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**Here is a brief Summary of the Book of DEUTERONOMY:**

Deuteronomy means --'Second Law'— so, a lot of the book is about reiterating the Laws of God.

--God says --he carried Israel in the wilderness --just like a man carries his son.

--God says --these 40 years you have lacked nothing. Fear me all the years you live on the earth. I am a Consuming Fire --a Jealous God. You must obey me and my laws or you will perish.

--You shall serve God with all your soul, heart, and mind. Don't ever Test me --Instead have complete Faith in me. Don't worship idols or intermarry with any nations you conquer.

--I chose you first out of all nations of the earth --you did not choose me.

--All the Blessings of God for Obeying Him are given --and all the Curses are also, given that will happen to the nation and the people --for Not Obeying God.

--God says He tested you 40 years in the wilderness --to see if you would obey and serve Him. God disciplines and spans you --because he Loves you.

--God says --I am bringing you into the promised land of milk and honey --and houses that you didn't build, and gardens and fruit trees you didn't plant and care for.

--Cling to me, obey me, and choose life and blessings -- so, that you and your descendants shall live.

--Moses dies at age 120 --and his physical strength and energy was still strong and his Vision was excellent and not dim.

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# Book of DEUTERONOMY

## CHAPTER 1

1 These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3 Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the Lord had given him as commandments to them, 4 after he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.

5 On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying,

6 Moses said --“The Lord our God Spoke to us at Horeb, saying --‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

7 Turn and set your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negev and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 See, I have placed the land before you --GO --in and Possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them.’

19 “Then we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible Wilderness which you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, just as the Lord our God had commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. 20 I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites which the Lord our God is about to give us.

21 See, the Lord your God has placed the land before you; GO up, take possession, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you.

--Do Not Fear or be Dismayed --

22 “Then All of you approached me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up and the cities which we shall enter.’ 23 The thing pleased me and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe. 24 They turned and went up into the hill country and came to the valley of Eshcol and spied it out. 25 Then they took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought us back a report and said --‘It is a Good Land which the Lord our God is about to give us.’

26 --“Yet you were Not Willing to go up, but --

--Rebelled against the Command of the Lord your God;

27 and you grumbled/complained --in your tents and said, ‘Because the Lord hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us. 28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there.” ’

29 Then I said to you --‘Do Not be Scared -- nor Fear them’ --

30 The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself --Fight on your behalf --  
--just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes --

31 and in the Wilderness where you saw how --the Lord your God carried you, just as a man carries his child in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.’

32 But for all this --you did Not Trust --the Lord your God,

33 who goes before you on your way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.

34 “Then the Lord heard the sound of your words, and He was Angry and took an oath, saying, 35 ‘Not one of these men, this Evil Generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed --the Lord Fully.’

37 The Lord was angry with me also, on your account, saying, ‘Not even you shall enter there. 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.

40 But as for you --Turn Around and set out for the Wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.’

41 “Then you said to me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the Lord our God commanded us.’ And every man of you girded on his weapons of war and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country.

42 And the Lord said to me, ‘Say to them --“Do not go up nor fight, for I am Not among you; otherwise, you will be defeated before your enemies.”

’ 43 so, I spoke to you, but you would Not Listen. Instead, you Rebelled Against the

Command of the Lord --and acted Presumptuously and went up into the hill country.

44 The Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and crushed you from Seir to Hormah. 45 Then you returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord did Not Listen to your voice nor give ear to you. 46 so, you remained in Kadesh many days.

## CHAPTER 2

1 “Then we turned and set out for the Wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me, and circled Mount Seir for many days. 2 And the Lord spoke to me, saying, 3 ‘You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north, 4 and command the people, saying, “You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. so, be very careful;

5 do not provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even as little as a footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession. 6 You shall buy food from them with money so, that you may eat, and you shall also, purchase water from them with money so, that you may drink.

7 For the Lord your God has Blessed you in all that you have done; He has known your Wanderings through this great Wilderness.

--These forty years the Lord your God has been with you --  
--you have --Not Lacked a Thing.

13 ‘Now arise and cross over the brook Zered yourselves.’ so, we crossed over the brook Zered. 14 Now the time that it took for us to come from Kadesh-barnea until we crossed over the brook Zered was thirty-eight years ---until all the generation of the men of war perished from within the camp, as the Lord had sworn to them. 15 Moreover the hand of the Lord was against them --to destroy them from within the camp until they all perished.

16 “So, it came about when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people, 17 that the Lord spoke to me, saying,

24 ‘Arise, set out, and pass through the valley of Arnon. Look --I have given Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession and contend with him in battle.

25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the peoples everywhere under the heavens/on the earth, who, when they hear the report of you, will tremble and be in anguish because of you.’

26 “And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 27 ‘Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on foot, 29 just as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the Jordan to the land which the Lord our God is giving us.’

30 “But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day.

31 “And the Lord said to me, ‘See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.’ 32 Then Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Jahaz. 33 And the Lord our God delivered him over to us; so, we defeated him, his sons, and all his people. 34 We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the men, women, and little ones of every city; we left none remaining.

35 We took only the livestock as plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we took. 36 From Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and from the city that is in the ravine, as far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; the Lord our God delivered all to us. 37 Only you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon—anywhere along the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the mountains, or wherever the Lord our God had forbidden us.

### **CHAPTER 3**

1 “Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 And the Lord said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.’

3 “ So, the Lord our God also, delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining. 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 fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns. 6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city. 7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.

8 “And at that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were on this side of the Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon 9 (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir), 10 all the cities of the

plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan, as far as Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 “For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the [b]giants. Indeed, his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

12 “And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, and half the mountains of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites. 13 The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants. 14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and called Bashan after his own name, Havoth Jair, to this day.)

15 “Also, I gave Gilead to Machir. 16 And to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the River Arnon, the middle of the river as the border, as far as the River Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon; 17 the plain also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth as far as the east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

18 “Then I commanded you at that time, saying: ‘The Lord your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. 19 But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you, 20 until the Lord has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also, possess the land which the Lord your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to their possession which I have given you.’

21 I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings; so, the Lord shall do to all the kingdoms into which you are about to cross.

22 -- Do Not Fear them --for the Lord your God is the one --Fighting for you.

23 “I also, pleaded with the Lord at that time, saying, 24 ‘O Lord God, You, have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?’

25 I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’

26 “But the Lord was angry with me on your account and would not listen to me. so, the Lord said to me: ‘Enough of that Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this

Jordan. 28 But command Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'

29 "so, we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

## CHAPTER 4

1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you to perform, so, that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

2 -- You shall Not Add to the Word --which I am Commanding you --nor Take Away from it --that you may keep the Commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord has done in the case of Baal-peor, for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the Lord your God has destroyed them from among you.

4 But you who --Held Fast to the Lord your God --are alive today, every one of you.

9 "Only give heed to yourself --and keep your soul diligently, so, that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons. 10 Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when the Lord said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My Words so, they may Learn to ----Fear Me --all the days they live on the earth --

and that they may teach their children.' 11 You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the very heart of the heavens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

21 "Now the Lord was angry with me on your account, and swore that I would not cross the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance. 22 For I will die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land.

23 So, Watch yourselves --that you --do Not Forget --the Covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the Lord your God has commanded you.

24 For the Lord your God is --a Consuming Fire --a Jealous God.

25 “When you become the father of children and children’s children and have remained long in the land, and Act Corruptly --and make an Idol in the form of anything, and do that which is Evil in the sight of the Lord your God so, as -- to Provoke Him to Anger,

26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that --you will surely Perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall Not live long on it but will be utterly Destroyed.

27 The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord drives you. 28 There you will serve gods, the work of man’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

29 But from there you will --seek the Lord your God, and --you will Find God -- IF --you Search for Him with All your Heart --And all your soul/desire/passion.

30 When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the Lord your God and Listen to His voice.

31 For the Lord your God --is a Compassionate God --He will not Fail You nor destroy you nor --forget the Covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

39 Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.

40 So, you Shall -- Keep His statutes and His Commandments --which I am giving you today, that it May go Well with you and with your children after you, and that you May live long on the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”

## **CHAPTER 5**

1 Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them:

“Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. 2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. 3 The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today.

4 The Lord spoke to you face to face at the mountain --from the midst of the Fire, 5 while I was standing between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the Word of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain. He said,



6 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

7 --'You shall have No other gods before Me.

8 --'You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who Hate Me,

10 but showing Loving-Kindness to thousands,

-- -- to those who Love Me and Keep My Commandments.

11 --'You shall Not take the Name of the Lord your God in Vain/not Fearing God --for the Lord will Not leave any per son Unpunished --who takes His Name in vain.

12 'Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.

16 'Honor your Father and your Mother --as the Lord your God has Commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the Lord your God gives you.

17 --'You shall Not Murder.

18 -- 'You shall Not commit Adultery.

19 -- 'You shall Not Steal.

20 --'You shall Not bear false witness/Lie about against your neighbor.

21 --'You shall Not covet/desire sinfully --your neighbor's wife/or husband, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, their property --or Anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

22 "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. 23 And when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. 24 You said, 'Behold, the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with people, yet they live.

25 Now then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any longer, then we will die. 26 For who is there of all flesh

who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go near and hear all that the Lord our God says; then speak to us all that the Lord our God speaks to you, and we will hear and do it.’

28 “The Lord heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the Lord said to me, ‘I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.

29 -- Oh, that they had such a Heart in them --that they would Fear Me --

--and Keep all My Commandments always --that it may be well with them and with their sons and daughters forever

30 Go, say to them, “Return to your tents.” 31 But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I give them to possess.’

32 so, you shall Observe to Do just as the Lord your God has Commanded you; you shall Not Turn Aside --to the right or to the left.

33 You shall Walk in all the way which the Lord 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 will possess.

## **CHAPTER 6**

1 “Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, 2 so that you and your son and your grandson might

--Fear the Lord your God, --to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

3 O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 “Hear, O Israel --The Lord is our God, the Lord is one.

**5 You Shall Love the Lord your God with --All your Heart --  
and with -- All your soul -- and with --All your Might.**

6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your Heart. 7 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.

10 “Then it shall come about when the Lord your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and dug out cisterns/wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat from them and are satisfied,

12 then Watch Yourself, that you do Not Forget the Lord who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

13 --You shall Fear only the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

14 You shall Not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, 15 for the Lord your God in the midst of you is a Jealous God; otherwise the Anger of the Lord your God will be kindled/on Fire against you, and --He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

16 “You shall Not --put the Lord your God to the Test, as you tested/tempted Him at Massah.

17 You should diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you.

18 You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to give your fathers, 19 by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has spoken.

20 “When your son or daughter --asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the Lord our God commanded you?’ 21 then you shall say to your son or daughter --‘We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 Moreover, the Lord showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household; 23 He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.’

24 so, the Lord Commanded us to Observe all these statutes,

--to Fear the Lord our God --for our Good always and for our survival, as it is today. 25 It will be Righteousness for us if we are careful to observe All this commandment before the Lord our God, just as He commanded us.

## **CHAPTER 7**

1 “When the Lord your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, and clears away 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 stronger than you,

2 and when the Lord your God delivers them before you and you defeat them, then you --shall utterly Destroy them.

--You shall make No Covenant with them and show no favor to them.

3 Furthermore, you --shall Not Intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons.

4 For they will Turn your people away from following Me -- to serve other gods; then the Anger of the Lord will be kindled against you and --He will quickly Destroy you.

5 But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their sacred pillars, and hew down their Asherim/idols --and burn their graven images with fire. 6 For you are a holy people --to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has Chosen You --to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

7 “The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the Faithful God, who keeps His Covenant and His Loving-Kindness to a thousandth generation --with those who Love Him and Keep/obey his Commandments;

10 but repays those who Hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with those who Hate Him, He will repay them to their faces. 11 Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to Do them.

12 “Then it shall come about, because you Listen to these judgments and keep and Do them, that the Lord your God will keep with you His Covenant and His Loving-Kindness which He swore to your forefathers. 13 He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also, bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

14 You shall be blessed above all peoples; there will be no male or female barren among you or among your cattle.

15 The Lord will Remove from you --All Sicknesses/diseases,

--and He will Not put on you any of the harmful Diseases of Egypt which you have known,

but He will lay them on all who hate you. 16 You shall consume all the peoples whom the Lord your God will deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them, nor shall you serve their gods, for that would be a Snare to you.

17 “If you should say in your Heart, ‘These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?’ 18 --you shall Not be Afraid of them;

you shall well Remember what the Lord your God --did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

19 the great trials which your eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the Lord your God brought you out. so, shall the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. 20 Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet against them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you perish.

21 You shall Not dread them, for the Lord your God is in your Midst,

-- a Great and Awesome God --

22 The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, for the wild beasts would grow too numerous for you. 23 But the Lord your God will deliver them before you and will throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed. 24 He will deliver their kings into your hand so, that you will make their name perish from under heaven; no man/or per son will be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods you are to burn with fire; you shall Not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, or you will be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. 26 You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it come under the forbidden ban; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned.

## CHAPTER 8

1 “All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you May live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your forefathers.

2 You shall Remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the Wilderness these forty years --

--that He might Humble you --Testing you --

--to know what -- was in your Heart --

--whether you would keep His Commandments --or not.

3 He Humbled you and --let you be Hungry, and fed you with Manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you --understand that a person does not live by bread/food alone -- but a person lives by Everything that proceeds out of the mouth/Word --of the Lord.

4 Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 Thus you are to know in your Heart --

--that the Lord your God was Disciplining you just as a person spans --their child.

6 Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways --and to Fear Him.

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a Land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will Not Lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied --you shall Bless/Praise the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

11 “Beware that you do Not Forget --the Lord your God by Not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

14 then your Heart will become Proud --and you will Forget the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the House of Slavery. 15 He led you through the great and terrible Wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint.

16 In the wilderness He fed you Manna which your fathers did not know,

--that He might Humble you and that --He might Test you, to do good for you in the end. 17 Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’

18 But you shall Remember the Lord your God, for it is He

--who is giving you Power to get and make Wealth,

that He may confirm /Establish his Covenant/kingdom/ministry which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

19 It shall come about if you ever Forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them --I testify against you today that you will surely Perish -- just like the nations that the Lord -- makes to Perish before you,

--Because you --would Not Listen --to the Word of the Lord your God.

## CHAPTER 9

1 “Hear, O Israel You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities fortified to heaven, 2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard it said, ‘Who can stand before the sons of Anak?’

3 Know therefore today that it is the Lord your God who is crossing over before you --as a Consuming Fire. He will Destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so, that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the Lord has spoken to you.

4 “Do not say in your heart when the Lord your God has driven them out before you, ‘Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,’

--but it is because of the Wickedness of these Nations --that the Lord is dispossessing them before you.

5 It is Not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but it is because of the Wickedness of these Nations that the Lord your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

6 “Know, then, it is Not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess,  
for you are --a Stubborn people.

7 Remember, do not forget how you Provoked the Lord your God to Wrath in the wilderness; from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, --you have been --Rebellious against the Lord.

8 Even at Horeb you provoked the Lord to Wrath, and the Lord was so, Angry with you that He would have Destroyed you. 9 When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the Lord had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights --I neither ate bread nor drank water.

10 The Lord gave me the two tablets of stone Written by the Finger of God; and on them were all the words which the Lord had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. 11 It came about at the end of forty days and nights that the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the

covenant. 12 Then the Lord said to me, ‘Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly.

They have quickly Turned Aside from the way which I Commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.’

13 The Lord spoke further to me/Moses, 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 mountain while the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. 16 And I saw that you had indeed sinned against the Lord your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the Lord had commanded you.

17 I took hold of the two tablets and threw them from my hands and smashed them before your eyes.

18 I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all Your Sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the Lord to provoke Him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the Lord was wrathful against you in order to destroy you, but the Lord listened to me that time also.

20 The Lord was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him; so, I also, prayed for Aaron at the same time. 21 I took your sinful thing, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain.

. 24 You have --been Rebellious against God Almighty --from the day I knew you.

25 “Thus I prostrated myself before the Lord; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the Lord had said He would destroy you. 26 Therefore I prayed to the Lord, and said: ‘O Lord God, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the Stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin, 28 lest the land from which You brought us should say, “Because the Lord was not able to bring them to 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, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.’

## CHAPTER 10

1 “At that time the Lord said to me, ‘Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.’

3 “So, I made an Ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, 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 had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them to me. 5 Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, just as the Lord commanded me.”

6 (Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah, where Aaron died, and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his stead. 7 From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of rivers of water.

8 At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day. 9 Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, just as the Lord your God promised him.)

10 “As at the first time, I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; the Lord also, heard me at that time, and the Lord chose not to destroy you. 11 Then the Lord said to me, ‘Arise, begin your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

12 “And now, Israel,

-- What does the Lord your God require of you, but to Fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with All your heart and with All your soul.

13 And to keep/obey the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for --Your Own Good?

14 Indeed Heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also, --the earth with all that is in it.

15 The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose

their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.

16 Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart and be stiff-necked no longer. 17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. 18 He administers Justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves strangers, giving them food and clothing. 19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 You shall Fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. 21 He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy per sons, and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

## **CHAPTER 11**

1 “Therefore you shall Love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always. 2 Know today that I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the Lord your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm— 3 His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land;

4 what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: how He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and how the Lord has destroyed them to this day; 5 what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

6 and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel— 7 but your eyes have seen every great act of the Lord which He did.

8 “Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, 9 and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’

10 For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by your feet and irrigation methods, as a vegetable garden; 11 but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, 12 a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

13 “It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to Love the Lord your God and to Serve Him with All your

heart and All your soul -- that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil. 15 He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

16 Beware --that your Hearts are Not Deceived, and that you --do Not Turn Away and serve other gods and worship them.

--17 Or the Anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so, that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you.

22 For -- IF --you are Careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do,

-- --to Love the Lord your God --to Walk in all His ways

--and Hold Fast to Him,

23 -- Then the Lord will drive out all these nations/your enemies from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours; your border will be from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea.

25 --No person will be able to stand before you --the Lord your God will lay the dread of you and the fear of you on all the land on which you set foot, as He has spoken to you.

26 “See, I am setting before you today a Blessing and a Curse:

27 the Blessing --IF --you Listen/and meditate to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am Commanding you today.

28 And the Curse --IF -- you do Not Listen --to the commandments of the Lord your God but Turn Aside --from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.

## **CHAPTER 12**

1 “These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. 2 You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

3 And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. 4 You shall Not worship the Lord your God with such things.

5 “But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes,

to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. 6 There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. 7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

8 “You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every person doing whatever is right in their own eyes— 9 for as yet you have not come to the Rest/promised land and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you. 10 But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so, that you dwell in safety,

11 then there will be the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the Lord.

12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion 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 in the place which the Lord chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15 “However, you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike. 16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water. 17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or your new wine or your oil, of the firstborn of your herd or your flock, of any of your offerings which you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of the heave offering of your hand.

18 But you must eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God chooses, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in all to which you put your hands. 19 Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

20 “When the Lord your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, ‘Let me eat meat,’ because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires. 21 If the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the Lord has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your

gates as much as your heart desires. 22 Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so, you may eat them; the unclean and the clean alike may eat them.

23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life; you may not eat the life with the meat. 24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth like water. 25 You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord. 26 Only the holy things which you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the Lord chooses.

27 And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of the Lord your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the Lord your God, and you shall eat the meat. 28 Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the Lord your God.

29 “When the Lord your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, 30 take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods? I also, will do likewise.’ 31 You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 “Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

## **CHAPTER 13**

1 “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and they give 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,’ 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold

fast to Him. 5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because they have spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. so, you shall put away the evil from your midst. 6 “If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers, 7 of the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth, 8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; 9 but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

10 And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 11 So, all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

12 “If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the Lord your God gives you to dwell in, saying, 13 ‘Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, “Let us go and serve other gods” ’—which you have not known— 14 then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you,

15 you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock—with the edge of the sword.

16 And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the Lord your God. It shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again. 17 so, none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers,

18 because you have listened to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep/obey all His commandments which I command you today, to do what is --Right in the eyes of the Lord your God.

## CHAPTER 14

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“You are the children of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. 2 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

3 “You shall not eat any detestable thing. 4 These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, 5 the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the mountain goat, the antelope, and the mountain sheep. 6 And you may eat every animal with cloven hooves, having the hoof split into two parts, and that chews the cud, among the animals. 7 Nevertheless, of those that chew the cud or have cloven hooves, you shall not eat, such as these: the camel, the hare/rabbit, and the rock hyrax/shaphan; for they chew the cud but do not have cloven hooves; they are unclean for you.

8 Also, the swine/pig is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud; you shall not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

9 “These you may eat of all that are in the waters: you may eat all that have fins and scales. 10 And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you.

11 “All clean birds you may eat. 12 But these you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, 13 the red kite, the falcon, and the kite after their kinds; 14 every raven/crow after its kind; 15 the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after their kinds; 16 the little owl, the screech owl, the white owl, 17 the jackdaw, the carrion vulture, the fisher owl, 18 the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat.

19 “Also, every creeping thing that flies is unclean for you; they shall not be eaten.

20 “You may eat all clean birds.

21 “You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the Lord your God.

“You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk.

22 “You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. 23 And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

24 But if the journey is too long for you, so, that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the Lord your God has blessed you, 25 then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses.

26 And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27 You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

28 “At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates.

29 And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

## CHAPTER 15

1 “At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. 2 And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the Lord’s release. 3 Of a foreigner you may require it; but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother,

4 except when there may be no poor among you; for the Lord will greatly bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance— 5 only IF --you carefully Obey the voice/Word of the Lord your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today.

6 For the Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

7 “If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut



your hand from your poor brother, 8 but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

9 Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,’ and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the Lord against you, and it become sin among you.

10 You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand. 11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.’

12 ‘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. 13 And when you [g]send him away free from you, you shall not let him go away empty-handed; 14 you shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. From what the Lord your God has blessed you with, you shall give to him.

15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today.

16 And if it happens that he says to you, ‘I will not go away from you,’ because he loves you and your house, since he prospers 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. Also, to your female servant you shall do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all that you do.

19 ‘All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall sanctify to the Lord your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20 You and your household shall eat it before the Lord your God year by year in the place which the Lord chooses.

21 But if there is a defect in it, if it is lame or blind or has any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God. 22 You may eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean person alike may eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer. 23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

## **CHAPTER 16**

1 ‘Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. 2 Therefore you

shall sacrifice the Passover to the Lord your God, from the flock and the herd, in the place where the Lord chooses to put His name.

3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4 And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the meat which you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until morning.

5 “You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you; 6 but at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt. 7 And you shall roast and eat it in the place which the Lord your God chooses, and in the morning, you shall turn and go to your tents. 8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a sacred assembly to the Lord your God. You shall do no work on it.

9 “You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain. 10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you. 11 You shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are among you, at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide.

12 And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

13 “You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. 14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates.

15 Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so, that you surely rejoice.

16 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. 17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

18 “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the Lord your God

gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. 20 You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

21 “You shall not plant for yourself any tree, as a wooden image, near the altar which you build for yourself to the Lord your God. 22 You shall not set up a sacred pillar, which the Lord your God hates.

## **CHAPTER 17**

1 “You shall not sacrifice to the Lord your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish or defect, for that is an abomination to the Lord your God.

2 “If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing His covenant, 3 who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host/stars of the heavens/astrology, which I have not commanded, 4 and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently.

And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.

6 Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; they shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against them to put them to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. so, you shall put away the evil from among you.

8 “If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the Lord your God chooses.

9 And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment. 10 You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the Lord chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you.

11 According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you. 12 Now the person who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or the judge, that person shall die. so, you shall put away the evil from Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear and Fear, and no longer act

presumptuously/sinners.

14 “When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’ 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself/like King Solomon did, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, ‘You shall not return that way again.’

17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself --lest his heart turn away/like King Solomon did; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself/like King Solomon did.

18 “Also, it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,

20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren/peoples, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and 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—all the tribe of Levi—shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and His portion. 2 Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord is their inheritance, as He said to them.

3 “And this shall be the priest’s due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it is bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach. 4 The first fruits of your grain and your new wine and your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5 For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons forever.

6 “So, if a Levite comes from any of your gates, from where he dwells among all Israel, and comes with all the desire of his mind to the place which the Lord chooses, 7 then he may serve in the name of the Lord his God as all his brethren the Levites do, who stand there before the Lord. 8 They shall have equal portions to eat, besides what comes from the sale of his inheritance.

9 “When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritualist, or one who calls up the dead.

12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. 14 For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.

15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

17 “And the Lord said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded them to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ 21 And if you say in your heart,

‘How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord,

--If the thing does Not Happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has Not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of them.

## **CHAPTER 19**

1 “When the Lord your God has cut off the nations whose land the Lord your God is giving you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, 2 you shall separate three cities for yourself in the midst of your land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess. 3 You shall prepare roads for yourself and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, that any man slayer/ someone who kills someone may flee there.

4 “And this is the case of the manslayer who flees there, that they may live: Whoever kills their neighbor unintentionally, not having hated them in time past— 5 as when a man goes to the woods with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his

neighbor so, that he dies—he shall flee to one of these cities and live;

6 lest the avenger of blood, while his anger is hot, pursue the man slayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated the victim in time past. 7 Therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall separate three cities for yourself.’

8 “Now if the Lord your God enlarges your territory, as He swore to your fathers, and gives you the land which He promised to give to your fathers, 9 and if you keep all these commandments and do them, which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three more cities for yourself besides these three,

10 lest innocent blood be shed in the midst of your land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and thus guilt of bloodshed be upon you.

11 “But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises against him and strikes him mortally, so, that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities, 12 then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to 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, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.

15 “One witness shall not rise against a person concerning any iniquity or any sin that they have committed.

--By the mouth/sworn testimony of --Two or Three Witnesses-- the matter shall be established.

16 If a false witness rises against any person to testify against them of wrongdoing, 17 then both people in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days.

18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the Witness is a False/lying Witness, who has testified falsely against their brother or sister, or neighbor 19 then you --shall Do To Them --as they had thought to have done to their brother, sister, or neighbor; so, you shall put away the evil from among you.

20 And those who remain shall hear and Fear, and hereafter they shall Not Again commit such evil among you. 21 Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

## CHAPTER 20

1 “When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you,

-- Do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, --who brought you up from the land of Egypt. 2 So, it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. 3 And he shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them.

4 For the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you --against your enemies, to save you.’

5 “Then 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 Also, what man is there who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him 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 is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.’

8 “The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, ‘What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.’ 9 And so, it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

10 “When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. 11 And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you and serve you. 12 Now if the city will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it. 13 And when the Lord your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword.

14 But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies’ plunder which the Lord your God gives you. 15 Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16 “But of the cities of these peoples which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, 17 but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the Lord your God has commanded you, 18 lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and You Sin against the Lord your God.

19 “When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you

shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man's food. 20 Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siege works against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

## CHAPTER 21

1 "If anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed them, 2 then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure the distance from the slain person to the surrounding cities. 3 And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain person will take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke. 4 The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the Lord your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the Lord; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled. 6 And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain person shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley. 7 Then they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.

8 Provide atonement, O Lord, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood. 9 So, you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.

10 "When you go out to war against your enemies, and the Lord your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive, 11 and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your wife, 12 then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails.

13 She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you may go into her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. 14 And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall set her free, but you certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally, because you have humbled her.

15 "If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, 16 then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the true firstborn.

17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a



double portion of all that he has, for 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 chastened him, will not heed them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so, you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

22 “If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so, that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.

## **CHAPTER 22**

1 “You shall not see your brother’s ox or his sheep going astray and hide yourself from them; you shall certainly bring them back to your brother. 2 And if your brother is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it to your own house, and it shall remain with you until your brother seeks it; then you shall restore it to him. 3 You shall do the same with his donkey, and so, shall you do with his garment; with any lost thing of your brother’s, which he has lost and you have found, you shall do likewise; you must not hide yourself.

4 “You shall not see your brother’s donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him lift them up again.

5 “A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

6 “If a bird’s nest happens to be before you along the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young; 7 you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days.

8 “When you build a new house, then you shall make a railing for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it.

9 “You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the 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 a garment of different sorts, such as wool and linen mixed

together.

12 “You shall make tassels on the four corners of the clothing with which you cover yourself.

13 “If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, 14 and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, ‘I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was Not a virgin,’ 15 then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out the evidence of the young woman’s virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

16 And the young woman’s father shall say to the elders, ‘I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her. 17 Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, “I found your daughter was not a virgin,” and yet these are the evidences of my daughter’s virginity.’ And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him; 19 and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.

20 “But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman, 21 then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father’s house. so, you shall put away the evil from among you.

22 “If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so, you shall put away the evil from Israel.

23 “If a young woman who is a virgin is betrothed 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 to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor’s wife; so, you shall put away the evil from among you.

25 “But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. 26 But you shall do nothing to the young woman; there is in the young woman no sin deserving of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so, is this matter. 27 For he found her in the countryside, and the betrothed young woman cried out, but there was no one to save her.

28 “If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, 29 then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman’s father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his

wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days.

30 “A man shall not take his father’s wife, nor uncover his father’s bed.

## CHAPTER 23

1 “He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter the assembly of the Lord.

2 “One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the Lord.

3 “An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the Lord forever, 4 because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 Nevertheless the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. 6 You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.

7 “You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land. 8 The children of the third generation born to them may enter the assembly of the Lord.

9 “When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing. 10 If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence in the night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come inside the camp. 11 But it shall be, when evening comes, that he shall wash with water; and when the sun sets, he may come into the camp.

12 “Also, you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; 13 and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse. 14 For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.

15 “You shall not give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you. 16 He may dwell with you in your midst, in the place which he chooses within one of your gates, where it seems best to him; you shall not oppress him.

17 “There shall be no ritual harlot/prostitute of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one/male prostitute of the sons of Israel. 18 You shall not bring the wages of a harlot/whore or the price of a dog to the house of the Lord your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God.

19 “You shall not charge interest to your brother—interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest. 20 To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, that the Lord your God may bless you in all to which you set your hand in the land which you are entering to possess.

21 “When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you. 22 But if you abstain from voting, it shall not be sin to you. 23 That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the Lord your God what you have promised with your mouth.

24 “When you come into your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put any in your container. 25 When you come into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor’s standing grain.

## **CHAPTER 24**

1 “When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, 2 when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man’s wife, 3 if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife,

4 then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the Lord, and you shall Not bring Sin on the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

5 “When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

6 “No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge, for he takes one’s living in pledge.

7 “If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you.

8 “Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy, that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, so, you shall be careful to do. 9 Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt.

10 “When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his

pledge. 11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. 12 And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. 13 You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the Lord your God.

14 “You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. 15 Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be Sin to you.

16 “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for their own sin.

17 “You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow’s garment as a pledge. 18 But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

19 “When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and 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 dispute between men, and they come to court, that the judges may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked, 2 then it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. 3 Forty blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

4 “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.

5 “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband’s brother shall go into her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. 6 And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.

7 But if the man does not want 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 a name to his brother 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. But if he stands firm 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, remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and answer and say, 'so, shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.' 10 And his name shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed.'

11 "If two men fight together, and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one attacking him, and puts out her hand and seizes him by the genitals, 12 then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not pity her.

13 "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light. 14 You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. 15 You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. 16 For all who do such things, all who behave righteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

17 "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18 how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did Not Fear God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.

## **CHAPTER 26**

1 "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.'

4 "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. 5 And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us.

7 Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 so, the Lord brought us out

of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; 10 and now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.’

“Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God.

11 So, you shall --Rejoice in every good thing --which the Lord your God has given to you and your house,

you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

12 “When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year—the year of tithing—and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so, that they may eat within your gates and be filled, 13 then you shall say before the Lord your God: ‘I have removed the holy tithe from my house, and also, have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them.

14 I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for an unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the Lord my God and have done according to all that You have commanded me. 15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, “a land flowing with milk and honey.”

16 “This day the Lord your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. 17 Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will Obey His voice.

18 Also, today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep/obey all His commandments,

19 and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor,

and that you may be a Holy People to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.”

## **CHAPTER 27**

1 Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: “Keep all the commandments which I command you today. 2 And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime. 3 You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land

which the Lord your God is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' just as the Lord God of your fathers promised you.

4 Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime. 5 And there you shall build an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron tool on them. 6 You shall build with whole stones the altar of the Lord your God and offer burnt offerings on it to the Lord your God. 7 You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the Lord your God. 8 And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law."

9 Then 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 your God. 10 Therefore you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

11 And Moses commanded the people on the same day, saying, 12 "These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin; 13 and these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 "And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel: 15 'Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.'

"And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.'

16 'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

17 'Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

18 'Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

19 'Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

20 'Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

21 'Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'



22 ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

23 ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

24 ‘Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

25 ‘Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

26 ‘Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’ ”

## CHAPTER 28

1 ‘Now it shall be, if you diligently Obey --the Lord your God,  
--being careful to Do All His commandments which I command you today, the  
Lord your God will set you --high above all the nations of the earth.

2 All these Blessings will come upon you and overtake you-**IF-you Obey the Lord your God:**

3 ‘Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

4 ‘Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

5 ‘Blessed shall be your --surplus storage/food/money.

6 ‘Blessed shall you be when you come in --and Blessed shall you be when you go out.

7 ‘The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be Defeated before you; they will come out against you one way --and will flee before you seven ways.

8 The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in --  
--All that you put your hands to do --and He will bless you in the land which the  
Lord your God gives you.

9 The Lord will establish you as a Holy People to Himself/separated/sanctified, as He swore to you,

--IF -- you keep/obey the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. 10 So, all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the Name of the

Lord, and they will be afraid of you.

11 The Lord will make you abound in Prosperity --in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.

12 The Lord will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its sea son and to bless all the work of your hand.

--And you shall Lend to many nations --but you shall Not Borrow.

13 The Lord will make you the Head --and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath --IF --you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I charge you today, to Observe them carefully,

14 and do Not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 “But it shall come about, **IF --you --Do Not Obey --the Lord your God,** to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all --these Curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16 “Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.

17 “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 “Cursed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

19 “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

20 “The Lord will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, on account of the Evil of your deeds/works --because you have Forsaken Me.

21 The Lord will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 22 The Lord will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish. 23 And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron. 24 The Lord will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 “The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away. 27 The Lord will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed.

28 The Lord --will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind, 29 and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you.

30 You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall ravish her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not enjoy its fruit.

31 Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat any of it. Your donkey shall be seized before your face but shall not be restored to you. Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, but there shall be no one to help you.

32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and fail with longing for them all day long, but you shall be helpless. 33 A nation that you have not known shall eat up the fruit of your ground and of all your labors, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually,

34 So, that you are driven mad by the sights that your eyes see. 35 The Lord will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 “The Lord will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. 37 And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the Lord will lead you away.

38 You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it.

39 You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them. 40 You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off.

41 You shall father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.

42 The cricket shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground. 43 The sojourner who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. 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 “All these Curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did Not Obey the voice/Word of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. 46 They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever.

47 Because you --did Not Serve --the Lord your God with --Joyfulness and Gladness of heart,

because of the abundance of all things/I gave you, 48 therefore you --Shall Serve your Enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.

49 The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, 50 a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young. 51 It shall eat the offspring of your cattle and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; it also, shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish.

52 “They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which the Lord your God has given you. 53 And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom the Lord your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you.

54 The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left, 55 so, that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children whom he is eating, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your towns.

56 The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so, delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter, 57 her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, because lacking everything she will eat them secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your towns.

58 “IF --you are Not Careful --to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may Fear this glorious and awesome name, the Lord your God,

59 then the Lord will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. 60 And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. 61 Every sickness also, and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, the Lord will bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

62 Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be --left few in number, --Because you did --Not Obey the voice/Word of the Lord your God.

63 And as the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so,  
--the --Lord will take --Delight in bringing Ruin upon you and Destroying You.

And you shall be --Plucked/taken violently --Off the Land-- that you are entering to take possession of it.

64 “And the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. 65 And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but the Lord will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul. 66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life.

67 In the morning you shall say, ‘If only it were evening’ and at evening you shall say, ‘If only it were morning’ because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see. 68 And the Lord will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer.”

## **CHAPTER 29**

1 These are the words of the covenant that the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.

2 [b] And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: “You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, 3 the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. 4 But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet. 6 You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am the Lord 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, but we defeated them.

8 We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites. 9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

10 “You are standing today, all of you, before the Lord your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, 11 your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water, 12 so, that you may enter into the sworn covenant of

the Lord your God, which the Lord your God is making with you today,

13 that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, 15 but with whoever is standing here with us today before the Lord our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.

16 “You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed. 17 And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them. 18 Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit,

19 one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike. 20 The Lord will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the Lord and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the Lord will blot out his name from under heaven. 21 And the Lord will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.

22 And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which the Lord has made it sick— 23 the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger and wrath—

24 all the nations will say, ‘Why has the Lord done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?’

25 Then people will say, ‘It is because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, 26 and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them.

27 Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, 28 and the Lord uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.’

29 “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

## CHAPTER 30

1 “So, it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the Lord your God has banished you,

2 and you Return --to the Lord your God and --Obey Him with All your heart and soul according to all that I command you today,

you and your children, 3 then the Lord your God will Restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.

4 If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. 5 The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 “Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so, that you may live. 7 The Lord your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 And you shall Again Obey the Lord and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

9 Then the Lord your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the Lord will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers.

10 IF --you Obey the Lord your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law,  
--IF --you Turn to the Lord your God with All your heart and soul.

11 “For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’

13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’

14 But my Word is very near you --in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe/Do --it.

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity --and death and adversity.

16 In that I command you today --to Love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may Bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

17 But IF --your Heart Turns Away --and you will Not Obey but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall surely Perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to Witness against you today,  
--that I have set before you --Life and Death --the Blessing and the Curse.  
so, Choose Life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

20 by Loving the Lord your God, by Obeying His voice, and by holding/clinging fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

## CHAPTER 31

1 So, Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. 2 And he said to them, “I am a hundred and twenty years old today; I am no longer able to come and go, and the Lord has said to me, ‘You shall not cross this Jordan.’ 3 It is the Lord your God who will cross ahead of you; He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, just as the Lord has spoken.

4 The Lord will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them. 5 The Lord will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 Be strong and courageous --do Not be Afraid or tremble --at them,

for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you.

--God --will Not Fail you --or Forsake You --

7 Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel,  
--“Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance. 8 The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”



<sup>9</sup> So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup> Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, <sup>11</sup> when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing.

<sup>12</sup> Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. <sup>13</sup> Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Now the day of your death is near. Call Joshua and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, where I will commission him.” So, Moses and Joshua came and presented themselves at the tent of meeting.

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD appeared at the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the entrance to the tent. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to Moses: “You are going to rest with your ancestors, and these people --will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will --forsake me and break the covenant I made with them.

<sup>17</sup> And in that day, I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and calamities will come on them, and in that day they will ask, ‘Have not these disasters come on us because our God is not with us?’ <sup>18</sup> And I will certainly --Hide my Face in that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods.

<sup>19</sup> “Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them. <sup>20</sup> When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their ancestors, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting me and breaking my covenant.

<sup>21</sup> And when many disasters and calamities come on them, this song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants. I know what they are disposed to do, even before I bring them into the land, I promised them on oath.” <sup>22</sup> So Moses wrote down this song that day and taught it to the Israelites.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: “Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you.”

<sup>24</sup> After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, <sup>25</sup> he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of

the LORD: <sup>26</sup> “Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God. There it will remain as a witness against you.

27 For I know your rebellion and your stubbornness; behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against the Lord; how much more, then, after my death? 28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them.

29 For I know that after my death you will act corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, for you will do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger with the work of your hands.”

30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were complete:

## **CHAPTER 32**

1 “Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak;  
And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.  
3 For I proclaim the name of the Lord;  
Ascribe Greatness to our God  
4 The Rock. His work is perfect,  
For all His ways are just;  
A God of Faithfulness and without injustice,  
Righteous and upright is He.  
They have dealt corruptly with him;  
    they are no longer his children because they are blemished;  
    they are a crooked and twisted generation.  
6 Do you thus repay the Lord,  
    you foolish and senseless people?  
Is not he your father, who created you,  
    who 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 gave to the nations their inheritance,  
    when he divided mankind,  
he fixed the borders of the peoples  
    according to the number of the sons of God.  
9 But the Lord's portion is his people,  
    Jacob his allotted heritage.

10 “He found him in a desert land,  
and in the howling waste of the wilderness;  
he encircled him, he cared for him,  
he kept him as the apple of his eye.  
11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,  
that flutters over its young,  
spreading out its wings, catching them,  
bearing them on its pinions,  
12 the Lord alone guided him,  
no foreign god was with him.  
13 He made him ride on the high places of the land,  
and he ate the produce of the field,  
and he suckled him with honey out of the rock,  
and oil out of the flinty rock.  
14 Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock,  
with fat of lambs,  
rams of Bashan and goats,  
with the very finest of the wheat—  
and you drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape.  
15 “But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked;  
you grew fat, stout, and sleek;  
then he forsook God who made him  
and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.  
16 They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods;  
with abominations they provoked him to anger.  
17 They sacrificed to demons that were no gods,  
to gods they had never known,  
to new gods that had come recently,  
whom your fathers had never dreaded.  
18 You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you,  
and you forgot the God who gave you birth.  
19 “The Lord saw it and spurned them,  
because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.  
20 And he said, ‘I will hide my face from them;  
I will see what their end will be,  
for they are a perverse generation,  
children in whom is no faithfulness.  
21 They have made me jealous with what is no god;  
they have provoked me to anger with their idols.  
so, I will make them jealous with those who are no people;  
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled by my anger,  
and it burns to the depths of Sheol,  
devours the earth and its increase,  
and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 ““And I will heap disasters upon them;  
I will spend my arrows on them;

24 they shall be wasted with hunger,  
and devoured by plague  
and poisonous pestilence;

I will send the teeth of beasts against them,  
with the venom of things that crawl in the dust.

25 Outdoors the sword shall bereave,  
and indoors terror,

for young man and woman alike,  
the nursing child with the man of gray hairs.

26 I would have said, “I will cut them to pieces;  
I will wipe them from human memory,”

27 had I not feared provocation by the enemy,  
lest their adversaries should misunderstand,  
lest they should say, “Our hand is triumphant,  
it was not the Lord who did all this.””

28 “For they are a nation void of counsel,  
and there is no understanding in them.

29 If they were wise, they would understand this;  
they would discern their latter end

30 How could one have chased a thousand,  
and two have put ten thousand to flight,  
unless their Rock had sold them,  
and the Lord had given them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock;  
our enemies are by themselves.

32 For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom  
and from the fields of Gomorrah;

their grapes are grapes of poison;  
their clusters are bitter;

33 their wine is the poison of serpents  
and the cruel venom of asps.

34 ““Is not this laid up in store with me,  
sealed up in my treasuries?

35 Vengeance is mine, says God, --I will recompense/vindicate,  
for the time when their foot shall slip;

for the day of their calamity is at hand,  
and their doom comes swiftly.’

36 For the Lord will --Vindicate His people,  
And will have --Compassion on His servants,  
When He sees that their strength is gone,

39 See now that I, I am He,  
And there is no god besides Me;  
It is I who put to death and give life.  
I have wounded --and it is I who heal,  
And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.  
I will render Vengeance on My adversaries,  
And I will Repay those who hate Me.

## CHAPTER 33

This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death. <sup>2</sup> He said:

“The LORD came from Sinai  
and dawned over them from Seir;  
he shone forth from Mount Paran.  
He came with myriads of holy ones  
from the south, from his mountain slopes.  
<sup>3</sup> Surely it is you who love the people;  
all the holy ones are in your hand.  
At your feet they all bow down,  
and from you receive instruction,  
<sup>4</sup> the law that Moses gave us,  
the possession of the assembly of Jacob.  
<sup>5</sup> He was king over Jeshurun  
when the leaders of the people assembled,  
along with the tribes of Israel.  
<sup>6</sup> “Let Reuben live and not die,  
nor his people be few.”  
<sup>7</sup> And this he said about Judah:  
“Hear, LORD, the cry of Judah;  
bring him to his people.  
With his own hands he defends his cause.  
Oh, be his help against his foes!”  
<sup>8</sup> About Levi he said:

“Your Thummim and Urim belong  
to your faithful servant.  
You tested him at Massah;  
you contended with him at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>9</sup> He said of his father and mother,  
‘I have no regard for them.’

He did not recognize his brothers  
or acknowledge his own children,  
but he watched over your word  
and guarded your covenant.

<sup>10</sup> He teaches your precepts to Jacob  
and your law to Israel.

He offers incense before you  
and whole burnt offerings on your altar.

<sup>11</sup> Bless all his skills, LORD,  
and be pleased with the work of his hands.

Strike down those who rise against him,  
his foes till they rise no more.”

<sup>12</sup> About Benjamin he said:

“Let the beloved of the LORD --Rest secure in him,  
for he Shields them all day long,  
and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders.”

<sup>13</sup> About Joseph he said:

“May the LORD bless his land  
with the precious dew from heaven above  
and with the deep waters that lie below;

<sup>14</sup> with the best the sun brings forth  
and the finest the moon can yield;

<sup>15</sup> with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains  
and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills;

<sup>16</sup> with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness  
and the favor of him who dwelt in the burning bush.

Let all these rest on the head of Joseph,  
on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

<sup>17</sup> In majesty he is like a firstborn bull;  
his horns are the horns of a wild ox.

With them he will gore the nations,  
even those at the ends of the earth.

Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim;  
such are the thousands of Manasseh.”

<sup>18</sup> About Zebulun he said:

“Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out,  
and you, Issachar, in your tents.

<sup>19</sup> They will summon peoples to the mountain  
and there offer the sacrifices of the righteous;  
they will feast on the abundance of the seas,  
on the treasures hidden in the sand.”

<sup>20</sup> About Gad he said:

“Blessed is he who enlarges Gad’s domain.  
Gad lives there like a lion,  
tearing at arm or head.

<sup>21</sup> He chose the best land for himself;  
the leader’s portion was kept for him.

When the heads of the people assembled,  
he carried out the LORD’s righteous will,  
and his judgments concerning Israel.”

<sup>22</sup> About Dan he said:

“Dan is a lion’s cub,  
springing out of Bashan.”

<sup>23</sup> About Naphtali he said:

“Naphtali is abounding with the favor of the LORD  
and is full of his blessing;  
he will inherit southward to the lake.”

<sup>24</sup> About Asher he said:

“Most blessed of sons is Asher;  
let him be favored by his brothers,  
and let him bathe his feet in oil.

<sup>25</sup> The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze,  
and your strength will equal your days.

<sup>26</sup> “There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,  
who rides across the heavens to help you  
and on the clouds in his majesty.

<sup>27</sup> The eternal God is --your Refuge,  
and underneath are --the Everlasting Arms.

He will drive out your enemies before you,  
saying, ‘Destroy them.’

<sup>28</sup> So Israel will live in safety;  
Jacob will dwell secure

in a land of grain and new wine,  
where the heavens drop dew.

<sup>29</sup> Blessed are you, Israel.

Who is like you,  
a people saved by the LORD?  
He is your shield and helper  
and your glorious sword.  
Your enemies will cower before you,  
and you will tread on their heights.”

## CHAPTER 34

1 Now Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, 2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,

3 and the Negev and the plain in the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”

5 So, Moses the Servant of the Lord --died there in the land of Moab, according to the Word of the Lord. 6 And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

7 Although Moses was --one hundred and twenty years old when he died --his eye was not dim --nor his vigor/physical strength abated/lessened.

8 So, the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the Spirit of Wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 Since that time --no Prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom, the Lord knew face to face,

11 for all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land,



12 and for all the mighty power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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