The Second Book of Moses,
Commonly Called
Exodus

1 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel,
who came into Egypt (every man and his house-
hold came with Jacob): 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi,
and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the
souls who came out of Jacob's body were seventy
souls, and Joseph was in Egypt already. 6 Joseph
died, as did all his brothers, and all that genera-
tion. 7 The children of Israel were fruitful, and
increased abundantly, and multiplied, and grew
exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with
them.
8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who
didn't know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Be-
hold,† the people of the children of Israel are more
and mightier than we. 10 Come, let's deal wisely
with them, lest they multiply, and it happen that
when any war breaks out, they also join them-
selves to our enemies and fight against us, and
escape out of the land." 11 Therefore they set
taskmasters over them to afflict them with their
burdens. They built storage cities for Pharaoh:
Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they af-
flicted them, the more they multiplied and the
more they spread out. They started to dread the

† **1:9** "Behold", from "", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

children of Israel. 13 The Egyptians ruthlessly
made the children of Israel serve, 14 and they
made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar
and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field,
all their service, in which they ruthlessly made
them serve.
15 The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew
midwives, of whom the name of the one was
Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah, 16 and
he said, "When you perform the duty of a midwife
to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth
stool, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but
if it is a daughter, then she shall live." 17 But
the midwives feared God,‡ and didn't do what the
king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the
baby boys alive. 18 The king of Egypt called for the
midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done
this thing and saved the boys alive?"
19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the
Hebrew women aren't like the Egyptian women;
for they are vigorous and give birth before the
midwife comes to them."
20 God dealt well with the midwives, and
the people multiplied, and grew very mighty.
21 Because the midwives feared God, he gave them
families. 22 Pharaoh commanded all his people,
saying, "You shall cast every son who is born
into the river, and every daughter you shall save
alive."

2

1 A man of the house of Levi went and took
a daughter of Levi as his wife. 2 The woman

‡ **1:17** The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "" (Elohim).

conceived and bore a son. When she saw that he
was a fine child, she hid him three months. 3 When
she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus
basket for him, and coated it with tar and with
pitch. She put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds
by the river's bank. 4 His sister stood far off, to see
what would be done to him. 5 Pharaoh's daughter
came down to bathe at the river. Her maidens
walked along by the riverside. She saw the basket
among the reeds, and sent her servant to get it.
6 She opened it, and saw the child, and behold, the
baby cried. She had compassion on him, and said,
"This is one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter,
"Should I go and call a nurse for you from the
Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for
you?"

8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go."

The young woman went and called the child's
mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take
this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will
give you your wages."

The woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 The
child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's
daughter, and he became her son. She named him
Moses,† and said, "Because I drew him out of the
water."

11 In those days, when Moses had grown up, he
went out to his brothers and saw their burdens.
He saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his
brothers. 12 He looked this way and that way, and

† **2:10** "Moses" sounds like the Hebrew for "draw out".

when he saw that there was no one, he killed the
Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13 He went out the second day, and behold, two
men of the Hebrews were fighting with each other.
He said to him who did the wrong, "Why do you
strike your fellow?"

14 He said, "Who made you a prince and a judge
over us? Do you plan to kill me, as you killed the
Egyptian?"

Moses was afraid, and said, "Surely this thing is
known." 15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing,
he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the
face of Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian,
and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daugh-
ters. They came and drew water, and filled the
troughs to water their father's flock. 17 The shep-
herds came and drove them away; but Moses
stood up and helped them, and watered their
flock. 18 When they came to Reuel, their father,
he said, "How is it that you have returned so early
today?"

19 They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of
the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew
water for us, and watered the flock."

20 He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why
is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he
may eat bread."

21 Moses was content to dwell with the man. He
gave Moses Zipporah, his daughter. 22 She bore a

son, and he named him Gershom,‡ for he said, "I
have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land."
23 In the course of those many days, the king
of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed
because of the bondage, and they cried, and their
cry came up to God because of the bondage. 24 God
heard their groaning, and God remembered his
covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with
Jacob. 25 God saw the children of Israel, and God
understood.

3

1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his
father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the
flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to
God's mountain, to Horeb. 2 The LORD's† angel
appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middle
of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush burned
with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 Moses
said, "I will go now, and see this great sight, why
the bush is not burned."
4 When the LORD saw that he came over to see,
God called to him out of the middle of the bush,
and said, "Moses! Moses!"
He said, "Here I am."
5 He said, "Don't come close. Take off your
sandals, for the place you are standing on is holy
ground." 6 Moreover he said, "I am the God of your
father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob."

‡ **2:22** "Gershom" sounds like the Hebrew for "an alien there".
† **3:2** When rendered in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, "LORD" or "GOD" is the translation of God's Proper Name.

Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look
at God.
7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the afflic-
tion of my people who are in Egypt, and have
heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I
know their sorrows. 8 I have come down to deliver
them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring
them up out of that land to a good and large land,
to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the
place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite,
the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 9 Now,
behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come
to me. Moreover I have seen the oppression with
which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now
therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you
may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of
Egypt."
11 Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go
to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of
Israel out of Egypt?"
12 He said, "Certainly I will be with you. This will
be the token to you, that I have sent you: when you
have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall
serve God on this mountain."
13 Moses said to God, "Behold, when I come to
the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The God of
your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me,
'What is his name?' what should I tell them?"
14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM," and he
said, "You shall tell the children of Israel this: 'I
AM has sent me to you.' " 15 God said moreover to
Moses, "You shall tell the children of Israel this,
'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and
this is my memorial to all generations. 16 Go and
gather the elders of Israel together, and tell them,
'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to
me, saying, "I have surely visited you, and seen
that which is done to you in Egypt. 17 I have said,
I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to
the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite,
the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a
land flowing with milk and honey." ' 18 They will
listen to your voice. You shall come, you and the
elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you shall
tell him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has
met with us. Now please let us go three days'
journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice
to the LORD, our God.' 19 I know that the king
of Egypt won't give you permission to go, no, not
by a mighty hand. 20 I will reach out my hand
and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will
do among them, and after that he will let you
go. 21 I will give this people favor in the sight of
the Egyptians, and it will happen that when you
go, you shall not go empty-handed. 22 But every
woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who
visits her house, jewels of silver, jewels of gold,
and clothing. You shall put them on your sons,
and on your daughters. You shall plunder the
Egyptians."

4

1 Moses answered, "But, behold, they will not
believe me, nor listen to my voice; for they will

say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’ ”

2 The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

He said, “A rod.”

3 He said, “Throw it on the ground.”

He threw it on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses ran away from it.

4 The LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand, and take it by the tail.”

He stretched out his hand, and took hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand.

5 “This is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” 6 The LORD said furthermore to him, “Now put your hand inside your cloak.”

He put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow.

7 He said, “Put your hand inside your cloak again.”

He put his hand inside his cloak again, and when he took it out of his cloak, behold, it had turned again as his other flesh.

8 “It will happen, if they will not believe you or listen to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. 9 It will happen, if they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, that you shall take of the water of the river, and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take out of the river will become blood on the dry land.”

10 Moses said to the LORD, “O Lord,† I am not
eloquent, neither before now, nor since you have
spoken to your servant; for I am slow of speech,
and of a slow tongue.”
11 The LORD said to him, “Who made man’s
mouth? Or who makes one mute, or deaf, or
seeing, or blind? Isn’t it I, the LORD? 12 Now
therefore go, and I will be with your mouth, and
teach you what you shall speak.”
13 Moses said, “Oh, Lord, please send someone
else.”
14 The LORD’s anger burned against Moses, and
he said, “What about Aaron, your brother, the
Levite? I know that he can speak well. Also,
behold, he is coming out to meet you. When he
sees you, he will be glad in his heart. 15 You shall
speak to him, and put the words in his mouth. I
will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and
will teach you what you shall do. 16 He will be your
spokesman to the people. It will happen that he
will be to you a mouth, and you will be to him as
God. 17 You shall take this rod in your hand, with
which you shall do the signs.”
18 Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-
in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and
return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see
whether they are still alive.”
Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”
19 The LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return
into Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are
dead.”

† **4:10** The word translated “Lord” is “Adonai”.

20 Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them
on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt.
Moses took God's rod in his hand. 21 The LORD
said to Moses, "When you go back into Egypt, see
that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders which
I have put in your hand, but I will harden his heart
and he will not let the people go. 22 You shall tell
Pharaoh, 'The LORD says, Israel is my son, my
firstborn, 23 and I have said to you, "Let my son go,
that he may serve me;" and you have refused to let
him go. Behold, I will kill your firstborn son.' "

24 On the way at a lodging place, the LORD met
Moses and wanted to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah
took a flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and
cast it at his feet; and she said, "Surely you are a
bridegroom of blood to me."

26 So he let him alone. Then she said, "You are
a bridegroom of blood," because of the circumci-
sion.

27 The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilder-
ness to meet Moses."

He went, and met him on God's mountain, and
kissed him. 28 Moses told Aaron all the LORD's
words with which he had sent him, and all the
signs with which he had instructed him. 29 Moses
and Aaron went and gathered together all the
elders of the children of Israel. 30 Aaron spoke all
the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses,
and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 The
people believed, and when they heard that the
LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that
he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their
heads and worshiped.

5

1 Afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to
Pharaoh, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel,
says, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast
to me in the wilderness.' "
2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should
listen to his voice to let Israel go? I don't know the
LORD, and moreover I will not let Israel go."
3 They said, "The God of the Hebrews has met
with us. Please let us go three days' journey into
the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD, our
God, lest he fall on us with pestilence, or with the
sword."
4 The king of Egypt said to them, "Why do you,
Moses and Aaron, take the people from their
work? Get back to your burdens!" 5 Pharaoh said,
"Behold, the people of the land are now many, and
you make them rest from their burdens." 6 The
same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters
of the people and their officers, saying, 7 "You
shall no longer give the people straw to make
brick, as before. Let them go and gather straw
for themselves. 8 You shall require from them the
number of the bricks which they made before.
You shall not diminish anything of it, for they
are idle. Therefore they cry, saying, 'Let's go and
sacrifice to our God.' 9 Let heavier work be laid on
the men, that they may labor in it. Don't let them
pay any attention to lying words."
10 The taskmasters of the people went out with
their officers, and they spoke to the people, saying,
"This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you
straw. 11 Go yourselves, get straw where you can

find it, for nothing of your work shall be dimin-
ished.' " 12 So the people were scattered abroad
throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble
for straw. 13 The taskmasters were urgent saying,
"Fulfill your work quota daily, as when there was
straw!" 14 The officers of the children of Israel,
whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them,
were beaten, and were asked, "Why haven't you
fulfilled your quota both yesterday and today, in
making brick as before?"
15 Then the officers of the children of Israel
came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you
deal this way with your servants? 16 No straw
is given to your servants, and they tell us, 'Make
brick!' and behold, your servants are beaten; but
the fault is in your own people."
17 But Pharaoh said, "You are idle! You are idle!
Therefore you say, 'Let's go and sacrifice to the
LORD.' 18 Go therefore now, and work; for no
straw shall be given to you; yet you shall deliver
the same number of bricks!"
19 The officers of the children of Israel saw that
they were in trouble when it was said, "You shall
not diminish anything from your daily quota of
bricks!"
20 They met Moses and Aaron, who stood along
the way, as they came out from Pharaoh. 21 They
said to them, "May the LORD look at you and
judge, because you have made us a stench to be
abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes
of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill
us!"
22 Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Lord,
why have you brought trouble on this people?

Why is it that you have sent me? 23 For since I came
to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought
trouble on this people. You have not rescued your
people at all!”

6

1 The LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see
what I will do to Pharaoh, for by a strong hand he
shall let them go, and by a strong hand he shall
drive them out of his land.”

2 God spoke to Moses, and said to him, “I am the
LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob, as God Almighty; but by my name the LORD
I was not known to them. 4 I have also established
my covenant with them, to give them the land of
Canaan, the land of their travels, in which they
lived as aliens. 5 Moreover I have heard the groan-
ing of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians
keep in bondage, and I have remembered my
covenant. 6 Therefore tell the children of Israel, ‘I
am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under
the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out
of their bondage, and I will redeem you with an
outstretched arm, and with great judgments. 7 I
will take you to myself for a people. I will be your
God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your
God, who brings you out from under the burdens
of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land
which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob; and I will give it to you for a heritage: I am
the LORD.’ ”

9 Moses spoke so to the children of Israel, but
they didn't listen to Moses for anguish of spirit,
and for cruel bondage.
10 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 11 "Go in,
speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the
children of Israel go out of his land."
12 Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Be-
hold, the children of Israel haven't listened to me.
How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, when I have
uncircumcised lips?" 13 The LORD spoke to Moses
and to Aaron, and gave them a command to the
children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt,
to bring the children of Israel out of the land of
Egypt.
14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses.
The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel:
Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these
are the families of Reuben. 15 The sons of Simeon:
Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and
Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman;
these are the families of Simeon. 16 These are
the names of the sons of Levi according to their
generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari;
and the years of the life of Levi were one hundred
thirty-seven years. 17 The sons of Gershon: Libni
and Shimei, according to their families. 18 The
sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron,
and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kohath
were one hundred thirty-three years. 19 The
sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are
the families of the Levites according to their
generations. 20 Amram took Jochebed his father's
sister to himself as wife; and she bore him Aaron
and Moses. The years of the life of Amram were

one hundred thirty-seven years. 21 The sons of
Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. 22 The sons
of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23 Aaron
took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the
sister of Nahshon, as his wife; and she bore him
Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 24 The
sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph;
these are the families of the Korahites. 25 Eleazar
Aaron's son took one of the daughters of Putiel
as his wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These
are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites
according to their families. 26 These are that
Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring
out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt
according to their armies." 27 These are those
who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out
the children of Israel from Egypt. These are that
Moses and Aaron.

28 On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in
the land of Egypt, 29 The LORD said to Moses, "I am
the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I tell
you."

30 Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am of
uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh listen
to me?"

7

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I have made
you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother
shall be your prophet. 2 You shall speak all that
I command you; and Aaron your brother shall
speak to Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel
go out of his land. 3 I will harden Pharaoh's heart,
and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land

of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh will not listen to you, so
I will lay my hand on Egypt, and bring out my
armies, my people the children of Israel, out of the
land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 The Egyptians
shall know that I am the LORD when I stretch out
my hand on Egypt, and bring the children of Israel
out from among them."
6 Moses and Aaron did so. As the LORD com-
manded them, so they did. 7 Moses was eighty
years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when
they spoke to Pharaoh.
8 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Perform
a miracle!' then you shall tell Aaron, 'Take your
rod, and cast it down before Pharaoh, and it will
become a serpent.' "
10 Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and
they did so, as the LORD had commanded. Aaron
cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before
his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then
Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the
sorcerers. They also, the magicians of Egypt, did
the same thing with their enchantments. 12 For
they each cast down their rods, and they became
serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their
rods. 13 Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he
didn't listen to them, as the LORD had spoken.
14 The LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is
stubborn. He refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to
Pharaoh in the morning. Behold, he is going out
to the water. You shall stand by the river's bank
to meet him. You shall take the rod which was
turned to a serpent in your hand. 16 You shall tell
him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent

me to you, saying, “Let my people go, that they
may serve me in the wilderness. Behold, until
now you haven’t listened.” 17 The LORD says, “In
this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold: I
will strike with the rod that is in my hand on the
waters which are in the river, and they shall be
turned to blood. 18 The fish that are in the river
will die and the river will become foul. The Egyp-
tians will loathe to drink water from the river.” ’ ”
19 The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your
rod, and stretch out your hand over the waters of
Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and
over their pools, and over all their ponds of water,
that they may become blood. There will be blood
throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of
wood and in vessels of stone.’ ”

20 Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD com-
manded; and he lifted up the rod, and struck
the waters that were in the river, in the sight of
Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all
the waters that were in the river were turned to
blood. 21 The fish that were in the river died. The
river became foul. The Egyptians couldn’t drink
water from the river. The blood was throughout
all the land of Egypt. 22 The magicians of Egypt
did the same thing with their enchantments. So
Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he didn’t lis-
ten to them, as the LORD had spoken. 23 Pharaoh
turned and went into his house, and he didn’t
even take this to heart. 24 All the Egyptians dug
around the river for water to drink; for they
couldn’t drink the river water. 25 Seven days were
fulfilled, after the LORD had struck the river.

8

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh,
and tell him, 'This is what the LORD says, "Let my
people go, that they may serve me. 2 If you refuse
to let them go, behold, I will plague all your bor-
ders with frogs. 3 The river will swarm with frogs,
which will go up and come into your house, and
into your bedroom, and on your bed, and into the
house of your servants, and on your people, and
into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs.
4 The frogs shall come up both on you, and on your
people, and on all your servants." ' " 5 The LORD
said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand
with your rod over the rivers, over the streams,
and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up on
the land of Egypt.' " 6 Aaron stretched out his hand
over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up,
and covered the land of Egypt. 7 The magicians
did the same thing with their enchantments, and
brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and
said, "Entreat the LORD, that he take away the
frogs from me and from my people; and I will
let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the
LORD."

9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "I give you the honor
of setting the time that I should pray for you, and
for your servants, and for your people, that the
frogs be destroyed from you and your houses, and
remain in the river only."

10 Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow."

Moses said, "Let it be according to your word,
that you may know that there is no one like the

LORD our God. 11 The frogs shall depart from you,
and from your houses, and from your servants,
and from your people. They shall remain in the
river only."

12 Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh,
and Moses cried to the LORD concerning the frogs
which he had brought on Pharaoh. 13 The LORD
did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs
died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out
of the fields. 14 They gathered them together in
heaps, and the land stank. 15 But when Pharaoh
saw that there was a respite, he hardened his
heart, and didn't listen to them, as the LORD had
spoken.

16 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch
out your rod, and strike the dust of the earth,
that it may become lice throughout all the land
of Egypt.' " 17 They did so; and Aaron stretched
out his hand with his rod, and struck the dust
of the earth, and there were lice on man, and
on animal; all the dust of the earth became lice
throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 The magicians
tried with their enchantments to produce lice, but
they couldn't. There were lice on man, and on
animal. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh,
"This is God's finger;" but Pharaoh's heart was
hardened, and he didn't listen to them, as the
LORD had spoken.

20 The LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the
morning, and stand before Pharaoh; behold, he
comes out to the water; and tell him, 'This is what
the LORD says, "Let my people go, that they may
serve me. 21 Else, if you will not let my people go,

behold, I will send swarms of flies on you, and on
your servants, and on your people, and into your
houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of
swarms of flies, and also the ground they are on.
22 I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen,
in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies
shall be there, to the end you may know that I
am the LORD on the earth. 23 I will put a division
between my people and your people. This sign
shall happen by tomorrow." ' " 24 The LORD did so;
and there came grievous swarms of flies into the
house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses.
In all the land of Egypt the land was corrupted by
reason of the swarms of flies.

25 Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and
said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land!"

26 Moses said, "It isn't appropriate to do so; for
we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyp-
tians to the LORD our God. Behold, if we sacrifice
the abomination of the Egyptians before their
eyes, won't they stone us? 27 We will go three days'
journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the
LORD our God, as he shall command us."

28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may
sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness,
only you shall not go very far away. Pray for me."

29 Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you.
I will pray to the LORD that the swarms of flies
may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and
from his people, tomorrow; only don't let Pharaoh
deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people
go to sacrifice to the LORD." 30 Moses went out
from Pharaoh, and prayed to the LORD. 31 The

LORD did according to the word of Moses, and
he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh,
from his servants, and from his people. There
remained not one. 32 Pharaoh hardened his heart
this time also, and he didn't let the people go.

9

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to
Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what the LORD,
the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go,
that they may serve me. 2 For if you refuse to let
them go, and hold them still, 3 behold, the LORD's
hand is on your livestock which are in the field,
on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on
the herds, and on the flocks with a very grievous
pestilence. 4 The LORD will make a distinction
between the livestock of Israel and the livestock
of Egypt; and nothing shall die of all that belongs
to the children of Israel." ' " 5 The LORD appointed
a set time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD shall do
this thing in the land." 6 The LORD did that thing
on the next day; and all the livestock of Egypt died,
but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not
one died. 7 Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was
not so much as one of the livestock of the Israelites
dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and
he didn't let the people go.

8 The LORD said to Moses and to Aaron, "Take
handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses
sprinkle it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.
9 It shall become small dust over all the land of
Egypt, and shall be boils and blisters breaking out
on man and on animal, throughout all the land of
Egypt."

10 They took ashes of the furnace, and stood
before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward
the sky; and it became boils and blisters breaking
out on man and on animal. 11 The magicians
couldn't stand before Moses because of the boils;
for the boils were on the magicians and on all the
Egyptians. 12 The LORD hardened the heart of
Pharaoh, and he didn't listen to them, as the LORD
had spoken to Moses.

13 The LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the
morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and tell him,
'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews,
says: "Let my people go, that they may serve me.
14 For this time I will send all my plagues against
your heart, against your officials, and against
your people; that you may know that there is no
one like me in all the earth. 15 For now I would
have stretched out my hand, and struck you and
your people with pestilence, and you would have
been cut off from the earth; 16 but indeed for
this cause I have made you stand: to show you
my power, and that my name may be declared
throughout all the earth, 17 because you still exalt
yourself against my people, that you won't let
them go. 18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I
will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as
has not been in Egypt since the day it was founded
even until now. 19 Now therefore command that
all of your livestock and all that you have in the
field be brought into shelter. The hail will come
down on every man and animal that is found in
the field, and isn't brought home, and they will
die." ' "

20 Those who feared the LORD's word among the
servants of Pharaoh made their servants and their
livestock flee into the houses. 21 Whoever didn't
respect the LORD's word left his servants and his
livestock in the field.
22 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your
hand toward the sky, that there may be hail in
all the land of Egypt, on man, and on animal, and
on every herb of the field, throughout the land of
Egypt."
23 Moses stretched out his rod toward the heav-
ens, and the LORD sent thunder and hail; and
lightning flashed down to the earth. The LORD
rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 So there
was very severe hail, and lightning mixed with
the hail, such as had not been in all the land of
Egypt since it became a nation. 25 The hail struck
throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the
field, both man and animal; and the hail struck
every herb of the field, and broke every tree of
the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the
children of Israel were, there was no hail.
27 Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron,
and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The
LORD is righteous, and I and my people are
wicked. 28 Pray to the LORD; for there has been
enough of mighty thunderings and hail. I will let
you go, and you shall stay no longer."
29 Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out
of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD.
The thunders shall cease, and there will not be any
more hail; that you may know that the earth is
the LORD's. 30 But as for you and your servants,
I know that you don't yet fear the LORD God."

31 The flax and the barley were struck, for the
barley had ripened and the flax was blooming.
32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for
they had not grown up. 33 Moses went out of the
city from Pharaoh, and spread out his hands to
the LORD; and the thunders and hail ceased, and
the rain was not poured on the earth. 34 When
Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the
thunders had ceased, he sinned yet more, and
hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35 The
heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he didn't let
the children of Israel go, just as the LORD had
spoken through Moses.

10

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh,
for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his
servants, that I may show these my signs among
them; 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your
son, and of your son's son, what things I have done
to Egypt, and my signs which I have done among
them; that you may know that I am the LORD."

3 Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and
said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of
the Hebrews, says: 'How long will you refuse to
humble yourself before me? Let my people go,
that they may serve me. 4 Or else, if you refuse
to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring
locusts into your country, 5 and they shall cover
the surface of the earth, so that one won't be able
to see the earth. They shall eat the residue of that
which has escaped, which remains to you from
the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows

for you out of the field. 6 Your houses shall be
filled, and the houses of all your servants, and
the houses of all the Egyptians, as neither your
fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since
the day that they were on the earth to this day.' "
He turned, and went out from Pharaoh.
7 Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will
this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that
they may serve the LORD, their God. Don't you yet
know that Egypt is destroyed?"
8 Moses and Aaron were brought again to
Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD
your God; but who are those who will go?"
9 Moses said, "We will go with our young and
with our old. We will go with our sons and with
our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds;
for we must hold a feast to the LORD."
10 He said to them, "The LORD be with you if I
let you go with your little ones! See, evil is clearly
before your faces. 11 Not so! Go now you who
are men, and serve the LORD; for that is what
you desire!" Then they were driven out from
Pharaoh's presence.
12 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your
hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that
they may come up on the land of Egypt, and eat
every herb of the land, even all that the hail has
left." 13 Moses stretched out his rod over the land
of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on
the land all that day, and all night; and when it
was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.
14 The locusts went up over all the land of Egypt,
and rested in all the borders of Egypt. They were

very grievous. Before them there were no such
locusts as they, nor will there ever be again. 15 For
they covered the surface of the whole earth, so
that the land was darkened, and they ate every
herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which
the hail had left. There remained nothing green,
either tree or herb of the field, through all the land
of Egypt. 16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and
Aaron in haste, and he said, "I have sinned against
the LORD your God, and against you. 17 Now
therefore please forgive my sin again, and pray to
the LORD your God, that he may also take away
from me this death."
18 Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to
the LORD. 19 The LORD sent an exceedingly strong
west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove
them into the Sea of Suf.† There remained not one
locust in all the borders of Egypt. 20 But the LORD
hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he didn't let the
children of Israel go.
21 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your
hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness
over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may
be felt." 22 Moses stretched out his hand toward
the sky, and there was a thick darkness in all the
land of Egypt for three days. 23 They didn't see one
another, and nobody rose from his place for three
days; but all the children of Israel had light in their
dwellings.

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† **10:19** "Sea of Suf" is the translation for the Hebrew "Yam Suf", which could be more literally translated "Sea of Reeds" or "Sea of Cattails". It refers to the body of water currently known as the Sea of Suf, or possibly to one of the bodies of water connected to it or near it.

24 Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, “Go, serve
the LORD. Only let your flocks and your herds stay
behind. Let your little ones also go with you.”
25 Moses said, “You must also give into our hand
sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sac-
rifice to the LORD our God. 26 Our livestock also
shall go with us. Not a hoof shall be left behind,
for of it we must take to serve the LORD our God;
and we don’t know with what we must serve the
LORD, until we come there.”
27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and
he wouldn’t let them go. 28 Pharaoh said to him,
“Get away from me! Be careful to see my face no
more; for in the day you see my face you shall die!”
29 Moses said, “You have spoken well. I will see
your face again no more.”

11

1 The LORD said to Moses, “I will bring yet one
more plague on Pharaoh, and on Egypt; after-
wards he will let you go. When he lets you go, he
will surely thrust you out altogether. 2 Speak now
in the ears of the people, and let every man ask of
his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor,
jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.” 3 The LORD
gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians.
Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the
land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants,
and in the sight of the people.
4 Moses said, “This is what the LORD says:
‘About midnight I will go out into the middle of
Egypt, 5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt
shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits

on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female
servant who is behind the mill, and all the first-
born of livestock. 6 There will be a great cry
throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has
not been, nor will be any more. 7 But against any
of the children of Israel a dog won't even bark
or move its tongue, against man or animal, that
you may know that the LORD makes a distinction
between the Egyptians and Israel. 8 All these
servants of yours will come down to me, and bow
down themselves to me, saying, "Get out, with all
the people who follow you;" and after that I will
go out.' " He went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.
9 The LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh won't listen
to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the
land of Egypt." 10 Moses and Aaron did all these
wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD hardened
Pharaoh's heart, and he didn't let the children of
Israel go out of his land.

12

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the
land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be to
you the beginning of months. It shall be the
first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all
the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth
day of this month, they shall take to them every
man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses,
a lamb for a household; 4 and if the household
is too little for a lamb, then he and his neighbor
next to his house shall take one according to the
number of the souls. You shall make your count
for the lamb according to what everyone can eat.

5 Your lamb shall be without defect, a male a year
old. You shall take it from the sheep or from the
goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day
of the same month; and the whole assembly of
the congregation of Israel shall kill it at evening.
7 They shall take some of the blood, and put it
on the two door posts and on the lintel, on the
houses in which they shall eat it. 8 They shall
eat the meat in that night, roasted with fire, with
unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter
herbs. 9 Don't eat it raw, nor boiled at all with
water, but roasted with fire; with its head, its legs
and its inner parts. 10 You shall let nothing of it
remain until the morning; but that which remains
of it until the morning you shall burn with fire.
11 This is how you shall eat it: with your belt on
your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your
staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste:
it is the LORD's Passover. 12 For I will go through
the land of Egypt in that night, and will strike all
the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and
animal. I will execute judgments against all the
gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood shall
be to you for a token on the houses where you
are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you,
and no plague will be on you to destroy you when
I strike the land of Egypt. 14 This day shall be a
memorial for you. You shall keep it as a feast to
the LORD. You shall keep it as a feast throughout
your generations by an ordinance forever.

15 " 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread;
even the first day you shall put away yeast out

of your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread
from the first day until the seventh day, that soul
shall be cut off from Israel. 16 In the first day
there shall be to you a holy convocation, and in
the seventh day a holy convocation; no kind of
work shall be done in them, except that which
every man must eat, only that may be done by you.
17 You shall observe the feast of unleavened bread;
for in this same day I have brought your armies
out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall
observe this day throughout your generations by
an ordinance forever. 18 In the first month, on the
fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall
eat unleavened bread, until the twenty first day of
the month at evening. 19 There shall be no yeast
found in your houses for seven days, for whoever
eats that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut
off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is
a foreigner, or one who is born in the land. 20 You
shall eat nothing leavened. In all your habitations
you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel,
and said to them, "Draw out, and take lambs
according to your families, and kill the Passover.
22 You shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in
the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel
and the two door posts with the blood that is in
the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of
his house until the morning. 23 For the LORD will
pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when
he sees the blood on the lintel, and on the two
door posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and
will not allow the destroyer to come in to your

houses to strike you. 24 You shall observe this thing
for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever.
25 It shall happen when you have come to the land
which the LORD will give you, as he has promised,
that you shall keep this service. 26 It will happen,
when your children ask you, 'What do you mean
by this service?' 27 that you shall say, 'It is the
sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, who passed over
the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when
he struck the Egyptians, and spared our houses.' "

The people bowed their heads and worshiped.
28 The children of Israel went and did so; as the
LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they
did.

29 At midnight, the LORD struck all the firstborn
in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh
who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the cap-
tive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn
of livestock. 30 Pharaoh rose up in the night, he,
and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and
there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a
house where there was not one dead. 31 He called
for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise
up, get out from among my people, both you and
the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as
you have said! 32 Take both your flocks and your
herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me
also!"

33 The Egyptians were urgent with the people,
to send them out of the land in haste, for they
said, "We are all dead men." 34 The people took
their dough before it was leavened, their knead-
ing troughs being bound up in their clothes on

their shoulders. 35 The children of Israel did
according to the word of Moses; and they asked
of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of
gold, and clothing. 36 The LORD gave the people
favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let
them have what they asked. They plundered the
Egyptians.

37 The children of Israel traveled from Rameses
to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot
who were men, in addition to children. 38 A mixed
multitude went up also with them, with flocks,
herds, and even very much livestock. 39 They
baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they
brought out of Egypt; for it wasn't leavened, be-
cause they were thrust out of Egypt, and couldn't
wait, and they had not prepared any food for
themselves. 40 Now the time that the children
of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred thirty
years. 41 At the end of four hundred thirty years, to
the day, all of the LORD's armies went out from the
land of Egypt. 42 It is a night to be much observed
to the LORD for bringing them out from the land of
Egypt. This is that night of the LORD, to be much
observed by all the children of Israel throughout
their generations.

43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is
the ordinance of the Passover. No foreigner shall
eat of it, 44 but every man's servant who is bought
for money, when you have circumcised him, then
shall he eat of it. 45 A foreigner and a hired servant
shall not eat of it. 46 It must be eaten in one house.
You shall not carry any of the meat outside of the
house. Do not break any of its bones. 47 All the

congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 When a
stranger lives as a foreigner with you, and would
like to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his
males be circumcised, and then let him come near
and keep it. He shall be as one who is born in the
land; but no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.
49 One law shall be to him who is born at home,
and to the stranger who lives as a foreigner among
you." 50 All the children of Israel did so. As the
LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.
51 That same day, the LORD brought the children
of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

13

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Sanctify
to me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb
among the children of Israel, both of man and of
animal. It is mine."
3 Moses said to the people, "Remember this day,
in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house
of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD
brought you out from this place. No leavened
bread shall be eaten. 4 Today you go out in the
month Abib. 5 It shall be, when the LORD brings
you into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite,
and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite,
which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land
flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep
this service in this month. 6 Seven days you shall
eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day
shall be a feast to the LORD. 7 Unleavened bread
shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and no
leavened bread shall be seen with you. No yeast

shall be seen with you, within all your borders.
8 You shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'It is
because of that which the LORD did for me when
I came out of Egypt.' 9 It shall be for a sign to you
on your hand, and for a memorial between your
eyes, that the LORD's law may be in your mouth;
for with a strong hand the LORD has brought
you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this
ordinance in its season from year to year.

11 "It shall be, when the LORD brings you into
the land of the Canaanite, as he swore to you and
to your fathers, and will give it to you, 12 that
you shall set apart to the LORD all that opens the
womb, and every firstborn that comes from an
animal which you have. The males shall be the
LORD's. 13 Every firstborn of a donkey you shall
redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem
it, then you shall break its neck; and you shall
redeem all the firstborn of man among your sons.
14 It shall be, when your son asks you in time
to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall
tell him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought
us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage.
15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go,
the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of
Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn
of livestock. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD
all that opens the womb, being males; but all the
firstborn of my sons I redeem.' 16 It shall be for a
sign on your hand, and for symbols between your
eyes; for by strength of hand the LORD brought us
out of Egypt."

17 When Pharaoh had let the people go, God

didn't lead them by the way of the land of the
Philistines, although that was near; for God said,
"Lest perhaps the people change their minds
when they see war, and they return to Egypt";
18 but God led the people around by the way of
the wilderness by the Sea of Suf; and the children
of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.
19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for
he had made the children of Israel swear, saying,
"God will surely visit you, and you shall carry
up my bones away from here with you." 20 They
took their journey from Succoth, and encamped
in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. 21 The
LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud,
to lead them on their way, and by night in a pillar
of fire, to give them light, that they might go by day
and by night: 22 the pillar of cloud by day, and the
pillar of fire by night, didn't depart from before
the people.

14

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak
to the children of Israel, that they turn back and
encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and
the sea, before Baal Zephon. You shall encamp
opposite it by the sea. 3 Pharaoh will say of the
children of Israel, 'They are entangled in the land.
The wilderness has shut them in.' 4 I will harden
Pharaoh's heart, and he will follow after them;
and I will get honor over Pharaoh, and over all his
armies; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the
LORD." They did so.

5 The king of Egypt was told that the people had
fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants
was changed toward the people, and they said,
"What is this we have done, that we have let Israel
go from serving us?" 6 He prepared his chariot,
and took his army with him; 7 and he took six
hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of
Egypt, with captains over all of them. 8 The LORD
hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
he pursued the children of Israel; for the children
of Israel went out with a high hand.† 9 The Egyp-
tians pursued them. All the horses and chariots
of Pharaoh, his horsemen, and his army overtook
them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth,
before Baal Zephon.

10 When Pharaoh came near, the children of
Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyp-
tians were marching after them; and they were
very afraid. The children of Israel cried out to
the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Because there
were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away
to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated
us this way, to bring us out of Egypt? 12 Isn't this
the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying,
'Leave us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians'?
For it would have been better for us to serve the
Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

13 Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid.
Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD,
which he will work for you today; for you will
never again see the Egyptians whom you have

† **14:8** or, defiantly.

seen today. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you
shall be still."

15 The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry
to me? Speak to the children of Israel, that they
go forward. 16 Lift up your rod, and stretch out
your hand over the sea and divide it. Then the
children of Israel shall go into the middle of the
sea on dry ground. 17 Behold, I myself will harden
the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in
after them. I will get myself honor over Pharaoh,
and over all his armies, over his chariots, and
over his horsemen. 18 The Egyptians shall know
that I am the LORD when I have gotten myself
honor over Pharaoh, over his chariots, and over
his horsemen." 19 The angel of God, who went
before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind
them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before
them, and stood behind them. 20 It came between
the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. There
was the cloud and the darkness, yet it gave light
by night. One didn't come near the other all night.

21 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,
and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong
east wind all night, and made the sea dry land,
and the waters were divided. 22 The children of
Israel went into the middle of the sea on the dry
ground; and the waters were a wall to them on
their right hand and on their left. 23 The Egyptians
pursued, and went in after them into the middle
of the sea: all of Pharaoh's horses, his chariots,
and his horsemen. 24 In the morning watch, the
LORD looked out on the Egyptian army through
the pillar of fire and of cloud, and confused the

Egyptian army. 25 He took off their chariot wheels,
and they drove them heavily; so that the Egyp-
tians said, “Let’s flee from the face of Israel, for the
LORD fights for them against the Egyptians!”
26 The LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your
hand over the sea, that the waters may come again
on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their
horsemen.” 27 Moses stretched out his hand over
the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when
the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled
against it. The LORD overthrew the Egyptians in
the middle of the sea. 28 The waters returned, and
covered the chariots and the horsemen, even all
Pharaoh’s army that went in after them into the
sea. There remained not so much as one of them.
29 But the children of Israel walked on dry land
in the middle of the sea, and the waters were a
wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the
hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyp-
tians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great
work which the LORD did to the Egyptians, and
the people feared the LORD; and they believed in
the LORD and in his servant Moses.

15

1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this
song to the LORD, and said,
“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed
gloriously.
He has thrown the horse and his rider into the
sea.
2 The LORD is my strength and song.
He has become my salvation [yeshu`ah].

This is my God, and I will praise him;
my father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 The LORD is a man of war.
The LORD is his name.
4 He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea.
His chosen captains are sunk in the Sea of Suf.
5 The deeps cover them.
They went down into the depths like a stone.
6 Your right hand, LORD, is glorious in power.
Your right hand, LORD, dashes the enemy in pieces.
7 In the greatness of your excellency, you overthrow those who rise up against you.
You send out your wrath. It consumes them as stubble.
8 With the blast of your nostrils, the waters were piled up.
The floods stood upright as a heap.
The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.
9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the plunder.
My desire will be satisfied on them.
I will draw my sword. My hand will destroy them.'
10 You blew with your wind.
The sea covered them.
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who is like you, LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises, doing wonders?
12 You stretched out your right hand.
The earth swallowed them.

13 "You, in your loving kindness, have led the
people that you have redeemed.
You have guided them in your strength to
your holy habitation.
14 The peoples have heard.
They tremble.
Pangs have taken hold of the inhabitants of
Philistia.
15 Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed.
Trembling takes hold of the mighty men of
Moab.
All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted
away.
16 Terror and dread falls on them.
By the greatness of your arm they are as still
as a stone,
until your people pass over, LORD,
until the people you have purchased pass
over.
17 You will bring them in, and plant them in
the mountain of your inheritance,
the place, LORD, which you have made for
yourself to dwell in:
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have
established.
18 The LORD will reign forever and ever."

19 For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea. 20 Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dances. 21 Miriam answered them,

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed glori-
ously.
He has thrown the horse and his rider into the
sea."
22 Moses led Israel onward from the Sea of Suf,
and they went out into the wilderness of Shur;
and they went three days in the wilderness, and
found no water. 23 When they came to Marah,
they couldn't drink from the waters of Marah,
for they were bitter. Therefore its name was
called Marah.† 24 The people murmured against
Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 Then
he cried to the LORD. The LORD showed him a
tree, and he threw it into the waters, and the
waters were made sweet. There he made a statute
and an ordinance for them, and there he tested
them. 26 He said, "If you will diligently listen to
the LORD your God's voice, and will do that which
is right in his eyes, and will pay attention to his
commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will
put none of the diseases on you which I have put
on the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals
you."
27 They came to Elim, where there were twelve
springs of water and seventy palm trees. They
encamped there by the waters.

16

1 They took their journey from Elim, and all
the congregation of the children of Israel came to
the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and
Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month
after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

† **15:23** Marah means bitter.

2 The whole congregation of the children of Israel
murmured against Moses and against Aaron in
the wilderness; 3 and the children of Israel said to
them, "We wish that we had died by the LORD's
hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the
meat pots, when we ate our fill of bread, for you
have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this
whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will
rain bread from the sky for you, and the people
shall go out and gather a day's portion every day,
that I may test them, whether they will walk in my
law or not. 5 It shall come to pass on the sixth day,
that they shall prepare that which they bring in,
and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 Moses and Aaron said to all the children of
Israel, "At evening, you shall know that the LORD
has brought you out from the land of Egypt.
7 In the morning, you shall see the LORD's glory;
because he hears your murmurings against the
LORD. Who are we, that you murmur against us?"
8 Moses said, "Now the LORD will give you meat
to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread
to satisfy you, because the LORD hears your mur-
murings which you murmur against him. And
who are we? Your murmurings are not against
us, but against the LORD." 9 Moses said to Aaron,
"Tell all the congregation of the children of Israel,
'Come close to the LORD, for he has heard your
murmurings.' " 10 As Aaron spoke to the whole
congregation of the children of Israel, they looked
toward the wilderness, and behold, the LORD's
glory appeared in the cloud. 11 The LORD spoke

to Moses, saying, 12 "I have heard the murmurings
of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying,
'At evening you shall eat meat, and in the morning
you shall be filled with bread. Then you will know
that I am the LORD your God.' "

13 In the evening, quail came up and covered the
camp; and in the morning the dew lay around the
camp. 14 When the dew that lay had gone, behold,
on the surface of the wilderness was a small round
thing, small as the frost on the ground. 15 When
the children of Israel saw it, they said to one
another, "What is it?" For they didn't know what
it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread which
the LORD has given you to eat. 16 This is the
thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Gather
of it everyone according to his eating; an omer†
a head, according to the number of your persons,
you shall take it, every man for those who are
in his tent.' " 17 The children of Israel did so, and
some gathered more, some less. 18 When they
measured it with an omer, he who gathered much
had nothing over, and he who gathered little had
no lack. They each gathered according to his
eating. 19 Moses said to them, "Let no one leave
of it until the morning." 20 Notwithstanding they
didn't listen to Moses, but some of them left of it
until the morning, so it bred worms and became
foul; and Moses was angry with them. 21 They
gathered it morning by morning, everyone according to his eating. When the sun grew hot, it
melted. 22 On the sixth day, they gathered twice as

† **16:16** An omer is about 2.2 liters or about 2.3 quarts

much bread, two omers for each one; and all the
rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.
23 He said to them, "This is that which the LORD
has spoken, 'Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy
Sabbath to the LORD. Bake that which you want to
bake, and boil that which you want to boil; and all
that remains over lay up for yourselves to be kept
until the morning.' " 24 They laid it up until the
morning, as Moses ordered, and it didn't become
foul, and there were no worms in it. 25 Moses
said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the
LORD. Today you shall not find it in the field. 26 Six
days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day
is the Sabbath. In it there shall be none." 27 On
the seventh day, some of the people went out to
gather, and they found none. 28 The LORD said
to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep my
commandments and my laws? 29 Behold, because
the LORD has given you the Sabbath, therefore he
gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days.
Everyone stay in his place. Let no one go out of his
place on the seventh day." 30 So the people rested
on the seventh day.

31 The house of Israel called its name "Manna",‡
and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste
was like wafers with honey. 32 Moses said, "This
is the thing which the LORD has commanded, 'Let
an omer-full of it be kept throughout your genera-
tions, that they may see the bread with which I fed
you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of
the land of Egypt.' " 33 Moses said to Aaron, "Take
a pot, and put an omer-full of manna in it, and

‡ **16:31** "Manna" means "What is it?"

lay it up before the LORD, to be kept throughout
your generations." 34 As the LORD commanded
Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony,
to be kept. 35 The children of Israel ate the manna
forty years, until they came to an inhabited land.
They ate the manna until they came to the borders
of the land of Canaan. 36 Now an omer is one tenth
of an efah.§

17

1 All the congregation of the children of Israel
traveled from the wilderness of Sin, starting ac-
cording to the LORD's commandment, and en-
camped in Rephidim; but there was no water
for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people
quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to
drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with
me? Why do you test the LORD?"

3 The people were thirsty for water there; so the
people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why
have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our
children, and our livestock with thirst?"

4 Moses cried to the LORD, saying, "What shall
I do with these people? They are almost ready to
stone me."

5 The LORD said to Moses, "Walk on before the
people, and take the elders of Israel with you,
and take the rod in your hand with which you
struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand
before you there on the rock in Horeb. You shall
strike the rock, and water will come out of it,

§ **16:36** 1 efah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel

that the people may drink." Moses did so in the
sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the name
of the place Massah,† and Meribah,‡ because the
children of Israel quarreled, and because they
tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us,
or not?"
8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in
Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men
for us, and go out to fight with Amalek. Tomorrow
I will stand on the top of the hill with God's rod
in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses had told
him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron,
and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 When
Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. When
he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But
Moses' hands were heavy; so they took a stone,
and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and
Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side,
and the other on the other side. His hands were
steady until sunset. 13 Joshua defeated Amalek
and his people with the edge of the sword. 14 The
LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in
a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: that
I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from
under the sky." 15 Moses built an altar, and called
its name "The LORD our Banner".§ 16 He said, "The
LORD has sworn: 'The LORD will have war with
Amalek from generation to generation.' "

18

1 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses'

† **17:7** Massah means testing. ‡ **17:7** Meribah means quarreling. § **17:15** Or, The LORD Nissi

father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for
Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD
had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2 Jethro, Moses'
father-in-law, received Zipporah, Moses' wife, af-
ter he had sent her away, 3 and her two sons. The
name of one son was Gershom,† for Moses said,
"I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land".
4 The name of the other was Eliezer,‡ for he said,
"My father's God was my help and delivered me
from Pharaoh's sword." 5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-
law, came with Moses' sons and his wife to Moses
into the wilderness where he was encamped, at
the Mountain of God. 6 He said to Moses, "I, your
father-in-law Jethro, have come to you with your
wife, and her two sons with her."

7 Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and
bowed and kissed him. They asked each other of
their welfare, and they came into the tent. 8 Moses
told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done
to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake,
all the hardships that had come on them on the
way, and how the LORD delivered them. 9 Jethro
rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had
done to Israel, in that he had delivered them
out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10 Jethro said,
"Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out
of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand
of Pharaoh; who has delivered the people from
under the hand of the Egyptians. 11 Now I know
that the LORD is greater than all gods because
of the way that they treated people arrogantly."

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† **18:3** "Gershom" sounds like the Hebrew for "an alien there".
‡ **18:4** Eliezer means "God is my helper".

12 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offer-
ing and sacrifices for God. Aaron came with all the
elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-
law before God.

13 On the next day, Moses sat to judge the peo-
ple, and the people stood around Moses from the
morning to the evening. 14 When Moses' father-
in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said,
"What is this thing that you do for the people?
Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand
around you from morning to evening?"

15 Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the
people come to me to inquire of God. 16 When
they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge
between a man and his neighbor, and I make them
know the statutes of God, and his laws." 17 Moses'
father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is
not good. 18 You will surely wear away, both you,
and this people that is with you; for the thing is
too heavy for you. You are not able to perform
it yourself alone. 19 Listen now to my voice. I
will give you counsel, and God be with you. You
represent the people before God, and bring the
causes to God. 20 You shall teach them the statutes
and the laws, and shall show them the way in
which they must walk, and the work that they
must do. 21 Moreover you shall provide out of all
the people able men which fear God: men of truth,
hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to
be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers
of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 Let them judge the
people at all times. It shall be that every great
matter they shall bring to you, but every small

matter they shall judge themselves. So shall it
be easier for you, and they shall share the load
with you. 23 If you will do this thing, and God
commands you so, then you will be able to endure,
and all these people also will go to their place in
peace."
24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-
in-law, and did all that he had said. 25 Moses
chose able men out of all Israel, and made them
heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers
of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
26 They judged the people at all times. They
brought the hard cases to Moses, but every small
matter they judged themselves. 27 Moses let his
father-in-law depart, and he went his way into his
own land.

19

1 In the third month after the children of Israel
had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that same
day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 When
they had departed from Rephidim, and had come
to the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the
wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the
mountain. 3 Moses went up to God, and the LORD
called to him out of the mountain, saying, "This
is what you shall tell the house of Jacob, and tell
the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did
to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles'
wings, and brought you to myself. 5 Now there-
fore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my
covenant, then you shall be my own possession
from among all peoples; for all the earth is mine;
6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a

holy nation.' These are the words which you shall
speak to the children of Israel."
7 Moses came and called for the elders of the
people, and set before them all these words which
the LORD commanded him. 8 All the people an-
swered together, and said, "All that the LORD has
spoken we will do."
Moses reported the words of the people to the
LORD. 9 The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come
to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear
when I speak with you, and may also believe you
forever." Moses told the words of the people to
the LORD. 10 The LORD said to Moses, "Go to the
people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow,
and let them wash their garments, 11 and be ready
for the third day; for on the third day the LORD
will come down in the sight of all the people on
Mount Sinai. 12 You shall set bounds to the people
all around, saying, 'Be careful that you don't go up
onto the mountain, or touch its border. Whoever
touches the mountain shall be surely put to death.
13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be
stoned or shot through; whether it is animal or
man, he shall not live.' When the shofar sounds
long, they shall come up to the mountain."
14 Moses went down from the mountain to
the people, and sanctified the people; and they
washed their clothes. 15 He said to the people, "Be
ready by the third day. Don't have sexual relations
with a woman."
16 On the third day, when it was morning, there
were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud
on the mountain, and the sound of an exceedingly

loud shofar; and all the people who were in the
camp trembled. 17 Moses led the people out of
the camp to meet God; and they stood at the
lower part of the mountain. 18 All of Mount Sinai
smoked, because the LORD descended on it in
fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a
furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.
19 When the sound of the shofar grew louder and
louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a
voice. 20 The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to
the top of the mountain. The LORD called Moses
to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.
21 The LORD said to Moses, "Go down, warn
the people, lest they break through to the LORD
to gaze, and many of them perish. 22 Let the
priests also, who come near to the LORD, sanctify
themselves, lest the LORD break out on them."
23 Moses said to the LORD, "The people can't
come up to Mount Sinai, for you warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify it.' "
24 The LORD said to him, "Go down! You shall
bring Aaron up with you, but don't let the priests
and the people break through to come up to the
LORD, lest he break out against them."
25 So Moses went down to the people, and told
them.

20

1 God† spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the

† **20:1** After "God", the Hebrew has the two letters "Aleph Tav" (the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet), not as a word, but as a grammatical marker.

LORD your God, who brought you out of the land
of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
3 "You shall have no other gods before me.
4 "You shall not make for yourselves an idol,
nor any image of anything that is in the heavens
above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is
in the water under the earth: 5 you shall not bow
yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, the
LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third
and on the fourth generation of those who hate
me, 6 and showing loving kindness to thousands of
those who love me and keep my commandments.
7 "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD
your God,‡ for the LORD will not hold him guiltless
who misuses his name.
8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9 You shall labor six days, and do all your work,
10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD
your God. You shall not do any work in it, you, nor
your son, nor your daughter, your male servant,
nor your female servant, nor your livestock, nor
your stranger who is within your gates; 11 for in
six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day;
therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and
made it holy.
12 "Honor your father and your mother, that
your days may be long in the land which the LORD
your God gives you.
13 "You shall not murder.

‡ **20:7** or, You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain

14 "You shall not commit adultery.
15 "You shall not steal.
16 "You shall not give false testimony against
your neighbor.
17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his
male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox,
nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neigh-
bor's."
18 All the people perceived the thunderings,
the lightnings, the sound of the shofar, and the
mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they
trembled, and stayed at a distance. 19 They said to
Moses, "Speak with us yourself, and we will listen;
but don't let God speak with us, lest we die."
20 Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, for
God has come to test you, and that his fear may
be before you, that you won't sin." 21 The people
stayed at a distance, and Moses came near to the
thick darkness where God was.
22 The LORD said to Moses, "This is what you
shall tell the children of Israel: 'You yourselves
have seen that I have talked with you from
heaven. 23 You shall most certainly not make
gods of silver or gods of gold for yourselves to
be alongside me. 24 You shall make an altar of
earth for me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt
offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep
and your cattle. In every place where I record my
name I will come to you and I will bless you. 25 If
you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build
it of cut stones; for if you lift up your tool on it, you
have polluted it. 26 You shall not go up by steps to

my altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed
to it.'

21

1 "Now these are the ordinances which you shall
set before them:

2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six
years, and in the seventh he shall go out free with-
out paying anything. 3 If he comes in by himself,
he shall go out by himself. If he is married, then
his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master gives
him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters,
the wife and her children shall be her master's,
and he shall go out by himself. 5 But if the servant
shall plainly say, 'I love my master, my wife, and
my children. I will not go out free;' 6 then his
master shall bring him to God, and shall bring him
to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall
bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall
serve him forever.

7 "If a man sells his daughter to be a female
servant, she shall not go out as the male servants
do. 8 If she doesn't please her master, who has
married her to himself, then he shall let her be
redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a
foreign people, since he has dealt deceitfully with
her. 9 If he marries her to his son, he shall deal
with her as a daughter. 10 If he takes another
wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her
clothing, and her marital rights. 11 If he doesn't do
these three things for her, she may go free without
paying any money.

12 "One who strikes a man so that he dies shall
surely be put to death, 13 but not if it is unintentional, but God allows it to happen; then I will
appoint you a place where he shall flee. 14 If a
man schemes and comes presumptuously on his
neighbor to kill him, you shall take him from my
altar, that he may die.

15 "Anyone who attacks his father or his mother
shall be surely put to death.

16 "Anyone who kidnaps someone and sells him,
or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put
to death.

17 "Anyone who curses his father or his mother
shall surely be put to death.

18 "If men quarrel and one strikes the other with
a stone, or with his fist, and he doesn't die, but
is confined to bed; 19 if he rises again and walks
around with his staff, then he who struck him
shall be cleared; only he shall pay for the loss of
his time, and shall provide for his healing until he
is thoroughly healed.

20 "If a man strikes his servant or his maid with
a rod, and he dies under his hand, the man shall
surely be punished. 21 Notwithstanding, if his
servant gets up after a day or two, he shall not be
punished, for the servant is his property.

22 "If men fight and hurt a pregnant woman so
that she gives birth prematurely, and yet no harm
follows, he shall be surely fined as much as the
woman's husband demands and the judges allow.
23 But if any harm follows, then you must take life
for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for

hand, foot for foot, 25 burning for burning, wound
for wound, and bruise for bruise.
26 "If a man strikes his servant's eye, or his
maid's eye, and destroys it, he shall let him go
free for his eye's sake. 27 If he strikes out his male
servant's tooth, or his female servant's tooth, he
shall let the servant go free for his tooth's sake.
28 "If a bull gores a man or a woman to death,
the bull shall surely be stoned, and its meat shall
not be eaten; but the owner of the bull shall not
be held responsible. 29 But if the bull had a habit
of goring in the past, and this has been testified
to its owner, and he has not kept it in, but it has
killed a man or a woman, the bull shall be stoned,
and its owner shall also be put to death. 30 If a
ransom is imposed on him, then he shall give for
the redemption of his life whatever is imposed.
31 Whether it has gored a son or has gored a
daughter, according to this judgment it shall be
done to him. 32 If the bull gores a male servant or
a female servant, thirty shekels† of silver shall be
given to their master, and the ox shall be stoned.
33 "If a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and
doesn't cover it, and a bull or a donkey falls into it,
34 the owner of the pit shall make it good. He shall
give money to its owner, and the dead animal shall
be his.
35 "If one man's bull injures another's, so that it
dies, then they shall sell the live bull, and divide its
price; and they shall also divide the dead animal.

† **21:32** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces, so 30 shekels is about 300 grams or about 10.6 ounces.

36 Or if it is known that the bull was in the habit
of goring in the past, and its owner has not kept it
in, he shall surely pay bull for bull, and the dead
animal shall be his own.

22

1 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or
sells it, he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four
sheep for a sheep. 2 If the thief is found breaking
in, and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no
guilt of bloodshed for him. 3 If the sun has risen
on him, he is guilty of bloodshed. He shall make
restitution. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold
for his theft. 4 If the stolen property is found in his
hand alive, whether it is ox, donkey, or sheep, he
shall pay double.

5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be
eaten by letting his animal loose, and it grazes
in another man's field, he shall make restitution
from the best of his own field, and from the best
of his own vineyard.

6 "If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns so that
the shocks of grain, or the standing grain, or the
field are consumed; he who kindled the fire shall
surely make restitution.

7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor money or
stuff to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's
house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8 If
the thief isn't found, then the master of the house
shall come near to God, to find out whether or not
he has put his hand on his neighbor's goods. 9 For
every matter of trespass, whether it is for ox, for
donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any kind
of lost thing, about which one says, 'This is mine,'

the cause of both parties shall come before God.
He whom God condemns shall pay double to his
neighbor.
10 "If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an
ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies or is
injured, or driven away, no man seeing it; 11 the
oath of the LORD shall be between them both, he
has not put his hand on his neighbor's goods; and
its owner shall accept it, and he shall not make
restitution. 12 But if it is stolen from him, the one
who stole shall make restitution to its owner. 13 If
it is torn in pieces, let him bring it for evidence. He
shall not make good that which was torn.
14 "If a man borrows anything of his neighbor's,
and it is injured, or dies, its owner not being with
it, he shall surely make restitution. 15 If its owner
is with it, he shall not make it good. If it is a leased
thing, it came for its lease.
16 "If a man entices a virgin who isn't pledged to
be married, and lies with her, he shall surely pay a
dowry for her to be his wife. 17 If her father utterly
refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money
according to the dowry of virgins.
18 "You shall not allow a sorceress to live.
19 "Whoever has sex with an animal shall surely
be put to death.
20 "He who sacrifices to any god, except to the
LORD only, shall be utterly destroyed.
21 "You shall not wrong an alien or oppress him,
for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.
22 "You shall not take advantage of any widow or
fatherless child. 23 If you take advantage of them
at all, and they cry at all to me, I will surely hear

their cry; 24 and my wrath will grow hot, and I will
kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be
widows, and your children fatherless.

25 "If you lend money to any of my people with
you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a
creditor. You shall not charge him interest. 26 If
you take your neighbor's garment as collateral,
you shall restore it to him before the sun goes
down, 27 for that is his only covering, it is his
garment for his skin. What would he sleep in? It
will happen, when he cries to me, that I will hear,
for I am gracious.

28 "You shall not blaspheme God, nor curse a
ruler of your people.

29 "You shall not delay to offer from your harvest
and from the outflow of your presses.

"You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me.
30 You shall do likewise with your cattle and with
your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days,
then on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

31 "You shall be holy men to me, therefore you
shall not eat any meat that is torn by animals in
the field. You shall cast it to the dogs.

23

1 "You shall not spread a false report. Don't
join your hand with the wicked to be a malicious
witness.

2 "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil. You
shall not testify in court to side with a multitude to
pervert justice. 3 You shall not favor a poor man in
his cause.

4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey
going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him
again. 5 If you see the donkey of him who hates
you fallen down under his burden, don't leave
him. You shall surely help him with it.
6 "You shall not deny justice to your poor people
in their lawsuits.
7 "Keep far from a false charge, and don't kill the
innocent and righteous; for I will not justify the
wicked.
8 "You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds
those who have sight and perverts the words of
the righteous.
9 "You shall not oppress an alien, for you know
the heart of an alien, since you were aliens in the
land of Egypt.
10 "For six years you shall sow your land, and
shall gather in its increase, 11 but the seventh year
you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor
of your people may eat; and what they leave the
animal of the field shall eat. In the same way, you
shall deal with your vineyard and with your olive
grove.
12 "Six days you shall do your work, and on
the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and
your donkey may have rest, and the son of your
servant, and the alien may be refreshed.
13 "Be careful to do all things that I have said to
you; and don't invoke the name of other gods or
even let them be heard out of your mouth.
14 "You shall observe a feast to me three times
a year. 15 You shall observe the feast of unleav-
ened bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened

bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed
in the month Abib (for in it you came out of Egypt),
and no one shall appear before me empty. 16 And
the feast of harvest, the first fruits of your labors,
which you sow in the field; and the feast of ingath-
ering, at the end of the year, when you gather in
your labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the
year all your males shall appear before the Lord
GOD.

18 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice
with leavened bread. The fat of my feast shall not
remain all night until the morning.

19 You shall bring the first of the first fruits of
your ground into the house of the LORD your God.

"You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's
milk.

20 "Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep
you by the way, and to bring you into the place
which I have prepared. 21 Pay attention to him,
and listen to his voice. Don't provoke him, for he
will not pardon your disobedience, for my name is
in him. 22 But if you indeed listen to his voice, and
do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your
enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries.
23 For my angel shall go before you, and bring
you in to the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite,
the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and
I will cut them off. 24 You shall not bow down
to their gods, nor serve them, nor follow their
practices, but you shall utterly overthrow them
and demolish their pillars. 25 You shall serve the
LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and
your water, and I will take sickness away from

among you. 26 No one will miscarry or be barren
in your land. I will fulfill the number of your
days. 27 I will send my terror before you, and will
confuse all the people to whom you come, and I
will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.
28 I will send the hornet before you, which will
drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite,
from before you. 29 I will not drive them out
from before you in one year, lest the land become
desolate, and the animals of the field multiply
against you. 30 Little by little I will drive them
out from before you, until you have increased and
inherit the land. 31 I will set your border from the
Sea of Suf even to the sea of the Philistines, and
from the wilderness to the River; for I will deliver
the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and
you shall drive them out before you. 32 You shall
make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.
33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make
you sin against me, for if you serve their gods, it
will surely be a snare to you."

24

1 He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you,
and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of
the elders of Israel; and worship from a distance.
2 Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but
they shall not come near. The people shall not go
up with him."

3 Moses came and told the people all the LORD's
words, and all the ordinances; and all the people
answered with one voice, and said, "All the words
which the LORD has spoken will we do."

4 Moses wrote all the LORD's words, then rose
up early in the morning and built an altar at the
base of the mountain, with twelve pillars for the
twelve tribes of Israel. 5 He sent young men of
the children of Israel, who offered burnt offer-
ings and sacrificed peace offerings of cattle to the
LORD. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it
in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on
the altar. 7 He took the book of the covenant and
read it in the hearing of the people, and they said,
"We will do all that the LORD has said, and be
obedient."
8 Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the
people, and said, "Look, this is the blood of the
covenant, which the LORD has made with you
concerning all these words."
9 Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and sev-
enty of the elders of Israel went up. 10 They
saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was like a
paved work of sapphire† stone, like the skies for
clearness. 11 He didn't lay his hand on the nobles
of the children of Israel. They saw God, and ate
and drank.
12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on
the mountain, and stay here, and I will give you
the stone tablets with the law and the commands
that I have written, that you may teach them."
13 Moses rose up with Joshua, his servant, and
Moses went up onto God's Mountain. 14 He said
to the elders, "Wait here for us, until we come
again to you. Behold, Aaron and Hur are with you.
Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them."

† **24:10** or, lapis lazuli

15 Moses went up on the mountain, and the
cloud covered the mountain. 16 The LORD's glory
settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it
six days. The seventh day he called to Moses out of
the middle of the cloud. 17 The appearance of the
LORD's glory was like devouring fire on the top of
the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.
18 Moses entered into the middle of the cloud, and
went up on the mountain; and Moses was on the
mountain forty days and forty nights.

25

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to
the children of Israel, that they take an offering
for me. From everyone whose heart makes him
willing you shall take my offering. 3 This is the
offering which you shall take from them: gold,
silver, bronze, 4 blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen,
goats' hair, 5 rams' skins dyed red, sea cow hides,†
acacia wood, 6 oil for the light, spices for the
anointing oil and for the sweet incense, 7 onyx
stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for
the breastplate. 8 Let them make me a sanctuary,
that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all
that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and
the pattern of all of its furniture, even so you shall
make it.
10 "They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Its
length shall be two and a half cubits,‡ its width a
cubit and a half, and a cubit and a half its height.

† **25:5** or, fine leather ‡ **25:10** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

11 You shall overlay it with pure gold. You shall
overlay it inside and outside, and you shall make a
gold molding around it. 12 You shall cast four rings
of gold for it, and put them in its four feet. Two
rings shall be on the one side of it, and two rings
on the other side of it. 13 You shall make poles of
acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You
shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of
the ark to carry the ark. 15 The poles shall be in
the rings of the ark. They shall not be taken from
it. 16 You shall put the covenant which I shall give
you into the ark. 17 You shall make a mercy seat of
pure gold. Two and a half cubits shall be its length,
and a cubit and a half its width. 18 You shall make
two cherubim of hammered gold. You shall make
them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make
one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the
other end. You shall make the cherubim on its
two ends of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 The
cherubim shall spread out their wings upward,
covering the mercy seat with their wings, with
their faces toward one another. The faces of the
cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You
shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and
in the ark you shall put the covenant that I will
give you. 22 There I will meet with you, and I will
tell you from above the mercy seat, from between
the two cherubim which are on the ark of the
covenant, all that I command you for the children
of Israel.

23 “You shall make a table of acacia wood. Its
length shall be two cubits, and its width a cubit,
and its height one and a half cubits. 24 You shall

overlay it with pure gold, and make a gold mold-
ing around it. 25 You shall make a rim of a hand
width around it. You shall make a golden molding
on its rim around it. 26 You shall make four rings
of gold for it, and put the rings in the four corners
that are on its four feet. 27 The rings shall be close
to the rim, for places for the poles to carry the
table. 28 You shall make the poles of acacia wood,
and overlay them with gold, that the table may be
carried with them. 29 You shall make its dishes, its
spoons, its ladles, and its bowls with which to pour
out offerings. You shall make them of pure gold.
30 You shall set bread of the presence on the table
before me always.

31 "You shall make a lamp stand of pure gold.
The lamp stand shall be made of hammered work.
Its base, its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers
shall be of one piece with it. 32 There shall be six
branches going out of its sides: three branches
of the lamp stand out of its one side, and three
branches of the lamp stand out of its other side;
33 three cups made like almond blossoms in one
branch, a bud and a flower; and three cups made
like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bud
and a flower, so for the six branches going out
of the lamp stand; 34 and in the lamp stand four
cups made like almond blossoms, its buds and its
flowers; 35 and a bud under two branches of one
piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one
piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one
piece with it, for the six branches going out of the
lamp stand. 36 Their buds and their branches shall

be of one piece with it, all of it one beaten work of
pure gold. 37 You shall make its lamps seven, and
they shall light its lamps to give light to the space
in front of it. 38 Its snuffers and its snuff dishes
shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made of a talent§
of pure gold, with all these accessories. 40 See
that you make them after their pattern, which has
been shown to you on the mountain.

26

1 "Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with
ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and
purple, and scarlet, with cherubim. You shall
make them with the work of a skillful workman.
2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight
cubits,† and the width of each curtain four cubits:
all the curtains shall have one measure. 3 Five
curtains shall be coupled together to one another,
and the other five curtains shall be coupled to
one another. 4 You shall make loops of blue on
the edge of the one curtain from the edge in the
coupling, and you shall do likewise on the edge
of the curtain that is outermost in the second
coupling. 5 You shall make fifty loops in the one
curtain, and you shall make fifty loops in the edge
of the curtain that is in the second coupling. The
loops shall be opposite one another. 6 You shall
make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains
to one another with the clasps. The tabernacle
shall be a unit.

§ **25:39** A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces † **26:2** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

7 "You shall make curtains of goats' hair for a
covering over the tabernacle. You shall make
eleven curtains. 8 The length of each curtain shall
be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain
four cubits: the eleven curtains shall have one
measure. 9 You shall couple five curtains by them-
selves, and six curtains by themselves, and shall
double over the sixth curtain in the forefront of
the tent. 10 You shall make fifty loops on the edge of
the one curtain that is outermost in the coupling,
and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which
is outermost in the second coupling. 11 You shall
make fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into
the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may
be one. 12 The overhanging part that remains of
the curtains of the tent—the half curtain that re-
mains—shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.
13 The cubit on the one side and the cubit on the
other side, of that which remains in the length of
the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides
of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to
cover it. 14 You shall make a covering for the tent
of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sea cow
hides above.

15 "You shall make the boards for the tabernacle
of acacia wood, standing upright. 16 Ten cubits
shall be the length of a board, and one and a
half cubits the width of each board. 17 There
shall be two tenons in each board, joined to one
another: thus you shall make for all the boards of
the tabernacle. 18 You shall make twenty boards
for the tabernacle, for the south side southward.
19 You shall make forty sockets of silver under the
twenty boards; two sockets under one board for

its two tenons, and two sockets under another
board for its two tenons. 20 For the second side of
the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards,
21 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets
under one board, and two sockets under another
board. 22 For the far side of the tabernacle west-
ward you shall make six boards. 23 You shall make
two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the
far side. 24 They shall be double beneath, and in
the same way they shall be whole to its top to one
ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be
for the two corners. 25 There shall be eight boards,
and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two
sockets under one board, and two sockets under
another board.

26 "You shall make bars of acacia wood: five
for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,
27 and five bars for the boards of the other side of
the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the
side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward.
28 The middle bar in the middle of the boards shall
pass through from end to end. 29 You shall overlay
the boards with gold, and make their rings of
gold for places for the bars. You shall overlay the
bars with gold. 30 You shall set up the tabernacle
according to the way that it was shown to you on
the mountain.

31 "You shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cherubim. It
shall be the work of a skillful workman. 32 You
shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with
gold; their hooks shall be of gold, on four sockets
of silver. 33 You shall hang up the veil under the
clasps, and shall bring the ark of the covenant

in there within the veil. The veil shall separate
the holy place from the most holy for you. 34 You
shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the covenant
in the most holy place. 35 You shall set the table
outside the veil, and the lamp stand opposite the
table on the side of the tabernacle toward the
south. You shall put the table on the north side.
36 "You shall make a screen for the door of the
Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine
twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. 37 You
shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia,
and overlay them with gold. Their hooks shall be
of gold. You shall cast five sockets of bronze for
them.

27

1 "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five
cubits† long, and five cubits wide. The altar shall
be square. Its height shall be three cubits.‡ 2 You
shall make its horns on its four corners. Its horns
shall be of one piece with it. You shall overlay it
with bronze. 3 You shall make its pots to take away
its ashes; and its shovels, its basins, its meat hooks,
and its fire pans. You shall make all its vessels
of bronze. 4 You shall make a grating for it of
network of bronze. On the net you shall make four
bronze rings in its four corners. 5 You shall put it
under the ledge around the altar beneath, that the
net may reach halfway up the altar. 6 You shall
make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and

† **27:1** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.
‡ **27:1** The altar was to be about 2.3×2.3×1.4 meters or about 7½×7½×4½ feet.

overlay them with bronze. 7 Its poles shall be put
into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two
sides of the altar when carrying it. 8 You shall
make it hollow with planks. They shall make it as
it has been shown you on the mountain.

9 "You shall make the court of the tabernacle: for
the south side southward there shall be hangings
for the court of fine twined linen one hundred
cubits long for one side. 10 Its pillars shall be
twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze. The
hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of
silver. 11 Likewise for the length of the north side,
there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long,
and its pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of
bronze; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets,
of silver. 12 For the width of the court on the
west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits; their
pillars ten, and their sockets ten. 13 The width of
the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty
cubits. 14 The hangings for the one side of the
gate shall be fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and
their sockets three. 15 For the other side shall be
hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and
their sockets three. 16 For the gate of the court
shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the
work of the embroiderer; their pillars four, and
their sockets four. 17 All the pillars of the court
around shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of
silver, and their sockets of bronze. 18 The length
of the court shall be one hundred cubits, and the
width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits,
of fine twined linen, and their sockets of bronze.

19 All the instruments of the tabernacle in all its
service, and all its pins, and all the pins of the
court, shall be of bronze.

20 "You shall command the children of Israel,
that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for
the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually.
21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the veil which
is before the covenant, Aaron and his sons shall
keep it in order from evening to morning before
the LORD: it shall be a statute forever throughout
their generations on the behalf of the children of
Israel.

28

1 "Bring Aaron your brother, and his sons with
him, near to you from among the children of
Israel, that he may minister to me in the priest's
office: Aaron, with Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar, Aaron's sons. 2 You shall make holy
garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and
for beauty. 3 You shall speak to all who are wise-
hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wis-
dom, that they make Aaron's garments to sanctify
him, that he may minister to me in the priest's
office. 4 These are the garments which they shall
make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a fitted
tunic, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy
garments for Aaron your brother and his sons,
that he may minister to me in the priest's office.
5 They shall use the gold, and the blue, and the
purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.

6 "They shall make the ephod of gold, blue,
purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of

the skillful workman. 7 It shall have two shoulder
straps joined to the two ends of it, that it may
be joined together. 8 The skillfully woven band,
which is on it, shall be like its work and of the
same piece; of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine
twined linen. 9 You shall take two onyx stones, and
engrave on them the names of the children of Is-
rael. 10 Six of their names on the one stone, and the
names of the six that remain on the other stone,
in the order of their birth. 11 With the work of an
engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet,
you shall engrave the two stones, according to the
names of the children of Israel. You shall make
them to be enclosed in settings of gold. 12 You shall
put the two stones on the shoulder straps of the
ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children
of Israel. Aaron shall bear their names before the
LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial. 13 You
shall make settings of gold, 14 and two chains
of pure gold; you shall make them like cords of
braided work. You shall put the braided chains on
the settings.

15 "You shall make a breastplate of judgment,
the work of the skillful workman; like the work
of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue,
and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen,
you shall make it. 16 It shall be square and folded
double; a span† shall be its length, and a span its
width. 17 You shall set in it settings of stones, four
rows of stones: a row of ruby, topaz, and beryl
shall be the first row; 18 and the second row a

† **28:16** A span is the length from the tip of a man's thumb to the tip of his little finger when his hand is stretched out (about half a cubit, or 9 inches, or 22.8 cm.)

turquoise, a sapphire,‡ and an emerald; 19 and the
third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;
20 and the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx, and
a jasper. They shall be enclosed in gold in their
settings. 21 The stones shall be according to the
names of the children of Israel, twelve, according
to their names; like the engravings of a signet,
everyone according to his name, they shall be
for the twelve tribes. 22 You shall make on the
breastplate chains like cords, of braided work of
pure gold. 23 You shall make on the breastplate
two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on
the two ends of the breastplate. 24 You shall put
the two braided chains of gold in the two rings
at the ends of the breastplate. 25 The other two
ends of the two braided chains you shall put on
the two settings, and put them on the shoulder
straps of the ephod in its forepart. 26 You shall
make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on
the two ends of the breastplate, on its edge, which
is toward the side of the ephod inward. 27 You
shall make two rings of gold, and shall put them on
the two shoulder straps of the ephod underneath,
in its forepart, close by its coupling, above the
skillfully woven band of the ephod. 28 They shall
bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the
ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be on the
skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the
breastplate may not swing out from the ephod.
29 Aaron shall bear the names of the children of
Israel in the breastplate of judgment on his heart,
when he goes in to the holy place, for a memorial

‡ **28:18** or, lapis lazuli

before the LORD continually. 30 You shall put
in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the
Thummim; and they shall be on Aaron's heart,
when he goes in before the LORD. Aaron shall
bear the judgment of the children of Israel on his
heart before the LORD continually.

31 "You shall make the robe of the ephod all of
blue. 32 It shall have a hole for the head in the
middle of it. It shall have a binding of woven work
around its hole, as it were the hole of a coat of
mail, that it not be torn. 33 On its hem you shall
make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and
of scarlet, all around its hem; with bells of gold
between and around them: 34 a golden bell and
a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate,
around the hem of the robe. 35 It shall be on Aaron
to minister: and its sound shall be heard when
he goes in to the holy place before the LORD, and
when he comes out, that he not die.

36 "You shall make a plate of pure gold, and en-
grave on it, like the engravings of a signet, 'HOLY
TO THE LORD.' 37 You shall put it on a lace of blue,
and it shall be on the sash. It shall be on the front
of the sash. 38 It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and
Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things,
which the children of Israel shall make holy in
all their holy gifts; and it shall be always on his
forehead, that they may be accepted before the
LORD. 39 You shall weave the tunic with fine linen.
You shall make a turban of fine linen. You shall
make a sash, the work of the embroiderer.

40 "You shall make tunics for Aaron's sons. You
shall make sashes for them. You shall make head-
bands for them, for glory and for beauty. 41 You

shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on
his sons with him, and shall anoint them, and
consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they
may minister to me in the priest's office. 42 You
shall make them linen pants to cover their naked
flesh. They shall reach from the waist even to
the thighs. 43 They shall be on Aaron and on his
sons, when they go in to the Tent of Meeting, or
when they come near to the altar to minister in
the holy place, that they don't bear iniquity, and
die. This shall be a statute forever to him and to
his offspring after him.

29

1 "This is the thing that you shall do to them to
make them holy, to minister to me in the priest's
office: take one young bull and two rams with-
out defect, 2 unleavened bread, unleavened cakes
mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed
with oil. You shall make them of fine wheat flour.
3 You shall put them into one basket, and bring
them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.
4 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door
of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash them with
water. 5 You shall take the garments, and put
on Aaron the tunic, the robe of the ephod, the
ephod, and the breastplate, and clothe him with
the skillfully woven band of the ephod. 6 You shall
set the turban on his head, and put the holy crown
on the turban. 7 Then you shall take the anointing
oil, and pour it on his head, and anoint him. 8 You
shall bring his sons, and put tunics on them. 9 You
shall clothe them with belts, Aaron and his sons,

and bind headbands on them. They shall have
the priesthood by a perpetual statute. You shall
consecrate Aaron and his sons.
10 "You shall bring the bull before the Tent of
Meeting; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their
hands on the head of the bull. 11 You shall kill
the bull before the LORD at the door of the Tent
of Meeting. 12 You shall take of the blood of the
bull, and put it on the horns of the altar with your
finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the
base of the altar. 13 You shall take all the fat that
covers the innards, the cover of the liver, the two
kidneys, and the fat that is on them, and burn
them on the altar. 14 But the meat of the bull,
and its skin, and its dung, you shall burn with fire
outside of the camp. It is a sin offering.
15 "You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron
and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of
the ram. 16 You shall kill the ram, and you shall
take its blood, and sprinkle it around on the altar.
17 You shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its
innards, and its legs, and put them with its pieces,
and with its head. 18 You shall burn the whole ram
on the altar: it is a burnt offering to the LORD; it is
a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to the
LORD.
19 "You shall take the other ram, and Aaron and
his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the
ram. 20 Then you shall kill the ram, and take some
of its blood, and put it on the tip of the right ear of
Aaron, and on the tip of the right ear of his sons,
and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the
big toe of their right foot; and sprinkle the blood
around on the altar. 21 You shall take of the blood

that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and
sprinkle it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on
his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him:
and he shall be made holy, and his garments, and
his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 22 Also
you shall take some of the ram's fat, the fat tail,
the fat that covers the innards, the cover of the
liver, the two kidneys, the fat that is on them, and
the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration),
23 and one loaf of bread, one cake of oiled bread,
and one wafer out of the basket of unleavened
bread that is before the LORD. 24 You shall put all
of this in Aaron's hands, and in his sons' hands,
and shall wave them for a wave offering before
the LORD. 25 You shall take them from their hands,
and burn them on the altar on the burnt offering,
for a pleasant aroma before the LORD: it is an
offering made by fire to the LORD.

26 "You shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of
consecration, and wave it for a wave offering
before the LORD. It shall be your portion. 27 You
shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering and
the thigh of the wave offering, which is waved,
and which is raised up, of the ram of consecration,
even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which
is for his sons. 28 It shall be for Aaron and his
sons as their portion forever from the children
of Israel; for it is a wave offering. It shall be a
wave offering from the children of Israel of the
sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their wave
offering to the LORD.

29 "The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his
sons after him, to be anointed in them, and to be

consecrated in them. 30 Seven days shall the son
who is priest in his place put them on, when he
comes into the Tent of Meeting to minister in the
holy place.
31 "You shall take the ram of consecration and
boil its meat in a holy place. 32 Aaron and his
sons shall eat the meat of the ram, and the bread
that is in the basket, at the door of the Tent of
Meeting. 33 They shall eat those things with which
atonement was made, to consecrate and sanctify
them; but a stranger shall not eat of it, because
they are holy. 34 If anything of the meat of the con-
secration, or of the bread, remains to the morning,
then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It
shall not be eaten, because it is holy.
35 "You shall do so to Aaron and to his sons,
according to all that I have commanded you. You
shall consecrate them seven days. 36 Every day
you shall offer the bull of sin offering for atone-
ment. You shall cleanse the altar when you make
atonement for it. You shall anoint it, to sanctify it.
37 Seven days you shall make atonement for the
altar, and sanctify it; and the altar shall be most
holy. Whatever touches the altar shall be holy.
38 "Now this is that which you shall offer on the
altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually.
39 The one lamb you shall offer in the morning;
and the other lamb you shall offer at evening;
40 and with the one lamb a tenth part of an efah†
of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin‡ of

† **29:40** 1 efah is about 22 liters or about 2/3 of a bushel ‡ **29:40** A hin is about 6.5 liters or 1.7 gallons, so a fourth of a hin is about 1.6 liters.

beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for
a drink offering. 41 The other lamb you shall offer
at evening, and shall do to it according to the meal
offering of the morning and according to its drink
offering, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made
by fire to the LORD. 42 It shall be a continual burnt
offering throughout your generations at the door
of the Tent of Meeting before the LORD, where I
will meet with you, to speak there to you. 43 There
I will meet with the children of Israel; and the
place shall be sanctified by my glory. 44 I will
sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the altar. I will
also sanctify Aaron and his sons to minister to me
in the priest's office. 45 I will dwell among the
children of Israel, and will be their God. 46 They
shall know that I am the LORD their God, who
brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might
dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

30

1 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on.
You shall make it of acacia wood. 2 Its length
shall be a cubit,† and its width a cubit. It shall be
square, and its height shall be two cubits. Its horns
shall be of one piece with it. 3 You shall overlay it
with pure gold, its top, its sides around it, and its
horns; and you shall make a gold molding around
it. 4 You shall make two golden rings for it under
its molding; on its two ribs, on its two sides you
shall make them; and they shall be for places for

† **30:2** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

poles with which to bear it. 5 You shall make the
poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.
6 You shall put it before the veil that is by the
ark of the covenant, before the mercy seat that
is over the covenant, where I will meet with you.
7 Aaron shall burn incense of sweet spices on it
every morning. When he tends the lamps, he shall
burn it. 8 When Aaron lights the lamps at evening,
he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the
LORD throughout your generations. 9 You shall
offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt offering,
nor meal offering; and you shall pour no drink
offering on it. 10 Aaron shall make atonement
on its horns once in the year; with the blood of
the sin offering of atonement once in the year
he shall make atonement for it throughout your
generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

11 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "When
you take a census of the children of Israel, according to those who are counted among them,
then each man shall give a ransom for his soul
to the LORD when you count them, that there be
no plague among them when you count them.
13 They shall give this, everyone who passes over
to those who are counted, half a shekel according to the shekel‡ of the sanctuary (the shekel is
twenty gerahs§); half a shekel for an offering to
the LORD. 14 Everyone who passes over to those
who are counted, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering to the LORD. 15 The

‡ **30:13** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces. § **30:13** a gerah is about 0.5 grams or about 7.7 grains

rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not
give less, than the half shekel,† when they give
the offering of the LORD, to make atonement for
your souls. 16 You shall take the atonement money
from the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for
the service of the Tent of Meeting; that it may be
a memorial for the children of Israel before the
LORD, to make atonement for your souls."
17 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 18 "You
shall also make a basin of bronze, and its base of
bronze, in which to wash. You shall put it between
the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and you shall put
water in it. 19 Aaron and his sons shall wash their
hands and their feet in it. 20 When they go into
the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water,
that they not die; or when they come near to the
altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire
to the LORD. 21 So they shall wash their hands
and their feet, that they not die. This shall be a
statute forever to them, even to him and to his
descendants throughout their generations."
22 Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
23 "Also take fine spices: of liquid myrrh, five
hundred shekels;‡ and of fragrant cinnamon half
as much, even two hundred and fifty; and of
fragrant cane, two hundred and fifty; 24 and of
cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of
the sanctuary; and a hin§ of olive oil. 25 You
shall make it into a holy anointing oil, a perfume

† **30:15** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces. ‡ **30:23** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces, so 500 shekels is about 5 kilograms or about 11 pounds. § **30:24** A hin is about 6.5 liters or 1.7 gallons.

compounded after the art of the perfumer: it shall
be a holy anointing oil. 26 You shall use it to anoint
the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the covenant, 27 the
table and all its articles, the lamp stand and its
accessories, the altar of incense, 28 the altar of
burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin
with its base. 29 You shall sanctify them, that
they may be most holy. Whatever touches them
shall be holy. 30 You shall anoint Aaron and his
sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister
to me in the priest's office. 31 You shall speak to
the children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy
anointing oil to me throughout your generations.
32 It shall not be poured on man's flesh, and do
not make any like it, according to its composition.
It is holy. It shall be holy to you. 33 Whoever
compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it
on a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people.' "

34 The LORD said to Moses, "Take to yourself
sweet spices, gum resin, onycha, and galbanum:
sweet spices with pure frankincense. There shall
be an equal weight of each. 35 You shall make
incense of it, a perfume after the art of the per-
fumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy. 36 You
shall beat some of it very small, and put some of it
before the covenant in the Tent of Meeting, where
I will meet with you. It shall be to you most holy.
37 You shall not make this incense, according to its
composition, for yourselves: it shall be to you holy
for the LORD. 38 Whoever shall make any like that,
to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people."

31

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Behold,
I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri,
the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have
filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and
in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all
kinds of workmanship, 4 to devise skillful works,
to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, 5 and
in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving
of wood, to work in all kinds of workmanship.
6 Behold, I myself have appointed with him Oho-
liab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan;
and in the heart of all who are wise-hearted I have
put wisdom, that they may make all that I have
commanded you: 7 the Tent of Meeting, the ark of
the covenant, the mercy seat that is on it, all the
furniture of the Tent, 8 the table and its vessels,
the pure lamp stand with all its vessels, the altar
of incense, 9 the altar of burnt offering with all its
vessels, the basin and its base, 10 the finely worked
garments—the holy garments for Aaron the priest,
the garments of his sons to minister in the priest's
office— 11 the anointing oil, and the incense of
sweet spices for the holy place: according to all
that I have commanded you they shall do."

12 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 13 "Speak
also to the children of Israel, saying, 'Most cer-
tainly you shall keep my Sabbaths; for it is a sign
between me and you throughout your genera-
tions, that you may know that I am the LORD who
sanctifies you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath there-
fore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes
it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does

any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from
among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done,
but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn
rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work
on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death.
16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the
Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their
generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a
sign between me and the children of Israel for-
ever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and
earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was
refreshed.' "
18 When he finished speaking with him on
Mount Sinai, he gave Moses the two tablets of the
covenant, stone tablets, written with God's finger.

32

1 When the people saw that Moses delayed com-
ing down from the mountain, the people gathered
themselves together to Aaron, and said to him,
"Come, make us gods, which shall go before us;
for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up
out of the land of Egypt, we don't know what has
become of him."
2 Aaron said to them, "Take off the golden rings,
which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons,
and of your daughters, and bring them to me."
3 All the people took off the golden rings which
were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.
4 He received what they handed him, fashioned
it with an engraving tool, and made it a molded
calf. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel,
which brought you up out of the land of Egypt."

5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before
it; and Aaron made a proclamation, and said,
“Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.”
6 They rose up early on the next day, and offered
burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and
the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose
up to play.
7 The LORD spoke to Moses, “Go, get down; for
your people, whom you brought up out of the
land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves! 8 They
have turned away quickly out of the way which I
commanded them. They have made themselves
a molded calf, and have worshiped it, and have
sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods,
Israel, which brought you up out of the land of
Egypt.’ ”
9 The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen these
people, and behold, they are a stiff-necked people.
10 Now therefore leave me alone, that my wrath
may burn hot against them, and that I may con-
sume them; and I will make of you a great nation.”
11 Moses begged the LORD his God, and said,
“LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against
your people, that you have brought out of the
land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty
hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians talk, saying,
‘He brought them out for evil, to kill them in the
mountains, and to consume them from the sur-
face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath,
and turn away from this evil against your people.
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your
servants, to whom you swore by your own self,

and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring†
as the stars of the sky, and all this land that I have
spoken of I will give to your offspring, and they
shall inherit it forever.’ ”
14 So the LORD turned away from the evil which
he said he would do to his people.
15 Moses turned, and went down from the
mountain, with the two tablets of the covenant in
his hand; tablets that were written on both their
sides. They were written on one side and on the
other. 16 The tablets were the work of God, and
the writing was the writing of God, engraved on
the tablets.
17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as
they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is the noise
of war in the camp.”
18 He said, “It isn’t the voice of those who shout
for victory. It is not the voice of those who cry
for being overcome; but the noise of those who
sing that I hear.” 19 As soon as he came near
to the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing.
Then Moses’ anger grew hot, and he threw the
tablets out of his hands, and broke them beneath
the mountain. 20 He took the calf which they
had made, and burned it with fire, ground it to
powder, and scattered it on the water, and made
the children of Israel drink it.
21 Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people
do to you, that you have brought a great sin on
them?”
22 Aaron said, “Don’t let the anger of my lord
grow hot. You know the people, that they are set
on evil. 23 For they said to me, ‘Make us gods,

† **32:13** or, seed

which shall go before us. As for this Moses, the
man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
we don't know what has become of him.' 24 I said
to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them take it
off.' So they gave it to me; and I threw it into the
fire, and out came this calf."

25 When Moses saw that the people were out
of control, (for Aaron had let them lose control,
causing derision among their enemies), 26 then
Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said,
"Whoever is on the LORD's side, come to me!"

All the sons of Levi gathered themselves to-
gether to him. 27 He said to them, "The LORD,
the God of Israel, says, 'Every man put his sword
on his thigh, and go back and forth from gate
to gate throughout the camp, and every man kill
his brother, and every man his companion, and
every man his neighbor.' " 28 The sons of Levi
did according to the word of Moses. About three
thousand men fell of the people that day. 29 Moses
said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD,
for every man was against his son and against his
brother, that he may give you a blessing today."

30 On the next day, Moses said to the people,
"You have sinned a great sin. Now I will go up
to the LORD. Perhaps I shall make atonement for
your sin."

31 Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Oh,
this people have sinned a great sin, and have
made themselves gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if you
will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me
out of your book which you have written."

33 The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has
sinned against me, I will blot him out of my book.
34 Now go, lead the people to the place of which
I have spoken to you. Behold, my angel shall
go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I
punish, I will punish them for their sin." 35 The
LORD struck the people, because of what they did
with the calf, which Aaron made.

33

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from
here, you and the people that you have brought
up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I
swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I
will give it to your offspring.' 2 I will send an angel
before you; and I will drive out the Canaanite,
the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the
Hivite, and the Jebusite. 3 Go to a land flowing with
milk and honey; but I will not go up among you,
for you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume
you on the way."

4 When the people heard this evil news, they
mourned; and no one put on his jewelry.

5 The LORD had said to Moses, "Tell the children
of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were
to go up among you for one moment, I would con-
sume you. Therefore now take off your jewelry
from you, that I may know what to do to you.' "

6 The children of Israel stripped themselves of
their jewelry from Mount Horeb onward.

7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it
outside the camp, far away from the camp, and
he called it "The Tent of Meeting." Everyone who

sought the LORD went out to the Tent of Meeting,
which was outside the camp. 8 When Moses went
out to the Tent, all the people rose up, and stood,
everyone at their tent door, and watched Moses,
until he had gone into the Tent. 9 When Moses en-
tered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended,
stood at the door of the Tent, and the LORD spoke
with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of
cloud stand at the door of the Tent, and all the
people rose up and worshiped, everyone at their
tent door. 11 The LORD spoke to Moses face to face,
as a man speaks to his friend. He turned again into
the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun,
a young man, didn't depart from the Tent.

12 Moses said to the LORD, "Behold, you tell
me, 'Bring up this people;' and you haven't let
me know whom you will send with me. Yet you
have said, 'I know you by name, and you have
also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now therefore,
if I have found favor in your sight, please show
me your way, now, that I may know you, so that
I may find favor in your sight; and consider that
this nation is your people."

14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I
will give you rest."

15 Moses said to him, "If your presence doesn't
go with me, don't carry us up from here. 16 For
how would people know that I have found favor
in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it that you
go with us, so that we are separated, I and your
people, from all the people who are on the surface
of the earth?"

17 The LORD said to Moses, “I will do this thing
also that you have spoken; for you have found
favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”
18 Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”
19 He said, “I will make all my goodness pass
before you, and will proclaim the LORD’s name
before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be
gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will
show mercy.” 20 He said, “You cannot see my face,
for man may not see me and live.” 21 The LORD
also said, “Behold, there is a place by me, and you
shall stand on the rock. 22 It will happen, while
my glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of
the rock, and will cover you with my hand until I
have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand,
and you will see my back; but my face shall not be
seen.”

34

1 The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel two stone
tablets like the first. I will write on the tablets the
words that were on the first tablets, which you
broke. 2 Be ready by the morning, and come up in
the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself
there to me on the top of the mountain. 3 No one
shall come up with you or be seen anywhere on
the mountain. Do not let the flocks or herds graze
in front of that mountain.”
4 He chiseled two tablets of stone like the first;
then Moses rose up early in the morning, and
went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had com-
manded him, and took in his hand two stone
tablets. 5 The LORD descended in the cloud, and
stood with him there, and proclaimed the LORD’s

name. 6 The LORD passed by before him, and
proclaimed, "The LORD! The LORD, a merciful
and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant
in loving kindness and truth, 7 keeping loving
kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and
disobedience and sin; and who will by no means
clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers
on the children, and on the children's children, on
the third and on the fourth generation."

8 Moses hurried and bowed his head toward the
earth, and worshiped. 9 He said, "If now I have
found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord
go among us, even though this is a stiff-necked
people; pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take
us for your inheritance."

10 He said, "Behold, I make a covenant: before
all your people I will do marvels, such as have not
been worked in all the earth, nor in any nation;
and all the people among whom you are shall
see the work of the LORD; for it is an awesome
thing that I do with you. 11 Observe that which
I command you today. Behold, I will drive out
before you the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Hittite,
the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Be
careful, lest you make a covenant with the inhabi-
tants of the land where you are going, lest it be for
a snare among you; 13 but you shall break down
their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and
you shall cut down their Asherah poles; 14 for you
shall worship no other god; for the LORD, whose
name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

15 "Don't make a covenant with the inhabitants
of the land, lest they play the prostitute after their

gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and one call you
and you eat of his sacrifice; 16 and you take of their
daughters to your sons, and their daughters play
the prostitute after their gods, and make your sons
play the prostitute after their gods.
17 "You shall make no cast idols for yourselves.
18 "You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread.
Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as
I commanded you, at the time appointed in the
month Abib; for in the month Abib you came out
of Egypt.
19 "All that opens the womb is mine; and all
your livestock that is male, the firstborn of cow
and sheep. 20 You shall redeem the firstborn of a
donkey with a lamb. If you will not redeem it, then
you shall break its neck. You shall redeem all the
firstborn of your sons. No one shall appear before
me empty.
21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh
day you shall rest: in plowing time and in harvest
you shall rest.
22 "You shall observe the feast of weeks with
the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast
of harvest at the year's end. 23 Three times in
the year all your males shall appear before the
Lord GOD, the God of Israel. 24 For I will drive
out nations before you and enlarge your borders;
neither shall any man desire your land when you
go up to appear before the LORD, your God, three
times in the year.
25 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice
with leavened bread. The sacrifice of the feast of
the Passover shall not be left to the morning.

26 “You shall bring the first of the first fruits of
your ground to the house of the LORD your God.

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

27 The LORD said to Moses, “Write these words;
for in accordance with these words I have made a
covenant with you and with Israel.”

28 He was there with the LORD forty days and
forty nights; he neither ate bread, nor drank wa-
ter. He wrote on the tablets the words of the
covenant, the ten commandments.

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai
with the two tablets of the covenant in Moses’
hand, when he came down from the mountain,
Moses didn’t know that the skin of his face shone
by reason of his speaking with him. 30 When
Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses,
behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were
afraid to come near him. 31 Moses called to them,
and Aaron and all the rulers of the congrega-
tion returned to him; and Moses spoke to them.
32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near,
and he gave them all the commandments that
the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.
33 When Moses was done speaking with them, he
put a veil on his face. 34 But when Moses went in
before the LORD to speak with him, he took the
veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and
spoke to the children of Israel that which he was
commanded. 35 The children of Israel saw Moses’
face, that the skin of Moses’ face shone; so Moses
put the veil on his face again, until he went in to
speak with him.

35

1 Moses assembled all the congregation of the
children of Israel, and said to them, "These are
the words which the LORD has commanded, that
you should do them. 2 'Six days shall work be
done, but on the seventh day there shall be a
holy day for you, a Sabbath of solemn rest to the
LORD: whoever does any work in it shall be put to
death. 3 You shall kindle no fire throughout your
habitations on the Sabbath day.' "

4 Moses spoke to all the congregation of the chil-
dren of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the
LORD commanded, saying, 5 'Take from among
you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a will-
ing heart, let him bring it as the LORD's offering:
gold, silver, bronze, 6 blue, purple, scarlet, fine
linen, goats' hair, 7 rams' skins dyed red, sea cow
hides, acacia wood, 8 oil for the light, spices for
the anointing oil and for the sweet incense, 9 onyx
stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for
the breastplate.

10 " 'Let every wise-hearted man among you
come, and make all that the LORD has com-
manded: 11 the tabernacle, its outer covering, its
roof, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and
its sockets; 12 the ark, and its poles, the mercy
seat, the veil of the screen; 13 the table with its
poles and all its vessels, and the show bread; 14 the
lamp stand also for the light, with its vessels, its
lamps, and the oil for the light; 15 and the altar of
incense with its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet
incense, the screen for the door, at the door of the
tabernacle; 16 the altar of burnt offering, with its

grating of bronze, its poles, and all its vessels, the
basin and its base; 17 the hangings of the court, its
pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of
the court; 18 the pins of the tabernacle, the pins of
the court, and their cords; 19 the finely worked gar-
ments for ministering in the holy place—the holy
garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments
of his sons—to minister in the priest's office.' "

20 All the congregation of the children of Israel
departed from the presence of Moses. 21 They
came, everyone whose heart stirred him up,
and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and
brought the LORD's offering for the work of the
Tent of Meeting, and for all of its service, and
for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men
and women, as many as were willing-hearted,
and brought brooches, earrings, signet rings, and
armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man who of-
fered an offering of gold to the LORD. 23 Everyone
with whom was found blue, purple, scarlet, fine
linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dyed red, and sea
cow hides, brought them. 24 Everyone who of-
fered an offering of silver and bronze brought the
LORD's offering; and everyone with whom was
found acacia wood for any work of the service,
brought it. 25 All the women who were wise-
hearted spun with their hands, and brought that
which they had spun: the blue, the purple, the
scarlet, and the fine linen. 26 All the women
whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the
goats' hair. 27 The rulers brought the onyx stones
and the stones to be set for the ephod and for

the breastplate; 28 with the spice and the oil for
the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet
incense. 29 The children of Israel brought a free
will offering to the LORD; every man and woman
whose heart made them willing to bring for all
the work, which the LORD had commanded to be
made by Moses.

30 Moses said to the children of Israel, "Behold,
the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of
Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 31 He
has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom,
in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds
of workmanship; 32 and to make skillful works,
to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 33 in cutting
of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to
work in all kinds of skillful workmanship. 34 He
has put in his heart that he may teach, both he and
Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.
35 He has filled them with wisdom of heart to work
all kinds of workmanship, of the engraver, of the
skillful workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue,
in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the
weaver, even of those who do any workmanship,
and of those who make skillful works.

36

1 "Bezalel and Oholiab shall work with every
wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD has put wis-
dom and understanding to know how to do all the
work for the service of the sanctuary, according to
all that the LORD has commanded."

2 Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every
wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had
put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred

him up to come to the work to do it. 3 They
received from Moses all the offering which the
children of Israel had brought for the work of the
service of the sanctuary, with which to make it.
They kept bringing free will offerings to him every
morning. 4 All the wise men, who performed
all the work of the sanctuary, each came from
his work which he did. 5 They spoke to Moses,
saying, "The people have brought much more
than enough for the service of the work which the
LORD commanded to make."
6 Moses gave a commandment, and they caused
it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying,
"Let neither man nor woman make anything else
for the offering for the sanctuary." So the people
were restrained from bringing. 7 For the stuff
they had was sufficient to do all the work, and too
much.
8 All the wise-hearted men among those who did
the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains
of fine twined linen, blue, purple, and scarlet.
They made them with cherubim, the work of a
skillful workman. 9 The length of each curtain was
twenty-eight cubits,† and the width of each cur-
tain four cubits. All the curtains had one measure.
10 He coupled five curtains to one another, and
the other five curtains he coupled to one another.
11 He made loops of blue on the edge of the one
curtain from the edge in the coupling. Likewise
he made in the edge of the curtain that was out-
ermost in the second coupling. 12 He made fifty

† **36:9** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

loops in the one curtain, and he made fifty loops
in the edge of the curtain that was in the second
coupling. The loops were opposite to one another.
13 He made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the
curtains to one another with the clasps: so the
tabernacle was a unit.

14 He made curtains of goats' hair for a cover-
ing over the tabernacle. He made them eleven
curtains. 15 The length of each curtain was thirty
cubits, and four cubits the width of each curtain.
The eleven curtains had one measure. 16 He cou-
pled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains
by themselves. 17 He made fifty loops on the edge
of the curtain that was outermost in the coupling,
and he made fifty loops on the edge of the cur-
tain which was outermost in the second coupling.
18 He made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent
together, that it might be a unit. 19 He made a
covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and
a covering of sea cow hides above.

20 He made the boards for the tabernacle of
acacia wood, standing up. 21 Ten cubits was the
length of a board, and a cubit and a half the width
of each board. 22 Each board had two tenons,
joined to one another. He made all the boards of
the tabernacle this way. 23 He made the boards
for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south
side southward. 24 He made forty sockets of silver
under the twenty boards: two sockets under one
board for its two tenons, and two sockets under
another board for its two tenons. 25 For the second
side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made
twenty boards 26 and their forty sockets of silver:

two sockets under one board, and two sockets
under another board. 27 For the far part of the
tabernacle westward he made six boards. 28 He
made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle
in the far part. 29 They were double beneath,
and in the same way they were all the way to
its top to one ring. He did this to both of them
in the two corners. 30 There were eight boards
and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets—under
every board two sockets.

31 He made bars of acacia wood: five for the
boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 32 and
five bars for the boards of the other side of the
tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the
tabernacle for the hinder part westward. 33 He
made the middle bar to pass through in the middle
of the boards from the one end to the other. 34 He
overlaid the boards with gold, and made their
rings of gold as places for the bars, and overlaid
the bars with gold.

35 He made the veil of blue, purple, scarlet, and
fine twined linen, with cherubim. He made it
the work of a skillful workman. 36 He made four
pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with
gold. Their hooks were of gold. He cast four
sockets of silver for them. 37 He made a screen for
the door of the tent, of blue, purple, scarlet, and
fine twined linen, the work of an embroiderer;
38 and the five pillars of it with their hooks. He
overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold,
and their five sockets were of bronze.

37

1 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length

was two and a half cubits,† and its width a cubit
and a half, and a cubit and a half its height. 2 He
overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and
made a molding of gold for it around it. 3 He cast
four rings of gold for it in its four feet—two rings
on its one side, and two rings on its other side.
4 He made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them
with gold. 5 He put the poles into the rings on the
sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6 He made a mercy
seat of pure gold. Its length was two and a half
cubits, and a cubit and a half its width. 7 He made
two cherubim of gold. He made them of beaten
work, at the two ends of the mercy seat: 8 one
cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other
end. He made the cherubim of one piece with
the mercy seat at its two ends. 9 The cherubim
spread out their wings above, covering the mercy
seat with their wings, with their faces toward one
another. The faces of the cherubim were toward
the mercy seat.

10 He made the table of acacia wood. Its length
was two cubits, and its width was a cubit, and its
height was a cubit and a half. 11 He overlaid it
with pure gold, and made a gold molding around
it. 12 He made a border of a hand's width around it,
and made a golden molding on its border around
it. 13 He cast four rings of gold for it, and put the
rings in the four corners that were on its four feet.
14 The rings were close by the border, the places
for the poles to carry the table. 15 He made the

† **37:1** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold,
to carry the table. 16 He made the vessels which
were on the table, its dishes, its spoons, its bowls,
and its pitchers with which to pour out, of pure
gold.
17 He made the lamp stand of pure gold. He
made the lamp stand of beaten work. Its base,
its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers were
of one piece with it. 18 There were six branches
going out of its sides: three branches of the lamp
stand out of its one side, and three branches of
the lamp stand out of its other side: 19 three cups
made like almond blossoms in one branch, a bud
and a flower, and three cups made like almond
blossoms in the other branch, a bud and a flower;
so for the six branches going out of the lamp stand.
20 In the lamp stand were four cups made like
almond blossoms, its buds and its flowers; 21 and a
bud under two branches of one piece with it, and
a bud under two branches of one piece with it,
and a bud under two branches of one piece with it,
for the six branches going out of it. 22 Their buds
and their branches were of one piece with it. The
whole thing was one beaten work of pure gold.
23 He made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and
its snuff dishes, of pure gold. 24 He made it of a
talent‡ of pure gold, with all its vessels.
25 He made the altar of incense of acacia wood.
It was square: its length was a cubit, and its width
a cubit. Its height was two cubits. Its horns were
of one piece with it. 26 He overlaid it with pure

‡ **37:24** A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces

gold: its top, its sides around it, and its horns. He
made a gold molding around it. 27 He made two
golden rings for it under its molding crown, on
its two ribs, on its two sides, for places for poles
with which to carry it. 28 He made the poles of
acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 29 He
made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense
of sweet spices, after the art of the perfumer.

38

1 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia
wood. It was square. Its length was five cubits,†
its width was five cubits, and its height was three
cubits. 2 He made its horns on its four corners. Its
horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it
with bronze. 3 He made all the vessels of the altar:
the pots, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and
the fire pans. He made all its vessels of bronze.
4 He made for the altar a grating of a network
of bronze, under the ledge around it beneath,
reaching halfway up. 5 He cast four rings for the
four corners of bronze grating, to be places for the
poles. 6 He made the poles of acacia wood, and
overlaid them with bronze. 7 He put the poles into
the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to
carry it. He made it hollow with planks.

8 He made the basin of bronze, and its base
of bronze, out of the mirrors of the ministering
women who ministered at the door of the Tent of
Meeting.

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† **38:1** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

9 He made the court: for the south side south-
ward the hangings of the court were of fine twined
linen, one hundred cubits; 10 their pillars were
twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze; the
hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver.
11 For the north side one hundred cubits, their pil-
lars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze;
the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver.
12 For the west side were hangings of fifty cubits,
their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks
of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 13 For
the east side eastward fifty cubits, 14 the hangings
for the one side were fifteen cubits; their pillars
three, and their sockets three; 15 and so for the
other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate
of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits; their
pillars three, and their sockets three. 16 All the
hangings around the court were of fine twined
linen. 17 The sockets for the pillars were of bronze.
The hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of
silver. Their capitals were overlaid with silver. All
the pillars of the court had silver bands. 18 The
screen for the gate of the court was the work of
the embroiderer, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine
twined linen. Twenty cubits was the length, and
the height along the width was five cubits, like the
hangings of the court. 19 Their pillars were four,
and their sockets four, of bronze; their hooks of
silver, and the overlaying of their capitals, and
their fillets, of silver. 20 All the pins of the taber-
nacle, and around the court, were of bronze.

21 These are the amounts of materials used for
the tabernacle, even the Tabernacle of the Tes-

timony, as they were counted, according to the
commandment of Moses, for the service of the
Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron
the priest. 22 Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD
commanded Moses. 23 With him was Oholiab, the
son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver,
and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in
blue, in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen.

24 All the gold that was used for the work in
all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of
the offering, was twenty-nine talents‡ and seven
hundred thirty shekels, according to the shekel§
of the sanctuary. 25 The silver of those who were
counted of the congregation was one hundred tal-
ents† and one thousand seven hundred seventy-
five shekels,‡ according to the shekel of the sanctu-
ary: 26 a beka§ a head, that is, half a shekel, accord-
ing to the shekel† of the sanctuary, for everyone
who passed over to those who were counted, from
twenty years old and upward, for six hundred
three thousand five hundred fifty men. 27 The
one hundred talents‡ of silver were for casting the
sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the
veil: one hundred sockets for the one hundred
talents, one talent per socket. 28 From the one

‡ **38:24** A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces. § **38:24** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.32 Troy ounces. † **38:25** A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds ‡ **38:25** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces. § **38:26** a beka is about 5 grams or about 0.175 ounces † **38:26** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces. ‡ **38:27** A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds.

thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels§ he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. 29 The bronze of the offering was seventy talents† and two thousand four hundred shekels.‡ 30 With this he made the sockets to the door of the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, all the vessels of the altar, 31 the sockets around the court, the sockets of the gate of the court, all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins around the court.

39

1 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet, they made finely worked garments for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD commanded Moses.

2 He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3 They beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in with the blue, the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen, the work of the skillful workman. 4 They made shoulder straps for it, joined together. It was joined together at the two ends. 5 The skillfully woven band that was on it, with which to fasten it on, was of the same piece, like its work: of gold, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 They worked the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, engraved with the engravings of a

§ **38:28** A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces, so 1775 shekels is about 17.75 kilograms or about 39 pounds. † **38:29** A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds ‡ **38:29** 70 talents + 2400 shekels is about 2124 kilograms, or 2.124 metric tons.

signet, according to the names of the children of
Israel. 7 He put them on the shoulder straps of the
ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children
of Israel, as the LORD commanded Moses.

8 He made the breastplate, the work of a skillful
workman, like the work of the ephod: of gold, of
blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 It
was square. They made the breastplate double.
Its length was a span,† and its width a span, being
double. 10 They set in it four rows of stones. A row
of ruby, topaz, and beryl was the first row; 11 and
the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire,‡ and an
emerald; 12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate,
and an amethyst; 13 and the fourth row, a chryso-
lite, an onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in
gold settings. 14 The stones were according to the
names of the children of Israel, twelve, according
to their names; like the engravings of a signet,
everyone according to his name, for the twelve
tribes. 15 They made on the breastplate chains like
cords, of braided work of pure gold. 16 They made
two settings of gold, and two gold rings, and put
the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.
17 They put the two braided chains of gold in the
two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 18 The
other two ends of the two braided chains they put
on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder
straps of the ephod, in its front. 19 They made two
rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of

† **39:9** A span is the length from the tip of a man's thumb to the tip of his little finger when his hand is stretched out (about half a cubit, or 9 inches, or 22.8 cm.) ‡ **39:11** or, lapis lazuli

the breastplate, on its edge, which was toward the
side of the ephod inward. 20 They made two more
rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder
straps of the ephod underneath, in its front, close
by its coupling, above the skillfully woven band
of the ephod. 21 They bound the breastplate by its
rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue,
that it might be on the skillfully woven band of the
ephod, and that the breastplate might not come
loose from the ephod, as the LORD commanded
Moses.

22 He made the robe of the ephod of woven
work, all of blue. 23 The opening of the robe in the
middle of it was like the opening of a coat of mail,
with a binding around its opening, that it should
not be torn. 24 They made on the skirts of the robe
pomegranates of blue, purple, scarlet, and twined
linen. 25 They made bells of pure gold, and put
the bells between the pomegranates around the
skirts of the robe, between the pomegranates; 26 a
bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate,
around the skirts of the robe, to minister in, as the
LORD commanded Moses.

27 They made the tunics of fine linen of woven
work for Aaron and for his sons, 28 the turban
of fine linen, the linen headbands of fine linen,
the linen trousers of fine twined linen, 29 the sash
of fine twined linen, blue, purple, and scarlet,
the work of the embroiderer, as the LORD com-
manded Moses.

30 They made the plate of the holy crown of
pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription, like the
engravings of a signet: “HOLY TO THE LORD”.

31 They tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it on the
turban above, as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent
of Meeting was finished. The children of Israel
did according to all that the LORD commanded
Moses; so they did. 33 They brought the tabernacle
to Moses: the tent, with all its furniture, its clasps,
its boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, 34 the
covering of rams' skins dyed red, the covering of
sea cow hides, the veil of the screen, 35 the ark of
the covenant with its poles, the mercy seat, 36 the
table, all its vessels, the show bread, 37 the pure
lamp stand, its lamps, even the lamps to be set
in order, all its vessels, the oil for the light, 38 the
golden altar, the anointing oil, the sweet incense,
the screen for the door of the Tent, 39 the bronze
altar, its grating of bronze, its poles, all of its
vessels, the basin and its base, 40 the hangings of
the court, its pillars, its sockets, the screen for the
gate of the court, its cords, its pins, and all the in-
struments of the service of the tabernacle, for the
Tent of Meeting, 41 the finely worked garments for
ministering in the holy place, the holy garments
for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons,
to minister in the priest's office. 42 According to all
that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children
of Israel did all the work. 43 Moses saw all the
work, and behold, they had done it as the LORD
had commanded. They had done so; and Moses
blessed them.

40

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "On the

first day of the first month you shall raise up the
tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. 3 You shall put
the ark of the covenant in it, and you shall screen
the ark with the veil. 4 You shall bring in the table,
and set in order the things that are on it. You shall
bring in the lamp stand, and light its lamps. 5 You
shall set the golden altar for incense before the ark
of the covenant, and put the screen of the door to
the tabernacle.

6 "You shall set the altar of burnt offering before
the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. 7 You shall set the basin between the Tent of
Meeting and the altar, and shall put water therein.
8 You shall set up the court around it, and hang up
the screen of the gate of the court.

9 "You shall take the anointing oil, and anoint
the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall make
it holy, and all its furniture, and it will be holy.
10 You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering, with
all its vessels, and sanctify the altar, and the altar
will be most holy. 11 You shall anoint the basin and
its base, and sanctify it.

12 "You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the
door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash them
with water. 13 You shall put on Aaron the holy
garments; and you shall anoint him, and sanctify
him, that he may minister to me in the priest's
office. 14 You shall bring his sons, and put tunics
on them. 15 You shall anoint them, as you anointed
their father, that they may minister to me in the
priest's office. Their anointing shall be to them
for an everlasting priesthood throughout their

generations." 16 Moses did so. According to all that
the LORD commanded him, so he did.

17 In the first month in the second year, on the
first day of the month, the tabernacle was raised
up. 18 Moses raised up the tabernacle, and laid its
sockets, and set up its boards, and put in its bars,
and raised up its pillars. 19 He spread the covering
over the tent, and put the roof of the tabernacle
above on it, as the LORD commanded Moses. 20 He
took and put the covenant into the ark, and set the
poles on the ark, and put the mercy seat above on
the ark. 21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle,
and set up the veil of the screen, and screened
the ark of the covenant, as the LORD commanded
Moses. 22 He put the table in the Tent of Meeting,
on the north side of the tabernacle, outside of the
veil. 23 He set the bread in order on it before the
LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses. 24 He put
the lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting, opposite
the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.
25 He lit the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD
commanded Moses. 26 He put the golden altar
in the Tent of Meeting before the veil; 27 and he
burned incense of sweet spices on it, as the LORD
commanded Moses. 28 He put up the screen of the
door to the tabernacle. 29 He set the altar of burnt
offering at the door of the tabernacle of the Tent
of Meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering
and the meal offering, as the LORD commanded
Moses. 30 He set the basin between the Tent of
Meeting and the altar, and put water therein, with
which to wash. 31 Moses, Aaron, and his sons
washed their hands and their feet there. 32 When

they went into the Tent of Meeting, and when they
came near to the altar, they washed, as the LORD
commanded Moses. 33 He raised up the court
around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the
screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished
the work.
34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meet-
ing, and the LORD's glory filled the tabernacle.
35 Moses wasn't able to enter into the Tent of
Meeting, because the cloud stayed on it, and the
LORD's glory filled the tabernacle. 36 When the
cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the
children of Israel went onward, throughout all
their journeys; 37 but if the cloud wasn't taken up,
then they didn't travel until the day that it was
taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was on the
tabernacle by day, and there was fire in the cloud
by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel,
throughout all their journeys.

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