

Numbers [Numbers] B'midbar [In the desert]

Context: Numbers has multifaceted purposes. Combination census record providing family trees and duties of the Levites (ch 1-4). Re-counting year one with the Levites (ch 5-8). Then historical account of year two, month one into year forty at the Jordan River (ch 9-35). The records of choices and relationship between God and humans during the desert years.

Parashah 34: B'midbar ·In the desert· 1:1-4:20

¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn], in the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], saying, ² “Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, every male, one by one; ³ from twenty years old and upward, all who are able to go out to war in Israel [God prevails]. You and Aaron [Light-bringer] shall count them by their divisions. ⁴ With you there shall be a man of every tribe; everyone head of his fathers’ house. ⁵ These are the names of the men who shall stand with you:

Of Reuben [See, a son!]: Elizur the son of Shedeur.

⁶ Of Simeon [Hearing]: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai [My rock almighty].

⁷ Of Judah [Praised]: Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

⁸ Of Issachar [Hire, Reward]: Nethanel the son of Zuar.

⁹ Of Zebulun [Living together]: Eliab the son of Helon.

¹⁰ Of the children of Joseph [May he add]:

Of Ephraim [Fruit]: Elishama the son of Ammihud.

Of Manasseh [Causing to forget]: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

¹¹ Of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south]: Abidan the son of Gideon.

¹² Of Dan [He judged]: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

¹³ Of Asher [Happy]: Pagiel the son of Ochran.

¹⁴ Of Gad [Good fortune]: Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

¹⁵ Of Naphtali [My wrestling]: Ahira the son of Enan."

¹⁶ These are those who were called of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel [God prevails]. ¹⁷ Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] took these men who are mentioned by name. ¹⁸ They assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they declared their ancestry by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names,

from twenty years old and upward, one by one.
¹⁹ As ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out], so he counted them in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn].

(2) ²⁰ The children of Reuben [See, a son!], Israel [God prevails]'s firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, one by one, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ²¹ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Reuben [See, a son!], were forty-six thousand five hundred.

²² Of the children of Simeon [Hearing], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those who were counted of it, according to the number of the names, one by one, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ²³ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Simeon [Hearing], were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

²⁴ Of the children of Gad [Good fortune], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ²⁵ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Gad [Good fortune], were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.

²⁶ Of the children of Judah [Praised], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ²⁷ those who were counted

of them, of the tribe of Judah [Praised], were seventy-four thousand six hundred.

²⁸ Of the children of Issachar [Hire, Reward], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ²⁹ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Issachar [Hire, Reward], were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

³⁰ Of the children of Zebulun [Living together], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ³¹ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Zebulun [Living together], were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. ³² Of the children of Joseph [May he add], of the children of Ephraim [Fruit], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ³³ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Ephraim [Fruit], were forty thousand five hundred.

³⁴ Of the children of Manasseh [Causing to forget], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ³⁵ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Manasseh [Causing to forget], were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

³⁶ Of the children of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ³⁷ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south], were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

³⁸ Of the children of Dan [He judged], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ³⁹ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Dan [He judged], were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

⁴⁰ Of the children of Asher [Happy], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ⁴¹ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Asher [Happy], were forty-one thousand five hundred.

⁴² Of the children of Naphtali [My wrestling], their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; ⁴³ those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Naphtali [My wrestling], were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

⁴⁴ These are those who were counted, whom Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] counted, and the princes of Israel [God prevails],

being twelve men: they were each one for his fathers' house. ⁴⁵ So all those who were counted of the children of Israel [God prevails] by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war in Israel [God prevails]; ⁴⁶ even all those who were counted were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. ⁴⁷ But the Levites [Descendants of United with] after the tribe of their fathers was not counted among them. ⁴⁸ For ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ⁴⁹ "Only the tribe of Levi [United with] you shall not count, neither shall you take a census of them among the children of Israel [God prevails]; ⁵⁰ but appoint the Levites [Descendants of United with] over the Tabernacle of the Testimony, and over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle, and all its furnishings; and they shall take care of it, and shall encamp around it. ⁵¹ When the tabernacle is to move, the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall set it up. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death. ⁵² The children of Israel [God prevails] shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their divisions. ⁵³ But the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall encamp around the Tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails]: and the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall be responsible for the Tabernacle of the Testimony."

⁵⁴ Thus the children of Israel [God prevails] did. According to all that ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out], so they did.

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(3) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and to Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, ² “The children of Israel [God prevails] shall encamp every man by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ houses: at a distance from the Tent of Meeting shall they encamp around it.”

³ Those who encamp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah [Praised], according to their divisions: and the prince of the children of Judah [Praised] shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ⁴ His division, and those who were counted of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred.

⁵ Those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar [Hire, Reward]: and the prince of the children of Issachar [Hire, Reward] shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar. ⁶ His division, and those who were counted of it, were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

⁷ The tribe of Zebulun [Living together]: and the prince of the children of Zebulun [Living together] shall be Eliab the son of Helon. ⁸ His division, and those who were counted of it, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

⁹ All who were counted of the camp of Judah [Praised] were one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred, according to their divisions. They shall set out first.

¹⁰ “On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben [See, a son!] according to their divisions. The prince of the children of Reuben [See, a son!] shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur. ¹¹ His division, and those who were counted of it, were forty-six thousand five hundred.

¹² “Those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon [Hearing]. The prince of the children of Simeon [Hearing] shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai [My rock almighty]. ¹³ His division, and those who were counted of them, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

¹⁴ “The tribe of Gad [Good fortune]: and the prince of the children of Gad [Good fortune] shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel. ¹⁵ His division, and those who were counted of them, were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.

¹⁶ “All who were counted of the camp of Reuben [See, a son!] were one hundred fifty-one thousand four hundred fifty, according to their armies. They shall set out second.

¹⁷ “Then the Tent of Meeting shall set out, with the camp of the Levites [Descendants of United with] in the middle of the camps. As they encamp, so shall they set out, every man in his place, by their standards.

¹⁸ “On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim [Fruit] according to their divisions: and the prince of the children of Ephraim [Fruit] shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud. ¹⁹ His division, and those who

were counted of them, were forty thousand five hundred.

²⁰ “Next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh [Causing to forget]: and the prince of the children of Manasseh [Causing to forget] shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²¹ His division, and those who were counted of them, were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

²² “The tribe of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south]: and the prince of the children of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south] shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni. ²³ His army, and those who were counted of them, were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

²⁴ “All who were counted of the camp of Ephraim [Fruit] were one hundred eight thousand one hundred, according to their divisions. They shall set out third.

²⁵ “On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan [He judged] according to their divisions: and the prince of the children of Dan [He judged] shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶ His division, and those who were counted of them, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

²⁷ “Those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher [Happy]: and the prince of the children of Asher [Happy] shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. ²⁸ His division, and those who were counted of them, were forty-one thousand and five hundred.

²⁹ “The tribe of Naphtali [My wrestling]: and the prince of the children of Naphtali [My wrestling] shall be Ahira the son of Enan. ³⁰ His

division, and those who were counted of them, were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

³¹ “All who were counted of the camp of Dan [He judged] were one hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall set out last by their standards.”

³² These are those who were counted of the children of Israel [God prevails] by their fathers' houses. All who were counted of the camps according to their armies were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. ³³ But the Levites [Descendants of United with] were not counted among the children of Israel [God prevails]; as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

³⁴ Thus the children of Israel [God prevails] did. According to all that ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out], so they encamped by their standards, and so they set out, everyone by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

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(4) ¹ Now this is the history of the generations of Aaron [Light-bringer] and Moses [Drawn out] in the day that ADONAI spoke with Moses [Drawn out] in Mount Sinai [Thorn]. ² These are the names of the sons of Aaron [Light-bringer]: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar [Help of God], and Ithamar.

³ These are the names of the sons of Aaron [Light-bringer], the priests who were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. ⁴ Nadab and Abihu died before ADONAI, when they offered strange fire before ADONAI, in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn], and they had

no children. Eleazar [Help of God] and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron [Light-bringer] their father.

⁵ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
⁶ "Bring the tribe of Levi [United with] near, and set them before Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest, that they may minister to him. ⁷ They shall keep his requirements, and the requirements of the whole congregation before the Tent of Meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁸ They shall keep all the furnishings of the Tent of Meeting, and the obligations of the children of Israel [God prevails], to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁹ You shall give the Levites [Descendants of United with] to Aaron [Light-bringer] and to his sons. They are wholly given to him on the behalf of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ¹⁰ You shall appoint Aaron [Light-bringer] and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death."

¹¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
¹² "Behold, I have taken the Levites [Descendants of United with] from among the children of Israel [God prevails] instead of all the firstborn who open the womb among the children of Israel [God prevails]; and the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall be mine: ¹³ for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery] I made holy to me all the firstborn in Israel [God prevails], both man and animal. They shall be mine. I am ADONAI."

(5) ¹⁴ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn], saying, ¹⁵ “Count the children of Levi [United with] by their fathers’ houses, by their families. You shall count every male from a month old and upward.”

¹⁶ Moses [Drawn out] counted them according to ADONAI ’s word, as he was enjoined.

¹⁷ These were the sons of Levi [United with] by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

¹⁸ These are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.

¹⁹ The sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

²⁰ The sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi.

These are the families of the Levites [Descendants of United with] according to their fathers’ houses.

²¹ Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

²² Those who were counted of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those who were counted of them were seven thousand five hundred.

²³ The families of the Gershonites shall encamp behind the tabernacle westward.

²⁴ The prince of the fathers’ house of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

²⁵ The duty of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, ²⁶ and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is

by the tabernacle, and around the altar, and its cords for all of its service.

²⁷ Of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites. ²⁸ According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were eight thousand six hundred, keeping the requirements of the sanctuary.

²⁹ The families of the sons of Kohath shall encamp on the south side of the tabernacle.

³⁰ The prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. ³¹ Their duty shall be the ark, the table, the *menorah* lamp, the altars, the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all its service. ³² Eleazar [Help of God] the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest shall be prince of the princes of the Levites [Descendants of United with], with the oversight of those who keep the requirements of the sanctuary.

³³ Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites. These are the families of Merari. ³⁴ Those who were counted of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand two hundred.

³⁵ The prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They shall encamp on the north side of the tabernacle. ³⁶ The appointed duty of the sons of

Merari shall be the tabernacle's boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its instruments, all its service, ³⁷ the pillars of the court around it, their sockets, their pins, and their cords. ³⁸ Those who encamp before the tabernacle eastward, in front of the Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses [Drawn out], and Aaron [Light-bringer] and his sons, keeping the requirements of the sanctuary for the duty of the children of Israel [God prevails]. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death. ³⁹ All who were counted of the Levites [Descendants of United with], whom Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] counted by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand.

(6) ⁴⁰ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "Count all the firstborn males of the children of Israel [God prevails] from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. ⁴¹ You shall take the Levites [Descendants of United with] for me (I am ADONAI ·) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel [God prevails]; and the livestock of the Levites [Descendants of United with] instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of Israel [God prevails]."

⁴² Moses [Drawn out] counted, as ADONAI enjoined him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁴³ All the firstborn males according to the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those who were counted of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred

seventy-three.

⁴⁴ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
⁴⁵ "Take the Levites [Descendants of United with] instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel [God prevails], and the livestock of the Levites [Descendants of United with] instead of their livestock; and the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall be mine. I am ADONAI . ⁴⁶ For the redemption of the two hundred seventy-three of the firstborn of the children of Israel [God prevails], who exceed the number of the Levites [Descendants of United with], ⁴⁷ you shall take five shekels [2 oz; 56.7 g] for each one, that is 273 shekels [6.83 lb; 3.1 kg] total; after the shekel of the sanctuary you shall take them; (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g; or called twenty gerahs 20/50 of an oz): ⁴⁸ and you shall give the money, with which their remainder is redeemed, to Aaron [Light-bringer] and to his sons."

⁴⁹ Moses [Drawn out] took the redemption money from those who exceeded the number of those who were redeemed by the Levites [Descendants of United with]; ⁵⁰ from the firstborn of the children of Israel [God prevails] he took the money, one thousand three hundred sixty-five shekels [34.13 lb; 15.48 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary [0.4 oz; 11.34 g]: ⁵¹ and Moses [Drawn out] gave the redemption money to Aaron [Light-bringer] and to his sons, according to ADONAI 's word, as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

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(7) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out]

and to Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, ² “Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi [United with], by their families, by their fathers’ houses, ³ from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all who enter into the service, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.

⁴ “This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting, the most holy things. ⁵ When the camp moves forward, Aaron [Light-bringer] shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the Testimony with it, ⁶ and shall put a covering of sealskin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall put in its poles.

⁷ “On the table of show bread they shall spread a blue cloth, and put on it the dishes, the spoons, the bowls, and the cups with which to pour out; and the continual bread shall be on it. ⁸ They shall spread on them a scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles.

⁹ “They shall take a blue cloth, and cover the *menorah* ·lamp· of the light, and its lamp candles, and its snuffers, and its snuff dishes, and all its oil utensils, with which they minister to it. ¹⁰ They shall put it and all its utensils within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it on the frame.

¹¹ “On the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles.

¹² “They shall take all the utensils of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and

put them in a blue cloth, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the frame.

¹³ “They shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it. ¹⁴ They shall put on it all its utensils, with which they minister about it, the fire pans, the meat hooks, the shovels, and the basins; all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of sealskin, and put in its poles.

¹⁵ “When Aaron [Light-bringer] and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the furniture of the sanctuary, as the camp moves forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to carry it: but they shall not touch the sanctuary, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting.

¹⁶ “The duty of Eleazar [Help of God] the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest shall be the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the continual meal offering, and the anointing oil, the requirements of all the tabernacle, and of all that is in it, the sanctuary, and its furnishings.”

(Maftir •Conclusion•) ¹⁷ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and to Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, ¹⁸ “Don’t cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites [Descendants of United with]; ¹⁹ but thus do to them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach to the most holy things: Aaron [Light-bringer] and his sons shall go in, and appoint them everyone to his service and to

his burden; ²⁰ but they shall not go in to see the sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die.”

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Hoshea / Hosea 1:10-2:20

B'rit Hadashah · New Covenant·: Luke 16:1-17:10

Parashah 35: Naso · Lift up· 4:21-7:89

²¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ²² “Take a census of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers’ houses, by their families; ²³ you shall count them from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old; all who enter in to wait on the service, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.

²⁴ “This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: ²⁵ they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the Tent of Meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above on it, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, ²⁶ and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and around the altar, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatever shall be done with them. They shall serve in there. ²⁷ Aaron [Light-bringer] and his sons shall supervise all the work of the sons of the Gershonites, transporting loads and serving, and you shall assign them who is to do what job

and its responsibilities. ²⁸ This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the Tent of Meeting: and their duty shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest.

²⁹ “As for the sons of Merari, you shall count them by their families, by their fathers’ houses; ³⁰ you shall count them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who enters on the service, to do the work of the Tent of Meeting. ³¹ This is the duty of their burden, according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting: the tabernacle’s boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, ³² and the pillars of the court around it, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name you shall appoint the instruments of the duty of their burden. ³³ This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the Tent of Meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest.”

(S:2) ³⁴ Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] and the princes of the congregation counted the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers’ houses, ³⁵ from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of Meeting. ³⁶ Those who were counted of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred fifty. ³⁷ These are those who were counted of the families of the Kohathites, all who served in the Tent of

Meeting, whom Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] counted according to the order given by ADONAI through Moses [Drawn out].

(A:2) ³⁸ Those who were counted of the sons of Gershon, their families, and by their fathers' houses, ³⁹ from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of Meeting, ⁴⁰ even those who were counted of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two thousand six hundred thirty. ⁴¹ These are those who were counted of the families of the sons of Gershon, all who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] counted according to the order given by ADONAI . ⁴² Those who were counted of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' houses, ⁴³ from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of Meeting, ⁴⁴ even those who were counted of them by their families, were three thousand two hundred. ⁴⁵ These are those who were counted of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] counted according to the order given by ADONAI through Moses [Drawn out]. ⁴⁶ All those who were counted of the Levites [Descendants of United with], whom Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] and the princes of Israel [God prevails] counted, by their families, and by their fathers' houses, ⁴⁷ from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone

who entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of Meeting, ⁴⁸ even those who were counted of them, were eight thousand five hundred eighty. ⁴⁹ According to the words ADONAI enjoined, they were counted by Moses [Drawn out], everyone according to his service, and according to his burden. Thus were they counted by him, as ADONAI ordered Moses [Drawn out].

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(3) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ² * “Enjoin the children of Israel [God prevails] that they put out of the camp every leper, and everyone who has an issue, and whoever is unclean by the dead. ³ † Both you shall put male and female outside of the camp; that they not defile their camp, in the middle of which I dwell.”

⁴ The children of Israel [God prevails] did so, and put them outside of the camp; as ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], so did the children of Israel [God prevails].

⁵ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ⁶ “Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails]: ‘When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit, so as to trespass against ADONAI ,

* **5:2** Num 5:2 (Num 5:1-4) (#3.238): To send anyone who is unclean out of the camp and from the Holy Presence, that is the Sanctuary † **5:3** Num 5:3 (Num 5:2-3) (#3.239): T. Any male or female who is unclean must be put outside the camp / R. A *Cohen* ·Priest· who is unclean shall not enter any part of the Sanctuary / R. Impure people must not enter the Temple

and that soul is guilty; ⁷ ‡ then he shall *yadah* ·extend hands in confession· of his sin which he has done, and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add to it the fifth part of it, and give it to him in respect of whom he has been guilty. ⁸ But if the man has no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made to ADONAI shall be the priest's; besides the ram of the atonement, by which atonement shall be made for him. ⁹ Every heave offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel [God prevails], which they present to the priest, shall be his. ¹⁰ Every man's holy things shall be his: whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his.' "

(A:4) ¹¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ¹² "Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them: 'If any man's wife goes astray, and is unfaithful to him, ¹³ and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and is kept close, and she is defiled, and there is no witness against her, and she is not taken in the act; ¹⁴ and the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled: ¹⁵ then the man shall bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring her offering for her: one tenth of an ephah [an omer; 2.3 q; 2.2 L]

‡ 5:7 Num 5:7 (Num 5:5-8) (#1.16): To confess before Adonai any sin that one has committed

of barley meal. § He shall pour no oil on it, * nor put frankincense on it, for it is a meal offering of jealousy, a meal offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to memory. ¹⁶ The priest shall bring her near, and set her before ADONAI; ¹⁷ and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water. ¹⁸ The priest shall set the woman before ADONAI, and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and put the meal offering of memorial in her hands, which is the meal offering of jealousy. The priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that brings a curse. ¹⁹ The priest shall cause her to swear, and shall tell the woman, "If no man has lain with you, and if you haven't gone aside to uncleanness, being under your husband, be free from this water of bitterness that brings a curse. ²⁰ But if you have gone astray, being under your husband, and if you are defiled, and some man has lain with you besides your husband:" ²¹ then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of cursing, and the priest shall tell the woman, "ADONAI make you a curse and an oath among your people, when ADONAI allows your thigh to fall away, and your body to swell; ²² and

§ 5:15 Num 5:15 (Num 5:11-31) (#7.467): Not to put olive oil on the grain offering of a woman suspected of adultery / Reason: Because this is an offering for recalling guilt and remembering (appropriate) marital jealousy * 5:15 Num 5:15 (Num 5:11-31) (#7.468): Not to put frankincense on the meal offering of a woman suspected of adultery T. Reason: Because this is an offering for recalling guilt and remembering (appropriate) marital jealousy

this water that brings a curse will go into your bowels, and make your body swell, and your thigh fall away." The woman shall say, "*Amen, Amen* ·So be it, So be it·."

²³ "The priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out into the water of bitterness. ²⁴ He shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causes the curse; and the water that causes the curse shall enter into her and become bitter. ²⁵ The priest shall take the meal offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the meal offering before ADONAI, and bring it to the altar. ²⁶ The priest shall take a handful of the meal offering, as its memorial, and burn it on the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. ²⁷ When he has made her drink the water, then it shall happen, if she is defiled, and has committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that causes the curse will enter into her and become bitter, and her body will swell, and her thigh will fall away: and the woman will be a curse among her people. ²⁸ If the woman is not defiled, but is clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive offspring.

²⁹ "This is the *Torah* ·Teaching· of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goes astray, and is defiled; ³⁰ † or when the spirit of

† **5:30** Num 5:30 (Ex 34:14; Num 5:11-15, 5:29-30, 5:11-31) (#7.469): T. To deal with a woman suspected of adultery as prescribed in the *Torah* ·Teaching· / R. To fulfill the laws of the *Sotah* ·Wayward wife· / R. To fulfill the laws of marital jealousy Consider: This protects the woman because the man cannot simply divorce based on a hunch

jealousy comes on a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then he shall set the woman before ADONAI, and the priest shall execute on her all this *Torah* ·Teaching·. ³¹ The man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.’ ”

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¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
² “Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them: ‘When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of a *Nazarite* ·Consecrated·, to separate himself to ADONAI,
³ * he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of fermented drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, † nor eat fresh grapes or ‡ dried. ⁴ All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is made of the grapevine, from § the seeds even to * the skins.

⁵ † “ ‘All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall come on his head, until the days are

* **6:3** Num 6:3 (Num 6:1-4) (#1. 17): The Nazarite shall separate himself and not drink wine, nor anything mixed with wine having the taste of wine nor grape juice † **6:3** Num 6:3 (Num 6:1-4) (#1.18): The Nazarite shall separate himself and not eat the flesh of grapes ‡ **6:3** Num 6:3 (Num 6:1-4) (#1.19): The Nazarite shall separate himself and not eat dry grapes, called raisins § **6:4** Num 6:4 (Num 6:1-4) (#1.20): The Nazarite shall separate himself and not eat grape seeds * **6:4** Num 6:4 (Num 6:1-4) (#1.21): The Nazarite shall separate himself and not eat grape skins † **6:5** Num 6:5 (Num 6:2) (#1.22): The Nazarite separate himself and not cut his hair

fulfilled, in which he separates himself to ADONAI . He shall be holy. ‡ He shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

6 § “ ‘All the days that he separates himself to ADONAI he shall not go near a dead body. 7 * He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his separation to God is on his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy to ADONAI .

9 † “ ‘If any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing. On the seventh day he shall shave it. 10 On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting. 11 The priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for

‡ 6:5 Num 6:5 (Num 6:2) (#1.23): The Nazarite shall separate himself and let his hair grow long during his dedication § 6:6

Num 6:6 (Num 6:2, 6:6-8) (#1.24): T. The Nazarite shall separate himself and not enter under any covering where there is a corpse and thus become defiled and unclean / R. The Nazarite must not be under the same roof as a corpse * 6:7 Num 6:7 (Num

6:2, 6:6-8) (#1.25): T. The Nazarite shall separate himself and not become unclean from a corpse, even father or mother, brother or sister / R. The Nazarite shall not come into contact with the dead † 6:9 Num 6:9 (Num 6:2, 6:9-12) (#1.26): T. The Nazarite

is to separate himself and shave his head at the completion of his Nazarite Vow and offer his hair on the altar of burnt offering with the sacrifices / R. The Nazarite must shave after bringing sacrifices upon completion of his Nazarite period

him, because he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall make his head holy that same day. ¹² He shall separate to ADONAI the days of his separation, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a trespass offering; but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

¹³ “ ‘This is the *Torah* ·Teaching· of the *Nazarite* ·Consecrated·: when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the Tent of Meeting, ¹⁴ and he shall offer his offering to ADONAI , one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without defect for a sin offering, and one ram without defect for peace offerings, ¹⁵ and a basket of *matzah* ·unleavened bread·, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings. ¹⁶ The priest shall present them before ADONAI , and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering. ¹⁷ He shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to ADONAI , with the basket of *matzah* ·unleavened bread·. The priest shall offer also its meal offering, and its drink offering. ¹⁸ The *Nazarite* ·Consecrated· shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings. ¹⁹ The priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the *Nazarite*

·Consecrated·, after he has shaved the head of his separation; ²⁰ and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before ADONAI . This is holy for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is offered. After that the *Nazarite* ·Consecrated· may drink wine.

²¹ “ ‘This is the *Torah* ·Teaching· of the *Nazarite* ·Consecrated· who vows, and of his offering to ADONAI for his separation, besides that which he is able to get. According to his vow which he vows, so he must do after the *Torah* ·Teaching· of his separation.’ ”

²² ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
²³ ‡ “Speak to Aaron [Light-bringer] and to his sons, saying, ‘This is how you shall bless the children of Israel [God prevails].’ You shall tell them,

²⁴ ‘ADONAI will bless you, and keep you.

²⁵ ADONAI will make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you.

²⁶ ADONAI will lift up his face toward you, and give you *shalom* ·complete peace·.’

²⁷ “So they shall put my name on the children of Israel [God prevails]; and I will bless them.”

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(A:5, S:4) ¹ On the day that Moses [Drawn out] had finished setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, with all its furniture,

‡ **6:23** Num 6:23 (Num 6:22-27) (#1.27): T. The *Cohenim* ·Priests· shall bless the people of Israel [God prevails] with the Aaronic Blessing (v24-26) / R. The *Cohenim* ·Priests· must bless the Jewish nation daily

and the altar with all its utensils, and had anointed and sanctified them; ² the princes of Israel [God prevails], the heads of their fathers' houses, offered. These were the princes of the tribes. These are they who were over those who were counted: ³ and they brought their offering before ADONAI, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. ⁴ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ⁵ "Accept these from them, that they may be used in doing the service of the Tent of Meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites [Descendants of United with], to every man according to his service."

⁶ Moses [Drawn out] took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites [Descendants of United with]. ⁷ He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their service: ⁸ and he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest. ⁹ * But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because the service of the sanctuary belonged to them; they carried it on their shoulders.

¹⁰ The princes gave offerings for the dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes gave their offerings before the altar.

¹¹ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "They

* **7:9** Num 7:9 (#2b.160): The Levites shall bear the ark on their own shoulders while carrying it

shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar.”

(S:5) ¹² He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah [Praised], ¹³ and his offering was:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 kg],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

¹⁴ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

¹⁵ one young bull,
one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

¹⁶ one male goat for a sin offering;

¹⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸ On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar [Hire, Reward], gave his offering. ¹⁹ He offered for his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

²⁰ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

²¹ one young bull,

one ram,
one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

²² one male goat for a sin offering;

²³ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

²⁴ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun [Living together] ²⁵ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels [12 oz; 3/4 lb; 340.2 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

²⁶ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

²⁷ one young bull,

one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

²⁸ one male goat for a sin offering;

²⁹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben [See, a son!]

³¹ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

³² one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

³³ one young bull,
one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

³⁴ one male goat for a sin offering;

³⁵ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai [My rock almighty], prince of the children of Simeon [Hearing] ³⁷ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

³⁸ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

³⁹ one young bull,
one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁴⁰ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁴¹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old: this was the offering

of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai [My rock almighty].

(6) ⁴² On the sixth day, Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad [Good fortune] ⁴³ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁴⁴ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁴⁵ one young bull,
one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁴⁶ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁴⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸ On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim [Fruit] ⁴⁹ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁵⁰ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁵¹ one young bull,

one ram,
one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
⁵² one male goat for a sin offering;
⁵³ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴ On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh [Causing to forget] ⁵⁵ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁵⁶ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁵⁷ one young bull,

one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁵⁸ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁵⁹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰ On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south] ⁶¹ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel

is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁶² one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁶³ one young bull,

one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁶⁴ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁶⁵ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

⁶⁶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Amishaddai, prince of the children of Dan [He judged] ⁶⁷ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁶⁸ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁶⁹ one young bull,

one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁷⁰ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁷¹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Amishaddai.

(7) ⁷² On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ochran, prince of the children of Asher [Happy] ⁷³ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁷⁴ one golden ladle of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁷⁵ one young bull,
one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁷⁶ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁷⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochran.

⁷⁸ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali [My wrestling] ⁷⁹ gave his offering:

one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g],

one silver bowl of seventy shekels [1.75 lb; 0.8 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

⁸⁰ one golden spoon of ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g], full of incense;

⁸¹ one young bull,
one ram,

one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

⁸² one male goat for a sin offering;

⁸³ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

⁸⁴ This was the dedication of the altar, on the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel [God prevails]: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden ladles; ⁸⁵ each silver platter weighing one hundred thirty shekels [3.25 lb; 1.47 g], and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils two thousand four hundred shekels [6 lb; 2.72 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); ⁸⁶ the twelve golden ladles, full of incense, weighing ten shekels [4 oz; 113.4 g] apiece, [a total of 3 lb; 1.37 kg], after the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g); all the gold of the ladles weighed one hundred twenty shekels [3 lb; 1.37 kg]; **(Maftir ·Conclusion·)** ⁸⁷ all the cattle for the burnt offering twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs a year old twelve, and their meal offering; and the male goats for a sin offering twelve; ⁸⁸ and all the cattle for the sacrifice of peace offerings twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after it was anointed.

⁸⁹ When Moses [Drawn out] went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with ADONAI , he *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· his voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the

Testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spoke to him.

Haftarah Naso ·Taking leave · Lift up·:

Shof'tim / Judges 13:2-25

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: John 11:1-54

**Parashah 36: B'ha'alotkha
·When you light· 8:1-12:16**

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¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
² "Speak to Aaron [Light-bringer], and tell him,
'When you light the lamp candles, the seven
lamp candles shall give light in front of the
menorah ·lamp·.' "

³ Aaron [Light-bringer] did so. He lit its lamp
candles to light the area in front of the *menorah*
·lamp·, as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

⁴ This was the workmanship of the *menorah*
·lamp·, beaten work of gold. From its base to
its flowers, it was beaten work: according to the
pattern which ADONAI had shown Moses [Drawn
out], so he made the *menorah* ·lamp·.

⁵ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
⁶ "Take the Levites [Descendants of United with]
from among the children of Israel [God prevails],
and cleanse them. ⁷ You shall do this to them,
to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of cleansing
on them, let them shave their whole bodies
with a razor, and let them wash their clothes,
and cleanse themselves. ⁸ Then let them take
a young bull, and its meal offering, fine flour

mixed with oil; and another young bull you shall take for a sin offering. ⁹ You shall present the Levites [Descendants of United with] before the Tent of Meeting. You shall assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ¹⁰ You shall present the Levites [Descendants of United with] before ADONAI . The children of Israel [God prevails] shall lay their hands on the Levites [Descendants of United with], ¹¹ and Aaron [Light-bringer] shall offer the Levites [Descendants of United with] before ADONAI for a wave offering, on the behalf of the children of Israel [God prevails], that it may be theirs to do the service of ADONAI .

¹² “The Levites [Descendants of United with] shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, and you shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering to ADONAI , to make atonement for the Levites [Descendants of United with]. ¹³ You shall set the Levites [Descendants of United with] before Aaron [Light-bringer], and before his sons, and offer them as a wave offering to ADONAI . ¹⁴ Thus you shall separate the Levites [Descendants of United with] from among the children of Israel [God prevails], and the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall be mine.

(2) ¹⁵ “After that, the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall go in to do the service of the Tent of Meeting: and you shall cleanse them, and offer them as a wave offering. ¹⁶ For they are wholly given to me from among the children of Israel [God prevails]; instead of all

who open the womb, even the firstborn of all the children of Israel [God prevails], I have taken them to me. ¹⁷ For all the firstborn among the children of Israel [God prevails] are mine, both man and animal. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], I sanctified them for myself. ¹⁸ I have taken the Levites [Descendants of United with] instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel [God prevails]. ¹⁹ I have given the Levites [Descendants of United with] as a gift to Aaron [Light-bringer] and to his sons from among the children of Israel [God prevails], to do the service of the children of Israel [God prevails] in the Tent of Meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel [God prevails]; that there be no plague among the children of Israel [God prevails], when the children of Israel [God prevails] come near to the sanctuary.”

²⁰ Moses [Drawn out], and Aaron [Light-bringer], and all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails] did so to the Levites [Descendants of United with]. According to all that ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out] concerning the Levites [Descendants of United with], so the children of Israel [God prevails] did to them. ²¹ The Levites [Descendants of United with] purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron [Light-bringer] offered them for a wave offering before ADONAI; and Aaron [Light-bringer] made atonement for them to cleanse them. ²² After that, the Levites [Descendants of United with] went in to do their

service in the Tent of Meeting before Aaron [Light-bringer], and before his sons: as ADONAI had enjoined Moses [Drawn out] concerning the Levites [Descendants of United with], so they did to them.

²³ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
²⁴ “This is that which belongs to the Levites [Descendants of United with]: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to wait on the service in the work of the Tent of Meeting;
²⁵ and from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting on the work, and shall serve no more,
²⁶ but shall minister with their brothers in the Tent of Meeting, to perform the duty, and shall do no service. You shall do thus to the Levites [Descendants of United with] concerning their duties.”

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(3) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn], in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], saying, ² “Moreover let the children of Israel [God prevails] keep the *Pesac* ·Passover· in its appointed season. ³ On the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed season— according to all its statutes, and according to all its judgments, you shall keep it.”

⁴ Moses [Drawn out] spoke to the children of Israel [God prevails], that they should keep the *Pesac* ·Passover·. ⁵ They kept the *Pesac* ·Passover· in the first month, on the fourteenth

day of the month, at evening, in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn]. According to all that ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out], so the children of Israel [God prevails] did. ⁶ There were certain men, who were unclean because of the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the *Pesac* ·Passover· on that day, and they came before Moses [Drawn out] and before Aaron [Light-bringer] on that day. ⁷ Those men said to him, "We are unclean because of the dead body of a man. Why are we kept back, that we may not offer the offering of ADONAI in its appointed season among the children of Israel [God prevails]?"

⁸ Moses [Drawn out] answered them, "Wait, that I may *sh'ma* ·hear obey· what ADONAI will enjoin concerning you."

⁹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ¹⁰ * "Say to the children of Israel [God prevails], 'If any man of you or of your generations is unclean by reason of a dead body, or is on a journey far away, he shall still keep the *Pesac* ·Passover· to ADONAI . ¹¹ † In the second month, on the fourteenth day at evening they shall keep

* **9:10** Num 9:10-11 (Num 9:9-12) (#4.329): T. If a person is unclean or on aboard on a trip to keep the *Pesac* ·Passover· in the Second month, on the fourteenth day as an alternative date for *Pesac* ·Passover· / R. To slaughter the second *Pesac* ·Passover· lamb † **9:11** Num 9:11 (Num 9:9-12, 9:13; Ex 12:8, 12:1-15) (#4.330): T. To eat the second *Pesac* ·Passover· sacrifice with *matzah* ·unleavened bread· and *marror* ·bitter herbs· / R. To eat the second *Pesac* ·Passover· on the 14th day of the second month of *Iyar* ·Splendor, Radiance·

it; they shall eat it with *matzah* ·unleavened bread· and bitter herbs. ¹² ‡ They shall leave none of it until the morning, § *nor break a bone* * of it. According to all the statute of the *Pesac* ·Passover· they shall keep it. ¹³ But the man who is clean, and is not on a journey, and fails to keep the *Pesac* ·Passover·, that soul shall be cut off from his people. Because he didn't offer the offering of ADONAI in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

¹⁴ “ ‘If a foreigner lives among you, and desires to keep the *Pesac* ·Passover· to ADONAI ; according to the statute of the Passover, and according to its ordinance, so shall he do. You shall have one statute, both for the foreigner, and for him who is born in the land.’ ”

(4) ¹⁵ On the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the Tent of the Testimony: and at evening it was over the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. ¹⁶ So it was continually. The cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁷ Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the children of Israel [God prevails] traveled; and in the place where the cloud remained, there the children of Israel [God prevails] encamped. ¹⁸ At the order of ADONAI , the children of Israel [God prevails]

‡ **9:12** Num 9:12 (Num 9:9-12) (#4.331): Not to leave any flesh of the second *Pesac* ·Passover· lamb until the morning § **9:12**

Num 9:12 (Num 9:9-12) (#4.332): Not to break any bones from the second *Pesac* ·Passover· lamb * **9:12** Quoted in John 19:36

traveled, and at the order of ADONAI they encamped. As long as the cloud remained on the tabernacle they remained encamped. ¹⁹ When the cloud stayed on the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel [God prevails] kept ADONAI's charge, and didn't travel. ²⁰ Sometimes the cloud was a few days on the tabernacle; then according to the order of ADONAI they remained encamped, and according to the order of ADONAI they traveled. ²¹ Sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they traveled: or by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they traveled. ²² Whether it was two days, or a month, or a year that the cloud stayed on the tabernacle, remaining on it, the children of Israel [God prevails] remained encamped, and didn't travel; but when it was taken up, they traveled. ²³ At the order of ADONAI they encamped, and at the order of ADONAI they traveled. They did what ADONAI charged them to do through Moses [Drawn out].

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¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ² "Make two trumpets of silver. You shall make them of beaten work. You shall use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. ³ When they blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the Tent of Meeting. ⁴ If they blow just one, then the princes, the heads of the thousands of Israel [God prevails], shall gather themselves

to you. ⁵ When you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall go forward. ⁶ When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall go forward. They shall blow an alarm for their journeys. ⁷ But when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm.

⁸ "The sons of Aaron [Light-bringer], the priests, shall blow the trumpets. This shall be to you for a statute forever throughout all your generations. ⁹ * When you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets. Then you will be remembered before ADONAI your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

¹⁰ "Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your

* **10:9** Num 10:9-10 (Num 10:1-10) (#2b.161): T. To sound the two silver trumpets over burnt offerings and peace offerings as a remembrance before God / R. To afflict and cry out before God in times of catastrophe / R. To sound the two silver trumpets over sacrifices and in times of trouble T. Reason: You are to use them for assembling the community and for directing the travel of the camps / Directive: (Num 10:3-7) describes when and how to blow the trumpets for specific purposes. Only the sons of Aaron (*Cohenim* 'Priests') are to blow the silver trumpets, as an eternal ordinance for all generations (v8) T. Note: The two silver trumpets or *shofars* 'ram horns' are used to call to assembly, break camp, sound an alarm, call to war, and when rejoicing at appointed times, the feast days, new moons, and over the burnt offerings and peace offerings

peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God. I am ADONAI your God.”

(5) ¹¹ In the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. ¹² The children of Israel [God prevails] went forward according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn]; and the cloud stayed in the wilderness of Paran. ¹³ They first went forward according to the order of ADONAI through Moses [Drawn out].

¹⁴ First, the standard of the camp of the children of Judah [Praised] went forward according to their armies. Nahshon the son of Amminadab was over his army. ¹⁵ Nethanel the son of Zuar was over the army of the tribe of the children of Issachar [Hire, Reward]. ¹⁶ Eliab the son of Helon was over the army of the tribe of the children of Zebulun [Living together]. ¹⁷ The tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who bore the tabernacle, went forward. ¹⁸ The standard of the camp of Reuben [See, a son!] went forward according to their armies. Elizur the son of Shedeur was over his army. ¹⁹ Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai [My rock almighty] was over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon [Hearing]. ²⁰ Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the army of the tribe of the children of Gad [Good fortune].

²¹ The Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary. The others set up the tabernacle before they arrived.

²² The standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim [Fruit] set forward according to their armies. Elishama the son of Ammihud was over his army. ²³ Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur was over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh [Causing to forget]. ²⁴ Abidan the son of Gideoni was over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south].

²⁵ The standard of the camp of the children of Dan [He judged], which was the rear guard of all the camps, set forward according to their armies. Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai was over his army. ²⁶ Pagiel the son of Ochran was over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher [Happy]. ²⁷ Ahira the son of Enan was over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali [My wrestling]. ²⁸ Thus were the travels of the children of Israel [God prevails] according to their armies; and they went forward.

(S:6) ²⁹ Moses [Drawn out] said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite [Descendant of Strife], Moses [Drawn out]' father-in-law, "We are journeying to the place of which ADONAI said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well; for ADONAI has spoken good concerning Israel [God prevails]."

³⁰ He said to him, "I will not go; but I will depart to my own land, and to my relatives."

³¹ He said, "Don't leave us, please; because you know how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. ³² It shall be, if you

go with us, yes, it shall be, that whatever good ADONAI does to us, we will do the same to you.”

³³ They set forward from the Mount of ADONAI three days' journey. The ark of ADONAI's covenant went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. ³⁴ The cloud of ADONAI was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp. **(A:6)** ³⁵ When the ark went forward, Moses [Drawn out] said, “Rise up, ADONAI, and let your enemies be scattered! Let those who hate you flee before you!” ³⁶ When it rested, he said, “*Teshuvah* ·Completely return·, ADONAI, to the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel [God prevails].”

11

¹ The people were complaining in the ears of ADONAI. When ADONAI *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· it, his anger burned; and ADONAI's fire burned among them, and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. ² The people cried to Moses [Drawn out]; and Moses [Drawn out] prayed to ADONAI, and the fire abated. ³ The name of that place was called Taberah, because ADONAI's fire burned among them.

⁴ The mixed multitude that was among them lusted exceedingly: and the children of Israel [God prevails] also wept again, and said, “Who will give us meat to eat? ⁵ We remember the fish, which we ate in Egypt [Abode of slavery] for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic; ⁶ but now we have lost our appetite. There is nothing

at all except this *manna* ·what is it· to look at.” ⁷ The *manna* ·what is it· was like coriander seed, and its appearance like the appearance of bdellium. ⁸ The people went around, gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it. Its taste was like the taste of fresh oil. ⁹ When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the *manna* ·what is it· fell on it.

¹⁰ Moses [Drawn out] *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and ADONAI 's anger burned greatly; and Moses [Drawn out] was displeased. ¹¹ Moses [Drawn out] said to ADONAI , “Why have you treated with your servant so badly? Why haven't I found *chen* ·grace· in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Have I conceived all this people? Have I brought them out, that you should tell me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which you swore to their fathers?’ ¹³ Where could I get meat to give to all this people? For they weep to me, saying, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴ I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If you treat me this way, please kill me right now, if I have found *chen* ·grace· in your sight; and don't let me see my wretchedness.”

¹⁶ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], “Gather to me seventy men of the elders of Israel [God prevails], whom you know to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there

with you. ¹⁷ I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit which is on you, and will put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you not bear it yourself alone.

¹⁸ "Say to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, and you will eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of ADONAI, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt [Abode of slavery]."' Therefore ADONAI will give you meat, and you will eat. ¹⁹ You will not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days, ²⁰ but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils, and it is loathsome to you; because you have rejected ADONAI who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, "Why did we come out of Egypt [Abode of slavery]?" ' "

²¹ Moses [Drawn out] said, "The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand men on foot; and you have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month.' ²² Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?"

²³ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "Has ADONAI's hand grown short? Now you will see whether my word will happen to you or not."

²⁴ Moses [Drawn out] went out, and told the people ADONAI's words; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the Tent. ²⁵ ADONAI came down in the

cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was on him, and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did so no more. ²⁶ * But two men remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the Spirit rested on them; and they were of those who were written, but had not gone out to the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran, and told Moses [Drawn out], and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"

²⁸ Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun, the servant of Moses [Drawn out], one of his chosen men, answered, "My lord Moses [Drawn out], forbid them!"

²⁹ Moses [Drawn out] said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all ADONAI's people were prophets, that ADONAI would put his Spirit on them!"

(7) ³⁰ Moses [Drawn out] went into the camp, he and the elders of Israel [God prevails]. ³¹ A wind from ADONAI went out and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey [approximately 20 mi; 32.19 km] on this side, and a day's journey [approximately 20 mi; 32.19 km] on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits [36 in; 91.44 cm] above the surface of the earth. ³² The people

* **11:26** MPr: The prophecy of Eldad and Medad is said to foreshadow the latter days war against Jerusalem and shows the defeat of Gog and Magog by the Messiah. (Num 11:26 in Jerusalem Targum). (Rev 20:7-9)

rose up all that day, and all of that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails. He who gathered least gathered ten homers; and they spread them all out for themselves around the camp. ³³ While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, ADONAI 's anger burned against the people, and ADONAI struck the people with a very great plague. ³⁴ The name of that place was called Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who lusted.

³⁵ From Kibroth Hattaavah the people traveled to Hazeroth; and they stayed at Hazeroth.

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¹ Miriam and Aaron [Light-bringer] spoke against Moses [Drawn out] because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. ² They said, "Has ADONAI indeed spoken only with Moses [Drawn out]? Has not he spoken also with us?" And ADONAI *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· it.

³ Now the man Moses [Drawn out] was very humble, more than all the men who were on the surface of the earth. ⁴ ADONAI spoke suddenly to Moses [Drawn out], to Aaron [Light-bringer], and to Miriam, "You three come out to the Tent of Meeting!"

The three of them came out. ⁵ ADONAI came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron [Light-bringer] and Miriam; and they both came forward. ⁶ He said, "Now *sh'ma* ·hear obey· my words. If there is a prophet among you, I, ADONAI, will make myself

known to him in a vision. I will speak with him in a dream. ⁷ My servant *Moses [Drawn out]* is not so. He is *faithful in all my house*. * ⁸ With him, I will speak mouth to mouth, even plainly, and not in riddles; and he shall see ADONAI 's form. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses [Drawn out]?" ⁹ ADONAI 's anger burned against them; and he departed.

¹⁰ The cloud departed from over the Tent; and behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron [Light-bringer] looked at Miriam, and behold, she was leprous.

¹¹ Aaron [Light-bringer] said to Moses [Drawn out], "Oh, my lord, please don't count this sin against us, in which we have done foolishly, and in which we have sinned. ¹² Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb."

¹³ Moses [Drawn out] cried to ADONAI , saying, "Heal her, God, I beg you!"

(Maftir ·Conclusion·) ¹⁴ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "If her father had but spit in her face, should not she be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut up outside of the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again."

¹⁵ Miriam was shut up outside of the camp seven days, and the people didn't travel until Miriam was brought in again. ¹⁶ Afterward the

* ^{12:7} Quoted in Heb 3:2

people traveled from Hazeroth, and encamped in the wilderness of Paran.

Haftarah B'ha'alotkha ·Taking leave · When you light·:

Z'kharyah / Zechariah 2:14-4:7

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Luke 17:11-18:14

Parashah 37: Shlach L'kha ·Send Out from you· 13:1-15:41

13

¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
² “Send men on your behalf, that they may spy out the land of Canaan [Humbled], which I give to the children of Israel [God prevails]. Of every tribe of their fathers, you shall send a man, every one a prince among them.”

³ Moses [Drawn out] sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the order of ADONAI . All them were men who were heads of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁴ These were their names:

Of the tribe of Reuben [See, a son!], Shammua the son of Zaccur.

⁵ Of the tribe of Simeon [Hearing], Shaphat the son of Hori.

⁶ Of the tribe of Judah [Praised], Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

⁷ Of the tribe of Issachar [Hire, Reward], Igal the son of Joseph [May he add].

⁸ Of the tribe of Ephraim [Fruit], Hoshea [Yah save] the son of Nun.

⁹ Of the tribe of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south], Palti the son of Raphu.

¹⁰ Of the tribe of Zebulun [Living together], Gaddiel the son of Sodi.

¹¹ Of the tribe of Joseph [May he add], of the tribe of Manasseh [Causing to forget], Gaddi the son of Susi.

¹² Of the tribe of Dan [He judged], Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

¹³ Of the tribe of Asher [Happy], Sethur the son of Michael [Who is like God].

¹⁴ Of the tribe of Naphtali [My wrestling], Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

¹⁵ Of the tribe of Gad [Good fortune], Geuel the son of Machi.

¹⁶ These are the names of the men who Moses [Drawn out] sent to spy out the land. Moses [Drawn out] called Hoshea [Yah save] the son of Nun, who Moses [Drawn out] renamed Joshua [Salvation Yah]. ¹⁷ Moses [Drawn out] sent them to spy out the land of Canaan [Humbled], and said to them, "Go up this way by the South, and go up into the hill country. ¹⁸ See the land, what it is; and the people who dwell therein, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; ¹⁹ and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; ²⁰ and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood therein, or not. Be courageous, and bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the time of the

first-ripe grapes.

(2) ²¹ So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to the entrance of Hamath. ²² They went up by the South, and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt [Abode of slavery].) ²³ They came to the valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it on a staff between two. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs. ²⁴ That place was called the valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel [God prevails] cut down from there. ²⁵ They *teshuvah* ·completely returned· from spying out the land at the end of forty days. ²⁶ They went and came to Moses [Drawn out], to Aaron [Light-bringer], and to all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them and to all the congregation. They showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They told him, and said, “We came to the land where you sent us. Surely it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ However the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the children of Anak there. ²⁹ Amalek [Man who licks up] dwells in the land of the South. The Hittite [Descendant of Trembling fear], the Jebusite [Descendants of Thresher], and the Amorite [Descendants of Talkers] dwell in the hill country. The Canaanite

[Descendant of Humbled] dwells by the sea, and along the side of the Jordan [Descender].”

³⁰ Caleb stilled the people before Moses [Drawn out], and said, “Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it!”

³¹ But the men who went up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.” ³² They brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the children of Israel [God prevails], saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people who we saw in it are men of great stature. ³³ There we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim. We were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

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¹ All the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. ² All the children of Israel [God prevails] murmured against Moses [Drawn out] and against Aaron [Light-bringer]. The whole congregation said to them, “We wish that we had died in the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], or that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why does ADONAI bring us to this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be captured or killed! Wouldn’t it be better for us to *teshuvah* completely return into Egypt [Abode of slavery]?” ⁴ They said to one another, “Let us make a captain, and let us

teshuvah ·completely return· into Egypt [Abode of slavery].”

⁵ Then Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails].

⁶ Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of those who spied out the land, tore their clothes. ⁷ They spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], saying, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceeding good land. **(3)** ⁸ If ADONAI delights in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only don’t rebel against ADONAI , neither fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us. Their defense is removed from over them, and ADONAI is with us. Don’t fear them.”

¹⁰ But all the congregation threatened to stone them with stones.

The *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of He sustains breathing· appeared in the Tent of Meeting to all the children of Israel [God prevails].

¹¹ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], “How long will this people despise me? and how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have worked among them? ¹² I will strike them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

¹³ Moses [Drawn out] said to ADONAI , “Then the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery]

will *sh'ma* ·hear obey· it; for you brought up this people in your might from among them.

¹⁴ They will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· that you ADONAI are in the middle of this people; for you ADONAI are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them, and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵ Now if you killed this people as one man, then the nations which have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· the fame of you will speak, saying,

¹⁶ 'Because ADONAI was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore to them, therefore he has slain them in the wilderness.'

¹⁷ Now please let the power of the Lord be great, according as you have spoken, saying,

¹⁸ 'ADONAI is slow to anger, and abundant in *cheshed* ·loving-kindness·, forgiving iniquity and disobedience; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation.' ¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your *cheshed* ·loving-kindness·, and according as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt [Abode of slavery] even until now."

²⁰ ADONAI said, "I have pardoned according to your word: ²¹ but in very deed, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of He sustains breathing·; ²² because all those men who have seen my glory, and my signs, which I worked in Egypt [Abode of slavery] and in the wilderness, yet

have tempted me these ten times, and have not *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· my voice; ²³ surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of those who despised me see it. ²⁴ But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed me fully, him I will bring into the land into which he went. His offspring shall possess it. ²⁵ Since the Amalekite [Descendant of Man who licks up] and the Canaanite [Descendant of Humbled] dwell in the valley, tomorrow turn, and go into the wilderness by the way to the *Sea of Suf* [Reed Sea]." **(4)** ²⁶ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and to Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, ²⁷ "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· the murmurings of the children of Israel [God prevails], which they murmur against me. ²⁸ Tell them, 'As I live, says ADONAI , surely as you have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you. ²⁹ Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were counted of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me, ³⁰ surely you shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore that I would make you dwell therein, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun. ³¹ But your little ones, that you said should be captured or killed, them I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected. ³² But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. ³³ Your children shall

be wanderers in the *wilderness forty years*, * and shall bear your prostitution, until your dead bodies are consumed in the wilderness. ³⁴ After the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you will know my alienation.' ³⁵ I, ADONAI, have spoken. I will surely do this to all this evil congregation, who are gathered together against me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die."

³⁶ The men, whom Moses [Drawn out] sent to spy out the land, who *teshuvah* 'completely returned', and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, ³⁷ even those men who brought up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before ADONAI. ³⁸ But Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men who went to spy out the land.

³⁹ Moses [Drawn out] told these words to all the children of Israel [God prevails], and the people mourned greatly. ⁴⁰ They rose up early in the morning, and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Behold, we are here, and will go up to the place which ADONAI has promised: for we have sinned."

⁴¹ Moses [Drawn out] said, "Why are you disobeying the order of ADONAI? You shall not succeed! ⁴² Don't go up, for ADONAI is not among you; that you not be struck down

* **14:33** Quoted in Acts 13:18; Heb 3:17

before your enemies. ⁴³ For there the Amalekite [Descendant of Man who licks up] and the Canaanite [Descendant of Humbled] are before you, and you shall fall by the sword, because you turned back from following ADONAI , therefore ADONAI will not be with you.”

⁴⁴ But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain. Nevertheless, the ark of ADONAI 's covenant and Moses [Drawn out] didn't depart out of the camp. ⁴⁵ Then the Amalekites [Descendants of Man who licks up] came down, and the Canaanites [Descendants of Humbled] who lived in that mountain, and struck them and beat them down, even to Hormah.

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¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
² “Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them, ‘When you have come into the land of your habitations, which I give to you,
³ and will make an offering by fire to ADONAI , a burnt offering, or a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or as a free will offering, or in your set feasts, to make a pleasant aroma to ADONAI , of the herd, or of the flock; ⁴ then he who offers his offering shall offer to ADONAI a meal offering of one tenth of an ephah [an omer; 2.3 qt; 2.2 L] of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.2 L] of oil. ⁵ You shall prepare wine for the drink offering, the fourth part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.2 L], with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb.

⁶ “ ‘Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a meal offering one tenth of an ephah [two omers; 4.6 q; 4.4 L] of fine flour mixed with the third part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.24 L] of oil; ⁷ and for the drink offering you shall offer the third part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.24 L] of wine, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI . **(5)** ⁸ When you prepare a bull for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or for peace offerings to ADONAI ; ⁹ then shall he offer with the bull a meal offering of three tenths of an ephah [three omers; 6.9 q; 6.6 L] of fine flour mixed with half a hin [5.2 qt; 2.4 L] of oil: ¹⁰ and you shall offer for the drink offering half a hin [5.2 qt; 2.4 L] of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI . ¹¹ Thus shall it be done for each bull, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the young goats. ¹² According to the number that you shall prepare, so you shall do to everyone according to their number.

¹³ “ ‘All who are native-born shall do these things in this way, in offering an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI . ¹⁴ If a stranger lives as a foreigner with you, or whoever may be among you throughout all your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI ; as you do, so he shall do. ¹⁵ For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner, a statute forever throughout all your generations. As you are, so shall the foreigner be before ADONAI . ¹⁶ One *Torah* ·Teaching· and one judgement shall be for you,

and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner with you.' "

(6) ¹⁷ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ¹⁸ "Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them, 'When you come into the land where I bring you, ¹⁹ then it shall be that when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall offer up a wave offering to ADONAI . ²⁰ * Of the first of your dough you shall offer up a cake for a wave offering. As the wave offering of the threshing floor, so you shall heave it. ²¹ Of the first of your dough, you shall give to ADONAI a wave offering throughout all your generations.

²² " 'If by mistake you fail to observe all these *mitzvot* 'instructions', which ADONAI has spoken to Moses [Drawn out], ²³ even all that ADONAI has enjoined you by Moses [Drawn out], from the day that ADONAI gave commandment, and onward throughout all your generations; ²⁴ then it shall be, if it was done unwittingly, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bull for a burnt offering, for a pleasant aroma to ADONAI , with its meal offering, and its drink offering, according to the judgement, and one male goat for a sin offering. ²⁵ The priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire

* **15:20** Num 15:20 (Num 15:17-21) (#8.509): To set apart a portion of the dough to Adonai for the *Cohenim* 'Priests'.

to ADONAI , and their sin offering before ADONAI , for their error. ²⁶ All the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails] shall be forgiven, as well as the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them; for with regard to all the people, it was done unwittingly.

(7) ²⁷ “ ‘If one person sins unwittingly, then he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering. ²⁸ The priest shall make atonement for the soul who errors, when he sins unwittingly before ADONAI , to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. ²⁹ You shall have one *Torah* ·Teaching· for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel [God prevails], and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them.

³⁰ “ ‘But the soul who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, the same blasphemes ADONAI . That soul shall be cut off from among his people. ³¹ Because he has despised ADONAI ’s word, and has broken his order, that soul shall utterly be cut off. His iniquity shall be on him.’ ”

³² While the children of Israel [God prevails] were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the *Sabbath* ·To cease· day. ³³ Those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer], and to all the congregation. ³⁴ They put him in custody, because it had not been declared what should be done to him.

³⁵ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], “The man shall surely be put to death. All the

congregation shall stone him with stones outside of the camp.” ³⁶ All the congregation brought him outside of the camp, and stoned him to death with stones, as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

(Maftir ·Conclusion·) ³⁷ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ³⁸ † “Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them that they should make themselves fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put on the fringe of each border a cord of blue: ³⁹ and it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look on it, and remember all ADONAI’s *mitzvot* ·instructions·, and do them; ‡ and that you not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you use to play the prostitute; ⁴⁰ that you may remember and do all my *mitzvot* ·instructions·, and be holy to your God. ⁴¹ I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], to be your God: I am ADONAI your God.”

Haftarah Shlach L'kha ·Taking leave · Send Out from you·:

Y'hoshua / Joshua 2:1-24

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Mark 10:1-45

† **15:38** Num 15:38 (Num 15:38-40) (#1.28): T. To make *tzitzit* ·fringes· for your garments / R. To have *tzitzit* ·fringes· on all your four corner garments ‡ **15:39** Num 15:39 (#1.29): Not to stray after thoughts of the heart and sights of the eyes

Parashah 38: *Korach* · *Korach* [Bald one, Frost] · 16:1-18:32

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¹ Now Korach [Bald one, Frost], the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi [United with], with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben [See, a son!], took some men. ² They rose up before Moses [Drawn out], with some of the children of Israel [God prevails], two hundred fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown. ³ They assembled themselves together against Moses [Drawn out] and against Aaron [Light-bringer], and said to them, "You take too much on yourself, since all the congregation are holy, everyone of them, and ADONAI is among them! Why do you lift yourselves up above ADONAI's assembly?"

⁴ When Moses [Drawn out] *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· it, he fell on his face. ⁵ He said to Korach [Bald one, Frost] and to all his company, "In the morning, *ADONAI will show who are his*, * and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to him. Even him whom he shall choose, he will cause to come near to him. ⁶ Do this: take censers, Korach [Bald one, Frost], and all his company; ⁷ and put fire in them, and put incense on them before ADONAI tomorrow. It shall be that the man whom ADONAI chooses, he shall be holy. You have gone too far, you sons of Levi [United with]!"

* 16:5 Paraphrase Quoted in 2 Tim 2:19

⁸ Moses [Drawn out] said to Korach [Bald one, Frost], “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· now, you sons of Levi [United with]! ⁹ Is it a small thing to you, that the God of Israel [God prevails] has separated you from the congregation of Israel [God prevails], to bring you near to himself, to do the service of ADONAI 's tabernacle, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them; ¹⁰ and that he has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi [United with] with you? Do you seek the priesthood also? ¹¹ Therefore you and all your company have gathered together against ADONAI ! What is Aaron [Light-bringer] that you murmur against him?”

¹² Moses [Drawn out] sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, “We won't come up! ¹³ Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but you must also make yourself a prince over us? **(2)** ¹⁴ Moreover you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We won't come up.”

¹⁵ Moses [Drawn out] was very angry, and said to ADONAI , “Don't respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, neither have I hurt one of them.”

¹⁶ Moses [Drawn out] said to Korach [Bald one, Frost], “You and all your company go before ADONAI , you, and they, and Aaron [Light-bringer], tomorrow. ¹⁷ Each man take his censer, and put incense on them, and each man bring

before ADONAI his censer, two hundred fifty censers; you also, and Aaron [Light-bringer], each his censer."

¹⁸ They each took his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the Tent of Meeting with Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer]. ¹⁹ Korach [Bald one, Frost] assembled all the congregation opposite them to the door of the Tent of Meeting.

The *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of He sustains breathing· appeared to all the congregation. **(3)** ²⁰ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and to Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, ²¹ "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment!"

²² They fell on their faces, and said, "God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation?"

²³ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ²⁴ "Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from around the tent of Korach [Bald one, Frost], Dathan, and Abiram!' "

²⁵ Moses [Drawn out] rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel [God prevails] followed him. ²⁶ He spoke to the congregation, saying, "*Depart*, please, from the tents of these *wicked* † men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins!"

²⁷ So they went away from the tent of Korach [Bald one, Frost], Dathan, and Abiram, on every side. Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood

† 16:26 Paraphrase Quoted in 2 Tim 2:19

at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little ones.

²⁸ Moses [Drawn out] said, "By this you shall know that ADONAI has sent me to do all these works; for they are not from my own mind. ²⁹ If these men die the common death of all men, or if they experience what all men experience, then ADONAI has not sent me. ³⁰ But if ADONAI makes a new thing, and the ground opens its mouth, and swallows them up, with all that belong to them, and they go down alive into *Sheol* ·Place of the dead·; then you shall understand that these men have despised ADONAI ."

³¹ As he finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split apart. ³² The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, all of Korach [Bald one, Frost]'s men, and all their goods. ³³ So they, and all that belonged to them went down alive into *Sheol* ·Place of the dead·. The earth closed on them, and they perished from among the assembly. ³⁴ All Israel [God prevails] that were around them fled at their cry; for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up!" ³⁵ Fire came out from ADONAI , and devoured the two hundred fifty men who offered the incense.

³⁶ ‡ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ³⁷ "Speak to Eleazar [Help of God] the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire away from the camp; for they are holy, ³⁸ even the censers of these sinners against their

‡ 16:36 Hebrew ch. 17 v. 1

own lives. Let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar, for they offered them before ADONAI . Therefore they are holy. They shall be a sign to the children of Israel [God prevails].”

³⁹ Eleazar [Help of God] the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned had offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the altar, ⁴⁰ to be a memorial to the children of Israel [God prevails], to the end that no stranger, who is not of the offspring of Aaron [Light-bringer], would come near to burn incense before ADONAI , that he *be not as Korach [Bald one, Frost]*, § and as his company; as ADONAI spoke to him by Moses [Drawn out].

⁴¹ But on the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails] murmured against Moses [Drawn out] and against Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, “You have killed ADONAI ’s people!”

⁴² When the congregation was assembled against Moses [Drawn out] and against Aaron [Light-bringer], They looked toward the Tent of Meeting. Behold, the cloud covered it, and the *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of He sustains breathing· appeared. ⁴³ Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] came to the front of the Tent of Meeting. **(4)** ⁴⁴ * ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ⁴⁵ “Get away from among

§ **16:40** Quoted in Jude 1:11 (see also Num 26:21-24) * **16:44**
Hebrew ch. 17 v. 9

this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment!" They fell on their faces.

⁴⁶ Moses [Drawn out] said to Aaron [Light-bringer], "Take your censer, and put fire from off the altar in it, and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from ADONAI ! The plague has begun."

⁴⁷ Aaron [Light-bringer] did as Moses [Drawn out] said, and ran into the middle of the assembly. Behold, the plague has begun among the people. He put on the incense, and made atonement for the people. ⁴⁸ He stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. ⁴⁹ Now those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those who died about the matter of Korach [Bald one, Frost]. ⁵⁰ Aaron [Light-bringer] *teshuvah* ·completely returned· to Moses [Drawn out] to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and the plague was stopped.

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(5) ¹ * ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ² "Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and take rods from them, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods. Write each man's name on his rod. ³ You shall write Aaron [Light-bringer]'s name on the rod of Levi [United with]; for there shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. ⁴ You shall lay them up in

* 17:1 Hebrew ch. 17 v. 16

the Tent of Meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. ⁵ It shall happen, that the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud. I will make the murmurings of the children of Israel [God prevails], which they murmur against you, cease from me."

⁶ Moses [Drawn out] spoke to the children of Israel [God prevails]; and all their princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods. Aaron [Light-bringer]'s rod was among their rods. ⁷ Moses [Drawn out] laid up the rods before ADONAI in the Tent of the Testimony.

⁸ On the next day, Moses [Drawn out] went into the Tent of the Testimony; and behold, *Aaron [Light-bringer]'s rod* for the house of Levi [United with] had *sprouted*, † budded, produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds.

⁹ Moses [Drawn out] brought out all the rods from before ADONAI to all the children of Israel [God prevails]. They looked, and each man took his rod.

(6) ¹⁰ ‡ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "Put back the *rod of Aaron [Light-bringer]* § before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the children of rebellion; that you may make an end of their murmurings against me, that they not die." ¹¹ Moses [Drawn out] did so. As ADONAI enjoined him, so he did.

¹² The children of Israel [God prevails] spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, "Behold, we perish!

† 17:8 Quoted in Heb 9:4 ‡ 17:10 Hebrew ch. 17 v. 25

§ 17:10 Quoted in Heb 9:4

We are undone! We are all undone! ¹³ Everyone who keeps approaching ADONAI 's tabernacle, dies! Will we all perish?"

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¹ ADONAI said to Aaron [Light-bringer], "You and your sons and your fathers' house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. ² * Bring your brothers also, the tribe of Levi [United with], the tribe of your father, near with you, that they may be joined to you, and minister to you; but you and your sons with you shall be before the Tent of the Testimony. ³ † They shall keep your orders, and the duty of the whole Tent; only they shall not come near to the utensils of the sanctuary and to the altar, that they not die, neither they, nor

* **18:2** Num 18:2 (Num 18:1-7, 18:20-24) (#2b.162): T. "Levites with Aaron and his sons who are *Cohenim* ·Priests· shall be before the tent of the testimony" (v2) / R. The *Cohenim* ·Priests· are to stand guard over the Sanctuary continually † **18:3** Num 18:3 (Num 18:1-7) (#2b.163): The Levites ·tribe of Levi· shall not engage in the service of the *Cohenim* ·Priests·, sons of Aaron· nor the *Cohenim* ·Priests· in the service of the Levites ·tribe of Levi· T. Directive: Specific duties are assigned to both *Cohenim* ·Priests· and Levites; namely the *Cohenim* ·Priests· are from Aaron's lineage and they preform sacrifice offerings in the Tabernacle, whereas the Levites refers to the tribe as a whole and all other duties like building up, breaking down, and moving the Sanctuary, caring for animals, tending the fields, and judging the people's matters according to *Torah* ·Teaching·

you. ⁴ ‡ They shall be joined to you, and keep the responsibility of the Tent of Meeting, for all the service of the Tent. A stranger shall not come near to you.

⁵ § “You shall perform the duty of the sanctuary and the duty of the altar, that there be no more wrath on the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁶ Behold, I myself have taken your brothers the Levites [Descendants of United with] from among the children of Israel [God prevails]. They are a gift to you, dedicated to ADONAI, to do the service of the Tent of Meeting.

⁷ You and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for everything of the altar, and for that within the veil. You shall serve. I give you the service of the priesthood as a gift. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death.”

⁸ ADONAI spoke to Aaron [Light-bringer], “Behold, I myself have given you the charge of my wave offerings, even all the holy things of the children of Israel [God prevails]. I have given them to you by reason of the anointing, and to your sons, as a *chok* ·portion· forever. ⁹ This shall be yours of the most holy things from the fire:

‡ **18:4** Num 18:4 (Num 18:1-7) (#2b.164): T. The unauthorized person is not to approach the Tent of Meeting or Holy Place / R. One who is not a Cohen ·son of Aaron, Priest· shall not preform the duties of the *Cohenim* ·Priests· T. Note: Authorization depends on Levitical heritage (see Num 18:3 OU163) § **18:5**

Num 18:5 (Num 18:1-7, 18:20-24) (#2b.165): T. “Levites with Aaron and his sons who are *Cohenim* ·Priests· shall keep the charge of the Sanctuary” (v5) / R. The *Cohenim* ·Priests· are not to cease the watch around the Sanctuary / R. Not to leave the Temple unguarded

every offering of theirs, even every meal offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render to me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons. ¹⁰ You shall eat of it like the most holy things. Every male shall eat of it. It shall be holy to you.

¹¹ "This is yours, too: the wave offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the children of Israel [God prevails]. I have given them to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with you, as a *chok* ·portion· forever. Everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.

¹² "I have given to you all the best of the oil, and all the best of the vintage, and of the grain, the first fruits of them which they give to ADONAI . ¹³ The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to ADONAI , shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.

¹⁴ "Everything devoted in Israel [God prevails] shall be yours. ¹⁵ Everything that opens the womb, of all flesh which they offer to ADONAI , both of man and animal shall be yours. * Nevertheless, you shall surely redeem the firstborn of man, and you shall redeem the firstborn of unclean animals. ¹⁶ You shall redeem those who are to be redeemed of them from a month old, according to your estimation, for five shekels

* **18:15** Num 18:15 (Num 18:15-16; Ex 22:29-30) (#5.375): T. To redeem the firstborn of your children, giving the *Cohen* ·Priest· five shekles of silver / R. To redeem the firstborn of your sons, giving the *Cohen* ·Priest· five shekles of silver

[2 oz; 56.7 g] of money, after the shekel of the sanctuary, (the shekel is 0.4oz; 11.34 g; or called twenty gerahs 20/50 of an oz)

¹⁷ † “But you shall not redeem the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat. They are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and shall burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a pleasant aroma to ADONAI . ¹⁸ Their meat shall be yours, as the wave offering breast and as the right thigh, it shall be yours. ¹⁹ All the wave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel [God prevails] offer to ADONAI , have I given you, and your sons and your daughters with you, as a *chok* ·portion· forever. It is a covenant of salt forever before ADONAI to you and to your offspring with you.”

²⁰ ADONAI said to Aaron [Light-bringer], “You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel [God prevails].

(7) ²¹ “To the children of Levi [United with], behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel [God prevails] for an inheritance, in *teshuvah* ·complete return· for their service which they serve, even the service of the Tent of Meeting. ²² Henceforth the children of Israel [God prevails] shall not come near the Tent of Meeting,

† **18:17** Num 18:17 (Num 18:15-19, 18:8) (#8.510): T. Not to redeem the firstborn of an ox, sheep, or goat / R. Not to redeem the firstborn (of a clean animal)

lest they bear sin, and die. ²³ ‡ But the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall do the service of the Tent of Meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity. It shall be a statute forever throughout all your generations. Among the children of Israel [God prevails], they shall have no inheritance. ²⁴ § For the tithe of the children of Israel [God prevails], which they offer as a wave offering to ADONAI, I have given to the Levites [Descendants of United with] for an inheritance. Therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel [God prevails] they shall have no inheritance.' "

²⁵ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ²⁶ * "Moreover you shall speak to the Levites [Descendants of United with], and tell them, 'When you take of the children of Israel [God prevails] the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up a wave offering of it for ADONAI, a tithe of the tithe. ²⁷ Your wave offering shall be credited to you, as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the wine press. ²⁸ Thus you also shall offer a wave offering to

‡ **18:23** Num 18:23 (Num 18:1-7, 18:20-24) (#2b.166): The Levite shall serve in the Tabernacle § **18:24** Num 18:24 (Lev 27:30-33; Num 18:19-24) (#8.511): T. To set aside a tenth as a tithe of the land as holy unto Adonai (to be given to and eaten by the Levites [Descendants of United with]) / R. To set apart a tithe of grain for the Levites * **18:26** Num 18:26 (Num 18:25-29, 18:20-24) (#8.512): T. For the Levites to set apart a tithe unto Adonai from the tithes that they receive from the Israelites tithes to Adonai / R. The Levite must set aside a tenth of his tithe

ADONAI of all your tithes, which you receive of the children of Israel [God prevails]; and of it you shall give ADONAI 's wave offering to Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest. ²⁹ Out of all your gifts, you shall offer every wave offering of ADONAI , of all its best, even the holy part of it out of it.'

(Maftir ·Conclusion·) ³⁰ "Therefore you shall tell them, 'When you heave its best from it, then it shall be credited to the Levites [Descendants of United with] as the increase of the threshing floor, and as the increase of the wine press. ³¹ You may eat it anywhere, you and your households, for it is your reward in return for your service in the Tent of Meeting. ³² You shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have heaved from it its best. You shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel [God prevails], that you not die.' "

Haftarah Korach ·Taking leave · Korach [Bald one, Frost]:

Sh'mu'el Alef / 1 Samuel 11:14-12:22

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Luke 18:35-19:28

Parashah 39: *Hukkat* ·Regulation· 19:1-22:1

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Read with Parashah 40 in regular years; in leap years, read separately

¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and to Aaron [Light-bringer], saying, ² * “This is the *hukkat* ·regulation· of the *Torah* ·Teaching· † which ADONAI has enjoined. Tell the children of Israel [God prevails] to bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is *no defect*, ‡ and which was never yoked. ³ You shall give her to Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and he shall bring her outside of the camp, and one shall kill her before his face. ⁴ Eleazar [Help of God] the priest shall take some of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle her blood toward the front of the Tent of Meeting seven times. ⁵ One shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her meat, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn. ⁶ The priest shall take cedar wood, hyssop, and

* **19:2** Num 19:2 (Num 19:2-10) (#3.240): How to prepare a red heifer for the ashes of purification T, Note: The ashes of the red heifer is mixed with living water to make the Waters of Purification. The *Cohen* ·Priest· who burns the heifer will be unclean to evening. A second *Cohen* ·Priest· will gather the ashes and prepare the water of purification; this person will also be unclean to evening. Both people who prepare the Waters of Purification, which makes unclean people clean again, become unclean in the process. How can someone be made clean when those involved in the process of making the Water of Purification become unclean? † **19:2** The title of this *Torah* portion is *Hukkat* ·Regulation·; it is derived from the root word *choke* which means ·statute, limit, ordinance, something prescribed·. *Choke* is sometimes translated similar to *Torah* ·Teaching·. The main difference is in the nuance that each word is attempting to convey: *Choke* ·Ordinance, [decree from a supreme ruler]; *Hukkat* ·Regulation, [official guideline]; *Torah* ·Teaching·. ‡ **19:2** Quoted in Heb 9:14

scarlet, and cast it into the middle of the burning of the heifer. ⁷ Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. ⁸ He who burns her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

⁹ “A man who is clean shall gather up the *ashes of the heifer*; § and lay them up outside of the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails] for a water for impurity. It is a sin offering. ¹⁰ He who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. It shall be to the children of Israel [God prevails], and to the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them, for a statute forever.

¹¹ “He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. ¹² He shall purify himself with water on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. ¹³ Whoever touches a dead person, the body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles ADONAI ’s tabernacle; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel [God prevails]; because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is yet on him.

§ 19:9 Quoted in Heb 9:13

14 * “This is the *Torah* ·Teaching· when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent, and everyone who is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15 Every open vessel, which has no covering bound on it, is unclean.

16 “Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 “For the unclean, they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the sin offering; and running water shall be poured into a vessel. **(LY:2)** 18 A clean person shall take hyssop, dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the utensils, on the persons who were there, and on him who touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave. 19 The clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day. On the seventh day, he shall purify him. He shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening. 20 But the man who shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the middle of the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of ADONAI . The water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him. He is unclean. 21 † It shall be a perpetual statute to them. He who sprinkles the

* **19:14** Num 19:14 (Num 19:11-13, 19:14-16, 19:17-22) (#3.241): The law of uncleanness due to a dead body; the person is unclean for seven days † **19:21** Num 19:21 (Num 19:17-22) (#3.242): The law of sprinkling the Waters of Purification Consider: The Water of Purification is necessary for cleaning from defilement, yet the one who is clean becomes unclean until evening. Is there any way to be clean without another becoming unclean?

water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.

²² “Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until evening.”

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¹ The children of Israel [God prevails], even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month. The people stayed in Kadesh. Miriam died there, and was buried there. ² There was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves together against Moses [Drawn out] and against Aaron [Light-bringer]. ³ The people quarreled with Moses [Drawn out], and spoke, saying, “We wish that we had died when our brothers died before ADONAI ! ⁴ Why have you brought ADONAI ’s assembly into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our animals? ⁵ Why have you made us to come up out of Egypt [Abode of slavery], to bring us in to this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.”

⁶ Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces. The *kavod Yahweh* ·weighty glory of He sustains breathing· appeared to them. **(RY:2, LY:3)** ⁷ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out],

saying, ⁸ “Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron [Light-bringer] your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it pour out its water. You shall bring water to them out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their livestock drink.”

⁹ Moses [Drawn out] took the rod from before ADONAI, as he enjoined him. ¹⁰ Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “*Sh'ma* ·Hear obey· now, you rebels! Shall we bring water out of this rock for you?”

¹¹ Moses [Drawn out] lifted up his hand, and struck the rock with his rod twice, and water came out abundantly. The congregation and their livestock drank.

¹² ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer], “Because you didn’t believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel [God prevails], therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”

¹³ These are the waters of Meribah [Quarreling]; because the children of Israel [God prevails] strove with *Yahweh M’Kaddesh* [Yahweh our Santifier / He sustains breathing who makes you holy] who was set apart by them.

(LY:4) ¹⁴ Moses [Drawn out] sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom [Red], saying:

“Thus says your brother Israel [God prevails]: You know all the travail that has happened to us; ¹⁵ how our fathers went down into Egypt [Abode of slavery], and we lived in Egypt [Abode of

slavery] a long time. The Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] mistreated us and our fathers.

¹⁶ When we cried to ADONAI, he *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· our voice, sent an angel, and brought us out of Egypt [Abode of slavery]. Behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the edge of your border.

¹⁷ “Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink from the water of the wells. We will go along the king’s highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed your border.”

¹⁸ Edom [Red] said to him, “You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you.”

¹⁹ The children of Israel [God prevails] said to him, “We will go up by the highway; and if we drink your water, I and my livestock, then I will give its price. Only let me, without doing anything else, pass through on my feet.”

²⁰ He said, “You shall not pass through.” Edom [Red] came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand. ²¹ Thus Edom [Red] refused to give Israel [God prevails] passage through his border, so Israel [God prevails] turned away from him.

(RY:3, LY:5) ²² They traveled from Kadesh: and the children of Israel [God prevails], even the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.

²³ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom [Red], saying, ²⁴ “Aaron [Light-bringer] shall be gathered to his people; for he

shall not enter into the land which I have given to the children of Israel [God prevails], because you rebelled against my word at the waters of Meribah [Quarreling]. ²⁵ Take Aaron [Light-bringer] and Eleazar [Help of God] his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor; ²⁶ and strip Aaron [Light-bringer] of his garments, and put them on Eleazar [Help of God] his son. Aaron [Light-bringer] shall be taken, and shall die there.”

²⁷ Moses [Drawn out] did as ADONAI enjoined. They went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. ²⁸ Moses [Drawn out] stripped Aaron [Light-bringer] of his garments, and put them on Eleazar [Help of God] his son. Aaron [Light-bringer] died there on the top of the mountain, and Moses [Drawn out] and Eleazar [Help of God] came down from the mountain. ²⁹ When all the congregation saw that Aaron [Light-bringer] was dead, they wept for Aaron [Light-bringer] thirty days, even all the house of Israel [God prevails].

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¹ The Canaanite [Descendant of Humbled], the king of Arad, who lived in the South, *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· that Israel [God prevails] came by the way of Atharim. He fought against Israel [God prevails], and took some of them captive.

² Israel [God prevails] vowed a vow to ADONAI , and said, “If you will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.” ³ ADONAI *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· the voice of Israel [God prevails], and delivered up the

Canaanites [Descendants of Humbled]; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. The name of the place was called Hormah.

⁴ They traveled from Mount Hor by the way to the *Sea of Suf* [Reed Sea], to go around the land of Edom [Red] The soul of the people was very discouraged because of the journey. ⁵ The people spoke against God, and against Moses [Drawn out], “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt [Abode of slavery] to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loathes this light bread.”

(LY:6) ⁶ ADONAI sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people. Many people of Israel [God prevails] died. ⁷ The people came to Moses [Drawn out], and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against ADONAI , and against you. Pray to ADONAI , that he take away the serpents from us.” Moses [Drawn out] prayed for the people.

⁸ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], “Make a fiery serpent, and *set it up* ^{*} on a pole. It shall happen, that everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ *Moses [Drawn out] made a serpent † of bronze, and set it ‡ on the pole. If a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked at the serpent of bronze, he lived.*

¹⁰ The children of Israel [God prevails] traveled, and encamped in Oboth. ¹¹ They traveled

^{*} **21:8** Quoted in John 12:34 † **21:9** Quoted in John 3:14

‡ **21:9** MP: The one providing atonement is lifted up on a stake to restore healing to man. (John 3:14 (3:14-18), 12:32-34; Acts 3:26)

from Oboth, and encamped at Iyeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab [From father], toward the sunrise. ¹² From there they traveled, and encamped in the valley of Zered. ¹³ From there they traveled, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that comes out of the border of the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers]: for the Arnon is the border of Moab [From father], between Moab [From father] and the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers]. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said in the book of the Wars of ADONAI, "Vaheb in Suphah, the valleys of the Arnon, ¹⁵ the slope of the valleys that incline toward the dwelling of Ar, leans on the border of Moab [From father]."

¹⁶ § From there they traveled to Beer; that is the well of which ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "Gather the people together, and I will give them water."

¹⁷ Then Israel [God prevails] sang this song:
"Spring up, well! Sing to it,

¹⁸ the well, which the princes dug,
which the nobles of the people dug,
with the scepter, and with their poles."

From the wilderness they traveled to Mattanah; ¹⁹ and from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; ²⁰ and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab [From father], to the top of Pisgah, which looks down on the desert. **(RY:4, LY:7)** ²¹ Israel [God prevails] sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers], saying, ²² "Let me pass

§ **21:16** Note: This passage is referred to in notes in (Isaiah 55:1-2).

through your land. We will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard. We will not drink of the water of the wells. We will go by the king's highway, until we have passed your border."

²³ Sihon would not allow Israel [God prevails] to pass through his border, but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel [God prevails] into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz. He fought against Israel [God prevails]. ²⁴ Israel [God prevails] struck him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the children of Ammon [Tribal people]; for the border of the children of Ammon [Tribal people] was strong. ²⁵ Israel [God prevails] took all these cities. Israel [God prevails] lived in all the cities of the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers], in Heshbon, and in all its villages. ²⁶ For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers], who had fought against the former king of Moab [From father], and taken all his land out of his hand, even to the Arnon. ²⁷ Therefore those who speak in proverbs say,

"Come to Heshbon.

Let the city of Sihon be built and established;

²⁸ for a fire has gone out of Heshbon,

a flame from the city of Sihon.

It has devoured Ar of Moab [From father],

The lords of the high places of the Arnon.

²⁹ Woe to you, Moab [From father]!

You are undone, people of Chemosh!

He has given his sons as fugitives,

and his daughters into captivity,
to Sihon king of the Amorites [Descendants
of Talkers].

³⁰ We have shot at them.

Heshbon has perished even to Dibon.

We have laid waste even to Nophah,

Which reaches to Medeba.”

³¹ Thus Israel [God prevails] lived in the land of
the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers]. ³² Moses
[Drawn out] sent to spy out Jazer. They took
its villages, and drove out the Amorites [Descen-
dants of Talkers] who were there. ³³ They turned
and went up by the way of Bashan. Og the king
of Bashan went out against them, he and all his
people, to battle at Edrei.

(LY: Maftir •Conclusion•) ³⁴ ADONAI said to
Moses [Drawn out], “Don’t fear him, for I have
delivered him into your hand, with all his people,
and his land. You shall do to him as you did
to Sihon king of the Amorites [Descendants of
Talkers], who lived at Heshbon.”

³⁵ So they struck him, with his sons and all his
people, until there were no survivors; and they
possessed his land.

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¹ The children of Israel [God prevails] traveled
on and encamped in the plains of Moab [From
father] beyond the Jordan [Descender] River,
opposite Jericho [Fragrant, Moon].

Haftarah Hukat •Taking leave •Regulation•:

Shof'tim / Judges 11:1-33

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Matt 21:1-17

Parashah 40: *Balak* ·*Balak* [Devastator, Wasting]· 22:2-25:9

Read with Parashah 39 in regular years; in leap years, read separately

² Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel [God prevails] had done to the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers]. ³ Moab [From father] was very afraid of the people, because they were many. Moab [From father] was distressed because of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁴ Moab [From father] said to the elders of Midian [Strife], “Now this multitude will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field.”

Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab [From father] at that time. ⁵ He sent messengers to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the River, to the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, “Behold, there is a people who came out of Egypt [Abode of slavery]. Behold, they cover the surface of the earth, and they are staying opposite me. ⁶ Please come now therefore curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail, that we may strike them, and that I may divorce them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.”

⁷ The elders of Moab [From father] and the elders of Midian [Strife] departed with the *rewards of divination* * in their hand. They came to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and spoke to him the words of Balak.

⁸ He said to them, "Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as ADONAI shall speak to me." The princes of Moab [From father] stayed with Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people].

⁹ God came to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and said, "Who are these men with you?"

¹⁰ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab [From father], has said to me, ¹¹ 'Behold, the people that has come out of Egypt [Abode of slavery] covers the surface of the earth. Now, come curse me them. Perhaps I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive them out.' "

¹² God said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people; for they are blessed."

(RY:5, LY:2) ¹³ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, "Go to your land; for ADONAI refuses to permit me to go with you."

¹⁴ The princes of Moab [From father] rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, "Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] refuses to come with us."

* **22:7** Quoted in 2 Pet 2:15

¹⁵ Balak again sent princes, more, and more honorable than they. ¹⁶ They came to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, 'Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me, ¹⁷ for I will promote you to very great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do. Please come therefore, and curse this people for me.' "

¹⁸ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] answered the servants of Balak, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I can't go beyond the word of ADONAI my God, to do less or more. ¹⁹ Now therefore, please wait also here this night, that I may know what ADONAI will speak to me more."

²⁰ God came to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] at night, and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak to you, that you shall do."

(LY:3) ²¹ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] rose up in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab [From father]. ²² God's anger burned because he went; and *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing] placed himself in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ The donkey saw *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing] standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned aside out of the way, and went into the field. Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of

people] struck the donkey, to turn her into the way. ²⁴ Then *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing] stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. ²⁵ The donkey saw *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing], and she thrust herself to the wall, and crushed Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people]'s foot against the wall. He struck her again.

²⁶ *Ha mal'ak Yahweh* [The Angel of He sustains breathing] went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. ²⁷ The donkey saw *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing], and she lay down under Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people]. Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people]'s anger burned, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

²⁸ ADONAI opened the *mouth of the donkey*, and she said † to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

²⁹ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to the donkey, "Because you have mocked me, I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would have killed you."

³⁰ The donkey said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long until

† 22:28 Quoted in 2 Pet 2:16

today? Was I ever in the habit of doing so to you?"

He said, "No."

³¹ Then ADONAI opened the eyes of Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and he saw *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing] standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. ³² *Ha mal'ak Yahweh* [The Angel of He sustains breathing] said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way is perverse before me. ³³ The donkey saw me, and turned aside before me these three times. Unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I would have killed you, and saved her alive."

³⁴ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to *ha mal'ak Yahweh* [the Angel of He sustains breathing], "I have sinned; for I didn't know that you stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again."

³⁵ *Ha mal'ak Yahweh* [The Angel of He sustains breathing] said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak."

So Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] went with the princes of Balak. ³⁶ When Balak *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· that Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] had come, he went out to meet him to the City of Moab [From father], which is on the border of the Arnon, which

is in the utmost part of the border. ³⁷ Balak said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "Didn't I earnestly send to you to call you? Why didn't you come to me? Am I not able indeed to promote you to honor?"

³⁸ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to Balak, "Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak."

(RY:6, LY:4) ³⁹ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath Huzoth. ⁴⁰ Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and sent to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and to the princes who were with him. ⁴¹ In the morning, Balak took Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and brought him up into the high places of Baal; and he saw from there part of the people.

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¹ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to Balak, "Build here seven altars for me, and prepare here seven bulls and seven rams for me."

² Balak did as Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] had spoken; and Balak and Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] offered on every altar a bull and a ram. ³ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to Balak, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps ADONAI will come to meet me. Whatever he shows me I will tell you."

He went to a bare height. ⁴ God met Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and he said to him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on every altar."

⁵ ADONAI put a word in Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people]'s mouth, and said, "*Teshuvah* ·Completely return· to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

⁶ He returned to him, and behold, he was standing by his burnt offering, he, and all the princes of Moab [From father]. ⁷ He took up his parable, and said,

"From Aram [Elevated] has Balak brought me,
the king of Moab [From father] from the
mountains of the East.

Come, curse Jacob [Supplanter] for me.

Come, defy Israel [God prevails].

⁸ How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?

How shall I defy whom ADONAI has not
defied?

⁹ For from the top of the rocks I see him.

From the hills I see him.

Behold, it is a people that dwells alone,

and shall not be listed among the nations.

¹⁰ Who can count the dust of Jacob [Supplanter],
or count the fourth part of Israel [God
prevails]?

Let me die the death of the upright!

Let my last end be like his!"

¹¹ Balak said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed them altogether."

¹² He answered and said, "Must I not take heed to speak that which ADONAI puts in my mouth?"

(LY:5) ¹³ Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place, where you may see them. You shall see just part of them, and shall not see them all. Curse them from there for me."

¹⁴ He took him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar. ¹⁵ He said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet over there."

¹⁶ ADONAI met Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and put a word in his mouth, and said, "*Teshuvah* ·Completely return· to Balak, and say this."

¹⁷ He came to him, and behold, he was standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab [From father] with him. Balak said to him, "What has ADONAI spoken?"

¹⁸ He took up his parable, and said, "Rise up, Balak, and *sh'ma* ·hear obey·!

Listen to me, you son of Zippor.

¹⁹ God is not a man, that he should lie,
nor the son of man, that he should change
his mind.

Has he said, and will he not do it?

Or has he spoken, and will he not make it
good?

²⁰ Behold, I am ordered to bless.

When he blesses, and I can't reverse it.

²¹ He has not seen iniquity in Jacob [Supplanter].
Neither has he seen perverseness in Israel
[God prevails].

ADONAI his God is with him.

The shout of a king is among them.

²² God brings them out of Egypt [Abode of slavery].

He has as it were the strength of the wild ox.

²³ Surely there is no enchantment with Jacob [Supplanter];

Neither is there any divination with Israel [God prevails].

Now it shall be said of Jacob [Supplanter] and of Israel [God prevails],

‘What has God done!’

²⁴ Behold, the people rises up as a lioness.

As a lion he lifts himself up.

He shall not lie down until he eats of the prey,
and drinks the blood of the slain.”

²⁵ Balak said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], “Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.”

²⁶ But Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] answered Balak, “Didn’t I tell you, saying, ‘All that ADONAI speaks, that I must do?’ ”

(RY:7, LY:6) ²⁷ Balak said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], “Come now, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there.”

²⁸ Balak took Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] to the top of Peor, that looks down on the desert. ²⁹ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to Balak, “Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here.”

³⁰ Balak did as Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar.

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¹ When Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] saw that it pleased ADONAI to bless Israel [God prevails], he didn't go, as at the other times, to meet with enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. ² Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel [God prevails] dwelling according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came on him.

³ He took up his parable, and said,
"Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] the son of Beor says,

the man whose eyes are open says;

⁴ he says, who *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· the words of God,

who sees the vision of *Shaddai* [Almighty],
falling down, and having his eyes open:

⁵ How goodly are your tents, Jacob [Supplanter],
and your tents, Israel [God prevails]!

⁶ As valleys they are spread out,
as gardens by the riverside,
as aloes which ADONAI has planted,
as cedar trees beside the waters.

⁷ Water shall flow from his buckets.
His seed shall be in many waters.

His king shall be higher than Agag.

His kingdom shall be exalted.

⁸ God brings him out of Egypt [Abode of slavery].
He has as it were the strength of the wild ox.

He shall eat up the nations his adversaries,
shall break their bones in pieces,
and pierce them with his arrows.

⁹ He couched, he lay down as a lion,
as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?

Everyone who blesses you is blessed.

Everyone who curses you is cursed."

¹⁰ Balak's anger burned against Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], and he struck his hands together. Balak said to Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people], "I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have altogether blessed them these three times. ¹¹ Therefore now flee you to your place! I thought to promote you to great honor; but, behold, ADONAI has kept you back from honor."

¹² Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] said to Balak, "Didn't I also tell your messengers who you sent to me, saying, ¹³ 'If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I can't go beyond ADONAI's word, to do either good or bad of my own mind. I will say what ADONAI says'? (**LY:7**) ¹⁴ Now, behold, I go to my people. Come, I will inform you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days."

¹⁵ He took up his parable, and said,
"Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] the son of Beor says,

the man whose eyes are open says;

¹⁶ he says, who *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· the words of God,
knows the knowledge of *haElyon* [the Most High],

- and who sees the vision of *Shaddai*
[Almighty],
Falling down, and having his eyes open:
- 17 * I see him, but not now.
I see him, but not near.
- † ‡ A star will come out of Jacob [Supplanter].
A scepter will rise out of Israel [God pre-
vails],
- § and shall strike through the corners of Moab
[From father],
and break down all the sons of Sheth.
- 18 Edom [Red] shall be a possession.
Seir, his enemies, also shall be a possession,
while Israel [God prevails] does valiantly.
- 19 Out of Jacob [Supplanter] shall one have
dominion,

* **24:17** MPr: Rambam explains: “I see him but not now,” this refers to David [Beloved]; “I behold him but not nigh” this refers to King Messiah; “A star shall step forth out of Jacob,” this refers to King David; “and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,” this refers to King Messiah. (Mishne Torah [Second Torah] written by RamBam – Hilchot Melachim, c. 11-12). (King David fulfilled 1 Chr 18:2; Messiah fulfilled Is 49:6; Ps 45:6; Luke 2:32; Acts 26:23; Rev 11:15)

† **24:17** MP: Star out of Jacob [Supplanter]. Star and Scepter (Gen 49:10) together identify royal leadership. (Matt 2:1-2; Luke 1:30-33) ‡ **24:17** MPr: Balaam’s prophecies about “the Star from Jacob” and “the scepter from Israel [God prevails]” (Num 24:17) crushing Moab [From father] refers to Messiah. (Num 24:17 in Targum Onkelos, Targum Pseudo-Jonathan, Midrash Deuteronomy 1, and Midrash Lamentations 2:2). (Historically fulfilled 1 Chr 18:2; Prophecy still Rev 20:7-9) § **24:17** MP: Kingdom reign was first fulfilled by King David against Edom and Moab. Reference to the (Gen 49:10) scepter is finally fulfilled in the Messiah’s kingdom. (Rev 22:16)

and shall destroy the remnant from the city.”

²⁰ He looked at Amalek [Man who licks up], and took up his parable, and said,

“Amalek [Man who licks up] was the first of the nations,

But his latter end shall come to destruction.”

²¹ He looked at the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said,

“Your dwelling place is strong.

Your nest is set in the rock.

²² Nevertheless Kain shall be wasted, until Asshur carries you away captive.”

²³ He took up his parable, and said, “Alas, who shall live when God does this?

²⁴ But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim.

They shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber.

He also shall come to destruction.”

²⁵ Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] rose up, and went and *teshuvah* ·completely returned· to his place; and Balak also went his way.

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¹ Israel [God prevails] stayed in Shittim; and the people began to *play the prostitute* * with the daughters of Moab [From father]; ² for they called the people to the *sacrifices of their deities*. The people *ate* † and bowed down to their deities. ³ Israel [God prevails] joined himself to Baal Peor. ADONAI 's anger burned against Israel [God prevails]. ⁴ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn

* ^{25:1} Quoted in 1 Cor 10:8 † ^{25:2} Quoted in Rev 2:14

out], "Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up to ADONAI before the sun, that the fierce anger of ADONAI may turn away from Israel [God prevails]."

⁵ Moses [Drawn out] said to the judges of Israel [God prevails], "Everyone kill his men who have joined themselves to Baal Peor."

⁶ Behold, one of the children of Israel [God prevails] came and brought to his brothers a Midianite [Descendant of Strife] woman in the sight of Moses [Drawn out], and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], while they were weeping at the door of the Tent of Meeting. **(Maftir · Conclusion·)**

⁷ When Pinchas [Bronze skin], the son of Eleazar [Help of God], the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest, saw it, he rose up from the middle of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand. ⁸ He went after the man of Israel [God prevails] into the pavilion, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel [God prevails], and the woman through her body. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁹ Those who *died* by the plague were *twenty-four thousand*. ‡ §

Haftarah Balak · Taking leave · Balak [Devastator / Wasting]·:

‡ 25:9 Quoted in 1 Cor 10:8 § 25:9 Context: Num 25:9 says 24,000 died yet 1 Cor 10:8 says 23,000 died. Scholars note those hung in verse 4 could account for the 1,000 people difference.

Mikhah / Micah 5:7-6:8

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Mark 11:12-26

Parashah 41: *Pinchas* ·Pinchas [Bronze skin]· 25:10-29:40

¹⁰ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
¹¹ “Pinchas [Bronze skin], the son of Eleazar [Help of God], the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest, has turned my wrath away from the children of Israel [God prevails], in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I didn’t consume the children of Israel [God prevails] in my jealousy. ¹² Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him my covenant ·binding contract between two or more parties· of peace. ¹³ It shall be to him, and to his offspring after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel [God prevails].’ ”

¹⁴ Now the name of the man of Israel [God prevails] that was slain, who was slain with the Midianite [Descendant of Strife] woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers’ house among the Simeonites. ¹⁵ The name of the Midianite [Descendant of Strife] woman who was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur. He was head of the people of a fathers’ house in Midian [Strife].

¹⁶ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
¹⁷ “Harass the Midianites [Descendants of Strife], and strike them, ¹⁸ for they harassed you with their wiles, with which they have deceived you in

the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Midian [Strife], their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.”

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¹ After the plague, ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] and to Eleazar [Help of God] the son of Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest, saying, ² “Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers’ houses, all who are able to go out to war in Israel [God prevails].” ³ Moses [Drawn out] and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab [From father] by the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon], saying, ⁴ “Take a census, from twenty years old and upward; as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out] and the children of Israel [God prevails].”

These are those that came out of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery]. **(2)** ⁵ (The census results begin with) Reuben [See, a son!], the firstborn of Israel [God prevails]; the sons of Reuben [See, a son!]: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; ⁶ of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. ⁷ These are the families of the Reubenites; and those who were counted of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred thirty. ⁸ The sons of Pallu: Eliab. ⁹ The sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and Abiram, who

were called by the congregation, who rebelled against Moses [Drawn out] and against Aaron [Light-bringer] in the company of Korach [Bald one, Frost], when they rebelled against ADONAI, ¹⁰ and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korach [Bald one, Frost], when that company died; at the time the fire devoured two hundred fifty men, and they became a sign. ¹¹ Notwithstanding, the sons of Korach [Bald one, Frost] didn't die. ¹² The sons of Simeon [Hearing] after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; ¹³ of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul [Asked for], the family of the Shaulites. ¹⁴ These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand two hundred. ¹⁵ The sons of Gad [Good fortune] after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; ¹⁶ of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites; ¹⁷ of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites. ¹⁸ These are the families of the sons of Gad [Good fortune] according to those who were counted of them, forty thousand and five hundred. ¹⁹ The sons of Judah [Praised]: Er and Onan. Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan [Humbled]. ²⁰ The sons of Judah [Praised] after their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. ²¹ The sons of Perez were:

of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. ²² These are the families of Judah [Praised] according to those who were counted of them, seventy-six thousand five hundred. ²³ The sons of Issachar [Hire, Reward] after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaite; of Puvah, the family of the Punites; ²⁴ of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. ²⁵ These are the families of Issachar [Hire, Reward] according to those who were counted of them, sixty-four thousand three hundred. ²⁶ The sons of Zebulun [Living together] after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. ²⁷ These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were counted of them, sixty thousand five hundred. ²⁸ The sons of Joseph [May he add] after their families: Manasseh [Causing to forget] and Ephraim [Fruit]. ²⁹ The sons of Manasseh [Causing to forget]: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir became the father of Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites. ³⁰ These are the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites; ³¹ and Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; ³² and Shemida, the family of the Shemidaite; and Hephher, the family of the Hephherites. ³³ Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and

Noah [Rest], Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ³⁴ These are the families of Manasseh [Causing to forget]. Those who were counted of them were fifty-two thousand seven hundred. ³⁵ These are the sons of Ephraim [Fruit] after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. ³⁶ These are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. ³⁷ These are the families of the sons of Ephraim [Fruit] according to those who were counted of them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph [May he add] after their families. ³⁸ The sons of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south] after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaïtes; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; ³⁹ of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites. ⁴⁰ The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites. ⁴¹ These are the sons of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south] after their families; and those who were counted of them were forty-five thousand six hundred. ⁴² These are the sons of Dan [He judged] after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan [He judged] after their families. ⁴³ All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were counted of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred. ⁴⁴ The sons of Asher [Happy] after their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of

Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. ⁴⁵ Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. ⁴⁶ The name of the daughter of Asher [Happy] was Serah. ⁴⁷ These are the families of the sons of Asher [Happy] according to those who were counted of them, fifty-three thousand and four hundred. ⁴⁸ The sons of Naphtali [My wrestling] after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; ⁴⁹ of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. ⁵⁰ These are the families of Naphtali [My wrestling] according to their families; and those who were counted of them were forty-five thousand four hundred. ⁵¹ These are those who were counted of the children of Israel [God prevails], six hundred one thousand seven hundred thirty.

(3) ⁵² ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ⁵³ “To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. ⁵⁴ To the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance. To everyone according to those who were counted of him shall his inheritance be given. ⁵⁵ Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot. According to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. ⁵⁶ According to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between the more and the fewer.”

⁵⁷ These are those who were counted of the Levites [Descendants of United with] after their

families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. ⁵⁸ These are the families of Levi [United with]: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. Kohath became the father of Amram. ⁵⁹ The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi [United with], who was born to Levi [United with] in Egypt [Abode of slavery]. She bore to Amram Aaron [Light-bringer] and Moses [Drawn out], and Miriam their sister. ⁶⁰ To Aaron [Light-bringer] were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar [Help of God] and Ithamar. ⁶¹ Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before ADONAI. ⁶² Those who were counted of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward; for they were not counted among the children of Israel [God prevails], because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁶³ These are those who were counted by Moses [Drawn out] and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, who counted the children of Israel [God prevails] in the plains of Moab [From father] by the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon]. ⁶⁴ But among these there was not a man of them who were counted by Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest, who counted the children of Israel [God prevails] in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn]. ⁶⁵ For ADONAI had said of them, "They shall surely die in the

wilderness.” There was not a man left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun.

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¹ Then the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh [Causing to forget], of the families of Manasseh [Causing to forget] the son of Joseph [May he add] came near. These are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah [Rest], and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. ² They stood before Moses [Drawn out], and before Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the Tent of Meeting, saying, ³ “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against ADONAI in the company of Korach [Bald one, Frost], but he died in his own sin. He had no sons. ⁴ Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give to us a possession among the brothers of our father.”

⁵ Moses [Drawn out] brought their *mishpat* ·case· before ADONAI . **(4)** ⁶ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ⁷ “The daughters of Zelophehad speak right. You shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father’s brothers. You shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. ⁸ *

* **27:8** Num 27:8 (Num 27:6-11) (#10.604): To judge the case of inheritances and the order of inheritance

You shall speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], saying, 'If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. ⁹ If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. ¹⁰ If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. ¹¹ If his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman who is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it. This shall be a statute and judgement for the children of Israel [God prevails], as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].' "

¹² ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "Go up into this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel [God prevails]. ¹³ When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron [Light-bringer] your brother was gathered; ¹⁴ because in the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, to honor me as holy at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah [Quarreling] of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

¹⁵ Moses [Drawn out] spoke to ADONAI, saying, ¹⁶ "Let ADONAI, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, ¹⁷ who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of ADONAI not be as sheep which have no shepherd."

¹⁸ ADONAI said to Moses [Drawn out], "Take Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun, a man in

whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹ Set him before Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and before all the congregation; and enjoin him in their sight. ²⁰ You shall give authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails] may obey. ²¹ He shall stand before Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgments of the Urim before ADONAI . At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel [God prevails] with him, even all the congregation.”

²² Moses [Drawn out] did as ADONAI enjoined him. He took Joshua [Salvation Yah], and set him before Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and before all the congregation. ²³ He laid his hands on him, and enjoined him, as ADONAI spoke by Moses [Drawn out].

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(5) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ² “Enjoin the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them, ‘See that you present my offering, my food for my offerings made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to me, in their due season.’ ³ * You shall tell them, ‘This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to ADONAI : male lambs a year old without defect, two day by day, for a continual burnt offering. ⁴ You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and you shall offer

* **28:3** Num 28:3 (Num 28:1-8) (#2b.167): T. To offer the continual burn offering unto Adonai, twice daily / R. To offer two lambs every day

the other lamb at evening; ⁵ with one tenth of an ephah [an omer; 2.3 q; 2.2 L] of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with the fourth part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.2 L] of beaten oil. ⁶ It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in Mount Sinai [Thorn] for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to ADONAI . ⁷ Its drink offering shall be the fourth part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.2 L] for the one lamb. You shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to ADONAI in the holy place. ⁸ The other lamb you shall offer at evening. As the meal offering of the morning, and as its drink offering, you shall offer it, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI .

⁹ † “ ‘On the Sabbath day, two male lambs a year old without defect, and one tenth of an ephah [two omers; 4.6 q; 4.4 L] of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering: ¹⁰ this is the burnt offering of every *Sabbath* ·To cease·, besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering. ‡

¹¹ § “ ‘In the beginnings of your months, you shall offer a burnt offering to ADONAI : two young bulls, and one ram, seven male lambs a year old without defect; ¹² and three tenths of an ephah [three omers; 6.9 q; 6.6 L] of fine

† **28:9** Num 28:9 (Num 28:9-10) (#4.333): T. To offer a special additional offering every Shabbat / R. To bring two additional lambs as burnt offerings on Shabbat ‡ **28:10** Context of Matt 12:5 § **28:11** Num 28:11 (Num 28:11-15) (#4.334): T. To offer an additional sacrifice at the start of each new month, *Rosh Hodesh* ·New Moon· / R. To bring additional offerings on the New Month

flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; ¹³ and one tenth part of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering to every lamb; for a burnt offering of a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to ADONAI . ¹⁴ Their drink offerings shall be half a hin [5.2 qt; 2.4 L] of wine for a bull, and the third part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.24 L] of for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin [2.6 qt; 1.2 L] for a lamb. This is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year. ¹⁵ One male goat for a sin offering to ADONAI ; it shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

(6) ¹⁶ “ ‘In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is ADONAI ’s *Pesac* ·Passover·. ¹⁷ On the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. ¹⁸ In the first day shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no regular *aboda* ·service·; ¹⁹ * but you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt offering to ADONAI : two young bulls, and one ram, and seven male lambs a year old; they shall be to you without defect; ²⁰ and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil. You shall offer three tenths for a bull, and two tenths for the ram. ²¹ You shall offer one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; ²² and one male goat for a sin offering, to make

* **28:19** Num 28:19 (Num 28:16-25) (#4.335): T. To offer a special sacrifice on the eight days of *Pesac* ·Passover· / R. To offer an additional sacrifice on *Pesac* ·Passover·

atonement for you. ²³ You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering. ²⁴ In this way you shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI . It shall be offered in addition to the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering. ²⁵ On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular *aboda* ·service·.

²⁶ † “ ‘Also in the day of the first fruits, when you offer a new meal offering to ADONAI in your feast of *Shavu'ot* ·Weeks· / *Pentacost* ·Fifty·, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular *aboda* ·service·; ²⁷ but you shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to ADONAI : two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; ²⁸ and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths for each bull, two tenths for the one ram, ²⁹ one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; ³⁰ one male goat, to make atonement for you. ³¹ Besides the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, you shall offer them and their drink offerings. See that they are without defect.

† **28:26** Num 28:26 (Num 28:26-31) (#4.336): To offer a special additional sacrifice for *Shavu'ot* ·Weeks· / *Pentacost* ·50· T. Note: This is the First Fruits wheat offering (#2 of the First Fruits offerings). Wheat is considered the rich man's grain, in contrast to barley (think market value cost)

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¹ * “ ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no regular *aboda* ·service·: it is a day of blowing of *shofarot* ·ram horns· to you. ² † You shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to ADONAI : one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without defect; ³ and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths for the bull, two tenths for the ram, ⁴ and one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; ⁵ and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you; ⁶ besides the burnt offering of the new moon, and its meal offering, and the continual burnt offering and its meal offering, and their drink offerings, according to their judgments, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to ADONAI .

⁷ “ ‘On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls. You shall do no kind of work; ⁸ ‡ but you shall offer a burnt offering to ADONAI for a pleasant aroma: one young bull, one ram,

* **29:1** Num 29:1 (Num 29:1-6) (#4.337): T. To blow the *shofar* ·ram's horn· on *Yom Terurah* ·Day of shofars· / R. To hear the sound of the *shofar* ·ram's horn· on the first day of *Tishrei* ·means· *Rosh Hashanah* ·Head of the Year· † **29:2** Num 29:2 (Num 29:1-6) (#4.338): T. To blow the *shofar* ·ram's horn· on *Yom Terurah* ·Day of shofars· / R. To offer a special additional sacrifice on the first day of *Tishrei* ·means· *Rosh Hashanah* ·Head of the Year· ‡ **29:8** Num 29:8 (Num 29:7-11) (#4.339): To offer a special additional sacrifice on *Yom Kippur* ·Day of Atonement· the tenth day of the seventh month *Tishrei*

seven male lambs a year old; all without defect; ⁹ and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths for the bull, two tenths for the one ram, ¹⁰ one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs: ¹¹ one male goat for a sin offering; besides the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and their drink offerings.

(7) ¹² “ ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular *aboda* ·service·. You shall keep a feast to ADONAI seven days. ¹³ § You shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI : thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old; all without defect; ¹⁴ and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths for every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenths for each ram of the two rams, ¹⁵ and one tenth for every lamb of the fourteen lambs; ¹⁶ and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

¹⁷ “ ‘On the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; ¹⁸ and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to

§ 29:13 Num 29:13 (Num 29:12-34) (#4.340): To offer a special additional sacrifice for *Sukkot* ·Tabernacles· T. Directive: first day 13 bulls and one less each day. This sacrifice totals 70 and Judaism teaches there are 70 nations in the world, this is considered as a sacrifice for each nation of the world (*Sukkah* 55)

their number, after the judgement; ¹⁹ and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, with its meal offering and their drink offerings.

²⁰ “ ‘On the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; ²¹ and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the judgement; ²² and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and its drink offering.

²³ “ ‘On the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; ²⁴ their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the judgement; ²⁵ and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

²⁶ “ ‘On the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; ²⁷ and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the judgement; ²⁸ and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and its drink offering.

²⁹ “ ‘On the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; ³⁰ and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs,

according to their number, after the judgement;
³¹ and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and the drink offerings of it.

³² “ ‘On the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; ³³ and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the judgement; ³⁴ and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

(Maftir ·Conclusion·) ³⁵ * “ ‘On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly: you shall do no regular *aboda* ·service·; ³⁶ but you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to ADONAI : one bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without defect; ³⁷ their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the judgement: ³⁸ and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, with its meal offering, and its drink offering.

³⁹ † “ ‘You shall offer these to ADONAI in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your free will offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your

* **29:35** Num 29:35-36 (Num 29:35-38) (#4.341): To observe, gather, and offer an additional sacrifice on the day of *Shemini Atzeret* ·The Eighth day of the Assembly· of *Sukkot* ·Tabernacles·

† **29:39** Hebrew ch. 29 v. 39

meal offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.' "

⁴⁰ ‡ Moses [Drawn out] told the children of Israel [God prevails] according to all that ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

Haftarah Pinchas ·Taking leave · Pinchas [Bronze skin]·:

M'lakhim Alef / 1 Kings 18:46-19:21

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Mark 11:27-12:37

Parashah 42: Mattot ·Tribes· 30:1-32:42

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Read with Parashah 43 in regular years; in leap years, read separately

¹ * Moses [Drawn out] spoke to the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel [God prevails], saying, "This is the thing which ADONAI has enjoined. ² † *When a man vows a vow to ADONAI, or swears an oath* to bind his soul with a bond,

‡ **29:40** Hebrew ch. 30 v. 1 * **30:1** Hebrew ch. 30 v. 2 † **30:2** Num 30:2 (Num 30:2-16) [Heb Bible Num 30:3 (Num 30:3-17)] (#9.564): T. To keep a vow or oath made to Adonai, it shall not be unfulfilled / R. To judge in annulment of vows according to the rules in the matter found in *Torah ·Teaching·*. (See Num 30:3-15 [Heb Bible Num 30:4-16])

‡ *he shall not break his word.* § He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

³ “Also when a woman vows a vow to ADONAI, and binds herself by a bond, being in her father’s house, in her youth, ⁴ and her father *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father holds his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. ⁵ But if her father forbids her in the day that he *sh'ma* ·hears obeys·, none of her vows, or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul, shall stand. ADONAI will forgive her, because her father has forbidden her.

⁶ “If she has a husband, while her vows are on her, or the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul, ⁷ and her husband *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· it, and hold his peace at her in the day that he *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand. ⁸ But if her husband forbids her in the day that he *sh'ma* ·hears obeys· it, then he shall make void her vow which is on her, and the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul. ADONAI will forgive her.

⁹ “But the vow of a widow, or of her who is divorced, everything with which she has bound her soul, shall stand against her.

‡ **30:2** Num 30:2 (Num 30:1-2, 30:3-15) [Heb Bible Num 30:3 (Num 30:2-3, 30:4-16)] (#9.565): T. Not to transgress your word nor your vow / R. Not to break oaths or vows T. Directive: That is not to transgress in matters that one has forbidden himself § **30:2** Paraphrase Quoted in Matt 5:33

¹⁰ “If she vowed in her husband’s house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, ¹¹ and her husband *sh’ma* ·heard obeyed· it, and held his peace at her, and didn’t disallow her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand. ¹² But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he *sh’ma* ·heard obeyed· them, then whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand. Her husband has made them void. ADONAI will forgive her. ¹³ Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. ¹⁴ But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows, or all her bonds, which are on her. He has established them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he *sh’ma* ·heard obeyed· them. ¹⁵ But if he shall make them null and void after that he has heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity.”

¹⁶ These are the statutes which ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out], between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father’s house.

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(LY:2) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ² “Avenge the children of Israel [God prevails] for the Midianites [Descendants of Strife]. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.”

³ Moses [Drawn out] spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian [Strife], to execute ADONAI 's vengeance on Midian [Strife].
⁴ Of every tribe one thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel [God prevails], you shall send to the war." ⁵ So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel [God prevails], a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.
⁶ Moses [Drawn out] sent them, one thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Pinchas [Bronze skin] the son of Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, to the war, with the utensils of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.
⁷ They fought against Midian [Strife], as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out]. They killed every male. ⁸ They killed the kings of Midian [Strife] with the rest of their slain: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian [Strife]. They also killed Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people] the son of Beor with the sword. ⁹ The children of Israel [God prevails] took the women of Midian [Strife] captive with their little ones; and all their livestock, all their flocks, and all their goods, they took as plunder. ¹⁰ All their cities in the places in which they lived, and all their encampments, they burned with fire.
¹¹ They took all the captives, and all the plunder, both of man and of animal. ¹² They brought the captives, and the prey, and the plunder, to Moses [Drawn out], and to Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel [God prevails], to the camp at the plains

of Moab [From father], which are by the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon]. **(RY:2, LY:3)** ¹³ Moses [Drawn out], and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went out to meet them outside of the camp. ¹⁴ Moses [Drawn out] was angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. ¹⁵ Moses [Drawn out] said to them, "Have you saved all the women alive? ¹⁶ Behold, these caused the children of Israel [God prevails], through the *counsel of Balaam [Not people, Destroyer of people]*, * to commit trespass against ADONAI in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of ADONAI . ¹⁷ Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man by lying with him. ¹⁸ But all the girls, who have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. ¹⁹ "Encamp outside of the camp seven days. Whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives. ²⁰ As to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, you shall purify yourselves."

²¹ Eleazar [Help of God] the priest said to the men of war who went to the battle, "This is the statute of the *Torah* ·Teaching· which ADONAI

* **31:16** Quoted in Rev 2:14

has enjoined Moses [Drawn out]: ²² however the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, ²³ everything that may withstand the fire, you shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water for impurity. All that does not withstand the fire you shall make to go through the water. ²⁴ You shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean. Afterward you shall come into the camp.”

(LY:4) ²⁵ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ²⁶ “Count the plunder that was taken, both of man and of animal, you, and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and the heads of the fathers’ households of the congregation; ²⁷ and divide the plunder into two parts: between the men skilled in war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation. ²⁸ Levy a tribute to ADONAI of the men of war who went out to battle: one soul of five hundred; of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the flocks. ²⁹ Take it from their half, and give it to Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, for ADONAI ’s wave offering. ³⁰ Of the children of Israel [God prevails]’s half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the flocks, of all the livestock, and give them to the Levites [Descendants of United with], who perform the duty of ADONAI ’s tabernacle.”

³¹ Moses [Drawn out] and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest did as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

³² Now the plunder, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred seventy-five thousand sheep, ³³ and seventy-two thousand head of cattle, ³⁴ and sixty-one thousand donkeys, ³⁵ and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of the women who had not known man by lying with him. ³⁶ The half, which was the portion of those who went out to war, was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: ³⁷ and ADONAI 's tribute of the sheep was six hundred seventy-five. ³⁸ The cattle were thirty-six thousand; of which ADONAI 's tribute was seventy-two. ³⁹ The donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred; of which ADONAI 's tribute was sixty-one. ⁴⁰ The persons were sixteen thousand; of whom ADONAI 's tribute was thirty-two persons. ⁴¹ Moses [Drawn out] gave the tribute, which was ADONAI 's wave offering, to Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out]. **(LY:5)** ⁴² Of the children of Israel [God prevails]'s half, which Moses [Drawn out] divided off from the men who fought ⁴³ (now the congregation's half was three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep, ⁴⁴ and thirty-six thousand head of cattle, ⁴⁵ and thirty thousand five hundred donkeys, ⁴⁶ and sixteen thousand persons), ⁴⁷ even of the children of Israel [God prevails]'s half, Moses [Drawn out] took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of animal, and gave them to the Levites [Descendants of United with], who performed the duty of ADONAI 's tabernacle; as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out].

⁴⁸ The officers who were over the thousands of the army, the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near to Moses [Drawn out]. ⁴⁹ They said to Moses [Drawn out], "Your servants have taken the sum of the men of war who are under our charge, and there lacks not one man of us. ⁵⁰ We have brought ADONAI 's offering, what every man has gotten, of jewels of gold, armlets, and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make atonement for our souls before ADONAI ."

⁵¹ Moses [Drawn out] and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest took their gold, even all worked jewels. ⁵² All the gold of the wave offering that they offered up to ADONAI , of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred fifty shekels [418.75 lb; 189.95 kg]. ⁵³ The men of war had taken booty, every man for himself. ⁵⁴ Moses [Drawn out] and Eleazar [Help of God] the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the Tent of Meeting, for a memorial for the children of Israel [God prevails] before ADONAI .

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(RY:3, LY:6) ¹ Now the children of Reuben [See, a son!] and the children of Gad [Good fortune] had a very great multitude of livestock. When they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that behold, the place was a place for livestock; ² the children of Gad [Good fortune] and the children of Reuben [See, a son!] came

and spoke to Moses [Drawn out], and to Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and to the princes of the congregation, saying, ³ “Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon, ⁴ the land which ADONAI struck before the congregation of Israel [God prevails], is a land for livestock; and your servants have livestock.” ⁵ They said, “If we have found *chen* ‘grace’ in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Don’t bring us over the Jordan [Descender].”

⁶ Moses [Drawn out] said to the children of Gad [Good fortune], and to the children of Reuben [See, a son!], “Shall your brothers go to the war, and shall you sit here? ⁷ Why do you discourage the heart of the children of Israel [God prevails] from going over into the land which ADONAI has given them? ⁸ Your fathers did so when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea [Consecrated Son-in-constant] to see the land. ⁹ For when they went up to the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel [God prevails], that they should not go into the land which ADONAI had given them. ¹⁰ ADONAI’s anger burned in that day, and he swore, saying, ¹¹ ‘Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt [Abode of slavery], from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham [Father of a multitude], to Isaac [Laughter], and to Jacob [Supplanter]; because they have not wholly followed me, ¹² except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua [Salvation

Yah] the son of Nun; because they have followed ADONAI completely.' ¹³ ADONAI 's anger burned against Israel [God prevails], and he made them wander back and forth in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, who had done evil in ADONAI 's sight, was consumed.

¹⁴ "Behold, you have risen up in your fathers' place, an increase of sinful men, to increase the fierce anger of ADONAI toward Israel [God prevails]. ¹⁵ For if you turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and you will destroy all these people."

¹⁶ They came near to him, and said, "We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones; ¹⁷ but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of Israel [God prevails], until we have brought them to their place. Our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁸ We will not *teshuvah* ·completely return· to our houses, until the children of Israel [God prevails] have each inherited their inheritance. ¹⁹ For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan [Descender], and forward; because our inheritance has come to us on this side of the Jordan [Descender] eastward."

(RY:4, LY:7) ²⁰ Moses [Drawn out] said to them, "If you will do this thing, if you will arm yourselves to go before ADONAI to the war, ²¹ and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan [Descender] before ADONAI , until he has driven out his enemies from before him, ²² and the land is subdued before ADONAI

; then afterward you shall *teshuvah* ·completely return·, and be guiltless towards ADONAI , and towards Israel [God prevails]; and this land shall be to you for a possession before ADONAI .

²³ “But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against ADONAI ; and be sure your sin will find you out. ²⁴ Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth.”

²⁵ The children of Gad [Good fortune] and the children of Reuben [See, a son!] spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, “Your servants will do as my lord enjoins us. ²⁶ Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; ²⁷ but your servants will pass over, every man who is armed for war, before ADONAI to battle, as my lord says.”

²⁸ So Moses [Drawn out] enjoined concerning them to Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and to Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' households of the tribes of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ²⁹ Moses [Drawn out] said to them, “If the children of Gad [Good fortune] and the children of Reuben [See, a son!] will pass with you over the Jordan [Descender], every man who is armed to battle, before ADONAI , and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession; ³⁰ but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan [Humbled].”

³¹ The children of Gad [Good fortune] and the children of Reuben [See, a son!] answered,

saying, "As ADONAI has said to your servants, so will we do. ³² We will pass over armed before ADONAI into the land of Canaan [Humbled], and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond the Jordan [Descender]."

³³ Moses [Drawn out] gave to them, even to the children of Gad [Good fortune], and to the children of Reuben [See, a son!], and to the half-tribe of Manasseh [Causing to forget] the son of Joseph [May he add], the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers], and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, according to its cities and borders, even the cities of the surrounding land. ³⁴ The children of Gad [Good fortune] built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer, ³⁵ Atrothshophan, Jazer, Jogbehah, ³⁶ Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran [Mountaineer]: fortified cities, and folds for sheep. ³⁷ The children of Reuben [See, a son!] built Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim, ³⁸ Nebo, and Baal Meon, (their names being changed), and Sibmah. They gave other names to the cities which they built. **(LY: Maftir •Conclusion•)** ³⁹ The children of Machir the son of Manasseh [Causing to forget] went to Gilead, took it, and dispossessed the Amorites [Descendants of Talkers] who were therein. ⁴⁰ Moses [Drawn out] gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh [Causing to forget]; and he lived therein. ⁴¹ Jair the son of Manasseh [Causing to forget] went and took its villages, and called them Havvoth Jair. ⁴² Nobah went and took Kenath, and its villages, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Haftarah Mattot ·Taking leave · Tribes·

Yirmeyahu / Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Matt 23:1-39

Parashah 43: Masa'ei ·Journeys· 33:1-36:13

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Read with Parashah 42 in regular years; in leap years, read separately

¹ These are the stages in the journeys of the children of Israel [God prevails], as they left the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery] divided into groups under the leadership of Moses [Drawn out] and Aaron [Light-bringer]. ² Moses [Drawn out] recorded each of the stages of their journeys by the order of ADONAI . These are their journeys according to their goings out.

³ They traveled from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the *Pesac* ·Passover·, the children of Israel [God prevails] went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery], ⁴ while the Egyptians [people from Abode of slavery] were burying all their firstborn, whom ADONAI had struck among them. ADONAI also executed judgments on their deities. ⁵ The children of Israel [God prevails] traveled from Rameses, and encamped in Sukkot.

⁶ They traveled from Sukkot, and encamped in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

⁷ They traveled from Etham, and turned back to

Pihahiroth, which is before Baal Zephon: and they encamped before Migdol. ⁸ They traveled from before Hahiroth, and crossed through the middle of the sea into the wilderness. They went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and encamped in Marah. ⁹ They traveled from Marah, and came to Elim. In Elim, there were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there. ¹⁰ They traveled from Elim, and encamped by the *Sea of Suf* [Reed Sea]. **(LY:2)** ¹¹ They traveled from the *Sea of Suf* [Reed Sea], and encamped in the wilderness of Sin. ¹² They traveled from the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah. ¹³ They traveled from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush. ¹⁴ They traveled from Alush, and encamped in Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink. ¹⁵ They traveled from Rephidim, and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn]. ¹⁶ They traveled from the wilderness of Sinai [Thorn], and encamped in Kibroth Hattaavah. ¹⁷ They traveled from Kibroth Hattaavah, and encamped in Hazeroth. ¹⁸ They traveled from Hazeroth, and encamped in Rithmah. ¹⁹ They traveled from Rithmah, and encamped in Rimmon Perez. ²⁰ They traveled from Rimmon Perez, and encamped in Libnah. ²¹ They traveled from Libnah, and encamped in Rissah. ²² They traveled from Rissah, and encamped in Kehelathah. ²³ They traveled from Kehelathah, and encamped in Mount Shepher. ²⁴ They traveled from Mount Shepher, and encamped in

Haradah. ²⁵ They traveled from Haradah, and encamped in Makheloth. ²⁶ They traveled from Makheloth, and encamped in Tahath. ²⁷ They traveled from Tahath, and encamped in Terah. ²⁸ They traveled from Terah, and encamped in Mithkah. ²⁹ They traveled from Mithkah, and encamped in Hashmonah. ³⁰ They traveled from Hashmonah, and encamped in Moseroth. ³¹ They traveled from Moseroth, and encamped in Bene Jaakan. ³² They traveled from Bene Jaakan, and encamped in Hor Haggidgad. ³³ They traveled from Hor Haggidgad, and encamped in Jotbathah. ³⁴ They traveled from Jotbathah, and encamped in Abronah. ³⁵ They traveled from Abronah, and encamped in Ezion Geber. ³⁶ They traveled from Ezion Geber, and encamped at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. ³⁷ They traveled from Kadesh, and encamped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom [Red]. ³⁸ At the order of ADONAI , Aaron [Light-bringer] the priest went up into Mount Hor, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel [God prevails] had come out of the land of Egypt [Abode of slavery], in the fifth month, on the first day of the month. ³⁹ Aaron [Light-bringer] was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died in Mount Hor. ⁴⁰ The Canaanite [Descendant of Humbled], the king of Arad, who lived in the South in the land of Canaan [Humbled], *sh'ma* ·heard obeyed· of the coming of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ⁴¹ They traveled from Mount Hor, and encamped

in Zalmonah. ⁴² They traveled from Zalmonah, and encamped in Punon. ⁴³ They traveled from Punon, and encamped in Oboth. ⁴⁴ They traveled from Oboth, and encamped in Iye Abarim, in the border of Moab [From father]. ⁴⁵ They traveled from Iyim, and encamped in Dibon Gad [Good fortune]. ⁴⁶ They traveled from Dibon Gad [Good fortune], and encamped in Almon Diblathaim. ⁴⁷ They traveled from Almon Diblathaim, and encamped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. ⁴⁸ They traveled from the mountains of Abarim, and encamped in the plains of Moab [From father] by the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon]. ⁴⁹ They encamped by the Jordan [Descender], from Beth Jeshimoth even to Abel [Vanity, Mourning] Shittim in the plains of Moab [From father]. **(RY:5, LY:3)** ⁵⁰ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] in the plains of Moab [From father] by the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon], saying, ⁵¹ Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them, "When you pass over the Jordan [Descender] into the land of Canaan [Humbled], ⁵² then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their stone idols, destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places. ⁵³ You shall take possession of the land, and dwell therein; for I have given the land to you to possess it. ⁵⁴ You shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to any man, that shall be

his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

⁵⁵ “But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those you let remain of them will be as pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they will harass you in the land in which you dwell. ⁵⁶ It shall happen that as I thought to do to them, so will I do to you.”

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¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,
² “Enjoin the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them, ‘When you come into the land of Canaan [Humbled] (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan [Humbled] according to its borders),
³ then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the side of Edom [Red], and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward. ⁴ Your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass along to Zin; and it shall pass southward of Kadesh Barnea [Consecrated Son-inconstant]; and it shall go from there to Hazar Addar, and pass along to Azmon. ⁵ The border shall turn about from Azmon to the brook of Egypt [Abode of slavery], and it shall end at the sea.

⁶ “ ‘For the western border, you shall have the Great Sea [Mediterranean Sea, Inland Sea] and its border. This shall be your west border.

⁷ “ ‘This shall be your north border: from the Great Sea [Mediterranean Sea, Inland Sea] you

shall mark out for yourselves Mount Hor. ⁸ From Mount Hor you shall mark out to the entrance of Hamath; and the border shall pass by Zedad. ⁹ Then the border shall go to Ziphron, and it shall end at Hazar Enan. This shall be your north border.

¹⁰ “ You shall mark out your east border from Hazar Enan to Shepham. ¹¹ The border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain. The border shall go down, and shall reach to the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward. ¹² The border shall go down to the Jordan [Descender], and end at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders around it.’ ”

¹³ Moses [Drawn out] enjoined the children of Israel [God prevails], saying, “This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which ADONAI has enjoined to give to the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe; ¹⁴ for the tribe of the children of Reuben [See, a son!] according to their fathers’ houses, and the tribe of the children of Gad [Good fortune] according to their fathers’ houses, have received, and the half-tribe of Manasseh [Causing to forget] have received, their inheritance. ¹⁵ The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon] eastward, toward the sunrise.”

(RY:6, LY:4) ¹⁶ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying, ¹⁷ “These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar [Help of God] the priest, and

Joshua [Salvation Yah] the son of Nun. ¹⁸ You shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. ¹⁹ These are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah [Praised], Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ²⁰ Of the tribe of the children of Simeon [Hearing], Shemuel the son of Ammihud. ²¹ Of the tribe of Benjamin [Son of right hand, Son of south], Elidad the son of Chislon. ²² Of the tribe of the children of Dan [He judged] a prince, Bukki the son of Jogli. ²³ Of the children of Joseph [May he add]: of the tribe of the children of Manasseh [Causing to forget] a prince, Hanniel the son of Ephod. ²⁴ Of the tribe of the children of Ephraim [Fruit] a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. ²⁵ Of the tribe of the children of Zebulun [Living together] a prince, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. ²⁶ Of the tribe of the children of Issachar [Hire, Reward] a prince, Paltiel the son of Azzan. ²⁷ Of the tribe of the children of Asher [Happy] a prince, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. ²⁸ Of the tribe of the children of Naphtali [My wrestling] a prince, Pedahel the son of Ammihud." ²⁹ These are they whom ADONAI enjoined to divide the inheritance to the children of Israel [God prevails] in the land of Canaan [Humbled].

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(LY:5) ¹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out] in the plains of Moab [From father] by the Jordan [Descender] at Jericho [Fragrant, Moon], saying,

² * “Enjoin the children of Israel [God prevails] to give to the Levites [Descendants of United with] of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in. You shall give suburbs for the cities around them to the Levites [Descendants of United with]. ³ They shall have the cities to dwell in. Their suburbs shall be for their livestock, and for their possessions, and for all their animals.

⁴ “The suburbs of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites [Descendants of United with], shall be from the wall of the city and outward one thousand cubits [$\frac{1}{3}$ mi; 457.2 km] around it. ⁵ You shall measure outside of the city for the east side two thousand cubits [$\frac{1}{2}$ mi; 914 km], and for the south side two thousand cubits [$\frac{1}{2}$ mi; 914 km], and for the west side two thousand cubits [$\frac{1}{2}$ mi; 914 km], and for the north side two thousand cubits [$\frac{1}{2}$ mi; 914 km], the city being in the middle. This shall be the suburbs of their cities.

⁶ “The cities which you shall give to the Levites [Descendants of United with], they shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the man slayer to flee to. Besides them you shall give forty-two cities. ⁷ All the cities which you shall give to the Levites [Descendants of United with] shall be forty-eight cities together with their suburbs. ⁸ Concerning the cities which you shall give of the possession of the children of Israel [God prevails], from the many you shall take many; and from the few you shall take few.

* **35:2** Num 35:2 (Num 35:7, 35:1-8, ch 35) (#1.30): To give the Levites cities to dwell in and the surrounding fields

Everyone according to his inheritance which he inherits shall give some of his cities to the Levites [Descendants of United with].” **(RY:7, LY:6)**

⁹ ADONAI spoke to Moses [Drawn out], saying,

¹⁰ “Speak to the children of Israel [God prevails], and tell them, ‘When you pass over the Jordan [Descender] into the land of Canaan [Humbled],

¹¹ then you shall appoint for yourselves cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the man slayer who kills any person unwittingly may flee there.

¹² † The cities shall be to you for refuge from the avenger; that the man slayer not die, until he stands before the congregation for judgment.

¹³ The cities which you shall give shall be for you six cities of refuge. ¹⁴ You shall give three cities beyond the Jordan [Descender], and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan [Humbled]. They shall be cities of refuge. ¹⁵ For the children of Israel [God prevails], and for the stranger and for the foreigner living among them, shall these six cities be for refuge; that everyone who kills any person unwittingly may flee there.

¹⁶ “ ‘But if he struck him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. ‡ ¹⁷ If he struck him with a stone in the hand, by which a

† **35:12** Num 35:12 (Num 35:9-15) (#6.401): T. Not to execute one guilty of a capital offense before he has stood trial / R. Not to kill the murderer before he stands trial T. Note: Murder is defined in (Num 35:16-21) as being premeditated with intent or hatred in contrast to accidental killing (Num 35:22-24), killing without enmity nor premeditated intent to inflict harm ‡ **35:16** Context of Matt 5:21

man may die, and he died, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁸ Or if he struck him with a weapon of wood in the hand, by which a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁹ The avenger of blood shall himself put the murderer to death. When he meets him, he shall put him to death. ²⁰ If he shoved him out of hatred, or hurled at him, lying in wait, so that he died, ²¹ or in hostility struck him with his hand, so that he died, he who struck him shall surely be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death, when he meets him.

²² “But if he shoved him suddenly without hostility, or hurled on him anything without lying in wait, ²³ or with any stone, by which a man may die, not seeing him, and cast it on him, so that he died, and he was not his enemy, neither sought his harm; ²⁴ then the congregation shall judge between the striker and the avenger of blood according to these judgments. ²⁵ § The congregation shall deliver the man slayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, where he had fled. He shall dwell therein until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.

§ **35:25** Num 35:25 (Num 35:22-29) (#6.402): To exile in the city of refuge the person who committed an accidental killing or manslaughter, until the *Cohen Gadol* ·High Priest· dies T. Note: Specificity the *Cohen Gadol* ·High Priest· of that year, for the High Priest's role changes annually

26 “ ‘But if the man slayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city of refuge, where he flees, 27 and the avenger of blood finds him outside of the border of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the man slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood, 28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest, the man slayer shall *teshuvah* ·completely return· into the land of his possession.

29 “ ‘These things shall be for a statute and judgement to you throughout all your generations in all your dwellings.

30 “ ‘Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be slain at the mouth of witnesses; but one witness shall not testify against any person that he die.

31 * “ ‘Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to death.

32 † “ ‘You shall take no ransom for him who is fled to his city of refuge, that he may come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

* **35:31** Num 35:31 (Num 35:30-34) (#6.403): T. Not to take a ransom in lieu for the life of a murderer condemned to death / R. Not to accept monetary restitution to atone for the murderer

† **35:32** Num 35:32 (Num 35:30-34) (#6.404): Not to take ransom from one who killed another accidentally in order to free him from exile in the City of Refuge before the time of his release T. Note: Murder is defined in (Num 35:16-21) as being premeditated with intent or hatred / Directive: The time of release is based on (Num 35:25 OU402) the death of the *Cohen Gadol* ·High Priest· of his day

33 “ ‘So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land. No atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, but by the blood of him who shed it. 34 You shall not defile the land which you inhabit, in the middle of which I dwell; for I, ADONAI , dwell in the middle of the children of Israel [God prevails].’ ”

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(LY:7) ¹ The heads of the fathers' households of the family of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh [Causing to forget], of the families of the sons of Joseph [May he add], came near, and spoke before Moses [Drawn out], and before the princes, the heads of the fathers' households of the children of Israel [God prevails]. ² They said, “ADONAI enjoined my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of Israel [God prevails]. My lord was enjoined by ADONAI to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. ³ If they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel [God prevails], then will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So will it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. ⁴ When the Jubilee of the children of Israel [God prevails] shall be, then will their inheritance be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So

their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.”

⁵ Moses [Drawn out] enjoined the children of Israel [God prevails] according to ADONAI's word, saying, “The tribe of the sons of Joseph [May he add] speaks right. ⁶ This is the thing which ADONAI does enjoin concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, ‘Let them be married to whom they think best; only they shall marry into the family of the tribe of their father.

⁷ So shall no inheritance of the children of Israel [God prevails] move from tribe to tribe; for the children of Israel [God prevails] shall all keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. ⁸ Every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel [God prevails] shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel [God prevails] may each possess the inheritance of his fathers.

⁹ So shall no inheritance move from one tribe to another tribe; for the tribes of the children of Israel [God prevails] shall each keep his own inheritance.’ ”

(Maftir ·Conclusion·) ¹⁰ The daughters of Zelophehad did as ADONAI enjoined Moses [Drawn out]: ¹¹ for Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah [Rest], the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to their *dod* ·father's· brothers' sons. ¹² They were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh [Causing to forget] the son of Joseph [May he add]. Their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father. ¹³ These are the *mitzvot* ·instruc-

tions· and the judgments which ADONAI enjoined by the hand of Moses [Drawn out] to the children of Israel [God prevails] in the plains of Moab [From father] by the Jordan [Descender] across from Jericho [Fragrant, Moon].

Haftarah Masa'ei ·Taking leave · Journeys·:

Yirmeyahu / Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4 (A); 2:4-28, 4:1-2 (S)

B'rit Hadashah ·New Covenant·: Matt 24:1-25:46

Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek! ·Be Strong, be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous!· (2 Samuel 10:12)

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