

The Fourth Book of Moses Called

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Moses rehearses their journey; Jehovah has fulfilled His word

CHAPTER 1

1 These *are* the words which Moses spoke to all Israel in the region east of Jordan in the desert, in the desert opposite the Red Sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab

2 - *It is* Eleven days from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.

3 And it was in the fortieth year, in the eleventh new moon, on the first day of the new moon, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that Jehovah had commanded him to them,

4 After he had struck Sihon, the king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan who dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei.

5 On the east side of Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses yielded to dig out and set forth this law, saying,⁵

6 Jehovah, our God, spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have dwelt long in this mount;

7 Face about, and pull up, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and to all the inhabitants in the desert, in the hills, and in the coastal slope, and in the Negev, and by the cove of the sea, the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon,

⁵ 1:5 yielded to dig out and set forth, *ya'al ba'ar*, to yield assent and to dig out the sense and set it forth when dug out. To yield assent means that God moved upon him to declare the law of God, and he yielded; and to dig out and set forth is the word to dig a well; also to engrave, by digging into the stone on which something is engraved. The spiritual and mental process described here is what all preachers and teachers of the Word should do.

to the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 See, I have given the land before your face; go in and possess the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.

9 And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself separately;

10 Jehovah, your God, has made you abundant, and behold, you are this day as the stars of the heavens for abundance.

11 Jehovah God of your fathers increase you a thousand times, and kneel down with goodness to you - what he spoke to you!

12 How can I myself separately bear your burden, and your load, and your controversies?

13 Give *me* wise and discerning men, and known among your tribes, and I will place them as heads over you.

14 And you answered me, and said, The word which you have spoken is good to do.

15 And I took the heads of your tribes, wise men and known, and gave them to be heads over you, chief rulers over thousands, and chief rulers over hundreds, and chief rulers over fifties, and chief rulers over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I commanded those judging you at that time, saying, Attentively hear between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man, and his brother, and

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Moses rebearses the previous generation's turning back

the sojourner.

17 You shall not recognize faces in judgment; you shall attentively hear the small and the great; you shall not turn aside from the face of man, because the judgment is God's; and the word that is too hard for you, bring it near to me, and I will attentively hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the words which you should do.

19 And when we pulled up from Horeb, we walked through all that great and fearful desert, which you saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, which Jehovah, our God, commanded us, and we came to Kadesh Barnea.

20 And I said to you, You are come to the mountain of the Amorites which Jehovah, our God, gives to us.

21 Look, Jehovah, your God, has given the land before your face; go up; possess what Jehovah God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear; do not break down.

22 And you came near to me, all of you, and said, We will send out men before our face, and they shall dig into the land for us, and return to us word by what way we shall go up and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the word was good in my eyes, and I took twelve men of you, one man of a tribe.

24 And they faced about, and went up into the mountain, and came to the stream of Eshcol, and walked as spies through it.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and descended to us, and turned back to us word, and said, It is a good land which Jehovah, our God, gives us.

26 You would not go up, but rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, your God;

27 And you obstinately grumbled in your tents, and said, By Jehovah's hating us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt to give us into the hand of the Amorites to make us desolate.

28 To where are we ascending? Our brothers have melted our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to the heavens; and in addition we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 And I said to you, Do not dread them, and do not be afraid of them.

30 Jehovah, your God, he who walks before your face, he shall devour for you according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 And in the desert where you have seen how that Jehovah, your God, bore you, as a man bears his son, in all the way that you walked, until you came into this place.

32 And in this word you did not believe Jehovah, your God,

33 Who walked in the way before your face on the go to gain for you a place in which to pitch your tents, in fire by night, to cause you to see by what way you should walk, and in a cloud by day.

Joshua and Caleb the only adults to survive the 40 years and go in **DEUTERONOMY 2**

34 And Jehovah attentively heard the voice of your words, and broke out in anger, and swore, saying,

35 Surely not one man of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land which I swore to give to your fathers,

36 Except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him I will give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his children, because he has fully followed Jehovah.

37 Also Jehovah was angry with me for your sakes, saying, You also shall not go in there.

38 Joshua, the son of Nun, who stands before your face, he shall go in there; seize strength with him, because he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 And your little ones, which you said would be a prey, and your children which in that day did not know by seeing good and evil, they shall go in there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it.

40 And as for you, face about, and pull up into the desert by the way of the Red Sea.

41 And you answered me, and said to me, We have sinned against Jehovah; we will go up and devour the whole of what Jehovah, our God, commanded us. And you, every man, had girded on his implements of war; you considered it nothing to go up into the hill.

42 And Jehovah said to me, Say to them, Do not go up, and do not devour, because I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before the face of your enemies.

43 And I spoke to you, and you would not attentively hear, and rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, and boiled over, and went up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and struck you violently in Seir unto Hormah.

45 And you turned back and wept before the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah would not hear your voice, and would not broaden his ear to you.

46 And you sat down in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you sat there.

CHAPTER 2

1 And we faced about, and pulled up into the desert by the way of the Red Sea, what Jehovah spoke to me, and we circled Mount Seir many days.

2 And Jehovah spoke to me, saying,

3 You have circled this mountain long enough; face toward the north,

4 And command the people, saying, Cross over the border of your brothers, the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, and they shall be afraid of you. Exceedingly hedge yourselves about,

5 So that you do not anger them, because I will not give you of their land, not a foot tread, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 You shall buy food from them with silver, and you shall eat, and you shall purchase water from

DEUTERONOMY 2 *Moses rehearses their journey and their battles with the giants*

them with silver, and you shall drink,

7 Because Jehovah, your God, has blessed you in all the works of your hand. He has known by seeing your walking this great desert; these forty years Jehovah, your God, has been with you; you have not lacked a word.

8 And we faced about, and crossed over from our brothers, the children of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, through the way of the desert from Elath, and from Eziongaber; and we faced about, and crossed over by the way of the desert of Moab.

9 And Jehovah said to me, Do not pressure the Moabites, and do not provoke them to battle, because I will not give you possession of their land, because I have given Ar to the children of Lot as a possession.

10 The Emims dwelt there in times past, a great people, and many and tall as the Anakims,

11 Who also were calculated as giants, as the Anakims, but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 And the Horims dwelt in Seir in times past, but the children of Esau possessed them, when they had desolated them from before their face, and dwelt in their place, what Israel did to the land of his conquest which Jehovah gave to them.

13 I said, At this time rise up, and cross over the stream Zered, and we crossed over the stream Zered.

14 And the day in which we walked from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the stream Zered

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was thirty-eight years, until the whole generation of the men of war were ended from the midst of the army, what Jehovah swore to them.

15 And also the hand of Jehovah was against them to drive them from the midst of the camp until they were finished.

16 And it was, when all the men of war were ended, and dead from the midst of the people,

17 That Jehovah spoke to me, saying,

18 You are to cross over through Ar, the border of Moab, this day;

19 And when you come near opposite the children of Ammon, do not pressure them, and do not provoke them, because I will not give you possession of the land of the children of Ammon, because I have given it to the children of Lot as a possession.

20 That also was calculated a land of giants; giants dwelt there before, and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims,

21 A great people and many and tall as the Anakims; and Jehovah made them desolate before their face, and they possessed them, and dwelt in their place,

22 What he did for the children of Esau who dwelt in Seir, when he made the Horims desolate from before their face; and they possessed them, and dwelt in their place until this day;

23 And the Avims who dwelt in Hazerim, to Azzah, the Caphtorims, who came out of Caphtor, made them desolate, and dwelt in their place.

24 Rise up, pull up, and cross over the stream Arnon. See, I have given Sihon, the Amorite, king of Heshbon into your hand, and his land; begin to possess *it*, and provoke him to battle.

25 This day I will begin to give the dread and fear of you upon the faces of the peoples under the whole heavens, who shall hear the report about you, and shall be agitated, and twist around before your face.

26 And I sent messengers out of the desert of Kedemoth to Sihon, king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

27 Let me cross over your land. I will walk along the highway. I will neither turn to the right hand nor to the left.

28 You shall sell me food for silver, and I shall eat, and you shall give me water for silver, and I shall drink; only I will cross over on foot,

29 What the children of Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me, until I shall cross over Jordan into the land which Jehovah, our God, gives us.

30 And Sihon, king of Heshbon, would not let us cross over by him, because Jehovah, your God, hardened his spirit, and made his heart powerfully alert, that he might give him into your hand as *it is* this day.

31 And Jehovah said to me, See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before your face; begin to possess *it* that you may inherit his land.

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32 And Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to devour at Jahaz.

33 And Jehovah, our God, gave him before our face, and we struck him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we captured all his cities at that time, and devoted the adult men and the women and the little ones *to destruction*; in every city we left no survivors.

35 Only we took the cattle for a prey to ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we captured.

36 From Aroer, which is by the lip of the stream Arnon, and from the city that is by the stream; as far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; Jehovah, our God, gave all to us;

37 Only you did not come near to the land of the children of Ammon, the whole place of the stream Jabbok, nor to the cities in the mountains, nor to any *place* Jehovah, our God, commanded us.

CHAPTER 3

1 And we faced about, and went up the way to Bashan, and Og, the king of Bashan, came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

2 And Jehovah said to me, Do not fear him, because I will give him, and all his people, and his land, into your hand, and you will do to him what you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.

3 And Jehovah, our God, gave Og into our hands also, the king of Bashan, and all his people,

DEUTERONOMY 3 *Moses' rehearsal of conquering Og, the three tribes west of Jordan*

and we struck him until there was not a survivor *left* to him.

4 And we captured all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not capture from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan -

5 All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars - separate from a great many country towns.

6 And we devoted them *to destruction*, what we did to Sihon, king of Heshbon, devoting every city *to destruction*, the adult men, women, and the little ones;

7 And we took to ourselves all the cattle for a prey and the spoil of the cities.

8 And at that time we took the land out of the hand of two kings of the Amorites, that on the east side of Jordan from the stream of Arnon to Mount Hermon -

9 The Sidonians call Hermon, Sirion, and the Amorites call it Shenir -

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan,

11 Because only Og, king of Bashan, remained of what is left of the giants; behold, his bedstead, a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits, its length, and four cubits, its width, after the cubit of a man.

12 And we possessed this land at that time; I gave from Aroer, which is by the stream Arnon, and the half of Mount Gilead, and its

cities to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And I gave what is left of Gilead and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, to the half tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Jair, the son of Manasseh, took the whole country of Argob to the borders of Geshuri and Maachathi, and called them after his own name, Bashan Villages of Jair to this day.

15 And I gave Gilead to Machir.

16 And I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites from Gilead even to the stream Arnon, the middle of the stream, and the border even to the stream Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and its border from Chinnereth even to the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, Jehovah, your God, has given you this land to possess. You shall cross over equipped with arms before the face of your brothers, the children of Israel, all sons of resources.

19 Only your wives, and your little ones, and your livestock - I know by seeing that you have much livestock - shall dwell in your cities which I have given you,

20 Until Jehovah has given rest to your brothers, like yourselves, and they have possessed the land which Jehovah, your God, is giving

to them across Jordan; then you shall return every man to his possession which I have given you.

21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Your eyes have seen all that Jehovah, your God, has done to these two kings; so shall Jehovah do to all the kingdoms where you cross over.

22 Do not fear them, because Jehovah, your God, shall devour for you.

23 And I stooped down asking grace from Jehovah at that time, saying,

24 Oh Lord Jehovah, you have begun to show your servant your greatness and your strong hand, because what God is there in the heavens or in the earth who can do according to your works and according to your might?

25 Please let me cross over, and see the good land on the other side of Jordan, that good mountain, and Lebanon.

26 And Jehovah crossed over against me on account of you, and would not attentively hear me; and Jehovah said to me, *This is* enough for you! Do not speak to me again ever of this word.

27 Go up into the head of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes to the sea, and to the north, and to the south, and to the east, and see with your eyes, because you will not cross over this Jordan.

28 And command Joshua, and cause him to seize strength, and cause him to be powerfully alert, because he shall cross over before the face of this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which

you shall see.

29 And we sat down in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

CHAPTER 4

1 And now, Israel, attentively hear the enactments and the judgments which I teach¹ you to do, so that you may live and go in and possess the land which Jehovah God of your fathers gives you.

2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, and you shall not scrape off from it, that you may hedge about the commandments of Jehovah, your God, which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what Jehovah did in Baal Peor, because every man who walked after Baal Peor, Jehovah, your God, has desolated him from your midst.

4 And you, all of you clinging to Jehovah, your God, are alive today.

5 See, I have taught you enactments and judgments, what Jehovah my God commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land where you go to possess it.

6 And you shall hedge about and do *them*, because this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the eyes of the peoples who shall attentively hear all these enactments, and say, Surely this great people *is* a wise and understanding people,

¹ 4:1 teach, *lamad*, to goad, the rod being the incentive. *Lamad* is used often in Deuteronomy; 4:5,10,14; 5:1,31, etc.

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Moses' rehearsal of the Ten Commandments

7 Because what people *is* so great, whose God is so near to them as Jehovah, our God, in all we call upon him?

8 And who *is* a people so great, whose enactments and judgments are so righteous as all this law, which I give before your face this day?

9 Only hedge yourself about, and exceedingly hedge about your soul, lest you forget the words which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life, and you shall make them known to your children, and your children's children;

10 The day that you stood before the face of Jehovah, your God, in Horeb, Jehovah said to me, Assemble to me the people, and I will make them attentively hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they are alive upon the land, and they shall teach their children.

11 And you came near, and stood at the bottom of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of the heavens, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And Jehovah spoke to you out of the midst of the fire; you heard the voice of the words, and you did not see a form, only a voice.

13 And he caused his covenant to stand out boldly to you, **Ten Commandments** which he commanded you to do, and he engraved them upon two tablets of stone.

14 And Jehovah commanded me at that time to teach you enactments and judgments, so that you do them in the land where you cross over to possess it.

15 Exceedingly hedge about your souls, because you did not see a form on the day Jehovah spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

16 Lest you act wickedly, and make you a carved image, the form of any shape, a likeness of male or female,

17 The likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the heavens,

18 The likeness of any thing that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth;

19 And lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of the heavens, should be driven to prostrate yourselves to them, and serve them, which Jehovah, your God, has allotted to all peoples under the whole heavens.

20 And Jehovah has taken you, and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people for his own inheritance, as *it is* this day.

21 And Jehovah was enraged with me over your words, and swore that I should not cross over Jordan, and that I should not go into that good land, which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance,

Moses warns Israel that they alone have heard God speak out of the fire **DEUTERONOMY 4**

22 Because I must die in this land; I must not cross over Jordan, but you shall cross over, and possess that good land.

23 Hedge yourselves about, lest you forget the covenant of Jehovah, your God, which he cut with you, and make you a carved image, or the likeness of anything, about which Jehovah, your God, has commanded you,

24 Because Jehovah, your God, is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

25 When you bear children, and children's children, and you have grown old in the land, and have destroyed yourselves, and have made a carved image, or the likeness of anything, and have done evil in the eyes of Jehovah, your God, to provoke him,

26 I have called the heavens and earth this day to testify against you, that being lost, you shall be lost quickly from the land where you cross over Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but being desolated, you shall be desolated.

27 And Jehovah shall forcibly scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few adult men in number among the peoples where Jehovah shall drive you.

28 And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which do not see, and do not hear, and do not eat, and do not smell.

29 And from there you shall search for Jehovah, your God, and he shall come forth to you, because you will tread seeking him with all

your heart and with all your soul.

30 And all these words will come to be upon you in oppression in the last days, and you will turn back to Jehovah, your God, and shall attentively hear his voice,

31 Because Jehovah, your God, *is* a compassionate God - he will not be slack toward you, and he will not destroy you, and will not forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore to them -

32 Because, please inquire of the days that were at the beginning, which were facing back, since the day that God created Adam upon the earth, from the one extremity of the heavens to the other extremity of the heavens, if there has been any word this great, or has *any* been heard like it?

33 Has any people attentively heard the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, what you have attentively heard, and live?

34 Or has God tried to go to take to himself a people from the midst of another people, by trials, by signs, and by miracles, and by war, and by a strong hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, all that Jehovah, your God, did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 It was shown to you that you might know by seeing that Jehovah is God; there is none else separate from him.

36 Out of the heavens he made you to attentively hear his voice, to discipline you, and he made you see his great fire upon earth; and you attentively heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

DEUTERONOMY 5 *Moses separates three cities east of the Jordan as cities of refuge*

37 And because he loved your fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought you out of Egypt before his face with his great power,

38 To drive out peoples, greater and more powerful than you, from before your face, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

39 And know by seeing this day, and turn back in your heart, because Jehovah, he is God in the heavens above and upon the earth beneath; *there is* none else.

40 And you shall hedge about his enactments, and his commandments, what I command you this day, so that it may be well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days upon the earth, which Jehovah, your God, gives you all days.

41 At that time Moses separated three cities on the east side of Jordan toward the rising of the sun,

42 That there the killer might flee who kills his neighbor without knowing, and did not hate him in times past, and that fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

43 Bezer in the desert, in the plain country of the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 And this is the law which Moses put before the face of the children of Israel.

45 These are the testimonies, and the enactments, and the judgments, which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came

out of Egypt,

46 On the east side of Jordan in the valley opposite Beth Peor in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel struck in their coming out of Egypt.

47 And they possessed his land and the land of Og, king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on the east side of Jordan toward the rising of the sun,

48 From Aroer, which is by the lip of the stream Arnon, to Mount Sion, which is Hermon,

49 And all the desert in the region across Jordan toward the sunrise, to the sea of the desert, under the slopes of Pisgah.

CHAPTER 5

1 And Moses called out to all Israel, and said to them, Hear attentively, Israel, the enactments and judgments which I speak in your ears today, and learn them, and hedge them about, and do them.

2 Jehovah, our God, cut a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 Jehovah did not cut this covenant with our fathers, but with us, us, these here today, all of us living.

4 Jehovah spoke with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire

5 - I stood between Jehovah and you at that time to make the word of Jehovah stand out boldly to you, because you were afraid of the face of the fire, and did not go up into the mount - saying,

6 I am Jehovah, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of servitude.

7 There shall not be other gods to you before my face.

8 You shall not make for yourself any carved image, any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or what is in the earth beneath, or what is in the waters beneath the earth.

9 You shall not prostrate yourself to them, and you shall not serve them, because I Jehovah, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and fourth generation of those hating me,

10 And doing mercy to thousands of them who love me and hedge about my commandments.

11 You shall not take up the name of Jehovah, your God, for ruin, because Jehovah will not hold him to be clean who takes up his name for ruin.

12 Hedge about the Sabbath day to sanctify it, what Jehovah, your God, commanded you.

13 You shall work six days, and do all your work,

14 And the seventh day is the Sabbath of Jehovah, your God; you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your animals, nor your guest who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as you.

15 And remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and that Jehovah, your God,

brought you out from there through a strong hand, and by a stretched out arm; therefore Jehovah, your God, commanded you to hedge about the Sabbath day.

16 Heavily honor your father and your mother, what Jehovah, your God, commanded you, so that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you, in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you.

17 You shall not kill.

18 You shall not commit adultery.

19 You shall not steal.

20 You shall not respond with ruinous testimony against your neighbor.

21 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not covet your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

22 These words Jehovah spoke to all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, a great voice, and he added no more. And he engraved them on two tablets of stone, and gave them to me.

23 And it was, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain burned with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders,

24 And you said, Behold, Jehovah, our God, has shown us his heavy glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the

DEUTERONOMY 6 *Moses rehearses his receiving the Law to teach Israel to fear God*

midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God speaks with man, and he lives.

25 Now, why should we die, because this great fire will consume us? If we hear the voice of Jehovah, our God, any more we shall die,

26 Because who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we, and lived?

27 Come near, and hear attentively all that Jehovah, our God, shall say, and you speak to us all that Jehovah, our God, speaks to you, and we will hear it, and do.

28 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words you spoke to me, and Jehovah said to me, I have attentively heard the voice of the words of this people, which they spoke to you; they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 Who can give such a heart as this to be in them, to fear me, and hedge about all my commandments all the days, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

30 Walk, and say to them, Return to your tents.

31 And you stand here by me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, and the enactments, and the judgments, what you shall teach them to do in the land which I give them to possess.

32 And you shall hedge about to do what Jehovah, your God, has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.

33 In all the ways which Jehovah, your God, has commanded you, you shall walk, so that you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess.

CHAPTER 6

1 And this *is* the commandment, the enactments, and the judgments, what Jehovah, your God, commanded to teach you, to do them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,

2 So that you fear Jehovah, your God, to hedge about all his enactments and his commandments, what I command you, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life, and so that your days are prolonged.

3 And Israel, you have attentively heard, and hedged about to do, so that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, what Jehovah God of your fathers has spoken to you, in the land that flows milk and honey.

4 Hear attentively, Oh Israel; Jehovah, our God, is one Jehovah,

5 And you shall love Jehovah, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6 And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart,

7 And you shall point them out diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as bands between your eyes.

9 And you shall engrave them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates.

10 And it shall be, when Jehovah, your God, has brought you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you great and good cities, which you did not build,

11 And houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, and wells dug, which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant, and you have eaten and are full,

12 Then hedge yourself about lest you forget Jehovah who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 You shall fear Jehovah, your God, and you shall serve him, and you shall swear by his name.

14 You shall not walk after other gods, gods of the people who are around you,

15 Because Jehovah, your God, is a jealous God in your midst, lest the nostrils of Jehovah, your God, blaze out against you, and desolate you from off the face of the earth.

16 You shall not put Jehovah, your God, to the test, as you tested him in Massah.

17 Hedging about, you shall hedge about the commandments of Jehovah, your God, and his testimonies, and his enactments, what he commanded you.

18 And you shall do the right and the good in the eyes of Jehovah, so that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land, what Jehovah swore to your fathers,

19 To thrust out all your enemies from before your face, what Jehovah has spoken.

20 When your son asks you in time to come, saying, What are the testimonies, and the enactments, and the judgments which Jehovah, our God, has commanded you?

21 Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's servants in Egypt, and Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand;

22 And Jehovah gave signs and miracles, great and evil, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his house before our eyes.

23 And he brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give to us the land which he swore to our fathers.

24 And Jehovah commanded us to do all these enactments, to fear Jehovah, our God, for our good all the days, to keep us alive as *it is* this day.

25 And it shall be righteousness to us, if we hedge about to do all these commandments before the face of Jehovah, our God, what he commanded us.

CHAPTER 7

1 When Jehovah, your God, shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and has thrust out many peoples before your face, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites,

DEUTERONOMY 7 *Moses commands them to devote the Canaanites to destruction*

and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven peoples more numerous and more powerful than you,

2 And Jehovah, your God, gives them up before your face, you shall strike them, and devoting, you shall devote them *to destruction*; you shall not cut a covenant with them; you shall not stoop down in grace to them.

3 You shall not give in marriage to them; you shall not give your daughter to his son, and you shall not take his daughter for your son,

4 Because they will turn away your son from after me to serve other gods, and the nostrils of Jehovah will burn against you, and hastily make you desolate.

5 But you shall do to them like this: you shall tear down their altars, and you shall burst their idolatrous columns, and you shall cut down their pole images, and you shall burn their carved images with fire;

6 Because, you *are* a holy people to Jehovah, your God; Jehovah, your God, has chosen you to be a closely protected treasure of people to himself above all people upon the face of the earth.

7 Jehovah did not join you to himself in love because you were more abundant than all peoples, or choose you because you were the fewest of all people,

8 Because of Jehovah's love to you, and because he hedged about the oath which he swore to your fathers, Jehovah has brought you out with a strong hand, and redeemed you out of the house of

servants, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

9 Know by seeing, therefore, that Jehovah, your God, he is God, the faithful God, hedging about the covenant and mercy to them who love him, and hedging about his commandments to a thousand generations;

10 And makes it complete to them who hate him to their face, to cause them to be lost; he will not procrastinate toward him who hates him; he will make it complete to his face to him.

11 You shall therefore hedge about the commandments, and the enactments, and the judgments, what I command you this day, to do them.

12 It shall be, because you attentively hear these judgments, and hedge them about, and do them, that Jehovah, your God, shall hedge about for you the covenant and the mercy which he swore to your fathers.

13 And he will love you, and kneel down with goodness to you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your fresh grape juice, and your oil, the birth of your cattle, and the increase of your flock animals, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you.

14 You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be male or female sterile among you or among your animals.

15 And Jehovah will turn away all sickness from you, and all the evil diseases of Egypt which you

have known by seeing, he shall not put them on you, but shall give them on all them who hate you.

16 And you shall consume all the people whom Jehovah, your God, shall give you; your eye shall not cover for them; and you shall not serve their gods, because they *will be* a snare to you.

17 If you shall say in your heart, These peoples are more numerous than I; how can I be able to possess them?

18 You shall not be afraid of them, but remembering, you shall remember what Jehovah, your God, did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,

19 The great testings which your eyes have seen, and the signs, and the miracles, and the strong hand, and the stretched out arm, by which Jehovah, your God, brought you out; so Jehovah, your God, shall do to all the peoples, those whose faces you fear.

20 And also, Jehovah, your God, shall send the one who strikes among them until they are lost, those who are left and hide themselves from your face. Note Josh 24:12

21 You shall not dread their face because Jehovah, your God, is in your midst, a great and fearful God.

22 And Jehovah, your God, will pluck off those peoples before your face little by little; you may not end them all at once, lest the living things of the field increase upon you.

23 And Jehovah, your God, shall give them up before your face, and shall move them with a great disturbance until you have made

them desolate.

24 And he shall give their kings into your hand, and you shall cause their name to be lost from under the heavens; not a man shall be able to stand before your face, until you have made them desolate.

25 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not desire the silver or gold on them, nor take it to yourself, lest you be snared by it, because it *is* an abomination to Jehovah, your God.

26 And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, lest you be devoted to destruction like it, but you shall detest it as filthy, and you shall abhor it as morally abhorrent, because it is devoted to destruction.

CHAPTER 8

1 You shall hedge about all the commandments which I command you this day to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in, and possess the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers.

2 And you shall remember all the way which Jehovah, your God, walked you these forty years in the desert, to look down upon you with harshness, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would hedge about his commandments, or not.

3 And he looked down upon you with harshness, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did not know by seeing, neither did your fathers know by seeing, so that he might make you know by seeing that man

DEUTERONOMY 8 *Moses warns them to remember Jehovah when He gives them plenty*

does not live by food alone, but man lives by every *word* that goes out of the mouth of Jehovah. Mat 4:4

4 Your clothing did not fall off of you, and your foot did not swell these forty years.

5 And you have known by seeing with your heart, that, as a man chastises his son, Jehovah, your God, chastises you.

6 And you shall hedge about the commandments of Jehovah, your God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him,

7 Because Jehovah, your God, brings you into a good land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and depths going out of the valleys and the hills,

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil, and honey;

9 A land where you shall not eat food in poverty; you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you shall mine copper.

10 When you have eaten, and are satisfied, then you shall kneel down to Jehovah, your God, for the good land which he has given you.

11 Hedge yourself about so that you do not forget Jehovah, your God, in not hedging about his commandments, and his judgments, and his enactments, which I command you this day,

12 Lest you eat and are full, and have built good houses, and dwelt in them,

13 And your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold has multiplied, and all that is to you is multiplied;

14 Then your heart is exalted, and you forget Jehovah, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of servants,

15 Who walked you through that great and terrible desert, where there were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water, who brought you water out of the strong rock of flint,

16 Who fed you manna in the desert, which your fathers did not know by seeing, so that he might cause you to look down upon yourself with harshness, and that he might prove you, to do you good at your latter end;

17 And you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has made me these resources.

18 But you shall remember Jehovah, your God, because it is he who gives you power to make resources, that he may raise up his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if forgetting, you forget Jehovah, your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and prostrate yourself to them, I testify against you this day that being lost, you shall be lost.

20 As the peoples which Jehovah caused to be lost before your face, so you shall be lost, because you would not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God.

CHAPTER 9

1 Hear attentively, Oh Israel: You are to cross over Jordan this day, to go in to possess peoples greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and walled up to the heavens,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom you know by seeing, and about whom you have heard *it said*, Who can stand before the face of the children of Anak!

3 Know by seeing this day, that Jehovah, your God, is he who crosses over before your face; he will desolate them with a consuming fire, and he will cause them to bend their knees before your face, so you will possess them, and cause them to be lost quickly, what Jehovah has said to you.

4 Do not say in your heart, after that Jehovah, your God, has pushed them out from before your face, saying, Jehovah has brought me in to possess this land for my righteousness; but Jehovah drives them out from before your face for the wickedness of these peoples.

5 You go to possess their land, not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, but Jehovah, your God, possesses them from before your face because of the wickedness of these peoples, and that he may cause the word to rise up which Jehovah swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 You shall know by seeing that Jehovah, your God, is not giving you this good land to possess for your righteousness, because you

are a stiffnecked people.

7 Remember, and do not forget how you provoked Jehovah, your God, to wrath in the desert; you have been rebellious with Jehovah from the day that you went out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place.

8 And you provoked Jehovah to wrath in Horeb so that Jehovah was enraged with you to make you desolate.

9 When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which Jehovah cut with you, and I dwelt in the mountain forty days and forty nights, I did not eat food, and I did not drink water;

10 And Jehovah gave to me two tablets of stone engraved with the finger of God, and on them all the words which Jehovah spoke with you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 And it was, at the end of forty days and forty nights Jehovah gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12 And Jehovah said to me, Rise, go down quickly from here, because your people which you have brought out of Egypt have destroyed themselves; they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 And Jehovah spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and behold, they *are* a stiffnecked people;

DEUTERONOMY 9 *Moses reminds them of the calf, their rebellions, and warns them*

14 Slack off from me, that I may desolate them, and rub out their name from under the heavens, and I will make of you a people mightier and greater than they.

15 And I faced about, and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against Jehovah, your God; you had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly out of the way which Jehovah had commanded you.

17 And I seized the two tablets, and threw them out of my two hands, and burst them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the face of Jehovah as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did not eat food, and I did not drink water, because of all your sins which you sinned, in doing evil in the eyes of Jehovah to provoke him,

19 Because I feared the face of the nostrils and heat by which Jehovah burst out in rage against you to desolate you, but Jehovah attentively heard me at that time also.

20 And Jehovah was very angry with Aaron to desolate him, and I judged in prayer for Aaron also at that time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and beat it, grinding it well until it was crushed as dust, and I threw the dust into the stream that descended out of the mountain.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at The Graves of Lust, you caused Jehovah to become angry. Num 11:34

23 And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh Barnea,^{2,3} saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you, then you rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, your God, and you did not believe him, nor attentively hear his voice.

24 You have been rebellious with Jehovah from the day that I knew by seeing you.

25 And I fell down before the face of Jehovah the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because Jehovah had said to desolate you.

26 I judged in prayer with Jehovah, and said, Oh Lord Jehovah, do not destroy your people and your inheritance whom you have redeemed by your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a strong hand.

27 Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; face about from the stubbornness of this people, from their wickedness, from their sin,

28 Lest the land from where you brought us say, Because Jehovah was not able to bring them into the land which he spoke to them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to kill them in the desert.

²³ 9:23 Kadesh Barnea, desert of wandering. Num 32:8.

29 They are your people, and your inheritance, whom you brought out by your great power and by your stretched out arm.

CHAPTER 10

1 At that time Jehovah said to me, Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me into the mountain, and make for yourself an ark of wood.

2 And I will engrave on the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you burst, and you shall put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of acacia³ wood, and carved two tablets of stone like the first, and went up into the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.

4 And he engraved on the tablets, according to the first engraving, **The Ten Words**, which Jehovah spoke to you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly, and Jehovah gave them to me.

5 And I faced about, and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made, and there they are, what Jehovah commanded me.

6 And the children of Israel pulled up from Wells of the Children of Jaakan to Chastisement; Aaron died there, and he was buried there, and Eleazar, his son, officiated in the priest's office after him.

7 From there they pulled up to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of streams of waters.

³ 10:3 acacia, KJV has *shittim*, which is the Hebrew word.

8 At that time Jehovah separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, to stand before the face of Jehovah to minister to him, and to bless in his name until this day.

9 Therefore there is to Levi no part nor inheritance with his brothers; Jehovah is his inheritance, what Jehovah, your God, spoke to him.

10 And I stood in the mountain, as the first days, forty days and forty nights, and Jehovah attentively heard me at that time also, and Jehovah did not breathe in agreement to destroy you.

11 And Jehovah said to me, Rise up, walk, break camp before the face of the people that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give to them.

12 And now, Israel, what does Jehovah, your God, ask from you, but to fear Jehovah, your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Jehovah, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul,

13 To hedge about the commandments of Jehovah and his enactments which I command you this day for your good?

14 Behold, the heavens and the heaven of the heavens are Jehovah's your God, the earth, with all that *is* in it.

15 Only Jehovah joined himself to your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, you, above all people, as *it is* this day.

DEUTERONOMY 11

Moses rehearses God's goodness to them, and warns them

16 And circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and do not harden your neck,

17 Because Jehovah, your God, he is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, God, the great, the mighty, and the fearful, who does not lift up faces, and does not take gifts.

18 He makes judgment for the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

19 Love the stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 You shall fear Jehovah, your God; you shall serve him, and you shall cling to him, and you shall swear by his name.

21 He *is* your praise, and he *is* your God, who has done for you these great and fearful *things*, which your eyes have seen.

22 Our fathers went down into Egypt with seventy souls, and now Jehovah, your God, has put you as the stars of the heavens for abundance.

CHAPTER 11

1 And you shall love Jehovah, your God, and hedge about his guard duty, and his enactments, and his judgments, and his commandments, all the days.

2 And know by seeing this day, because I do not speak with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of Jehovah, your God, his greatness, his strong hand, and his stretched out arm,

3 And his signs, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land,

4 And what he has done to the resources of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots, how he made the waters of the Red Sea flow over their faces as they ran after you, and Jehovah caused them to be lost to this day,

5 And what he did to you in the desert, until you came to this place,

6 And what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, how the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them, and their houses, and their tents, and everything standing, what was at their feet,⁶ in the midst of all Israel;

7 And your eyes see all the great acts of Jehovah which he has done.

8 And you shall hedge about all the commandments which I am commanding you this day, that you may seize strength, and go in and possess the land, where you cross over to possess it;

9 And that you may prolong your days in the land, which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land that flows milk and honey,

10 Because the land where you go in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your

⁶ 11:6 what was at their feet is the literal rendering of these words. It means what they owned, what they had gathered to their feet, under their control.

seed, and irrigated it with your foot as a garden of herbs,

11 And the land where you go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water from the rain of the heavens,

12 A land which Jehovah, your God, watchfully treads; the eyes of Jehovah, your God, are always upon it, from the first of the year to the end of the year.

13 And it shall be, if hearing you shall hear attentively my commandments which I command you today, to love Jehovah, your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 That I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your grape juice,¹⁴ and your oil.

15 And I will give plants in your fields for your animals that you may eat and be satisfied.

16 Hedge yourselves about that your heart is not open, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and prostrate yourselves to them;

17 And Jehovah's nostrils burn against you, and he shuts up the heavens, and there is no rain, and the land does not give her produce, and lest you be lost quickly from off the good land which Jehovah gives you.

18 And you shall put these words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be bands between your eyes.

¹⁴**11:14 grape juice**, *tiyrowsh*, the fresh squeezed juice from the grape. Gen 27:28,37. Num 18:12. Dt. 7:13; 11:14, etc. *Yayin* is the Hebrew word for alcoholic wine. Gen 9:21; 14:18; 19:32-35, etc.

19 And you shall teach them to your children by speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

20 And you shall engrave them upon the door posts of your house and on your gates,

21 So that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens upon the earth,

22 Because, if hedging about you shall hedge about all this law which I command you to do, to love Jehovah, your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him,

23 Then Jehovah will possess all these peoples from before your face, and you shall possess greater peoples and more powerful than yourselves.

24 The whole place where the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours, from the desert and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the sea behind you, shall be your border.

25 No man shall stand before your face. Jehovah, your God, shall give dread and fear of you upon all the face of the land that you shall tread upon, what he has spoken to you.

26 Behold, I give before your face this day a blessing and a curse;

27 A blessing, if you attentively hear the commandments of Jehovah, your God, which I command you this day;

DEUTERONOMY 12 *The blessing and the curse; tear down idols; make one central altar*

28 And a curse, if you will not attentively hear the commandments of Jehovah, your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to walk after other gods, which you have not known by seeing.

29 And it shall be, when Jehovah, your God, has brought you in to the land where you go to possess it, that you shall give the blessing upon Mount Gerizim and the curse upon Mount Ebal.

30 Are they not in the region across Jordan, by the way of the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites, who dwell in the desert opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?

31 Because you shall cross over Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell in it,

32 And hedge them about to do all the enactments and judgments which I give before your face this day.

CHAPTER 12

1 These are the enactments and judgments, which you shall hedge about to do in the land, which Jehovah God of your fathers gives you to possess, all the days that you live upon the land.

2 Causing to be lost, you shall cause all the places where the peoples which you shall possess served their gods to be lost, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree;

3 And you shall tear down their altars, and burst their cult pillars, and burn their pole images with fire; and you shall cut down the idols of their gods, and cause their names to be lost out of that place.

4 You shall not do so to Jehovah, your God.

5 And to the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, you shall tread to his habitation to inquire, and you shall come there.

6 And you shall bring there your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds, and of your flocks;

7 And you shall eat there before the face of Jehovah, your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you put your hand, you and your houses, in which Jehovah, your God, has knelt down with goodness to you.

8 You shall not do according to all that we do here this day, each man whatever is right in his own eyes,

9 Because you have not yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which Jehovah, your God, gives you.

10 And you shall cross over Jordan, and dwell in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you to inherit, and he shall rest you from all your enemies all around, and you shall dwell in safety.

11 And it shall be, the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you, your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice¹¹ vows which you vow to Jehovah;

12 And you shall rejoice before the face of Jehovah, your God, you, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite who is within your gates, because to him is no allotment of inheritance with you.

13 Hedge yourself about so that you do not offer up your burnt offerings in every place that you see,

14 But only in the place which Jehovah shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15 Only you may kill and eat meat in all your gates, whatever your soul desires, according to the blessing of Jehovah, your God, which he has given you, the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart.

16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, and of your grape juice, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd, and of your flock, and any of your vows which you vow, and your

freewill offerings, and the heave offering of your hand;

18 But you shall eat it before the face of Jehovah, your God, in the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates, and you shall rejoice before the face of Jehovah, your God, in all to which you put your hands.

19 Hedge yourself about so that you do not leave the Levite all your days upon your land.

20 When Jehovah, your God, shall enlarge your border, what he has spoken to you, and you shall say, I will eat meat, because your soul desires to eat meat, you may eat whatever meat your soul desires.

21 Because the place which Jehovah, your God, has chosen to put his name there is a wide distance from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which Jehovah has given you as I have commanded you, and you shall eat within your gates all that your soul desires.

22 Only as the gazelle and the hart is eaten, so you shall eat it, the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.

23 Only seize yourself with strength that you do not eat the blood, because the blood is the soul, and you may not eat the soul with the meat.

24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth as water.

¹¹ 12:11 choice, *mibchar*, what you have selected from the best.

DEUTERONOMY 13 *Warnings against other gods; execute prophets who promote idols*

25 You shall not eat it in order that it may be well with you and with your children after you when you do right in the eyes of Jehovah.

26 Only you shall lift your holy things which are yours, and your vows, and go to the place which Jehovah shall choose;

27 And you shall do your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of Jehovah, your God, and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out by the altar of Jehovah, your God, and you shall eat the meat.

28 Hedge yourself about to attentively hear all these words which I command you, so that it may be well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do good and right in the eyes of Jehovah, your God.

29 When Jehovah, your God, shall cut off the peoples from before your face, where you go to possess them, and you possess them, and dwell in their land,

30 Hedge yourself about so that you are not snared by following them after they are desolated from before your face, and that you do not tread seeking after their gods, saying, How did these peoples serve their gods, and I will do so, even I?

31 You shall not do so to Jehovah, your God, because they have done to their gods every abomination to Jehovah which he hates, because they have burnt both their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 All the words that I command you, hedge about to do them; you shall not add to them; you shall not scrape off from them.

CHAPTER 13

1 If there rises up in your midst a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a miracle,

2 And the sign or the miracle comes which he spoke to you, saying, Let us walk after other gods which you have not known by seeing, and let us serve them,

3 You shall not attentively hear the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, because Jehovah, your God, is proving you, to know by seeing if you love Jehovah, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 You shall walk after Jehovah, your God, and you shall fear him, and you shall hedge about his commandments, and you shall attentively hear his voice, and you shall serve him, and you shall cling to him.

5 And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken apostasy⁵ against Jehovah, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust you out of the way in which Jehovah, your God, commanded you to walk. And you shall consume evil from your midst.

⁵ 13:5 apostasy, *carah*, departure.

6 If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, who is as your own soul, shall prod you covertly, saying, Let us walk and serve other gods, which you have not known by seeing, you and your fathers,

7 Of the gods of the people who are around you, who are near to you, or who are far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth,

8 You shall not breathe^s in agreement with him, and you shall not hear him attentively; and your eye shall not cover for him, and you shall not spare him in pity, and you shall not conceal him;

9 But putting him to death, you shall put him to death; your hand shall be the first one upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And you shall stone him with stones, and he shall die, because he has sought to thrust you away from Jehovah, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And all Israel shall attentively hear, and fear, and shall do no more any word of wickedness as this in your midst.

12 If you attentively hear in one of your cities in which Jehovah, your God, is giving to you to dwell, anyone saying,

13 Men, sons of Belial, have gone out in your midst, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us walk and serve other gods, which you have not known by seeing,

14 Then you shall tread seeking *the truth*, and search, and inquire well; and, behold, if it is truth, and the word is set up, this abomination is done in your midst,

15 Striking, you shall strike the inhabitants of that city with the mouth of the sword, devoting it *to destruction*, and all that is in it and its animals with the mouth of the sword.

16 And you shall gather all its spoil into the middle of its street, and shall burn the city with fire, and all its spoil, the whole, to Jehovah, your God, and it shall be a mound forever; it shall not be built again.

17 And not a speck of the devoted thing shall cling to your hand so that Jehovah shall turn from the burning of his nostrils, and shall give you mercies, and have compassion upon you, and multiply you, what he has sworn to your fathers,

18 When you shall attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, to hedge about all his commandments which I command you this day, to do right in the eyes of Jehovah, your God.

CHAPTER 14

1 You are the children of Jehovah, your God; you shall not cut yourselves, nor put baldness between your eyes for the dead,

^s 13:8 breathe in agreement with, *abah*, to breathe after or in agreement or in sympathy with someone.

DEUTERONOMY 14*Clean and unclean animals, fish, and birds*

2 Because you are a holy people to Jehovah, your God, and Jehovah has chosen you to be a people, a closely protected treasure to himself out of all the peoples who are on the earth.

3 You shall not eat any abominable thing.

4 These are the animals which you shall eat: the ox, the sheep of the flock, and the goat of the flock,

5 The deer, and the gazelle, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the antelope, and the oryx, and the chamois.

6 And every animal that divides the hoof, and divides the cleft into two hoofs, and brings up the cud, among the animals you shall eat.

7 Only you shall not eat of them that bring up the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof: the camel, and the hare, and the rock rabbit, because they bring up the cud, but do not divide the hoof; they are unclean to you.

8 And the swine, because it divides the hoof, yet does not bring up the cud, it is unclean to you; you shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcass.

9 Of all that are in the waters you shall eat these: all that have fins and scales you shall eat,

10 And you shall not eat all that do not have fins and scales; it is unclean to you.

11 Of all clean birds you shall eat,

12 But any of these you shall not eat: the eagle, and the black vulture, and the bearded vulture,

13 And the hawk, and the kite, and the vulture after its kind,

14 And all ravens after their kind,

15 And the owl, and the ostrich, and the gull, and the bright flashing *hawk* after its kind,

16 The little owl, and the horned owl, and the swan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

19 And every swarming bird is unclean to you; they shall not be eaten.

20 You may eat all clean fowls.

21 You shall not eat of any thing that dies of itself; you may give it to the sojourner within your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to an alien; because you are a holy people to Jehovah, your God. You shall not boil a kid in his mother's milk.

22 Tithing, you shall tithe all the increase of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year.

23 And you shall eat before the face of Jehovah, your God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of your grain, of your grape juice, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herds, and of your flocks, so that you may learn to fear Jehovah, your God, all your days.

24 And because the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the place is a wide distance from you which Jehovah, your God, shall choose to put his name there, when

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Jehovah, your God, has blessed you,

25 Then you shall give it for silver, and bind up the silver in your hand, and shall walk to the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose;

26 And you shall give the silver for all that your soul desires, for cattle, or for flock animals, or for wine, or for hard liquor, or for all that your soul requests, and you shall eat there before the face of Jehovah, your God, and you shall rejoice, you, and your house,

27 And the Levite who is within your gates, you shall not leave him, because he has no allotment or inheritance with you.

28 At the end of three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall deposit it within your gates,

29 And the Levite, because he has no allotment or inheritance with you, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied, that Jehovah, your God, may kneel down with goodness to you in all the work of your hand which you do.

CHAPTER 15

1 At the end of seven years you shall make a release.

2 And this is the word of the release: Every master of debt shall release from his hand what he loaned to his neighbor; he shall not drive his neighbor or his brother because it is called Jehovah's release.

3 You may drive a foreigner, but your hand shall release what is yours with your brother,

4 Except when there is none poor among you, because blessing, Jehovah will bless you in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you an inheritance to possess,

5 Only if attentively hearing, you shall attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, to hedge about to do all these commandments which I command you this day,

6 Because Jehovah, your God, kneels down with goodness to you, what he spoke to you, and you shall obligate by debt many peoples *to yourself*, but you shall not be obligated in debt; and you shall reign over many peoples, but they shall not reign over you.

7 If there is among you *anyone* poor, one of your brothers within any of your gates in your land which Jehovah, your God, gives you, you shall not cause your heart to be powerfully alert against him, and you shall not close your hand from your poor brother,

8 Because you shall open your hand wide to him, and obligating him, you shall obligate him in debt enough for his need, what he lacks.

9 Hedge yourself about so that there is not a word in your worthless heart, saying, The seventh year is near, the year of release, and your eye is evil against your poor brother, and you give nothing to him, and he calls out against you to Jehovah, and it is sin to you.

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10 Giving, you shall give to him, and it shall not be evil to your heart when you give to him, for because of this word Jehovah, your God, shall kneel down in goodness to you in all your works, and in all that you send out from your hand,

11 Because the poor shall not cease from the midst of the land, therefore I command you, saying, Opening wide, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to your depressed and to your poor in your land.

12 And if your brother is sold to you, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall send him out free from you.

13 And when you send him out free from you, you shall not send him out empty;

14 Adorning¹⁴ him, you shall adorn him out of your flock, and out of your threshingfloor, and out of your winepress; you shall give to him out of what Jehovah, your God, has blessed you.

15 And you shall remember that you were servants in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah, your God, redeemed you; therefore I command you this word today.

16 And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go out from you, because he loves you and your house, because it has been good for him with you,

17 Then you shall take an awl, and give it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also to your female servant you shall do likewise.

18 It shall not be hard in your eyes, when you send him out free from you, because he has been worth double one hired for wages serving you six years, and Jehovah, your God, shall bless you in all that you do.

19 You shall sanctify to Jehovah, your God, all the firstborn males that are born of your herd and of your flock; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your bullock, and shall not shear the firstborn of your flock.

20 You shall eat it year by year before the face of Jehovah, your God, in the place which Jehovah shall choose, you and your house.

21 And if there is in it a blemish, lame, or blind, any bad blemish, you shall not sacrifice it to Jehovah, your God.

22 You shall eat it within your gates, the unclean and the clean²² alike, as of the gazelle, and as of the deer.

23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

CHAPTER 16

1 Hedge about the new moon of Abib, and do the Passover to Jehovah, your God, because in the new moon of Abib Je-

¹⁴ 15:14 Adorn. *anaq*, to hang a necklace about the neck. The idea is that you are to hang all these furnishings on him like jewelry so that you send him out furnished abundantly.

²² 15:22 The unclean human and the clean human may eat of clean animals, like gazelle and deer, who have blemishes, but are still edible, but you cannot sanctify it to Jehovah God.

hovah, your God, brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 You shall sacrifice the Passover to Jehovah, your God, of the flock and the herd in the place which Jehovah shall choose to cause his name to dwell there.

3 You shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, bread of affliction, because you came out of the land of Egypt in haste, so that you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

4 And there shall not be seen leavened bread with you in all your border seven days, and there shall not remain until the dawn any of the meat which you sacrificed the first day at dusk.

5 You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which Jehovah, your God, gives you,

6 But at the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose to cause his name to dwell, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at dusk, at the going *down* of the sun, at the appointed meeting of your coming out of Egypt.

7 And you shall cook and eat it in the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose, and you shall face about in the dawn and walk into your tents.

8 You shall eat unleavened bread six days, and on the seventh day shall be an assembly to Jehovah, your God; you shall do no work.

9 You shall tally up to yourself seven weeks; when the sickle begins in the standing grain you shall begin to tally up the seven weeks.

10 And you shall do the festival of weeks to Jehovah, your God, with an abundance of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give to Jehovah, your God, as Jehovah, your God, has blessed you;

11 And you shall rejoice before the face of Jehovah, your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are in your midst, there in the place which Jehovah, your God, has chosen to cause his name to dwell.

12 And you shall remember that you were a servant in Egypt, and you shall hedge about and do these enactments.

13 After you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat you shall do the festival of booths seven days;

14 And you shall rejoice in your festival, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, those within your gates.

15 You shall march in sacred procession to Jehovah, your God, seven days in the place which Jehovah shall choose; you shall be only joyful because Jehovah, your God, shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the works of your

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hands.

16 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the face of Jehovah, your God, in the place which he shall choose: in the festival of unleavened bread, and in the festival of weeks, and in the festival of booths; and they shall not appear before the face of Jehovah empty.

17 Every man with a present in his hand, according to the blessing of Jehovah, your God, what he has given you.

18 You shall give yourselves those to judge and *be* officers in all your gates, which Jehovah, your God, gives you, throughout your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

19 You shall not stretch judgment; you shall not recognize faces; you shall not take a gift, because a gift blinds the eyes of the wise, and wrenches the words of the righteous.

20 You shall pursue righteous righteousness so that you may live and inherit the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you.

21 You shall not plant for yourself pole images of any trees near the altar of Jehovah, your God, which you shall make for yourself.

22 And you shall not raise up to yourself an idolatrous column, which Jehovah, your God, hates.

CHAPTER 17

1 You shall not sacrifice to Jehovah, your God, bullock or sheep in which is a blemish, or any evil word, for that is an abomination to Jehovah, your God.

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2 If there comes to be in your midst, within any of your gates which Jehovah, your God, gives you, man or woman who has done evil in the eyes of Jehovah, your God, in crossing over against his covenant,

3 And has walked and served other gods, and has prostrated himself to them, the sun, or moon, or any of the host of the heavens, which I have not commanded,

4 And it stands out boldly to you, and you have attentively heard, and treaded seeking well, and behold, it is true, and the word is set up, this abomination is done in Israel,

5 Then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done that evil word to your gates, that man or that woman, and you shall stone them with stones, and they shall die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses, being put to death, he shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death at the mouth of one witness.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first on him to put him to death, and all the hands of all the people afterward. And you shall consume evil from your midst.

8 If there is a word too difficult for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being words of a controversy within your gates, then you shall call aloud, and go up into the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose,

9 And you shall come to the Levitical priests and to those judging that shall be in those days, and tread seeking; and they shall cause the word of judgment to stand out boldly to you;

10 And you shall do according to the word, which they of that place which Jehovah shall choose shall cause to stand out boldly to you, and you shall hedge about to do according to all that they cause to flow to you.

11 You shall do according to the mouth of the law which they shall cause to flow to you and according to the judgment which they shall say to you; you shall not turn away from the word which they shall cause to stand out boldly to you, to the right hand, nor to the left.

12 And the man who will do arrogantly, and fails to attentively hear the priest who stands to minister there to Jehovah, your God, or to the one who judges, even that man shall be put to death, and you shall consume the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall attentively hear and fear, and not boil over any more.

14 When you come into the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you, and shall possess it, and shall dwell there, and shall say, I will put a king over me like all those peoples about me,

15 Putting, you shall put over you a king whom Jehovah, your God, shall choose; you shall put a king over you from among your brothers; you may not give over you a man who is a stranger, who is not

your brother.

16 Multiplying, he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt in order to multiply horses, since Jehovah has said to you, You shall not again return that way any more.

17 And he shall not multiply to himself wives, and shall not turn aside his heart, and he shall not greatly multiply silver and gold to himself.

18 And it shall be, when he sits down on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write him a copy of this law in a book from before the face of the Levitical priests,

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall call out from¹⁹ there all the days of his life that he may learn to fear Jehovah, his God, to hedge about all the words of this law and these enactments to do them;

20 So that his heart is not exalted above his brothers, and he does not turn aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left, so that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

¹⁹ 17:18-20 **call out from**, *qara*, is the same word used when Adam called the animals by name. It means to call out what is written in the character of the thing seen. When you see words, you call them out, that is, you recognize the character and meaning of the words, and call them out. In other words, you read words by perceiving their true character, and you call them into yourself. This is what God commands us in this passage. We are to have our copy of the words of God, the Bible, and we are to call those words out of God's book into ourselves. We are to perceive their true character and meaning by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, and call those words out with our mouth into our hearts. It is by confessing with your mouth and believing God in your heart that delivers us, Rom 10:9.

CHAPTER 18

1 There is not an allotment or inheritance with Israel for all the tribe of Levi, the Levitical priests; they shall eat the fire offerings of Jehovah, and *this is* his inheritance.

2 And an inheritance shall not be to him in the midst of his brothers; Jehovah himself is his inheritance, what he has spoken to them.

3 And this shall be judged due to the priest from the people, from those sacrificing a sacrifice, whether an ox or flock animal, and to the priest they shall give the shoulder and the two cheeks, and the stomach.

4 And the first of your grain, of your grape juice, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your flock animals, you shall give to him,

5 Because Jehovah, your God, has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of Jehovah, him and his sons all the days.

6 And if a Levite comes from one of your gates out of all Israel, where there he lodged, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which Jehovah shall choose,

7 Then he shall minister in the name of Jehovah, his God, as all his brothers, the Levites, who stand there before the face of Jehovah.

8 They shall eat *their* allotment like *all the others'* allotment, separate from the sale of the overage.⁸

⁸ 18:8 overage, *al*. What each Levite received for current service was the same, but his own personal wealth was in no way to prevent him from receiving the same pay as the others. What he had managed and multi-

9 When you come into the land which Jehovah, your God, gives to you, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those peoples.

10 There shall not exist among you him who crosses over his son or his daughter through the fire, or who seeks to determine the future by magic, or practices secret arts, or one who determines oracles by whispering spells, or enchantments,¹⁰ Isa 3:20

11 Or one who binds with spells, or a consulter who channels, or an occult false prophet, or one who treads seeking among the dead,

plied was his according to how he had multiplied his wealth. In other words, what he made from his personal management of his wealth was his, his overage, and was not divided with anyone else. His personal wealth was to have nothing to do with the pay he received for his services. In other words, if he was rich, he was in no way obligated to cut down his wealth, or the receiving of additional wealth from his services as a minister, and from his own wealth producing efforts otherwise. The governments of the peoples of the world need to learn that their responsibility is not to take wealth from the rich and redistribute it for the advancement of their own political careers.

¹⁰ 18:10-11 **Occult practices** and witchcraft. Here is a list of the Hebrew words used in Deut 18:10-11. **1. Crosses over through the fire** is: *abar*, cross over through; and *esh*, the fire. This describes the practice of sacrificing infants by burning them alive in the fire to the god Molek [also spelled Molech and Moloch], Chemosh and Baal for the supposed benefit of the parents. See Lev 18:21. **2. determine an oracle by magical scrolls** is *qacam qecem*, to determine by lot or magical scroll. **3. Practice secret arts** is *anan*, and means to cloud over, to act under cover, to practice that which is secret except to the initiated. **4. one who whispers spells**, *nachash*, to hiss like the serpent, whisper magic spells to foretell or try to control the future. **5. enchantments**, *kashaph*, one who whispers or enchants spells to idols. **6. one who binds with spells**, *chabar cheber*, one who joins a spell to a thing or person. **7. A consulter who channels**, *sha'al*, to inquire or consult;

12 Because all doing these are an abomination to Jehovah, and because of these abominations Jehovah, your God, possesses them from before your face.

13 You shall be perfect with Jehovah, your God,

14 Because these peoples, which you shall possess attentively heard the practitioners of secret arts and those seeking to determine the future by magic, but Jehovah, your God, has not given you such.

15 Jehovah, your God, will raise up to you a Prophet¹⁵ from your midst, of your brothers, like me; you shall attentively hear him;

16 According to all that you desired of Jehovah, your God, in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not again hear the voice of Jehovah my God, and do not let me see this great fire any more so that I do not die.

17 And Jehovah said to me, It is well what they have spoken.

18 I will raise up a Prophet for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and will give my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. See verse 15.

obe [owb], a bottle or sheath, a container. The idea is that the consulter becomes the bottle in which the spirit enters to speak his message. **8. an occult false prophet**, *yidde'oniy*, a false prophet who tries to predict the future by witchcraft. **9. One who treads seeking the dead**, *darash*, to tread, *muwth*, the dead. These are two Hebrew words that simply mean to tread seeking the dead. It is the same word used constantly instructing us to tread seeking God with all our heart, Dt 4:29; 12:5. It refers to those who try to contact the dead. This is the most complete list of occult words in the Bible. See Lev 19:26,31.

¹⁵ **18:15,18** This prophecy refers to the Prophet, the Lord Jesus, Who is God's Prophet to us.

19 And it shall be, what man will not attentively hear my words which he shall speak in my name, I will tread searching him out.

20 But the prophet which shall boil over to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if you say in your heart, How shall we know by seeing the word which Jehovah has not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah, if the word does not become and does not come, that is the word which Jehovah has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it arrogantly; you shall not fear him.

CHAPTER 19

1 When Jehovah, your God, cuts off the peoples whose land Jehovah, your God, gives you, and you possess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses,

2 You shall separate three cities for you in the midst of your land which Jehovah, your God, gives you to possess.

3 You shall set up for you a road, and divide the borders of your land into three, which Jehovah, your God, gives you to inherit, and it shall be for every killer to flee there.

4 And this *is* the word concerning the killer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever strikes his neighbor without knowing,

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whom he did not hate yesterday day before yesterday,⁴

5 As when he goes into the woods with his neighbor to chop wood, and strikes his hand with the ax to cut down the tree, and the iron slips off from the wood, and comes upon his neighbor so that he dies, he shall flee to one of those cities, and live,

6 Lest the kinsman redeemer of blood pursues after the killer, while his heart is hot, and reaches him, because the way is long, and strikes his soul from him; and he was not judged condemned to death, since he did not hate him in time past. Note Lev 25:25

7 Therefore I command you, saying, You shall separate three cities to yourself.

8 And if Jehovah, your God, shall broaden your border, what he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which he has spoken to give to your fathers,

9 If you shall hedge about all these commandments to do them, which I command you this day, to love Jehovah, your God, and to walk in his ways all days, then you shall add for you three cities more above these three;

10 And innocent blood shall not be shed in the midst of your land which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance, and blood be upon you.

11 And if a man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes his soul so that he dies, and flees into one of these cities,

12 Then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there, and give him into the hand of the kinsman redeemer of blood that he may die.

13 Your eye shall not cover for him, but you shall consume the innocent blood from Israel, and it shall be well with you.

14 You shall not remove your neighbor's boundary, which they at the beginning have bound as your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you to possess it.

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, the word shall stand.

16 If a false witness rises up against a man to testify apostasy against him,

17 Then both of the men, they to whom *is* the controversy, shall stand before the face of Jehovah, before the face of the priests, and the ones who judge who shall be in those days,

18 And the ones who judge shall tread searching out; and, behold, if the witness is a false witness, and has answered falsely against his brother,

19 Then you shall do to him what he had planned to do to his brother, and you shall consume evil from your midst.

⁴ 19:4 yesterday day before yesterday, *temowl shilshown*, which literally is yesterday day before yesterday, meaning in time past.

20 And those who remain shall attentively hear and fear, and shall thereafter not do any more this evil word in your midst.

21 And your eye shall not cover for him, but soul for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

1 When you go out to battle against those who hate you, and see horses, and chariots, and a people greater than you, do not fear them, because Jehovah, your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, is with you.

2 And it shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that the priest shall come near and speak to the people,

3 And shall say to them, Hear attentively, Israel. You draw near this day to battle against those who hate you; do not let your hearts be tender, do not fear, and do not hurry in fear, and do not dread their face,

4 Because Jehovah, your God, *is* he who walks with you to devour for you against those who hate you to save you.

5 And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, What man who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? Let him walk and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man who has planted a vineyard, and has not begun to use it? Let him walk and return to his house, lest he die in

the battle, and another begin to use it.

7 And what man who has engaged a woman, and has not taken her? Let him walk, and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man is fearful and tender of heart? Let him walk and return to his house, and not cause the heart of his brothers to melt like his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have ended speaking to the people, they shall visit⁹ the chief rulers of the hosts at the head of the people.

10 When you come near to a city to fight against it, then call out peace to it.

11 And it shall be, if it answers peace and opens to you, then it shall be, that all the people found there shall be under tribute to you, and they shall serve you.

12 And if it will not make it complete with you, but will make war against you, then you shall press the siege upon it.

13 And when Jehovah, your God, has given it into your hands, you shall strike every male with the mouth of the sword,

14 But the women, and the little ones, and the animals, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall seize for yourself, and you shall eat the spoil of those who hate you, which Jehovah, your God, has given you.

⁹ 20:9 visit, *paqad*, see Num 1:3.

DEUTERONOMY 21 *Exterminate idolaters; cutting trees; when a dead body is found*

15 Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these peoples themselves.

16 But of the cities of these people, which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance, you shall not keep alive anything that breathes,

17 But devoting them, you shall devote them *to destruction*: the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, what Jehovah, your God, has commanded you;

18 So that they do not teach you to do after all their abominations, which they have done to their gods, and you would sin against Jehovah, your God.

19 When you press the siege upon a city many days in making war against it to capture it, you shall not destroy the trees by thrusting an ax against them, because you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down in the siege, because the tree of the field is man's to come before his face.¹⁹

¹⁹ **20:19** The words in the latter part of this verse - **the tree of the field is man's, to come before his face** - are the literal words in the Hebrew. They are not clear to most commentators and translators. You will find many different attempts to translate the phrase. My interpretation is that the words are an abbreviated sentence in which not all the words understood are used, because the people supplied the rest of the statement in their minds, that is, that trees are for man's food, and for beauty, before his face, as stated in Gen 2:9. In other words, trees are for man's food and for beauty, as well as for building, and man must not cut them down simply for the sake of destroying the countryside even in war. Verse 20 explains what trees may be cut down, but even then only the ones they needed to build a bulwark to conquer the city.

20 Only the trees which you know by seeing that they are not trees for food, you may destroy and cut down, and you may build a bulwark against the city that makes war with you until you have subdued it.

CHAPTER 21

1 If one is found polluted¹ in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you to possess, fallen in the field, and it is not known by seeing who struck him,

2 Then your elders and those who judge you shall go out, and they shall measure to the cities which are around him that is polluted;

3 And it shall be, that the city which is near to the one pierced to death, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer, which has not been worked, and which has not drawn in the yoke;

4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer to a valley with a perennial stream, which is neither worked nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there by the stream;

5 And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, because Jehovah, your God, has chosen them to minister to him, and to bless in the name of Jehovah; and by their mouth every controversy and every stroke⁵ shall be *settled*.

¹ **21:1 polluted**, that is, dead. The body is polluted because it is dead. See verses 3, 6-9 and you will see the meaning of polluted.

⁵ **21:5 stroke**, *nega*, a blow or stroke. The interpretation is whatever in life hits people, an occurrence, an event, circumstances that need to be judged. The elders' decision on such events is final. Settled is not in the text but understood.

6 And all the elders of that city near to the one polluted shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken near the stream;

7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not spilled this blood, and our eyes have not seen *who did*.

8 Cover, Oh Jehovah, your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and do not give innocent blood in the midst of your people, Israel. And the blood shall be covered.

9 And you shall consume innocent blood from your midst when you shall do right in the eyes of Jehovah.

10 When you go out to war against those who hate you, and Jehovah, your God, has given them into your hands, and taking captive, you have taken them captive,

11 And you see among the captives a woman of beautiful appearance, and cling to her, and take her to yourself for a wife,

12 Then you shall bring her home into the midst of your house, and she shall shave her head, and do her nails;

13 And she shall put away the clothing of her captivity from her, and shall dwell in your house, and weep for her father and her mother a moon of days; and after that you shall go in to her, and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

14 And it shall be, if you are not inclined toward her, then you may let her soul go, but selling, you shall not sell her for silver; you shall not treat her as a servant, because

you have looked down upon her with harshness.

15 If there is to a man two wives, one loved, and one hated, and they have born him children, the loved and the hated; and if the firstborn son was hers that was hated,

16 Then it shall be, in the day he bequeaths to his sons what is his, he cannot make the son of the loved firstborn before the face of the son of the hated, who is the firstborn;

17 But he shall recognize the son of the hated as the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he has acquired, because he is the first of his effectiveness; the judged decree of the firstborn is his.

18 If there is to a man a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not attentively hear the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and when they have chastised him, he will not hear them attentively,

19 Then his father and his mother shall seize him, and shall bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place;

20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not attentively hear our voice; he is a prodigal and a carouser.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die; so you shall consume evil from your midst, and all Israel shall attentively hear, and fear.

DEUTERONOMY 22 *The removal of a body before night; straying animals; safty laws*

22 And if there is a sin to a man judged condemned to death, and he is put to death, and you hang²² him on a tree,

23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but burying, you shall bury him the same day, because he who is hanged is accursed of God, that your land be not defiled, which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance.

John 19:31 Gal 3:13

CHAPTER 22

1 You shall not see your brother's ox or his flock animal driven away, and hide yourself from them; returning them, you shall return them to your brother.

2 And if your brother is not near to you, or you do not know by seeing whose it is, then you shall gather it to the midst of your house, and it shall be with you until your brother treads seeking it, and you shall restore it to him.

3 And so you shall do with his donkey; and so you shall do with his clothing; and so you shall do with everything lost of your brother's, which he has lost and you have acquired; you may not hide yourself.

4 You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide yourself from them; raising him up, you shall raise him up.

5 There shall not be what is a mighty man's on a woman, nor shall a mighty man put on a woman's garment, because all who

do these *are* an abomination to Jehovah, your God.

6 If you encounter a bird's nest before your face in the way in any tree or on the ground, *with* young ones or eggs, and the mother lying upon the offspring or upon the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the offspring;

7 Sending away, you shall send away the mother, but the offspring take for yourself that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days.

8 When you build a new house, then you shall make a guard rail for your roof, that you not bring blood upon your house, if falling, someone falls from it.

9 You shall not sow your vineyard with diverse seeds, lest the fruit of your seed which you have sown and the produce of your vineyard be unclean.

10 You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 You shall not be clothed in a garment woven of wool and linen together.

12 You shall make plaited works for yourself upon the four extremities of your garment, with which you cover yourself.

13 If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and hates her,

14 And puts against her an action of words, and brings up an evil name upon her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a virgin,

15 Then the father of the girl and her mother shall take and bring *proof* of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate,

²² 21:22 **hang**, *talah*, crucify, it means to suspend on a tree by being nailed to it.

16 And the girl's father shall say to the elders, I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he hates her,

17 And, lo, he has put an action of words, saying, I found your daughter not a virgin; and yet these *prove* my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread out the garment before the face of the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man, and chastise him,

19 And they shall inflict on him a penalty of a hundred shekels of silver, and give them to the father of the girl, because he has brought an evil name upon a virgin of Israel, and she shall be his wife; he cannot send her away all his days.

20 But if this word is true, and *proof* of virginity is not found for the girl,

21 Then they shall bring out the girl to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones, and she shall die; because she has done foolishness in Israel to commit fornication in her father's house; so you shall consume evil from your midst.

22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a lord, then they shall die, both of them, the man who lay with the woman and the woman; so you shall consume evil from Israel.

23 If a girl, a virgin, is engaged to a man, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her,

24 Then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them with stones so

that they die; the girl, because she did not scream being in the city; and the man, because he has looked down with harshness upon his neighbor's wife; so you shall consume evil from your midst.

25 And if a man finds an engaged girl in the field, and the man seizes her, and lies with her, then the man who lies with her shall die separately;

26 And you shall not do a word to the girl; *there is* in the girl no sin *worthy* of death, because as when a man rises against his neighbor, and murders his soul, so is this word,

27 Because he found her in the field, and the engaged girl screamed, and no one saved her.

28 If a man finds a girl, a virgin not engaged, and seizes her, and lies with her, and they are found,

29 Then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he has looked down on her with harshness; he cannot send her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and he shall not uncover his father's covering.¹ 1 Cor 5:1

CHAPTER 23

1 He who is wounded, mutilated, or has his male organ cut off shall not enter into the congregation of Jehovah.

2 An illegitimate offspring² shall not enter into the congregation of Jehovah; even to his tenth

² 23:2 **illegitimate offspring**, *mamzer*. Gesenius gives the meaning as bastard or illegitimate. However Strong restricts it to a half

DEUTERONOMY 23*Dealing with certain groups, cleanliness, sexual perversion*

generation he shall not enter into the congregation of Jehovah.

3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of Jehovah even to their tenth generation; they shall not enter into the congregation of Jehovah forever,

4 Because of this word they did not come before you with food and with water in the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam, the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to make light of you.

5 Jehovah, your God, did not breathe in agreement nor attentively hear Balaam; and Jehovah, your God, turned the curse into a blessing to you, because Jehovah, your God, loved you.

6 You shall not tread seeking their peace nor their good all your days forever.

7 You shall not detest an Edomite because he is your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian because you were a stranger in his land.

8 The children who are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of Jehovah their third generation.

9 When the army goes out against those who hate you, you shall hedge yourself about from every evil word.

10 If there is among you a man who is not clean by an accident at night, then he shall go abroad outside of the camp, he shall not come within the camp;

Israelite, that is, an Israelite mother and an unbelieving father. The word is found in only two places; Deut 23:2 and Zech 9:6.

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11 And it shall be, as he faces the dusk, he shall wash with water, and when the sun goes *down* he shall come into the midst of the camp.

12 And at hand will be for you outside the camp where you shall go out there,

13 And you shall have a pin on your weapon; and it shall be, when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover your excrement,

14 Because Jehovah, your God, walks in the midst of your camp to snatch you from *those who hate you*, and to give those who hate you before your face; therefore your camp shall be holy, so that he does not see in you an uncovered word, and turn away from you.

15 You shall not shut up back to his master the servant who snatched himself from his master to you.

16 He shall dwell with you in your midst, in that place which he shall choose in one of your gates, where it is good for him; you shall not be violent with him.

17 There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, and there shall be no male prostitutes of the sons of Israel.¹⁷

18 You shall not bring the gift for prostitution or the wages of a dog into the house of Jehovah, your God, for any vow, because even both these are an abomination to Jehovah, your God.

¹⁷ 23:17-18 These two verses are parallel. Parallel passages are quite common in Hebrew. It is the statement of the same thing in

19 You shall not strike your brother as a serpent with interest on debt, interest on silver, interest on food, interest on any word where the strike of interest is taken.

20 You may take the strike of interest from a stranger, but you shall not take the strike of interest from your brother, so that Jehovah, your God, may kneel down with goodness to you to all that you thrust out your hand in the land where you go to possess it.

21 When you vow a vow to Jehovah, your God, you shall not lag behind to complete it, because Jehovah, your God, treading seeking, will tread seeking you out, and it will be sin in you.

22 But if you desist to vow, it shall not be sin to you.

23 What has gone out of your lips you shall hedge about and do, what you have spoken with your mouth as a freewill offering, what you have vowed to Jehovah, your God.

24 When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat grapes to the satisfaction of your soul,^{2,4} and you shall not put any in your vessel.

two different parallel statements. Both verses are speaking about the same thing. The prostitute and the male prostitute in verse 17 correspond to prostitution and dog in verse 18. The reason that male prostitutes are referred to as dogs is because this is the lowest form of sexual behavior which places man on the very lowest perverted animal level. See Lev 18:22.

²⁴ **23:24** Here is another of the many examples of the vital necessity of translating the Hebrew text word for word, rather than giving an interpretation. KJV has "thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure." This hides an extremely vital truth which *The Heritage Bible* brings out by giving the English equivalent of the Hebrew words: you may eat grapes to the satisfaction of your

25 When you come into the standing grain of your neighbor, then you may strip off the heads with your hand, but you shall not swing a sickle upon your neighbor's standing grain. See Mt 12:1. Mk 2:23. Lk 6:1.

CHAPTER 24

1 When a man has taken a wife, and married her, and it is that she acquires no favor in his eyes, because he has found a word of nakedness² in her, then let him engrave her a writing of divorce, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is gone out of his house, she may walk and be another man's.

3 And if the latter husband hates her, and engraves her a writing of divorce, and gives it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies who took her for his wife,

4 Her first husband, who sent her away, cannot take her again to be his wife after that she is defiled, because that is an abomination before the face of Jehovah; and you shall not cause the land to sin, which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance.

soul. These Hebrew words show clearly that the seat of the physical appetites is in the soul, something hidden by the KJV.

² **24:1** **nakedness**, *ervah*. **divorce**, *keriythuwth*, a cutting off of the marriage. Nakedness here cannot be fornication or adultery because that was punishable by death, Lev 20:10. So it apparently means shameful behavior, possibly nude dancing or some type of disgraceful exposure, because the word nudity is the word used.

DEUTERONOMY 24 *Laws on theft, leprosy, the poor, personal guilt, servants, harvest*

5 When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, and shall not cross over upon him any word, but he shall be free at his own house one year, and shall make his wife joyful whom he has taken.

6 No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone to pledge, because he takes a man's soul to pledge.

7 If a man is found stealing any soul of his brothers of the children of Israel, and makes him a servant, and sells him, dying, that thief shall die, and you shall consume evil from your midst.

8 Hedge yourself about in the plague of leprosy, so that you hedge about exceedingly, and do all that the Levitical priests shall cause to flow to you; what I commanded them you shall hedge about to do.

9 Remember what Jehovah, your God, did to Miriam in the way after you came out of Egypt.

10 When you lend your neighbor any loan, you shall not go into his house to pawn his pawn.

11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring to you the pawn outside.

12 And if the man is poor, you shall not lie down with his pawn;

13 Returning it to him, you shall return to him the pawn at *the* going *down* of the sun, that he may lie down in his own garment, and bless you, and to you it shall be righteousness before the face of Jehovah, your God.

14 You shall not oppress a depressed and poor wage earner, whether of your brothers, or strangers who are in your land within your gates.

15 That day you shall give him his wages; you shall not let the sun go *down* upon it, because he is poor, and he has set his soul on it, lest he call out against you to Jehovah, and it becomes a sin to you.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, and children shall not be put to death for the fathers; they shall put to death each man for his own sin. 2 Kng 14:6

17 You shall not stretch the judgment of the stranger or the orphan, and not take a garment of a widow as a pledge;

18 And you shall remember that you were a servant in Egypt, and Jehovah, your God, redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this word.

19 When you reap your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not turn back to take it; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow, so that Jehovah, your God, may kneel down with goodness to you in all the work of your hands.

20 When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow.

21 When you clip off the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow.

22 And remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this word.

CHAPTER 25

1 If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, and they judge them, then the righteous shall be righteous, and you shall condemn the wicked;

2 Then it shall be, if the wicked is a son to be beaten, the one who judges shall cause him to fall down, and to be beaten before his face a certain number enough for his fault.

3 Not to exceed forty stripes, lest he should exceed, and beat him above these many stripes, then your brother should seem vile in your eyes.

4 You shall not muzzle the ox when he threshes.

5 If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies, and to him is no child, the wife of the dead shall not be to a man who is a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to himself for a wife, and marry the brother's widow. Gen 38:8

6 And it shall be, the firstborn which she bears shall rise up in the name of his dead brother, and his name shall not be rubbed out from Israel.

7 And if the man is not inclined to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel; he does not breathe in agreement

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to marry his brother's widow.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him, and if he stands to it, and says, I am not inclined to take her,

9 Then his brother's wife shall draw near to him before the eyes of the elders, and shall pull off his shoe from his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done to that man who will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name in Israel shall be called, The house of the pulled off shoe.

11 When men fight together, a man with his brother, and the wife of the one draws near to snatch her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and thrusts out her hand, and seizes his genitals,

12 Then you shall cut off her palm; your eye shall not cover for her.

13 There shall not be in your bag stones, a great stone and a small.¹³

14 There shall not be in your house a great ephah and a small ephah,

15 And you shall have a complete and righteous stone; a complete and righteous ephah shall be to you, so that your days may be long in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you,

16 Because all who do these, all who do evil, are an abomination to Jehovah, your God.

¹³ 25:13 This means you are forbidden to have two different weights; one stone weighing more for buying, and another stone weighing less for selling, so that by deception to make more profit on each transaction.

DEUTERONOMY 26

Rub out Amalek; offering of firstfruits and tithes

17 Remember what Amalek did to you by the way when you came out of Egypt,

18 How he lighted upon you by the way, and cut off your rear, all the weak at the rear, when you were weary and tired, and he did not fear God.

19 And it shall be, when Jehovah, your God, has given you rest from all those around you who hate you in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance to possess, that you shall rub out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens; you shall not forget.

CHAPTER 26

1 And it shall be, when you have come into the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you for an inheritance, and possess it, and dwell there,

2 That you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the soil, which you shall bring of your land that Jehovah, your God, gives you, and shall put it in a basket, and shall walk to the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose for his name to reside there.

3 And you shall go to the priest who shall be in those days, and say to him, I announce this day to Jehovah, your God, that I have come to the land which Jehovah swore to our fathers to give to us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and deposit *it* before the face of the altar of Jehovah, your God.

5 And you shall respond and say before the face of Jehovah, your God, My father was a lost Aramaean, and he went down into Egypt, and turned aside there with a few men, and became there a great, mighty, and numerous people.

6 And the Egyptians did evil violently to us, and looked down on us with harshness, and gave upon us hard labor.

7 And we cried to Jehovah, the God of our fathers, and Jehovah attentively heard our voice, and looked on our misery, and our wearisome toil, and our oppression,

8 And Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great fearful deeds, and with signs, and with miracles.

9 And he has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the soil, what you have given me, Oh Jehovah. And you shall deposit it before the face of Jehovah, your God, and prostrate yourself before the face of Jehovah, your God.

11 And you shall rejoice in all good, what Jehovah, your God, has given to you, and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the stranger who is within your midst.

12 When you have finished tithing all the tithes of your income the third year, the year of tithing, and have given to the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow, that they may eat within your gates and be satisfied,

13 Then you shall say before the face of Jehovah, your God, I have taken away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the orphan, and to the widow, all your commandments which you have commanded me; I have not crossed over your commandments, and I have not forgotten them.

14 I have not eaten of it in my vanity, and I have not consumed of it in uncleanness, and I have not given of it to the dead; and I have attentively heard the voice of Jehovah my God, and have done all that you have commanded me.

15 Look down from the heavens, from your holy habitation, and kneel down with goodness to your people, Israel, and the land which you have given us, what you swore to our fathers, a land flowing milk and honey.

16 This day Jehovah, your God, has commanded you to do these enactments and judgments; you shall hedge about to do them with all your heart, and with all your soul.

17 You have said this day for Jehovah to be your God, and to walk in his ways, and to hedge about his enactments, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to attentively hear his voice;

18 And Jehovah has said this day for you to be his people, a closely protected treasure, what he has spoken to you, and to hedge about all his commandments;

19 And to give you *to be* high above all peoples which he has made, in praise, and in name, and in splendor, and that you may be a holy people to Jehovah, your God, what he has spoken.

CHAPTER 27

1 And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Hedge about all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be in the day when you cross over Jordan to the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you, that you shall raise up great stones, and plaster them with plaster;

3 And in your crossing over you shall engrave on them all the words of this law so that you may go in to the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you, a land flowing milk and honey, what Jehovah God of your fathers has spoken to you.

4 Therefore it shall be in your crossing over Jordan that you shall raise up these stones, which I command you this day, in Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.

5 And you shall build there an altar to Jehovah, your God, an altar of stones; you shall not cause any iron implement to vibrate⁵ on them.

⁵ 27:5 meaning that they were not to sculpture the stones in any manner, as when you strike a stone with a metal tool it vibrates.

DEUTERONOMY 27 *Engrave words of law; blessing on Mt. Gerizim, curse on Mt. Ebal*

6 You shall build the altar of Jehovah, your God, out of complete stones, and you shall offer burnt offerings on it to Jehovah, your God.

7 And you shall sacrifice thank offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the face of Jehovah, your God.

8 And you shall engrave upon the stones all the words of this law with good engraving.

9 And Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, Be silent, and attentively hear, Oh Israel; this day you have become the people of Jehovah, your God.

10 You shall therefore attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, and do his commandments and his enactments which I am commanding you today.

11 And Moses commanded the people that day, saying,

12 These shall stand to bless the people upon Mount Gerizim, when you have crossed over Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 And these shall stand for the curse upon Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 And the Levites shall speak, and say to all the men of Israel with a raised voice,

15 Cursed is the man that makes a graven or molten image, an abomination to Jehovah, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and puts it in a covered¹⁵ place.

¹⁵ 27:15 covered, *cether*, hidden.

And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16 Cursed is he who makes light of his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

17 Cursed is he who takes away his neighbor's boundary. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18 Cursed is he who makes the blind to stray out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

19 Cursed is he who stretches the judgment of the stranger, orphan, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

20 Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife; because he uncovers his father's clothing. And all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed is he who lies with any animal. And all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

23 Cursed is he who lies with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor covertly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed is he who takes a gift to strike fatally the blood of an innocent soul. And all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed is he who does not raise the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAPTER 28

1 And it shall be, if you shall attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, to hedge about and to do all his commandments which I command you today, that Jehovah, your God, will give you a position high above all peoples of the earth,

2 And all these blessings shall come on you, and reach you, if you shall attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God.

3 You are blessed in the city, and you are blessed in the field.

4 Blessed is the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your animals, the birth of your cattle, and the increase of your flock animals.

5 Blessed is your basket and your kneading trough.

6 You are blessed when you come in, and you are blessed when you go out.

7 Jehovah shall give up your enemies who rise up against you to be stricken before your face; by one way they will come out against you, and by seven ways they will flee before your face.

8 Jehovah shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses, and to all that you stretch out your hand; and he shall bless you in the land which Jehovah, your God, gives you.

9 Jehovah shall cause you to rise and stand a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you shall hedge about the commandments of Jehovah, your God, and walk in his ways.

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10 And all people of the earth shall see that you are called¹⁰ by the name of Jehovah; and they shall fear you.

11 And Jehovah shall make you to exceed in goods, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give you.

12 Jehovah shall open to you his good treasure, the heavens to give the rain to your land in its time, and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall join many peoples in obligation to yourself, and you shall not be joined in obligation to them.

13 And Jehovah shall give you to be the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you attentively hear the commandments of Jehovah, your God, which I command you today to hedge about and to do.

14 And you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right hand, or to the left, to walk after other gods to serve them.

15 And it shall be, if you will not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, to hedge about to do all his commandments and his

¹⁰ 28:10 called, *qara*, the same word that was used when Adam gave names to all things. It means to be named or called by that name. We are named by the Name of Jehovah, just as a woman takes the man's name when she marries him. From that day forward she is no longer known by her maiden name, but by her married name. When we receive Jehovah God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, we are married to him. From that day forward we are forever known by His name, and called by His name.

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enactments which I command you today, that all these curses shall come upon you, and reach you:

16 You are cursed in the city, and you are cursed in the field.

17 Cursed is your basket and your kneading trough.

18 Cursed is the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cattle, and the increase of your flock animals.

19 You are cursed when you come in, and you are cursed when you go out.

20 Jehovah shall send upon you cursing, uproar, and rebuke, to all that you thrust out your hand to do, until you are desolate, and until you are lost quickly before the face of the wickedness of your doings by which you have left me.

21 Jehovah shall cause the pestilence to cling to you, until he has finished you from off the land where you go to possess it.

22 Jehovah shall strike you with emaciation, and with a burning fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with paleness, and they shall pursue you until you are lost.

23 And your heavens that are over your head shall be brass, and the earth that is under you, iron.

24 Jehovah shall give the rain of your land to be powder and dust; it shall come down from the heavens upon you until you are desolate.

25 Jehovah shall give you to be gored before the face of those who hate you; you will go out against them by one way, and you

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shall flee before their face by seven ways, and you shall be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And your carcass shall be food to all fowls of the heavens, and to the animals of the earth, and none shall cause them to tremble.

27 Jehovah shall strike you with the inflamed ulcers of Egypt, and with the tumors, and with the scab, and with the heat, from which you cannot be healed.

28 Jehovah shall strike you with insanity, and blindness, and consternation of heart,

29 And you shall feel *for your way* at noonday, as the blind feel *for his way* in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; and you shall be only oppressed and plucked off all days, and none shall save you.

30 You shall engage a woman, and another man shall copulate with her; you will build a house, and you shall not dwell in it; you will plant a vineyard, and shall not have access to it.

31 Your bullock shall be killed before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be plucked off from before your face, and shall not be returned to you; your flock animal shall be given to those who hate you, and you shall have none to save them.

32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day, and there shall be no might³² in your hand.

³² 28:32 **might**, *el*, meaning might, but also the word often used for God, the Mighty One. When you forsake God, there is no might

33 The fruit of your soil and all your labors shall be eaten by a people which you do not know by seeing, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed to pieces all days,

34 So that you shall rave with insanity because of the sight before your eyes which you shall see.

35 Jehovah shall strike you in the knees and in the legs with a evil inflamed ulcer that cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 Jehovah shall walk you and your king which you shall raise over you to a people which neither you nor your fathers have known by seeing, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And you shall become a consternation, a proverb, and a byword, among all peoples where Jehovah shall drive you.

38 You will cause much seed to go out into the field, and you shall gather little, because the locust shall eat it.

39 You will plant vineyards and work, and you shall not gather nor drink wine, because the worms shall eat them.

40 You will have olive trees throughout all your borders, and you shall not anoint yourself with oil, because your olives shall fall off.

41 You will beget sons and daughters, and they shall not be yours, because they shall walk into captivity.

42 The locust shall possess all your trees and fruit of your soil.

in your hand, because God is not with you, and might comes from God, and God alone. No God, no might.

43 The stranger who is in your midst shall ascend over you higher, higher, and you shall descend lower, lower.

44 He shall join you in obligation to him, and you shall not join him in obligation to you; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 And all these curses shall come upon you, and shall run after you, and reach you, until you are desolate, because you did not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, to hedge about his commandments and his enactments which he commanded you.

46 And they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and upon your seed forever,

47 Because you did not serve Jehovah, your God, with joyfulness and with a good heart for all of the abundance,

48 You shall serve those who hate you whom Jehovah shall send against you in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in all poverty, and he shall give a yoke of iron upon your neck until he has desolated you.

49 Jehovah shall raise up a people against you from afar, from the extremity of the earth, as the eagle flies, a people whose tongue you shall not be able to attentively hear,

50 A people of forceful face, which shall not lift up the face of the old, nor stoop down in grace to the young;

51 And he shall eat the fruit of your animals, and the fruit of your land, until you are desolate, who

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shall not leave you either grain, grape juice, or oil, or the birth of your cattle, or the increase of your flock animals, until that *people* has caused you to be lost.

52 And that *people* shall lay siege to you against all your gates in all your land, until your high and inaccessible walls in which you trust come down; yes, that *people* shall lay siege to you in all your gates in all your land which Jehovah, your God, has given you.

53 And in the siege and in the strait, with which those who hate you shall press upon you, you shall eat the fruit of your body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters which Jehovah, your God, has given you.

54 The man tender among you, and very delicate - his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward what is left of his children which he shall leave,

55 So that he shall not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he has nothing left to him in the siege, and in the strait with which those who hate you shall press upon you in all your gates.

56 The tender and luxurious among you, who would not attempt to place the sole of her foot on the earth for luxuriousness and tenderness - her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

57 And toward her baby that goes out from between her feet, even toward her children which she shall bear, because she shall eat them for lack of all, under cover, in the siege and strait, with which those who hate you shall press upon you in your gates,

58 If you will not hedge about to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this heavy and fearful name, JEHOVAH, YOUR GOD,

59 Then Jehovah shall make your blows distinguished, and the plagues of your seed, great plagues, and sustained, and evil sicknesses, and sustained.

60 And he shall return upon you all the diseases of Egypt, which you feared, and they shall cling to you.

61 Also every sickness and every plague which are not written in the book of this law, Jehovah shall cause them to ascend upon you until you are desolated.

62 And you shall be left few men, whereas you were as the stars of the heavens for abundance, because you would not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God.

63 And it shall be, as Jehovah rejoiced over you to be good to you, and to multiply you, so Jehovah shall rejoice over you to cause you to be lost, and to desolate you; and you shall be torn from off the land where you go to possess it.

64 And Jehovah shall forcibly scatter you among all people, from the one extremity of the earth even to the other extremity, and there

you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known by seeing, wood and stone.

65 And among these peoples you shall not be settled, and there shall not be rest for the sole of your foot, but Jehovah shall give you there a trembling heart, and languishing of eyes, and pining of soul.

66 And your life shall be in suspense in front of you, and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no support for your life.

67 At the dawn you shall say, Who will give us dusk! And at dusk you shall say, Who will give us dawn! For the fear of your heart, what you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes, what you shall see.

68 And Jehovah shall turn you back into Egypt with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall not again see it, and there you shall be sold to those who hate you for servants and family female servants, and none shall set you up.

CHAPTER 29

1 These are the words of the covenant, what Jehovah commanded Moses to cut with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, separate from the covenant which he cut with them in Horeb.

2 And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that Jehovah did to Pharaoh before your eyes in the land of Egypt, and to all his servants, and to his whole land,

3 The great testings which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles.

4 Yet Jehovah has not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to attentively hear, to this day.

5 And I have walked you forty years in the desert; your garments have not fallen off of you, and your shoe has not fallen off of your foot.

6 You did not eat food, and you did not drink wine and hard liquor⁶, that you might know by seeing that I am Jehovah, your God.

7 And you came to this place, and Sihon, the king of Heshbon, came out, and Og, the king of Bashan, to meet us in battle, and we struck them,

8 And took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

⁶ 29:6 wine and hard liquor, *yayin* and *shekar*. *Yayin* is fermented wine made from grapes. *Shekar* is hard liquor made from barley or grapes or other grains. The Bible maintains very clear distinctions in its use of words. The KJV does not always maintain those distinctions. Gen 9:21 is the first place that *yayin* is used referring to the wine that Noah made after the flood which made him drunk. *Shekar*, hard liquor, is found first in Lev 10:9 where Jehovah forbids Aaron and the priests to drink *yayin* or *shekar* when they go in to the tabernacle to officiate for Jehovah. See Num 6:3; 28:7. Dt 14:26. Jdg 13:4,7. Pro 20:1;31:4,6, etc. *Tiyrowsh*, meaning fresh squeezed grape juice, found first in Gen 27:28, 37 in Isaac's blessing Jacob. The KJV reads corn and wine. The correct rendering is grain and grape juice. *Tiyrowsh* is found throughout the Hebrew Bible and means the fresh expelled grape juice, and not fermented wine. See Num 18:12. Dt 7:13; 12:17. Jdg 9:13. 2 Kng 18:32 and many others. *Chemer* is fermented wine, and found only in Dt 32:14. *The Heritage Bible* translates *tiyrowsh* as fresh squeezed grape juice; *yayin* as wine; *Chemer* as wine; and *shekar* as hard liquor.

DEUTERONOMY 29 *Moses urges them to hedge about the covenant and warns them*

9 Therefore hedge about the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may be intelligently successful in all that you do.

10 You stand this day, all of you, before the face of Jehovah, your God, the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel;

11 Your little children, your wives, and your stranger who is in your camp, from the chopper of your wood to the drawer of your water,

12 That you should cross over into covenant with Jehovah, your God, and into his oath, which Jehovah, your God, cuts with you today,

13 That he may raise you up today for a people to himself, and that he may be God to you, what he has spoken to you, and what he has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 And I do not cut this covenant and this oath with you separately,

15 But with him who stands here with us today before the face of Jehovah, our God, and also with him who is not here with us today

16 (Because you know by seeing how we dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we crossed over through the peoples which you crossed over;

17 And you have seen their abominations, and their log idols of wood and stone, silver and gold, which were with them)

18 Lest there should stand among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart faces

about this day from Jehovah, our God, to walk to serve the gods of these peoples, lest there should be among you a root that bears a head of poison and wormwood;

19 And it is, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, I shall be at peace, though I walk in the hardness of my heart, to add drunkenness to thirst. Job 1:5

20 Jehovah does not breathe in agreement to forgive him, and then the nostrils of Jehovah shall smoke, and his jealousy, against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie down on him, and Jehovah shall rub out his name from under the heavens.

21 And Jehovah shall separate him to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law,

22 So the generation to come, your children who shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a distant land, when they see the blows on that land, and the sicknesses which Jehovah has rubbed on it, shall say,

23 The burning of the whole land *is* with sulfur and salt; it shall not be sown, nor sprout, nor any plant come up there, like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which Jehovah overthrew in the heat of his nostrils;

24 Yes, all peoples shall say, Why has Jehovah done thus to this land? For what *is* the heat of this great hard breathing?

25 Then they shall say, Because of this, they have left the covenant of Jehovah God of their fathers, which he cut with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

26 They walked and worked for other gods, and prostrated themselves to them, gods whom they did not know by seeing, and whom he had not apportioned to them.

27 And the nostrils of Jehovah burned against this land, for all the curses that are written in this book to come upon it.

28 And Jehovah plucked them out of their land by his nostrils, and in heat, and in a great splintering, and threw them out into another land, as *it is* this day.

29 The hidden things *belong* to Jehovah, our God, and the revealed things *belong* to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

1 And it shall be, when all these words are come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have given before your face, and you shall return your heart among all the peoples, there where Jehovah, your God, has driven you,

2 And shall return to Jehovah, your God, and shall attentively hear his voice according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul,

3 Then Jehovah, your God, shall turn back your captivity, and have compassion upon you, and

shall return, and gather you from all the peoples, where Jehovah, your God, has forcibly scattered you.

4 If you are driven out to the extremity of the heavens, from there Jehovah, your God, shall gather you, and from there he shall take you;

5 And Jehovah, your God, shall bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and he shall be good to you, and multiply you above your fathers.

6 And Jehovah, your God, shall circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love Jehovah, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

7 And Jehovah, your God, shall give all these curses upon your enemies, and on them who hate you, who pursued you with evil intent.

8 And you shall return, and attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, and do all his commandments which I command you today.

9 And Jehovah, your God, shall make you abundant in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your land, for good, because Jehovah shall again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers,

10 If you shall attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, to hedge about his commandments and his enactments which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to Jehovah, your God, with all

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your heart, and with all your soul,

11 Because this commandment which I command you this day is not difficult for you, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in the heavens, that you should say, Who shall ascend to the heavens for us, and take it to us, that we may attentively hear it, and do it? Rom 10:6

13 And it is not across the sea, that you should say, Who shall cross over the sea for us, and take it to us, that we may attentively hear it, and do it? Rom 10:7

14 But the word is very near to you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it. Rom 10:8

15 See, I have given before your face this day life and good, and death and evil,

16 In that I command you today to love Jehovah, your God, to walk in his ways, and to hedge about his commandments, and his enactments, and his judgments, and you shall live and multiply, and Jehovah, your God, shall kneel down with goodness to you in the land where you go to possess it.

17 And if you face about your heart, and will not attentively hear, but you are pushed away, and prostrate yourselves to other gods, and serve them,

18 I cause to stand out boldly to you today that being lost, you shall be lost; your days shall not be long upon the land there where you crossed over Jordan to go to possess it.

19 I cause the heavens and earth to testify against you this day, that I have given before your face life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your seed,

20 To love Jehovah, your God, to attentively hear his voice, and to cling to him, because he is your life, and the length of your days to dwell in the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAPTER 31

1 And Moses walked, and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 And he said to them, I am a son of one hundred and twenty years today; I can no more go out and come in; also Jehovah has said to me, You shall not cross over this Jordan.

3 Jehovah, your God, shall cross over before your face; he shall desolate these peoples from before your face, and you shall possess them; Joshua shall cross over before your face, what Jehovah has said.

4 And Jehovah shall do to them what he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to their land, whom he desolated.

5 And Jehovah shall give them up before your face, and you shall do to them every command which I have commanded you.

6 Seize strength, and be powerfully alert; do not fear; do not dread their face, because Jehovah, your God, walks with you; he shall not slack off from you, nor leave you.

7 And Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the eyes of all Israel, Seize strength, and be powerfully alert, because you must go with this people to the land which Jehovah has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

8 And Jehovah walks before your face; he will be with you; he will not slack off from you; he will not leave you; do not fear, and do not break down.

9 And Moses wrote this law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of seven years, in the appointed meeting of the year of release, in the festival of booths,

11 In the coming in of all Israel to see the face of Jehovah, your God, in the place which he shall choose, you shall call out¹¹ this law in their ears in front of all Israel.

12 Gather the people, the men, and women, and children, and your stranger who is within your gates, so that they may attentively hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jehovah, your God, and hedge about to do all the words of this law;

¹¹ **31:11 call out**, *qara*, the word used when Adam gave names to all things, Gen 2:19. It is the only word for read. It means to read words or things by calling them out. It means to recognize their meaning and pronounce them. That is the main problem that every generation has - a word problem. It can only be solved by learning to read the Bible. Reading the Bible enables you to perceive reality and call it out as it is. Do you read me. This is not slang. This is God's way of calling out truth into ourselves.

13 And that their children, who have not known by seeing, may attentively hear, and learn to fear Jehovah, your God, all days that you live in the land where you cross over Jordan to possess it.

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, your days draw near that you must die; call Joshua, and place yourselves in the tent of appointed meeting, that I may command him. And Moses and Joshua walked, and placed themselves in the tent of appointed meeting.

15 And Jehovah appeared in the tent in a pillar of a cloud, and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tent.

16 And Jehovah said to Moses, Lo, you shall lie down with your fathers, and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, where they go in their midst, and will leave me, and break my covenant which I cut with them.

17 Then my nostrils shall burn against them in that day, and I will leave them, and I will cover my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and distresses shall come forth upon them, so that they will say in that day, Is it not because our God is not in our midst that these evils come forth upon us?

18 And covering, I will cover my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have done, in that they faced about to other gods.

19 And now write for yourselves this song, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a

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witness for me against the children of Israel,

20 Because I will bring them into the land which I swore to their fathers that flows milk and honey, and they shall eat, and be satisfied, and anointed, and will face about to other gods, and serve them, and scorn me, and break my covenant.

21 And it shall be, when many evils and distresses are come forth upon them, that this song shall be sung to their face as a witness, because it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed, because I know by seeing what they form which they are making today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.

22 And Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.

23 And he commanded Joshua, the son of Nun, and said, Seize strength and be powerfully alert, because you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore to them, and I will be with you.

24 And it was, when Moses ended writing the words of this law in a book until they were completed,²⁴

²⁴ 31:24 All the human writers of the Bible with few exceptions are clearly recorded in the Bible itself. God through His Holy Spirit is the Author of the Bible, and He wrote it through holy men. 2 Peter 1:21 Because prophecy was absolutely not borne along ever by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke being borne along by the Holy Spirit.

Each writer knew he was writing Holy Scripture when he wrote it, and when he finished it he laid it up before Jehovah God along with all the God-breathed Books that had been written before him. This is clearly shown by following the refer-

Moses writes God's words in a Book

ences to them in the Bible. The idea that the Bible was edited and compiled by men hundreds of years after the period with which the Book of the Bible deals was invented by unbelieving theologians of modern times. Here follows the evidence for the human authors of the Books of the Bible.

Moses wrote Genesis through Deuteronomy 33 as recorded in Deu 31:24, **And it was, when Moses ended writing the words of this law in a book until they were completed,** 25 **That Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, saying,** 26 **Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, your God, that it may be there for a witness against you....** Joshua, the servant of Moses from his youth and successor to Moses wrote Deu 34, the account of Moses' death.

Jehovah God commanded Joshua, in Jsh 1:8 **This book of the law shall not be withdrawn from being present in your mouth; but you shall murmur in pleasure in it day and night, so that you hedge about to do according to all that is written in it, because then you shall prosper in your way, and then you shall be intelligently successful.**

Joshua kept the first five Books of the Bible in his mouth and in his heart, and did exactly what God Commanded Moses. Joshua 24:26, **And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God....** Note that Joshua added his writing of the Book of Joshua to the Book of the Law already written by Moses, and kept before Jehovah God.

As you read through Judges and Ruth you find no reference to anyone writing. No Books were added during the days of the Judges. Samuel was the next writer of the Holy Bible, 1 Sam 10:25 **Then Samuel spoke to the people the judgment of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and deposited it before the face of Jehovah.** He wrote Judges and Ruth and 1 Samuel to the end of chapter 24, because the death of Samuel is recorded in 1 Samuel 25, so someone else had to take it up from there.

We have to move now to 1 Chronicles to discover who finished the Books of Samuel and Kings. 1 Chr 29:29 **And the words of David, the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the words of Samuel, the seer, and in the words of Nathan, the prophet, and in the words of Gad, the one who gazes at visions,** 30 **With all his reign, and his might, and the times that crossed over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the lands.** So we see that Nathan and Gad finished 1 and 2 Samuel.

Now move to 2 Chronicles 9: 29 **And what is left of the words of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the words of Nathan, the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah, the Shilonite, and in the**

25 That Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, saying,

visions of Iddo, the seer, against Jeroboam, the son of Nebat? Here we discover that Ahijah and Iddo wrote 1 Kings to chapter 15. We move to 2 Chr 12:15 and find that Shemaiah wrote with Iddo this period of history in Kings. 2 Chr 12: 15 **And the words of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah, the prophet, and of Iddo, the seer, by genealogy?** (See also 2 Chr 13:22.) We find in 2 Chr 20:34 that Jehu the son of Hanani writes the story down to King Jehoshaphat. We find in 2 Chr 32:32 that Isaiah the prophet is the writer of the sacred story during his times. It is not stated anywhere but most likely Jeremiah wrote the sacred history during his lifetime. That takes us to the end of 2 Kings, and the carrying away of Judah into Babylonian Captivity.

If you compare the end of 2 Chronicles with the first verses of Ezra I believe you will conclude with me that Ezra wrote 1 and 2 Chronicles, which was written after the return from Babylonian Captivity. Ezra wrote Ezra. Nehemiah wrote Nehemiah, and was placed among the sacred Books by Ezra. Ezra wrote Esther. The sacred Scribe Ezra takes us to the time of Malachi. Now we will have to go back and pick up beginning with Job.

The ancient Jewish Rabbis said that Moses wrote Job, and there is no reason to doubt this tradition. The Psalms were written mainly by David, but Psalms are included all the way through the Babylonian Captivity by various authors. Solomon wrote The Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. Then all the books of the prophets bear the names of their writers and details about their lives, all the way through Malachi.

The Jewish historian Josephus, whose books are available in libraries and book stores, and the Rabbis of Jesus' day indicated that prophecy ceased with Malachi, and God's inspired message was not again delivered until John the Baptist and Jesus arrived. There is no significant argument over the authors of any of the Books of the New Covenant except Hebrews, which I believe all evidence points clearly to Saint Paul. So Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote the Gospels that bear their name. Luke wrote Acts. Paul wrote Romans through Hebrews, James the blood brother of Jesus wrote James, Peter, John, and Jude the blood brother of Jesus, wrote the Books that bear their names, and John wrote The Revelation. It is one continuous indisputable God breathed record to anyone who wants to take the Sacred Text at its face value in the same way that Jesus and the Apostles took it.

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, your God, that it may be there for a witness against you,

27 Because I know by seeing your rebellion, and your stiff neck; behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against Jehovah; and how much more after my death?

28 Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, and I shall speak in their ears these words, and cause the heavens and earth to testify against them,

29 Because I know by seeing that after my death, destroying yourselves, you will destroy yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil shall happen to you in the last days; because you will do evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke him through the work of your hands.

30 And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were completed.

CHAPTER 32

1 Broaden your ear, Oh heavens, and I will speak; and attentively hear, Oh earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My instruction shall drop as the rain; my speech shall flow as the dew, as the shower upon the tender sprout, and as the rain upon the plant,

3 Because I will call out the name of Jehovah; ascribe greatness to our God.

DEUTERONOMY 32

The Song Moses taught the people

4 The Strong Rock, perfect is his work, because all his ways are judgment; God of absolute truth, and no wickedness; righteous and upright is he.

5 They have destroyed themselves; *they are* not his children; *because of* their stain they *have become* a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do you thus treat Jehovah, Oh foolish people, and not wise? Is not he your father who erected you? Did he not make you, and set you up?

7 Remember the days of old; understand the years of many generations; ask your father, and he shall cause it to stand out boldly to you; your elders, and they will say to you,

8 When the Most High divided to the peoples their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel,

9 Because Jehovah's portion is his people; Jacob is the line of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling desolation; he encircled him; he caused him to understand; he guarded him as the little man¹⁰ of his eye.

11 As an eagle wakes up her nest, broods over her young, spreads out her wings, takes them,

¹⁰ **32:10 little man**, *iyshown*, from *iysh*, man. KJV has as the apple of his eye, which is beautiful, but is not the word here given. It refers to the pupil as the part of the eye so precious guarded. Apple, *tappuwach*, Pro 25:11, is a completely different word.

bears them on her wings, Gen 1:2

12 Jehovah alone led him, and there was no strange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the fruit of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the lofty rock, and oil out of the strong flinty rock;

14 Curdled milk of cattle, and milk of flock animals, with fat of lambs, and rams of the sons¹⁵ of Bashan, and he goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and of the blood of the grape you drank wine.

15 And Jeshurun¹⁵ shined with fat, and trampled down; you are shining with fat, you are thick with fat, you are covered with fat; then he thrust away from God who made him, and fell away from the Strong Rock of his salvation.

16 They caused him to be jealous by turning away; they provoked him with abominations.

17 They sacrificed to demons, not God, gods whom they knew not by seeing, to new ones that came near *in time*,¹⁷ whom your fathers did not fear.

18 You must keep in mind the Strong Rock who begot you, but you have forgotten God who twisted you together.

19 And Jehovah saw, and he rejected them with contempt, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

¹⁵ **32:14 sons of Bashan**, *ben bashan*, a highly desirable breed of sheep.

¹⁵ **32:15 Jeshurun**, meaning upright, a name for Israel.

¹⁷ **32:17 near**, *qarowb*, means near. The use of *qarowb* here means that they turned to gods that were near them in time, that is, of recent origin, not Jehovah Elohim, who is God from eternity.

20 And he said, I will cover my face away from them; I will see what their end shall be, because they are a very perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness.

21 They have caused me to be jealous with that which is not God; they have provoked me with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them with a foolish people,

22 Because a fire is kindled in my nostrils, and shall burn to the lowest world of the dead,²² and shall eat the earth with her produce, and shall lick up the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will scrape off evil upon them; I will complete my arrows upon them.

24 They shall be exhausted with hunger, and devoured with a flame, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of animals upon them, with the heat²⁴ of the crawlers in the dust.

25 The sword shall bereave outside, and in the apartment, dread, gathering the young man and the virgin, the suckling with the man of old age.

²² **32:22 lowest world of the dead**, *tachtiy sheol*. Sheol was the place of the departed dead in the Hebrew Bible before Christ's death and resurrection, including paradise and the burning hell. *Tachtiy sheol*, the lowest world of the dead refers to the burning hell of the unbelievers. See Lk 16:22-28.

²⁴ **32:24** The last phrase of this verse refers to the burning sensation of the bite of the serpent whom the Lord cursed to go on his belly and eat dust all his days, Gen 3:14. Rejection of God and His Word causes the unbeliever to share the same fate as the serpent, the devil. His bite burns with intense heat!

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26 I said, I will blow them away; I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,

27 If I did not turn aside from the inciting to rage of those who hate me, lest their oppressors should recognize *it*, lest they should say, Our hand is exalted, and Jehovah has not done all this,

28 Because they are a people to whom counsel has been lost, and there is no understanding in them.

29 If they were wise, they would be intelligently successful in this; they would understand their last end!

30 How shall one chase a thousand, and two put to flight ten thousand? *If this is not the case, is it not* because their Strong Rock had sold them, and Jehovah had shut them up?

31 Because their strong rock is not as our Strong Rock, and those who hate us are the judges.

32 Because their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and from the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of poison; their clusters are bitter for them.

33 The heat of monsters³³ is their wine, and the fierce poison of vipers.

34 Is not this laid up in store with me, sealed up among my treasures?

35 Vengeance and pay back are mine; their foot shall waver in time, because the day of their bending under oppression is near, and

³³ **32:33 monsters**, *tanniyn*, the same word is used in Gen 1:21, most likely a fire breathing dragon made extinct by the flood or shortly thereafter by hunters like Nimrod, the mighty hunter before the face of Jehovah, Gen 10:8-9. See Note Job 41:1.

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what is prepared upon them shall hurry,

36 Because Jehovah will follow a straight course with his people, and he will comfort himself for his servants, because he sees their hand has disappeared, and the end of those held back and left.

37 And he shall say, Where are their gods, their strong rock to whom they fled for refuge,

38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, who drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and surround you, let them be your covering.

39 See now that I, I am he, and there is no god along with me; I kill, and I make alive; I dash to pieces, and I heal; there is none who can snatch out of my hand,

40 Because I lift up my hand to the heavens, and say, I live forever.

41 If I point my lightning sword, and my hand seizes on judgment, I will turn back vengeance to them who press me, and will make it complete to them who hate me.

42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh, from the blood of the polluted and the captives, from the heads of leaders of those who hate me.

43 Rejoice, Oh you peoples, with his people, because he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will turn back vengeance to those who press him, and will cover his land, and his people.

44 And Moses came, and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and

Joshua the son of Nun.

45 And Moses ended speaking all these words to all Israel,

46 And he said to them, Put your hearts to all the words which I repeat to you today, that you command your children to hedge about to do all the words of this law,

47 Because it is not a vain word for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall make your days long in the land, where you cross over Jordan to possess it.

48 And Jehovah spoke to Moses that selfsame day, saying,

49 Go up into this mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, which is over against the face of Jericho, and see the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel for a possession;

50 And die in the mountain where you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron, your brother, died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people,

51 Because you covered up against me in the midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the desert of Zin, because you did not sanctify me in the midst of the children of Israel,

52 Because you shall see the land in front of you, but you shall not go there to the land which I give the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 33

1 And this is the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel in the face of his death.

2 And he said, Jehovah came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir for them; he shined forth from Mount Paran, and he came with ten thousand holy ones; a fiery law came from his right hand for them.

3 Yes, he loved the peoples; all his saints are in your hand; and they lie down at your feet; he receives of your words.

4 Moses commanded us a law, a possession for the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people gathered together the tribes of Israel.

6 Let Reuben live, and not die; and do not let his adult men be numbered.

7 And this *is the blessing*⁷ for Judah: and he said, Hear, Jehovah, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people; let his hands be abundant for him; and be help to him from his oppressors.

8 And of Levi he said, Let your Thummim and your Urim be for your devout man, whom you proved at Massah, and you contended with him at the waters of Meribah,

9 Who said to his father, and to his mother, I have not seen him; and he did not recognize his brothers, and his own children did not know, because they have hedged

about your saying, and guarded your covenant. EX 32:26-28.

10 They shall make your judgments flow to Jacob, and your law to Israel; they shall put incense in your nostrils, and whole burnt sacrifice upon your altar.

11 Kneel down with goodness, Oh Jehovah, to his resources, and be delighted with the work of his hands; dash to pieces the loins of them who rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they do not rise again.

12 And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of Jehovah shall dwell in safety by him, covering him all the day; he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Jehovah is his land, with the precious things of the heavens, with the dew, and with the deep that lies beneath,

14 And with the precious fruits of the sun, and with the precious things produced by the moon,

15 And with the chief things of the ancient mountains, and with the precious things of the everlasting hills,

16 And with the precious things of the earth, and its fullness, and with the delight of him who dwelt in the bush; let it come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of him that was consecrated from his brothers. EX 3:2-4. Gen 37:28.

17 As the firstborn of his bullock, so is his magnificence; and the horns of a wild bull are his horns; with them he shall butt the people together to the ends of the earth;

⁷ 33:7 **blessing**, understood from verse 1. It is understood in the remaining verses.

DEUTERONOMY 34 *The Blessing Moses gave Israel before his death; he sees all the land* and they *are* the tens of thousands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

18 And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents.

19 They shall call the people to the mountain; they shall sacrifice sacrifices of righteousness there, because they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hidden in the sand.

20 And of Gad he said, Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; he dwells as a lion, and tears in pieces the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he saw the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, he was covered; and he came with the heads of the people; he did the righteousness of Jehovah, and his judgments with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's cub; he shall leap from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he said, Oh Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of Jehovah; possess the roaring sea,²³ and the south.

24 And of Asher he said, Kneel down to Asher with children; let him be a delight to his brothers, and let him plunge his foot in oil.

25 Iron and copper shall be your fortresses, and as your days are, your rest shall be.

²³ 33:23 **roaring sea**, *yam*, literally the roaring sea, referring to the Mediterranean, which was to the west.

26 None is like the God, Oh Jeshurun, riding the heavens for your help, and the skies in his majesty.

27 The God who is before all things is your home, and underneath are his everlasting arms; and he shall drive out those who hate you from before your face; and shall say, Make them desolate!

28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone; the eye of Jacob shall be upon a land of grain and grape juice; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Happy are you, Oh Israel; who is like this, Oh people, saved by Jehovah, the shield of your help, and who is the sword of your majesty! And those who hate you shall be shown to be liars before you, and you shall tread upon their high places.

CHAPTER 34

1 And Moses went up from the desert of Moab to the mountain of Nebo, to the head of Pisgah, that is opposite the face of Jericho, and Jehovah showed him all the land of Gilead unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the utmost sea,

3 And the Negev, and the circle of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar.

4 And Jehovah said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed; I have caused you to see with your eyes, but you shall not cross over

there.

5 And Moses, the servant of Jehovah, died there in the land of Moab, according to the mouth of Jehovah.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, in front of Beth Peor, but no man knows by seeing his sepulcher to this day.

7 And Moses was a son of one hundred and twenty years when he died; his eye was not weak, and the freshness of his vigor had not fled from him.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the desert of Moab thirty days; so the days of weeping lamentation for Moses were complete.

9 And Joshua, the son of Nun, was full of the Spirit of wisdom, because Moses had taken hold with his hands upon him; and the children of Israel heard him attentively, and did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

10 And there has not risen again a prophet¹⁰ in Israel like Moses, whom Jehovah knew face to face,

11 In all the signs, and the miracles, which Jehovah sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all the strong hand, and in all the great terror which Moses did in the eyes of all Israel.

¹⁰ 34:10 And there has not risen a prophet again in Israel like Moses; and indeed there has not, until He Who came to fulfill Moses' words: Deu 18:15 **Jehovah, your God, will raise up to you a Prophet from your midst, of your brothers, like**

me; you shall attentively hear him. This prophecy refers to the Prophet, the Lord Jesus, Who is God's Prophet to us. But this Prophet, Jesus, is greater than Moses, and has more glory than Moses, as the builder of a house has more glory than the house, Heb 3:3.

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