

The Second Book of Moses Called

EXODUS

EXODUS 1

Egyptians made the children of Israel work with crushing oppression

CHAPTER 1

1 And these *are* the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt; every man and his house came.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 And all the souls who came out of the thigh of Jacob *were* seventy souls, and Joseph was in Egypt.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and swarmed, and multiplied, and became powerful exceedingly, exceedingly; and the land was filled with them.

8 And there rose up a new king over Egypt who did not know Joseph.

9 And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel *are* more abundant and more powerful than we;

10 Come, let us be wise toward them lest they multiply, and it is that a war happens, and they add themselves also to those hating us, and devour against us, and ascend out of the land.

11 And they put over them chief rulers of forced labor to look down with harshness on them with their loads, and they built treasure cities for Pharaoh, Pithom, and Raamses.

12 And just as they looked down on them with harshness, just so they increased, and just so they broke forth; and they abhorred the face of the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel work with crushing oppression;

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard work, in mortar, and in brick, and in all their work in the field; all their work, which they made them work, *was* with crushing oppression.

15 And the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the second Puah,

16 And he said, When you do the office of a midwife to the Hebrews, and see *them* upon the *delivery* stones, if he *is* a son, then you shall kill him, and if she *is* a daughter, then she shall live.

17 And the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt spoke to them, and saved alive the male children.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, Why have you done this word, and have saved the male children alive?

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrews are not as the Egyptian women, because they *are* vigorous, and give birth before the midwives come to them.

EXODUS 2 *Moses born, placed in a box on on the water, taken by Pharaoh's daughter*

20 And God was good to the midwives, and multiplied the people, and they became powerful.

21 And it was, because the midwives feared God that he made them houses.

22 And Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, You shall throw every son that is born into the river, and you shall save every daughter alive.

CHAPTER 2

1 And there walked a man of the house of Levi, and took a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bore a son; and she saw him that he was good, and she hid him three new moons.

3 And she was not able any longer to hide him, and she took a box of papyrus reeds for him, and fermented it with bitumen and with asphalt, and put the child there; and she put it among the papyrus reeds upon the lip of the river.

4 And his sister stationed herself at a distance, to know by seeing what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maids walked by the hand of the river; and she saw the box among the papyrus reeds, and she sent her maid to take it.

6 And she opened *it*, and she saw the male child; and behold, the baby wept; and she spared him out of pity, and said, This *is* one of the male children

of the Hebrews.

7 And his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I walk, and call a nurse for you of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the boy baby for you?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Walk. And the maid walked, and called the boy baby's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Walk away with this child, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages; and the woman took the boy baby, and nursed him.

10 And the boy baby became large, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he was her son; and she called his name Moses, for she said, Because I pulled him out of the water.

11 And it was in those days, that Moses was grown, and he went out to his brothers, and saw their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian man striking a Hebrew man of his brothers.

12 And he faced about like this and like this, and he saw that there was no man, and he struck the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And he went out the second day, and behold, two men of the Hebrews quarreled together; and he said to him who was wicked, Why do you strike your neighbor?

14 And he said, Who put you as a man chief ruler, and a judge over us? Will you say to kill me as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said,

Moses flees to Midian; Jehovah appeared to him in the burning bush

EXODUS 3

Surely this word is known.

15 Now Pharaoh attentively heard this word, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

16 And *there were* seven daughters to the priest of Midian, and they came and drew out *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came, and drove them away; and Moses rose up, and saved¹⁷ them, and watered their flock.

18 And they came to Reuel their father, and he said, How have you come flowing like liquid today?

19 And they said, An Egyptian man snatched us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drawing, he drew for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said to his daughters, And where is he? Why *is it* that you left the man? Call him that he may eat food.

21 And Moses yielded to dwell with the man, and he gave Zipporah, his daughter, to Moses.

22 And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom, because, he said, I have been a guest in a strange land.

23 And it was after these many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel

¹⁷ 2:17 **saved**, *yasha*, to be open or free, or set free, therefore saved or safe. This word is translated in the KJV as saved, delivered, helped and a few other similar words. *The Heritage Bible* has consistently used the word save or saved. This is the first place the verb form appears in the Bible. The noun, salvation, first appears in Gen 49:18.

sighed from the work, and they cried, and their call for help came up to God from the work.

24 And God attentively heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God saw the children of Israel, and God knew²⁵ them.

CHAPTER 3

1 And Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father in law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.

2 And the Messenger² of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush, and he saw; and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not consumed.

4 And Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, and God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Behold, I.

²⁵ 2:25 **knew**, *yada*, the same word used in Gen 4:1 when Adam knew Eve, and she conceived a child. Exo 2:25 contains the declaration that at this time God knew them, that is, conceived Israel in salvation. He foreknew them from all eternity, and here in time He knew them into salvation, because now God sends Moses to them to bring them out.

² 3:2 **Messenger of Jehovah**. See Gen 16:7.

EXODUS 3 *Jehovah calls Moses to bring Israel out of Egypt into Canaan*

5 And he said, Do not come near here; pull off your shoes from your feet, because the place upon which you stand is holy ground.

6 And he said, I *am* the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, and Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And Jehovah said, Seeing, I have seen the misery of my people who *are* in Egypt, and I have attentively heard their cry before the face of those who drive them, because I know by seeing their sorrows;

8 And I have come down to snatch them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and a broad land, to a land flowing milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me, and also I have seen the distress with which the Egyptians distress them.

10 And now walk, and I will send you to Pharaoh, and you will bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said to God, Who *am* I that I should walk to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Because I will be with you! And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said to God, Behold, I come to the children of Israel, and say to them, The God of your fathers sent me to you; and they say to me, What *is* his name? What shall I say to them?

14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM; and he said, You shall say thus to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

15 And God said again to Moses, You shall say thus to the children of Israel, Jehovah God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you; this is my name forever, and this is my memorial generation to generation.

16 Walk, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, Jehovah God of your fathers appeared to me, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, saying, Visiting, I have visited you and what is done to you in Egypt;

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing milk and honey.

18 And they shall attentively hear your voice, and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you shall say to him, Jehovah God of the Hebrews has met with us; even now let us walk, please, three days' journey into the desert, that we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God.

19 And I know by seeing that the king of Egypt will not give in for you to walk, and not by a strong hand.

20 And I will send out my hand, and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will send you out.

21 And I will give this people grace in the eyes of the Egyptians, and it shall be, that, when you walk, you shall not walk empty;

22 And every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who lodges in her house, items of silver, and items of gold, and clothing, and you shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and you shall snatch *wealth* from the Egyptians.

CHAPTER 4

1 And Moses answered, and said, And behold, they will not believe me, and will not attentively hear my voice, because they will say, Jehovah has not appeared to you.

2 And Jehovah said to him, What *is* that in your hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Throw it on the earth. And he threw it on the earth, and it became a snake, and Moses fled from its face.

4 And Jehovah said to Moses, Send out your hand, and seize it by the tail. And he sent out his hand, and seized it, and it became a rod in his palm,

5 So that they may believe that Jehovah God of their fathers has appeared to you, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

6 And Jehovah said again to him, Bring now your hand into your bosom. And he brought his hand into his bosom, and he brought it out, and behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Return your hand into your bosom; and he returned his hand into his bosom, and brought it out of his bosom; and behold, it turned back as his other flesh.

8 And it shall be, if they will not believe you, and will not attentively hear the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall be, if they will not believe also these two signs, and will not attentively hear your voice, that you shall take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry ground; and the water which you take out of the river shall become blood upon the dry ground.

10 And Moses said to Jehovah, Oh my Lord, I am not a man of words, both in time past, and now since you have spoken to

EXODUS 4

Jehovah gives Aaron as Moses' spokesman

your servant, because I am of a heavy mouth, and of a heavy tongue.

11 And Jehovah said to him, Who put a mouth on Adam? Or who put the speechless, or deaf, or clear sighted, or the blind? *Is it not I, Jehovah?*

12 And now walk, and I will be with your mouth, and cause what you shall speak to flow to you.

13 And he said, Oh my Lord, send, please, by the hand of whomever you will send.

14 And the nostrils of Jehovah burned against Moses, and he said, *Is not Aaron, the Levite, your brother? I know by seeing that he can speak words; and also, behold, he is coming out to meet you, and he will see you, and he will rejoice in his heart.*

15 And you shall speak to him, and put words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and will cause to flow to you what you shall do.

16 And he shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be - he shall be - to you for a mouth, and you shall be to him for God.

17 And you shall take this rod in your hand by which you shall do signs.

18 And Moses walked, and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said to him, Let me walk, please, and return to my brothers who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are yet alive.¹⁸ And Jethro said to Moses, Walk in

peace.

19 And Jehovah said to Moses in Midian, Walk, return to Egypt, because all the men are dead who sought your life.

20 And Moses took his wife, and his sons, and rode them upon a donkey; and he returned to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And Jehovah said to Moses, When you walk returning into Egypt, see that you do all these miracles which I have put in your hand before the face of Pharaoh; and I will seize his heart, and he will not send the people out.

22 And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says Jehovah, My firstborn son *is* Israel;

23 And I say to you, Send my son out, and he will serve me; and if you refuse to send him out, behold, I will fatally strike your firstborn son.

¹⁸ **4:18** We all understand the lack of faith Moses expressed when he argued with God in the previous verses about walking to Egypt to bring Israel out of Egypt, but after he has seen and attentively heard Jehovah God speak to him out of the burning bush, and he has agreed to go, he still expresses his unbelief to Jethro. He told Jethro that he wanted to walk to Egypt to see if his brothers were yet alive. If they were all dead, he certainly could not lead them out. Of course, he did not want to disclose to Jethro what God had commanded him to do, because he did not wish to appear to be a crazy man in the eyes of Jethro, but even in hiding from Jethro his real mission, he did not have to express his unbelief. He could have simply said, I need to walk to Egypt to see how my brothers are. He did not need the exaggeration about seeing if they were still living. So very often when we explain to others our actions, since we are sure they will not understand, we exaggerate, and put in our words of unbelief to make it more reasonable to them.

24 And it was by the way in the lodging place that Jehovah met him, and sought to kill him.

25 And Zipporah took a stone knife, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and touched his feet, and said, Because of a child of circumcision you are bloody to me.²⁵

26 And he slacked off from him; she said at that time, A circumcised child of blood, *on account* of the circumcision.

27 And Jehovah said to Aaron, Walk into the desert to meet Moses. And he walked, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses caused to stand out boldly to Aaron all the words of Jehovah who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 And Moses and Aaron walked, and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel;

30 And Aaron spoke all the words which Jehovah had spoken to Moses, and did the signs

²⁵ 4:25-26 the word for **child of circumcision** is *chathan*, and means any male who becomes a relative by circumcision; that is, before any man could marry a Hebrew woman, he had to be circumcised. Any man that was considered a bridegroom or son-in-law had to be circumcised. Any man who came into that position was called a child or a son of circumcision. The child when circumcised at 8 days of age was called a child of circumcision. *Chathan* in these two verses refers to the child circumcised, not to Moses. Zipporah considered it a barbaric practice; she considered it bloody, and said so, not spiritually discerning its true religious significance. ... **touched his feet**, refers to Moses. Zipporah touched the circumcised skin to the feet of Moses who was lying on his bed under attack from Jehovah God for not yet circumcising apparently the youngest child, no doubt because of the objections of his wife. ... **he slacked off from him** refers to God's ceasing his threat to kill Moses since he had now obeyed the law of circumcision.

in the eyes of the people.

31 And the people believed; and when they attentively heard that Jehovah had visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their misery, then they bowed, and prostrated themselves.

CHAPTER 5

1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and said to Pharaoh, Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, Send my people out that they may hold a feast to me in the desert.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is Jehovah that I should attentively hear his voice to send Israel out? I do not know by seeing Jehovah, and also I will not send Israel away.

3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us; let us walk, please, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, lest he impinge upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said to them, Why do you, Moses and Aaron, strip the people from their works? Walk to your burdens.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and you make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded that day those who drove the people and their officers, saying,

EXODUS 5

Pharaoh increases the burdens of Israel

7 You shall no more give the people straw to make brick as in past days; let them walk, and gather straw for themselves.

8 And you shall put upon them the amount of the bricks which they made in past days; you shall not scrape off from it because they *are* slack; therefore they cry, saying, Let us walk and sacrifice to our God.

9 Make the work heavy upon the men that they may do it, and do not let them gaze at false words.

10 And those who drove the people went out, and their officers, and they said to the people, saying, Thus says Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11 Walk, take to yourselves straw where you can find *it* because not a word shall be scraped off from your work.

12 And the people were forcibly scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And those who drove them pressed them, saying, Finish your works, your day to day word, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's drivers had put over them, were struck, saying, Why have you not finished your enactment in making brick both yesterday and today as in past days?

15 And the officers of the children of Israel came, and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why have you done thus with your servants?

16 There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, Make brick; and behold, your servants are struck; and the sin is in your own people.

17 And he said, You *are* slack! You are slack! Therefore you say, Let us walk to sacrifice to Jehovah.

18 And now, walk! Work, and there shall no straw be given you, and you shall give the fixed amount of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in an evil *situation*, after it was said, You shall not scrape off from your bricks the day to day word.

20 And they impinged upon Moses and Aaron, who were stationed to meet them, as they came out from Pharaoh;

21 And they said to them, Jehovah look upon you, and judge, because you have made our odor to stink in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants to give a sword in their hand to strike us fatally.

22 And Moses returned to Jehovah, and said, Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why this? You sent me!

23 And since the time I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name he has done evil to this people; and not snatching out, you have not snatched your people out.

CHAPTER 6

1 And Jehovah said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh, because with a strong hand he shall send them out, and with a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land.

2 And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, *I am Jehovah*;

3 And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob by the name of El Shadday, and was I not known to them by my name JEHOVAH³?

³ **6:3 And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob by the name of El Shadday, and was I not known to them by my name JEHOVAH?** The translation in KJV (and others) is, And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them (KJV). There is no reasonable explanation for this translation, yet God fearing commentators who believe the Word of God have tried to make many explanations as to why God said He was not known to the fathers by the name Jehovah. Hebrew was written without punctuation, no periods or question marks. Whether a sentence is a statement or a question has to be determined by the context. To allow the sentence to read as a statement contradicts the facts. It is to be translated as a question as the JFB Commentary does. God had revealed Himself to Abraham as Jehovah God from the time Jehovah called him out of Ur, long before He revealed Himself to Abraham as God Almighty. To allow the sentence to stand as a statement, and not a question, is a complete contradiction of the facts. God revealed His name Jehovah to man from the very beginning. Adam knew God as Jehovah, because as soon as Jehovah God breathed into Adam the spirit of life, Gen 2:7, Adam knew God as Jehovah God Who had created and made the heavens and the earth, and had placed the plants upon the earth, Gen 2:4-5. Jehovah God planted a garden and put man in it, Gen 2:8. Jehovah God sprouted every tree, Gen 2:9. Jehovah God deposited the man in the Garden of Eden, Gen 2:15, and Jehovah God commanded the man what to eat and what not to eat, Gen 2:16ff. I am not going to further list all the verses that say Jehovah God did thus and so and Jehovah God said thus and so. From Genesis 2:4 through Genesis 11 the Word of God calls the name Jehovah 50 times, an average of five per chapter, and no other name for God is used. El and Elohim are used, but El and Elohim are not names. El and Elohim are simply the word God. Throughout this entire section covering world history from Adam to Abraham God is called Jehovah God or

simply Jehovah. In Genesis 12:1 Jehovah had said to Abram to leave Ur and walk to a land Jehovah would cause him to see. In 12:7 Jehovah appeared to Abram, and Abram built an altar at Shechem to Jehovah who had appeared to him, 12:6-7, and later another altar to Jehovah near Bethel, 12:8. The text says specifically that he called upon the name of Jehovah. In the first eight verses of Genesis 12 the name Jehovah appears six times, and Jehovah is the one who touched Pharaoh over his taking Sarah, Gen 12:17. The name Jehovah appears six times in Genesis 13, and in 13:18 Abram built another altar to Jehovah. How could Abram build altars to Jehovah if he did not know the name Jehovah? God does not contradict Himself as the old translation of Exodus 6:3 does. In Genesis 14:22 Abram in speaking with the king of Sodom calls Jehovah the most high God, the one who erected the heavens and the earth. I believe that without going through all the references you can easily see the truth of my statements and the truth of *The Heritage Bible* translation of Exodus 6:3. From Genesis 12 when Jehovah began to deal with Abram to Exodus 6:3 the name Jehovah appears one hundred and forty-three times. In Genesis 22 when Jehovah called upon Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and then delivered Isaac from death, in 22:14 Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-Jireh. In Genesis 25:21 Isaac ignited a prayer of incense to Jehovah for his wife. Jehovah specifically appeared to Isaac in Genesis 26:2. It was Jehovah that Jacob saw over the ladder that reached into the heavens, and He identified Himself as Jehovah, the God of Abraham, your father, and the God of Isaac. If the fathers did not know the name Jehovah, how could Jehovah identify Himself to Jacob as Jehovah, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac? He could not. That is why Exodus 6:3 must be translated, **and was I not known to them by my name JEHOVAH?** When Moses asked God in Exodus 3:13, Behold, I come to the children of Israel, and say to them, The God of your fathers sent me to you; and they say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them? In verse 14 God answers, You shall say ... I AM has sent me to you. In verse 15 He identifies Himself as: **Jehovah God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you; this is my name forever, and this is my memorial generation to generation.** And God repeats the same declaration that the fathers knew His name Jehovah in these words. Walk, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, **Jehovah God of your fathers appeared to me, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,** saying, Visiting, I have visited you and what is done to you in Egypt, Exo 3:16. How could God say in Exodus 6:3, but I was not known to them by my name Jehovah? He could not say that, because Jehovah God states over and over emphatically that all three, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had clear revelations of the name Jehovah and habitually addressed Him as Jehovah. And the whole purpose of this conversation with Moses is to say that the Jehovah God Who revealed Himself to the fathers is the same Jehovah God Who is now sending

EXODUS 6

Jehovah God reassures Moses with His names and His covenant

4 And also I have caused my covenant to rise with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their temporary lodging where they lodged temporarily.

Moses, and Israel will be convinced that Moses is sent by the same God who revealed Himself to the fathers as Jehovah.

The meaning of Exodus 6:3 is that God is saying, "Was I not already known to Abraham as Jehovah, the Covenant God, when I appeared to him as God Almighty?" The whole point of God's message to Moses in Exodus 6 is that He is the same Jehovah God Who appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and covenanted to give them the land of Canaan, their place of temporary lodging. To each man He also revealed Himself as God Almighty to assure them He was able to do what He covenanted to do as Jehovah. El Shadday, God Almighty, does not appear in the Bible until Genesis 17:1. Elohim, the triune God, is used of God throughout Genesis 1 (see Note on Gen 2:4). When God begins the story of His personal dealing with Adam in Gen 2:4 He reveals Himself as Jehovah Elohim, and constantly thereafter deals with His people as Jehovah God. Jehovah first calls Himself El Shadday, God Almighty, in Genesis 17:1 when Jehovah changed Abram's and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah. Jehovah described Himself as God Almighty to assure Abraham He was able to do all that He had promised as Jehovah. Isaac called Jehovah God Almighty to Jacob in blessing him and sending him away from Esau in Genesis 28:3. God called Himself God Almighty to Jacob in Genesis 35:11 when He changed his name from Jacob to Israel, Gen 35:10. And Jacob calls Jehovah God Almighty when he finally gives in to send his sons back to Egypt with Benjamin to buy more grain, Gen 43:14. Jacob in Genesis 48:3 speaking with Joseph and preparing to bless Ephraim and Manasseh called Jehovah who appeared to him over the ladder God Almighty, Gen 28:13. Jacob in blessing his twelve sons in Genesis 49 in blessing Joseph referred to God again as Almighty, Gen 49:25. Those are all the places that Shadday, Almighty, or El Shadday, God Almighty, appear prior to Exodus 6:3. Remember, the whole point of Exodus 6:3 is to say to Moses, I am the same Jehovah God who revealed myself to the fathers, and the One Who revealed myself as God Almighty to assure them, and now you, that I am able to do what I covenanted to do! If you want to know the true meaning of the Word of God, simply search the Scriptures, comparing verse after verse where that Hebrew or Greek word is used, of course asking the Holy Spirit to give you light. The Bible will make its every passage clear if you will faithfully compare every verse where that word appears. Forget what commentators and scholars say, and put the verses of the Bible side by side. It will soon be extremely obvious what each sentence or phrase is saying.

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5 And also I have attentively heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians worked, and I have remembered my covenant.

6 So say to the children of Israel, I *am* Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will snatch you out of their work, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments;

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be God to you; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, your God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in to the land for which I lifted my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I *am* Jehovah.

9 And Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel, and they did not attentively hear Moses for shortness of spirit and for hard work.

10 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

11 Go in; speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

12 And Moses spoke before the face of Jehovah, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not attentively heard me, and how shall Pharaoh attentively hear me, and I *am* of uncircumcised lips?

13 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, and to Aaron, and commanded them before the children

of Israel, and before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These *are* the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these *are* the families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these *are* the families of Simeon.

16 And these *are* the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi *were* a hundred and thirty-seven years.

17 The sons of Gershon: Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

18 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kohath *were* a hundred and thirty-three years.

19 And the sons of Merari: Mahali, and Mushi; these *are* the families of Levi according to their generations.

20 And Amram took Jochebed, his father's sister, to him as wife, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the years of the life of Amram *were* a hundred and thirty-seven years.

21 And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to him as wife; and she bore him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24 And the sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these *are* the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazar, Aaron's son, took to him one of the daughters of Putiel as wife, and she bore him Phinehas; these *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

26 These *are* Aaron and Moses, to whom Jehovah said, Bring the children of Israel out from the land of Egypt according to their hosts.

27 These *are* they who spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out from Egypt; they *were* Moses and Aaron.

28 And it was on the day Jehovah spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, I *am* Jehovah; speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, all that I speak to you.

30 And Moses said before the face of Jehovah, Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh attentively hear me?

CHAPTER 7

1 And Jehovah said to Moses, See, I have given you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron, your

EXODUS 7 *Moses rod becomes a monster and swallows the monsters made by the Egyptians*

brother, is your prophet.

2 You shall speak all that I command you, and Aaron, your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my miracles in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh shall not attentively hear you, that I may give my hand upon Egypt, and bring out my hosts, my people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I stretch out my hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

6 And Moses and Aaron did what Jehovah commanded them; thus they did.

7 And Moses was a son of eighty years, and Aaron a son of eighty-three years, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

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

9 Because Pharaoh shall speak to you, saying, Give for yourselves a miracle, then you shall say to Aaron, Take your rod and throw it before the face of Pharaoh; it shall become a monster.

10 And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did just as Jehovah had commanded; and Aaron threw down his rod before the face of Pharaoh and before the face of his servants,

and it became a monster.

11 And Pharaoh also called the wise men, and enchanters,^{1 1a} and they also, the horoscopists of Egypt, made flames^{1 1b} in like manner.

12 And *every* man threw down his rod, and they became monsters; and Aaron's rod swallowed their rods.

13 And he seized^{1 3a} Pharaoh's heart, and he did not attentively hear them, what Jehovah had spoken.^{1 3b}

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is heavy; he refuses to send the people out.

15 Walk to Pharaoh at dawn; lo, he goes out to the water; and you shall station yourself to meet him upon the lip of the river; and you shall take in your hand the rod which was changed to a snake.

16 And you shall say to him, Jehovah God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Send my people out, that they may serve me in the desert; and behold, up to now you would not attentively hear.

^{1 1a} **7:11** See Note Deut 18:10.

^{1 1b} **7:11 flames**, *lahat*. This word is used only in Gen 3:24 referring to the **flaming** sword God placed at the entrance of the Garden of Eden, and here in Exo 7:11. It apparently referred to the flame and smoke that the magicians did in doing their magic.

^{1 3a} **7:13 seized**, *chazaq*, to seize with strength. Jehovah God seized Pharaoh's heart in the decision he had made. God seizes unbelievers in the decision they make. If you make the right decision, He seizes you and strengthens you in that decision. If you make the wrong decision, He seizes you, and strengthens you in that decision of unbelief. He will give you what you want. If you want faith, He will give you faith. If you want unbelief, He will give you unbelief!

^{1 3b} **7:13 spoken**, *dabar*. Constantly keep in mind the distinction between say, *amar*, and speak, *dabar*. *Amar* means to bring to light. *Dabar* means to arrange in order.

Moses with his rod turned water to blood; so did the horoscopists; the frogs **EXODUS 8**

17 Thus says Jehovah, In this you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah; behold, I will strike with the rod, that in my hand, upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be changed to blood.

18 And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall be weary *trying* to drink the water out of the river.

19 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your rod, and stretch out your hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their rivers, upon their canals, and upon their marshes, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood, and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, what Jehovah commanded, and he raised up the rod, and struck the waters that were in the river before the eyes of Pharaoh and the eyes of his servants, and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that *were* in the river died, and the river stunk; and the Egyptians were not able to drink the water out of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the horoscopists of Egypt did so with their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart was seized, and he did not attentively hear them, what Jehovah had spoken.

23 And Pharaoh faced about and went into his house, and he did not place his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they were not able to drink the water out of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled after Jehovah struck the river.

CHAPTER 8

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says Jehovah, Send my people out, that they may serve me.

2 And if you are unwilling to send them out, behold, I will strike all your borders with frogs,

3 And the river shall swarm with frogs, and they shall go up and come into your house, and into your apartment, and upon your bed, and into the house of your servants, and upon your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading-troughs;

4 And the frogs shall ascend upon you, and upon your people, and upon all your servants.

5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand with your rod over the rivers, over the canals, and over the marshes, and cause frogs to ascend upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs ascended, and covered the land of Egypt.

EXODUS 8 *Moses produces lice; the horoscopists were not able; this is the finger of God; flies*

7 And the horoscopists did so with their secret arts, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Burn incense to Jehovah, that he may take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will send the people out that they may sacrifice to Jehovah.

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, Explain to me; when shall I burn incense for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to cut off the frogs from you and your houses, that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, *It is* according to your word that you may know by seeing that *there is* none like Jehovah our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people; they shall remain in the river only;

12 And Moses and Aaron went out with Pharaoh, and Moses cried to Jehovah over the word about the frogs which he had put against Pharaoh.

13 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they heaped them together pile after pile, and the land stunk.

15 And when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he made his heart heavy, and did not atten-

tively hear them, what Jehovah had spoken.

16 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, that it may become lice¹⁶ throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man and in animal; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the horoscopists did so with their secret arts to bring forth lice, and they were not able; and there were lice upon man and upon animal.

19 And the horoscopists said to Pharaoh, This *is* the finger of God; and Pharaoh's heart was seized, and he did not attentively hear them, what Jehovah had spoken.

20 And Jehovah said to Moses, Load up in the dawn, and place yourself before the face of Pharaoh; lo, he comes out to the water; and say to him, Thus says Jehovah, Send my people out that they may serve me,

21 Because, if you will not send my people out, behold, I will send upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, and into your houses, swarms of flies, and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also upon the ground where they *are*.

¹⁶ **8:16** lice, *ken*, which the Jews and Josephus explained as lice. Both Strong and Gesenius say that the word means gnats. There is no way of settling the difference of opinion.

flies; livestock of Egypt struck but not those of Israel

EXODUS 9

22 And I will distinguish in that day the land of Goshen upon which my people stand that no swarms of flies shall be there, so that you may know by seeing that I, Jehovah, *am* in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a distinctive precedence between my people and your people; this sign shall be tomorrow.

24 And Jehovah did so; and there came a heavy swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt; the land was destroyed before the face of the swarm of flies.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Walk, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not set up to do thus, because we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to Jehovah our God; lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will walk three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God what he shall say to us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will send you out, that you may sacrifice to Jehovah, your God, in the desert; only, you shall not widen the distance a wide distance; burn incense for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from you, and I will burn incense to Jehovah that the swarm of flies may depart from

Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh be deceptive any more in not sending the people out to sacrifice to Jehovah.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and burned incense to Jehovah.

31 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and he removed the swarm of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there was not one left.

32 And Pharaoh made his heart heavy also at this time, and he would not send the people out.

CHAPTER 9

1 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and speak to him, Thus says Jehovah God of the Hebrews, Send my people out, that they may serve me,

2 Because if you are unwilling to send them out, and will still seize them,

3 Behold, the hand of Jehovah will be upon your livestock which are in the field, upon the horses, upon the donkeys, upon the camels, upon the cattle, and upon the flock animals, in a very heavy pestilence.

4 And Jehovah shall distinguish between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, and not a word shall die of all those of the children of Israel.

5 And Jehovah put an appointed meeting, saying, Tomorrow Jehovah shall do this word

EXODUS 9 *Inflamed ulcers strike men and animals; Jehovah calls for bail upon Egypt in the land.*

6 And Jehovah did that word on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; and not one of the livestock of the children of Israel died.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not a one dead of the livestock of the Israelites; and the heart of Pharaoh was heavy, and he did not send the people out.

8 And Jehovah said to Moses, and to Aaron, Take to yourselves fists full of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heavens in the eyes of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become light particles upon all the land of Egypt, and shall become an inflamed ulcer breaking forth eruptions upon man and upon animal throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before the face of Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward the heavens; and it became an inflamed ulcer breaking out eruptions upon man and upon animal.

11 And the horoscopists could not stand before the face of Moses before the face of the inflamed ulcer, because the inflamed ulcer was upon the horoscopists and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And Jehovah seized the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not attentively hear them, what Jehovah had spoken to Moses.

13 And Jehovah said to Moses, Load up in the dawn, and place yourself before the face of Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says Jehovah God of the Hebrews, Send my people out that they may serve me,

14 Because I will at this time send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people, so that you may know by seeing that there is none like me in all the earth,

15 Because now I will send out my hand that I may strike you and your people with pestilence, and you shall be hidden *in destruction* from the earth.

16 And however, I have stood you up for this so that my power would be seen in you, and that my name may be tallied up throughout all the earth,

17 As you still exalt yourself against my people, failing to send them out!

18 Behold, I will cause it to rain about this time tomorrow a very heavy hail, such as has not been in Egypt since the day of its founding, even until now.

19 And now send to cause your cattle to flee for refuge, and all that *is* yours in the field; every man and animal which shall be found in the field and not gathered to the house, even the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He who feared the word of Jehovah among the servants of Pharaoh caused his servants and his livestock to flee into the

houses,

21 And he who did not put the word of Jehovah to his heart left his servants and his livestock in the field.

22 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward the heavens that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt upon man, and upon animal, and upon every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched out his rod toward the heavens, and Jehovah gave a voice, and hail, and fire walked along the ground; and Jehovah rained hail upon the land of Egypt,

24 So there was hail and fire taken with the hail, very heavy, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a people.

25 And the hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt everyone that *was* in the field, man and animal, and the hail struck every plant of the field, and broke every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen, there where the children of Israel *were*, was no hail.

27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned this time; Jehovah *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

28 Burn incense to Jehovah, and it is enough! Let there be no more voice of God and hail, and I will send you out, and you shall no longer stand *here*.

29 And Moses said to him, As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out the palms of my hands to Jehovah; the voice shall cease, and there shall not be any more hail, so that you may know by seeing that the earth *is* Jehovah's.

30 And as for you and your servants I know by seeing that you will not yet fear the face of Jehovah God.

31 And the flax and the barley were struck, because the barley was a green shoot, and the flax was in bloom.

32 And the wheat and the spelt *were* not struck because they had not grown up.

33 And Moses went out of the city with Pharaoh, and spread out the palms of his hands to Jehovah; and the voices and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured out on the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, and the hail, and the voices ceased, he sinned yet more, and made his heart heavy, he and his servants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was seized, and he would not send the children of Israel out, what Jehovah had spoken by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10

1 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, because I have made his heart heavy and the heart of his servants that I might place these my signs in his midst,

EXODUS 10

Jehovah God sends locusts

2 And that you may tally up in the ears of your son and of your son's son what I have gleaned in Egypt, and my signs which I have put among them, that you may know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

3 And Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh, and said to him, Thus says Jehovah God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to look down upon yourself with harshness before my face? Send my people out that they may serve me,

4 Because, if you are unwilling to send my people out, behold, tomorrow I will bring the multiplying locusts into your boundaries;

5 And they shall cover the eye of the earth, and one will not be able to see the earth; and they shall eat what is left of that which escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows for you out of the field;

6 And they shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians, which neither your fathers, nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the soil to this day; and he faced about, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long will this be a snare to us? Send the men out that they may serve Jehovah their God; do you not yet know by seeing that Egypt is lost?

8 And Moses and Aaron returned to Pharaoh, and he said to them, Walk, serve Jehovah, your God; who are they who shall walk?

9 And Moses said, We will walk with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters; we will walk with our flocks and with our herds because we will *do* a sacred feast to Jehovah.

10 And he said to them, Let Jehovah be thus with you because I will send you out and your little ones; see, because evil is in front of your face.

11 Not so; walk now, you mighty men, and serve Jehovah, because that you sought. And they were driven out from the face of Pharaoh.

12 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the multiplying locusts, and they will ascend upon the land of Egypt, and eat every plant of the land, all that the hail has left.

13 And Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and Jehovah drove an east wind upon the land all that day, and that night; and it was dawn, and the east wind lifted the multiplying locusts.

14 And the multiplying locusts ascended over all the land of Egypt, and settled in all the boundaries of Egypt very heavy before their face; there were no such multiplying locusts as thus, and after them such shall not be;

Jehovah removes locusts; Isreal to ask Egyptians for items of silver and gold **EXODUS 11**

15 And they covered the eye of the whole earth, and the land was darkened; and they ate every plant of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; and there did not remain any green thing in the trees or in the plants of the field through all the land of Egypt.

16 And Pharaoh flowing like liquid called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, I have sinned against Jehovah, your God, and against you.

17 And now forgive, please, my sin only *this* time, and burn incense to Jehovah, your God, that he may only take away from me this death.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and burned incense to Jehovah.

19 And Jehovah turned about an exceedingly strong west wind, and it took away the multiplying locusts, and slapped them into the Red Sea;¹⁹ there was not left one multiplying locust in all the boundaries of Egypt.

20 And Jehovah seized Pharaoh's heart, and he would not send the children of Israel out.

21 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, and there will be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a felt darkness.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward the heavens, and there was a darkness like

¹⁹ **10:19 Red Sea**, *yam cuwp*, is literally Sea of Reeds, which it is each time it appears. By the third century before Christ the *yam cuwp* was translated Red Sea (in the Septuagint), and so we have followed that rendering.

the sun having set in all the land of Egypt three days;

23 They did not see each man his brother, and no man rose from his place three days; and there was light to all the children of Israel in their dwellings.

24 And Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, Walk, serve Jehovah; only your flocks, and your herds will be permanently placed *here*; also your little ones will walk with you.

25 And Moses said, You must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may make to Jehovah our God.

26 And also our livestock shall walk with us; a hoof shall not be left, because from them we must take to serve Jehovah our God; and we do not know *with* what we must serve Jehovah until we come there.

27 And Jehovah seized Pharaoh's heart, and he did not breathe in agreement to send them out.

28 And Pharaoh said to him, Walk from me; hedge yourself about; do not again see my face any more, because in that day you see my face you shall die.

29 And Moses said, You have spoken right; I will not ever again see your face.

CHAPTER 11

1 And Jehovah said to Moses, I will bring one more blow upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterwards he will send you out from this *land*; when he

EXODUS 12

Instructions for Jehovah's Passover

sends you out, driving, he shall drive you out of this *land* completely.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man ask of his associate, and every woman of her female associate, items of silver, and items of gold.

3 And Jehovah gave the people grace in the eyes of the Egyptians. Also the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of Pharaoh's servants, and in the eyes of the people.

4 And Moses said, Thus says Jehovah, I will go out into the midst of Egypt at midnight,

5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the maidservant who is behind the millstone, and all the firstborn of animals.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 And not a dog shall point his tongue against any of the children of Israel, against man or animal, so that you may know by seeing that Jehovah distinguishes between the Egyptians and Israel.

8 And all these your servants shall come down to me, and prostrate themselves to me, saying, You go out, and all the people at your feet; and after this, I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh with his nostrils burning.

9 And Jehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh shall not attentively hear you, so that my miracles may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these miracles before the face of Pharaoh, and Jehovah seized Pharaoh's heart, and he would not send the children of Israel out of his land.

CHAPTER 12

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This new moon *shall be* to you the head of new moons; it *is* the first new moon of the year to you.

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth of this new moon they shall take to them every man a lamb,³ according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house;

4 And if the house is little for the lamb, he and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of the souls; every man according to the mouths of his eating shall make your count for the flock animal.

5 Your flock animal shall be without blemish;⁵ you shall take a male, a son of a year from the sheep, or from the goats;

³ 12:3 **lamb**, *seh*, meaning a sheep or goat lamb.

⁵ 12:5 **without blemish**, *tamiym*, means perfect, entire, lacking nothing. It is translated perfect in other places in the Bible. See Gen 6:9; 17:1; Dt 18:13; Ps 18:30; 19:7 etc. **Without blemish** of the KJV has the same meaning, is a beautiful phrase, and has four hundred years of Christian usage. In the places referring to the sacrificial animals we have used the words without blemish. This is the first place it appears referring to the animals for sacrifice.

6 And it shall be, you shall watch it until the fourteenth day of this new moon, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall slaughter it in the dusk.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and give it on the two side posts, and on the lintel of the houses, where they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night; they shall eat it roasted with fire and unleavened bread with bitter *herbs*.

9 Do not eat of it raw, or boiled as boiled in water, but roasted by fire; his head with his legs and with his insides.

10 And you shall leave nothing of it to remain until the dawn, and that which remains of it until the dawn you shall burn with fire.

11 And so you shall eat it, your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste; it is Jehovah's Passover.

12 And I will cross over the land of Egypt this night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, man and animal; and I will do judgment against all the gods of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a sign upon the houses there where you *are*, and I will see the blood, and I will skip over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be to you for a memorial, and you shall observe it a feast to Jehovah throughout your generations; you

shall observe it a feast by a statute forever.

15 You shall eat unleavened bread seven days; surely the first day you shall put away yeast out of your houses, because whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

16 And in the first day *there shall be* a holy called assembly, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy called assembly to you; not any work shall be done in them; only that which every soul shall eat, that may be done separately by you.

17 And you shall hedge about the unleavened bread, because in this selfsame day I have brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt, and you shall hedge about this day in your generations by a statute forever.

18 In the first *new moon*, on the fourteenth day of the new moon at dusk, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the new moon at dusk.

19 No yeast shall be found in your houses seven days, because whoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether a stranger or born in the land.

20 You shall not eat anything leavened; you shall eat unleavened bread in all your habitations.

21 And Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Draw out, and take for yourselves a flock animal according to your families, and slaugh-

EXODUS 12 *The blood of the Passover protects the homes of Israel; Pharaoh sends Israel out*
ter the Passover.

22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and plunge it in the blood that *is* in the dish, and touch the lintel, and the two side posts out of the blood that is in the dish; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the dawn;

23 And Jehovah will cross over to strike the Egyptians; and he will see the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, and Jehovah will skip over the door, and will not give in to the destroyer to come into your houses to strike.

24 And you shall hedge about this word for an enactment to you and to your sons forever.

25 And it shall be, that you shall come to the land which Jehovah will give you, according as he has spoken, and you shall hedge about this work.

26 And it shall be, that your children shall say to you, What *is* this work to you?

27 And you shall say, *It is* the sacrifice of Jehovah's Passover, who skipped over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians, and snatched our houses out. And the people bowed, and prostrated themselves.

28 And the children of Israel walked, and did what Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron; thus they did.

29 And it was, that at midnight Jehovah struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat

on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon and all the firstborn of animals.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt, because *there was* not a house where there *was* not one dead.

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise, go out from the midst of my people, both you, and the children of Israel, and walk, serve Jehovah, as you have spoken.

32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have spoken, and walk, and kneel down with goodness to me also.

33 And the Egyptians seized upon the people, to make them flow as liquid to send them out of the land, because they said, We will all be dead!

34 And the people lifted their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses, and they asked of the Egyptians items of silver, and items of gold, and garments;

36 And Jehovah gave the people grace in the eyes of the Egyptians, and they asked them, and they snatched³⁶ *wealth* from the Egyptians. Gen 15:14

³⁶ **12:36 snatched**, *natsal*, to snatch or strip away. The Hebrews did not steal anything. The Hebrews asked the Egyptians, and the Egyptians gave practically everything they had to them to get rid of them.

The Passover to be hedged about; the firstborn male given to Jehovah

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37 And the children of Israel pulled up from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot, mighty men, separate from children.

38 And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks, and exceeding great herds of livestock.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt, because it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt, and were not able to take their time, and also they had not made for themselves any food.

40 And the dwelling of the children of Israel, who dwelt in the land of Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.^{Gen 15:13}

41 And it was, at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, and it was this selfsame day, all the hosts of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.^{Gen 15:13}

42 It is a night to be hedged about to Jehovah for bringing them out from the land of Egypt; this is that night of Jehovah to be hedged about by all the children of Israel in their generations.

43 And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, This is the statute of the Passover: Every child of a stranger shall not eat of it;

44 And every man's servant bought with silver, and you have circumcised him, then he shall eat of it.

45 A resident alien and a wage earner shall not eat of it.^{4,5}

46 It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not bring of the flesh out of the house outside; and you shall not break its bone.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall do it.

48 And because a stranger shall lodge with you, and will do the Passover to Jehovah, all his males shall be circumcised, and then he will come near, and do it; and he shall be as one who is born in the land; and no one uncircumcised shall eat of it.

49 One law shall be to him who is native born, and to the stranger lodging in your midst.

50 And the children of Israel did all that Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron; rightly they did.

51 And it was this selfsame day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

CHAPTER 13

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify to me all the firstborn, everyone who first breaks open the womb among the children of Israel, of man, and of animal; he is mine.

3 And Moses said to the people, Remember this day, when you came out from Egypt, out of the house of servitude, because by strength of hand Jehovah brought you out from this *place*;

⁴⁵ 12:45 resident alien and wage earner, those living and working in Israel who had not taken Jehovah God by circumcision and a declaration of their faith in Jehovah God. They were there for employment only.

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The firstborn given to Jehovah

and anything leavened shall not be eaten.

4 Today you are going out in the new moon of Abib.⁴

5 And it shall be, when Jehovah shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing milk and honey, that you shall work this work in this new moon.

6 You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, and a feast to Jehovah shall be in the seventh day.

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days, and there shall no leavened bread be seen with you, and there shall be no yeast seen with you in all your boundaries.

8 And you shall cause it to stand out boldly to your son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which Jehovah did to me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be for a sign to you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that Jehovah's law may be in your mouth, because Jehovah brought you out of Egypt with a strong hand.

10 And you shall hedge about this statute in its appointed meeting from year to year.

11 And it shall be because Jehovah shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, what he

⁴ 13:4 **Abib** means green, tender, the name of the first new moon in the Israeli year, because it was the new moon for the sprouting of barley.

swore to you and to your fathers, and shall give it to you,

12 That you shall cross over to Jehovah everyone who first breaks open the womb, and every first new born of an animal which is yours; the males *shall be* Jehovah's.

13 And you shall redeem every first *born* of a donkey with a lamb, and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break his neck; and you shall redeem all the first-born of man among your children.

14 And it shall be, because your son asks you in time to come, saying, What *is* this? And you shall say to him, Jehovah brought us out from Egypt, from the house of servitude, by strength of hand;

15 And it was, because Pharaoh was hard against sending us out, that Jehovah fatally struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of animal; therefore I sacrifice to Jehovah every male that first breaks open the womb, and I redeem all the firstborn of my children.

16 And it shall be a sign upon your hand, and a band between your eyes, because by strength of hand Jehovah brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 And it was, when Pharaoh had sent the people out, that God did not lead them the way of the land of the Palestinians, although that *was* near, because God said, Lest the people sigh deeply for comfort when they see

Israel takes Joseph's bones with them; Pharaoh decides to run after Israel **EXODUS 14**

war, and they return to Egypt;

18 And God circled the people around the way of the desert of the Red Sea, and the children of Israel went up able bodied soldiers out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, because, causing them to swear, he caused the children of Israel to swear, saying, Visiting, God will visit you, and you shall bring up these my bones with you.

20 And they pulled up from Succoth, and pitched their tent in Etham, in the edge of the desert.

21 And Jehovah walked before their face by day in a column of a cloud to lead them in the way, and by night in a column of fire to give them light, to walk by day and night;

22 He did not withdraw the column of the cloud by day, nor the column of fire by night, before the face of the people.

CHAPTER 14

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel that they turn and encamp before the face of Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before the face of Baalzephon; you shall encamp opposite it by the sea.

3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land; the desert has shut them in.

4 And I will seize Pharaoh's heart, and he shall run after them; and I will be heavily glorified

upon Pharaoh and upon all his resources; and the Egyptians shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah; and they did so.

5 And it was made to stand out boldly to the king of Egypt that the people fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed toward the people; and they said, Why have we done this, that we have sent Israel out from serving us?

6 And he hitched up his chariot, and took his people with him;

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and third level rulers⁷ over every one of them.

8 And Jehovah seized the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he ran after the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with a high hand.

9 And the Egyptians ran after them, all the horse drawn chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his resources, and reached them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before the face of Baalzephon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians pulled up after them; and they were extremely afraid; and the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.

⁷ 14:7 **third level rulers**, *shaliyish*, triple or third. Third level rulers were the top rulers immediately under Pharaoh, with second level and first level under them in that order.

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God's cloud protects Israel; the Red Sea opens; Israel crosses

11 And they said to Moses, Have you taken us to die in the desert because there were no graves in Egypt? Why have you done this with us, bringing us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, Cease from us, and we will serve the Egyptians? Because it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the desert.

13 And Moses said to the people, Do not fear; place yourselves, and see the salvation of Jehovah which he will do to you today, because the Egyptians whom you have seen today you shall not see them again forever.

14 Jehovah shall devour for you, and you shall be silent.

15 And Jehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry to me? Speak to the children of Israel that they pull up;

16 And raise your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and cleave it open; and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold I, will seize the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall go after them; and I will be heavily glorified upon Pharaoh, and upon all his resources, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, when I am heavily glorified upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 And the Messenger of God, who walked before the face of the camp of Israel, pulled up and walked behind them; and the column of the cloud pulled up from before their face, and stood behind them;

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel, and it was a cloud and darkness *to the Egyptians*; and it was light by night *to Israel*, and this one did not come near that one all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and Jehovah caused the sea to walk by a forceful east wind all that night, and put the sea a desert, and the waters were cleaved open.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground, and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen, into the midst of the sea.

24 And it was, that in the dawn watch Jehovah leaned out to peer toward the camp of the Egyptians through the column of fire and of the cloud, and put the camp of the Egyptians in commotion,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, and they drove them with great difficulty; and the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, because Jehovah devours for them against the Egyptians.

The sea returns covering the Egyptians; The song of victory

EXODUS 15

26 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may turn back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its permanent condition when the dawn faced about; and the Egyptians fled meeting it, and Jehovah tumbled the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, all the resources of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 And the children of Israel walked upon dry ground in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 And Jehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the lip of the sea.

31 And Israel saw that great hand which Jehovah did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared Jehovah, and believed Jehovah and his servant Moses.

CHAPTER 15

1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to Jehovah, and said, saying, I will sing to Jehovah, because rising up, he has risen up; he has thrown the horse and his rider into the sea.

2 Jehovah is my strength and music of praise, and he is my salvation; this *is* my God, and I will prepare him a resting place; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 Jehovah *is* a man of war; Jehovah *is* his name.

4 He has caused Pharaoh's chariots and his resources to flow into the sea, and his chosen third level rulers have sunk in the Red Sea.

5 The depths have covered them; they descended to the bottom like a stone.

6 Your right hand, Oh Jehovah, has become glorious in power; your right hand, Oh Jehovah, has broken in pieces those hating you.

7 And in the abundance of your majesty you have pulled them down who rose up against you; you sent forth your burning anger; you consumed them as stubble.

8 And with the Spirit⁸ of your nostrils the waters were heaped together; the streams were stationed as a mound, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 Those hating you said, I will pursue; I will reach *you*; I will allot the spoil; my soul shall be filled with them; I will pour out

⁸ 15:8, 10 the Spirit of your nostrils. This is the God given interpretation of the wind that blew, opening up the Red Sea for Israel, and then returning the waters to cover the Egyptians, He was the *ruwach*, the Spirit of God. Ex 14:21 says it was a strong east wind, but God in the inspired song of Moses in 15:8,10 explains that it was the Spirit of His nostrils, 15:8, and your Spirit, 15:10. Who performed this miracle? The same Spirit Who brought the locusts, 10:13.

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my sword; my hand shall possess them.

10 You blew with your Spirit; the sea covered them; they tumbled as lead in the expansive waters.

11 Who *is* like you among the gods, Oh Jehovah? Who *is* like you, magnificent in holiness, fearful in praises, doing miracles?

12 You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

13 You have led the people in your mercy; you have redeemed this *people*; you have caused *them* to flow with a sparkle in your strength to your holy place of rest.

14 The people shall attentively hear; they shall be agitated; writhing in pain shall seize on the inhabitants of Palestine.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom shall tremble, the mighty of Moab; shuddering shall seize them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16 Dread and fear shall fall upon them; by the greatness of your stretched out arm they shall be as still as a stone until your people cross over, Oh Jehovah, until the people cross over; this people you have set up.

17 You shall bring them in and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance, in the place, Oh Jehovah, which you have made for you to dwell in, the Sanctuary, Oh Lord, which your hands have set up.

18 Jehovah shall reign forever and ever,

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19 Because the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots, and with his horsemen into the sea, and Jehovah turned back upon them the waters of the sea; and the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

20 And Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and went out, all the women after her with tambourines and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing to Jehovah, because rising up, he has risen up; the horse, and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

22 So Moses pulled Israel up from the Red Sea, and they went out into the desert of Shur; and they walked three days in the desert, and did not find water.

23 And they came to Marah, and they were not able to drink of the waters of Marah³ because they *were* bitter; therefore the name of it was called Bitter.

24 And the people obstinately stopped on Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried to Jehovah; and Jehovah caused a tree to flow to him, and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters were made sweet; he put for them there an enactment, and a judgment, and there he tested them,

26 And said, If hearing attentively, you will attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, and will do that which is right in

³15:23 Marah, bitter, the same as the name Mary.

his eyes, and will broaden your ear to his commandments, and hedge about all his enactments, all the sicknesses which I have put upon the Egyptians, I will not put upon you, because I *am* Jehovah who heals you.

27 And they came to Elim, and there *were* twelve fountains of water and seventy palm trees, and they pitched their tents there by the waters.

CHAPTER 16

1 And they pulled up from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the desert of Siyn,¹ which is between Elim, and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second new moon after their going out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel obstinately stopped on Moses and Aaron in the desert;

3 And the children of Israel said to them, Oh that we had been given death by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate food to satisfaction, because you have brought us out into this desert to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I will rain for you food from the heavens, and the people shall go out, and pick up *according to a specific* word every day, so that I may test them,

¹ 16:1 Siyn, Wilderness of Sin in Bible dictionaries.

whether they will walk in my law or not.

5 And it shall be, that on the sixth day they shall set up what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they pick up day to day.

6 And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, Then at dusk you shall know by seeing that Jehovah has brought you out from the land of Egypt,

7 And in the dawn, then you shall see the heavy glory of Jehovah, for he attentively hears your obstinate grumbings against Jehovah, and what *are* we that you obstinately stop on us?

8 And Moses said, Then Jehovah shall give you meat to eat in the dusk and in the dawn, food to the full, for Jehovah attentively hears your obstinate grumbings which you obstinately grumble against him, and what *are* we? Your obstinate grumbings *are* not against us but against Jehovah.

9 And Moses said to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, Draw near before the face of Jehovah, because he has attentively heard your obstinate grumbings.

10 And it was, Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and they faced about toward the desert, and behold, the heavy glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud.

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

EXODUS 16 *quail; Jehovah gives manna; instructions on gathering manna*

12 I have attentively heard the obstinate grumblings of the children of Israel! Speak to them, saying, At dusk you shall eat meat, and in the dawn you shall be satiated with food; and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah, your God.

13 And it was, that at dusk the quail came up, and covered the camp; and in the dawn the dew was lying all around the camp.

14 And the dew that lay, ascended, and behold, upon the face of the desert there lay a small shred, as small as frost on the ground.

15 And the children of Israel saw, and they said each man to his brother, It *is* manna!¹⁵ Because they did not know by seeing what it *was*; and Moses said to them, This *is* the food which Jehovah has given you for food.

16 This is the word which Jehovah has commanded: Pick up of it every man according to the mouth of his eating, an omer for every head,¹⁶ according to the number of your souls; take for every man who *is* in his tent.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and picked up, some more, some less.

18 And they measured it with an omer, and to him who gathered much *there was* nothing over, and to him who gathered little *there was* no lack; every man picked up according to the mouth of his food.

¹⁵ 16:15 manna, means whatever you call it.

¹⁶ 16:16 head, *gulgoleth*, skull.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave any of it until the dawn.

20 And they did not attentively hear Moses, and some of them left some of it until the dawn; and it raised maggots and smelled bad; and Moses burst out in rage upon them.

21 And they picked it up dawn by dawn, every man his food according to the mouth, and when the sun became hot it melted.

22 And it was, on the sixth day they picked up twice as much food, two omers for one *person*; and all the princes of the congregation came, and caused it to stand out boldly to Moses.

23 And he said to them, This *is* what Jehovah has spoken, The rest of the holy Sabbath to Jehovah *is* tomorrow; bake what you will bake, and boil what you will boil; and all that remains over, deposit for you to guard until the dawn.

24 And they deposited it until the dawn, what Moses commanded, and it did not smell bad, and no maggot was in it.

25 And Moses said, Eat today, because today *is* a Sabbath to Jehovah; today you shall not find it in the field.

26 You shall pick it up six days, and on the seventh, the Sabbath, there shall be none in it.

27 And it was, on the seventh day there went out some of the people to pick up, and they found none.

28 And Jehovah said to Moses, How long do you refuse to hedge about my commandments, and my laws?

29 See, because Jehovah has given you the Sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the food for two days; sit down, every man in his place; do not let any man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 And the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called its name manna, and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and its taste like wafers of honey.

32 And Moses said, This *is* the word which Jehovah commands: Fill an omer of it to be guarded for your generations, that they may see the food which I have fed you in the desert, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a vessel, and give there one omer full of manna, and deposit it before the face of Jehovah to be guarded for your generations.

34 As Jehovah commanded to Moses, so Aaron deposited it before the face of the Testimony to be guarded.

35 And the children of Israel ate manna forty years until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the edge of the land of Canaan.

36 And an omer *is* a tenth of an ephah.

CHAPTER 17

1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel pulled up from the desert of Siyn, after their journeys, according to the mouth of Jehovah, and pitched in Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 And the people contended with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink, and Moses said to them, Why do you contend with me? Why do you test Jehovah?

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people obstinately stopped on Moses, and said, Why this? You have brought us up out of Egypt to kill us, and our children, and our livestock with thirst?

4 And Moses cried to Jehovah, saying, What shall I do to this people? They *are* almost ready to stone me.

5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Cross over before the face of the people, and take with you of the elders of Israel; and take your rod in your hand, with which you struck the river, and walk.

6 Behold, I will stand before your face there upon the strong rock in Horeb, and you shall strike the strong rock, and there shall come out of it water, and the people shall drink; and Moses did so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.

EXODUS 18 *war with Amalek; Jethro, Zipporah and sons come to Moses*

7 And he called the name of the place Massah⁷ and Meribah, because of the controversy of the children of Israel, and because they tested Jehovah, saying, Is Jehovah in our midst or not?

8 And Amalek came and devoured against Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out to devour against Amalek; tomorrow I will station myself on the head of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.

10 And Joshua did what Moses said to him; he devoured against Amalek, and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the head of the hill.

11 And it was, when Moses raised his hand that Israel prevailed, and when he rested his hand Amalek prevailed.

12 And Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur sustained his hands, on this *side* the one, and that *side* the one; and his hands were faithful until the going *down* of the sun.

13 And Joshua prostrated Amalek and his people with the mouth of the sword.

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this a memorial in a book, and put *it* in the ears of Joshua, because, rubbing out, I will rub out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens.

⁷ 17:7 Massah, testing. Meribah, quarrel.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-Nissi;¹⁵

16 And he said, Because, Jehovah - with his hand above as a sign - Jehovah will war against Amalek from generation to generation. Num 24:20; 1 Chr 4:43

CHAPTER 18

1 And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, attentively heard all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, that Jehovah had brought Israel out of Egypt,

2 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah,² Moses' wife, after he had given her a parting gift,

3 And her two sons, the one whose name *was* Gershom - because he said, I have been a foreigner in a foreign land -

4 And the name of the one *was* Eliezer - because the God of my father *was* my help, and snatched me from the sword of Pharaoh;

5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons, and his wife to Moses into the desert, where he encamped at the mount of God;

6 And he said to Moses, I, your father in law, Jethro, have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.

7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and prostrated himself, and kissed him; and they asked each man of his

¹⁵ 17:15 Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah, my Banner.

² 18:2 Zipporah, Little Bird.

neighbor their peace; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moses tallied up to his father in law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh, and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the distress that had come upon them by the way, and Jehovah snatched them out.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which Jehovah had done to Israel, whom he had snatched out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed *is* Jehovah, who has snatched you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who has snatched the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know by seeing that Jehovah *is* greater than all gods, because the word in which they boiled over *he was* above them.

12 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering, and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat food with Moses' father in law before the face of God.

13 And it was on the next day, and Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood by Moses from the dawn to the dusk.

14 And Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, and he said, What is this word that you do to the people? Why do you sit yourself alone, and all the people stationed by you from

dawn to dusk?

15 And Moses said to his father in law, Because the people come to me to tread seeking God;

16 When there is to them a word, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor; and I cause them to know by seeing the enactments of God, and his laws.

17 And Moses' father in law said to him, The word that you do *is* not good.

18 Withering away, you will wither away, both you and this people who *is* with you, because this word *is too* heavy for you; you are not able to do it yourself alone.

19 Now attentively hear my voice; I will advise you, and God shall be with you: You be for the people in front of God, and you bring the words to God;

20 And you shall enlighten them on enactments and laws, and shall cause them to know by seeing the way where they must walk and the work that they must do.

21 And you shall look out from all the people by divine vision men of resources who fear God, men of truth, hating *unjust* gain; and put them as chief rulers of thousands, chief rulers of hundreds, chief rulers of fifties, and chief rulers of tens;

22 And let them judge the people at all times; and it shall be, every great word they shall bring to you, and every small word they shall judge; and it shall be made light for yourself, and they shall

EXODUS 19 *Mt. Sinai; Jehovah speaks with Moses; the people must not touch the mountain lift with you.*

23 If you shall do this word, and God commands you, then you shall be able to stand, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 And Moses attentively heard the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose mortal men of resources out of all Israel, and gave them as heads over the people, chief rulers of thousands, chief rulers of hundreds, chief rulers of fifties, and chief rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all times; the hard words they brought to Moses, and every small word they judged themselves.

27 And Moses sent his father in law away, and he walked his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

1 In the third new moon of the going forth of the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, that day they came into the desert of Sinai.

2 And they pulled up from Rephidim, and came to the desert of Sinai, and pitched their tents in the desert, and there Israel pitched their tents in front of the mount.

3 And Moses went up to God, and Jehovah called to him out of the mountain, saying, Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and cause to stand out boldly to the children of Israel:

4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and I lifted you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself.

5 And now, if attentively hearing, you will attentively hear my voice, and hedge about my covenant, then you shall be wealth to me above all people, because all the earth *is* mine;

6 And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy people. These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came, and called the elders of the people, and put before their faces all these words which Jehovah commanded him.

8 And all the people answered as one, and said, All that Jehovah has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to Jehovah.

9 And Jehovah said to Moses, Lo, I come to you in a dark cloud, so that the people may attentively hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses caused the words of the people to stand out boldly to Jehovah.

10 And Jehovah said to Moses, Walk to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11 And be set up for the third day, because the third day Jehovah will descend in the eyes of all the people upon Mount

Sinai.

12 And you shall set boundaries for the people all around, saying, Hedge yourselves about; do not go up into the mount, and do not touch its extremity; everyone who touches the mount, dying, he shall die;

13 There shall not a hand touch it, because he *who touches it*, being stoned, shall be stoned, or *an arrow* shall flow through; whether animal or man, he shall not live; when the blast of the trumpet sounds long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said to the people, Be set up the third day; do not draw near to *your* wives.

16 And it was on the third day in the dawn, there were voices, and lightnings, and a heavy cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding strong; and all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out to meet God out of the camp, and they placed themselves at the lowermost part of the mount.

18 And the entirety of Mount Sinai smoked before the face of Jehovah who descended upon it in fire, and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly.

19 And it was, when the voice of the trumpet walked, and was exceeding powerful, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

20 And Jehovah descended upon Mount Sinai to the head of the mount, and Jehovah called Moses up to the head of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go down, testify to the people, lest they break through to Jehovah to see, and many of them fall.

22 And also let the priests who come near to Jehovah, sanctify themselves, lest Jehovah breaks out upon them.

23 And Moses said to Jehovah, The people are not able to come up into Mount Sinai, because you testified to us, saying, Set boundaries about the mount, and sanctify it.

24 And Jehovah said to him, Walk, go down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you, and do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to Jehovah, lest he break out upon them.

25 And Moses went down to the people, and said *this* to them.

CHAPTER 20

See Exo 34:28 and Deu 4:13 where the words, The Ten Commandments, appear, and 10:4 where they are called Ten Words, and Deu 5 where the Ten Commandments are listed again.

1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 *I am* Jehovah, your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out from the house

EXODUS 20 *The Ten Commandments; God came in flame to test the people of servitude.*

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

4 You shall not make for yourselves carved idols, or any likeness⁴ that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 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 upon the children to the third and fourth *generation* of them who hate me;

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

7 You shall not lift the name of Jehovah, your God, for ruin, because Jehovah will not consider him clean who lifts his name for ruin.

8 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

9 You shall work six days, and do all your work;

10 And the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of Jehovah, your God; you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your animals, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates,

11 Because Jehovah made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them in six days, and rested the seventh day; therefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath

⁴ 20:4 See Note, Gen 1:26-27.

day, and sanctified it.

12 Heavily honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the soil which Jehovah, your God, gives you.

13 You shall not kill.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not answer false testimony against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's.

18 And all the people saw the voices, and the flames, and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw, they vacillated back and forth, and stood afar off.

19 And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will attentively hear; and do not let God speak with us lest we die.

20 And Moses said to the people, Do not fear, because God has come in order to test you, and that his fear may be upon your faces that you do not sin.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses came near to the thick darkness there where God *was*.

22 And Jehovah said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, You have seen that I have spoken with you from the heavens.

23 You shall not make with me gods of silver, and you shall not make for yourselves gods of gold.

24 You shall make to me an altar of soil, and shall sacrifice your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, your flock animals, and your cattle upon it; in all places where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you, and I will kneel down with goodness to you.

25 And if you will make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of cut stone, because if you move your cutting instrument back and forth upon it you have profaned it.

26 And you shall not ascend by steps to my altar, so that your nakedness is not revealed upon it.

CHAPTER 21

1 And these *are* the judgments which you shall put before their face.

2 If you set up a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years, and he shall go out in the seventh free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he were lord of a wife, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his lord has given him a wife, and she has born him sons or daughters, the wife, and her children shall be her lord's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the servant, saying, shall say, I love my lord, my wife, and my children; I will not go out

free,

6 Then his lord shall bring him near to God; he shall also bring him near to the door or to the door post, and his lord shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

7 And if a man sells his daughter to be a maidservant, going out, she shall not go out as the menservants.

8 If she is evil in the eyes of her lord, and he has set an appointment *to marry* her, then he shall let her be redeemed; he shall have no authority to sell her to a strange people, seeing he has acted deceitfully with her.

9 And if he has set an appointment for her with his son, he shall deal with her after the judgment of daughters.

10 If he takes him another *wife*, he shall not scrape away from her, her food, her clothing, and her rights of cohabitation.

11 And if he does not do these three to her, then she shall go out free, not for silver.

12 He who strikes a man, and he dies, he, being put to death, shall be put to death.

13 And if he does not chase him, and God brings him into his hand, then I will put for you a place where he shall flee.

14 And if a man boils over upon his neighbor, to fatally strike him by deliberate strategy, you shall take him from my altar that he may die.

15 And he who strikes his father or his mother, he, being put to death, shall be put to death.

EXODUS 21*Laws for retribution on causing hurt and loss*

16 And he who steals a man, and sells him, and he is found in his hand, he, being put to death, shall be put to death.

17 And he who makes light of his father or his mother, he, being put to death, shall be put to death.

18 And if men contend together, and one man strikes his neighbor with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die, but lies fallen in his bed,

19 If he rises up, and walks outside upon his walking stick, then he who struck him shall be innocent; only he shall give for his loss of time, and causing him to be healed, he shall cause him to be healed.

20 And if a man strikes his manservant or his maidservant, with a rod, and he dies under his hand, he, being punished, shall be punished.

21 Only, if he stands a day or days, he shall not be punished, because he is his silver.

22 If men quarrel, and strike a woman with child, and her child goes out, and there is no hurt, he, bearing a penalty, shall bear a penalty, according as the woman's lord will place upon him; and he shall give according to the judges.

23 And if there is hurt, then you shall give soul for soul,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

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26 And if a man strikes the eye of his manservant, or the eye of his maidservant, and it is ruined, he shall send him out free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he causes his manservant's tooth to fall out, or his maidservant's tooth, he shall send him out free for his tooth's sake.

28 If an ox butts a man or a woman with his horns, and they die, then the ox, being stoned, shall be stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; and the lord of the ox shall be innocent.

29 And if the ox *were in the habit of butting* in time past, and it has been testified to his lord, and he has not hedged him in, and he has killed a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and his lord also shall be put to death.

30 If there is placed on him *an amount* to cover, then he shall give for the ransom of his soul all that is placed upon him.

31 Whether he has butted a son or have butted a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done to him.

32 If the ox shall butt a manservant or a maidservant, he shall give to their lord thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls in it,

34 The lord of the pit shall make it complete, and give silver to their lord; and the dead *animal* shall be his.

35 And if a man's ox hurts another's ox, and he dies, then they shall sell the live ox, and half the silver; and also they shall half the dead *ox*.

36 Or if it is known by seeing that the ox has butted in time past, and his lord has not hedged him in, completing it, he shall complete it, ox for ox; and the dead *ox* shall be his own.

CHAPTER 22

1 If a man shall steal an ox or a flock animal, and slaughter it, or sell it, he shall complete five oxen for an ox, and four flock animals for a flock animal.

2 If a thief is found burglarizing, and is struck and he dies, there shall be no blood *required* for him.

3 If the sun has risen upon him, blood, being completed, shall be completed for him; if *there is* nothing that is his, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft, being found, is found in his hand alive, ox, or donkey, or flock animal, he shall make it complete double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be consumed, and shall send in his grazers, and feed in another's field, he shall make it complete from the best of his own field, and from the best of his own vineyard.

6 If fire goes out and comes forth in thorns, and consumes the stacks of sheaves, or the stalks of grain, or the field, he who kindled the burning, he making it complete, shall make it complete.

7 If a man gives silver or items to his neighbor to hedge about, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, let him make it complete double.

8 If the thief is not found, then the lord of the house shall be brought to God to see whether he sent out his hand to his neighbor's goods.

9 Concerning all words of transgression, for ox, for donkey, for flock animal, for clothing, for all that is lost, which it is said that this is his, the word of the two shall come before God; he whom God shall declare wrong, shall make it complete to his neighbor double.

10 If a man gives to his neighbor a donkey, or an ox, or a flock animal, or any animal, to hedge about, and it dies, or is hurt, or taken captive, none seeing it,

11 An oath of Jehovah shall be between them both, that he has not sent out his hand to his neighbor's goods; and its lord shall take *the loss*, and he shall not make it complete.

12 And if, being stolen, it is stolen from him, he shall make it complete to its lord.

13 If it, being pulled to pieces, is pulled to pieces, let him bring it as a witness, and he shall not make complete that which was torn.

14 And if a man asks from his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, its lord not with it, he, making it complete, shall make it complete.

EXODUS 22 *Laws on witchcraft, idolatry, violence, loans, the firstborn, being truthful*

15 And if its lord is with it, he shall not make it complete if it *is* by wages; it came for his contracted wages.

16 And if a man makes a virgin open *to seduction* who is not engaged, and lies down with her, he, marrying her, shall marry her as his wife.

17 If her father, refusing, refuses to give her to him, he shall pay silver according to the dowry of virgins.

18 You shall not allow one who enchants to live. *Note Deut 18:10.*

19 Everyone who lies down with an animal, being put to death, shall be put to death.

20 He who sacrifices to a god, except to Jehovah only, shall be devoted *to destruction*.

21 And you shall not do violence to a stranger, and you shall not distress him, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 You shall not look down on any widow or bereaved person with harshness.

23 If you, looking down with harshness, look down on them with harshness, and if they, crying, cry to me, I, attentively hearing, will attentively hear their cry;

24 And my nostrils shall burn, and I will fatally strike you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 If you obligate my people who are poor by you with silver, you shall not be to him as one who loans on interest; you shall

not put upon him interest.

26 If you, binding him in pledge, bind your neighbor's clothing in pledge, you shall return it to him by the going *down* of the sun,

27 Because that is his sole covering; it *is* his covering for his skin. In what shall he lie down! And it shall be, when he cries to me, that I will attentively hear, because I *am* gracious.

28 You shall not make light of²⁸ God, and you shall not curse the princes of your people.

29 You shall not delay the fullness of your harvests and your liquids; you shall give to me the firstborn of your sons.²⁹

30 Likewise you shall do with your oxen, *and* with your flock animals; it shall be with his mother seven days; you shall give it to me on the eighth day.

31 And you shall be holy men to me, and you shall not eat flesh in the field torn by animals; you shall throw it to the dogs.

²⁸ **22:28 make light of.** The word is *qalal*, to make light of, to count as of no worth. The command not to **curse** the princes is *arar*; to pronounce cursed by God, brought under irreversible judgment as the snake, Gen 3:14.

²⁹ **22:29** Most commentators make the first part of the verse mean that God commanded Israel not to delay to offer the firstfruit of the grains and the liquids, making it correspond to offering the firstborn of man in the second clause; but firstfruit is nowhere mentioned in the first clause. It seems to me that God is saying, do not delay your receiving full harvests by not giving to God the firstborn of your children. Either way you interpret this particular verse, both truths are taught in the Bible: That the firstfruit of the harvest belongs to God, and that unless they give their firstborn to God, their harvests will fail.

CHAPTER 23

1 You shall not lift a ruinous report; do not place your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 You shall not be after a multitude *to do evil*, and you shall not answer in a controversy to stretch out after many to stretch *the truth*;

3 And you shall not favor one dangling in need in his controversy.

4 If you impinge upon the ox or the donkey of one hating you going astray, you, turning him back, shall turn him back to him.

5 If you see the donkey of him who hates you lying under his burden, and would leave off loosing him, you, loosing, shall loose him.

6 You shall not stretch the judgment of your poor in his controversy.

7 Widen your distance from a false word, and you shall not fatally strike the innocent and righteous, because I will not justify the wicked.

8 And you shall take no gift, because the gift blinds the clear-sighted, and wrenches the words of the righteous.

9 And you shall not distress a stranger, because you know the soul of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 And you shall sow your land six years, and shall gather in its increase;

11 And you shall let it alone, and thrust it away the seventh year, and the poor of your people will eat; and the living creatures of the field shall eat what is left. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard, *and* with your olive yard.

12 You shall do your work six days, and you shall rest on the seventh day, so that your ox, and your donkey may rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger may breathe *relaxed*.

13 And hedge about all that I have said to you, and do not remember the name of other gods, neither let it be attentively heard out of your mouth.

14 You shall march in sacred procession to me three times in the year.

15 You shall hedge about the feast of unleavened bread; you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, what I commanded you, in the appointed meeting on the new moon Abib, because in it you came out from Egypt; and none shall appear before my face empty;

16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of your labors, which you have sown in the field, and the feast of ingathering, in the going out of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field.

17 All your males shall appear before the face of the Lord Jehovah three times in the year.

18 You shall not sacrifice the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and you shall not

EXODUS 23 *They must not prostrate themselves to the gods of the land; the boundaries of their land*

leave the fat of my sacrifice to remain until the dawn.

19 You shall bring the first of the firstfruits of your land into the house of Jehovah, your God. You shall not boil a young goat in his mother's milk.

20 Behold, I send my Messenger before your face to hedge you about in the way, and to bring you into the place which I have set up.

21 Hedge about his face, and attentively hear his voice; do not be bitter toward him, because he will not lift your transgressions, because my name is in him.²¹

22 Because if attentively hearing you shall attentively hear his voice, and do all that I speak, then I will hate those who hate you, and oppress those who oppress you;

23 Because my Messenger shall walk before your face, and bring you in to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I will hide them *in destruction*.

24 You shall not prostrate yourselves to their gods, and do not serve them; and do not do after their works, because pulling them down, you shall pull them down, and breaking to pieces, you shall break their me-

morial columns to pieces.

25 And you shall serve Jehovah, your God, and he shall kneel down with goodness to your food, and your water; and I will cause sickness to depart from your midst.

26 Nothing shall be miscarrying nor be sterile in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

27 I will send my dread before your face, and will put in commotion all the people to whom you shall come, and I will cause all those who hate you to give their backs to you.

28 And I will send the one who strikes before you, who shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before your face. *See Note Jos 24:12*

29 I will not drive them out from before your face in one year lest the land becomes desolate, and the living creatures of the field multiply against you.

30 I will drive them out little by little from before your face, until that you bear fruit, and inherit the land.

31 And I will place your boundaries from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Palestinians,³¹ and from the desert to the *Euphrates* River, because I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and you shall drive them out from before your face.

²¹ **23:21** The last two phrases of this verse, **because he will not lift your transgressions, because my name is in him**, show clearly that the Messenger of Jehovah is no ordinary angel. He has authority to lift (forgive) transgressions, and Jehovah's name is in Him. This is none other than the Son of God before He was manifested in the flesh. See full Note Gen 16:7.

³¹ **23:31** **The Mediterranean Sea is here called the Sea of the Palestinians.**

Moses writes all the words of Jehovah; Moses and the elders eat with God **EXODUS 24**

32 You shall not cut a covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they cause you to sin against me, because if you serve their gods, assuredly it will be a snare to you.

CHAPTER 24

1 And he said to Moses, Come up to Jehovah, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and prostrate yourselves afar off.

2 And Moses separately shall come near Jehovah, and they shall not come near; and the people shall not go up with him.

3 And Moses came, and tallied up to the people all the words of Jehovah, and all the judgments, and all the people answered in one voice, and said, We will do all the words which Jehovah has said.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah, and loaded up early in the dawn, and built an altar under the mount, and twelve columns, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered up burnt offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings of oxen to Jehovah.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and called it out⁷ in the ears of the people; and they

said, We will do and hear attentively all that Jehovah has spoken.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant which Jehovah has cut with you concerning all these words.

9 And Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,

10 And they saw the God of Israel, and there was under his feet as a transparency, as a work of a sapphire stone, and as the body of the heavens in its brightness.

11 And he did not send out his hand upon the nobles of the children of Israel, and they gazed upon God in a vision, and ate, and drank.

12 And Jehovah said to Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there, and I will give you tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written, that you may cause them to flow *out to others*.

13 And Moses rose, and his servant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mount of God.

⁷ 24:7 called out, *qara*; the only word in the Hebrew Bible for read. The word means to call aloud. There is no such thing as silent reading in the Hebrew Bible. It is the same word used when Adam gave names to the animals. He looked at the animal, saw its nature, and read it, that is, he called out the name that he saw in the character of the animal. That is why it is so important for people to become expert readers, because reading the Word of God aloud is the ultimate source of all knowledge and wisdom, because the Word of God causes us to experience the fear of God, from which comes knowledge and wisdom, Pro 1:7; 9:10. Do you read me?

EXODUS 25 *Moses with God in the mount 40 days; an offering to build the tabernacle*

14 And he said to the elders, Sit down for us here, until we come again to you, and behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you; to whatever lord¹⁴ *there are* words, let him come near to them.

15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

16 And the heavy glory of Jehovah lodged upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and he called to Moses the seventh day out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the heavy glory of Jehovah *was* like devouring fire on the head of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount; and Moses was in the mount forty days, and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering; you shall take my offering from every man who volunteers from his heart.

¹⁴ **24:14 lord, baal.** Remember that the basic meaning of *baal* is lord or possessor. It is the name of a false god, Baal, which means Lord. It is used in Hebrew of the husband and male head of the family. Male heads of families is the meaning here. The male head of the family was the protector, provider, and leader in the home. He settled all disputes in his family by going to the man of God who instructed him in the Law of God. Moses instructed the elders that all the lords, male heads of families, who needed a word judged to come to Aaron and Hur while he was in the mountain with God.

3 And this *is* the offering which you shall take of them: gold, and silver, and bronze,

4 And blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and acacia wood,

6 Oil for the lights, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.⁷

8 And let them make me a sanctuary that I may lodge among them.

9 And thus you shall make it according to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle,⁹ and the pattern of all its instruments.

⁷ **25:7 breastplate, choshen.** The meaning of *choshen* is ornament. It is used only of the item of clothing of the head priest in which twelve stones were set, one for each of the twelve tribes, and had a pocket to hold the stones of *urim* and *thummim*, so we have retained the word breastplate.

⁹ **25:9 the tabernacle, mishkan** This is the first place in the Bible the word *mishkan* is used. It means any residence, and is used regularly for the residence of God. The Tabernacle was also constantly called *ohel*, a tent, and *mishkan*, a tabernacle. The word temple is *heykal*, found first in 1 Sam 1:9 referring to a semi-permanent building used to house the ark of the covenant before the days of Solomon. In Exo 27:21 it is first called *ha ohel mowed*, the tent of appointed meeting. It is translated tabernacle of the congregation in the KJV, but it is not the tabernacle of the congregation. The congregation of Israel never came inside the tabernacle. The men of Israel came into the courtyard, but only God and His priests ever entered the holy place in the tabernacle, and only God and His head priest ever entered the holy of holies, and the head priest entered there only once a year on the day of atonement. It was God's dwelling place continuously. So it was not the tabernacle of the congregation. *Mowed* does not mean congregation. *Mowed* means appointed meeting place, the one between God and His people through their representative, God's priest. From Exo 27:21 the tabernacle is constantly called *ha ohel mowed*. In Exo

10 And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; its length *shall be* two and a half cubits, and its width, a cubit and a half, and its height, a cubit and a half.

11 And you shall sheet it over with pure gold; you shall sheet it over inside and outside, and shall make upon it a crown of gold all around.

12 And you shall pour four rings of gold for it, and give *them* in their four corners; and two rings shall be in its one side, and two rings in its second side.

13 And you shall make separators¹³ of acacia wood, and sheet them over *with* gold.

14 And you shall cause the separators to come into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be lifted with them.

15 The separators shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not depart from it.

16 And you shall give into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

17 And you shall make a mercy seat¹⁷ of pure gold; its length, two and a half cubits, and its width, a cubit and a half.

38:21 it is first called the tabernacle of the testimony, *ha mishkan ha eduwth*, referring to God's written testimony, or law, that was stored in the ark of the covenant inside the holy of holies of the tabernacle, Exo 16:34; 25:10. In Exo 39:32 it is called *mishkan ohel mowed*, the tabernacle of the tent of appointed meeting. *Mowed* is the special place for God which God showed Moses in the mount. Every detail of the tabernacle pictures Jesus the Messiah and His ministry for our salvation.

¹³ **25:13 separators**, *bad*, a separation, poles with which to carry the ark that kept human touch separate from the ark. The word is not pole or stave. It is separator or separation.

¹⁷ **25:17 mercy seat**, *kapporeth*, a covering (for the ark, and a covering for our sins.) *Kapporeth* is a noun form of the verb *kapar*; to cover. *Kapporeth*

18 And you shall make two cherubs of gold; you shall make them of beaten work in the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 And make one cherub on this end, and one cherub on that end; you shall make the cherubs on its ends a part of the mercy seat.

20 And the cherubs shall be spreading out *their* wings upward, entwining with their wings above the mercy seat, and their faces, each man toward his brother;²⁰ the faces of the cherubs shall be toward the mercy seat.

21 And you shall give the mercy seat upon the ark on top, and you shall give the testimony that I shall give you in the ark.

22 And I will meet you by appointment there, and I will speak all which I will command to the children of Israel to you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubs which *are* upon the ark of the testimony.

23 And you shall make a table of acacia wood; its length, two cubits, and its width, a cubit, and its height, a cubit and a half.

is never used except to refer to the gold lid that covered the ark of the covenant. The basic meaning of *kapporeth* is a covering, but since it is used exclusively of this one item we have allowed the traditional name given to us in the KJV to remain, the mercy seat. This is not a literal word rendering, but is an interpretative translation. It is a correct translation because of all the meaning attached to this lid by the sprinkling of the blood upon it for the covering of our sins.

²⁰ **25:20 each man toward his brother**, refers to the two cherubs opposite one another.

EXODUS 26 *The vessels/utensils of the Tabernacle, the seven branched lamp, curtains*

24 And you shall sheet it over *with* pure gold, and make there a crown of gold all around.

25 And you shall make to it a border of a hand width all around, and you shall make a golden crown to its border all around.

26 And you shall make four rings of gold for it, and give the rings upon the four corners that are on its four feet.

27 The rings shall be to house the separators to lift the table along with the border.

28 And you shall make the separators of acacia wood, and sheet them over *with* gold that the table may be lifted with them.

29 And you shall make its dishes, and its spoons, and its covers, and its bowls, that they be cast metal; you shall make them of pure gold.

30 And you shall give bread of my face³⁰ upon the table before my face constantly.

31 And you shall make a lamp of pure gold; the lamp shall be made of beaten work; its shaft, and its branches, its bowls, its wreathed crown, and its flowers, shall be from the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of its sides; three branches of the lamp out of the one side, and three branches of the lamp out of the second side;

³⁰ 25:30 bread of my face, *lechem paniym*. *Lechem* is food or bread and *paniym* is face, or actually faces, referring to the two sides of the face to make up one face. *Paniym* never appears as singular. It is always plural. KJV translated it shewbread. It is literally **bread of my face**. In Num 4:7 the title is **table of his face**, *shulchan ha paniym*.

33 Three bowls made like almonds, a wreathed crown, and a flower in one branch; and three bowls like almonds in the one branch, with a wreathed crown, and a flower, thus in the six branches that come out of the lamp.

34 And in the lamp *shall be* four bowls made like almonds, with their wreathed crowns, and their flowers.

35 And *there shall be* a wreathed crown under two branches of the same, and a wreathed crown under two branches of the same, and a wreathed crown under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that go out of the lamp.

36 Their wreathed crowns, and their branches shall be of the same, all one beaten work of pure gold.

37 And you shall make its seven lamps, and they shall go up its lamps that they may give light above opposite its face.

38 And its tongs and its pans *shall be* pure gold.

39 He shall make it a talent of pure gold with all these vessels.

40 And see that you make them after their pattern which you were caused to see in the mount.

CHAPTER 26

1 And you shall make ten curtains of fine twisted linen for the tabernacle, and you shall make them blue, and purple, and

bright crimson *with* cherubs of calculated work.

2 The length of one curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of one curtain four cubits; and *there shall be* one measure to every one of the curtains.

3 The five curtains shall be joined together each woman to her sister; and five curtains shall be joined each woman to her sister.³

4 And you shall make loops of blue upon the lip of the one curtain from the selvedge in the joint; and likewise you shall make in the lip of the ending curtain, in the joint of the second.

5 You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the joint of the second, that the loops may take hold each woman to her sister.

6 And you shall make fifty hooks of gold, and join the curtains, each woman to her sister, with the hooks; and it shall be one tabernacle. See Note 26:3

7 And you shall make curtains of goats' hair to be a tent upon the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains.

8 The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of one curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all be of one measure.

9 And you shall join five curtains separately, and six curtains separately, and shall double

³ 26:3 each woman to her sister is literally what is written. The curtains are simply referred to as feminine, and each one is like the other.

the sixth curtain in front of the face of the tent.

10 And you shall make fifty loops on the lip of the one curtain that is at the end of the joint, and fifty loops in the lip of the curtain which joins the second.

11 And you shall make fifty hooks of bronze, and put the hooks into the loops, and join the tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on this *side*, and a cubit on that *side* of that which remains in the length of the curtains of the tent shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this *side*, and on that *side*, to cover it.

14 And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering over it of badgers' skins.

15 And you shall make boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood standing up.

16 The length of a board *shall be* ten cubits, and the width of one board *shall be* a cubit and a half cubit.

17 *There shall be* two hands in one board, equidistant one woman to her sister; thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. See Note 26:3

18 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the Negev side southward.

EXODUS 26 *Instructions for columns, the veil separating the holy of holies; the altar*

19 And you shall make forty bases of silver under the twenty boards; two bases under one board for its two hands, and two bases under another board for its two hands.

20 And *there shall be* twenty boards for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side,

21 And their forty bases of silver; two bases under one board, and two bases under one board.

22 And you shall make six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.

23 And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

24 And they shall be completed together beneath, and they shall be completed together above its head to one ring; thus it shall be for both of them; they shall be for the two corners.

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their bases of silver, sixteen bases; two bases under one board, and two bases under one board.

26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall run from end to end.

29 And you shall sheet over the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold to house the bars; and you shall sheet over the bars with gold.

30 And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to the judgment which you were caused to see in the mount.

31 And you shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen of calculated work; it shall be made with cherubs;

32 And you shall give it upon four columns of acacia wood sheeted over with gold; their hooks *shall be* of gold, upon the four bases of silver.

33 And you shall give the veil under the hooks, that you may bring the ark of the testimony there inside the veil, and the veil shall divide to you between the holy *place*, and the holy of holies.

34 And you shall give the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

35 And you shall put the table outside the veil, and the lamp over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall give the table on the north side.

36 And you shall make a veil for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen, worked with embroidery.

37 And you shall make for the veil five columns of acacia wood, and sheet them over with gold, and their hooks *shall be* of

gold; and you shall pour five bases of bronze for them.

CHAPTER 27

1 And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits.

2 And you shall make its horns upon its four corners; its horns shall be of the same, and you shall sheet it over with bronze.

3 And you shall make its pans for what is anointed, and its shovels, and its bowls, and its forks, and its firepans; you shall make all the vessels of bronze.

4 And you shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze, and upon the net you shall make four brazen rings upon its four corners.

5 And you shall give it under the rim of the altar beneath, and the net shall be as far as the midst of the altar.

6 And you shall make separators for the altar, separators of acacia wood, and sheet them over with bronze.

7 And the separators shall be brought into the rings, and the separators shall be upon the two sides of the altar to lift it.

8 You shall make it hollow with boards; as you were caused to see in the mount, thus they shall make it.

9 And you shall make the court of the tabernacle: for the Negev side southward *there shall be* veils for the court of fine

twisted linen of a hundred cubits long for one side;

10 And the twenty columns, and their twenty foundations *shall be* of bronze; the hooks of the columns, and their rods *shall be* of silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* veils of a hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty columns, and their twenty foundations of bronze; the hooks of the columns, and their rods of silver.

12 And *there shall be* veils of fifty cubits for the width of the court on the side toward the sea; their columns ten, and their foundations ten.

13 And the width of the court on the east side toward the sunrise shall be fifty cubits.

14 The veils of one shoulder *shall be* fifteen cubits; their columns three, and their foundations three.

15 And on the second shoulder, veils, fifteen; their columns, three, and their bases, three.

16 And a veil of twenty cubits *shall be* for the gate of the court, of blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen, worked with embroidery, and their columns shall be four, and their foundations four.

17 All the columns all around the court *shall be* banded with silver; their hooks *shall be* of silver, and their foundations bronze.

18 The length of the court *shall be* a hundred cubits, and the width fifty by fifty, and the height

EXODUS 28

The olive oil; garments for Aaron and his sons, the ephod

five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their foundations of bronze.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all its service, and all its pins, and all the pins of the court, *shall be of* bronze.

20 And you shall command the children of Israel, that they take for you pure beaten olive oil for the light, to cause the lamp to ascend always.

21 Aaron and his sons shall arrange it in the tent of the appointed meeting outside of the veil, which is before the testimony, from dusk to dawn before the face of Jehovah - a statute forever to their generations with the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

1 And you take to yourself Aaron, your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, and he shall minister to me in the priest's office, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron, your brother, for heavy glory and for splendor.

3 And you shall speak to all who are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the Spirit of wisdom, and they shall make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, and he shall officiate to me in the priest's office.

4 And these *are* the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a tassellated checkered coat, a turban, and a belt; and

they shall make holy garments for Aaron, your brother, and his sons, and he shall officiate to me in the priest's office.

5 And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and bright crimson, and the fine linen,

6 And they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, and of purple, of bright crimson, and fine twisted linen, a calculated work.

7 Two shoulder pieces shall be joined at its two ends, even joined together.

8 And the interlaced belt of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be according to its same work; gold, blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen.

9 And you shall take two onyx stones, and open *places* upon them for the names of the children of Israel;

10 Six of their names on one stone, and six names of the rest on the second stone, in order of their birth.

11 You shall open *places* on the two stones for the names of the children of Israel; *like* the work of a fabricator in stone, the sculpturing of a signet ring; you shall make them set in brocades of gold.

12 And you shall put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod, stones of memorial to the children of Israel, and Aaron shall lift their names before the face of Jehovah upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 And you shall make brocades of gold,

14 And two chains of pure gold on the borders; you shall make them of wreathed work, and give the wreathed chains upon the brocades.

15 And you shall make the breastplate of judgment with calculated work; you shall make it after the work of the ephod; gold, blue, and of purple, and you shall make it of bright crimson, and of fine twisted linen.

16 It shall be square, doubled; its length *shall be* a span, and its width a span.

17 And you shall fill it with settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of a ruby, a topaz, and an emerald *shall be* row one.

18 And the second row: a garnet, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row: a figure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row: a chrysolite, and a beryl, and a jasper; they shall be put in gold in their settings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; they shall be every man with his name according to the twelve tribes.

22 And you shall make upon the breastplate chains, twisted chains of wreathed work of pure gold.

23 And you shall make two rings of gold upon the breastplate, and shall give the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 And you shall give the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

25 And you shall give two ends of the two wreathed chains in the two brocades, and give them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod on the front of its face.

26 And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in its lips, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And you shall make two other rings of gold, and shall give them on the two shoulders of the ephod underneath, opposite its face, beside its seam, above the interlaced belt of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the interlaced belt of the ephod, that the breastplate not be misplaced from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall lift the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in to the holy *place*, for a memorial before the face of Jehovah continually.

30 And you shall give in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim,³⁰ and they shall be upon Aaron's heart when

³⁰ **28:30 the Urim and the Thummim.** These are two Hebrew words retained in English and not translated. They are nowhere explained in the Bible, but their meaning is clear enough. *Urwriym*, is lights, and means the light of God given to the head priest in making decisions and judgments. *Tummiym*, perfections, means the pure and perfect truth of God. So, lights and perfections mean the perfect revelation of God's pure truth. The two words are represented by two stones held in the

EXODUS 28 *Instructions for the priest's robe, the turban, the coat, the undershorts*

he goes in before the face of Jehovah; and Aaron shall lift the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the face of Jehovah continually.

31 And you shall make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue.

32 And there shall be a mouth in its head in the middle; there shall be a lip of woven work all around its mouth, as the mouth of a linen corselet, that it not be torn.

33 And you shall make upon its hem pomegranates, blue, and of purple, and of bright crimson, upon its hem all around; and bells of gold centered between them all around;

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around.

35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister, and his sound shall be attentively heard when he goes in to the holy *place* before the face of Jehovah, and when he

breastplate of the head priest, one called Lights, and the other Perfections. There has been speculation as to how the stones were used in determining revelation knowledge given to the head priest. Our interpretation is that the stones were strictly symbolic as were the stones with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. The Bible reveals that God spoke to His priest or prophet through dreams and visions, or directly in the spirit of the priest or prophet in his conscious thought. God revealed His pure truth to His priest in his functions as God's representative on earth. Jesus the final and real Head Priest heard the Father's voice in His spirit through His conscious mind, which is the way all of God's servants have always heard God's voice. There is no evidence in the Bible anywhere that these stones ever supernaturally "flashed" anything to anyone. They like all the other furniture, furnishings, clothing, ceremonies, and sacrifices, symbolized the realities that are in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and the revelations of His Holy Spirit given to his representatives in all ages.

comes out, that he not die.

36 And you shall make glistening pure gold, and open *places* upon it, sculpturing for a signet, **HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH.**

37 And you shall put it on a blue lace, and it will be upon the turban; it shall be upon the front of the face of the turban.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall lift the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall sanctify in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be upon his forehead, that they may be a delight before the face of Jehovah.

39 And you shall embroider the coat of fine linen, and you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the belt of embroidered work.

40 And you shall make coats for Aaron's sons, and you shall make belts for them, and you shall make caps for them, for heavy glory, and for splendor.

41 And you shall clothe Aaron, your brother, and his sons with him, and shall anoint them, and fill their hand, and sanctify them, that they may officiate to me as priests.

42 And you shall make them linen undershorts to cover the nakedness of their flesh; they shall be from the waist and to the thighs;

43 And they shall be upon Aaron and upon his sons, when they come in to the tent of appointed meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minis-

ter in the holy *place*, that they do not lift iniquity, and die: *It is* a statute forever to him and his seed after him.

CHAPTER 29

1 And this *is* the word that you shall do to them to sanctify them, to officiate to me as priests: Take one bullock, a son of the herd, and two rams without blemish,

2 And unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil; you shall make them of wheat flour.

3 And you shall give them into one basket, and bring them near in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And you shall bring Aaron, and his sons near to the door of the tent of appointed meeting, and shall wash them with water.

5 And you shall take the garments, and clothe Aaron with the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the interlaced belt of the ephod;

6 And you shall put the turban upon his head, and give the holy crown upon the turban.

7 And you shall take the anointing oil, and pour upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And you shall bring near his sons, and clothe them with coats.

9 And you shall gird them with belts, Aaron and his sons, and bind them with caps; and the

priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute; and you shall fill the hand of Aaron, and the hand of his sons.

10 And you shall bring the bullock near before the face of the tent of appointed meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall take hold with their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And you shall slaughter the bullock before the face of Jehovah, at the door of the tent of appointed meeting.

12 And you shall take of the blood of the bullock, and give it upon the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the foundation of the altar.

13 And you shall take all the fat that covers the insides, and the lobe upon the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat upon them, and turn them into fragrance by fire upon the altar.

14 And you shall burn the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, with fire outside the camp; *it is* a sin offering.

15 And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall take hold with their hands upon the head of the ram;

16 And you shall slaughter the ram, and you shall take his blood, and sprinkle it all around upon the altar.

17 And you shall cut the ram in pieces, and wash his insides, and his legs, and give them upon his pieces, and upon his head.

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18 And you shall turn the whole ram into fragrance by fire upon the altar; it *is* a burnt offering to Jehovah; it *is* a restful odor, a burnt offering to Jehovah.

19 And you shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall take hold with their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 And you shall slaughter the ram, and take of his blood, and give it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar all around.

21 And you shall take of the blood that *is* upon the altar and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him; and he shall be sanctified and his garments, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

22 Also you shall take from the ram the fat, and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the insides, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder, because it *is* a ram of consecration;

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the face of Jehovah;

24 And you shall put all upon the palms of Aaron, and upon the palms of his sons, and

shall wave them a wave offering before the face of Jehovah.

25 And you shall take them from their hands, and turn them into fragrance by fire upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a restful odor before the face of Jehovah; it *is* a burnt offering to Jehovah.

26 And you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it a wave offering before the face of Jehovah; and it shall be your lot.

27 And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the offered up offering, which is waved, and which is raised up, of the ram of the consecration, which *is* for Aaron, and which *is* for his sons;

28 And it shall be Aaron's, and his sons' by enactment forever from the children of Israel, because it *is* an offered up offering: and it shall be an offered up offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, their offered up offering to Jehovah.

29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and to fill their hand.

30 That son shall be clothed seven days *to be* the priest in his place, when he comes into the tent of appointed meeting to minister in the holy *place*.

31 And you shall take the ram of the consecration, and boil his flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that *is* in the basket by the door of the tent of appointed meeting.

33 And they shall eat what covered³³ them to fill their hand to sanctify them, and a stranger shall not eat, because they *are* holy.

34 And if *any* of the flesh of the consecrations is left until the dawn, or of the bread, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten because it *is* holy.

35 And you shall do to Aaron and to his sons thus, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall fill their hand seven days.

36 And you shall do a bullock as a sin offering for a covering every day, and you shall offer for sin upon the altar by making a covering upon it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it.

³³ **29:33 covered**, *kaphar*; to cover, the word normally translated atonement in KJV and in theological literature. This is the first time *kaphar* appears in Exodus. *Kaphar* has appeared only twice before this: Gen 6:14 where God commanded Noah to cover the ark inside and outside; and Gen 32:20 where Jacob proposed to cover the face of Esau with a present, that is, appease the anger of Esau, or atone for the anger of Esau, because Esau had threatened to kill him after the death of their parents. Aaron and his sons were to eat what covered them, that is, the ram that was sacrificed to cover their sins and qualify them for their service as priests. The sacrifice which covered them also filled their hand with righteousness, knowledge, wisdom, and authority to represent God in the priesthood. The sacrifice that covered them also sanctified them, set them apart unto God as holy and righteous before His face. The eating of the sacrifice that sanctified them, symbolized the righteous provision of God becoming an actual part of their being, as our eating Christ makes us one with Him, John 6:52-56.

37 You shall make a covering upon the altar seven days, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar holy holy; all that touches the altar shall be holy.

38 And this *is* what you shall do upon the altar: two lambs, sons of a year, daily continually.

39 The one lamb you shall do in the dawn, and the second lamb you shall do at dusk;

40 And a tenth part of flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin⁴⁰ of beaten oil and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering with the one lamb.

41 And the second lamb you shall do at dusk, and shall do to it according to the sacrifice of the dawn, and according to its drink offering for a restful odor, a burnt offering to Jehovah.

42 *This shall be* a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tent of appointed meeting before the face of Jehovah where I will meet you by appointment to speak to you there.

43 And I will meet there with the children of Israel by appointment, and sanctify it by my heavy glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tent of appointed meeting and the altar: and I will sanctify Aaron and his sons to officiate to me in the priest's office.

45 And I will reside among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

⁴⁰ **29:40 hin**, *hiyn*, a liquid measure, six pints.

EXODUS 30

Instructions for building the altar of incense

46 And they shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may reside among them; I am Jehovah their God.

CHAPTER 30

1 And you shall make an altar to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 Its length *shall be* a cubit, and its width a cubit; it shall be square, and its height two cubits; its horns from the same.

3 And you shall sheet it over with pure gold, its top, and its sides all around, and its horns, and you shall make for it a crown of gold all around.

4 And you shall make two golden rings to it under its crown; you shall make it by its two corners, upon its two sides, and they shall be for housings for the separators for them to lift it.

5 And you shall make the separators of acacia wood, and sheet them over with gold.

6 And you shall give it before the face of the veil that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the face of the mercy seat that *is* over the testimony, where I will meet with you by appointment.

7 And Aaron shall burn sweet incense on it every dawn; he shall burn incense when he makes well the lamps.

8 And when Aaron lights up the lamps at dusk he shall burn incense, a perpetual incense before the face of Jehovah throughout your generations.

9 You shall offer up on it no strange incense, nor burnt sacrifice, nor food offering, and you shall not pour drink offering upon it.

10 And Aaron shall make a covering for sin upon its horns once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of coverings;¹⁰ once in the year he shall make coverings for sin upon it throughout your generations; *it is* holy holy to Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 When you lift the head of the children of Israel according to their visitation, then they shall give, every man, a covering for his soul to Jehovah, when you visit them; and there shall not be among them a plague when you visit them.

13 They shall give this, every one who crosses over among them who is visited, a half shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs); a half shekel *shall be* the offering of Jehovah.

14 Everyone who crosses over among them who are visited, from a son of twenty years and above, shall give an offering to Jehovah.

15 The rich shall not give more, and those dangling in need shall not give less, than half a shekel when they give an offering to Jehovah to make a cover-

¹⁰ **30:10 coverings, kippurim**, coverings, in the plural, referring to all the coverings that were made on the day of coverings for every believer. The Day of Atonement.

Every male to give a half-shekel; the wash bowl, and the holy anointing oil **EXODUS 30**
ing for sin for your souls.

16 And you shall take the silver of coverings for sin of the children of Israel, and shall give it for the work of the tent of appointed meeting; and it shall be a memorial to the children of Israel before the face of Jehovah, to make a covering for sin for your souls.

17 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

18 And you shall make a bowl of bronze, and its foot of bronze, to wash, and you shall give it between the tent of appointed meeting and the altar, and you shall give water in it;

19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet out of it;

20 When they go into the tent of appointed meeting, they shall wash with water so that they not die, or when they come near to the altar to minister to burn a burnt offering to Jehovah;

21 And they shall wash their hands and their feet, and they shall not die; and it shall be to them an enactment forever to him and his seed throughout their generations.

22 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

23 And you shall take unto you principal spices, pure myrrh, five hundred *shekels*, and sweet cinnamon, half as much, two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and sweet cane, two hundred and fifty *shekels*,

24 And cassia, five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil;

25 And you shall make it an oil of holy anointing, an aromatic compound after the work of the apothecary; it shall be a holy anointing oil.

26 And you shall anoint the tent of appointed meeting and the ark of the testimony with it,

27 And the table and all its vessels, and the lampstand and its vessels, and the altar of incense,

28 And the altar of burnt offering and all its vessels, and the bowl and its foot.

29 And you shall sanctify them, and they shall be holy holy; all that touches them shall be holy.

30 And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them that they may officiate in the priest's office to me.

31 And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil to me throughout your generations.

32 It shall not be poured upon man's flesh, and you shall not make *anything* like it after its measured amounts; it *is* holy; it shall be holy to you.

33 What man compounds a perfume like it, and whoever gives of it upon a stranger, even he shall be cut off from his people.

34 And Jehovah said to Moses, Take to yourself sweet *spices*, aromatic gum, and an aromatic mussel, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense; these shall be separate,

EXODUS 31 *The holy anointing oil; Bezaleel and Aholiab given wisdom for fabricating each separated;*

35 And you shall make it an aromatic perfume after the work of the apothecary, pulverized, pure, holy;

36 And you shall beat of it crushed, and give of it before the face of the testimony in the tent of appointed meeting, where I will meet with you there by appointment; it shall be to you holy holy.

37 And the perfume which you shall make, you shall not make for yourselves according to the measured amounts; it shall be to you holy for Jehovah.

38 What man *that* shall make *any* like that to smell on him, even he shall be cut off from his people.

CHAPTER 31

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah,

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship,

4 To calculate devices, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,

5 And in *the* fabrication of stones, to fill them, and in carving of timber, to work in all workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, and I have given wisdom in the hearts of all *the* wise hearted, that

they may make all that I have commanded you:

7 The tent of appointed meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,

8 And the table and its furniture, and the pure lamp with all its furniture, and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt offering, and all its furniture, and the bowl, and its foot,

10 And the cloths of needlework, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to officiate in the priest's office,

11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place*. They shall do according to all that I have commanded you.

12 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

13 And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, You shall surely hedge about my Sabbaths, because it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations to know by seeing that *I am* Jehovah who sanctifies you.

14 And you shall hedge about the Sabbath, because it *is* holy to you; everyone who defiles it, being put to death, shall be put to death, because all who does work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15 Work may be done six days, and the Sabbath is on the seventh, the great Sabbath, holy to Jehovah; all who do work on the Sabbath day, he, being put to

death, shall be put to death.

16 And the children of Israel shall hedge about the Sabbath, to do the Sabbath throughout their generations a perpetual covenant

17 Between me and the children of Israel; it *is* a sign forever, because Jehovah made the heavens and earth in six days, and he rested on the seventh day, and breathed relaxed.

18 And when he had ended speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, he gave to Moses two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAPTER 32

1 And the people saw it as Moses paling in shame to come down out of the mount, and the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, Rise, make gods for us, which shall go before our face, because *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know by seeing what has become of him.

2 And Aaron said to them, Break off the golden rings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me.

3 And all the people broke off the golden rings which *were* in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

4 And he took from their hand, and fashioned it with an engraving tool, and he had made a molten calf; and they said, These *are* your gods, Oh Israel,

which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And Aaron saw, and he built an altar before its face; and Aaron called out, and said, A feast to Jehovah tomorrow.

6 And they loaded up early on the next day, and offered up burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to laugh.

7 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Walk, go down, because your people, which you brought out of the land of Egypt, have become destroyed;

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten calf, and have prostrated themselves to it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, These *are* your gods, Oh Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And Jehovah said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people;

10 And now, leave me that my nostrils may burn against them, and that I may end them; and I will make of you a great people.¹⁰

¹⁰ 32:10-11 people. The word translated people in verse 10 is *gowy*, most often translated nation, Gentile, or heathen in KJV. The word translated people in verse 11 is *am* usually translated people in KJV. These two words are used as synonyms in the Hebrew Bible, and do not maintain a clear distinction. You can see in these two verses that God uses *gowy* and *am* in the very same sense. You can see this in Exo 33:16, ...**your people from all the people upon the face of the earth**....since *am* is used in both places. Since by reading all verses where both words appear no distinction can be

EXODUS 32

Moses prays for the people; comes down

11 And Moses rubbed the face of Jehovah, his God, and said, Jehovah, why do your nostrils burn against your people, which you have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand?

maintained *The Heritage Bible* translates both words as people(s).

Gowy and *goyim*, singular and plural, appear first in the Bible in Genesis 10:5 referring to all peoples or tribes of the earth. *Am* meaning people first appears in Genesis 11:6 referring to all people of the earth as one tribe before they were divided. From then on *gowy* and *am* are used interchangeably simply meaning people or peoples. If any distinction can be maintained it is that *am* refers to your own people regardless of who the speaker is, and *gowy* refers to others who are not of your tribe, but even that distinction cannot always be maintained. God promised Abraham to make of him a great *gowy* in Genesis 12:2. In Genesis 18:18 Jehovah said that Abraham will become a great and mighty *gowy*, and that all the *gowy* of the earth will be blessed in him. Abraham called the Hittites *am* in Gen 23:7. Pharaoh referred to all Egyptians as **my people (am)** in Genesis 41:40. Throughout Exodus both Israel and the Egyptians are called *am*. When God was ready to reject all Israel and make a new people with Moses the word *gowy* is the word used, calling the new people out of Moses a **holy gowy**, Exo 19:6; Num 14:12. Moses called the people of Israel *gowy* in Deuteronomy 26:5. Moab is called the *am* of Chemosh in Numbers 21:29. The spies who brought back a report to Moses that the people (*am*) of the land of Canaan were too great for Israel to conquer, they called them *am*, Deu 1:28. In Joshua 3:17 Joshua refers to all the people of Israel as *gowy*, **until all the people completely crossed over Jordan**. See also Joshua 10:13. Orpah went back to her *am* in Ruth 1:15.

Without taking the space to list reference after reference, suffice it to say that that both *am* and *gowy* mean people, and the only distinction that can be maintained is that *am* in the mouth of the speaker usually means his own people, and *gowy* usually means other people not of his tribe. However in Psalm 2:1 *gowy* and *am* clearly are used as synonyms: **Why do the peoples (gowy) rage, and the people (am) murmur in pleasure in a vain thing?** The same is true in Psalm 33:12, **Righteously happy is the people (gowy) whose God is Jehovah, the people (am) whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.** Without taking up more space, in each verse where either word occurs it is obvious from the context whether God is speaking of His own people Israel or the other peoples that are not His. So *The Heritage Bible* translates both words as people(s), and the meaning is always clear.

12 Why should the Egyptians saying, say, He brought them out for evil, to slaughter them in the mountains, and to end them from the face of the earth? Turn from the burning anger of your nostrils, and comfort yourself over this evil against your people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and spoke to them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and I have said, I will give all this land to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.

14 And Jehovah comforted himself over the evil which he spoke to do to his people.

15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony in his hand - the tables written on both their sides; they *were* written on this *side*, and on that *side*.

16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, engraved upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua attentively heard the voice of the people in their crashing *noise*, he said to Moses, A sound of war *is* in the camp!

18 And he said, *It is* not the voice of them who answer with warfare, and *it is* not the voice of them who answer with might; I attentively hear the voice of them *simply* answering.

19 And it was, as soon as he came near to the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing, and

the nostrils of Moses burned, and he threw the tables out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *it*.

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

22 And Aaron said, Do not let the nostrils of my lord burn; you know by seeing the people, that they are evil.

23 And they said to me, Make gods for us which shall walk before our face, because this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know by seeing what has become of him.

24 And I said to them, To whomever *there is* gold, let them break it off; and they gave it to me; and I threw it into the fire, and this calf came out.

25 And Moses saw that the people were naked, because Aaron had made them naked for scornful whispering to rise *from their enemies*;

26 And Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* for Jehovah? *Come* to me! And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

27 And he said to them, Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, Put every man his sword upon his thigh, and cross over, and turn

back from door to door throughout the camp, and every man fatally strike his brother, and every man his neighbor, and every man his near kin.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

29 And Moses had said, fill your hand today to Jehovah, even every man upon his son and upon his brother; that he may give upon you this day a blessing.

30 And it was on the next day that Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin, and now I will go up to Jehovah; perhaps I shall make a covering for your sin.

31 And Moses returned to Jehovah, and said, Oh, this people has sinned a great sin, and has made them gods of gold.

32 And now, if you will lift their sin — and if not, please rub me out of your book which you have written.

33 And Jehovah said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against me, I will rub him out of my book.

34 And now, walk; lead the people to where I have spoken to you; behold, my messenger shall walk before your face; and in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And Jehovah struck the people, because they made the calf which Aaron made.

CHAPTER 33

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Walk, ascend from this *place*, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed;

2 And I will send before your face a messenger, and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite;

3 *Walk* to a land flowing milk and honey, because I will not go up in the midst of you, because you *are* a stiff-necked people, lest I end you in the way.

4 And the people attentively heard these evil words, and they mourned, and no man put his ornaments on him.

5 And Jehovah had said to Moses, Say to the children of Israel, You *are* a stiff-necked people; I will come up into the midst of you in one moment, and end you; and now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know by seeing what to do to you.

6 And the children of Israel snatched off their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

7 And Moses took the tent and stretched it outside the camp, widening the distance from the camp, and called it the tent of appointed meeting. And it was, everyone who sought Jehovah went out to the tent of appointed

meeting, which *was* outside the camp.

8 And it was, when Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose up, and every man stood at his tent door, and looked intently after Moses until he was gone into the tent.

9 And it was, as Moses entered into the tent the cloudy column descended and stood at the door of the tent, and Jehovah spoke with Moses.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy column stand at the tent door, and all the people rose up and prostrated themselves, every man in his tent door.

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he turned again into the camp, and his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart out of the tent.

12 And Moses said to Jehovah, See, you say to me, Bring up this people; and you have not caused me to know by seeing him whom you will send with me; and you have said, I know you by name, and, You have also found grace in my eyes.

13 And now, please, if there is grace to me in your eyes, cause me to know by seeing now your way, that I may know by seeing you, that there may be grace to me in your eyes; and see that this people *are* your people.

14 And he said, My face shall walk *with you*, and I will give you rest.

15 And he said to him, If your face does not walk *with me*, do not cause us to go up.

16 And how shall it be known by seeing now that there is grace in your eyes to me and your people? *Is it* not in that you walk with us? And we shall be distinguished, I and your people from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And Jehovah said to Moses, I will do this word also that you have spoken, because there is grace to you in my eyes, and I know you by name.

18 And he said, please, let me see your heavy glory.

19 And he said, I will cause all my goodness to cross over before your face, and I will call out the name of Jehovah before your face; and will stoop down in grace to whom I will stoop down in grace, and will be compassionate to whom I will be compassionate.

20 And he said, You will not be able to see my face, because no man shall see me and live.

21 And Jehovah said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and you shall station yourself upon a strong rock;

22 And it shall be, my heavy glory will cross over, and I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will entwine you with my palm until I have crossed over;

23 And I will take away my palm, and you shall see my back parts; and my face shall not be seen.

CHAPTER 34

1 And Jehovah said to Moses, Carve two tables of stone like the first, and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables which you broke.

2 And be set up in the dawn, and come up in the dawn to Mount Sinai, and station yourself there to me upon the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mount, neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 And he carved two tables of stone like the first; and Moses loaded up early in the dawn, and went up to Mount Sinai, what Jehovah had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 And Jehovah descended in the cloud, and placed himself with him there, and called out the name of Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah crossed over before his face, and called out, Jehovah, Jehovah God, compassionate and gracious, *waiting long before his nostrils⁶ burn*, and abundant in mercy and truth,

7 Guarding mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*,

⁶ 34:6 *waiting long before his nostrils burn.* The Hebrew is *arek aph*, which literally is long nostrils. The KJV translates this phrase long suffering. Since God's nostrils burn when He becomes angry as is recorded so many times, **long nostrils** mean that He waits long in mercy before His nostrils begin to burn against us. Praise His name!

EXODUS 34 *God cuts a covenant with Moses to do wonders, forbids idols, firstborn/firstfruits* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moses flowed like liquid, and bowed his head toward the earth, and prostrated himself.

9 And he said, If now there is grace to me in your eyes, Oh Jehovah, let my Lord, please, walk among us - because it is a stiff-necked people - and forgive our iniquity, and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.

10 And he said, Behold, I cut a covenant; I will do wonders in front of all your people, such as have not been created in all the earth, nor in any people; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of Jehovah, because it is a fearful thing that I will do with you.

11 Hedge about that which I command you this day; behold, I drive out before your face the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 Hedge yourself about, lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you go, lest it be a snare in your midst,

13 Because you shall tear down their altars, break their images, and cut down their pole images,¹³

14 Because you shall prostrate yourself to no other god, because Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God,

¹³ 34:13 pole images, *asherah*, images made of poles from trees. KJV calls them groves. They were to worship of Baal and Astaroth (Astarte).

15 Lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and one call you, and you eat of his sacrifice;

16 And you take of their daughters to your sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and cause your sons to go a whoring after their gods.

17 You shall make for yourselves no molten gods.

18 You shall hedge about the feast of unleavened bread; you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, what I commanded you, in the appointed meeting on the new moon of Abib, because in the new moon of Abib you came out from Egypt.

19 All that breaks open the womb is mine, and every first born among your cattle, whether ox or flock animal that is male.

20 And you shall redeem the first born of a donkey with a lamb, and if you do not redeem him, then you shall break his neck; you shall redeem all the firstborn of your sons, and none shall appear before my face empty.

21 You shall work six days; you shall rest the seventh day; you shall rest in plowing time, and in harvest.

22 And you shall do the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

23 All your males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah, God of Israel, three times in the

year,

24 Because I will possess the peoples before your face, and enlarge your boundaries; and when you shall go up to appear before the face of Jehovah, your God, three times in the year no man shall desire your land.

25 You shall not sacrifice the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, and the sacrifice of the feast of the Passover shall not stay until the dawn.

26 You shall bring the first of the firstfruits of your land to the house of Jehovah, your God. You shall not boil a kid in his mother's milk.

27 And Jehovah said to Moses, You write these words because I have cut a covenant with you and with Israel according to the mouth of these words.

28 And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights; he did not eat food, and he did not drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, **The Ten Commandments**.

29 And it was, Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand; he came down from the mount, and Moses did not know by seeing that horn-like rays shined from the skin of his face while he spoke with him.

30 And Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, and behold, horn-like rays shined from the skin of his face, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 And Moses called to them, and Aaron, and all the princes of the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that Jehovah had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

33 And Moses ended speaking with them, and he gave a veil on his face.

34 And when Moses went in before the face of Jehovah to speak with him, he took off the veil until he came out. And he came out and spoke to the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that horn-like rays shined from the skin of Moses' face, and Moses returned the veil upon his face until he went in to speak with him.

CHAPTER 35

1 And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, These are the words which Jehovah has commanded that you should do them.

2 Work shall be done six days, but there shall be to you a holy Sabbath on the seventh day, a special Sabbath to Jehovah; whoever does work in it shall be put to death.

3 You shall not kindle a fire throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath day.

EXODUS 35

The people bring an offering for building the Tabernacle

4 And Moses said to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the word which Jehovah commanded, saying,

5 You take from among yourselves an offering to Jehovah; whoever *is of* a generous heart let him bring it, an offering for Jehovah, gold, and silver, and bronze,

6 And blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

7 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and acacia wood,

8 And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil and for the sweet incense,

9 And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate.

10 And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that Jehovah has commanded;

11 The tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its hooks, and its boards, its bars, its columns, and its foundations,

12 The ark, and its separators, with the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering,

13 The table, and its separators, and all its vessels, and the bread of his face,

14 And the lamp for the light, and its furniture, and its lamps, and the oil for the light,

15 And the incense altar, and its separators, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the veil for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle,

16 The altar of burnt offering, and its brazen grate, its separators, and all its vessels, the bowl, and its foot,

17 The veils of the court, its columns, and their foundations, and the veil for the door of the court,

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

19 The cloths of needlework to do service in the holy *place*, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to officiate in the priest's office.

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel went out from the face of Moses.

21 And they came, every man whose heart lifted him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought Jehovah's offering to the work of the tent of appointed meeting, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, the men with the women, all who were generous hearted, bringing nose rings, and earrings, and rings, and jewelry, all items of gold, and every man who waved a wave offering of gold to Jehovah.

23 And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*.

24 Every one who raised up an offering of silver and bronze brought Jehovah's offering, and

The people offer an overplus; offering ended; Bezaleel/Aholiab begin work **EXODUS 36**

everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought *it*.

25 And all the wise hearted women spun with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, of blue, and of purple, and of bright crimson, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart lifted them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.

27 And the princes brought onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate;

28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29 Every man and woman whose heart made them willing brought all of the work which Jehovah had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses; the children of Israel made a willing offering to Jehovah,

30 And Moses said to the children of Israel, See, Jehovah has called Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, by name,

31 And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship;

32 And to calculate devices, to make gold, and silver, and bronze,

33 And in the cutting of stones to be set, and in carving of wood to make all devices.

34 And he has given it in his heart that he may cause it to flow, he and Aholiab, the son of

Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 He has filled them with wisdom of heart to work all work of the fabricator, and calculations, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in bright crimson, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, of them who do any work, and of them who calculate devices.

CHAPTER 36

1 And Bezaleel, and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom Jehovah gave wisdom, and understanding to know to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary, made *the work* according to all that Jehovah had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel, and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart Jehovah had given wisdom, everyone whose heart lifted him up to draw near to the work to do it,

3 And they took from Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary to make it. And they brought in addition to him free-will offerings every dawn.

4 And all the wise who made all the work of the sanctuary came, every man from his work which they made;

5 And they said to Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which Jehovah commanded to make.

EXODUS 36

The curtains and boards made and joined

6 And Moses commanded, and they caused its voice to cross over throughout the camp, saying, Man and woman shall make no more work for the offering of the sanctuary; and the people were shut off from bringing.

7 And the work was enough to them for all the work to make it, and *there was* left over.

8 And all the wise hearted among them who made the work of the tabernacle *made* ten curtains of fine twisted linen, and blue, and purple, and bright crimson; he made them cherubs of calculated work.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty-eight cubits, and the width of one curtain four cubits; the curtains were all of one size.

10 And he joined the five curtains *each* one to his man; and the other five curtains he joined each one to his man.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the joint; likewise he made in the lip of the end curtain in the second joint.

12 He made fifty loops in one curtain, and he made fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which was in the second joint; the loops took hold one to one.

13 And he made fifty hooks of gold, and joined the curtains one to one with the hooks, and it was one tabernacle.

14 And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains.

15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and the width of one curtain *was* four cubits; eleven curtains *were* of one size.

16 And he joined five curtains separately, and six curtains separately.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the ending edge of the curtain in the joint, and he made fifty loops upon the lip of the curtain which joins the second.

18 And he made fifty hooks of bronze to join the tent together, and it was one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins over *that*.

20 And he made standing boards of acacia wood for the tabernacle.

21 The length of a board was ten cubits, and the width of a board *was* one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two hands, equidistant one to one; thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the Negev side southward;

24 And he made under the twenty boards forty bases of silver; two bases under one board for its two hands, and two bases under another board for its two hands.

25 And he made twenty boards for the second side of the tabernacle, the north mouth,

26 And their forty bases of silver; two bases under one board, and two bases under an-

other board.

27 And he made six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.

28 And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they were joined beneath, and joined together they were complete at its head to one ring; thus he did to both of them in both of the corners.

30 And there were eight boards, and their bases were sixteen bases of silver; under every board two bases.

31 And he made bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32 And five bars for the boards of the second side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to run through the boards from the end to the end.

34 And he sheeted over the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to house the bars, and sheeted over the bars with gold.

35 And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen; he made cherubs of calculated work.

36 And he made there four acacia columns, and sheeted them over with gold; their hooks *were* gold; and he poured four bases of silver for them.

37 And he made a veil for the tent door of blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine

twisted linen, of embroidered work,

38 And its five columns, and their hooks; and he sheeted gold over their heads, and their rods; and their five bases were bronze.

CHAPTER 37

1 And Bezaleel made the ark of acacia wood; two cubits and a half *was* its length, and a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height;

2 And he sheeted it over with pure gold inside and outside, and made a crown of gold to it all around.

3 And he poured for it four rings of gold, by its four corners, two rings upon its one side, and two rings upon its second side.

4 And he made separators of acacia wood, and sheeted them over with gold.

5 And he brought the separators into the rings by the sides of the ark to lift the ark.

6 And he made the mercy seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half, its length, and one cubit and a half, its width.

7 And he made two gold cherubs; he made them beaten out of one piece on the two ends of the mercy seat;

8 One cherub on this end, and one cherub on that end; he made the cherubs out of the mercy seat on its two ends.

9 And the cherubs spread out their wings on high, entwining the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces, each man toward his brother; the faces of

EXODUS 37*The details of making the furnishings of the Tabernacle*

the cherubs were toward the mercy seat.

10 And he made the table of acacia wood; its length, two cubits, and its width, a cubit, and its height, a cubit and a half;

11 And he sheeted it over with pure gold, and made a crown of gold to it all around.

12 And he made it a border of a handbreadth all around, and made a crown of gold for its border all around.

13 And he poured four rings of gold for it, and gave the rings upon the four mouths that *were* in its four feet.

14 The rings were along the border, the housings for the separators to lift the table.

15 And he made the separators of acacia wood, and sheeted them over with gold to lift the table.

16 And he made the vessels which *were* upon the table, its dishes, and its spoons, and its bowls, and its jugs for pouring, of pure gold.

17 And he made the lamp pure gold; he made the lamp a beaten work; its shaft, and its branch, its cups, its wreathed crowns, and its flowers, were from the same;

18 And six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lamp out of its one side, and three branches of the lamp out of its second side;

19 Three cups made like almonds in one branch, a wreathed crown, and a flower; and three cups made like almonds in an-

other branch, a wreathed crown, and a flower; so *it was* throughout the six branches going out of the lamp.

20 And four cups made like almonds were in the lamp, its wreathed crowns and its flowers;

21 And a wreathed crown under two branches of the same, and a wreathed crown under two branches of the same, and a wreathed crown under two branches of the same, according to its six branches going out of it.

22 Their wreathed crowns, and their branches were from the same; everyone of them was a beaten work of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps, and its tweezers, and its pans, pure gold.

24 He made it a talent of pure gold, and all its vessels.

25 And he made an altar of incense of acacia wood; its length, a cubit, and its width, a cubit; square; and two cubits, its height; its horns were from the same.

26 And he sheeted it over with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and he made to it a crown of gold all around.

27 And he made for it two rings of gold under its crown, by its two ribs, upon its two sides, to house its separators to lift it there.

28 And he made the separators of acacia wood, and sheeted them over with gold.

29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAPTER 38

1 And he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood: five cubits, its length, and five cubits, its width; square; and three cubits, its height.

2 And he made the horns on its four corners; the horns were the same; and he sheeted it over with bronze.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar: the pots, and the shovels, and the sprinkling bowls, and the forks, and the firepans; he made all its vessels of bronze.

4 And he made for the altar a brazen grate of network under the rim beneath to its middle.

5 And he poured four rings for the four ends of the grate of bronze, housings for the separators.

6 And he made the separators of acacia wood, and sheeted them over with bronze.

7 And he brought the separators into the rings on the sides of the altar to lift it there; he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 And he made the bowl of bronze, and its pedestal of bronze, its mirrors for the women assembling, who assembled at the door of the tent of appointed meeting.

9 And he made the court; on the Negev side southward the veils of the court were of fine

twisted linen, a hundred cubits;

10 Their columns were twenty, and their brazen bases twenty; the hooks of the columns and their rods, silver.

11 And for the north side, a hundred cubits, their columns, twenty, and their bases of bronze, twenty; the hooks of the columns and their rods, silver.

12 And for the west side, veils of fifty cubits, their columns, ten, and their bases ten; the hooks of the columns, and their rods, silver.

13 And for the east side eastward, fifty cubits.

14 The veils of the one side, fifteen cubits, their columns, three, and their bases three.

15 And for the second side, on this *hand*, and that *hand*, of the court gate, veils of fifteen cubits, their columns, three, and their bases, three.

16 All the veils of the court all around *were* fine twisted linen.

17 And the bases for the columns, bronze; the hooks of the columns and their rods, silver; and the encasement of their heads, silver; all the columns of the court were joined with silver.

18 And the veil for the gate of the court *was* embroidered work, blue and purple, and bright crimson and fine twisted linen; and its length, twenty cubits, and its height in width five cubits along the veils of the court.

19 And their columns, four, and their bases of bronze, four; their hooks of silver, and the encasement of their heads, and their

EXODUS 39 *The weight of the gold and silver, other details; priests garments*
rods, silver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle and of the court all around *were* bronze.

21 These *are* the visitation of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of testimony, as it was visited, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron, the priest.

22 And Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

23 And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and one who calculates, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in bright crimson, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was done for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver that was visited from the congregation was a hundred talents, and *one* thousand, seven hundred and eighty-five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary;

26 A bekah²⁶ per head - half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary – for everyone who crossed over to be visited, from a son of twenty years and upward, for six hundred thousand, and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

²⁶ 38:26 a bekah, a half shekel as stated in the next words in the verse.

27 And of the *one* hundred talents of silver were poured the bases of the sanctuary and the bases of the veil; a hundred bases of the hundred talents, a talent for a base.

28 And of the *one* thousand, seven hundred and seventy-five *shekels*, he made hooks for the columns, and sheeted over their heads, and joined them.

29 And the bronze of the wave offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And he made there the bases to the door of the tent of appointed meeting, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

31 And the bases of the court all around, and the bases of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court all around.

CHAPTER 39

1 And of the blue, and purple, and bright crimson, they made cloths of needlework to do service in the sanctuary, and made the holy garments for Aaron, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

2 And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen.

3 And they beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the bright crimson, and calculated work in the fine linen.

4 They made shoulder pieces for it to join it together; it was joined together by the two edges.

5 And the interlaced belt of his ephod that *was* upon it *was* of the same *work* according to its work; of gold, blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

6 And they did onyx stones enclosed in brocades of gold, opening openings for signets, with the names of the children of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, stones for a memorial to the children of Israel, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

8 And he made the breastplate a calculated work, like the work of the ephod, of gold, blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and fine twisted linen.

9 It was square; they made the breastplate double: a span, its length, and a span, its width, doubled.

10 And they filled it, four rows of stones: a row of a ruby, a topaz, and a carbuncle: row one.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper, enclosed in brocades of gold in their settings.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel for the twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every man with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made twisted chains upon the breastplate, a wreathed work of pure gold.

16 And they made two brocades of gold, and two gold rings, and gave the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they gave the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

18 And they gave the two ends of the two wreathed chains in the two brocades, and gave them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, toward the front of its face.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon its border, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two gold rings, and gave them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward its face, beside its junction, above the interlaced belt of the ephod.

21 And they tied the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the interlaced belt of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be displaced from the ephod, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

EXODUS 39 *The robe, coats, the turban; finished parts of Tabernacle brought to Moses*

22 And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work all of blue.

23 And there was a mouth in the center of the robe, as the mouth of a corselet, with a lip all around the mouth, *that* it should not tear.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates, blue, and purple, and bright crimson, and twisted linen.

25 And they made bells of pure gold, and gave the bells centered between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, all around centered between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem all around the robe in which to minister, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

27 And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron and for his sons,

28 And a turban of fine linen, and ornamented caps of fine linen, and linen undershorts of fine twisted linen,

29 And a belt of fine twisted linen, and blue, and purple, and bright crimson, of embroidered work, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And they made the glistening holy crown of pure gold, and engraved upon it a writing, the engravings of a signet, **HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH.**

31 And they gave to it a lace of blue to give it on high upon the turban, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

32 And all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of appointed meeting was finished, and the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses; thus they did.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent, and all its furniture, its hooks, its boards, its bars, and its columns, and its bases,

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and its separators, and its mercy seat,

36 The table, and all its vessels, and the bread of his face,

37 The pure lampstand with its lamps, the lamps to be set in order, and all its vessels, and its oil for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the veil for the tent door,

39 The brazen altar, and its grate of bronze, its separators, and all its vessels, the bowl, and its foot,

40 The veils of the court, its columns, and its bases, and the veil for the court gate, its cords, and its pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle for the tent of appointed meeting,

41 The cloths of needlework to do service in the sanctuary, and the holy garments for Aaron, the priest, and his sons' garments, to officiate in the priest's office.

42 According to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it, what Jehovah had commanded; thus they had done it. and Moses knelt down with goodness to them.

CHAPTER 40

1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the first new moon you shall raise up the tabernacle of the tent of appointed meeting.

3 And you shall put there the ark of the testimony, and entwine the ark with the veil.

4 And you shall bring in the table, and arranging, you shall arrange *everything*; and you shall bring in the lampstand, and light its lamps.

5 And you shall give the altar of gold for the incense before the face of the ark of the testimony, and put the veil of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And you shall give the altar of the burnt offering before the face of the door of the tabernacle of the tent of appointed meeting.

7 And you shall give the *washbowl* between the tent of appointed meeting and the altar, and shall give water there.

8 And you shall put the court all around, and give the veil at the court gate.

9 And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that *is* there, and shall sanctify it and all its vessels; and it shall be holy.

10 And you shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar; and it shall be an altar holy holy.

11 And you shall anoint the bowl and its pedestal, and sanctify it.

12 And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tent of appointed meeting, and wash them with water.

13 And you shall clothe Aaron with the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may officiate to me in the priest's office.

14 And you shall bring his sons near, and clothe them with coats;

15 And you shall anoint them as you anointed their father, that they may officiate to me in the priest's office; and their anointing, being, shall be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16 And Moses did all that Jehovah commanded him; thus he did.

17 And it was the first new moon in the second year; the tabernacle was raised up on the first of the new moon.

18 And Moses raised up the tabernacle, and gave its bases, and put its boards, and gave its bars, and raised up its columns.

EXODUS 40 *The raising and arranging of the Tabernacle; finished; the cloud*

19 And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent upon it above, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

20 And he took and gave the testimony into the ark, and put the separators on the ark, and gave the mercy seat upon the ark on top;

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and put the screen of the veil, and entwined the ark of the testimony, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

22 And he gave the table in the tent of appointed meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, outside the veil.

23 And arranging, he arranged the bread before the face of Jehovah, what Jehovah had commanded Moses.

24 And he put the lampstand in the tent of appointed meeting, in front of the table, on the side of the tabernacle toward the Negev.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the face of Jehovah, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of appointed meeting before the face of the veil;

27 And he burnt sweet incense upon it, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

28 And he put the veil at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of appointed meeting, and offered up

upon it the burnt offering, and the food offering, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And he put the *washbowl* between the tent of appointed meeting, and the altar, and gave there water to wash with.

31 And Moses, and Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet out of it;

32 When they went into the tent of appointed meeting, and when they came near to the altar they washed, what Jehovah commanded Moses.

33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and gave the veil of the court gate. And Moses finished the work.

34 And a cloud covered the tent of appointed meeting, and the heavy glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of appointed meeting, because the cloud dwelt there, and the heavy glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel pulled up in all their departures;

37 And if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not pull up until the day it was taken up,

38 Because the cloud of Jehovah *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night in the eyes of all the house of Israel throughout all their departures.