

Chapter 1

(1) These *are* the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side {east} of the Jordan River in the wilderness, in the plain opposite the Red Sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

(2) (*There are* eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir to Kadeshbarnea.)

(3) And it came to pass in the fortieth year {11/1/2552 A.H./C-1490 B.C.}, in the eleventh month {Shebat [Jan/Feb]},^a on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD {Jehovah} had given him in commandment to them;

(4) After he had killed Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived at Astaroth in Edrei:

(5) On this side {east} of the Jordan River, in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying,

(6) The LORD {Jehovah} our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, **You have lived long enough at this mount:**

(7) **Turn, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and to all the places near there, in the plain, in the hills, and in the valley, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon, to the great river, the river Euphrates.**

(8) Look, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them.

(9) And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone:

(10) The LORD {Jehovah} your God has multiplied you, and, look, you *are* this day as the stars of heaven in multitude.

(11) (The LORD {Jehovah} God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as you *are*, and bless you, as He has promised you!)

(12) How can I myself alone bear your trouble, and your burden, and your strife?

(13) Take for yourselves wise and knowledgeable men, who are known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

(14) And you answered me, and said, The thing which you have spoken *is good for us* to do.

(15) So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.^b

(16) And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brothers, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.

(17) You shall not show partiality in judgment; *but* you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid of the face of man; because the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* to me, and I will hear it.

(18) And I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.

(19) And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which you saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD {Jehovah} our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeshbarnea.

1:3a - eleventh month - Shebat {Jan/Feb} - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com
1:15b - Ex. 18:15-27

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(20) And I said to you, You have come to the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD {Jehovah} our God gives to us.
(21) Look, the LORD {Jehovah} your God has set the land before you: go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD {Jehovah} God of your forefathers has said to you; do not be afraid, neither be discouraged.
(22) And you came near me everyone of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.
(23) And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one from each tribe:
(24) And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.^c
(25) And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down to us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is a good land* which the LORD {Jehovah} our God gives us.
(26) Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} your God:
(27) And you murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD {Jehovah} hated us, He has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.^d
(28) Where shall we go up? our brothers have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *are* stronger and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims {giants} there.
(29) Then I said to you, Do not dread, nor be afraid of them.

(30) The LORD {Jehovah} your God Who goes before you, He shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes;
(31) And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD {Jehovah} your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the places where you went, until you came into this place.
(32) Yet in this thing you still did not believe the LORD {Jehovah} your God,
(33) Who went in the way before you, to search out for you a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in a cloud by day.
(34) And the LORD {Jehovah} heard the voice of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying,
(35) Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I swore to give to your forefathers,
(36) Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him I will give the land that he has walked upon, and to his children,^e because he has wholly followed the LORD {Jehovah}.
(37) Also the LORD {Jehovah} was angry with me^f for your sakes, saying, You also shall not go in there.
(38) But Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there: encourage him: because he shall cause Israel to inherit it.
(39) Furthermore your little ones, which you said should be a prey, and your children, who in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in there, and to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.
(40) But *as for* you, turn yourself around, and take your journey back into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

1:24c – Num. 13:17-28
1:27d – Num. 14:2
1:36e – Num. 14:24
1:37f – Ex. 17:7; Num. 20:11-12

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(41) Then you answered and said to me, We have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD {Jehovah} our God commanded us. And when every man of you had put on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the hill.

(42) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Say to them, Do not go up, neither fight; because I *am* not among you; lest you be stricken before your enemies.**^s

(43) So I spoke to you; but you would not listen, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah}, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

(44) And the Amorites, who lived in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* to Hormah.

(45) And you returned and wept before the LORD {Jehovah}; but the LORD {Jehovah} would not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you.

(46) So you stayed in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you lived *there*.

Chapter 2

(1) Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to me: and we circled mount Seir many days.

(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to me, saying,

(3) **You have circled this mountain long enough: turn yourself northward.**

(4) **And command the people, saying, You *are* to pass through the coast of your brothers the children of Esau, who live in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take good heed to yourselves therefore:**

(5) **Do not meddle with them; because I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot's width; because I have given mount Seir to Esau *for* a possession.**

(6) **You shall buy meat from them for money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink.**

(7) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God has blessed you in all the works of your hand: He knows your walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD {Jehovah} your God *has been* with you; you have lacked nothing.

(8) And when we passed by from our brothers the children of Esau, who lived in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Do not distress the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: because I will not give you of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar to the children of Lot^a *for* a possession.**

(10) The Emims {terrors}^b lived there in times past, a people strong, and many, and tall, as the Anakims {giants};

(11) Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims {terrors}.

(12) The Horims also lived in Seir in earlier times; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which the LORD {Jehovah} gave to them.

(13) Now rise up, *I said*, and get yourselves over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

1:42g – Num. 14:40-45

2:9a – children of Moab and Ammon are descendants of Lot – Gen. 19:37-38

2:10b – Emims {אֱמִימִים} – terrors – giants – Deut. 2:11

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(14) And the space in which we came from Kadeshbarnea, until we had come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war had died out from among the host {army; multitude}, as the LORD {Jehovah} swore to them.

(15) Because indeed the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was against them, to destroy them from among the host {army; multitude}, until they were consumed.

(16) So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

(17) That the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to me, saying,

(18) **You are to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, today:**

(19) **And when you come near opposite the children of Ammon, do not distress them, nor meddle with them: because I will not give you of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it to the children of Lot^c for a possession.**

(20) (That was also accounted a land of giants: giants lived there in old times; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims {intriguing; giants};^d

(21) A people strong, and many, and tall, as the Anakims {giants}; but the LORD {Jehovah} destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place:

(22) As He did to the children of Esau, who lived in Seir, when He destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place even to this day:

(23) And the Avims who lived in Hazerim, even to Azzah, the Caphtorims, who came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and lived in their place.)

(24) **Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.**

(25) **This very day I will begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of you, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of you.**

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

(27) Let me pass through your land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn to the right hand nor to the left.

(28) You shall sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet;

(29) (As the children of Esau who live in Seir, and the Moabites who live in Ar, did to me;) until I shall pass over the Jordan River into the land which the LORD {Jehovah} our God gives us.

(30) But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God hardened his spirit, and made his heart stubborn, that he might deliver him into your hand, as *appears* this day.

(31) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Look, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before you: begin to possess, that you may inherit his land.**

(32) Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

2:18-19c – children of Moab and Ammon are descendants of Lot – Gen. 19:37-38

2:20d – Zamzummims {זמזם} – intriguing – giants – Deut, 2:21

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(33) And the LORD {Jehovah} our God delivered him before us; and we struck him, and his sons, and all his people.
(34) And we took all his cities at that time, and completely destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left no one to remain:
(35) We took only the cattle for ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.
(36) From Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even to Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD {Jehovah} our God delivered all to us:
(37) Only to the land of the children of Ammon you did not come, *nor* to any place of the river Jabbok,^e nor to the cities in the mountains, nor to whatever the LORD {Jehovah} our God had forbidden us.

Chapter 3

(1) Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Do not be afraid of him: because I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.**
(3) So the LORD {Jehovah} our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we struck him until no one was left remaining to him.
(4) And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
(5) All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; besides a great many un-walled towns.

(6) And we completely destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, completely destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.
(7) But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for ourselves.
(8) And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side {east} of the Jordan River, from the river of Arnon to mount Hermon;
(9) (*Which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;)
(10) All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
(11) Because only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; remember, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* its length {about 12 ft.; 3.67 m.},^a and four cubits its width {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.},^b after the cubit {measurement} of a man.
(12) And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.
(13) And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *which is* the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.
(14) Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob to the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashanhavothjair {Bashan cities of Jair},^c to this day.
(15) And I gave Gilead to Machir.

2:37e - Gen. 32:22

3:11a - nine cubits - about twelve feet or 3.67 meters

3:11b - six cubits - about nine feet or 1.8 meters

- see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

3:14c - Bashanhavothjair {הַבְּשָׁן וְהַיַּר} - the Bashan cities of Jair

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(16) And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even to the river Jabbok,⁴ *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

(17) The plain also, the Jordan River, and its coast, from Chinnereth {Sea of Galilee} even to the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea {Dead Sea}, under Ashdothpishgah eastward.

(18) And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you this land to possess it: you shall pass over with weapons in front of your brothers the children of Israel, all who *are* able to go to the war.

(19) But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (*because* I know that you have much cattle,) shall remain in your cities which I have given you;

(20) Until the LORD {Jehovah} has given rest to your brothers, as well as to you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given them beyond {west of} the Jordan River: and *then* all of you shall return to his possession, which I have given you.

(21) And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Your eyes have seen all that the LORD {Jehovah} your God has done to these two kings: so shall the LORD {Jehovah} do to all the kingdoms where you go.

(22) You shall not be afraid of them: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God He shall fight for you.

(23) And I asked the LORD {Jehovah} at that time, saying,

(24) O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness, and Your mighty hand: because what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to Your works, and according to Your might?

(25) I ask You, let me go over, and see the good land that *is* beyond {west of} the Jordan River, that good mountain, and Lebanon.

(26) But the LORD {Jehovah} was angry with me for your sakes, and would not listen to me: and the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Let it be sufficient for you; do not speak to Me any more about this matter.**

(27) **Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see *it* with your eyes: because you shall not go over this Jordan River.**

(28) **But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: because he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see.**

(29) So we stayed in the valley opposite Bethpeor.

Chapter 4

(1) Now therefore listen, O Israel, to the laws and to the judgments, which I teach you, in order that you do *them*, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD {Jehovah} God of your fathers gives you.

3:16d – Jabbok – Gen. 32:22

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(2) You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish *anything* from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God which I command you.

(3) Your eyes have seen what the LORD {Jehovah} did because of Baalpeor:^a because all the men who followed Baalpeor, the LORD {Jehovah} your God has destroyed from among you.

(4) But you who clung to the LORD {Jehovah} your God *are* alive everyone of you this day.

(5) See, I have taught you laws and judgments, even as the LORD {Jehovah} my God commanded me, that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it.

(6) Therefore keep and do *them*; because this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these laws, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.

(7) Because what nation *is there* so great, who *has* God so near to them, as the LORD {Jehovah} our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon Him *for*?

(8) And what nation *is there* so great, that has laws and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

(9) Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep your soul, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life: but teach them to your sons, and your sons' sons;

(10) *Especially* the day that you stood before the LORD {Jehovah} your God in Horeb, when the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Gather the people together to Me, and I will cause them hear My words, that they may learn to fear {revere}*^b *Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.*

(11) And you came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire up to the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to you out of the midst of the fire: you heard the voice of the words, but you did not see any form; but *you only heard* a voice.

(13) And He declared to you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tablets of stone.

(14) And the LORD {Jehovah} commanded me at that time to teach you laws and judgments, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it.

(15) Therefore take good heed to yourselves; because you saw no manner of form on the day *that* the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

(16) Lest you corrupt *yourselves*, and make for yourselves a graven image, the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

(17) The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air,

(18) The likeness of anything that crawls on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:

(19) And lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host {multitude} of heaven, should be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has divided to all nations under the whole heaven.

(20) But the LORD {Jehovah} has taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be to Him a people of inheritance, as *you are* this day.

4:3a – Baalpeor – Num. 25:1f

4:10b – fear – revere -reverence – hold in highest honor and respect – Lev. 19:2

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(21) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan River, and that I should not go into that good land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance:

(22) But I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan River: but you shall go over, and possess that good land.

(23) Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image, *or* the likeness of *anything*, which the LORD {Jehovah} Your God has forbidden you.

(24) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God is a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

(25) When you shall father children, and children's children, and you shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt *yourselves*, and make a graven image, *or* the likeness of *anything*, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to provoke Him to anger:

(26) I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon completely perish from off the land where you go over the Jordan River to possess it; you shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall be completely destroyed.

(27) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall scatter you among the nations, and you shall be left few in number among the heathen {ungodly nations}, where the LORD {Jehovah} shall lead you.

(28) And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

(29) But if from there you shall seek the LORD {Jehovah} your God, you shall find *Him*, if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

(30) When you are in tribulation, and all these things are come upon you, *even* in the latter days, if you turn to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and shall be obedient to His voice;

(31) (Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your forefathers which He swore to them.

(32) Therefore ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven to the other, whether there has been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or has been heard like it?

(33) Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

(34) Or has God attempted to go *and* take to Himself a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD {Jehovah} your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

(35) To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD {Jehovah} He is God; *there is* no one else besides Him.

(36) He caused you to hear His voice out of heaven, that He might instruct you: and upon earth He showed you His great fire; and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

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(37) And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their offspring after them, and brought you out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt;
(38) To drive out nations from before you greater and mightier than you *are*, to bring you in, to give you their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.
(39) Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in your heart, that the LORD {Jehovah} He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* no one else.
(40) Therefore you shall keep His laws, and His commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong *your* days upon the earth, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, forever.
(41) Then Moses separated three cities on the east side of the Jordan River;
(42) That anyone who killed his neighbor unintentionally might flee there, and who did not hate him {his neighbor} in times past; and that fleeing to one of these cities he might live:^c
(43) *Namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.
(44) And this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:
(45) These *are* the testimonies, and the laws, and the judgments, which Moses spoke to the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt,
(46) On this side {east} of the Jordan River, in the valley over opposite Bethpeor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel struck, after they had come forth out of Egypt:

(47) And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which *were* on this side {east} of the Jordan River towards the sunrise;
(48) From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even to mount Sion, which is Hermon,
(49) And all the plain on this side of Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the plain {Dead Sea}, under the springs of Pishgah.^d

Chapter 5

(1) And Moses called all Israel, and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the laws and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that you may learn them, and keep, and do them.
(2) The LORD {Jehovah} our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
(3) The LORD {Jehovah} did not make this covenant with our forefathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day.
(4) The LORD {Jehovah} talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,
(5) (I stood between the LORD {Jehovah} and you at that time, to show you the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: because you were afraid because of the fire, and did not go up into the mount;) saying,
(6) *I am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
(7) You shall have no other gods before Me.^a
(8) You shall not make for yourselves *any* graven image, or any likeness of *anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

4:42c - The Lord had instructed Moses to set up cities of refuge in order that anyone who killed someone accidentally could flee to one of those cities for protection against revenge seeking relatives of the victim. These cities were specifically designated as cities for the Levites as cities of refuge - see Ex. 21:13; Numbers 35:5f; Deut. 19:4; Josh. 20:9
4:49d - Deut. 3:17
5:7a - Ten Commandments - Ex. 20:3f

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(9) You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: because I the LORD {Jehovah} your God *am* a jealous God, visiting the sin of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generation* of those who hate Me,
(10) And showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
(11) You shall not take the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} your God in vain: because the LORD {Jehovah} will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His Name in vain.
(12) Keep the sabbath day {Saturday; day of rest} to sanctify it, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you.
(13) Six days you shall labor, and do all your work:
(14) But the seventh day {Saturday} is the sabbath of the LORD {Jehovah} your God: *in it* you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates; that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you.
(15) And remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD {Jehovah} your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day {Saturday; day of rest}.
(16) Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives to you.^b

(17) You shall not kill {murder}.^c
(18) Neither shall you commit adultery.^d
(19) Neither shall you steal.
(20) Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.
(21) Neither shall you desire your neighbor's wife, neither shall you covet^e your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his donkey, or *anything* that is your neighbor's.
(22) These words the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote them in two tablets of stone, and delivered them to me.
(23) And it came to pass, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (because the mountain burned with fire,) that you came near to me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;
(24) And you said, Indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God talks with man, and He lives.
(25) Now therefore why should we die? because this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} our God any more, then we shall die.
(26) Because who is *there* of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?

5:16b – honor father and mother - 1st commandment with a promise – Ex. 20:12 - see Mat. 15:4-6; Eph. 6:2
5:17c – not kill – see Mat. 5:21-22
5:18d – not commit adultery – see Mat. 5:27-28
5:21e – covet - to want something that belongs to someone else

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(27) You go near, and hear all that the LORD {Jehovah} our God shall say: and you speak to us all that the LORD {Jehovah} our God shall speak to you; and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.
(28) And the LORD {Jehovah} heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you: they have well said all that they have spoken.*
(29) *O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear {revere} Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!*
(30) *Go say to them, Get yourselves into your tents again.*
(31) *But as for you, you stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, and the laws, and the judgments, which you shall teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it.*
(32) You shall observe to do therefore as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you: you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
(33) You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you, that you may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that you may prolong your* days in the land which you shall possess.

Chapter 6

(1) Now these *are* the commandments, the laws, and the judgments, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded to teach you, that you might do *them* in the land where you go to possess it:

(2) That you might fear the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to keep all His laws and His commandments, which I command you, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged.
(3) Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as the LORD {Jehovah} God of your fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey.
(4) Hear, O Israel: The LORD {Jehovah} our God is one LORD {Jehovah}:
(5) And you shall love the LORD {Jehovah} your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.^a
(6) And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart:
(7) And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.
(8) And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
(9) And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates.
(10) And it shall be, when the LORD {Jehovah} your God has brought you into the land which He swore to your forefathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you large and wonderful cities, which you did not build,
(11) And houses full of all good *things*, which you did not fill, and wells dug, which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant; when you shall have eaten and are full;

6:5a – Mat. 22:37

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(12) *Then* beware lest you forget the LORD {Jehovah}, Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

(13) You shall fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and serve Him, and shall swear by His Name.

(14) You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people who *are* all around you;

(15) (Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} your God be kindled against you, and destroy you from off the face of the earth.

(16) You shall not tempt the LORD {Jehovah} your God, as you tempted *Him* in Massah.^b

(17) You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and His testimonies, and His laws, which He has commanded you.

(18) And you shall do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers,

(19) To cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken.

(20) *And* when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What do the testimonies, the laws, and the judgments mean, which the LORD {Jehovah} our God has commanded you?

(21) Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt; and the LORD {Jehovah} brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} showed signs and wonders, great and mighty, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

(23) And He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land which He swore to our forefathers.

(24) And the LORD {Jehovah} commanded us to do all these laws, to fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} our God, for our own good always, that He might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

(25) And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD {Jehovah} our God, as He has commanded us.

Chapter 7

(1) When the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you;

(2) And when the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall deliver them before you; you shall strike them, *and* completely destroy them; you shall make no covenant with them, nor show mercy to them:

(3) Neither shall you make marriages with them; your daughter you shall not give to his son, nor his daughter shall you take to your son.

(4) Because they will turn away your son from following Me, that they may serve other gods: so the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} will be kindled against you, and destroy you suddenly.

(5) But this is how you shall deal with them; you shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6:16b – Massah – Ex. 17:3-7; Mat. 4:7; Lk. 4:12

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(6) Because you *are* a holy people to the LORD {Jehovah} your God: the LORD {Jehovah} your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself, above all people who *are* upon the face of the earth.

(7) The LORD {Jehovah} did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; because you *were* the fewest of all people:

(8) But because the LORD {Jehovah} loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn to your forefathers, the LORD {Jehovah} has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

(9) Know therefore that the LORD {Jehovah} your God, He is God, the faithful God, Who keeps covenant and mercy with those who love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations;

(10) And repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack towards one who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

(11) You shall therefore keep the commandments, and the laws, and the judgments, which I command you this day, to do them.

(12) Therefore it shall come to pass, if you listen to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD {Jehovah} your God will keep the covenant with you and the mercy which He swore to your forefathers:

(13) And He will love you, and bless you, and multiply you: He will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your corn, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give to you.

(14) You shall be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} will take away from you all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you know, upon you; but will lay them upon all *those who* hate you.

(16) And you shall consume all the people which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall deliver to you; your eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shall you serve their gods; because that *will be* a snare to you.

(17) If you shall say in your heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I take their land and possessions?

(18) You shall not be afraid of them: *but* shall well remember what the LORD {Jehovah} your God did to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt;

(19) The great temptations which your eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, with which the LORD {Jehovah} your God brought you out: so shall the LORD {Jehovah} your God do to all the people of whom you are afraid.

(20) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} your God will send the hornet among them, until those who are left, and hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

(21) You shall not be afraid of them: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} your God will put out those nations before you little by little: you may not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon you.

(23) But the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall deliver them to you, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they are destroyed.

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(24) And He shall deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them.

(25) The graven images of their gods you shall burn with fire: you shall not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* to yourself, lest you be snared by it: because it is an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(26) Neither shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be a cursed thing like it: *but* you shall completely despise it, and you shall completely hate it; because it is a cursed thing.

Chapter 8

(1) All the commandments which I command you this day you shall observe to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers.

(2) And you shall remember all the way which the LORD {Jehovah} your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, *and* to prove you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments, or not.

(3) And He humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna,^a which you did not know, neither did your forefathers know; that He might cause you to know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every *word* that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}.^b

(4) Your clothing did not grow old upon you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years.

(5) You shall also consider in your heart, that, as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD {Jehovah} your God disciplines you.

(6) Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

(7) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

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

(9) A land in which you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack *anything* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills you may dig brass.

(10) When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD {Jehovah} your God for the good land which He has given you.

(11) Beware that you not forget the LORD {Jehovah} your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His laws, which I command you this day:

(12) Lest *when* you have eaten and are full, and have built nice houses, and lived in them;

(13) And *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;

(14) Then your heart will be lifted up, and you will forget the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

(15) Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery snakes, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; Who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint;

8:3a – manna – Ex. 16:15

8:3b – Mat. 4:4; Lk. 4:4

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(16) Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your forefathers never knew, that He might humble you, and that He might prove you, to do you good at your latter end;
(17) And you say in your heart, My power and the might of *my* hand has caused me to obtain this wealth.
(18) But you shall remember the LORD {Jehovah} your God: because *it is* He Who gives you power to obtain wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your forefathers, as *it is* this day.
(19) And it shall be, if you do at all forget the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.
(20) As the nations which the LORD {Jehovah} destroyed before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

Chapter 9

(1) Hear, O Israel: You *are* to pass over the Jordan River this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,
(2) A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims {giants},^a whom you know, and *of whom* you have heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak {giants}!
(3) Understand therefore this day, that the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* He Who goes over before you; *as* a consuming fire He shall destroy them, and He shall bring them down before your face: so shall you drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD {Jehovah} has said to you.

(4) Do not speak in your heart, after the LORD {Jehovah} your God has cast them out from before you, saying, It is because of my righteousness that the LORD {Jehovah} has brought me in to possess this land: but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD {Jehovah} drives them out from before you.
(5) You do not go into possess their land because of your righteousness, or because of the uprightness of your heart: but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD {Jehovah} your God drives them out from before you, and that He may perform the word which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
(6) Understand therefore, that the LORD {Jehovah} your God does not give you this good land to possess it because of your righteousness; because you *are* a stubborn people.
(7) Remember, *and* do not forget, how you provoked the LORD {Jehovah} your God to anger in the wilderness: from the day that you departed out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD {Jehovah}.
(9) When I had gone up into the mount to receive the tablets of stone, *even* the tablets of the covenant which the LORD {Jehovah} made with you, then I stayed in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water:
(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

9:2a - Anakims, children of Anak - giants

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(11) And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD {Jehovah} gave me the two tablets of stone, *even* the tablets of the covenant.

(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Arise, get yourself down quickly from here; because your people which you have brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves;^b they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten image.*

(13) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to me, saying, *I have seen this people, and, indeed, it is a stubborn people:*

(14) *Let Me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.*

(15) So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

(16) And I looked, and, indeed, you had sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} your God, *and* had made for yourselves a molten calf: you had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD {Jehovah} had commanded you.

(17) And I took the two tablets, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes.^c

(18) And I fell down before the LORD {Jehovah}, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I neither ate bread, nor drank water, because of all your sins which you sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke Him to anger.

(19) Because I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, with which the LORD {Jehovah} was angry against you to destroy you. But the LORD {Jehovah} listened to me at that time also.

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

(21) And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cast its dust into the brook that descended out of the mount.

(22) And at Taberah, and at Massah,^d and at Kibrothhattaavah, you provoked the LORD {Jehovah} to anger.

(23) Likewise when the LORD {Jehovah} sent you from Kadeshbarnea,^e saying, *Go up and possess the land which I have given you;* then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and you did not believe Him, nor listen to His voice.

(24) You have been rebellious against the LORD {Jehovah} from the day that I knew you.

(25) So I fell down before the LORD {Jehovah} forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*; because the LORD {Jehovah} had said He would destroy you.

(26) Therefore I prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance, which You have redeemed through Your greatness, which You have brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

9:12b – Ex. 32:7
9:17c – Ex. 32:19
9:22d – Ex. 17:3-7
9:23e – Num. 14:2-21

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(27) Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:

(28) Lest the land where You brought us out say, Because the LORD {Jehovah} was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.

(29) Yet they *are* Your people and Your inheritance, which You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your stretched out arm.

Chapter 10

(1) At that time the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first,^a and come up to Me into the mount, and make for yourself an ark of wood.*

(2) *And I will write on the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.*

(3) And I made an ark of shittim wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tablets in my hand.

(4) And He wrote on the tablets, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD {Jehovah} gave them to me.

(5) And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded me.

(6) And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his place.

(7) From there they journeyed to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

(8) At that time the LORD {Jehovah} separated the tribe of Levi, to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, to stand before the LORD {Jehovah} to minister to Him, and to bless in His Name, to this day.

(9) Therefore Levi has no part nor inheritance with his brothers; the LORD {Jehovah} is his inheritance, accordingly as the LORD {Jehovah} your God promised him.

(10) And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD {Jehovah} listened to me at that time also, *and* the LORD {Jehovah} would not destroy you.

(11) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Arise, take your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their forefathers to give to them.*

(12) And now, Israel, what does the LORD {Jehovah} your God require of you, but to fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the LORD {Jehovah} your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

(13) To keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah}, and His laws, which I command you this day for your own good?

(14) Look, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD's {Jehovah's} your God, the earth *also*, with all that is in it.

(15) Only the LORD {Jehovah} had a delight in your forefathers to love them, and He chose their offspring after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.

(16) Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stubborn no more.

10:1a – Ex. 34:1

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(17) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, Who does not show partiality to persons, nor takes reward {bribe}:

(18) He executes the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and clothing.

(19) Therefore love the stranger: because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

(20) You shall fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall cling, and swear by His Name.

(21) He is your praise, and He is your God, Who has done for you these great and terrible things, which your eyes have seen.

(22) Your forefathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten {seventy} persons;^b and now the LORD {Jehovah} your God has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Chapter 11

(1) Therefore you shall love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and keep His charge, and His laws, and His judgments, and His commandments, always.

(2) And know this day: because *I do not speak* with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the discipline of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, His greatness, His mighty hand, and His stretched out arm,

(3) And His miracles, and His acts, which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land;

(4) And what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots; how He caused the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD {Jehovah} has destroyed them to this day;

(5) And what He did to you in the wilderness, until you came into this place;

(6) And what he did to Dathan^a and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:

(7) But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD {Jehovah} which He did.

(8) Therefore you shall keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land, where you go to possess it;

(9) And that you may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land that flows with milk and honey.

(10) Because the land, where you go in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your seed, and watered *it* with your foot, as a garden of herbs:

(11) But the land, where you go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinks water of the rain of heaven:

(12) A land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God cares for: the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} your God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.

(13) And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

(14) That I will give *you* the rain of your land in its due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your corn, and your wine, and your oil.

10:22b – seventy persons – see note on Gen. 46:26-27
11:6a – Num. 16:1-32

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(15) And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full.

(16) Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

(17) And *then* the LORD's {Jehovah's} anger is kindled against you, and He shuts up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land not yield her fruit; and *lest* you perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD {Jehovah} gives you.

(18) Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

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

(20) And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates:

(21) That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

(22) Because if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cling to Him;

(23) Then the LORD {Jehovah} will drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.

(24) Every place on which the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the farthestmost sea {Mediterranean Sea} shall your coast be.

(25) There shall no man be able to stand before you: *because* the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread upon, as He has said to you.

(26) Look, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

(27) A blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, which I command you this day:

(28) And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which you have not known.

(29) And it shall come to pass, when the LORD {Jehovah} your God has brought you in to the land where you go to possess it, that you shall put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

(30) *Are* they not on the other side {west} of the Jordan River, by the way where the sun goes down, in the land of the Canaanites, who live in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

(31) Because you shall pass over the Jordan River to go in to possess the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, and you shall possess it, and live in it.

(32) And you shall observe to do all the laws and judgments which I set before you this day.

Chapter 12

(1) These *are* the laws and judgments, which you shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD {Jehovah} God of your forefathers gives you to possess it, all the days that you live upon the earth.

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(2) You shall completely destroy all the places, in which the nations which you shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:
(3) And you shall throw down their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and you shall cut down the graven images of their gods, and destroy their names out of that place.
(4) You shall not do so {set up idols or groves} to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.
(5) But to the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His Name there, *even* to His home you shall seek, and there you shall come:^b
(6) And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and lifted-up offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the first born of your herds and of your flocks:
(7) And there you shall eat before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has blessed you.
(8) You shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatever *is* right in his own eyes.
(9) Because you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you.
(10) But *when* you go over the Jordan River, and live in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to inherit, and *when* He gives you rest from all your enemies all around, so that you live in safety;

(11) Then there shall be a place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose to cause His Name to live there; there you shall bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the lifted-up offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to the LORD {Jehovah}:
(12) And you shall rejoice before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, you, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite who *is* within your gates; since he has no part nor inheritance with you.
(13) Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see:
(14) But only in the place which the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.
(15) Nevertheless you may kill and eat meat in all your gates, whatever your soul desires, according to the blessing of the LORD {Jehovah} your God which He has given you: the unclean {person} and the clean {person} may eat of it,^c as of the gazelle, and of the deer.
(16) Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it upon the earth as water.
(17) You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your corn, or of your wine, or of your oil, or the first born of your herds or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill offerings, or lifted-up offering of your hand:

12:3a – groves - where they worship their pagan gods
12:5b – God chooses the place for people to come to worship, not man. – see Deut. 12:11-14
12:15c - clean and unclean may eat - even if a person is unclean for some reason such as having touched a dead body, or having a sickness, or a woman in her period, etc. - that person may still eat meat anywhere they choose. However, if it is an offering to the Lord, it must be taken to the place He designates. - see Deut. 15:22

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(18) But you must eat them before the LORD {Jehovah} your God in the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite who is within your gates: and you shall rejoice before the LORD {Jehovah} your God in all that you put your hands to.

(19) Take heed to yourself that you not forsake the Levite as long as you live upon the earth.

(20) When the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall enlarge your border, as He has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat meat, because your soul longs to eat meat; you may eat meat, whatever your soul desires.

(21) If the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has chosen to put His Name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which the LORD {Jehovah} has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat in your gates whatever your soul desires.

(22) Even as the gazelle and the deer is eaten, so you shall eat them: the unclean {person} and the clean {person} shall eat of them alike.

(23) Only be sure that you not eat the blood: because the blood is the life; and you may not eat the life with the meat.

(24) You shall not eat it; you shall pour it upon the earth as water.

(25) You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do *that which is right* in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(26) Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose:

(27) And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} your God: and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and you shall eat the meat.

(28) Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do *that which is good and right* in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(29) When the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you go to possess them, and you succeed them, and live in their land;

(30) Take heed to yourself that you not be snared by following them, after they have been destroyed from before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so I will do likewise.

(31) You shall not do so to the LORD {Jehovah} your God: because every abomination to the LORD {Jehovah}, which He hates, they have done to their gods; because even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

(32) The things I command you, observe to do it: you shall not add to it, nor diminish from it.

Chapter 13

(1) If there arises among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,

(2) And the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them;

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(3) You shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD {Jehovah} your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

(4) You shall walk after the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and fear {revere} Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him, and cling to Him.

(5) And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he has spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to thrust you out of the way which the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded you to walk in. So you shall put the evil away from the midst of you.

(6) If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, which *is* as your own soul, entices you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you, nor your forefathers;

(7) *Namely*, of the gods of the people who *are* all around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth;

(8) You shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him:

(9) But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people.

(10) And you shall stone him with stones, that he die; because he has sought to thrust you away from the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

(11) And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall no more do any such wickedness as this is among you.

(12) If you shall hear it *said* in one of your cities, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you to live there, saying,

(13) *Certain* men, the children of Belial {wickedness}, have gone out from among you, and have withdrawn those who live in their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known;

(14) Then you shall inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, *if it is* true, *and* the thing *certain*, *that* such abomination is done among you;

(15) You shall surely strike those who live in that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it completely, and all that *is* in it, and its cattle, with the edge of the sword.

(16) And you shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its street, and shall burn with fire the city, and every bit of its spoil, for the LORD {Jehovah} your God: and it shall be a pile of rubble forever; it shall not be rebuilt.

(17) And you shall hold onto none of the cursed things: that the LORD {Jehovah} may turn from the fierceness of His anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion upon you, and multiply you, as He has sworn to your forefathers;

(18) When you shall listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

Chapter 14

(1) You *are* the children of the LORD {Jehovah} your God: you shall not cut yourselves,^a nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

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(2) Because you *are* a holy people to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and the LORD {Jehovah} has chosen you to be a peculiar people to Himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.
(3) You shall not eat any abominable thing.
(4) These *are* the beasts which you shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
(5) The male deer, and the female deer, and the wild deer, and the wild goat, and the antelope, and the wild ox, and the gazelle.
(6) And every beast that parts the hoof, and splits {the hoof} into two claws, *and* chews the cud among the beasts, that you shall eat.
(7) Nevertheless you shall not eat of those which chew the cud, of those that do not divide the hoof; *as* the camel, and the hare, and the badger: because they chew the cud, but do not have a divided hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean to you.
(8) And the swine, because it divides the hoof, yet does not chew the cud, it *is* unclean to you: you shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead body.
(9) These you shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales you shall eat:
(10) And whatever does not have fins and scales you may not eat; it *is* unclean to you.
(11) *Of* all clean birds you shall eat.
(12) But these *are those* which you shall not eat:^b the eagle, and the ossifrage {a kind of eagle}, and the ospray {sea eagle},
(13) And the hawk, and the falcon, and the vulture after its kind,
(14) And every raven after its kind,
(15) And the owl, and the night hawk, and the sea gull, and the hawk after its kind,
(16) The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

(17) And the pelican, and the gier eagle {a kind of vulture}, and the cormorant {a sea bird},
(18) And the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.
(19) And every crawling thing that flies *is* unclean to you: they shall not be eaten.
(20) *But of* all clean birds you may eat.
(21) You shall not eat *of* anything that dies of itself: you shall give it to the stranger that *is* in your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to an alien: because you *are* a holy people to the LORD {Jehovah} your God. You shall not boil a kid {young goat} in its mother's milk.
(22) You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year.
(23) And you shall eat before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, in the place which He shall choose to place His Name there, the tithe of your corn, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first born of your herds and of your flocks; that you may learn to fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} your God always.
(24) And if the way is too far for you, so that you are not able to carry it; *or* if the place is too far from you, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose to set His Name there, when the LORD {Jehovah} your God has blessed you:
(25) Then you shall *sell it for* money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose:

14:12b - some of these species may be extinct, some are unclear to us today exactly what they are.

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(26) And you shall give that money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul desires: and you shall eat there before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and you shall rejoice, you, and your household.^c

(27) And you shall not forsake the Levite who *is* within your gates; because he has no part nor inheritance with you.

(28) At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall lay *it* up within your gates:

(29) And the Levite, (because he has no part nor inheritance with you,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who *are* within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD {Jehovah} your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.^d

Chapter 15

(1) At the end of *every* seven years you shall make a release.^a

(2) And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor who lends *anything* to his neighbor shall release the *debt*; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's {Jehovah's} release.

(3) Of a foreigner you may require *it again*: but *that* which is yours with your brother your hand shall release;

(4) Except when there is no poor among you; because the LORD {Jehovah} shall greatly bless you in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance to possess it:

(5) Only if you carefully listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command you this day.

(6) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God blesses you, as He promised you: and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

(7) If there is among you a poor man of one of your brothers within any of your gates in your land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother:

(8) But you shall open your hand wide to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wants.

(9) Beware that there not be a thought in your wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and your eye is evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cries to the LORD {Jehovah} against you, and it is sin to you.

(10) You shall surely give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him: because for this the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall bless you in all your works, and in all that you put your hand to do.

(11) Because the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command you, saying, You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor, and to your needy, in your land.

(12) *And* if your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serves you six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.

14:26c – The Lord designates where tithes and offerings are to be made {Jerusalem}. If the place is too far to take the tithes or offerings of animals or grain, etc.; the tithes or offerings of the animals or grain, etc. are to be sold and the money brought to the designated place {Jerusalem} and the money used to purchase animals or grain, etc. for the sacrifice.

14:29d – at the end of every 3 years, the tithe for that year goes to the local Levites to provide for them, widows, orphans, and strangers in need.

15:1a – release – Lev. 25:1-55

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(13) And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty:
(14) You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, and out of your {threshing} floor, and out of your wine press: *of that* with which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has blessed you, you shall give to him.
(15) And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD {Jehovah} your God redeemed you: therefore I command you this thing today.
(16) And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go away from you; because he loves you and your house, because he is well with you;
(17) Then you shall take an awl, and thrust *it* through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever.^b And also to your maidservant you shall do likewise.
(18) It shall not seem hard to you, when you send him away free from you; because he has been worth a double hired servant *to you*, in serving you six years: and the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall bless you in all that you do.
(19) All the first born males that come of your herd and of your flock you shall sanctify to the LORD {Jehovah} your God: you shall do no work with the first born of your bull, nor shear the first born of your sheep. (20) You shall eat *it* before the LORD {Jehovah} your God year by year in the place which the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose, you and your household.
(21) And if there is *any* blemish in it, *as if it is* lame, or blind, *or has* any bad blemish, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.
(22) You shall eat it within your gates: the unclean {person} and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the gazelle, and as the deer.
(23) Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it upon the ground as water.

Chapter 16

(1) Observe the month of Abib {Abib - Nisan [March-April]},^a and keep the Passover^b to the LORD {Jehovah} your God: because in the month of Abib {Nisan [March-April]} the LORD {Jehovah} your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night.
(2) You shall therefore sacrifice the passover to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose to place His Name.
(3) You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, *even* the bread of affliction; because you came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that you may remember the day when you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.
(4) And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you in all your coast seven days; neither shall there *any* of the meat, which you sacrificed the first day at evening, remain all night until the morning.
(5) You may not sacrifice the passover within any of your gates, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you:
(6) But at the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose to place His Name in, there you shall sacrifice the passover at evening, at sun down, at the season that you came forth out of Egypt.
(7) And you shall roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose: and you shall return in the morning, and go to your tents.
(8) Six days you shall eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD {Jehovah} your God: you shall do no work *in it*.

15:17b – Ex. 21:26
16:1a - month of Abib - modern Nisan {March-April} – Ex. 12:2
16:1b – Passover – Lev. 23:5

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(9) Seven weeks you shall count to yourself: begin to number the seven weeks from the *time that you begin to put the sickle to the corn.*

(10) And you shall keep the Feast of Weeks {Pentecost}^c to the LORD {Jehovah} your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give *to the LORD {Jehovah} your God*, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has blessed you:

(11) And you shall rejoice before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite who *is* within your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who *are* among you, in the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has chosen to place His Name there.

(12) And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt: and you shall observe and do these laws.

(13) You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles^d seven days, after you have gathered in your corn and your wine:

(14) And you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who *are* within your gates.

(15) Seven days you shall keep a solemn feast to the LORD {Jehovah} your God in the place where the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the works of your hands, therefore you shall surely rejoice.

(16) Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the LORD {Jehovah} your God in the place which He shall choose; in the Feast of Unleavened Bread {Passover}, and in the Feast of Weeks {Pentecost}, and in the Feast of Tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD {Jehovah} empty:

(17) Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD {Jehovah} your God which He has given you.

(18) You shall make for yourselves judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, throughout your tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

(19) You shall not pervert judgment; you shall not show partiality, neither take a gift: because a gift blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous.

(20) That which is altogether just you shall follow, that you may live, and inherit the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you.

(21) You shall not plant for yourself a grove of any trees near to the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, which you shall make for yourself.

(22) Neither shall you set up for yourself *any* image; which the LORD {Jehovah} your God hates.

16:10c – Feast of Weeks – Pentecost - Lev. 23:15-16

16:13d – Feast of Tabernacles – Lev. 23:34

Chapter 17

(1) You shall not sacrifice to the LORD {Jehovah} your God *any* bull, or sheep, in which there is a blemish, *or* any defect: because that is an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(2) If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, man or woman, who has done wickedness in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, in sinning against His covenant,

(3) And has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host {multitude} of heaven, which I have not commanded;

(4) And it is told to you, and you have heard *of it*, and inquired diligently, and, indeed, *it is true*, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination has been done in Israel:

(5) Then you shall bring forth that man or that woman, who has committed that wicked thing, to your gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones, until they die.

(6) At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, he who is worthy of death shall be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

(7) The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put the evil away from among you.

(8) If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within your gates: then you shall arise, and go up into the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose;

(9) And you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment:

(10) And you shall do according to the sentence, which those of that place which the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose shall show you; and you shall observe to do according to all that they inform you:

(11) According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do: you shall not decline from the sentence which they shall show you, *to* the right hand, nor *to* the left.

(12) And the man who will do presumptuously, and will not listen to the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die: and you shall put away the evil from Israel.

(13) And all the people shall hear, and fear, and no more act presumptuously.

(14) When you have come into the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, and shall possess it, and shall live in it, and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations who *are* all around me;^a

(15) You shall in any wise set *him* king over you, whom the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose: *one* from among your brothers you shall set as a king over you: you may not set a stranger over you, who *is* not your brother.

(16) But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: inasmuch as the LORD {Jehovah} has said to you, You shall from this time forth never return that way.

(17) Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart not turn away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

(18) And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites:

17:14a – I Sam. 8:5

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(19) And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} his God, to keep all the words of this law and these laws, to do them:

(20) That his heart not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

Chapter 18

(1) The priests the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD {Jehovah} made by fire, and His inheritance.

(2) Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brothers: the LORD {Jehovah} *is* their inheritance, as He has said to them.

(3) And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether *it is* ox or sheep; and they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the stomach.

(4) The first fruit *also* of your corn, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him.

(5) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, him and his sons forever.

(6) And if a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he lives, and comes with all the desire of his mind to the place which the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose;

(7) Then he shall minister in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as all his brothers the Levites *do*, who stand there before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(8) They shall have the same portions to eat, besides that which comes of the sale of his inheritance from his father.

(9) When you have come into the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

(10) There shall not be found among you *any one* who causes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* who uses divination, *or* an observer of times,^a or an enchanter, or a witch,

(11) Or a charmer, or one who consults with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or one who calls to the dead.^b

(12) Because all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah}: and because of these abominations the LORD {Jehovah} your God drives them out from before you.

(13) You shall be perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(14) Because these nations, which you shall possess, listened to observers of times, and to diviners: but as for you, the LORD {Jehovah} your God has not allowed you *to do so*.

(15) The LORD {Jehovah} your God will raise up to you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, like me; to Him you shall listen;^c

(16) According to all that you desire of the LORD {Jehovah} your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I may not die.^d

(17) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *They have well spoken that which they have spoken.*

18:10a - observer of the times – astrology; horoscopes – divination – palm readers, tea leaf readers, etc.

18:11b – all occult practices are forbidden to God's children

18:15c – Acts 3:22; 7:37

18:16d – Ex. 20:19

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(18) I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brothers, like you, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him.

(19) And it shall come to pass, *that* whoever will not listen to My words which He shall speak in My Name, I will require *it* of him.

(20) But the prophet, who shall presume to speak a word in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

(21) And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken?

(22) When a prophet speaks in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, if the thing does not happen, nor come to pass, *that is the thing which the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken, but the prophet has spoken it presumptuously: you shall not be afraid of him.*

Chapter 19

(1) When the LORD {Jehovah} your God has cut off the nations, whose land the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, and you succeed them, and live in their cities, and in their houses;

(2) You shall separate three cities for yourselves in the midst of your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess.

(3) You shall prepare for yourself a road, and divide the coasts of your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to inherit, into three parts, that every killer may flee there.

(4) And this *is* the case of the killer, who shall flee there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, whom he did not hate in time past;^a

(5) As when a man goes into the woods with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand fetches a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle, and hits his neighbor, that he dies; he shall flee to one of those cities, and live:

(6) Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the killer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, since he did not hate him in time past.

(7) Therefore I command you, saying, You shall separate three cities for yourselves.

(8) And if the LORD {Jehovah} your God enlarges your coast, as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He promised to give to your forefathers;

(9) If you shall keep all these commandments to do them, which I command you this day, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and to always walk in His ways; then you shall add three cities more for yourselves, besides these three:

(10) That innocent blood not be shed in your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance, and so blood shall be upon you.

(11) But if any man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes him mortally so that he dies, and flees into one of these cities:

(12) Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him from there, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

(13) Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.

(14) You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark,^b which those of old time have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess it.

19:4a – cities of refuge – Ex. 21:13; Num. 35:6; Deut. 4:42; Josh. 20:1-9

19:14b - neighbor's landmark - a stone or other method of marking the boundaries of a person's property - moving such a landmark is stealing property from your neighbor.

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(15) One witness shall not rise up against a man for any evil deed, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, the matter shall be established.
(16) If a false witness rises up against any man to testify against him *that which is* wrong;
(17) Then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD {Jehovah}, before the priests and the judges, who shall be in those days;
(18) And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, indeed, *if* the witness *are* a false witness, *and* have testified falsely against his brother;
(19) Then you shall do to him, as he had thought to have done to his brother: so shall you put the evil away from among you.
(20) And those who remain shall hear, and fear, and shall not from this time forth commit any such evil among you.
(21) And your eye shall not pity; *but* life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.^c

Chapter 20

(1) When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than you, do not be afraid of them: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* with you, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
(2) And it shall be, when you have come near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people,
(3) And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day to battle against your enemies: do not let your hearts faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble, nor be terrified because of them;
(4) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* He Who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

(5) And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, What man *is there* who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.
(6) And what man *is he* who has planted a vineyard, and has not *yet* eaten of it? let him *also* go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.
(7) And what man *is there* who has married a wife, and has not taken her? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.
(8) And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* afraid and fainthearted? let him go and return to his house, lest his brother's heart faint as well as his heart.
(9) And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.
(10) When you come near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it.
(11) And it shall be, if it gives you answer of peace, and opens to you, then it shall be, *that* all the people *who are* found in it shall be laborers for you, and they shall serve you.
(12) And if it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it:
(13) And when the LORD {Jehovah} your God has delivered it into your hands, you shall strike every male of it with the edge of the sword:
(14) But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all its spoil, you shall take to yourself; and you shall eat the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you.

19:21c – punishment equal to the sin – this is the standard for the judges to use - Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; - see Mat. 5:38

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(15) So shall you do to all the cities *which are* very far off from you, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.

(16) But of the cities of these people, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes:

(17) But you shall completely destroy them; *namely*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you:

(18) That they not teach you to do after all their abominations, which they have done to their gods; so you should sin against the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(19) When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by forcing an ax against them: because you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down (because the tree of the field *is* man's *life*) to employ *them* in the siege:

(20) Only the trees which you know that they do not bear fruit, you shall destroy and cut them down; and you shall build bulwarks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

Chapter 21

(1) If *one* is found killed in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess it, lying in the field, *and* it is not known who has killed him:

(2) Then your elders and your judges shall come forth, and they shall measure to the cities which *are* all around him who is killed:

(3) And it shall be, *that* the city *which is* nearest the killed man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer, which has not been used for work, *and* which has not drawn in the yoke;

(4) And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer to a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:

(5) And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; because the LORD {Jehovah} your God has chosen them to minister to Him, and to bless in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*:

(6) And all the elders of that city, *that are* nearest to the killed *man*, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

(7) And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen *it*.

(8) Be merciful, O LORD {Jehovah}, to your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to Your people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

(9) So shall you put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when you shall do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) When you go forth to war against your enemies, and the LORD {Jehovah} your God has delivered them into your hands, and you have taken them captive,

(11) And see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire for her, that you would have her to be your wife;

(12) Then you shall bring her home to your house; and she shall shave her head, and trim her nails;

(13) And she shall take off the clothing of her captivity, and shall remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month: and after that you shall go in to her, and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

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(14) And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she wills; but you shall not sell her at all for money, you shall not make merchandise of her, because you have humbled her.

(15) If a man has two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the firstborn son is hers who was hated:

(16) Then it shall be, when he makes his sons to inherit *that* which he has, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, *who is indeed* the firstborn:

(17) But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he has: because he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

(18) If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have disciplined him, will not listen to them:

(19) Then his father and his mother shall lay hold on him, and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place;

(20) And they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

(21) And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, so that he dies: so you shall put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

(22) And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is to be put to death, and you hang him on a tree:

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

Chapter 22

(1) You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide yourself from them: you shall in every case bring them again to your brother.

(2) And if your brother *is* not near to you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it to your own house, and it shall be with you until your brother seeks after it, and you shall restore it to him again.

(3) In like manner you shall do with his donkey; and so shall you do with his clothing; and with all lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost, and you have found, you shall do the same: you may not hide yourself.

(4) You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down by the way, and hide yourself from them: you shall surely help him to lift *them* up again.

(5) The woman shall not wear mans' clothing, neither shall a man put on a woman's clothes: because all who do so *are* an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(6) If a bird's nest happens to be before you in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether there are* young ones, or eggs, and the female sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, you shall not take the female with the young:

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(7) *But* you shall in every case let the female go, and take the young to yourself; that it may be well with you, and *that* you may prolong *your* days.

(8) When you build a new house, then you shall make a guard rail for your roof, that you not bring blood upon your house, if any man falls from there.

(9) You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seeds: lest the fruit of your seed which you have sown, and the fruit of your vineyard, be defiled.

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

(11) You shall not wear clothes of different fibers, such *as* of wool and linen together.

(12) You shall make for yourselves fringes upon the four quarters of your robe, with which you cover *yourself*.

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

(14) And give occasions of speech against her, and brings up an evil name upon her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not to be a virgin:

(15) Then the father of the young woman, and her mother shall, take and bring forth *the tokens of* the young girl's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate:

(16) And the young girl's father shall say to the elders, I gave my daughter to this man to be his wife, and he hates her;

(17) And, look, he has given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I did not find your daughter a virgin; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

(18) And the elders of that city shall take that man and discipline him;

(19) And they shall fine him in one hundred *shekels* of silver {about 40 oz.; 2.5 lbs.; 1.14 kg.},^a and give *them* to the father of the young girl, because he has brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

(20) But if it is true, *and the tokens of* virginity are not found for the young girl:

(21) Then they shall bring out the young girl to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she has done folly in Israel, to play the prostitute in her father's house: so you shall put evil away from among you.

(22) If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man who lay with the woman, and the woman: so you shall put away evil from Israel.^b

(23) If a young girl *who is* a virgin {young woman}^c is engaged to a husband, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her;

(24) Then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them with stones so that they die; the young woman, because she did not cry out, *being* in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife: so you shall put away evil from among you.

(25) But if a man finds a married young woman in the field, and the man forces her, and lies with her: then the man only who lay with her shall die:

(26) But to the young woman you shall do nothing; *there is* in the young woman no sin *worthy of* death: because as when a man rises against his neighbor, and kills him, even so is this matter:

22:19a – shekel – 0.4 ounces; 11.4 grams – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

22:22b – Jn. 8:3-5

22:23c – See [Appendix H: Does Isaiah 7:14 refer to a virgin? – Yes!!!](#)

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(27) Because he found her in the field, *and* the married young woman cried out, but *there was* no one to save her.

(28) If a man finds a young woman *that is* a virgin, who is not married, and lays hold on her, and lies with her, and they are found;

(29) Then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty *shekels* of silver {about 20 oz.; 1.2 lbs.; 570 gm.}, and she shall be his wife; because he has humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

(30) A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

Chapter 23

(1) He who is wounded in the stones, or has his private member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah}.^a

(2) A bastard {a child born out of wedlock}^b shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah}; even to his tenth generation he shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah}; even to their tenth generation they shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah} forever:

(4) Because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way, when you came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against you Balaam^c the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

(5) Nevertheless the LORD {Jehovah} your God would not listen to Balaam; but the LORD {Jehovah} your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD {Jehovah} your God loved you.

(6) You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.

(7) You shall not hate an Edomite; because he *is* your brother: you shall not hate an Egyptian; because you were a stranger in his land.

(8) The children who are fathered by them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah} in their third generation.

(9) When the host {army} goes forth against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing.

(10) If there is among you any man, who is not clean because of uncleanness that happens to him by night, then he shall go outside of the camp, he shall not come within the camp:

(11) But it shall be, when evening comes on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.

(12) You shall have a place also outside the camp, where you shall go forth abroad {to relieve yourself}:

(13) And you shall have a paddle {shovel} upon your weapon; and it shall be, when you relieve yourself abroad, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover that which comes out from you:

(14) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you, and to give up your enemies before you; therefore shall your camp be holy: that He sees no unclean thing in you, and turns away from you.

(15) A servant who has escaped from his master to you: You shall not deliver to his master.

23:1a – Acts 8:27

23:2b – bastard – child born out of wedlock

23:4c – hired Balaam – Num. 22 – 24

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(16) He shall live with you, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of your gates, where it pleases him best: you shall not oppress him.

(17) There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

(18) You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the price of a dog {sodomite}, into the house of the LORD {Jehovah} your God for any vow: because even both these *are* an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(19) You shall not lend upon usury {interest}^d to your brother; interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is lent upon interest:

(20) To a stranger you may lend upon interest; but to your brother you shall not lend upon interest: that the LORD {Jehovah} your God may bless you in all that you set your hand to in the land where you go to possess it.

(21) When you shall vow a vow to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, you shall not be slack to pay it: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you.

(22) But if you shall refrain from making vows, it shall not be sin in you.

(23) That which has gone out of your lips you shall keep and perform; *even* a freewill offering, as you have vowed to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, which you have promised with your mouth.

(24) When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes to your fill at your own pleasure; but you shall not put *any* in your vessel.^e

(25) When you come into the standing corn of your neighbor, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle to your neighbor's standing corn.

Chapter 24

(1) When a man has taken a wife, and married her, and it comes to pass that she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* to her, and send her out of his house.

(2) And when she has departed out of his house, she may go and become another man's *wife*.^a

(3) And *if* the latter husband hates her, and writes her a bill of divorcement, and gives it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband dies, which took her to be his wife;

(4) Her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled; because that is abomination before the LORD {Jehovah}: and you shall not cause the land to sin, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you for an inheritance.

(5) When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he has taken.

(6) No man shall take the bottom or the upper millstone to pledge:^b because he takes *a man's* life to pledge.

(7) If a man is found stealing any of his brothers of the children of Israel, and makes merchandise of him, or sells him; then that thief shall die; and you shall put evil away from among you.^c

23:19d – usury – interest – even 1% is too much – see Neh. 5:7,11

23:24e – Mat. 12:1 – if you are hungry you may eat as much as you like but you may not harvest another person's crop.

24:2a – the purpose of the bill of divorcement was for the woman's benefit so she could re-marry because she had no means of support – divorce means a person is free to re-marry – see note on I Cor. 7:15

24:6b – upper or lower mill stone – the mill stone was used to grind grain for a person's livelihood – you cannot take a person's means of supporting himself and his family

24:7c – i.e. If anyone steals and sells a fellow Hebrew as a slave that person must be executed

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(8) Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that you observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so you shall observe to do.^d

(9) Remember what the LORD {Jehovah} your God did to Miriam by the way,^e after you had come forth out of Egypt.

(10) When you lend to your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

(11) You shall stand abroad, and the man to whom you lend shall bring out the pledge abroad to you.

(12) And if the man is poor, you shall not sleep with his pledge:

(13) In any case you shall return to him the pledge when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own clothing, and bless you: and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(14) You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, *whether he is* of your brothers, or of your strangers who are in your land within your gates:

(15) At his day you shall give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; because he is poor, and sets his heart upon it: lest he cry against you to the LORD {Jehovah}, and it is sin to you.

(16) The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

(17) You shall not pervert the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's clothing to pledge:

(18) But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD {Jehovah} your God redeemed you from there: therefore I command you to do this thing.

(19) When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD {Jehovah} your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.^f

(20) When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the branches again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

(21) When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. (22) And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt: therefore I command you to do this thing.

Chapter 25

(1) If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

(2) And it shall be, if the wicked man is worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

(3) Forty stripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then your brother should seem vile to you.

(4) You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out *the corn*.^a

(5) If brothers live together, and one of them dies, and has no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry to a stranger outside: her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to himself to be his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.^b

24:8d – laws concerning leprosy – Lev. 13:1-15

24:9e – Num. 12:10

24:19f – see Ruth 2:2

25:4a – not muzzle the ox – if an animal is doing work – let it eat all it wants - see I Cor, 9:9 and I Tim. 5:18

25:5b – Mat. 22:24f

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(6) And it shall be, *that* the firstborn which she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother *who is* dead, that his name not be put out of Israel. (7) And if the man does not like to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.
(8) Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him: and *if* he sticks to it, and says, I do not want to take her;
(9) Then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done to that man who will not build up his brother's house.
(10) And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe loosed.
(11) When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts forth her hand, and takes him by the private parts:
(12) Then you shall cut off her hand, your eye shall not pity *her*.
(13) You shall not have in your bag different weights, a great and a small.^c
(14) You shall not have in your house different measures, a great and a small.
(15) *But* you shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure you shall have: that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you.
(16) Because all who do such things, *and* all who do unrighteously, *are* an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(17) Remember what Amalek did to you by the way, when you came forth out of Egypt;
(18) How he met you by the way, and struck your rear, *even* all who *were* feeble behind you, when you *were* faint and weary; and he did not fear God.
(19) Therefore it shall be, when the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you rest from all your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget *it*.

Chapter 26

(1) And it shall be, when you *have* come in to the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance, and possess it, and live in it; (2) That you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you shall bring of your land that the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, and shall put *it* in a basket, and shall go to the place which the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall choose to place His Name there.^a
(3) And you shall go to the priest who shall be in those days, and say to him, I profess this day to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, that I have come to the country which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to our forefathers to give to us.
(4) And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.
(5) And you shall speak and say before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, My father was a Syrian ready to perish, and he went down into Egypt, and lived there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

25:13c - different weights or different measures which are intended to cheat someone of a just price for whatever you sell or buy
26:2a - first fruits offering - offerings are to be taken to the place of worship that God designates - man does not choose where to worship God. See note on Deut. 12:5

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(6) And the Egyptians treated us badly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

(7) And when we cried to the LORD {Jehovah} God of our fathers, the LORD {Jehovah} heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression:

(8) And the LORD {Jehovah} brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

(9) And He has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, *even* a land that flows with milk and honey.

(10) And now, look, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which You, O LORD {Jehovah}, have given me. And you shall set it before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and worship before the LORD {Jehovah} your God:

(11) And you shall rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given to you, and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the stranger who is among you.

(12) When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, and have given *it* to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled;^b

(13) Then you shall say before the LORD {Jehovah} your God, I have brought away the holy things out of *my* house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me: I have not sinned against Your commandments, neither have I forgotten *them*:

(14) I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I taken away *anything* from it for *any* unclean *use*, nor given *any of it* for the dead: *but* I have listened to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, *and* have done according to all that You have commanded me.

(15) Look down from Your holy home, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the land which You have given us, as You swore to our forefathers, a land that flows with milk and honey.

(16) This day the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you to do these laws and judgments: you shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul.

(17) You have acknowledged the LORD {Jehovah} this day to be your God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His laws, and His commandments, and His judgments, and to listen to His voice:

(18) And the LORD {Jehovah} has acknowledged you this day to be His peculiar people, as He has promised you, and that *you* should keep all His commandments;

(19) And to make you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that you may be a holy people to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, as He has spoken.

Chapter 27

(1) And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

(2) And it shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan River to the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself great stones, and plaster them with plaster:^a

26:12b – see Deut. 14:27

27:2a – Josh. 4

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(3) And you shall write upon them all the words of this law, when you have passed over, that you may go in to the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, a land that flows with milk and honey; as the LORD {Jehovah} God of your forefathers has promised you.

(4) Therefore it shall be when you have gone over the Jordan River, *that* you shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.

(5) And there you shall build an altar to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, an altar of stones: you shall not lift up *any* iron tool upon them.

(6) You shall build the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} your God of whole stones: and you shall offer burnt offerings upon it to the LORD {Jehovah} your God:

(7) And you shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(8) And you shall write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

(9) And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, Take heed, and listen, O Israel; this day you have become the people of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(10) You shall therefore obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and do His commandments and His laws, which I command you this day.

(11) And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

(12) These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin:

(13) And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

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

(15) Cursed *is* the man who makes *any* graven or molten image, an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah}, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and puts *it* in a secret *place*. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen {let it be}.

(16) Cursed *is* he who does not provide for his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(17) Cursed *is* he who removes his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(18) Cursed *is* he who makes the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(19) Cursed *is* he who perverts the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(20) Cursed *is* he who lies with his father's wife; because he uncovers his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(21) Cursed *is* he who lies with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(22) Cursed *is* he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(23) Cursed *is* he who lies with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

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(24) Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(25) Cursed is he who takes reward to kill an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

(26) Cursed is he who does not confirm *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen {let it be}.

Chapter 28

(1) And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to observe *and* to do all His commandments which I command you this day, that the LORD {Jehovah} your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth:

(2) And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(3) You *shall be* blessed in the city, and you *shall be* blessed in the field.

(4) The fruit of your body *shall be* blessed and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep.

(5) Your basket and your store *shall be* blessed.

(6) You *shall be* blessed when you come in, and you *shall be* blessed when you go out.

(7) The LORD {Jehovah} shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be stricken before your face: they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.

(8) The LORD {Jehovah} shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses, and in all that you set your hand to; and He shall bless you in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you.

(9) The LORD {Jehovah} shall establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and walk in His ways.

(10) And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}; and they shall be afraid of you.

(11) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall cause you to abound in goods, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers to give to you.

(12) The LORD {Jehovah} shall open to you His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand: and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow.

(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath; if you listen to the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, which I command you this day, to observe and to do *them*:

(14) And you shall not go aside from any of the words which I command you this day, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

(15) But it shall come to pass, if you will not listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His laws which I command you this day; that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you:

(16) You *shall be* cursed in the city, and you *shall be* cursed in the field.

(17) Your basket and your store *shall be* cursed.

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(18) The fruit of your body *shall be* cursed, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep.

(19) You *shall be* cursed when you come in, and you *shall be* cursed when you go out.

(20) The LORD {Jehovah} shall send upon you cursing, trouble, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly; because of the wickedness of your deeds, by which you have forsaken Me.

(21) The LORD {Jehovah} shall make the pestilence cling to you, until He has consumed you from off the land, where you go to possess it.

(22) The LORD {Jehovah} shall strike you with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting {hot wind; judgment}, and with mildew; and they shall pursue you until you perish.

(23) And your heaven that *is* over your head shall be brass, and the earth that *is* under you *shall be* iron.

(24) The LORD {Jehovah} shall make the rain of your land powder and dust: from heaven it shall come down upon you, until you are destroyed.

(25) The LORD {Jehovah} shall cause you to be stricken before your enemies: you shall go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shall be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

(26) And your dead body shall be meat to all birds of the air, and to the beasts of the earth, and no man shall frighten *them* away.

(27) The LORD {Jehovah} will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with the hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with the itch, of which you cannot be healed.

(28) The LORD {Jehovah} shall strike you with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

(29) And you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways: and you shall only be oppressed and spoiled forever, and no man shall save *you*.

(30) You shall marry a wife, and another man shall lie with her: you shall build a house, and you shall not live in it: you shall plant a vineyard, and shall not gather its grapes.

(31) Your ox *shall be* killed before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it: your donkey *shall be* violently taken away from before your face, and shall not be restored to you: your sheep *shall be* given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue *them*.

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

(33) The fruit of your land, and all your labors, a nation which you do not know shall eat up; and you shall be only oppressed and crushed always:

(34) So that you shall be mad for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

(35) The LORD {Jehovah} shall strike you in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil that cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

(36) The LORD {Jehovah} shall bring you, and your king which you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your forefathers have known; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.

(37) And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations where the LORD {Jehovah} shall lead you.

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(38) You shall carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather *but* little in; because the locust shall consume it.

(39) You shall plant vineyards, and dress *them*, but shall neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; because the worms shall eat them.

(40) You shall have olive trees throughout all your coasts, but you shall not anoint *yourself* with the oil; because your olive shall cast off its *fruit*.

(41) You shall father sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them; because they shall go into captivity.

(42) All your trees and fruit of your land shall the locust consume.

(43) The stranger that *is* within you shall get up above you very high; and you shall come down very low.

(44) He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him: he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

(45) Furthermore all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you, and overtake you, until you are destroyed; because you did not listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to keep His commandments and His laws which He commanded you:

(46) And they shall be upon you for a sign and for a wonder, and upon your descendants forever.

(47) Because you did not serve the LORD {Jehovah} your God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*;

(48) Therefore you shall serve your enemies which the LORD shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and He shall put a yoke of iron upon your neck, until He has destroyed you.

(49) The LORD {Jehovah} shall bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flies; a nation whose tongue {language} you shall not understand;

(50) A nation of fierce countenance {appearance}, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young:

(51) And he shall eat the fruit of your cattle, and the fruit of your land, until you are destroyed: which *also* shall not leave you *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of your cattle, or flocks of your sheep, until he has destroyed you. (52) And he shall besiege you in all your gates, until your high and fenced walls come down, in which you trusted, throughout all your land: and he shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you.

(53) And you shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you, in the siege, and in the distress, with which your enemies shall distress you:

(54) *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil towards his brother, and towards the wife of his bosom, and towards the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

(55) *So that* he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he has nothing left in the siege, and in the distress, with which your enemies shall distress you in all your gates.

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(56) The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground because of her delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil towards the husband of her bosom, and towards her son, and towards her daughter,

(57) And towards her young one who comes out from between her feet, and towards her children which she shall give birth to: because she shall eat them for lack of all *things* secretly in the siege and distress, with which your enemy shall distress you in your gates.

(58) If you will not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful Name, THE LORD {Jehovah} YOUR GOD;

(59) Then the LORD {Jehovah} will make your plagues terrible, and the plagues of your descendants, *even* great and long lasting plagues, and terrible and long lasting sicknesses.

(60) Furthermore He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they shall cling to you.

(61) Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, even them the LORD {Jehovah} will bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

(62) And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because you would not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(63) And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD {Jehovah} rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD {Jehovah} will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land where you go to possess it.

(64) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall scatter you among all people, from the one end of the earth even to the other; and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your forefathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

(65) And among these nations you shall find no ease, neither shall the sole of your foot have rest: but the LORD {Jehovah} shall give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

(66) And your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no assurance of your life:

(67) In the morning you shall say, Would God it were evening! and at evening you shall say, Would God it were morning! because the fear of your heart with which you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

(68) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I spoke to you, You shall see it no more again: and there you shall be sold to your enemies for slave men and slave women, and no man shall buy *you*.

Chapter 29

(1) These *are* the words of the covenant, which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.

(2) And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that the LORD {Jehovah} did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land;

(3) The great temptations which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

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(4) Yet the LORD {Jehovah} has not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day.

(5) *And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes have not grown old upon you, and your shoe has not grown old upon your foot.*

(6) *You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink: that you might know that I am the LORD {Jehovah} your God.*

(7) And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we struck them:

(8) And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

(9) Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

(10) You stand this day all of you before the LORD {Jehovah} your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,

(11) Your little ones, your wives, and your stranger that *is* in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water: (12) That you should enter into covenant with the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and into His oath, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God makes with you this day:

(13) That He may establish you today for a people to Himself, and *that* He may be to you a God, as He has said to you, and as He has sworn to your forefathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

(14) Neither do I make this covenant and this oath with you only;

(15) But with *him* who stands here with us this day before the LORD {Jehovah} our God, and also with *him* who is not here with us this day:

(17) And you have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:)

(18) Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from the LORD {Jehovah} our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that bears gall and wormwood;

(19) And it comes to pass, when he hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

(20) The LORD {Jehovah} will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD {Jehovah} shall blot out his name from under heaven.

(21) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall separate from Himself the evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

(22) So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD {Jehovah} has laid upon it;

(23) *And that* its whole land *is* brimstone {sulfur}, and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor bears, nor any grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD {Jehovah} overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath {anger; judgment}:

(24) Even all nations shall say, Why has the LORD {Jehovah} done this to this land? what does the heat of this great anger *mean*?

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(25) Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:

(26) Because they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods whom they did not know, and *whom* He has not given to them:

(27) And the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

(28) And the LORD {Jehovah} rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath {anger; judgment}, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.

(29) The secret *things belong* to the LORD {Jehovah} our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

Chapter 30

(1) And it shall come to pass, when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call *them* to mind among all the nations, where the LORD {Jehovah} your God has driven you,

(2) And shall return to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul;

(3) That then the LORD {Jehovah} your God will turn your captivity, and have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the nations, where the LORD {Jehovah} your God has scattered you.

(4) If *any* of yours are driven out to the farthest *parts* of heaven, from there the LORD {Jehovah} your God will gather you, and from there He will fetch you:

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} your God will bring you into the land which your forefathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you good, and multiply you above your forefathers.

(6) And the LORD {Jehovah} your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your offspring, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

(7) And the LORD {Jehovah} your God will put all these curses upon your enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

(8) And you shall return and obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}, and do all His commandments which I command you this day.

(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} your God will cause you to prosper in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your land, for good: because the LORD {Jehovah} will again rejoice over you for good, as He rejoiced over your forefathers:

(10) If you shall listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to keep His commandments and His laws which are written in this book of the law, *and* if you turn to the LORD {Jehovah} your God with all your heart, and with all your soul.

(11) Because this commandment which I command you this day, it *is* not hidden from you, neither *is* it far off.

(12) It *is* not in heaven, that you should say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it, and do it?

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(13) Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it, and do it?

(14) But the word *is* very near to you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it.

(15) See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil;

(16) In that I command you this day to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His laws and His judgments, that you may live and multiply: and the LORD {Jehovah} your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it.

(17) But if your heart turns away, so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

(18) I denounce to you this day, that you shall surely perish, *and that* you shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, where you pass over Jordan to go to possess it.

(19) I call heaven and earth to record {witness} this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live:

(20) That you may love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, *and* that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him: because He *is* your life, and the length of your days: that you may live in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to your forefathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Chapter 31

(1) And Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

(2) And he said to them, I *am* one hundred and twenty years old this day {2552 A.H./C-1490 B.C.};^a I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD {Jehovah} has said to me, **You shall not go over this Jordan River.**

(3) The LORD {Jehovah} your God, He will go over before you, *and* He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall possess them: *and* Joshua, he shall go over before you, as the LORD {Jehovah} has said.

(4) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall do to them as He did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to their land, whom He destroyed.

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall give them up before your face, that you may do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.

(6) Be strong and of a good courage, do not fear, nor be afraid of them: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God, *it is* He Who goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you.

(7) And Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: because you must go with this people to the land which the LORD {Jehovah} has sworn to their forefathers to give them; and you shall cause them to inherit it.

(8) And the LORD {Jehovah}, *is* He Who goes before you; He will be with you, He will not fail you, nor forsake you: do not be afraid, nor be dismayed.

(9) And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it to the priests the sons of Levi, who carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, and to all the elders of Israel.

(10) And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the Feast of Tabernacles,

31:2a - 120th year of Moses life – 40 years after exodus from Egypt

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(11) When all Israel has come to appear before the LORD {Jehovah} your God in the place which He shall choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

(12) Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and your stranger that is within your gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

(13) And *that* their children, which have not known *anything*, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD {Jehovah} your God, as long as you live in the land where you go over the Jordan River to possess it.

(14) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Moses, Look, your days approach that you must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

(16) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Moses, Look, you shall sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise up, and go prostituting after the gods of the strangers of the land, where they go *to be* among them, and will forsake Me, and break My covenant which I have made with them.

(17) Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

(18) And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evils which they have done, in that they are turned to other gods.

(19) Now therefore write this song for you, and teach it to the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.

(20) Because when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore to their forefathers, that flows with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat; then they will turn to other gods, and serve them, and provoke Me, and break My covenant.

(21) And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; because it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants: because I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.

(22) Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

(23) And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: because you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore to them: and I will be with you.^b

(24) And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

(25) That Moses commanded the Levites, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(26) Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.

31:23 – The Lord’s charge to Joshua – see Deut. 31:14

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(27) Because I know your rebellion, and your stubbornness: indeed while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against the LORD {Jehovah}; and how much more after my death?
 (28) Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record {witness} against them.
 (29) Because I know that after my death you will completely corrupt *yourselves*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will come upon you in the latter days; because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.
 (30) And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

Chapter 32

(1) Listen, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
 (2) My teaching shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:
 (3) Because I will publish the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: ascribe greatness to our God.
 (4) *He is the Rock*, His work is perfect: because all His ways *are* just: a God of truth and without sin, just and right is He.
 (5) They have corrupted themselves, Their spot is not *the spot* of His children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation.

(6) Do you in this way appease the LORD {Jehovah}, O foolish people and unwise? *Is not He your Father Who* has bought you? has He not made you, and established you?
 (7) Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.
 (8) When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.
 (9) Because the LORD's {Jehovah's} portion *is* His people; Jacob *is* the lot of His inheritance.
 (10) He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.
 (11) As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on her wings:
 (12) So the LORD {Jehovah} alone lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.
 (13) He caused him to ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and He caused him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;
 (14) Butter of cattle, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you drank the pure blood of the grape.
 (15) But Jeshurun {upright; righteous one [a reference to Israel]}^a grew fat, and kicked: you have grown fat, you have grown thick, you are covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God *Who* made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

32:15a - Jeshurun {יִשְׂרָאֵל}— upright; righteous one - a reference to Israel – Deut. 33:5, 26; Is. 44:2

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- (16) They provoked Him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations they provoked Him to anger.
- (17) They sacrificed to demons, not to God; to *gods* whom they did not know, to new *gods* that came newly up, whom your forefathers did not fear.
- (18) Of the Rock *Who* fathered you, you do not remember, and have forgotten God Who formed you.
- (19) And when the LORD {Jehovah} saw it, He hated *them*, because of the provoking by His sons, and of His daughters.
- (20) And He said, *I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be: because they are a very perverse generation, children in whom is no faith.*
- (21) *They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.*
- (22) Because a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- (23) *I will heap mischief upon them; I will spend My arrows upon them.*
- (24) *They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of snakes of the dust.*
- (25) The sword outside, and terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the nursing child *also* with the man of gray hair.

- (26) *I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the memory of them to cease from among men:*
- (27) Had it not been that I feared the Wrath {anger} of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, *and* lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD {Jehovah} has not done all this.
- (28) Because they *are* a nation void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.
- (29) O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end!
- (30) How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD {Jehovah} had shut them up?
- (31) Because their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.
- (32) Because their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:
- (33) Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of snakes.
- (34) *Is this not laid up in store with Me, and sealed up among My treasures?*
- (35) *To Me belongs vengeance, and reward; their foot shall slide in due time: because the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them come quickly.*
- (36) Because the LORD {Jehovah} shall judge His people, and He Himself shall repent for His servants, when He sees that *their* power is gone, and *there is* no one shut up, or left.

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- (37) And He shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted,
- (38) Which ate the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, *and* be your protection.
- (39) See now that I, *even* I, *am* He, and *there is* no god with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of My hand.
- (40) Because I lift up My hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.
- (41) If I sharpen My glittering sword, and My hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to My enemies, and will reward those who hate Me.
- (42) I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the dead and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.
- (43) Rejoice, O you nations, *with* His people: because He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His adversaries, and will be merciful to His land, *and* to His people.
- (44) And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea {Joshua}^b the son of Nun.
- (45) And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:
- (46) And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.
- (47) Because it *is* not a vain thing for you; because it *is* your life: and through this thing you shall prolong *your* days in the land, where you go over Jordan to possess it.

- (48) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Moses that very same day, saying,
- (49) Get yourself up into *this* mountain Abarim, *to* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* opposite Jericho; and see the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel for a possession:
- (50) And die in the mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered to his people:
- (51) Because you sinned against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you did not sanctify Me in the midst of the children of Israel.^c
- (52) Yet you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there to the land which I give the children of Israel.

Chapter 33

- (1) And *this is* the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.
- (2) And he said, The LORD {Jehovah} came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir to them; He shone forth from mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints: from His right hand *went* a fiery law for them.
- (3) Yes, He loved the people; all His saints *are* in your hand: and they sat down at your feet; *everyone* shall receive of your words.
- (4) Moses commanded us a law, *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.
- (5) And he was king in Jeshurun {upright; righteous one [a reference to Israel]}^a when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.
- (6) Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.

32:44b - Hoshea - another spelling of Joshua

32:51c - Ex. 17:7; Num. 20:11-12

33:5a - Jeshurun {יֵשׁוּרֻן} - upright; righteous one - a reference to Israel

- see note on Deut. 32:15; Is. 44:2

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(7) And this *is the blessing* of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD {Jehovah}, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and You be a help *to him* from his enemies.

(8) And of Levi he said, *Let your Thummim and your Urim^b be with your holy one, whom you proved at Massah, and with whom you strove at the waters of Meribah;*

(9) Who said to his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brothers, nor knew his own children: because they have observed Your word, and kept Your covenant.

(10) They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, and Israel Your law: they shall put incense before You, and whole burnt sacrifice upon Your altar.

(11) LORD {Jehovah}, bless his substance, and accept the work of his hands: strike through the thighs of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they not rise again.

(12) And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD {Jehovah} shall live in safety by him; *and the LORD {Jehovah} shall cover him all the day long, and he shall live between His shoulders.*

(13) And of Joseph he said, may his land be blessed of the LORD {Jehovah}, because the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that couches beneath,

(14) And for the precious fruits *brought forth* by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

(15) And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

(16) And for the precious things of the earth and fullness of it, and *for* the good will of him who lives in the bush: let *the blessing* come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of his head *who was* separated from his brothers.

(17) His glory *is like* the first born of his bull, and his horns *are like* the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

(18) And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; and, Issachar, in your tents.

(19) They shall call the people to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: because they shall nurse *of* the abundance of the seas, and *of* treasures hid in the sand.

(20) And of Gad he said, Blessed is he who enlarges Gad: he lives as a lion, and tears the arm with the crown of the head.

(21) And he provided the first part for himself, because there, *in* a portion of the lawgiver, *he was* seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD {Jehovah}, and his judgments with Israel.

(22) And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's cub: he shall leap from Bashan.

(23) And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the LORD {Jehovah}: you possess the west and the south.

(24) And of Asher he said, *Let Asher be* blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil.

33:8b - Urim {אֲרִי} - flame, or light; - Thummim {תְּמִימִים} – perfections ; Ex. 28:30 - The Urim and Thummin represented the perfect light or truth of God - We have no description in scripture as to what these pieces actually looked like. According to Jewish tradition these pieces to be added to Aaron's breastplate were given to Moses by God Himself. In Num. 27:21 and I Sam. 28:6 they represent God's answer to questions asked of Him. Some believe they were tossed like dice to receive an answer. Lots were often cast in scripture to determine God's will, but the Urim and Thummin are never mentioned in those scriptures. Josephus and other Jewish writers state they were the twelve stones on the high priest's breastplate.

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(25) Your shoes *shall be* iron and brass; and as your days, *so shall* your strength *be*.
(26) *There is* no one like the God of Jeshurun {upright; righteous one [Israel]};^c *who* rides upon the heaven in your help, and in His excellency on the sky.
(27) The eternal God *is your* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before you; and shall say, *Destroy them*.
(28) Israel then shall live in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also His heavens shall drop down dew.
(29) Happy *are* you, O Israel: who *is* like you, O people saved by the LORD {Jehovah}, the shield of your help, and Who *is* the sword of your excellency! and your enemies shall be found liars to you; and you shall tread upon their high places.

Chapter 34

(1) And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that *is* opposite Jericho. And the LORD {Jehovah} showed him all the land of Gilead, to Dan,
(2) And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the farthest sea {Mediterranean Sea},
(3) And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar.

(4) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, *This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants: I have caused you to see it with your own eyes, but you shall not go over there*.
(5) So Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.
(6) And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor: but no man knows of his tomb to this day.
(7) And Moses *was* one hundred twenty years old when he died {2552 A.H./C-1490 B.C.}: his eye was not dim, nor his natural strength abated.
(8) And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.
(9) And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; because Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel listened to him, and did as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses.
(10) And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD {Jehovah} knew face to face,
(11) In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD {Jehovah} sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,
(12) And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel.

33:26c - Jeshurun – upright; righteous one - Israel – see Deut. 32:15