

3 In the fourteenth day of this new moon at dusk, you shall do it in its appointed meeting; you shall do its entire enactment and its entire judged decree.

4 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel that they should do the Passover.

5 And they did the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first new moon at dusk in the desert of Sinai; all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did.

6 And there were men, who were defiled by the soul *having departed* from a man, that they could not do the Passover on that day; and they came near before the face of Moses, and before the face of Aaron on that day;

7 And those men said to him, We are defiled by the soul *having departed* from a man; why are we scraped away, that we may not bring near an offering to Jehovah in his appointed meeting in the midst of the children of Israel?

8 And Moses said to them, Stand, and I will hear what Jehovah will command concerning you.

9 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you, or of your posterity shall be unclean because of a soul *having departed*, or is on a distant journey, yet he shall do the Passover to Jehovah.

11 The fourteenth day of the second new moon at dusk they shall do it, eating it with unleavened bread, and bitter herbs.

12 They shall leave none of it until the dawn, nor break any bone of it; according to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall do it. John 19:36

13 But the man who is clean, and not on a journey, and desists to do the Passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he did not bring near the offering of Jehovah in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will do the Passover to Jehovah; according to the ordinance of the Passover, and according to its judged decree, so he shall do; you shall have one ordinance for the stranger, and for him who was born in the land.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was raised up the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony; at dusk there was upon the tabernacle the appearance of fire until the dawn.

16 So it was always; the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And at his mouth the cloud was taken up from the tent; after that the children of Israel pulled up; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the mouth<sup>18</sup> of Jehovah the children of Israel pulled up, and at the mouth of Jehovah they

<sup>18</sup> **9:18 at the mouth of Jehovah.** The translation of the word mouth, *peh*, clearly

**NUMBERS 10** *Israel led by the cloud; the trumpets call for assemblies and departures*

pitched; as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 And when the cloud was long upon the tabernacle many days, the children of Israel hedged about the guard duty of Jehovah, and did not pull up.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a number of days upon the tabernacle, by the mouth of Jehovah they abode in their tents, and by the mouth of Jehovah they pulled up.

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illustrates the difference between translation and interpretation. The Hebrew uses the word *peh*, mouth. Most all versions of the English Bible use the word command to translate *peh* when used with Jehovah, and that is not a translation; that is an interpretation. The word command is *tsavah*. Interpretation means the conclusion you draw from the word that is used. If I say ear, and you think hearing, you have not translated my word, you have interpreted it. If I say ear, and you think ear, you have translated, not interpreted my word. God wants you to receive this distinction, because, you need the actual words God gave, so that you begin where God wants you to begin, and draw the right conclusions in your interpretation. At the command of Jehovah is a correct interpretation, but it is not the correct translation. The correct translation is mouth. The interpretation is that they did everything by the commands that came out of the mouth of Jehovah. This kind of illustration showing that most versions have interpreted many words instead of translating them could be multiplied hundreds of times in Bible translations. What *The Heritage Bible* accomplishes, to the extent that it is possible, is a translation of exact words, so that the Holy Spirit can lead you in the interpretation. Real facts and real pictures should be received into the heart of the believer, so that from those real facts and real pictures the believer can receive from the Holy Spirit the right interpretation for his life now. The point of your beginning to draw conclusions should be with the words that God originally gave. If you begin there, and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit from there, you will arrive at the right place and in the right condition for your life. Start everything in your life at the correct starting line, God's exact words.

21 And so it was, when the cloud was from dusk until dawn, and the cloud was taken up in the dawn, then they pulled up; whether by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they pulled up.

22 Or whether two days, or a new moon, or days, that the cloud was long upon the tabernacle, abiding over it, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and did not pull up; and when it was taken up, they pulled up.

23 At the mouth of Jehovah they abode in their tents, and at the mouth of Jehovah they pulled up; they hedged about the guard duty of Jehovah, at the mouth of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

**CHAPTER 10**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Make for yourself two trumpets of silver; you shall make them molded by hammering; they shall be for the calling of the congregation, and for the departure of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the congregation shall meet you by appointment at the door of the tent of appointed meeting.

4 And if they blow with one, the princes, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall meet you by appointment.

5 When you blow a loud acclamation, then the camps that are pitched on the east shall pull up.

6    When you blow a second loud acclamation, the camps pitched on the south shall pull up; they shall blow a loud acclamation for their departures.

7    And when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow, and not shout.

8    And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

9    And if you go to war in your land against the oppressor who oppresses you, you shall shout with the trumpets; and you shall be remembered before the face of Jehovah, your God, and you shall be saved from those who hate you.

10   Also in the day of your gladness, and in your appointed meetings, and in the heads of your new moons, you shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings, that they may be to you for a memorial before the face of your God; *I am* Jehovah, your God.

11   And it was on the twentieth of the second new moon, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12   And the children of Israel pulled up their departure out of the desert of Sinai, and the cloud abode in the desert of Paran.

13   And they pulled up the first time by the mouth of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

14   The flag of the camp of the children of Judah by their hosts pulled up first; and over his host was Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.

15   And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Nethaneel, the son of Zuar.

16   And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Eliab, the son of Helon.

17   And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari pulled up, bearing the tabernacle.

18   And the flag of the camp of Reuben pulled up by their hosts; and over his host, Elizur, the son of Shedeur.

19   And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20   And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad, Eliasaph, the son of Deuel.

21   And the Kohathites pulled up, bearing the sanctuary; and the other set up the tabernacle at the end of their going.

22   And the flag of the camp of the children of Ephraim pulled up by their hosts; and over his army, Elishama, the son of Ammihud.

23   And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

24   And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

25   And the flag of the camp of the children of Dan pulled up, the final gathering of all the camps by their hosts; and over his army,

**NUMBERS 11** *The order of the tribes; the cloud; the fire of Jehovah burns against them*

Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher, Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Ahira, the son of Enan.

28 These *were* the departures of the children of Israel by their hosts when they pulled up.

29 And Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel, the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are pulling up toward the place of which Jehovah said, I will give it to you; walk with us, and we will do you good, because Jehovah has spoken good over Israel.

30 And he said to him, I will not walk, and I will walk to my own land and to my family.

31 And he said, Do not leave us, please, because you know we are to encamp in the desert, and you may be eyes to us.

32 And it shall be, if you walk with us, it shall be that what goodness Jehovah shall make good to us, we will do good to you.

33 And they pulled up from the mount of Jehovah three days' journey, and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah pulled up before their face three days' journey on the go to gain for them a resting place.

34 And the cloud of Jehovah was over them by day, when they pulled up out of the camp.

35 And it was, when the ark pulled up that Moses said, Rise up, Jehovah, and let those hating you be forcibly scattered, and let those hating you vanish before your face.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, Jehovah, to the myriads, the thousands of Israel.

**CHAPTER 11**

1 And when the people mourned, it was evil in the ear of Jehovah, and Jehovah heard; and his nostrils burned; and the fire of Jehovah burned among them, and ate to the extremity of the camp.

2 And the people screamed to Moses, and Moses judged in prayer<sup>2</sup> with Jehovah, and the fire subsided.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of Jehovah burned among them.

4 And the mixed multitude in their midst wished with craving; and the children of Israel wept again,<sup>4</sup> and said, Who shall cause us to eat flesh?

5 We remember the fish which we ate in Egypt without cost,<sup>5</sup> the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;

<sup>2</sup> **11:2 judged in prayer.** *palal*, to judge by leveling, to arbitrate something, and make it come out even, right. When you pray to God, you are judging things rightly, evenly, and setting things right, even, between you and God, or between God and the person for whom you are interceding. See Note Gen 20:17.

<sup>4</sup> **11:4 children of Israel wept again.** The word again, *shuwb*, is in the Hebrew, and there is no record in their recent past where they wept previously. Apparently the again refers to their mourning immediately before this in 11:1. It is amazing how soon people forget, and how soon they fall back into their sinful habits, right after God has delivered them from His wrath.

<sup>5</sup> **11:5 without cost.** *chinmam*, and means without cost. Being servants, their food was furnished to them without additional cost. Their job was secure, and their food was secure. They were servants, and their job and food were guaran-



6 And now our soul is dry; there is nothing at all, besides this whatever you call it<sup>6</sup> before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and its eye as the eye of bdellium.

8 And the people traveled about, and picked it up, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 And Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent; and the nostrils of Jehovah burned exceedingly; it was evil in the eyes of Moses.

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ted. It is like being in prison. Your employment and your food are guaranteed. You are in prison, and you have freedom from having to earn your living. Many people prefer security in servitude to freedom in faith. When Israel in the desert had to exercise faith for their needs they considered it worse than death. All of that type of people have not died from the earth. There are still many of them living around us.

<sup>6</sup> **11:6 this whatever you call it, manna.** There is sarcasm and hateful disgust in this sentence. It is typical of the attitude people often have when they do not have everything they want. You can see them speaking these words in disgust and anger, puncturing the air with all kinds of gestures with their hands and words from their mouths. **And now! Our soul, DRY. And there is NOTHING, Nothing at ALL, besides this ...WHATEVER you call it, before our EYES!** The Hebrew word, *man*, which means **what** in Hebrew, becomes *manna* in English, meaning what do you call it. They did not know what it was, Ex 16:15. Although God told them what it was, Ex 16:15, they still avowed they did not know what it was. What they meant was, it was not what they wanted. In unbelief we often get what we do not want, and which is what we need to build our faith if we will change our attitude.

11 And Moses said to Jehovah, Why have you done evil to your servant? Why is there no grace toward me in your eyes, that you put the burden of all this people on me?

12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I beget them, that you should say to me, Carry them in your bosom, as a nursing father carries a sucking child, to the land which you swore to their fathers?

13 From where should I give flesh to all this people? Because they weep to me, saying, Give us flesh that we may eat.

14 I separately am not able to carry all this people, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if you do like this to me, strike me dead, please, dead, if there is grace toward me in your eyes, and let me not see evil.

16 And Jehovah said to Moses, Gather to me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be elders of the people, and officers over them; and take them to the tent of appointed meeting, and station them there with you.

17 And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take of the Spirit which is upon you, and will put upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you bear it not yourself separately.

18 And say to the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, because you have wept in the ears of Jehovah, saying, Who shall give us meat to eat? Because it was well with us in Egypt, and Jehovah will give you

**NUMBERS 11** *Jehovah gives His Spirit to the seventy elders; the Spirit of Jehovah brings quails*  
meat, and you shall eat.

19 You shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

20 *But* until the day of the new moon, until it goes out your nostrils, and it is disgusting to you, because you have despised Jehovah who is in your midst, and have wept before his face, saying, Why did we go out of Egypt for this?

21 And Moses said, I *am* in their midst; the people are six hundred thousand footmen, and you have said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat until the day of the new moon!

22 Shall the flocks, and the herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered for them, to be sufficient for them?

23 And Jehovah said to Moses, Is the hand of Jehovah cut off? Now you shall see whether my word shall come to meet<sup>2,3</sup> you or not.

24 And Moses went out, and spoke to the people the words of Jehovah, and gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stood them around the tent.

25 And Jehovah came down in a cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and gave to the seventy elders; and it was, that when the Spirit rested upon them they prophesied, but they did not *prophecy* again.

<sup>23</sup> **11:23 shall come to meet you, qarah,** which means to meet, to go to meet someone, to cause to meet, to make opportune, to happen, to frame something to be built. God promises that when we believe His Word, His Word will come to meet us, and be fulfilled.

26 And there remained two men in the camp, the name of the one, Eldad, and the name of the other, Medad; and the Spirit rested upon them; and they were of them who were written, and they did not go out to the tent; and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a youth, and stood before Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered him, and said, My lord, Moses, shut them off.

29 And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, and that Jehovah would give his Spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gathered to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 And there the Spirit pulled up, namely, Jehovah, and cut off quails from the sea, and they were thrust down by the camp, a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, two cubits<sup>3,1</sup> upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people rose up all that day, and all night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails; he with the least gathered ten homers; and they spread them

<sup>31</sup> **11:31 two cubits upon the face of the earth.** Two cubits deep [three feet] of quail upon the earth a days journey around the camp would be totally unmanageable. Apparently what it means is that there were quail drifted into heaps two cubits high. This interpretation will satisfy the text, and is still tons of quail, which would be needed to feed two to three million or more people.

*Jehovah's nostrils blaze against them; Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses* **NUMBERS 12**

out for themselves around the camp.

33 While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, the nostrils of Jehovah blazed up against the people, and Jehovah struck the people an exceedingly great blow.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hatta Avah,<sup>3 4</sup> because there they buried the people who lusted.

35 And the people pulled up from Kibroth-hatta Avah to Hazeroth, and were at Hazeroth.

## CHAPTER 12

1 And Miriam and Aaron spoke<sup>1 a</sup> against Moses because of the Ethiopian<sup>1 b</sup> woman whom he had taken, on account of his having taken an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Has Jehovah indeed spoken only by Moses? Has he not spoken also by us? And Jehovah heard.

3 The man Moses was very meek, more than all the men who were upon the face of the earth.

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<sup>3 4</sup> **11:34 Kibroth hatta Avah.** These are Hebrew words that mean the graves of those who lusted.

<sup>1 a</sup> **12:1 spoke, *dabar*,** to arrange words. The way you arrange words is the way you arrange your life. In other words, the words you learn, and how you use them in your speech, determine what happens in your life, Mt 12:37. Miriam, leading Aaron, arranged words against Moses, which arrangement was actually against Jehovah, which arrangement caused them great distress.

<sup>1 b</sup> **12:1 Ethiopian.** A Cushite, descendant of Cush, a son of Ham, founder of Ethiopia (apparently meaning the whole continent of Africa), brother to Mizraim, founder of Egypt, Gen 10:6.

4 And Jehovah spoke suddenly to Moses, to Aaron, to Miriam, Come out, you three, to the tent of appointed meeting. And they three went out.

5 And Jehovah came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tent, and called Aaron and Miriam, and they two went out.

6 And he said, Hear now my words; If there is a prophet, I, Jehovah, will make myself seen to him in a vision; I will speak to him in a dream.

7 My servant, Moses, not so; he builds all my house. Heb 3:2,5.

8 I speak to him mouth to mouth, seen, and not in riddles; he looks intently at the shape of Jehovah; why were you not afraid to speak against my servant, Moses?

9 And the nostrils of Jehovah flamed out against them, and he walked.<sup>9</sup>

10 And the cloud pulled up from off the tent, and behold, Miriam was leprous as snow; and Aaron faced toward Miriam, and behold, she is leprous.

11 And Aaron said to Moses, Oh please, my lord, I beg you, do not place this sin upon us, in which we have been foolish, and in which we have sinned.

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<sup>9</sup> **12:9 walked, *yalak*.** I emphasize to you that when you find modern idiomatic phrases in *The Heritage Bible* that it is not our invention so as to be catchy or modern. When you read that the nostrils of Jehovah flamed out against them, and he walked, you are reading the exact words of the Hebrew, just as God said to Moses in Ex 3:10, Walk now, and I will send you to Pharaoh. You get the picture.

**NUMBERS 13** *Miriam struck with leprosy for seven days; twelve men sent to see Canaan*

12 Let her not be as dead, of whom the flesh is half eaten when he goes out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses screamed to Jehovah, saying, Heal her, please, Almighty, I beg you.

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be reproached seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received.

15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days, and the people did not pull up until Miriam was received.

16 And afterward the people pulled up from Hazeroth, and pitched in the desert of Paran.

**CHAPTER 13**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Send men, that they may be on the go to gain the land of Canaan which I give to the children of Israel; you shall send one man, one man from every tribe of their fathers, every one a prince of them.

3 And Moses sent them from the desert of Paran by the mouth of Jehovah, all those men, heads of the children of Israel.

4 And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua, the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat, the son of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb, the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal, the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea, the son of Nun.

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9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti, the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel, the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi, the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel, the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur, the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi, the son of Vophsi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel, the son of Machi.

16 These *were* the names of the men who Moses sent on the go to gain the land. And Moses called Hoshea, the son of Nun, Joshua.

17 And Moses sent them on the go to gain the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up this *way* by the Negev, and go up into the hills;

18 And see the land, what it is, and the people who dwell there, strong, weak, few, or many;

19 And what the land is, in which they dwell, whether good or bad; and what *the* cities are in which they dwell, whether in tents or in fortifications;

20 And what the land is, whether robust or lean, whether there are trees there or not. Seize strength, and take of the fruit of the land - the day, the day of the firstripe grapes.

21 So they went up, and were on the go to gain the land from the desert of Zin to Rehob as men come to Hamath.

*Ten magnify the enemies; Caleb believes they are able; the people rebel*

## NUMBERS 14

22 And they went up by the Negev, and came to Hebron, where were Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak. Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.

23 And they came to the stream of Eshcol, and cut down there a branch with one bunch of grapes, and two of them carried it upon a pole; and some pomegranates, and some figs.

24 The place was called the stream of Eshcol,<sup>24</sup> because of the bunch of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from there.

25 And they returned from being on the go to gain the land after forty days.

26 And they walked and came to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the desert of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them, and to all the congregation, and let them see the fruit of the land.

27 And they tallied up to him, and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and surely it flows milk and honey, and this is the fruit.

28 However, the people are forceful who dwell in the land, and the cities, inaccessible and very great; and in addition, we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negev; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and beside Jordan.

<sup>24</sup> 13:24 **Eschol**, a bunch of grapes.

30 And Caleb silenced the people before Moses, and said, Surely we will go up and possess it, because we are able to do it.

31 The men who went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, because they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought to the children of Israel a slander against the land where they had been on the go to gain, saying, The land which we crossed over to be on the go to gain is a land that eats its inhabitants; and all the people we saw in it were men of a great height.

33 And there we saw those who cause others to fall, the sons of Anak, those who came out of those who cause others to fall; and we were in our own eyes grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes. Gen 6:4

## CHAPTER 14

1 The whole congregation lifting up their voice gave weeping, and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel stopped in rebellion<sup>2</sup> against Moses and against Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, We wish that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or, We wish we had died in this desert!

<sup>2</sup> 14:2 **stopped in rebellion**, *luwn*, which means to stop moving, park, and refuse to move at the leader's direction, to remain where you are. The KJV translates *luwn* as murmur. *Luwn* describes what they did, not what they said. They stopped moving forward, stationed themselves, and refused to move, just like a stubborn farm animal that refuses to move another step. *Luwn* describes what they did; then we are told what they said. *Teluwnah* in Num 14:27 does mean obstinate grumbling, or murmuring, and is so translated.

**NUMBERS 14** *The people rebel; Joshua and Caleb speak; Jehovah rejects them; Moses prays*

3 And why has Jehovah brought us to this land to fall by the sword? Are not our wives and our children a prey? Is it not better for us to return to Egypt?

4 And each man said to his brother, Let us make a head and return to Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the face of all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 And Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, of them who were on the go to gain the land, tore their clothes,

7 And they spoke to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which place we crossed over on the go to gain, is an exceeding good land.

8 If Jehovah is inclined toward us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it to us, a land which flows milk and honey.

9 Only do not rebel against Jehovah, and you, fear not the people of the land, because they are food for us; their shade has turned away from them, and Jehovah is with us; fear not.

10 And the whole congregation said to throw stones at them. And the heavy glory of Jehovah was seen on the tent of appointed meeting toward all the children of Israel.

11 And Jehovah said to Moses, How long will this people contemptuously reject me? How long do they not believe me for all the signs which I have done in their midst?

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12 I will strike them with death, and possess them *in wrath*, and will make of you a greater and mightier people than it.

13 And Moses said to Jehovah, The Egyptians will hear it, because you brought up this people in your power from the midst of them;

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land, because they have heard that you, Jehovah, are in the midst of this people, that you, Jehovah, are seen eye to eye, and that your cloud stands over them, and that you walk before their face in a pillar of a cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 If you kill this people as one man, the peoples which have heard your voice<sup>15</sup> will speak, saying,

16 Because Jehovah was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore to them, he has slaughtered them in the desert.

17 Right now, please, let the power of Jehovah be great, as you have spoken, saying,

18 Jehovah, waiting long before my nostrils *burn*,<sup>18</sup> of great mercy, lifting off iniquity and transgression, and not cleansing, and visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon

<sup>15</sup> **14:15 voice, *shema*.** The unbelievers hear the voice of God in their hearts through what God does in and through His children.

<sup>18</sup> **14:18 waiting long before my nostrils *burn*.** This phrase is composed of two Hebrew words, *arek*, meaning long, and *aph*, nose, with rapid breathing to express anger. *Burn* is understood, because *burn* appears in the phrase in many passages before. Waiting long before my nostrils *burn* means that Jehovah waits a long time before His nostrils burn against our sins, giving us plenty of time to turn from our ways. If we do not turn from our obstinate ways He will make His nostrils burn toward us.

*Those rebelling will fall in the desert; Caleb will go in; their children will enter* **NUMBERS 14**  
the children to the third and fourth generation.

19 Forgive, please, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your mercy, and as you have lifted this people from Egypt until now.

20 And Jehovah said, I have forgiven according to your word;

21 And on the contrary, I live, and all the earth shall be filled with the heavy glory of Jehovah,

22 Because all those men who have seen my heavy glory and my signs, which I did in Egypt and in the desert, and have tested me these ten times, and have not heard my voice,

23 And they shall not see the land which I have sworn to their fathers, and all those contemptuously rejecting me shall not see it;

24 But my servant, Caleb, because another Spirit was with him, and he was behind me in full, I will bring him into the land there where he went, and his seed shall possess it.

25 (The Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn, and pull up into the desert by the road to the Red Sea.

26 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which stops in rebellion on me? I have heard the obstinate grumbings of the children of Israel, by which they stop in rebellion against me.

28 Say to them, I live - an oracle of Jehovah - Whatever you have spoken in my ears, so I will do to you;

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this desert; all of you who were visited, your whole number, from a son of twenty years and upward, who have stopped in rebellion against me,

30 You shall not come into the land for which I raised my hand to cause you to dwell there, except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua, the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which you said should be a prey, them I will bring in, and they will see the land which you have despised.

32 And as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this desert.

33 And your children shall be shepherded in this desert forty years, and shall bear your whoredoms until your carcasses are finished in this desert.

34 According to the number of the days in which you were on the go to gain the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you shall bear your iniquities forty years and you shall see my enmity.

35 I, Jehovah, have said, I will do this to the whole evil congregation who met by appointment against me; they are finished in this desert, and there they shall die.

36 The men whom Moses sent to be on the go to gain the land who returned, and caused the whole congregation to stop in rebellion against him by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Those men who brought up the evil slander upon the land, died by a stroke<sup>37</sup> before the face of Jehovah.

**NUMBERS 15** *The rebelling people are struck by the Amalekites; laws on the offerings*

38 And Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, of the men who walked to be on the go to gain the land, lived.

39 And Moses spoke these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned<sup>39</sup> exceedingly.

40 And they loaded up early in the dawn, and went up into the head of the mountain, saying, Lo, we will go up to the place which Jehovah has said, because we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Why now? You cross over against the mouth of Jehovah; it will not prosper.

42 Do not go up, because Jehovah is not in your midst, so that you are not struck before the face of those who hate you,

43 Because the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before your face, and you shall fall by the sword, because you turned back from after Jehovah; Jehovah will not be with you.

44 But they swelled with arrogance, and went up to the head of the mount; and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah and Moses, did not move from the midst of the camp.

<sup>37</sup> **14:37 by a stroke.** This does not mean by a stroke as a person experiences when an artery is blocked, and is partially paralyzed or dies. This word, *maggēpha*, means a blow as when God strikes a man. It is not the verb form, but the noun, a blow, a stroke from God so that a person dies. It might be by a stroke as we use the word or some other blow from God which causes death.

<sup>39</sup> **14:39 mourned,** *abal*, means to walk with the head down expressing sadness by the total expression of your body.

45 The Amalekites and the Canaanites came down, who dwelt in that mountain, and struck them, and beat them violently to Hormah.

**CHAPTER 15**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land of your dwellings which I give to you,

3 And make an offering by fire to Jehovah, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your appointed meetings, to make a restful fragrance to Jehovah, of the herd, or of the flock,

4 He who brings near his offering to Jehovah brings near a food offering of a tenth part of flour mixed with the fourth of a hin of oil.

5 And you shall make a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with the burnt offering or sacrifice for one young ram.

6 Or for a ram, you shall make for a food offering two tenths of flour mixed with the third of a hin of oil.

7 You shall bring near a third of a hin of wine for a drink offering, for a restful fragrance to Jehovah.

8 And when you make a bullock a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings to Jehovah,

9 Bring near with a bullock a food offering of three tenths of flour mixed with half a hin of oil.



10 Bring near for a drink offering half a hin of wine for a burnt offering, a restful fragrance to Jehovah.

11 Thus it shall be done for one bullock, or one ram, or a young ram, or a he goat.

12 According to the number that you make, so you shall do to every one according to their number.

13 All who are native born shall do these after this manner in offering a burnt offering of a restful fragrance to Jehovah.

14 And if a stranger lodges with you, or whoever in your midst in your generations will bring near a burnt offering of a restful fragrance to Jehovah, as you do, so he shall do.

15 One ordinance for you of the congregation and for the stranger who lodges with you *will be* an ordinance forever in your generations; as you, so shall the stranger be before the face of Jehovah.

16 One law and one judgment shall be for you and for the stranger who lodges with you.

17 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land where there I bring you,

19 It shall be, when you eat of the food of the land you shall raise up a heave offering to Jehovah.

20 You shall raise up a cake of the first of your meal for a heave offering; as you do the heave offering of the threshingfloor, so you

shall raise it up.

21 You shall give to Jehovah from the first of your meal a heave offering throughout your generations.

22 And if you have strayed, and not done all these commandments, which Jehovah has spoken to Moses,

23 All that Jehovah has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that Jehovah commanded and forward to all your generations,

24 Then it shall be, if it is done inadvertently without the congregation's seeing, that the whole congregation shall bring near one young bullock for a burnt offering for a restful fragrance to Jehovah with its food offering and its drink offering, according to the judgment, and one he goat of the goats for a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall make a covering for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, because it *is* inadvertent; and they shall bring their offering, a burnt offering to Jehovah and their sin offering before the face of Jehovah for their inadvertent mistake;

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger who lodges in their midst shall see that all the people did it inadvertently.

27 And if any soul sins inadvertently, then he shall bring a she goat, a daughter of a year, for a sin offering.

**NUMBERS 16** Offerings; a violation of the Sabbath; do not follow your own heart and eyes

28 And the priest shall make a covering for the soul who sins straying, when he sins by straying before the face of Jehovah, to make a covering for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 You shall have one law for him who sins inadvertently, for him who is native born of the children of Israel, and for the stranger who lodges in their midst.

30 And the soul who does with open hand to deceive, whether native born or a stranger, he reviles Jehovah, and that soul shall be cut off from the midst of his people,

31 Because he has despised the word of Jehovah, and has broken his commandment, being cut off, that soul shall be cut off, his iniquity upon him.

32 While the children of Israel were in the desert, they found a man gathering wood on the Sabbath day,

33 And they who found him gathering wood brought him near to Moses and Aaron and the whole congregation.

34 And they deposited him with a guard, because it was not specified what to do to him.

35 And Jehovah said to Moses, The man being put to death, shall be put to death; the whole congregation stoning, shall stone him with stones outside the camp.

36 And the whole congregation brought him to the outside of the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

37 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

38 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them to make fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put on the fringe of the borders a blue twine;

39 And it shall be to you a fringe, that you may see it, and remember all the commandments of Jehovah, and do them, so that you are not on the go to gain *the purpose of your own heart and your own eyes*, after which you go a whoring;<sup>39</sup>

40 Remember with purpose, and do all my commandments, and be holy to God.

41 *I am* Jehovah, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; *I am* Jehovah, your God.

**CHAPTER 16**

1 Now 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, sons of Reuben, took,

2 And rose up before the face of Moses with men of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, chosen in the congregation, men of position,

<sup>39</sup> **15:39 your own heart, and your own eyes.** God commands them not to follow their own hearts, nor their own eyes, and with purpose to remember and do God's commandments. There is no wisdom naturally in the human heart. The human eyes cannot naturally see what is righteous and good. If you follow your own heart, and what appears best to your own eyes, you will always be disobedient, and in trouble. You must seek revelation knowledge by murmuring in pleasure in God's law day and night, Jsh 1:8; Ps 1:2.

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses, and against Aaron, and said to them, You *take* too much on yourself, because the whole congregation is holy, all of them, and Jehovah is in the midst of them; why do you lift up yourselves above the congregation of Jehovah?

4 And when Moses heard, he fell upon his face;

5 And he spoke to Korah and to all of his congregation, saying, In the dawn Jehovah will cause to be seen who is his and who is holy, and bring him near to him; he will bring near to him, him whom he has chosen.

6 This do; take censers, Korah, and all his assembly,

7 And put fire in them, and put incense in them before the face of Jehovah tomorrow; and it shall be, the man whom Jehovah chooses, he is holy; you *take* too much on you, you sons of Levi.

8 And Moses said to Korah, Hear, now, sons of Levi;

9 Is it a small thing to you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to work the work of the tabernacle of Jehovah, and to stand before the face of the congregation to minister to them?

10 And he has brought you near to him, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi, with you, and you strive for the priesthood also?

11 For this, you and all your assembly met by appointment against Jehovah, and what is Aaron

that you stop in rebellion<sup>11</sup> against him?

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, who said, We will not come up;

13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land that flows milk and honey to kill us in the desert, so that ruling, you can be chief ruler over us?

14 Besides, you have not brought us into a land that flows milk and honey, or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards; will you pierce the eyes of these men? We will not come up.

15 And Moses blazed exceedingly in anger, and said to Jehovah, Do not turn your face to their offering; I have not lifted one donkey from them, neither have I done evil to one of them.

16 And Moses said to Korah, You and your whole assembly be there before the face of Jehovah, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow;

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<sup>11</sup> **16:11 stop in rebellion**, *lawn*. See Note on Lev 14:2. The Hebrew means to balk at doing what God called them to do, and try to take over what God did not call them to do. Note that this rebellious group was made up of Levites and Reubenites, who were assistant ministers and laymen, Num 16:1,9-11. Many assistant ministers, lay leaders, and church members have done this to their pastor, time and time again. They stopped serving the pastor to make his ministry a success in the position that God placed him, and the assistants decided through fleshly arrogance that they had the right to assemble a rebellion of church members to remove the pastor, and take over his job, when God has never spoken to any assistant to do this, not even when the pastor is wrong. See the example of David and Saul, 1 Sam 24:2-7,10; 26:9-11; 2 Sam 1:14-16.

## NUMBERS 16

*The earth opens and swallows Korah, Dathan, and Abiram*

17 And every man take his censer, and give incense in them, and you bring near before the face of Jehovah every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; you also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

18 And they took every man his censer, and gave fire in them, and put incense on it, and stood in the door of the tent of appointed meeting with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered the whole congregation against them to the door of the tent of appointed meeting, and the heavy glory of Jehovah appeared to the whole congregation.

20 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from the midst of this congregation, that I may finish them in a blink of the eyes.

22 And they fell on their faces, and said, Oh God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you burst out in wrath on the whole congregation?

23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

24 Speak to the congregation, saying, Get up from around the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and walked to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel walked behind him.

26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Depart, now, from the tents of these wicked men; touch nothing of all of theirs, lest you be scraped away in all their

sins.

27 And they ascended from all around the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, and Dathan and Abiram coming out stood in the door of their tents with their wives, their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, By this you will see that Jehovah has sent me to do all these works, and not of my own heart.

29 If these die the death of all men so that they are visited according to the visitation of all men, Jehovah has not sent me.

30 But if Jehovah creates a creation, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them with all theirs, and they go down alive into the world of the dead, you will see that these men have contemptuously rejected Jehovah.

31 And it was, as he ended speaking all these words, the ground broke open, that under them,

32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their houses, and all the men of Korah, and all their properties.

33 They and all theirs went down alive into the world of the dead, and the earth covered them; and they were lost from the midst of the congregation.

34 And all Israel around them fled at their cry, because they said, Lest the earth swallow us.

35 And there went out fire from Jehovah, and ate the two hundred and fifty men who brought near incense.

*The people stop in rebellion; 14,700 died in the plague*

## NUMBERS 17

36 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

37 Speak to Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, that he raise up the censers out of the cremation,<sup>37</sup> and scatter the fire at a distance, because they are sanctified.

38 The censers of these sinners who sinned against their own souls, make them into beaten metal sheets to overlay the altar, because they brought them near before the face of Jehovah; therefore they are sanctified, and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel.

39 And Eleazar, the priest, took the bronze censers, with which they who were burnt had brought near, and they were beaten into metal sheets to overlay the altar,

40 A memorial to the children of Israel in order that no stranger, one not of the seed of Aaron, come near to burn perfumed incense before the face of Jehovah, and not be as Korah and his assembly, what Jehovah spoke to him by the hand of Moses.

41 And on the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel stopped in rebellion against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of Jehovah.

42 And it was, the congregation gathered against Moses and against Aaron, and they faced toward the tent of appointed meeting; and behold, the cloud covered it, and the heavy glory of Jehovah was seen.

<sup>37</sup> 16:37 cremation, *serephah*, refers to all the dead bodies that had been burned when the fire of God burnt them to death.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the face of the tent of appointed meeting.

44 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

45 Rise up from the midst of this congregation, and I will end them in a blink *of the eye*; and they fell on their faces.

46 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a censer, and give fire on it from off the altar, and put incense, and walk quickly to the congregation, and make a covering for them, because wrath has gone out from the face of Jehovah; the plague has broken out.

47 And Aaron took what Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold, the plague was broken out upon the people; and he gave incense, and made a covering for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the fatal plague was held back.

49 They who died in the fatal plague were fourteen thousand, seven hundred, separate from those who died as a result of the word of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tent of appointed meeting, and the fatal plague was held back.

## CHAPTER 17

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and take from everyone of them a rod of the fathers house, from all the princes according to the

**NUMBERS 18** *Rods of the twelve princes placed in the Tent; Aaron's rod budded*

house of their fathers, twelve rods; write every man's name on his rod.

3 And you shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; one rod for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And you shall deposit them in the tent of appointed meeting before the face of the testimony, there where I meet with you by appointment.

5 And it shall be, the man's rod whom I choose shall blossom, and I will cause to subside from me the obstinate grumblings of the children of Israel by which they stop in rebellion against you.

6 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and all of their princes gave him a rod, one for each prince, for their fathers' houses, twelve rods, and the rod of Aaron was among the rods.

7 And Moses deposited the rods before the face of Jehovah in the tent of testimony.

8 And it was, on the next day Moses went into the tent of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and brought out blooms, and glistening blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the face of Jehovah to all the children of Israel, and they saw, and every man took his rod.

10 And Jehovah said to Moses, Return Aaron's rod before the face of the testimony to be a guard, for a sign to the sons of the rebels, and you shall end their ob-

stinate grumblings against me so that they do not die.

11 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him; so he did.

12 And the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, we breathe our last; we are lost; all of us are lost.

13 Whoever, drawing near, draws near to the tabernacle of Jehovah shall die. Shall we be completely ended, dying?

**CHAPTER 18**

1 And Jehovah said to Aaron, You and your sons of your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 Gather your brothers of the rod of Levi, the tribe of your father, bring *them* near with you, that they may be joined to you, and serve you, and you and your sons with you before the tent of testimony.

3 And they shall hedge about guard duty for you, and guard duty for all the tent; only they shall not come near the implements of the sanctuary and the altar, that they nor you do not die.

4 And they shall be joined to you, and hedge about the guard duty of the tent of appointed meeting, for all the work of the tent; and a stranger shall not come near to you.

5 And you shall hedge about the guard duty of the sanctuary, and the guard duty of the altar; that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brothers, the Levites, from the midst of the children of Israel; they are given to you as a gift from Jehovah, to do the work of the tent of appointed meeting.

7 You and your sons with you shall hedge about your priesthood for every word of the altar, and the house of the veil, and you shall work; I have given your priesthood to you, a work, a gift, and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

8 And Jehovah spoke to Aaron, Behold, I also have given you the guard duty of my heave offerings of all the sanctified things of the children of Israel; I have given them to you because of the anointing, and to your sons by a statute forever.

9 This shall be yours of the holy holy things, from out of the fire: all of their offerings, all of their food offerings, all of their sin offerings, all of their trespass offerings, which they return to me, shall be holy holy for you and for your sons.

10 You shall eat the holy holy things<sup>10</sup>; every male shall eat it; it shall be holy to you.

<sup>10</sup> **18:10 holy holy things.** The phrase is *qodesh qodesh*, often translated holy of holies or the most holy place. KJV translates Num 18:10, In the most holy place shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee. That cannot be what is meant because the priests could not eat in the holy of holies the holy things that were sacrificed, because only the great priest could go into the holy of holies, and that only once each year, and not then to eat, Lev 16:34. The altar inside the holy place is called *qodesh qodesh* in Ex 29:37, the same words used to designate the holy of holies. It was in that part of the tent we call the holy place that all the priests were to eat the holy things or holy holy things. In Ex 30:29 all the furniture listed including

11 These are yours: the heave offerings of their gifts, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with you, by an enactment forever; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the grape juice, and of the wheat, their first *of harvest* which they give to Jehovah, I have given you.

13 And all of the firstfruits of the land, which they shall bring to Jehovah, shall be yours; all who are clean in your house shall eat of it.

14 All things devoted in Israel shall be yours.

15 All that opens the womb of all flesh, which they bring near to Jehovah, of men or animals, shall be yours; however, redeeming, you shall redeem the firstborn of man, and you shall redeem the firstborn of unclean animals.

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the furniture in the holy place, and the wash-bowl, and altar of burnt offering outside of the tent, are called *qodesh qodesh*, and anything that touched them. The special perfumed incense God commanded the priests to make is called *qodesh qodesh*, Ex 30:36. The altar of burnt offerings outside the tent is called *qodesh qodesh* in Ex 40:10. The flesh and food offerings given to Aaron and his sons for their share of the offerings are called *qodesh qodesh* in Lev 2:3,10; 6:17. This command in Num 18:10 is that they eat the *qodesh qodesh*, the holy holy things, not that they eat in the holy of holies. The sin offering was not offered in the holy of holies, and is called *qodesh qodesh* in Lev 6:25. The priests are commanded to eat all these sacrifices and offerings, and their eating them is called *qodesh qodesh*, Lev 6:25. In Lev 6:30 they are commanded to eat *qodesh qodesh*, the holy holy things, in the holy place, not in the holy of holies. Therefore they are commanded to eat the holy holy things, not to eat in the holy of holies.

## NUMBERS 18

*God's laws of offerings to the priests, tithes to the Levites*

16 And those redeemed, a son of a new moon,<sup>16</sup> you shall redeem according to your estimation for the silver of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary which is twenty gerahs.

17 Only you shall not redeem the firstborn of cattle, or the firstborn of sheep, or the firstborn of goats; they are holy; you shall sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shall burn their fat a burnt offering, a restful fragrance to Jehovah.

18 And their meat<sup>18</sup> shall be yours, as the wave breast and the right shoulder are yours.

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<sup>16</sup> **18:16 son of a new moon**, *ben chodesh*, son of a new moon, means a new moon old, or 28 days old, and the literal translation shows you the mental pictures, the words that they arranged in their hearts in their day to day activities.

<sup>18</sup> **18:18 meat**, *basar*. This entire chapter is on God's financial provision for the priests. The tithe was given to the Levites, the assistant ministers of the priests, and a tithe of all that the Levites received was then given to the priests, Num 18:21-26. But all the offerings were given to the priests, not the Levites, and offerings were a continuous income whereas the tithe came in only after harvest once each year.

In this Note I am especially pointing out the amount of meat, flesh of clean animals, that the priests ate, and further state that the eating of meat is not the cause of diseases as is declared in much health (mis)information given out today. If you will read the entire chapter of Num 18 carefully, and also read Lev 10:12-20 you will discover that the priests ate meat all day every day. The priests had to eat in the holy place part of every sacrifice that was offered, and the food their family ate at home was primarily meat along with grains, vegetables, and fruits. It is a fact that you can eat meat numerous times every day and not gain weight as long as you do not eat refined carbohydrates (which they did not have in those days.) A diet of meat only will also cure your diseases. They had no refined sugar and no de-germinated flour. Refined carbohydrates are the main cause of all disease. After the flood God gave Noah and his descendants the right to eat the meat of clean animals, Gen 9:3-4. The priests who ate meat all day

19 I have given to you all heave offerings of the holy things which the children of Israel raise up to Jehovah, and your sons and your daughters with you by an enactment forever; it is a covenant of salt forever before the face of Jehovah to you and to your seed with you.

20 And Jehovah spoke to Aaron, You shall not inherit an inheritance of their land, nor shall there exist to you any allotment in their midst; I am your allotment and your inheritance in the midst of the children of Israel.

21 Behold, I have given to the children of Levi all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance in return for their work which they work, the work of the tent of appointed meeting.

22 And the children of Israel shall not any more come near the tent of appointed meeting lest they bear sin, and die.

23 And the Levites shall work the work of the tent of appointed meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; it is an enactment forever throughout your generations, that in the midst of the children of Israel they inherit no inheritance,

24 Because I have given the tithes of the children of Israel to the Levites, which they raise up as a heave offering to Jehovah, to inherit; therefore I have said to them, Among the children of Israel they shall not inherit an inheritance.

25 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

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every day were the healthiest and lived the longest among the people of Israel. See also Deu 18:1-8.



26 Thus speak to the Levites, and say to them, When you take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall raise up a heave offering of it for Jehovah, a tithe of the tithe.

27 And your heave offering shall be calculated your increase of the threshingfloor and the fullness of the winepress.

28 So you also shall raise up a heave offering to Jehovah of all your tithes, which you take of the children of Israel, and you shall give it, Jehovah's heave offering, to Aaron, the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts you shall raise up every heave offering of Jehovah of all the best of it, the consecrated thing out of it.

30 Therefore you shall say to them, When you have raised up the best from it, then it shall be calculated to the Levites as the increase of the threshingfloor and as the income of the winepress.

31 And you shall eat it in every place, you and your houses, because it is your wages for your work in the tent of appointed meeting.

32 And you shall bear no sin from it, when you have raised up from it the best of it, neither shall you pollute the holy things of the children of Israel lest you die.

#### **CHAPTER 19**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 This is the ordinance of the law which Jehovah has commanded, saying, Speak to the chil-

dren of Israel that they take to you a red heifer without blemish, in which is no blemish, and upon which never came a yoke;

3 And you shall give her to Eleazar, the priest, that he may bring her out to the outside of the camp, and kill her before his face;

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front, the face of the tent of appointed meeting, seven times;

5 And shall burn the heifer before his eyes; he shall burn her skin, her flesh, and her blood, with her dung;

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and crimson dye, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 And the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the dusk.

8 And he who burns her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the dusk.

9 And a clean man shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and it shall be a guard duty for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation; it is an offering for sin.

10 And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the dusk; and it shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger who lodges among them, an enactment forever.

**NUMBERS 20** *God's laws for cleansing from touching dead bodies; Miriam dies; they rebel*

11 He who touches the dead soul of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall cleanse himself from sin because of it on the third day, and he shall be clean on the seventh day; and if he does not purify himself of sin the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Whoever touches a dead soul, a man who is dead, and does not purify himself from sin, defiles the tabernacle of Jehovah, and that soul shall be cut off from Israel, because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him; he shall be unclean, his uncleanness yet upon him.

14 This is the law when a man dies in a tent: all who come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel, which has no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

16 And whoever touches one who is polluted by the sword on the face of the fields, or one dead, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for one unclean they shall take of the burnt ashes of the sin offering, and give living water in a vessel,

18 And a clean man shall take hyssop, and plunge it in the water, and sprinkle upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the souls who were there, and upon him who touched a bone, or one polluted, or one dead, or a grave;

19 And the one clean shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself from sin, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at dusk.

20 And the man who shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself from sin, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Jehovah; the water of separation has not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute to them, that he who sprinkles the water of separation shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water of separation shall be unclean until dusk.

22 And whatever the unclean soul touches shall be unclean, and the soul who touches it shall be unclean until dusk.

**CHAPTER 20**

1 And the children of Israel came, the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first new moon, and the people dwelt in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation, and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people contended with Moses, and spoke, saying, Oh that we had died when our brothers died before the face of Jehovah!

4 And why have you brought up the congregation of Jehovah into this desert, that we and our animals should die there?

5 And why have you made us to come up out of Egypt to bring us in to this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates, neither does there exist any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the face of the assembly to the door of the tent of appointed meeting, and they fell upon their faces; and the heavy glory of Jehovah appeared to them.

7 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather the congregation together, you and Aaron, your brother, and speak to the lofty rock<sup>8</sup> before their eyes; and it shall give out its water, and you shall bring water out of the lofty rock to them; and you shall give drink to the congregation and their animals.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the face of Jehovah, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the face of the lofty rock, and he said to them, Hear now, you rebels; must we bring out to you water out of this lofty rock?

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<sup>8</sup> **20:8 lofty rock**, *cela*, a high craggy rock. This is not a rock simply lying out somewhere on the ground, out of which God miraculously brought water. This is a lofty rock-side of a mountain, out of which God brought water miraculously. This is the first place this word occurs.

11 And Moses raised up his hand, and with his rod he struck the lofty rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their animals also.

12 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with Jehovah, and he was sanctified upon them.

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, Like this, says your brother Israel, You have seen all the distress that has come to us;

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt many days; and the Egyptians did evil to us and our fathers;

16 And when we cried to Jehovah, he heard our voice, and sent a messenger, and has brought us out of Egypt; and behold, we are in Kadesh, a city at the extremity of your border;

17 Let us cross over, please, through your country; we will not cross over through the fields, or through the vineyards, and we will not drink the water of the wells; we will walk on the king's road; we will not spread out to the right hand nor to the left, until we have crossed over your borders.

**NUMBERS 21** *Edom refuses Israel passage; Aaron dies; they destroy Arad, bypass Edom*

18 And Edom said to him, You shall not cross over by me, lest I come out against you with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said to him, We will go up by the highway, and if I and my cattle drink of your water, then I will give merchandise; I will cross over only, no other word, on foot.

20 And he said, You shall not cross over. And Edom came out against him with many people and with a strong hand.

21 Edom refused to give in for Israel to cross over through his border; and Israel stretched away from him.

22 The children of Israel pulled up, the whole congregation, from Kadesh, and came to Mount Hor.

23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered to his people, because he shall not come into the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against my mouth at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar, his son, and bring them up into Mount Hor;

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and clothe Eleazar, his son; and Aaron shall be gathered, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded, and they went up into Mount Hor in the eyes of the whole congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar, his son; and Aaron died there in the head of the mount; and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 All the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, and the whole house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.

**CHAPTER 21**

1 And king Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the Negev, heard that Israel came by the road to Atharim, and he fought against Israel, and captured some captives.

2 And Israel vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, If giving, you will give this people into my hand, I, devoting *to destruction*, will devote their cities *to destruction*.

3 And Jehovah heard the voice of Israel, and gave the Canaanites; and they devoted them and their cities *to destruction*; and he called the name of the place Hormah.

4 And they pulled up from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea to circle around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people was cut off because of the road.

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? Because there is no food nor any water, and our soul abhors this light food.

6 And Jehovah sent burning serpents among the people, and they struck the people, and many

people of Israel died.

7 And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Jehovah and against you; judge in prayer with Jehovah that he may cause the serpents to depart from us. And Moses judged in prayer for the people. *Note Gen 20:7*

8 And Jehovah said to Moses, Make a flame, and put it up as a banner; and it shall be, that every one who is struck, who looks upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a banner, and it was, that if a serpent had struck any man, when he looked intently at the serpent of bronze, he lived.

10 And the children of Israel pulled up, and pitched in Oboth.

11 And they pulled up from Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the desert which is before the face of Moab, toward the sunrise.

12 From there they pulled up, and pitched by the stream of Zared.

13 From there they pulled up, and pitched opposite Arnon, which is in the desert that comes out of the borders of the Amorites, because Arnon is the border of Moab between Moab and the Amorites.

14 About this it is said in the book of the wars of Jehovah, What he did in the hurricane that snatched *them* away,<sup>14</sup> and in the streams of Arnon,

<sup>14</sup> **21:14** the hurricane that snatched *them* away, *cuwphah*, a hurricane that snatches away. It may have been comparing this to the great wind that parted the Red Sea when Israel came out of Egypt, placing what God did here at Arnon alongside, as a mighty move of the Spirit of God for their deliverance.

15 And at the pouring of the streams that spread out to the dwelling of Ar, and supports the border of Moab.

16 And from there they went to Beer; that is the well where Jehovah spoke to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 At that time Israel answered this song, Spring up, Oh well; sing to it;

18 The well which the chief rulers dug, which the generous of the people dug, by the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the desert, they went to Mattanah;

19 And from Mattanah, to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel, to Bamoth;

20 And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the fields of Moab, to the head of Pisgah, which leans toward the face of Jeshimon.

21 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying,

22 Let me cross over through your land; we will not spread out into the fields or into the vineyards; we will not drink the waters of the well; and we will walk by the king's road until we cross over your borders.

23 And Sihon would not give in for Israel to cross over through his border; and Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel in the desert; and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

**NUMBERS 22** *Israel destroys Amorites, also Og of Bashan; The story of Balak and Balaam*

24 And Israel struck him with the mouth of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon to Jabbok, as far as to the children of Ammon, because the border of the children of Ammon *was* forceful.

25 And Israel took all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its daughters,<sup>25</sup>

26 Because Heshbon was the city of Sihon, the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the previous king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even to Arnon.

27 Therefore they who speak in parables say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and set up,

28 Because a fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has eaten Ar of Moab, and the chief rulers of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to Moab! You are lost, Oh people of Chemosh;<sup>29</sup> he has given his sons as fugitives, and his daughters into captivity to Sihon, king of the Amorites.

30 We have caused them to flow *away*; Heshbon is lost even to Dibon, and we have stunned them even to Nophah, which reaches to Medeba.

<sup>25</sup> **21:25 daughters**, *bath*, which is the female equivalent of *ben*, son. Daughters refer to the villages surrounding the main city of Heshbon.

<sup>29</sup> **21:29 Chemosh**. The god of the Moabites and Ammonites, worshipped by sacrificing infants in the fire to him, like Molech. It is still not determined if Chemosh and Molech are the same god with a different name in a different people, or different pagan gods. See Note Lev 18:21.

31 And Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent *them* to walk as spies through Jaazer, and they captured their daughters, and possessed the Amorites there. See 21:25

33 And they faced about, and went up by the road to Bashan; and Og, the king of Bashan, went out against them, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34 And Jehovah said to Moses, Do not fear him, because I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.

35 And they struck him, and his sons, and all his people, until none survived to him, and they possessed his land.

**CHAPTER 22**

1 And the children of Israel pulled up, and pitched in the desert of Moab, the region across the Jordan opposite Jericho.

2 And Balak, the son of Zippor, saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was wholly turned aside from the face of the people, because they were many, and Moab abhorred the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now this assembly shall lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. Balak, the son of Zippor, was king of the Moabites at that time.

*Balak requests Balaam to curse Israel; God forbids him to go with them at first* **NUMBERS 22**

5 He sent messengers to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, a people has come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the eye of the earth, and they are sitting in front of me; Balaam: Note, Num 31;8.

6 Come now, please, curse this people for me, because they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may strike them, and that I may drive them out of the land, because I see that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian walked with the pay in their hand to determine *their purpose* by magic; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak.

8 And he said to them, Stay here this night, and I will return to you word, what Jehovah shall speak to me; and the chief rulers of Moab dwelt with Balaam.

9 And God came to Balaam, and said, Who are these men with you?

10 And Balaam said to God, Balak, the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying,

11 Behold, a people have come out of Egypt, who cover the eye of the earth; walk now, make them empty<sup>11</sup> for me; perhaps I

shall be able to devour them, and drive them out.

12 And God said to Balaam, You shall not walk with them; you shall not curse the people, because they are blessed.

13 And Balaam rose up in the dawn, and said to the chief rulers of Balak, Walk to your land, because Jehovah refuses to give in for me to walk with you.

14 And the chief rulers of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to walk with us.

15 And Balak sent yet again more chief rulers, and more heavy in importance than they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Like this, Balak, the son of Zippor, says, Let nothing, please, restrain you from walking to me;

17 Because making you heavy, I will make you very heavy in importance, and I will do all that you say to me; walk therefore, please, and make this people empty for me. Num 22;11.

18 And Balaam answered them, and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I am not able to cross over the mouth of Jehovah my God, to do less or more.

19 Now therefore, please, dwell here also this night, that I may see what more Jehovah will say to me.

20 And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and walk with them; only the word which I

<sup>11</sup> 22:11 **make them empty.** This word, *qabab*, is not the same word as curse, *arar*, in Num 22:6,12. *Arar* is the proper word for curse. *Qabab* used in this verse means to scoop out, to make empty, in modern slang, to gut something, to take away their power by gutting them.

**NUMBERS 22** *God allows Balaam to go; the Messenger of Jehovah; the donkey speaks*

shall speak to you, that you shall do.

21 And Balaam rose up at the dawn, and bound his donkey, and walked with the chief rulers of Moab.

22 And God's nostrils burned because he walked, and the Messenger<sup>22</sup> of Jehovah was stationed in the road for an adversary against him. He was riding upon his donkey, and his two servants with him.

23 And the donkey saw the Messenger of Jehovah stationed in the road, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the donkey stretched away out of the road, and walked into the field; and Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back into the road.

24 And the Messenger of Jehovah stood in a path of the vineyards, an enclosure on this side, and an enclosure on that side.

25 And when the donkey saw the Messenger of Jehovah, she pressed herself against the wall, and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall, and he struck her again.

26 And the Messenger of Jehovah crossed over further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no road to spread out to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the donkey saw the Messenger of Jehovah, she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam's nostrils burned, and he struck the donkey with a staff.

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<sup>22</sup> 22:22 **Messenger**, *malak*, used of both human and angel messengers. See Gen 16:7.

28 And Jehovah opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me at these three steps?<sup>28</sup>

29 And Balaam said to the donkey, Because you have stripped me;<sup>29</sup> I would there were a sword in my hand, because now I would strike you fatally.

30 And the donkey said to Balaam, Am I not your donkey upon whom you have ridden continually to this day? Being your familiar helper, have I ever been such a familiar helper to you *as this*? And he said, No.

31 And Jehovah uncovered the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Messenger of Jehovah stationed in the road, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down, and fell prostrate on his nostrils.

32 And the Messenger of Jehovah said to him, Over what have you struck your donkey these three steps? Behold, I went out as your adversary, because your way is thrown headlong against me;

33 And the donkey saw me, and stretched away from me these three steps; unless she had stretched away from my face, surely now also I had struck you dead, and let her live.

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<sup>28</sup> 22:28 **steps**, *regel*, meaning foot and footsteps, meaning to count by footsteps the times something happened.

<sup>29</sup> 22:29 **stripped me**, *alal*, to glean, in the field after the crop is harvested, to strip. It means to go back and take all one can take from another, to strip away everything. Balaam considered that the donkey had stripped him of his dignity in that he could not control her.



34 And Balaam said to the Messenger of Jehovah, I have sinned, because I did not see you stationed in the road opposing me; now, if it is evil in your eyes, I will turn back.

35 And the Messenger of Jehovah said to Balaam, Walk with the men; only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. And Balaam walked with the chief rulers of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the outermost boundary.

37 And Balak said to Balaam, Sending, did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not walk to me? Am I not able indeed to make you heavy in importance?

38 And Balaam said to Balak, Lo, I am come to you; and now am I able at all to speak a speck? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak.

39 And Balaam walked with Balak, and they came to Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak killed oxen and flock animals, and sent to Balaam and to the chief rulers who were with him.

41 And it was in the *next* dawn, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that there he might see the utmost part of the people.

## CHAPTER 23

For Balaam See Note on Num 31:8.

1 And Balaam said to Balak, Build me these seven altars, and set up for me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam raised up on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will walk; perhaps Jehovah will happen to meet me, and whatever word he causes me to see, I will cause to stand out boldly to you. And he walked to a high place.

4 And God met Balaam, and he said to him, I have arranged seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And Jehovah put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and you shall speak thus.

6 And he returned to him, and, lo, he was stationed by his burnt sacrifice, he and all the chief rulers of Moab.

7 And he took up his proverb, and said, Balak, the king of Moab, has led me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Walk, curse for me Jacob, and walk, be enraged at Israel.

8 How shall I puncture him whom God has not emptied out? How shall I be enraged against him whom Jehovah is not enraged against?

**NUMBERS 23** *Balaam's prophecy about Israel; another altar; another blessing of Israel*

9 Because from the head of the strong rocks I see him, and from the hills I have spied him out; lo, the people shall dwell separate, and shall not be calculated among the peoples.

10 Who can weigh out the dust of Jacob, and the number of a fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to make those who hate me empty, and behold, blessing you have blessed them.

12 And he answered him, and said, Must I not hedge myself about to speak what Jehovah has put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said to him, Walk, please, with me to another place, from where you can see them; you shall see only the last part of them, and shall not see all of them; and make them empty for me from there.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the head of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he said to Balak, Station yourself here by your burnt offering, while I meet Jehovah as before.

16 And Jehovah met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he was stationed by his burnt offering, and the chief rulers of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has Jehovah spoken?

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18 And he took up his proverb, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; broaden out your ear to me, son of Zippor.

19 God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should *have to* comfort himself; has he said, and shall he not do? Has he spoken, and shall he not cause it to rise?

20 Behold, I have been taken to bless, and he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it. Note Gen 1;22.

21 He has not beheld vanity in Jacob, and he has not seen wearisome toil in Israel; Jehovah, his God, is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he has the strength of a wild bull.<sup>22</sup>

23 Surely there is no incantation<sup>23a</sup> against Jacob, and there is no magic<sup>23b</sup> against Israel; from this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What God has done!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a roaring lion, and lift himself up as a tearing lion; he shall not lie down until he eats of the fresh food, and drinks the blood of the polluted.

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<sup>22</sup> 23:22 Gesenius says *re'em*, wild bull, is a buffalo.

<sup>23a</sup> 23:23 **incantation**, *nachash*, meaning to whisper or hiss like the serpent. It is the ritual recitation of verbal charms or spells to produce a magical effect, which is what the Serpent did to Eve in the garden, Gen 3:1. This is the same word translated enchantment, to cast a spell.

<sup>23b</sup> 23:23 **magic**, *qecem*, is to determine by casting lots or by a magic scroll. It is the act of foretelling future events or revealing occult knowledge by means of observing signs and omens by an alleged supernatural agency.

25 And Balak said to Balaam, Neither make them empty, nor puncture them at all, nor bless them at all.

26 And Balaam answered him and said to Balak, Did I not speak to you, saying, All that Jehovah speaks, that I must do?

27 And Balak said to Balaam, Come, please, I will bring you to another place; perhaps it will be right in the eyes of God that you may make them empty for me from there.

28 And Balak took Balaam to the head of Peor that leans toward the face of Jeshimon.

29 And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and set up for me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar.

### **CHAPTER 24**

For Balaam See Note on Num 31:8.

1 And Balaam saw that it was good in the eyes of Jehovah to kneel down with goodness to Israel, and he did not walk with regular beats to happen upon enchantments, and he set his face toward the desert. Gen 1;22. Num 23;23.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding according to their tribes, and the Spirit of God was upon him.

3 And he took up his proverb, and said, The oracle of Balaam, the son of Beor; the oracle of the mighty man whose eyes are uncovered; Gen 22;16.

4 An oracle; he heard the sayings of God, which he gazed at in a vision, the vision of the Almighty, falling, his eyes uncovered;

5 How good are your tents, Oh Jacob, and your tabernacles, Oh Israel!

6 They are spread out as streams, as gardens by a river, as aloe trees planted by Jehovah, as cedars beside the waters.

7 He shall flow water out of his vessels, his seed in abundant waters; his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be lifted up.

8 God brought him out of Egypt; he has the strength of a wild bull; he shall eat up the peoples, his oppressors, and shall make bare their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

9 He bent his knee, he lay down as a lion, as a roaring lion; who shall cause him to rise up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.

10 And Balak's nostrils burned against Balaam. Clapping his palms together, Balak said to Balaam, I called you to make my enemies empty, and behold, blessing, you have blessed them these three strokes.

11 Now, flee to your place; I said, Making you heavy, I will make you heavy in importance, and, lo, Jehovah has debarred you from being made heavy in importance.

12 And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying,

**NUMBERS 25** *Balaam's final prophecy about Israel; Israel commits whoredom with Moab*

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I am not able to cross over the mouth of Jehovah to do either good or evil of my own heart; what Jehovah speaks, that I will speak?

14 And now, behold, I walk to my people; walk, and I will counsel you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.

15 And he took up his proverb, and said, An oracle of Balaam, the son of Beor, an oracle of the mighty man whose eyes are uncovered;

16 An oracle, by one who heard the sayings of God, and knew by seeing the knowledge of the most High, he gazed at the vision of the Almighty, falling, and having his eyes uncovered;

17 I shall see him, and not now; I shall spy him out, and not near; a Star shall walk out from Jacob, and a Scepter<sup>17</sup> shall rise out of Israel, and shall pierce through the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of tumult.

18 And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also shall be a possession for those hating him; and Israel shall make resources.

19 Out of Jacob he comes who shall have treaded down,<sup>19</sup> and the survivors of the city shall be lost.

<sup>17</sup> **24:17 Scepter**, *shebet*, a branch from a tree. **corners**, *pe'ah*, literally mouths. **destroy**, *quwr*, to dig under, to destroy by undermining.

<sup>19</sup> **24:19 treaded down**, *radah*, to tread on and break into pieces in order to re-mold it and control it. Gen 1:26,28.

20 He saw Amalek, and took up his proverb, and said, Amalek, the first of the peoples, and his latter end, destruction forever.

21 And he saw the Kenites, and took up his proverb, and said, Permanent is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a lofty rock.

22 However, the Kenite shall be consumed until Assyria shall carry you away captive.

23 And he took up his proverb, and said, Alas, who shall live when God sets this in place!

24 And ships shall come from the hand of Chittim,<sup>24</sup> and shall look down with harshness upon Assyria, and shall beat down Eber, and he also shall be wretched forever.

25 And Balaam rose up, and walked, and returned to his place; and Balak also walked his road.

## CHAPTER 25

For Balaam See Note on Num 31:8.

1 And Israel dwelt in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom<sup>1</sup> with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate, and prostrated themselves to their gods.

<sup>24</sup> **24:24** Chittim is Cypress.

<sup>1</sup> **25:1 whoredom**, *zanah*. If you will read the Bible attentively it will define its own words in the sentences around that word. To know what whoredom is, simply read Num 25:1-2, and whoredom is spelled out very clearly. Rev 2:14 indicates that fornication was also involved, which is implied also in verse one where the daughters of Moab are specified as the seducers to cause Israel to come to the pagan ceremonies. Also see Num 31:15-16.

3 And Israel joined himself to Baal Peor;<sup>3</sup> and the nostrils of Jehovah burned against Israel.

4 And Jehovah said to Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang<sup>4</sup> them up before Jehovah in front of the sun, that the burning anger in the nostrils of Jehovah may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said to those who judge in Israel, Every man strike fatally his men who were joined to Baal Peor.

6 And behold, a man of the children of Israel came, and brought near to his brothers a Midianite woman in the eyes of Moses and in the eyes of the whole congregation of the children of Israel; they<sup>6</sup> were weeping at the door of the tent of appointed meeting.

7 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw, and he rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into his bedchamber, and thrust through the two, the man of Israel and the woman, through her abdomen. And the plague was restrained from the children of Israel.

9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

10 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

<sup>3</sup> 25:3 **Baal Peor** was a pagan god.

<sup>4</sup> 25:4 **hang**, *yaqa*, to impale or nail to a tree, not hang with a rope.

<sup>6</sup> 25:6 **they were weeping**, meaning the righteous members of the congregation were weeping over the sin of bringing idolaters into Israel, which always caused the wrath of God to fall upon Israel.

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous with my zeal in their midst, so that I did not end the children of Israel in my jealousy.

12 Therefore say, Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace;

13 And it shall be to him and to his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made a covering *of sin* for the children of Israel.

14 The name of the man of Israel who was fatally struck, who was fatally struck with the Midianite woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a head of a father's house of the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianite woman who was fatally struck was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a community, a father of a house in Midian.

16 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

17 Press the Midianites, and strike them,

18 Because they pressed you with their deceits, with which they have conspired against you in the word of Peor and in the word of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, who was fatally struck in the day of the plague because of the word of Peor.

## CHAPTER 26

1 And it was after the plague, Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saying,

**NUMBERS 26** *In Moab Jehovah commands Moses and Eleazar to number Israel again*

2 Lift the heads of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from a son of twenty years and upward, according to their fathers' house, all that are able to go into the host in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, spoke with them in the desert of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

4 From a son of twenty years and upward, what Jehovah commanded Moses and the children of Israel, who went up out of the land of Egypt:

5 Reuben, the firstborn son of Israel; the children of Reuben: Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These *are* the families of the Reubenites; and they who were visited of them were forty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram, that Dathan and Abiram who were called in the congregation, who quarreled against Moses and against Aaron in the assembly of Korah, when they quarreled against Jehovah,

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that assembly died, and the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men; and they were a sign.

11 The children of Korah did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon by their families; of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand, two hundred.

15 The children of Gad by their families; of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These *are* the families of the children of Gad according to those who were visited of them, forty thousand, five hundred.

19 The sons of Judah; Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah by their families are; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites; of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of Pharez are; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These *are* the families of Judah according to those who were visited of them, seventy-six thousand, five hundred.

23 Of the sons of Issachar by their families; of Tola, the family of the Tolaïtes; of Pua, the family of the Punites;

24 Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These *are* the families of Issachar according to those who were visited of them, seventy-four thousand, three hundred.

26 Of the sons of Zebulun by their families; of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were visited of them, sixty thousand, five hundred.

28 The sons of Joseph by their families; Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Of the sons of Manasseh; of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begot Gilead; of Gilead came the family of the Gileadites.

30 These, the sons of Gilead; of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31 And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hopher, the family of the Hopherites.

33 And to Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, there were no sons and daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those who were visited of them, fifty-two thousand, seven hundred.

35 These, the sons of Ephraim by their families; of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these, the sons of Shuthelah; of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These, the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were visited of them, thirty-two thousand, five hundred. These, the sons of Joseph by their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin by their families; of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman; of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These, the sons of Benjamin by their families; and they who were visited of them were forty-five thousand, six hundred.

42 These, the sons of Dan by their families; of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan by their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were visited of them, sixty-four thousand, four hundred.

**NUMBERS 26** *The number of adult males of Israel after almost 40 years was 601,730*

44 Of the children of Asher by their families; of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah; of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher, Sarah.

47 These, the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were visited of them; fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

48 Of the sons of Naphtali by their families; of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families; and they who were visited of them, forty-five thousand, four hundred.

51 These *are* the numbered of the children of Israel; six hundred and one thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

52 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

53 To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance by the number of names.

54 To *the* many you shall give the more inheritance, and to *the* few you shall give the less inheritance; to every one shall be given his inheritance according to those visited of him.

55 Only the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes

of their fathers.

56 According to the lot, the possession shall be divided between many and few.

57 And these were visited of the Levites by their families; of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These *are* the families of the Levites; the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begot Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife, Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram, Aaron and Moses, and Miriam, their sister.

60 And to Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 And Nadab and Abihu died when they brought near strange fire before the face of Jehovah.

62 And those who were visited of them were twenty-three thousand, all males, sons of a new moon and upward; for they were not visited among the children of Israel, because no inheritance was given to them among the children of Israel.

63 These who were visited by Moses and Eleazar, the priest, who visited the children of Israel in the desert of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.



64 And among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron, the priest, visited, when they visited the children of Israel in the desert of Sinai,

65 Because Jehovah had said of them, Dying, they shall die in the desert. And there was not left a man of them, except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua, the son of Nun.

### CHAPTER 27

1 And the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, came near, and these *are* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before the face of Moses, and before the face of Eleazar, the priest, and before the faces of the princes, and all the congregation, by the door of the tent of appointed meeting, saying,

3 Our father died in the desert, and he was not in the assembly of them who met by appointment against Jehovah in the assembly of Korah; and died in his own sin, and there were no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be scraped off from among his family because he has no son? Give to us a possession among the brothers of our father.

5 And Moses brought their judgment before the face of Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right; you shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers, and you shall cross over the inheritance of their father to them.

8 And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and to him *is* no son, then you shall cross over his inheritance to his daughter.

9 And if to him, no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

10 And if to him, no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11 And if to his father *there are* no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his flesh that is near to him of his family, and he shall possess it; and it shall be to the children of Israel an enactment of judgment, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

12 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel.

13 And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron, your brother, was gathered,

14 Because you rebelled against my mouth in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes, that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the desert of Zin.

15 And Moses spoke to Jehovah, saying,

## NUMBERS 28

*Joshua succeeds Moses; Offering at dawn and dusk and Sabbath*

16 Let Jehovah, the God of the spirits of all flesh, visit a man for the congregation,

17 Who may go out before their face, and who may come in before their face, and who may bring them out, and who may bring them in, that the congregation of Jehovah be not a flock which has no shepherd.

18 And Jehovah said to Moses, Take to yourself Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and take hold with your hand upon him;

19 And set him before the face of Eleazar, the priest, and before the face of all the congregation, and command him a command before their eyes.

20 And you shall give of your glorious authority upon him, that the whole congregation of the children of Israel may attentively hear.

21 And he shall stand before the face of Eleazar, the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the face of Jehovah; at his mouth they shall go out, and at his mouth they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him, the whole congregation.

22 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him; and he took Joshua, and stood him before the face of Eleazar, the priest, and before the face of the whole congregation;

23 And he took hold with his hands upon him, and gave him a command, what Jehovah spoke by the hand of Moses.

## CHAPTER 28

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall hedge about my food offering for my burnt offerings, for a restful fragrance to me, to bring near to me in their appointed season.

3 And you shall say to them, This is the burnt offering which you shall bring near to Jehovah: two young rams, sons of a year, without blemish, day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

4 You shall do the one young ram in the dawn, and the other young ram you shall do at dusk;

5 And a tenth of an ephah of flour for a food offering, mixed with the fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

6 It is a continual burnt offering, which was done in Mount Sinai for a restful fragrance, a burnt offering to Jehovah.

7 And its drink offering shall be the fourth of a hin for the one young ram; you shall pour out the strong wine to Jehovah for a drink offering in the holy place.

8 And you shall do the other young ram at dusk; you shall do it as the food offering of the morning, and as its drink offering, a burnt offering of a restful fragrance to Jehovah.

9 And on the Sabbath day two young rams, sons of a year, without blemish, and two tenths of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering;

10 This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink

offering.

11 And you shall bring near a burnt offering to Jehovah at the head of your new moons, two young bullocks, and one ram, seven young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

12 And three tenths of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil for one bullock; and two tenths of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil for one ram;

13 And a tenth of flour mixed with oil for a food offering to one young ram for a burnt offering of a restful fragrance, a burnt offering to Jehovah.

14 And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine to a bullock, and the third of a hin to a ram, and a fourth of a hin to a young ram; this is the burnt offering of every new moon according to the new moons of the year.

15 And one he goat of the goats for a sin offering to Jehovah shall be made, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

16 And in the fourteenth day of the first new moon is the Passover of Jehovah.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this new moon is the festival; seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day shall be a holy called meeting; you shall do no manner of laborious work in it;

19 And you shall bring near a burnt offering, a burnt offering to Jehovah, two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven young rams, sons of a year; they shall be to you

without blemish;

20 And their food offering shall be of flour mixed with oil; three tenths you shall make for a bullock, and two tenths for a ram;

21 A tenth you shall make for every young ram, for the seven young rams;

22 And one goat, a sin offering, to make a covering for you.

23 You shall do these separately from the burnt offering in the dawn, which is for a continual burnt offering.

24 These you shall do daily, for the seven days, the food for the burnt offering, a restful fragrance to Jehovah; it shall be done besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

25 And on the seventh day it shall be to you a holy called meeting; you shall do no laborious work.

26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new food offering to Jehovah, after your weeks, you shall have a holy called meeting; you shall do no laborious work;

27 And you shall bring near the burnt offering for a restful fragrance to Jehovah; two young bullocks, one ram, seven young rams, sons of a year;

28 And their food offering of flour mixed with oil, three tenths to one bullock, two tenths to one ram,

29 A tenth to one young ram, the same for the seven young rams;

30 And one he goat of the goats, to make a covering *of sin* for you.

**NUMBERS 29** *The feast of blowing of trumpets; the Day of Covering; the feast of tabernacles*

31 You shall do them separately from the continual burnt offering and its food offering; they shall be to you without blemish, and their drink offerings.

**CHAPTER 29**

1 And the seventh new moon, on the first of the new moon, shall be to you a holy called meeting; you shall do no laborious work; it is a day of blowing the trumpets to you.

2 And you shall do a burnt offering for a restful fragrance to Jehovah, one young bullock, one ram, and seven young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

3 And their food offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenths for a bullock, and two tenths for a ram,

4 And one tenth for one young ram, the same for the seven young rams;

5 And one he goat of the goats for a sin offering, to make a covering for you,

6 Separate from the burnt offering of the new moon, and its food offering, and the daily burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings, by their judged decree, for a restful fragrance, a burnt offering to Jehovah.

7 And the tenth day of this seventh new moon shall be to you a holy called meeting; and you shall look down upon your souls with harshness; you shall not do any work;

8 And you shall bring near a burnt offering to Jehovah for a restful fragrance; one young bullock,

one ram, and seven young rams, sons of a year; they shall be to you without blemish;

9 And their food offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenths to a bullock, and two tenths to one ram,

10 A tenth for one young ram, according to the seven young rams;

11 One he goat of the goats for a sin offering, separate from the sin offering of covering, and the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings.

12 And the fifteenth day of the seventh new moon shall be to you a holy called meeting; you shall do no laborious work, and you shall go in procession in the festival to Jehovah seven days;

13 And you shall bring near a burnt offering, a burnt offering of a restful fragrance to Jehovah, thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen young rams, sons of a year; they shall be without blemish;

14 And their food offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenths to every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenths to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a tenth to each young ram of the fourteen young rams;

16 And one he goat of the goats for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering.

17 And on the second day, twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen young rams, sons of a year without blemish;

18 And their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the young rams, shall be according to their number, by the judged decree;

19 And one he goat of the goats for a sin offering; separate from the continual burnt offering and its food offering and their drink offerings.

20 And on the third day, eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

21 And their food offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the young rams, shall be according to their number, by the judged decree;

22 And one goat for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

23 And on the fourth day, ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

24 Their food offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the young rams, shall be according to their number, by judged decree;

25 And one he goat of the goats for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering.

26 And on the fifth day, nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

27 And their food offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the young

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rams, shall be according to their number, by the judged decree;

28 And one goat for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

29 And on the sixth day, eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

30 And their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the young rams, shall be according to their number, by the judged decree;

31 And one goat for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering.

32 And on the seventh day, seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

33 And their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the young rams, shall be according to their number, by the judged decree;

34 And one goat for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, its food offering, and its drink offering.

35 On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work;

36 And you shall bring near a burnt offering, a burnt offering of a restful fragrance to Jehovah, one bullock, one ram, seven young rams, sons of a year, without blemish;

37 Their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the young rams,

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according to their number, by the judged decree;

38 And one goat for a sin offering, separate from the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

39 These you shall do to Jehovah in your appointed festivals, separate from your vows and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your food offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

40 And Moses said to the children of Israel all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

### CHAPTER 30

1 And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the word which Jehovah has commanded.

2 If a man vows a vow to Jehovah, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do the whole that goes out of his mouth.

3 If a woman also vows a vow to Jehovah, and binds herself by a bond in her father's house in her youth,

4 And her father hears her vow and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father shall remain silent at her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.

5 And if her father forbids her in the day that he hears, not any of her vows or her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand, and Jehovah shall forgive her, be-

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cause her father forbid her.

6 And if she had a husband when she vowed, or hastily uttered out of her lips, by which she bound her soul,

7 And her husband heard, and remained silent at her in the day he heard, her vows shall stand, and her bonds by which she bound her soul shall stand.

8 And if her husband forbids her on the day he heard, he shall brake her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, with which she bound her soul, and Jehovah shall forgive her.

9 And every vow of a widow and of her that is divorced, by which they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath,

11 And her husband heard and remained silent at her, and did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond by which she bound her soul shall stand.

12 And if breaking, her husband broke them on the day he heard, all going out her lips of her vows or the bond of her soul shall not stand; her husband has broken them, and Jehovah shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to look down with harshness upon the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may break it.

14 And if her husband remains utterly silent at her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows or all her bonds which are upon her; he establishes them, because he

remained silent at her in the day he heard.

15 And if breaking, he breaks them after he has heard, then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These are the enactments, which Jehovah commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.

### CHAPTER 31

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Avenging, you shall avenge the children of Israel, namely, against the Midianites; afterward you shall be gathered to your people.

3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Equip men of yourselves for the host, and let them be against the Midianites, and give Jehovah vengeance on Midian.

4 Of every tribe a thousand, of every tribe a thousand, according to all the tribes of Israel, you shall send to the host.

5 And there were set apart out of the thousands of Israel a thousand of a tribe, twelve thousand equipped for the host.

6 And Moses sent them to the host, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the priest, to the host, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to sound the battle cry in his hand.

7 And they went out against the Midianites as Jehovah commanded Moses, and they fatally struck all the males.

8 And they fatally struck the kings of Midian, besides the rest of them who were polluted, namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian; Balaam<sup>8</sup> also, the son of Beor, they struck fatally with the sword.

<sup>8</sup> **31:8 Balaam** who taught Balak to throw a trapstick before the face of the children of Israel. Rev 2:14. To understand the whole story of Balaam you have to begin at the end of the Bible, because the story of Balaam, Num 22:1 - 31:54, has ramifications throughout the entire Bible, and is mentioned last in Rev. 2:14. In Rev 2:14 God reveals exactly what Balaam did which is not stated clearly in Numbers, although when you read Numbers in the light of Rev 2:14 it becomes very clear. We shall use what God reveals about Balaam in the rest of the Bible as we go through the story of Balaam in Numbers 22-25,31. It is the sad story of a man of God gone astray, seeking evil gain, and leading others to turn from God for evil gain. We will give all the references as we go through the story.

1. Balaam was a genuine man of God: (1) because Jehovah was his God, Num 22:8,13,19-35, etc.; (2) because Jehovah gave Balaam genuine visions of genuine prophecies that were fulfilled, Num 22-24; (3) because he affirmed before men, and the Word of God declares, that he could only speak what Jehovah put in his mouth, Num 22:18,38; 23:5,12,26;24:4,12-13,16; (4) because the Spirit of God was upon him in his prophecies, Num 24:2. (5) Everything he prophesied was the Word of Jehovah, Mic 6:5.

2. But Balaam compromised his ministry seeking evil gain: (1) his covetousness to do what Balak wanted him to do in order to get the evil gain was evident from the first; he saw the silver in their hand, and he wanted it, Num 22:7; (2) because after he knew what Balak wanted, he invited them to stay overnight to see if Jehovah would give in for him to curse Israel, Num 22:8; (3) because when they came the second time, Balaam knowing that Jehovah had already forbidden him to go, he invited them to stay again overnight, to see if Jehovah would permit him to go with them, Num 22:19; (4) because even after the Messenger of God gave in for him to walk with them, it is evident that covetousness still raged in his heart, because God's anger glowed against Balaam; God gave in for him to walk with them, and God would not have burned in anger against him if he did not still have covetousness in his heart; (5) because it is evident that covetousness blinded his eyes, or he would have seen the Messenger of Jehovah when the donkey saw him; his heart was preoccupied with evil gain, or he would have

**NUMBERS 31** *Israel took Midian; every male and adult female killed; female virgins kept*

9 And the children of Israel took captive all the women of Midian, and their little ones, and took as spoil all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their resources.

10 And they burnt all their cities where they dwelt, and all their walled fortresses, with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil and all the prey, men and animals.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses, and Eleazar, the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp in the desert of Moab, which is by Jordan near Jericho.

13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went out to meet them just outside of the camp.

seen the Messenger instead of beating his donkey, Num 22:22ff; (6) his total preoccupation with his possible evil gain is shown by his lengthy conversation with the donkey; if he had been spiritually sensitive at the time, he would have known the donkey's speaking was supernatural, not normal, and he would have immediately called out to Jehovah, Num 22:28-31; (7) Balaam confessed his sin of a blind heart when he finally saw the Messenger of Jehovah, Num 22:34; (8) his persisting desire for evil gain is shown in his willingness to have Balak make all the sacrifices to Jehovah, obviously to get Jehovah to change his mind, Num 22:40, and his mixing in the high places of Baal in taking his position to get his message from God, Num 22:41, which Joshua said was his attempt to use magic, Jos 13:22, and his continued attempts in offering sacrifices, Num 23:1-3,14-15,29-30; (9) because Balaam instructed Balak to invite Israel to his pagan festivals as a means of enticing them into idolatry and fornication, in order to take away their power and blessing, Num 25:1-3; 31:16; Rev 2:14; (10) Balaam's sin was that he was willing to use his position as a God called prophet to try to advance himself politically and financially by sacrificing holy principle, 2 Pet 2:15; Jude 11. 3. He was killed when Moses and Israel fought Midian, Num 31:8; Jos 13:22. God always turned his attempt to curse Israel into a blessing, Dt 23:4-5; Jsh 24:9-10; Neh 13:2. 4. It cost him his life, Num 31:8; Jos 13:22.

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14 And Moses burst out in rage at the overseers of the resources, the chief rulers over thousands, and chief rulers over hundreds, who came in the host from the battle.

15 And Moses said to them, Have you let all the women live?

16 Behold, these were to the children of Israel, through the word of Balaam, a sin to separate *Israel* from Jehovah in the word of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of Jehovah.

17 And now fatally strike every male among the little ones, and strike fatally every woman who has known man by lying down with a male.

18 And all the women children, who have not known a man by lying down, let live for yourselves.

19 And you, pitch outside of the camp seven days, all who have fatally struck any soul, and all who have touched any who was polluted; make yourselves and your captives clean by sin offerings on the third day and on the seventh day.

20 And make all your garments clean from sin by offerings, and everything made of skins, and everything made of goats' hair, and everything made of wood.

21 And Eleazar, the priest, said to the men of the host who went to battle, This is the statute which Jehovah commanded Moses;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead,



*Cleansing from battle and cleansing the prey taken; the tally of the prey* **NUMBERS 31**

23 Every word that goes through fire you shall cross over through the fire, and it is clean; and only with the water shall all impurity be cleansed that does not go through fire; it shall cross over through the water.

24 And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean, and afterward you shall come into the camp.

25 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

26 Lift the heads of the prey who were captured, man and animal, you and Eleazar, the priest, and the heads of the fathers of the congregation,

27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them who took prey in the battle, who went out in the host, and between all the congregation;

28 And raise up an assessment to Jehovah, namely the men of the battle who went out in the host; one soul out of five hundred, out of man, and cattle, and out of the donkeys, and out of the flocks;

29 Take half, and give to Eleazar, the priest, a heave offering of Jehovah.

30 And of the children of Israel's half, you shall take one portion out of fifty, out of the men, out of the cattle, out of the donkeys, and out of the flocks, out of all of the animals, and give them to the Levites who hedge about the guard duty of the tabernacle of Jehovah.

31 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, did what Jehovah commanded Moses.

32 And the prey, being what is left of the spoil which the men of the host had taken spoil, was six hundred and seventy five thousand flock animals,

33 And seventy-two thousand cattle,

34 And sixty-one thousand donkeys,

35 And thirty-two thousand man<sup>35</sup> souls, all of the women who had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half, the portion of them who went out in the host, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred flock animals;

37 And Jehovah's allotment of the flocks, six hundred and seventy-five.

38 And the cattle, thirty-six thousand; Jehovah's allotment, seventy-two.

39 And the donkeys, thirty thousand, five hundred; Jehovah's allotment, sixty-one.

40 And the man souls, sixteen thousand; Jehovah's allotment, thirty-two souls. Num 31:35.

41 And Moses gave Jehovah's assessment as a heave offering to Eleazar, the priest, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

42 And the half from the children of Israel which Moses divided from the men who went out armed,

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<sup>35</sup> **31:35 man souls, adam nephish.** The name of the first man, *Adam*, meaning man and *nephish*, meaning soul, referring to all the females who had not known males. This shows that *adam* or *man* is used to mean both male and female. We would say human souls, but God says man souls.

**NUMBERS 32** *The tally of the prey; Reuben and Gad ask for the land east of the Jordan*

43 The half from the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred flock animals,

44 And thirty-six thousand cattle,

45 And thirty thousand, five hundred donkeys,

46 And sixteen thousand man souls.

47 From the half of the children of Israel, Moses took one portion out of fifty, of man and of animal, and gave them to the Levites, who hedged about the guard duty of the tabernacle of Jehovah, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

48 And the overseers who were over the thousands of the host, the chief rulers of thousands, and chief rulers of hundreds, came near to Moses;

49 And they said to Moses, Your servants have lifted the heads of the men of the battle who are under our hand, and we failed not to visit one man of us.

50 We have brought near an offering to Jehovah, what every man has gotten, of things of gold, chains, and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make a covering for our souls before the face of Jehovah.

51 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, took the gold from them, all fabricated things.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they raised up to Jehovah, from the heads of thousands, and from the heads of hundreds, was sixteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53 The men of the host had taken spoil, every man for himself.

54 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, took the gold from the heads of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of appointed meeting, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the face of Jehovah.

**CHAPTER 32**

1 To the children of Reuben and the children of Gad were a very great multitude of livestock, and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for livestock,

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar, the priest, and to the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4 The country which Jehovah struck before the face of the congregation of Israel is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock;

5 They said, If there is grace toward us in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants for a possession, and let us not cross over Jordan.

6 And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, and shall you sit here?

7 And why do you hinder the heart of the children of Israel from crossing over into the land which Jehovah has given them?

*Reuben and Gad warned; they promise to join other tribes in taking Canaan* **NUMBERS 32**

8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land,

9 Because when they went up to the stream of Eshcol, and saw the land, they hindered the heart of the children of Israel, that they failed to go into the land which Jehovah had given them.

10 And Jehovah's nostrils burned the same day, and he swore, saying,

11 Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from a son of twenty years and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not fully followed me,

12 Except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, the Kenezite, and Joshua, the son of Nun, because they have fully followed Jehovah.

13 And Jehovah's nostrils burned against Israel, and he made them wander in the desert forty years until all the generation that had done evil in the eyes of Jehovah was ended.

14 And behold, you are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to increase yet the burning anger in the nostrils of Jehovah toward Israel,

15 Because if you turn away from after him, he will yet again deposit them in the desert, and you shall destroy all this people.

16 And they came near to him, and said, We will build enclosures here for our livestock and cities for our little ones;

17 And we will hurriedly equip ourselves with arms before the face of the children of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, and our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities before the face of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return to our houses until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance,

19 Because we will not inherit with them on yonder side of Jordan or further, because our inheritance is come to us on this side of Jordan eastward.

20 And Moses said to them, If you will do this word, if you will go equipped with arms before the face of Jehovah to war,

21 And all of you equipped with arms will cross over Jordan before the face of Jehovah until he has possessed those hating him before his face,

22 And the land is treaded on<sup>22</sup> before the face of Jehovah, then afterward you shall return, and

<sup>22</sup> **32:22 treaded on, kabash**, to conquer by walking on, by pushing the enemy from the territory on which you walk, the same word used in Gen 1:28. It is interesting that this word, *kabash*, to conquer by walking on, is not used in the Bible from Gen 1:28, where God gave the original command, until Num 32:22, where the children of Israel are ready to subdue the land of Canaan by walking over the perverse Canaanites. This means that the Canaanites, before Israel came, did not subdue the land. They only perverted it by their idolatry and perverted moral practices. The settling of Israel in the land of Canaan was God's first attempt for a population to subdue a land as God commanded in Gen 1:28, that is, that those who walk on it use its produce to advance the kingdom of God. Whether an individual or a people are fulfilling God's command in Gen 1:28 to subdue the earth, is whether or not they are walking on it, and bringing it under their control in a manner that glorifies God. This is the reason that the

**NUMBERS 32** *Reuben and Gad build places for their families and livestock before entering* be guiltless before the face of Jehovah and before Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the face of Jehovah.

23 And if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against Jehovah, and see, your sin will find you out.

24 Build cities for your little ones, and enclosures for your flocks, and do that which has gone out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do what my lord commands.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our livestock, and all our animals, shall be there in the cities of Gilead,

27 And your servants will cross over, all equipped with arms for the host, before the face of Jehovah to war, what my lord speaks.

28 And concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar, the priest, and Joshua, the son of Nun, and the princes of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel,

29 And Moses said to them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will cross over Jordan with you, all equipped with arms for war, before the face of Jehovah, and the land shall be treaded down before your face, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession; Num 32:22.

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words for walk, *halak* and *yalak*, are used so often. When you walk, you literally conquer the distance, and arrive at your destination. *Kabash*, means to walk on the territory, bringing it under your control, so that not only can you walk across it any time, but you can also use it as you see fit to glorify Jehovah God. See Note Num 32:41-42.

30 And if they will not cross over with you equipped with arms they shall have possessions in your midst in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered them, saying, What Jehovah has spoken to your servants, so we will do.

32 We will cross over equipped with arms before the face of Jehovah into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be ours.

33 And Moses gave to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to half of the tribe of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og, king of Bashan, the land with their cities and their boundaries, the cities of the country all around.

34 And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shopan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36 And Bethnimrah, and Bethharan, fortified cities, and enclosures for flocks.

37 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,

38 And Nebo, and Baalmeon (their names being changed) and Shibmah, and called out names to name the cities which they built.

39 And the children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, walked to Gilead, and captured it, and possessed the Amorite which was in it.

40 And Moses gave Gilead to Machir, the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt there.

41 And Jair, the son of Manasseh, walked,<sup>41</sup> and captured the small towns there, and called them Havothjair.

42 And Nobah walked, and captured Kenath and the villages there, and called it Nobah after his own name.

### CHAPTER 33

1 These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt with their hosts under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their departures by the mouth of Jehovah,

<sup>41</sup> 32:41-42 walked. *halak*, to walk, bears some relationship to *kabash*, to subdue by treading or walking upon, in Gen 1:28 and Num 32:22, 29, and other places, because of the way that *halak*, walk, [and *yalak*] is used in these verses in Num 32:41-42, and other places in the Bible. Here they walked and captured, which is basically the same meaning as *kabash*, to subdue by walking upon or treading down. The word walk appears so very often in the Hebrew Bible, and is covered up by most translations by simply translating it go or come. The Hebrew word for go and come is *bow*, and is used often in the Bible. If God had meant go, He could have easily used *bow* or one of the other words meaning to go, and God specifically uses the word walk very often. You need to know that, because it has specific significance, and is related to the idea of *kabash*, to subdue by treading upon. God promised in Jsh 1:3 to give Joshua every place where the sole of his foot treads, *darak*, another word for walk. In Jsh 1:7 God commands Joshua not to turn away to the right or to the left from God's law as he walks, *yalak*, to follow God. And in Jsh 1:9 God promises to be with him wherever he walks, *halak*. All of these words describe your walking with God to subdue all things in your life for His glory. Walk in the Greek Covenant, *peripateo*, is constantly used in this way. The English translation should make this obvious as it is both in the Hebrew and the Greek.

and these are their departures according to their goings out.

3 And they pulled up from Rameses in the first new moon, on the fifteenth day of the first new moon; on the next day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with a raised hand in the eyes of all the Egyptians.

4 And the Egyptians buried all *their* firstborn, which Jehovah struck when Jehovah did judgments upon their gods.

5 And the children of Israel pulled up from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they pulled up from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the desert.

7 And they pulled up from Etham, and turned back to Pihahiroth, which is before the face of Baalzephon; and they pitched before the face of Migdol.

8 And they pulled up from Pihahiroth, and crossed over through the midst of the sea into the desert, and went three days' journey in the desert of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they pulled up from Marah, and came to Elim; and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and seventy palm trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they pulled up from Elim, and pitched by the Red Sea.

11 And they pulled up from the Red Sea, and pitched in the desert of Siyn.

12 And they pulled up out of the desert of Siyn, and pitched in Dophkah.

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*Moses writes the goings of Israel*

13 And they pulled up from Dophkah, and pitched in Alush.

14 And they pulled up from Alush, and pitched at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they pulled up from Rephidim, and pitched in the desert of Sinai.

16 And they pulled up from the desert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth hat Ta'avah.<sup>16</sup>

17 And they pulled up from Kibroth hat Ta'avah, and pitched at Hazeroth.

18 And they pulled up from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they pulled up from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon Perez.

20 And they pulled up from Rimmon Perez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they pulled up from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they pulled up from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they pulled up from Kehelathah, and pitched in Mount Shapher.

24 And they pulled up from Mount Shapher, and pitched in Haradah.

25 And they pulled up from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they pulled up from Makheloth, and pitched at Tahath.

27 And they pulled up from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they pulled up from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they pulled up from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they pulled up from Hashmonah, and pitched at Moseroth.

31 And they pulled up from Moseroth, and pitched in Benejaakan.

32 And they pulled up from Benejaakan, and pitched at Horhagidgad.

33 And they pulled up from Horhagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.

34 And they pulled up from Jotbathah, and pitched at Ebronah.

35 And they pulled up from Ebronah, and pitched at Eziongaber.

36 And they pulled up from Eziongaber, and pitched in the desert of Zin, which is Kadesh.

37 And they pulled up from Kadesh, and pitched in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron, the priest, went up into Mount Hor at the mouth of Jehovah, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first of the fifth new moon.

39 And Aaron was a son of one hundred and twenty-three years when he died in Mount Hor.

40 And king Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

41 And they pulled up from Mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

<sup>16</sup> 33:16 Kibroth hat Ta'avah, Hebrew for Graves of the Longing.

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42 And they pulled up from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they pulled up from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they pulled up from Oboth, and pitched in Ijeabarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they pulled up from Im, and pitched in Dibongad.

46 And they pulled up from Dibongad, and pitched in Almondiblatha'im.

47 And they pulled up from Almondiblatha'im, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before the face of Nebo.

48 And they pulled up from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the desert of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Beth Jesimoth to Abelshittim in the desert of Moab.

50 And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the desert of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

51 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you are crossed over Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 You are to possess all the inhabitants of the land before your face, and all their carved images shall be lost, and all their molten images lost, and causing to be lost, you shall make all their high places desolate;

53 And you shall possess the land, and dwell there, because I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And you shall inherit the land by lot, an inheritance among your families; and to the more, you

shall increase the inheritance, and to the fewer you shall decrease the inheritance; it shall be where his lot goes out; you shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

55 If you will not possess the inhabitants of the land before your face, it shall be, whom you let remain of them shall be briars in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall cramp you in the land where you dwell.

56 It shall be, I shall do to you like I did to them.

### CHAPTER 34

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan, with its boundaries;

3 And your Negev region shall be from the desert of Zin against the hand of Edom, and your Negev border shall be the extremity of the salt sea eastward;

4 And your border shall surround from the Negev to the heights of Akrabbim, and cross over to Zin; and the going out from there shall be from the Negev to Kadesh-Barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-Addar, and cross over to Azmon;

5 And the border shall surround from Azmon to the stream of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And your western border shall be the great sea; this shall be your west border for a border.

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*Jehovah specifies their borders and their princes*

7 And this shall be your north border; from the great sea you shall mark out for you Mount Hor;

8 From Mount Hor you shall mark out your border to the entrance of Hamath; and the goings out of the border shall be to Zedad;

9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan; this shall be your north border.

10 And you shall mark out your east border from Hazar Enan to Shepham;

11 And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach to the side of the sea of Chinnereth<sup>1</sup> eastward;

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea; this shall be your land with its surrounding borders.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which Jehovah commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half tribe,

14 Because the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have taken their inheritance, and half of the tribe of Manasseh have taken their inheritance;

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have taken their inheritance on this side of Jordan near Jericho, eastward, toward the sunrise.

16 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

17 These are the names of the men who shall cause you to inherit the land: Eleazar, the priest, and Joshua, the son of Nun.

18 And you shall take one prince, one prince of every tribe, to inherit the land by inheritance.

19 And these *are* the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb, the son of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel, the son of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad, the son of Chislon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki, the son of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel, the son of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel, the son of Shiphtan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan, the son of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel, the son of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud, the son of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel, the son of Ammihud.

29 These whom Jehovah commanded to cause to inherit the inheritance of the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

<sup>1</sup> 34:11 Chinnereth is the Sea of Galilee.



**CHAPTER 35**

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the desert of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel that they give to the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and you shall also give to the Levites for the cities suburbs around them.

3 And the cities shall be to them to dwell in; and their suburbs shall be for their animals, and for their properties, and for all their living things.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits all around.

5 And you shall measure from outside of the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst; this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which you shall give to the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which you shall give for the killer that he may flee there; and you shall give forty-two cities to them.

7 All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities, them with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which you shall give from the possession of the children of Israel; from many, you shall give many; and from few, you shall give few; every man shall give

from his cities to the Levites according to his inheritance which he inherits.

9 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you cross over Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11 Then you shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the killer may flee there who fatally strikes any soul inadvertently.

12 And they shall be to you cities for refuge from the kinsman redeemer, that the killer does not die until he stands before the face of the congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which you shall give, six cities shall be to you for refuge.

14 You shall give three cities on this side of Jordan, and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan to be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for those who lodge in their midst, that all who kill any soul inadvertently may flee there.

16 And if he strikes him fatally with an instrument of iron, so that he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he strikes him fatally by a stone from his hand, which causes him to die, and he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Also if he strikes him fatally with a hand weapon of wood, which causes him to die, and he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer

**NUMBERS 36** *Jehovah commands the laws concerning the cities of refuge and killings*  
shall surely be put to death.

19 The kinsman redeemer of blood himself shall cause the murderer to die; when he impinges upon him, he shall cause him to die.

20 If he pushes him out of hate, or throws at him by design, that he dies,

21 Or in hostility strikes him fatally with his hand, that he dies, he who struck him fatally, being put to death, shall be put to death, because he is a murderer; the kinsman redeemer of blood shall cause the murderer to die, when he impinges upon him.

22 But if he pushes him suddenly without hostility, or has thrown upon him any instrument not by design,

23 Or with any stone which causes a man to die, not seeing him, and it falls upon him that he dies, and *he is* not his hater, neither sought his harm,

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the killer and the kinsman redeemer of blood according to these judgments;

25 And the congregation shall snatch the killer out of the hand of the kinsman redeemer of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge where he had fled; and he shall dwell in it until the death of the great priest who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 And if the killer, going, shall go outside of the border of the city of his refuge where he had fled,

27 And the kinsman redeemer of blood comes upon him outside of the borders of the city of his refuge, and the kinsman redeemer of

blood kills the killer he shall not be guilty of blood,

28 Because he should have dwelt in the city of his refuge until the death of the great priest; and after the death of the great priest the killer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 These shall be for an enactment of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoever fatally strikes any soul, the killer shall be killed by the mouth of witnesses, and one witness shall not testify against any soul to cause him to die.

31 You shall not take a covering for the soul of a murderer, who is wicked *deserving* to die, and he shall surely be put to death.

32 And you shall take no covering for him who fled to the city of his refuge to return to dwell in the land until the death of the priest.

33 You shall not pollute the land where you are, because blood defiles the land, and the blood that is spilled in the land cannot be covered, except by the blood of him who spilled it.

34 Do not defile the land which you shall inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell, because I, Jehovah, dwell in the midst of the children of Israel.

## CHAPTER 36

1 And the heads of the fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spoke before the face of Moses,

and before the face of the princes, the heads of the fathers of the children of Israel,

2 And said, Jehovah commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel, and my lord was commanded by Jehovah to give the inheritance of Zelophehad, our brother, to his daughters.

3 And if they become the wife to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then their inheritance shall be scraped off from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they are, and it shall be scraped off from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then their inheritance shall be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they are, and their inheritance shall be scraped off from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the mouth of Jehovah, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph has spoken right.

6 This is the word which Jehovah commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them be the wife of whom is good in their own eyes, only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they be wives.

7 And the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not revolve from tribe to tribe, because every man of the children of Israel shall cling to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may possess every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 And the inheritance shall not revolve from one tribe to another tribe, and every man of the tribes of the children of Israel shall cling to his own inheritance.

10 What Jehovah commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad;

11 And Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were wives to their father's brothers' sons;

12 And they were wives into the families of the sons of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, and their inheritance was in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments which Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses to the children of Israel in the desert of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

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