Deuteronomy

1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all
Israel beyond the Jordan, in the wilderness, in
the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and
Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab.
2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the
way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.
3 In the fortieth year, in the eleventh month,
on the first day of the month, Moses spoke to the
Israelites according to all that the LORD had
commanded him for them,
4 after the defeat of Sihon king of the
Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and of Og king
of Bashan at Edrei, who lived in Ashtaroth.
5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab,
Moses undertook to explain this law, saying,
6 "The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb,
saying, 'You have stayed long enough at this
mountain.
7 Turn and set out, and go to the hill country of
the Amorites and all its neighboring regions: the
Arabah, the hill country, the Shephelah, the
Negev, and the seacoast, the land of the
Canaanites and Lebanon, as far as the great
river, the River Euphrates.
8 Look, I have set the land before you. Go in
and possess the land that the LORD swore to
your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to
give to them and their descendants after them.'

9 At that time I said to you, ‘I cannot bear you
alone.
10 The LORD your God has multiplied you, and
look, today you are as numerous as the stars of
heaven.
11 May the LORD, the God of your fathers,
make you a thousand times as many as you are
and bless you as he has promised you!
12 How can I bear your trouble, your burden,
and your disputes alone?
13 Provide for yourselves wise, discerning men
who are known among your tribes, and I will
appoint them as your heads.’
14 You answered me, ‘What you have proposed
is good to do.’
15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and
well-known men, and appointed them as heads
over you: commanders of thousands,
commanders of hundreds, commanders of
fifties, commanders of tens, and officers for your
tribes.
16 At that time I commanded your judges,
‘Hear the disputes between your brothers and
judge righteously between a man and his
brother, and the foreigner who lives with him.
17 You shall not show partiality in judgment.
You shall hear the small and the great alike. You
shall fear no one, for judgment belongs to God.
Bring to me any case that is too difficult for you,
and I will hear it.’
18 At that time I commanded you all the things
you were to do.
19 We set out from Horeb and went through all

that great and fearsome wilderness you saw, by
the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as
the LORD our God had commanded us. We came
to Kadesh-barnea.
20 I said to you, 'You have come to the hill
country of the Amorites, which the LORD our
God is giving us.
21 Look, the LORD your God has set the land
before you. Go up and possess it, as the LORD,
the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not
fear or be dismayed.'
22 All of you came near to me and said, 'Let us
send men ahead of us to explore the land for us
and bring us a report of the way we should go
up and the cities we should enter.'
23 The proposal was good in my eyes, and I
took twelve men from among you, one man
from each tribe.
24 They turned and went up into the hill
country, came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied
out the land.
25 They took some of the fruit of the land in
their hands and brought it down to us. They
brought us a report and said, 'The land that the
LORD our God is giving us is good.'
26 But you were unwilling to go up and
rebelled against the command of the LORD your
God.
27 You grumbled in your tents and said,
'Because the LORD hates us, he brought us out of
the land of Egypt to give us into the hand of the
Amorites to destroy us.
28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have

melted our hearts by saying, “The people are
greater and taller than we are. The cities are
great and fortified up to heaven. We also saw
the sons of the Anakim there.” ’
29 Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, and
do not fear them.
30 The LORD your God, who goes before you,
will himself fight for you, according to all that
he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
31 and in the wilderness, where you saw how
the LORD your God carried you, as a man
carries his son, all the way you went until you
came to this place.’
32 Yet in this matter you did not trust the LORD
your God,
33 who went before you on the way to seek out
a place for you to camp, in fire by night to show
you the way you should go, and in a cloud by
day.
34 The LORD heard the sound of your words,
was angry, and swore, saying,
35 ‘Not one of these men, this evil generation,
shall see the good land I swore to give your
fathers,
36 except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He shall see
it, and to him and his sons I will give the land on
which he has trodden, because he has followed
the LORD fully.’
37 The LORD was also angry with me because
of you, saying, ‘You too shall not enter there.
38 Joshua son of Nun, who stands before you,
shall enter there. Strengthen him, for he shall
cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Your little ones, whom you said would
become plunder, and your children, who today
do not know good or evil, shall enter there. I
will give it to them, and they shall possess it.
40 But as for you, turn and set out for the
wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.'
41 You answered me, 'We have sinned against
the LORD. We will go up and fight according to
all that the LORD our God has commanded us.'
Each of you strapped on his weapons of war, and
you thought it easy to go up into the hill country.
42 But the LORD said to me, 'Tell them, "Do not
go up or fight, for I am not among you, lest you
be defeated before your enemies." '
43 I spoke to you, but you did not listen. You
rebelled against the command of the LORD,
acted presumptuously, and went up into the hill
country.
44 The Amorites who lived in that hill country
came out against you and chased you as bees do.
They struck you down in Seir as far as Hormah.
45 You returned and wept before the LORD,
but the LORD did not listen to your voice or give
ear to you.
46 You stayed at Kadesh many days, all the
days you stayed there.

2

1 We turned and set out for the wilderness by
the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD had told me.
We went around Mount Seir for many days.
2 The LORD spoke to me, saying,

3 ‘You have gone around this mountain long
enough. Turn northward.
4 Command the people, saying, “You are about
to pass through the territory of your brothers,
the sons of Esau, who live in Seir. They will be
afraid of you, so be very careful.
5 Do not provoke them, for I will not give you
any of their land, not even enough for the sole of
a foot to tread on, because I have given Mount
Seir to Esau as a possession.
6 You shall buy food from them for money and
eat it. You shall also buy water from them for
money and drink it.
7 For the LORD your God has blessed you in all
the work of your hand. He knows your journey
through this great wilderness. These forty years
the LORD your God has been with you; you have
lacked nothing.” ’
8 So we passed by our brothers, the sons of
Esau who live in Seir, turning away from the
Arabah road, from Elath and Ezion-geber. We
turned and passed along the way of the
wilderness of Moab.
9 The LORD said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab or
provoke them to war, for I will not give you any
of their land as a possession, because I have
given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession.’
10 (The Emim lived there formerly, a people
great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.
11 They too are counted as Rephaim, like the
Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.
12 The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the
sons of Esau dispossessed them, destroyed them

from before them, and lived in their place, as
Israel did to the land of its possession, which the
LORD gave them.)
13 'Now rise and cross the Zered Valley.' So we
crossed the Zered Valley.
14 The time we traveled from Kadesh-barnea
until we crossed the Zered Valley was
thirty-eight years, until the whole generation of
the men of war had come to an end from the
midst of the camp, as the LORD had sworn to
them.
15 The LORD's hand was also against them, to
destroy them from the midst of the camp until
they had come to an end.
16 When all the men of war had died from
among the people,
17 the LORD spoke to me, saying,
18 'Today you are about to pass through the
territory of Moab, Ar.
19 When you approach the Ammonites, do not
harass them or provoke them, for I will not give
you any of the Ammonites' land as a possession,
because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a
possession.'
20 (It too is counted as a land of Rephaim.
Rephaim lived there formerly, and the
Ammonites call them Zamzummim.
21 They were a people great, numerous, and
tall as the Anakim. The LORD destroyed them
from before them, and they dispossessed them
and lived in their place,
22 as he did for the sons of Esau who live in
Seir, from before whom he destroyed the

Horites. They dispossessed them and have lived
in their place to this day.
23 As for the Avvim who lived in villages as far
as Gaza, the Caphtorim who came from Caphtor
destroyed them and lived in their place.)
24 ‘Rise, set out, and cross the Arnon Valley.
Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the
Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to
possess it, and provoke him to war.
25 This day I will begin to put the dread and
fear of you upon the peoples under all heaven.
They will hear the report of you, tremble, and be
in anguish before you.’
26 I sent messengers from the wilderness of
Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words
of peace, saying,
27 ‘Let me pass through your land. I will go by
the road, only by the road. I will turn neither to
the right nor to the left.
28 You shall sell me food for money, so that I
may eat, and give me water for money, so that I
may drink. Only let me pass through on foot,
29 as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the
Moabites who live in Ar did for me, until I cross
the Jordan into the land that the LORD our God
is giving us.’
30 But Sihon king of Heshbon was unwilling to
let us pass through his territory, for the LORD
your God had hardened his spirit and made his
heart obstinate, to give him into your hand, as it
is this day.
31 The LORD said to me, ‘Look, I have begun to
give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to

possess it, so that you may possess his land.'
32 Sihon came out against us, he and all his
people, for battle at Jahaz.
33 The LORD our God gave him over to us, and
we struck him, his sons, and all his people.
34 We captured all his cities at that time and
devoted every city to destruction, with its men,
women, and little ones. We left no survivor.
35 Only the livestock we took as plunder for
ourselves, and the spoil of the cities we had
captured.
36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the
Arnon Valley, and the city in the valley, as far as
Gilead, there was no city beyond our reach. The
LORD our God gave them all over to us.
37 Only you did not approach the land of the
Ammonites, anywhere along the Jabbok Valley
or the cities of the hill country, or anywhere the
LORD our God had forbidden.

3

1 We turned and went up by the way of
Bashan. Og king of Bashan came out against us,
he and all his people, for battle at Edrei.
2 The LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I
have given him into your hand, together with all
his people and his land. You shall do to him as
you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived
in Heshbon.'
3 The LORD our God also gave Og king of
Bashan and all his people into our hand. We
struck him until we left him no survivor.

4 We captured all his cities at that time. There
was not a city we did not take from them: sixty
cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of
Og in Bashan.
5 All these were fortified cities with high walls,
gates, and bars, besides very many unwalled
towns.
6 We devoted them to destruction, as we had
done to Sihon king of Heshbon, devoting every
city to destruction, with its men, women, and
little ones.
7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities
we took as plunder for ourselves.
8 At that time we took from the hand of the
two kings of the Amorites the land on this side
of the Jordan, from the Arnon Valley to Mount
Hermon:
9 (The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the
Amorites call it Senir.)
10 all the cities of the plateau, all Gilead, and
all Bashan as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of
the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
11 (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the
remnant of the Rephaim. Look, his bed was an
iron bed. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites?
It was over thirteen feet long and about six feet
wide, measured by the common cubit.)
12 Of this land we possessed at that time, I
gave to the Reubenites and Gadites the territory
from Aroer by the Arnon Valley and half the hill
country of Gilead with its cities.
13 I gave the rest of Gilead and all Bashan, the
kingdom of Og, to the half-tribe of Manasseh.
The whole region of Argob, with all Bashan, is

called the land of Rephaim.
14 Jair son of Manasseh took the whole region
of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites
and Maacathites. He called the settlements of
Bashan Havvoth-jair after his own name, to this
day.
15 To Machir I gave Gilead.
16 To the Reubenites and Gadites I gave the
territory from Gilead to the Arnon Valley, with
the middle of the valley as the boundary, and as
far as the Jabbok Valley, the boundary of the
Ammonites,
17 and the Arabah with the Jordan as the
boundary, from Chinnereth to the Sea of the
Arabah, the Salt Sea, below the slopes of Pisgah
on the east.
18 At that time I commanded you, saying, 'The
LORD your God has given you this land to
possess. All your valiant men shall cross over
armed before your brothers, the Israelites.
19 Only your wives, your little ones, and your
livestock (I know you have abundant livestock)
shall remain in the cities I have given you,
20 until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as
to you, and they too possess the land that the
LORD your God is giving them on the other side
of the Jordan. Then each of you shall return to
the possession I have given you.'
21 At that time I also commanded Joshua,
saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD
your God has done to these two kings. So the
LORD will do to all the kingdoms into which you
are crossing.

22 Do not fear them, for the LORD your God is
himself the one who fights for you.'
23 At that time I pleaded with the LORD, saying,
24 'Lord GOD, you have begun to show your
servant your greatness and your mighty hand.
For what god is there in heaven or on earth who
can do works and mighty deeds like yours?
25 Please let me cross over and see the good
land on the other side of the Jordan, that good
hill country and Lebanon.'
26 But the LORD was angry with me because of
you and did not listen to me. The LORD said to
me, 'Enough! Do not speak to me again about
this matter.
27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your
eyes westward, northward, southward, and
eastward. See it with your eyes, for you shall not
cross this Jordan.
28 Commission Joshua, strengthen him, and
encourage him, for he shall cross over before
this people, and he shall cause them to inherit
the land you will see.'
29 So we stayed in the valley opposite
Beth-peor.

4

1 Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and
judgments that I am teaching you to do, so that
you may live, enter, and possess the land that
the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
2 You shall not add to the word I command
you or take away from it, so that you may keep

the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.
3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you every man who followed Baal-peor.
4 But you who hold fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.
5 Look, I have taught you statutes and judgments, as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may do them in the land you are entering to possess.
6 Keep them and do them, for this is your wisdom and understanding before the eyes of the peoples, who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people.'
7 For what great nation has gods as near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call upon him?
8 And what great nation has statutes and judgments as righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
9 Only take care and guard your soul very carefully, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children:
10 the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to me, and I will let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days they live on the earth and teach their children.'

11 You came near and stood at the foot of the
mountain. The mountain burned with fire to the
heart of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick
gloom.
12 The LORD spoke to you from the midst of
the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw
no form, only a voice.
13 He declared to you his covenant, which he
commanded you to do, the Ten Commandments,
and he wrote them on two tablets of stone.
14 At that time the LORD commanded me to
teach you statutes and judgments for you to do
in the land you are crossing over to possess.
15 Guard your souls very carefully, for you saw
no form on the day the LORD spoke to you at
Horeb from the midst of the fire,
16 lest you corrupt yourselves and make for
yourselves a carved image in the form of any
figure: the likeness of male or female,
17 the likeness of any animal on the earth, the
likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky,
18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the
ground, the likeness of any fish in the waters
beneath the earth;
19 and lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, see
the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of
heaven, and be drawn away to bow down to
them and serve them, which the LORD your God
has allotted to all the peoples under all heaven.
20 But the LORD took you and brought you out
of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people
of his inheritance, as you are this day.
21 The LORD was angry with me on your

account and swore that I would not cross the
Jordan or enter the good land that the LORD
your God is giving you as an inheritance.
22 For I will die in this land; I will not cross the
Jordan. But you will cross over and possess this
good land.
23 Take care, lest you forget the covenant of
the LORD your God that he made with you, and
make for yourselves a carved image in the form
of anything the LORD your God has forbidden
you.
24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire,
a jealous God.
25 When you have children and children's
children and have lived long in the land, if you
corrupt yourselves, make a carved image in the
form of anything, and do evil in the eyes of the
LORD your God to provoke him to anger,
26 I call heaven and earth to witness against
you today that you will surely perish quickly
from the land you are crossing the Jordan to
possess. You will not prolong your days in it, but
will surely be destroyed.
27 The LORD will scatter you among the
peoples, and you will be left few in number
among the nations where the LORD leads you.
28 There you will serve gods made by human
hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor
hear nor eat nor smell.
29 But from there you will seek the LORD your
God, and you will find him if you seek him with
all your heart and with all your soul.
30 When you are in distress and all these

things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice.
31 For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not abandon you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.
32 Ask now about the former days that were before you, since the day God created human beings on the earth, and from one end of heaven to the other: Has anything like this great thing ever happened, or has anything like it been heard?
33 Has any people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and lived?
34 Or has any god attempted to go and take for himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, signs, wonders, war, a mighty hand, an outstretched arm, and great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
35 You were shown this so that you might know that the LORD is God. There is no other besides him.
36 From heaven he let you hear his voice to instruct you. On earth he showed you his great fire, and you heard his words from the midst of the fire.
37 Because he loved your fathers and chose his descendants after him, he brought you out of Egypt with his presence and his great power,
38 to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you, to bring you in and give you

their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.
39 Know therefore today and take to heart that
the LORD is God in heaven above and on the
earth beneath. There is no other.
40 You shall keep his statutes and his
commandments that I command you today, so
that it may go well with you and your children
after you, and so that you may prolong your
days in the land that the LORD your God is
giving you for all time."
41 Then Moses set apart three cities beyond the
Jordan toward the sunrise,
42 so that a killer who killed his neighbor
unintentionally, without having hated him
previously, might flee there. He could flee to one
of these cities and live:
43 Bezer in the wilderness, in the plateau
country, for the Reubenites; Ramoth in Gilead
for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan for the
Manassites.
44 This is the law that Moses set before the
Israelites.
45 These are the testimonies, statutes, and
judgments that Moses spoke to the Israelites
when they came out of Egypt,
46 beyond the Jordan, in the valley opposite
Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the
Amorites, who lived in Heshbon. Moses and the
Israelites defeated him when they came out of
Egypt,
47 and took possession of his land and the land
of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the
Amorites who were beyond the Jordan toward
the sunrise,

48 from Aroer on the edge of the Arnon Valley
to Mount Sion, that is, Hermon,
49 and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan to the
east, as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the
slopes of Pisgah.

5

1 Moses called all Israel and said to them,
“Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments that I
speak in your hearing today. Learn them and be
careful to do them.
2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us
at Horeb.
3 The LORD did not make this covenant with
our fathers, but with us, all of us here alive
today.
4 The LORD spoke with you face to face at the
mountain from the midst of the fire.
5 I was standing between the LORD and you at
that time to declare the LORD's word to you, for
you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the
mountain. He said:
6 ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery.
7 You shall have no other gods before me.
8 You shall not make for yourself a carved
image, or any likeness of anything in the
heavens above, or on the earth beneath, or in
the waters under the earth.
9 You shall not bow down to them or serve
them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the

children, to the third and fourth generations of
those who hate me,
10 but showing steadfast love to thousands, to
those who love me and keep my
commandments.
11 You shall not take the name of the LORD
your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold
guiltless anyone who takes his name in vain.
12 Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as
the LORD your God has commanded you.
13 Six days you shall labor and do all your
work,
14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the
LORD your God. On it you shall not do any
work: you, your son, your daughter, your male
slave, your female slave, your ox, your donkey,
any of your livestock, or the resident foreigner
within your gates, so that your male slave and
your female slave may rest as you do.
15 Remember that you were a slave in the land
of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you
out from there with a mighty hand and an
outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God
commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
16 Honor your father and your mother, as the
LORD your God has commanded you, so that
your days may be long and it may go well with
you in the land that the LORD your God is giving
you.
17 You shall not murder.
18 Neither shall you commit adultery.
19 Neither shall you steal.

20 Neither shall you bear false witness against
your neighbor.
21 Neither shall you covet your neighbor's
wife, nor desire your neighbor's house, his field,
his male slave, his female slave, his ox, his
donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbor.'
22 These words the LORD spoke to your whole
assembly at the mountain from the midst of the
fire, the cloud, and the thick gloom, with a loud
voice, and he added no more. He wrote them on
two tablets of stone and gave them to me.
23 When you heard the voice from the midst of
the darkness, while the mountain was burning
with fire, all the heads of your tribes and your
elders came near to me,
24 and you said, 'Look, the LORD our God has
shown us his glory and greatness, and we have
heard his voice from the midst of the fire. Today
we have seen that God speaks with a human
being, and that person lives.
25 Now why should we die? This great fire will
consume us. If we continue to hear the voice of
the LORD our God, we will die.
26 For who of all flesh has heard the voice of
the living God speaking from the midst of the
fire, as we have, and lived?
27 You go near and hear all that the LORD our
God says. Then tell us all that the LORD our God
speaks to you, and we will hear and do it.'
28 The LORD heard the sound of your words
when you spoke to me. The LORD said to me, 'I
have heard the sound of the words this people

has spoken to you. All that they have said is
good.
29 Oh, that they had such a heart to fear me
and keep all my commandments always, so that
it might go well with them and their children
forever!
30 Go and tell them, “Return to your tents.”
31 But you, stand here with me, and I will
speak to you the whole commandment, the
statutes and the judgments, which you shall
teach them, so that they may do them in the
land I am giving them to possess.’
32 You shall be careful to do as the LORD your
God has commanded you. You shall turn neither
to the right nor to the left.
33 You shall walk in all the way that the LORD
your God has commanded you, so that you may
live, that it may go well with you, and that you
may prolong your days in the land you will
possess.

6

1 This is the commandment, the statutes and
judgments, that the LORD your God commanded
to be taught to you, for you to do in the land you
are crossing over to possess,
2 so that you may fear the LORD your God,
keeping all his statutes and commandments that
I command you, you and your son and your
son’s son, all the days of your life, and so that
your days may be long.
3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do
them, so that it may go well with you and you

may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of
your fathers, has promised you, in a land
flowing with milk and honey.
4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD
is one.
5 You shall love the LORD your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and with all
your might.
6 These words that I command you today shall
be on your heart.
7 You shall teach them diligently to your
children and speak of them when you sit in your
house, when you walk along the way, when you
lie down, and when you rise.
8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be as bands between your eyes.
9 You shall write them on the doorposts of
your house and on your gates.
10 When the LORD your God brings you into
the land that he swore to your fathers, to
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, with
great and good cities that you did not build,
11 houses full of every good thing that you did
not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew,
vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant,
and you eat and are satisfied,
12 take care, lest you forget the LORD, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery.
13 You shall fear the LORD your God, serve
him, and swear by his name.
14 You shall not follow other gods, any of the
gods of the peoples around you,

15 for the LORD your God in your midst is a
jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God
burn against you and he destroy you from the
face of the earth.

16 You shall not put the LORD your God to the
test, as you tested him at Massah.
17 You shall diligently keep the
commandments of the LORD your God, his
testimonies and his statutes that he has
commanded you.
18 You shall do what is right and good in the
eyes of the LORD, so that it may go well with you
and you may enter and possess the good land
that the LORD swore to your fathers,
19 to drive out all your enemies from before
you, as the LORD has said.

20 When your son asks you in time to come,
'What do the testimonies, statutes, and
judgments that the LORD our God commanded
you mean?'
21 you shall say to your son, 'We were
Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and the LORD
brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
22 The LORD did great and terrible signs and
wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh, and
against all his household before our eyes.
23 He brought us out from there so that he
might bring us in and give us the land that he
swore to our fathers.
24 The LORD commanded us to do all these
statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good
always, to preserve us alive, as we are this day.

25 It will be righteousness for us if we are
careful to do all this commandment before the
LORD our God, as he has commanded us.'

7

1 When the LORD your God brings you into the
land you are entering to possess and drives out
many nations from before you, the Hittites,
Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites,
Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations more
numerous and stronger than you,
2 and the LORD your God gives them over to
you and you strike them, you shall devote them
completely to destruction. You shall make no
covenant with them and show them no favor.
3 You shall not intermarry with them. You
shall not give your daughter to his son or take
his daughter for your son,
4 for he will turn your son away from
following me, and they will serve other gods.
Then the LORD's anger will burn against you,
and he will destroy you quickly.
5 But this is what you shall do to them: tear
down their altars, break their pillars, cut down
their Asherah poles, and burn their carved
images with fire.
6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your
God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a
people for his treasured possession, out of all
the peoples on the face of the earth.
7 The LORD did not set his love on you or
choose you because you were more numerous

than all the peoples, for you were the fewest of all the peoples.
8 But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your fathers, the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,
10 and repays those who hate him to their faces, to destroy them. He does not delay toward one who hates him; he repays him to his face.
11 You shall therefore keep the commandment, the statutes and the judgments, that I command you today, to do them.

12 If you listen to these judgments, keep them, and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.
13 He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain, your new wine, your oil, the young of your cattle and the young of your flocks, on the land he swore to your fathers to give you.
14 You shall be blessed above all peoples. No male or female among you or among your livestock shall be barren.
15 The LORD will take away from you all sickness. None of the dreadful diseases of Egypt

that you knew will he put upon you, but he will put them upon all who hate you.
16 You shall devour all the peoples whom the LORD your God gives you. Your eye shall have no pity on them, and you shall not serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

17 If you say in your heart, 'These nations are more numerous than I am. How can I dispossess them?'
18 you shall not fear them. You shall surely remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:
19 the great trials your eyes saw, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God brought you out. So the LORD your God will do to all the peoples you fear.
20 The LORD your God will also send hornets among them until those who remain and those who hide from you perish.
21 You shall not be terrified before them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and fearsome God.
22 The LORD your God will drive out these nations from before you little by little. You will not be able to finish them off quickly, lest the wild animals of the field multiply against you.
23 But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed.
24 He will give their kings into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under

heaven. No one shall stand before you until you
have destroyed them.
25 You shall burn the carved images of their
gods with fire. You shall not covet the silver and
gold on them or take it for yourself, lest you be
ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the
LORD your God.
26 You shall not bring an abomination into
your house and become devoted to destruction
like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly
abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

8

1 You shall be careful to do the whole
commandment that I command you today, so
that you may live and multiply, and enter and
possess the land that the LORD swore to your
fathers.
2 You shall remember all the way that the
LORD your God has led you these forty years in
the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to
know what was in your heart, whether you
would keep his commandments or not.
3 He humbled you, made you go hungry, and
fed you with manna, which you did not know
and your fathers had not known, to make you
know that man does not live by bread alone, but
man lives by everything that comes from the
mouth of the LORD.
4 Your clothing did not wear out on you, and
your foot did not swell these forty years.
5 Know in your heart that, as a man disciplines
his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.

6 You shall keep the commandments of the
LORD your God, walking in his ways and fearing
him.
7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a
good land, a land of streams of water, springs
and deep waters welling up in valleys and hills,
8 a land of wheat and barley, vines, fig trees,
and pomegranates, a land of olive trees yielding
oil and of honey,
9 a land where you will eat bread without
scarcity and lack nothing, a land whose stones
are iron and from whose mountains you can
quarry copper.
10 You shall eat and be satisfied, and bless the
LORD your God for the good land he has given
you.
11 Take care lest you forget the LORD your God
by failing to keep his commandments, his
judgments, and his statutes that I command you
today:
12 lest, when you eat and are satisfied and
build good houses and live in them,
13 and your herds and flocks multiply, your
silver and gold multiply, and all that you have
multiplies,
14 your heart be lifted up and you forget the
LORD your God, who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
15 who led you through the great and
fearsome wilderness, with fiery serpents and
scorpions and thirst where there was no water,
who brought water for you out of the flint rock,
16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna

that your fathers had not known, to humble you
and test you, to do you good in the end,
17 and you say in your heart, ‘My power and
the might of my hand have made this wealth for
me.’
18 But you shall remember the LORD your
God, for he is the one who gives you power to
make wealth, to establish his covenant that he
swore to your fathers, as it is this day.
19 If you do forget the LORD your God and
follow other gods, serve them, and bow down to
them, I testify against you today that you shall
surely perish.
20 Like the nations that the LORD makes perish
before you, so you shall perish, because you
would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

9

1 Hear, O Israel: You are about to cross the
Jordan today, to enter and dispossess nations
greater and stronger than you, with cities great
and fortified up to heaven,
2 a people great and tall, the sons of the
Anakim, whom you know and of whom you
have heard, ‘Who can stand before the sons of
Anak?’
3 Know therefore today that the LORD your
God is the one who crosses over before you as a
consuming fire. He will destroy them, and he
will subdue them before you. You shall
dispossess them and make them perish quickly,
as the LORD has told you.

4 When the LORD your God drives them out
from before you, do not say in your heart,
'Because of my righteousness the LORD has
brought me in to possess this land.' It is because
of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD
is dispossessing them before you.
5 It is not because of your righteousness or the
uprightness of your heart that you are entering
to possess their land, but because of the
wickedness of these nations the LORD your God
is dispossessing them before you, and to
establish the word that the LORD swore to your
fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
6 Know therefore that it is not because of your
righteousness that the LORD your God is giving
you this good land to possess, for you are a
stiff-necked people.
7 Remember, and do not forget, how you
provoked the LORD your God to anger in the
wilderness. From the day you came out of the
land of Egypt until you came to this place, you
have been rebellious against the LORD.
8 At Horeb you provoked the LORD to anger,
and the LORD was angry enough with you to
destroy you.
9 When I went up the mountain to receive the
stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant that the
LORD had made with you, I stayed on the
mountain forty days and forty nights. I ate no
bread and drank no water.
10 The LORD gave me the two stone tablets
written with the finger of God. On them were all
the words that the LORD had spoken with you at

the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.
11 At the end of forty days and forty nights, the LORD gave me the two stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant.
12 The LORD said to me, ‘Rise, go down quickly from here, for your people, whom you brought out of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have quickly turned aside from the way I commanded them. They have made a cast image for themselves.’
13 The LORD spoke to me, saying, ‘I have seen this people, and look, they are a stiff-necked people.
14 Leave me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. I will make of you a nation stronger and more numerous than they.’
15 I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain was burning with fire. The two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.
16 I saw that you had sinned against the LORD your God. You had made a cast calf for yourselves and had quickly turned aside from the way the LORD had commanded you.
17 I took hold of the two tablets, threw them from my two hands, and broke them before your eyes.
18 I fell down before the LORD, as before, forty days and forty nights. I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing evil in the LORD’s eyes to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and wrath with
which the LORD was angry against you, to
destroy you. But the LORD listened to me that
time also.
20 The LORD was also very angry with Aaron,
to destroy him. I prayed for Aaron also at that
time.
21 I took your sin, the calf you had made, and
burned it with fire. I crushed it, grinding it
thoroughly until it was fine as dust, and threw
its dust into the stream that came down from
the mountain.
22 At Taberah, Massah, and Kibroth-hattaavah
you also provoked the LORD to anger.
23 When the LORD sent you from
Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the
land I have given you,' you rebelled against the
command of the LORD your God. You did not
believe him or obey his voice.
24 You have been rebellious against the LORD
since the day I came to know you.
25 I fell down before the LORD those forty days
and forty nights that I lay prostrate, because the
LORD had said he would destroy you.
26 I prayed to the LORD and said, 'Lord GOD,
do not destroy your people and your
inheritance, whom you redeemed in your
greatness and brought out of Egypt with a
mighty hand.
27 Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob. Do not look at this people's
stubbornness, wickedness, and sin,
28 lest the land from which you brought us out

say, “Because the LORD was unable to bring
them into the land he promised them, and
because he hated them, he brought them out to
put them to death in the wilderness.”
29 But they are your people and your
inheritance, whom you brought out by your
great power and your outstretched arm.’

10

1 At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Cut for
yourself two stone tablets like the first, come up
to me on the mountain, and make for yourself
an ark of wood.
2 I will write on the tablets the words that
were on the first tablets, which you broke, and
you shall put them in the ark.’
3 So I made an ark of acacia wood and cut two
stone tablets like the first. I went up the
mountain with the two tablets in my hand.
4 He wrote on the tablets, as in the first
writing, the Ten Commandments that the LORD
had spoken to you at the mountain from the
midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. The
LORD gave them to me.
5 I turned and came down from the mountain
and put the tablets in the ark I had made. There
they remained, as the LORD had commanded
me.
6 (The Israelites set out from
Beeroth-bene-jaakan to Moserah. Aaron died
there and was buried there, and his son Eleazar
served as priest in his place.

7 From there they set out to Gudgodah, and
from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of streams
of water.
8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of
Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve him
and bless in his name, to this day.
9 Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance
with his brothers. The LORD is his inheritance,
as the LORD your God told him.)
10 I stayed on the mountain as on the first
days, forty days and forty nights. The LORD
listened to me that time also. The LORD was
unwilling to destroy you.
11 The LORD said to me, 'Rise and set out
before the people, so that they may enter and
possess the land I swore to their fathers to give
them.'
12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your
God require of you but to fear the LORD your
God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, and to
serve the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul,
13 and to keep the LORD's commandments and
his statutes that I command you today for your
good?
14 Look, to the LORD your God belong the
heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth
and all that is in it.
15 Yet the LORD set his affection on your
fathers to love them, and chose their
descendants after them, you out of all the
peoples, as it is this day.

16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your
heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.
17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and
Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and fearsome
God, who shows no partiality and takes no bribe.
18 He executes justice for the fatherless and
the widow, and loves the resident foreigner,
giving him bread and clothing.
19 You shall love the resident foreigner, for you
were resident foreigners in the land of Egypt.
20 You shall fear the LORD your God. Him you
shall serve, to him you shall hold fast, and by his
name you shall swear.
21 He is your praise, and he is your God, who
has done for you these great and fearsome
things that your eyes have seen.
22 Your fathers went down to Egypt, seventy
people in all, and now the LORD your God has
made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

11

1 You shall love the LORD your God and keep
his charge, his statutes, his judgments, and his
commandments always.
2 Know today that I am not speaking with your
children, who have not known or seen the
discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness,
his mighty hand and outstretched arm,
3 his signs and deeds that he did in the midst
of Egypt to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to all his
land,
4 and what he did to the army of Egypt, to its
horses and chariots, when he caused the waters

of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued
you, and the LORD destroyed them to this day;
5 what he did for you in the wilderness until
you came to this place;
6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the
sons of Eliab son of Reuben, when the earth
opened its mouth and swallowed them, their
households, their tents, and every living thing in
their possession, in the midst of all Israel.
7 For it was your own eyes that saw all the
great work the LORD did.
8 Therefore keep the whole commandment
that I command you today, so that you may be
strong and enter and possess the land you are
crossing over to possess,
9 and so that you may prolong your days on
the land the LORD swore to give to your fathers
and their descendants, a land flowing with milk
and honey.

10 For the land you are entering to possess is
not like the land of Egypt, from which you came,
where you sowed your seed and watered it with
your foot, like a vegetable garden.
11 But the land you are crossing over to
possess is a land of hills and valleys that drinks
water from the rain of heaven,
12 a land the LORD your God cares for. The
eyes of the LORD your God are always on it,
from the beginning of the year to the end of the
year.

13 If you diligently listen to my
commandments that I command you today,

loving the LORD your God and serving him with
all your heart and all your soul,
14 I will give the rain for your land in its
season, the early rain and the latter rain, and
you will gather your grain, your new wine, and
your oil.
15 I will give grass in your field for your
livestock, and you will eat and be satisfied.
16 Guard yourselves, lest your heart be
deceived and you turn aside and serve other
gods and bow down to them.
17 Then the anger of the LORD will burn
against you, and he will shut up the heavens so
that there is no rain and the ground does not
yield its produce, and you will quickly perish
from the good land the LORD is giving you.
18 Lay these words of mine on your heart and
your soul. Bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be bands between your eyes.
19 Teach them to your children, speaking of
them when you sit in your house and when you
walk along the way, when you lie down and
when you rise.
20 Write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates,
21 so that your days and the days of your
children may be multiplied on the land the
LORD swore to give your fathers, like the days of
heaven over the earth.
22 For if you diligently keep this whole
commandment that I command you to do,
loving the LORD your God, walking in all his
ways, and holding fast to him,

23 then the LORD will drive out all these
nations from before you, and you will dispossess
nations greater and mightier than yourselves.
24 Every place where the sole of your foot
treads shall be yours. Your territory shall extend
from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the
River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea.
25 No one shall stand before you. The LORD
your God will put the dread and fear of you on
all the land you tread, as he has told you.

26 See, I set before you today a blessing and a
curse:
27 the blessing, if you listen to the
commandments of the LORD your God that I
command you today;
28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the
commandments of the LORD your God, but turn
aside from the way that I command you today to
follow other gods you have not known.

29 When the LORD your God brings you into
the land you are entering to possess, you shall
place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the
curse on Mount Ebal.
30 Are they not beyond the Jordan, beyond the
way toward the setting of the sun, in the land of
the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite
Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?
31 For you are crossing the Jordan to enter and
possess the land the LORD your God is giving
you. You shall possess it and live in it.
32 Be careful to do all the statutes and
judgments that I set before you today.

12

1 These are the statutes and judgments you
shall be careful to do in the land the LORD, the
God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all
the days you live on the earth.
2 You shall utterly destroy all the places where
the nations you are dispossessing served their
gods, on the high mountains, on the hills, and
under every leafy tree.
3 Tear down their altars, break their pillars,
burn their Asherah poles with fire, and cut
down the carved images of their gods. Destroy
their name from that place.
4 You shall not do so to the LORD your God.
5 Instead, seek his dwelling at the place the
LORD your God will choose from all your tribes
to put his name there, and go there.
6 There you shall bring your burnt offerings,
your sacrifices, your tithes, the raised offering of
your hand, your vow offerings, your freewill
offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and
flocks.
7 There you shall eat before the LORD your
God and rejoice, you and your households, in all
you put your hand to, in which the LORD your
God has blessed you.
8 You shall not do as we are doing here today,
everyone doing whatever is right in his own
eyes,
9 for you have not yet come to the rest and the
inheritance the LORD your God is giving you.
10 But you shall cross the Jordan and live in
the land the LORD your God is giving you as an

inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you, so that you live in safety.

11 Then to the place the LORD your God will choose to make his name dwell there, you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the raised offering of your hand, and all the choice vow offerings you vow to the LORD.

12 You shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, and the Levite within your gates, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

13 Be careful not to offer your burnt offerings at any place you see,

14 but only at the place the LORD will choose in one of your tribes. There you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15 However, you may slaughter animals and eat meat within all your gates, as much as your soul desires, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat it, as they would a gazelle or deer.

16 Only you shall not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water.

17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, your new wine, or your oil, the firstborn of your herds or flocks, any of the vow offerings you vow, your freewill offerings, or the raised offering of your hand.

18 But you shall eat it before the LORD your

God at the place the LORD your God will choose,
you, your son and daughter, your male and
female slave, and the Levite within your gates.
Rejoice before the LORD your God in all you put
your hand to.
19 Be careful not to forsake the Levite all your
days on your land.
20 When the LORD your God enlarges your
territory, as he has told you, and you say, 'I will
eat meat,' because your soul desires to eat meat,
you may eat meat as much as your soul desires.
21 If the place the LORD your God will choose
to put his name there is too far from you, you
may slaughter animals from your herds and
flocks that the LORD has given you, as I have
commanded you, and eat within your gates as
much as your soul desires.
22 You shall eat it as a gazelle or deer is eaten;
the unclean and the clean may eat it together.
23 Only be firm in not eating the blood, for the
blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life
with the meat.
24 You shall not eat it; pour it out on the
ground like water.
25 You shall not eat it, so that it may go well
with you and your children after you, because
you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD.
26 But take the holy things you have and your
vow offerings, and go to the place the LORD will
choose.
27 Offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the
blood, on the altar of the LORD your God. The
blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on

the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the meat.
28 Keep and listen to all these words that I command you, so that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, because you do what is good and right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

29 When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations you are entering to dispossess, and you dispossess them and live in their land,
30 be careful not to be ensnared into following them after they have been destroyed from before you. Do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I will do the same.'
31 You shall not do so to the LORD your God, for they have done for their gods every abomination the LORD hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.
32 Be careful to do everything that I command you. You shall not add to it or take away from it.

13

1 If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,
2 and the sign and the wonder he told you of come to pass, and he says, 'Let us follow other gods you have not known, and let us serve them,'
3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether

you love the LORD your God with all your heart
and all your soul.
4 You shall follow the LORD your God and fear
him, keep his commandments and listen to his
voice, serve him and hold fast to him.
5 That prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall
be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion
against the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from
the house of slavery, to turn you from the way
the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So
you shall purge the evil from among you.
6 If your brother, the son of your mother, or
your son or daughter, or the wife of your bosom,
or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly
entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other
gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have
known,
7 from among the gods of the peoples around
you, whether near you or far from you, from
one end of the earth to the other,
8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him.
Your eye shall not pity him; you shall not spare
him or conceal him.
9 You shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be
the first against him to put him to death, and
afterward the hand of all the people.
10 Stone him to death, because he sought to
turn you away from the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the
house of slavery.
11 All Israel shall hear and fear, and never
again do such an evil thing among you.

12 If you hear it said of one of your cities that
the LORD your God is giving you to live in,
13 'Worthless men have gone out from among
you and have led the inhabitants of their city
astray, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods,"
which you have not known,'
14 then you shall inquire, investigate, and
question carefully. If it is true and the matter is
confirmed that this abomination has been done
among you,
15 you shall surely strike the inhabitants of
that city with the edge of the sword. Devote it to
destruction, with all that is in it, and its
livestock, with the edge of the sword.
16 Gather all its spoil into the middle of its
public square, and burn the city and all its spoil
with fire, entirely for the LORD your God. It
shall remain a heap of ruins forever; it shall
never be rebuilt.
17 Nothing devoted to destruction shall cling to
your hand, so that the LORD may turn from his
burning anger and give you mercy, have
compassion on you, and multiply you, as he
swore to your fathers,
18 when you listen to the voice of the LORD
your God, keeping all his commandments that I
command you today, to do what is right in the
eyes of the LORD your God.

14

1 You are children of the LORD your God. You
shall not cut yourselves or make a bald patch
between your eyes for the dead.

2 For you are a holy people to the LORD your
God, and the LORD has chosen you to be his
treasured possession from all the peoples on the
face of the earth.
3 You shall not eat any abominable thing.
4 These are the animals you may eat: the ox,
the sheep, and the goat;
5 the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild
goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the wild sheep.
6 You may eat any animal that divides the hoof,
has the hoof split in two, and brings up the cud.
7 But among those that bring up the cud or
divide the split hoof, you shall not eat these: the
camel, the hare, and the hyrax, for they bring up
the cud but do not divide the hoof; they are
unclean to you.
8 And the pig, because it divides the hoof but
does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. You
shall not eat their flesh or touch their carcasses.
9 Of all that is in the water, you may eat these:
anything that has fins and scales you may eat.
10 But anything that does not have fins and
scales you shall not eat; it is unclean to you.
11 You may eat any clean bird.
12 But these you shall not eat: the eagle, the
bearded vulture, and the vulture;
13 the bird of prey, the falcon, and the kite of
every kind;
14 every raven of every kind;
15 the ostrich, the owl, the gull, and the hawk
of every kind;
16 the little owl, the great owl, and the white
owl;

17 the pelican, the carrion vulture, and the
cormorant;
18 the stork, the heron of every kind, the
hoopoe, and the bat.
19 Every winged swarming creature is unclean
to you; they shall not be eaten.
20 You may eat any clean flying creature.
21 You shall not eat any animal that dies of
itself. You may give it to the resident foreigner
within your gates, and he may eat it, or you may
sell it to a foreigner, for you are a holy people to
the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young
goat in its mother's milk.
22 You shall surely tithe all the yield of your
seed that the field produces year by year.
23 Before the LORD your God, at the place he
will choose to make his name dwell there, you
shall eat the tithe of your grain, your new wine,
and your oil, and the firstborn of your herds and
flocks, so that you may learn to fear the LORD
your God always.
24 If the journey is too long for you to carry it,
because the place the LORD your God will
choose to put his name there is far from you,
when the LORD your God blesses you,
25 then exchange it for money, bind up the
money in your hand, and go to the place the
LORD your God will choose.
26 Spend the money on whatever your soul
desires: cattle, sheep or goats, wine, strong
drink, or whatever your soul asks of you. Eat
there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you
and your household.

27 You shall not forsake the Levite within your
gates, for he has no portion or inheritance with
you.
28 At the end of every three years, bring out all
the tithe of your produce for that year and store
it within your gates.
29 The Levite, who has no portion or
inheritance with you, the resident foreigner, the
fatherless, and the widow within your gates
shall come and eat and be satisfied, so that the
LORD your God may bless you in all the work of
your hand that you do.

15

1 At the end of every seven years, you shall
grant a release from debt.
2 This is the manner of the release: every
creditor shall release what he has lent to his
neighbor. He shall not demand payment from
his neighbor or his brother, because a release to
the LORD has been proclaimed.
3 You may demand payment from a foreigner,
but your hand shall release what your brother
owes you.
4 However, there shall be no poor among you,
for the LORD will surely bless you in the land
the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance to possess,
5 if only you diligently listen to the voice of the
LORD your God, being careful to do this whole
commandment that I command you today.
6 For the LORD your God will have blessed
you, as he has told you. You shall lend to many

nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall rule
over many nations, but they shall not rule over
you.

7 If there is a poor man among you, one of
your brothers within any of your gates in the
land the LORD your God is giving you, you shall
not harden your heart or close your hand
against your poor brother.
8 Instead, open your hand wide to him and
surely lend him enough for his need, whatever
he lacks.
9 Be careful lest a worthless thought arise in
your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of
release, is near,' and your eye be evil toward
your poor brother and you give him nothing. He
will cry to the LORD against you, and you will be
guilty of sin.
10 You shall surely give to him, and your heart
shall not be grudging when you give to him,
because for this the LORD your God will bless
you in all your work and in all you put your
hand to.
11 For the poor will never cease from the land.
Therefore I command you, saying, 'Open your
hand wide to your brother, to the poor and
needy in your land.'

12 If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew
woman, is sold to you and serves you six years,
in the seventh year you shall send him away
free.
13 When you send him away free, you shall not
send him away empty-handed.

14 Supply him generously from your flock,
your threshing floor, and your winepress. Give
to him from what the LORD your God has
blessed you with.
15 Remember that you were a slave in the land
of Egypt and that the LORD your God redeemed
you. Therefore I command you this today.
16 But if he says to you, 'I will not leave you,'
because he loves you and your household,
because he fares well with you,
17 then take an awl and drive it through his
ear into the door, and he shall be your slave
forever. Do the same for your female slave.
18 It shall not seem hard to you to send him
away free, for his six years of service to you
have been worth twice the wages of a hired
worker. The LORD your God will bless you in all
you do.
19 You shall consecrate to the LORD your God
every firstborn male born among your herds
and flocks. You shall not work with the firstborn
of your cattle or shear the firstborn of your flock.
20 You and your household shall eat it before
the LORD your God year by year, at the place the
LORD will choose.
21 But if it has a blemish, if it is lame or blind,
or has any serious blemish, you shall not
sacrifice it to the LORD your God.
22 You shall eat it within your gates; the
unclean and the clean may eat it together, as
they would a gazelle or deer.
23 Only you shall not eat its blood; pour it out
on the ground like water.

16

1 Observe the month of Abib and keep the
Passover to the LORD your God, for in the
month of Abib the LORD your God brought you
out of Egypt by night.
2 You shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD
your God, from the flock and the herd, at the
place the LORD will choose to make his name
dwell there.
3 You shall not eat leavened bread with it. For
seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with
it, the bread of affliction, for you came out of the
land of Egypt in haste, so that all the days of
your life you may remember the day you came
out of the land of Egypt.
4 No leaven shall be seen with you in all your
territory for seven days, and none of the meat
you sacrifice on the evening of the first day shall
remain until morning.
5 You may not sacrifice the Passover within
any of your gates that the LORD your God is
giving you,
6 but only at the place the LORD your God will
choose to make his name dwell there. There you
shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening, at
sunset, at the appointed time of your departure
from Egypt.
7 You shall cook it and eat it at the place the
LORD your God will choose. In the morning,
turn and go to your tents.
8 For six days you shall eat unleavened bread,
and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn
assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no

work.

9 You shall count seven weeks. From when the
sickle is first put to the standing grain, begin to
count seven weeks.
10 Keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your
God with the full freewill offering of your hand
that you give according to how the LORD your
God blesses you.
11 Rejoice before the LORD your God, you,
your son and daughter, your male and female
slave, the Levite within your gates, and the
resident foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow
among you, at the place the LORD your God will
choose to make his name dwell there.
12 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt,
and keep and do these statutes.

13 Keep the Feast of Booths for seven days,
when you gather in from your threshing floor
and your winepress.
14 Rejoice at your feast, you, your son and
daughter, your male and female slave, the
Levite, the resident foreigner, the fatherless, and
the widow within your gates.
15 For seven days you shall keep the feast to
the LORD your God at the place the LORD will
choose, for the LORD your God will bless you in
all your produce and in all the work of your
hands, and you shall be wholly joyful.
16 Three times a year all your males shall
appear before the LORD your God at the place
he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened
Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of

Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD
empty-handed.
17 Each shall give according to the gift of his
hand, according to the blessing the LORD your
God has given you.
18 Appoint judges and officers within all your
gates that the LORD your God is giving you,
according to your tribes, and they shall judge
the people with righteous judgment.
19 You shall not pervert justice, show partiality,
or take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the
wise and twists the words of the righteous.
20 Justice, justice you shall pursue, so that you
may live and possess the land the LORD your
God is giving you.
21 You shall not plant an Asherah pole of any
kind of wood beside the altar of the LORD your
God that you make for yourself.
22 Nor shall you set up a pillar for yourself,
which the LORD your God hates.

17

1 You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God
an ox or an animal from the flock that has a
blemish or any defect, for that is an
abomination to the LORD your God.
2 If there is found among you, within any of
your gates that the LORD your God is giving you,
a man or woman who does what is evil in the
eyes of the LORD your God, transgressing his
covenant,
3 and goes and serves other gods and bows
down to them, to the sun or the moon or any of

the host of heaven, which I have not
commanded,
4 and it is reported to you and you hear of it,
then inquire carefully. If it is true and the
matter is confirmed that this abomination has
been done in Israel,
5 then bring out to your gates that man or
woman who has done this evil thing, the man or
the woman, and stone them to death.
6 On the testimony of two witnesses or three
witnesses, the one condemned to death shall be
put to death. He shall not be put to death on the
testimony of one witness.
7 The hand of the witnesses shall be the first
against him to put him to death, and afterward
the hand of all the people. So you shall purge
the evil from among you.

8 If a case is too difficult for you to judge,
between one kind of bloodshed and another,
between one legal claim and another, or
between one injury and another, matters of
dispute within your gates, then arise and go up
to the place the LORD your God will choose.
9 Go to the Levitical priests and to the judge
who is in office in those days. Inquire, and they
shall declare to you the decision of the judgment.
10 Act according to the decision they declare to
you from that place the LORD will choose, and
be careful to do all that they teach you.
11 Act according to the instruction they teach
you and the judgment they tell you. You shall
not turn aside from the decision they declare to
you, to the right or to the left.

12 The man who acts presumptuously, refusing
to listen to the priest who stands there to serve
the LORD your God, or to the judge, that man
shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.
13 All the people shall hear and fear and no
longer act presumptuously.

14 When you enter the land the LORD your
God is giving you, possess it and live in it, and
say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations
around me,'
15 you shall surely set over you a king whom
the LORD your God will choose. You shall set a
king over you from among your brothers. You
may not set over you a foreigner who is not your
brother.
16 Only he shall not multiply horses for
himself or cause the people to return to Egypt to
multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you,
'You shall never return by this way again.'
17 He shall not multiply wives for himself, so
that his heart does not turn aside, nor shall he
greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.
18 When he sits on the throne of his kingdom,
he shall write for himself on a scroll a copy of
this law from what is before the Levitical priests.
19 It shall be with him, and he shall read in it
all the days of his life, so that he may learn to
fear the LORD his God, keeping all the words of
this law and these statutes, to do them,
20 so that his heart is not lifted up above his
brothers and he does not turn aside from the
commandment, to the right or to the left, so that
he and his sons may prolong their days in his

kingdom in the midst of Israel.

18

1 The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi,
shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel.
They shall eat the LORD's offerings by fire and
his inheritance.
2 He shall have no inheritance among his
brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, as he has
told him.
3 This shall be the priests' due from the people,
from those who offer a sacrifice, whether an ox
or an animal from the flock: they shall give the
priest the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the
stomach.
4 You shall give him the first of your grain,
your new wine, and your oil, and the first of the
fleece of your flock,
5 for the LORD your God has chosen him from
all your tribes to stand and serve in the name of
the LORD, he and his sons always.
6 If a Levite comes from any of your gates,
from anywhere in Israel where he resides, and
comes with all the desire of his soul to the place
the LORD will choose,
7 then he shall serve in the name of the LORD
his God like all his fellow Levites who stand
there before the LORD.
8 They shall eat equal portions, apart from
what he receives from the sale of his family
property.
9 When you enter the land the LORD your God
is giving you, you shall not learn to do the
abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you anyone
who makes his son or daughter pass through the
fire, anyone who practices divination, a
soothsayer, an interpreter of omens, or a
sorcerer,
11 one who casts spells, one who consults a
medium or a spiritist, or one who inquires of the
dead.
12 For everyone who does these things is an
abomination to the LORD, and because of these
abominations the LORD your God is driving
them out from before you.
13 You shall be blameless with the LORD your
God.
14 For these nations you are dispossessing
listen to soothsayers and diviners, but the LORD
your God has not permitted you to do so.
15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a
prophet like me from among you, from your
brothers. You shall listen to him,
16 according to all you asked of the LORD your
God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying,
‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my
God or see this great fire anymore, so that I do
not die.’
17 The LORD said to me, ‘They have done well
in what they have said.
18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their brothers. I will put my words
in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that
I command him.
19 And the man who does not listen to my
words that he speaks in my name, I myself will
call him to account.

20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a
word in my name that I have not commanded
him to speak, or who speaks in the name of
other gods, that prophet shall die.'
21 If you say in your heart, 'How shall we
know the word the LORD has not spoken?'
22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the
LORD, and the word does not happen or come to
pass, that is the word the LORD has not spoken.
The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you
shall not fear him.

19

1 When the LORD your God cuts off the
nations whose land the LORD your God is giving
you, and you dispossess them and live in their
cities and houses,
2 set apart three cities for yourself in the midst
of your land that the LORD your God is giving
you to possess.
3 Prepare the way and divide into three parts
the territory of your land that the LORD your
God is giving you as an inheritance, so that any
killer may flee there.
4 This is the case of the killer who may flee
there and live: one who strikes his neighbor
unintentionally, without having hated him
previously.
5 For example, a man goes into the forest with
his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand swings
the ax to cut the tree, and the iron head slips
from the handle, strikes his neighbor, and he

dies. That man may flee to one of these cities
and live,
6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the killer
while his heart is hot, overtake him because the
journey is long, and strike him dead, though he
is not liable to a sentence of death, because he
had not hated him previously.
7 Therefore I command you, saying, ‘Set apart
three cities for yourself.’

8 If the LORD your God enlarges your territory,
as he swore to your fathers, and gives you all the
land he spoke of giving your fathers,
9 if you keep this whole commandment that I
command you today, to do it, loving the LORD
your God and walking in his ways always, then
add three more cities to these three,
10 so that innocent blood is not shed in the
midst of your land that the LORD your God is
giving you as an inheritance, and bloodguilt
does not come upon you.

11 But if a man hates his neighbor, lies in wait
for him, rises against him and strikes him
mortally so that he dies, and flees to one of these
cities,
12 then the elders of his city shall send for him,
take him from there, and deliver him into the
hand of the avenger of blood, so that he dies.
13 Your eye shall not pity him. Purge the guilt
of innocent blood from Israel, and it shall go
well with you.

14 You shall not move your neighbor’s
boundary marker that those of former times set,

in the inheritance you receive in the land the
LORD your God is giving you to possess.
15 One witness shall not stand against a man
for any iniquity or any sin, whatever sin he
commits. On the testimony of two witnesses or
on the testimony of three witnesses, a matter
shall be established.
16 If a malicious witness rises against a man to
testify against him of wrongdoing,
17 then both men who have the dispute shall
stand before the LORD, before the priests and
the judges who are in office in those days.
18 The judges shall inquire carefully, and if the
witness is a false witness who has testified
falsely against his brother,
19 then you shall do to him as he plotted to do
to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from
among you.
20 Those who remain shall hear and fear, and
never again do such an evil thing among you.
21 Your eye shall not pity: life for life, eye for
eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

20

1 When you go out to war against your
enemies and see horses and chariots and a
people more numerous than you, do not fear
them, for the LORD your God is with you, who
brought you up from the land of Egypt.
2 When you draw near to battle, the priest
shall approach and speak to the people.
3 He shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: today
you draw near to battle against your enemies.

Do not let your heart grow faint. Do not fear or
panic or be terrified before them,
4 for the LORD your God goes with you to fight
for you against your enemies, to save you.'
5 The officers shall speak to the people, saying,
'What man has built a new house and has not
dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house,
lest he die in battle and another man dedicate it.
6 And what man has planted a vineyard and
has not enjoyed its fruit? Let him go and return
to his house, lest he die in battle and another
man enjoy its fruit.
7 And what man is betrothed to a woman and
has not taken her as his wife? Let him go and
return to his house, lest he die in battle and
another man take her as his wife.'
8 The officers shall speak further to the people
and say, 'What man is fearful and fainthearted?
Let him go and return to his house, so that he
does not melt the hearts of his brothers like his
own heart.'
9 When the officers finish speaking to the
people, they shall appoint commanders of
troops at the head of the people.
10 When you draw near to a city to fight
against it, offer it peace.
11 If it answers you with peace and opens to
you, then all the people found in it shall be
subject to forced labor for you and shall serve
you.
12 But if it does not make peace with you and
makes war against you, then besiege it.
13 The LORD your God will give it into your
hand, and you shall strike all its males with the

edge of the sword.
14 But the women, the children, the livestock,
and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall
take as plunder for yourself. You shall eat the
spoil of your enemies that the LORD your God
has given you.
15 Thus you shall do to all the cities that are
very far from you, which are not among the
cities of these nations.
16 But in the cities of these peoples that the
LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance,
you shall let nothing that breathes live.
17 You shall surely devote them to destruction:
the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the
Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the
LORD your God has commanded you,
18 lest they teach you to do all the
abominations they have done for their gods and
you sin against the LORD your God.
19 When you besiege a city for many days,
fighting against it to capture it, you shall not
destroy its trees by swinging an ax against them,
for you may eat from them. You shall not cut
them down. Is the tree of the field a man, that it
should come under siege before you?
20 Only a tree that you know is not a tree for
food you may destroy and cut down, and build
siegeworks against the city that makes war with
you, until it falls.

21

1 If someone slain is found lying in the field, in
the land the LORD your God is giving you to

possess, and it is not known who struck him,
2 then your elders and judges shall go out and measure the distance to the cities around the slain man.
3 The elders of the city nearest to the slain man shall take a heifer that has not been worked and has not pulled in a yoke.
4 The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with an ever-flowing stream, where the ground is neither worked nor sown, and there in the valley they shall break the heifer's neck.
5 The priests, the sons of Levi, shall approach, for the LORD your God has chosen them to serve him and to bless in the name of the LORD, and by their word every dispute and every case of injury shall be decided.
6 All the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley.
7 They shall declare, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.
8 Forgive your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, O LORD, and do not lay the guilt of innocent blood upon your people Israel.' Thus the guilt of that blood shall be atoned for them.
9 You shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from among you when you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD.

10 When you go out to war against your enemies and the LORD your God gives them into your hand, and you take captives from them,
11 and you see among the captives a woman

beautiful in form, desire her, and take her for
yourself as a wife,
12 then bring her into your house. She shall
shave her head and trim her nails.
13 She shall take off the clothing of her
captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her
father and mother for a full month. After that
you may go in to her and be her husband, and
she shall be your wife.
14 But if you have no delight in her, let her go
free. You shall certainly not sell her for money
or treat her as a slave, because you have
humiliated her.
15 If a man has two wives, one loved and the
other hated, and both the loved and the hated
bear him sons, and the firstborn son belongs to
the hated wife,
16 then on the day he gives his sons their
inheritance from what he has, he may not make
the son of the loved wife firstborn over the son
of the hated wife, who is the firstborn.
17 He shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son
of the hated wife, by giving him a double
portion of all he has, for he is the first of his
strength. The right of the firstborn is his.
18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son
who does not listen to the voice of his father or
the voice of his mother, and though they
discipline him he does not listen to them,
19 then his father and mother shall take hold
of him and bring him out to the elders of his city,
to the gate of the place where he lives.
20 They shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This
son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He does

not listen to our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'
21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death. So you shall purge the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.
22 If a man has committed a sin deserving a sentence of death, and he is put to death and you hang him on a tree,
23 his body shall not remain on the tree overnight. You shall surely bury him that same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

22

1 You shall not see your brother's ox or an animal from his flock straying and ignore them. You shall surely return them to your brother.
2 If your brother is not near you or you do not know him, bring the animal into your house, and it shall stay with you until your brother seeks it. Then return it to him.
3 Do the same for his donkey, do the same for his garment, and do the same for anything your brother has lost and you find. You may not ignore it.
4 You shall not see your brother's donkey or ox fallen on the way and ignore them. You shall surely help him lift them up.
5 A woman shall not wear a man's attire, and a man shall not put on a woman's garment, for everyone who does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

6 If you come upon a bird's nest along the way,
in any tree or on the ground, with young birds
or eggs, and the mother is sitting on the young
or the eggs, you shall not take the mother with
the young.
7 You shall surely let the mother go, but you
may take the young for yourself, so that it may
go well with you and you may prolong your
days.
8 When you build a new house, make a
guardrail for your roof, so that you do not bring
bloodguilt on your house if someone falls from
it.
9 You shall not sow your vineyard with two
kinds of seed, lest the entire yield become
consecrated, both the crop from the seed you
sow and the produce of the vineyard.
10 You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey
together.
11 You shall not wear cloth of wool and linen
mixed together.
12 Make tassels on the four corners of the
garment with which you cover yourself.
13 If a man takes a wife, goes in to her, and
hates her,
14 and accuses her of shameful conduct, gives
her a bad name, and says, 'I took this woman,
but when I approached her I found no evidence
of virginity in her,'
15 then the young woman's father and mother
shall take the evidence of the young woman's
virginity and bring it to the elders of the city at
the gate.

16 The young woman's father shall say to the
elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as a wife,
and he hates her.
17 Now he has accused her of shameful
conduct, saying, "I found no evidence of virginity
in your daughter." But here is the evidence of
my daughter's virginity.' Then they shall spread
out the cloth before the elders of the city.
18 The elders of that city shall take the man
and punish him.
19 They shall fine him about two and a half
pounds of silver and give it to the young
woman's father, because he has given a bad
name to a virgin of Israel. She shall remain his
wife; he may not divorce her all his days.
20 But if the matter is true and no evidence of
virginity is found for the young woman,
21 then bring the young woman out to the
entrance of her father's house, and the men of
her city shall stone her to death, because she has
done a disgraceful thing in Israel by committing
sexual immorality in her father's house. So you
shall purge the evil from among you.
22 If a man is found lying with a woman
married to a husband, both of them shall die,
the man who lay with the woman and the
woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.
23 If a young woman who is a virgin is
betrothed to a man, and a man finds her in the
city and lies with her,
24 then bring both of them out to the gate of
that city and stone them to death: the young
woman because she did not cry out in the city,

and the man because he humiliated his
neighbor's wife. So you shall purge the evil from
among you.
25 But if the man finds the betrothed young
woman in the field, and the man overpowers
her and lies with her, only the man who lay with
her shall die.
26 You shall do nothing to the young woman;
the young woman has committed no sin
deserving death. For this case is like that of a
man who rises against his neighbor and
murders him.
27 For he found her in the field; the betrothed
young woman cried out, but there was no one to
save her.
28 If a man finds a young woman who is a
virgin and is not betrothed, seizes her and lies
with her, and they are discovered,
29 then the man who lay with her shall give
the young woman's father about one and a
quarter pounds of silver. She shall be his wife
because he has humiliated her; he may not
divorce her all his days.
30 A man shall not take his father's wife or
uncover his father's covering.

23

1 No one whose testicles are crushed or whose
penis is cut off shall enter the assembly of the
LORD.
2 No one born of an illegitimate union shall
enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the
tenth generation, none of his descendants shall
enter the assembly of the LORD.

3 No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the
assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth
generation, none of their descendants shall ever
enter the assembly of the LORD,
4 because they did not meet you with bread
and water on the way when you came out of
Egypt, and because he hired Balaam son of Beor,
from Pethor in Aram-naharaim, against you to
curse you.
5 But the LORD your God was not willing to
listen to Balaam, and the LORD your God turned
the curse into a blessing for you, because the
LORD your God loved you.
6 You shall not seek their peace or their
welfare all your days, forever.

7 You shall not detest an Edomite, for he is
your brother. You shall not detest an Egyptian,
for you were a resident foreigner in his land.

8 The children born to them in the third
generation may enter the assembly of the LORD.

9 When you go out on a campaign against your
enemies, guard yourself from every evil thing.
10 If there is among you a man who is not
clean because of a nocturnal emission, he shall
go outside the camp; he shall not enter the camp.
11 Toward evening he shall bathe in water, and
when the sun sets he may enter the camp.
12 You shall have a place outside the camp
where you shall go out.
13 You shall have a peg among your
equipment. When you sit down outside, dig with
it, then turn back and cover your excrement.

14 For the LORD your God walks in the midst
of your camp to deliver you and give your
enemies over before you. Therefore your camp
shall be holy, lest he see anything indecent
among you and turn away from you.

15 You shall not hand over to his master a
slave who has escaped to you from his master.
16 He shall live with you, in your midst, in the
place he chooses within any of your gates,
wherever it is good for him. You shall not
oppress him.

17 There shall be no female cult prostitute
among the daughters of Israel and no male cult
prostitute among the sons of Israel.
18 You shall not bring the earnings of a
prostitute or the price of a dog into the house of
the LORD your God for any vow, for both are an
abomination to the LORD your God.
19 You shall not charge your brother interest
on money, interest on food, or interest on
anything that is lent at interest.
20 You may charge a foreigner interest, but
you shall not charge your brother interest, so
that the LORD your God may bless you in all you
put your hand to in the land you are entering to
possess.

21 When you make a vow to the LORD your
God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the
LORD your God will surely require it of you, and
you will be guilty of sin.
22 But if you refrain from making a vow, you
will not be guilty of sin.

23 You shall keep and do what goes out from
your lips, just as you vowed to the LORD your
God, the freewill offering you spoke of with your
mouth.
24 When you enter your neighbor's vineyard,
you may eat grapes as your soul desires, to your
satisfaction, but you shall not put any in your
container.
25 When you enter your neighbor's standing
grain, you may pluck heads with your hand, but
you shall not swing a sickle over your neighbor's
standing grain.

24

1 If a man takes a wife and marries her, and
she finds no favor in his eyes because he finds
something indecent in her, and he writes her a
certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and
sends her out of his house,
2 and she leaves his house, goes away, and
becomes another man's wife,
3 and the latter man hates her, writes her a
certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and
sends her out of his house, or if the latter man
who took her as his wife dies,
4 then her first husband, who sent her away,
may not take her again as his wife after she has
been defiled, for that is an abomination before
the LORD. You shall not bring sin upon the land
the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance.
5 When a man has newly taken a wife, he shall
not go out with the army or be charged with any

duty. He shall be free at home for one year and
make happy the wife he has taken.

6 No one shall take a mill or its upper millstone
in pledge, for he is taking a life in pledge.

7 If a man is found kidnapping one of his
brothers, one of the Israelites, treating him as a
slave and selling him, then that kidnapper shall
die. So you shall purge the evil from among you.
8 In a case of skin disease, be very careful to
keep and do all that the Levitical priests teach
you. Be careful to do as I commanded them.

9 Remember what the LORD your God did to
Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt.

10 When you lend your neighbor anything, you
shall not enter his house to take his pledge.
11 Stand outside, and the man to whom you
are lending shall bring the pledge out to you.
12 If he is a poor man, you shall not go to sleep
holding his pledge.
13 You shall surely return the pledge to him at
sunset, so that he may sleep in his garment and
bless you, and it shall be righteousness for you
before the LORD your God.

14 You shall not oppress a poor and needy
hired worker, whether one of your brothers or
one of your resident foreigners in your land,
within your gates.
15 Give him his wages on the same day, before
the sun sets on them, for he is poor and his life
depends on them, lest he cry to the LORD
against you and you be guilty of sin.

16 Fathers shall not be put to death for their
children, nor shall children be put to death for
their fathers. Each shall be put to death for his
own sin.
17 You shall not pervert the justice due to a
resident foreigner or the fatherless, or take a
widow's garment in pledge.
18 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt
and that the LORD your God redeemed you from
there. Therefore I command you to do this.
19 When you reap your harvest in your field
and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go
back to take it. It shall be for the resident
foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that
the LORD your God may bless you in all the
work of your hands.
20 When you beat your olive tree, you shall not
go over its branches afterward. What remains
shall be for the resident foreigner, the fatherless,
and the widow.
21 When you gather the grapes of your
vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward. What
remains shall be for the resident foreigner, the
fatherless, and the widow.
22 Remember that you were a slave in the land
of Egypt. Therefore I command you to do this.

25

1 If there is a dispute between men and they go
to court, the judges shall judge them, acquitting
the innocent and condemning the guilty.
2 If the guilty man deserves a beating, the
judge shall make him lie down and have him

beaten in his presence, with a number of blows according to his guilt.
3 He may give him forty blows, but no more, lest he go beyond these and beat him with many blows, and your brother be degraded in your eyes.
4 You shall not muzzle an ox while it threshes.
5 If brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not marry outside the family, to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.
6 The firstborn she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother, so that his name is not blotted out of Israel.
7 But if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate, to the elders, and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name for his brother in Israel. He is not willing to perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.'
8 The elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. If he stands and says, 'I do not desire to take her,'
9 then his brother's wife shall approach him in the sight of the elders, pull his sandal off his foot, and spit in his face. She shall declare, 'So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.'
10 His name in Israel shall be called, 'The house of the man whose sandal was removed.'
11 If men fight with one another, and the wife of one approaches to deliver her husband from

the hand of the one striking him, and she
reaches out her hand and seizes his genitals,
12 then you shall cut off her hand. Your eye
shall not pity.
13 You shall not have in your bag differing
weights, a large one and a small one.
14 You shall not have in your house differing
measures, a large one and a small one.
15 You shall have a full and just weight, and
you shall have a full and just measure, so that
your days may be prolonged on the land the
LORD your God is giving you.
16 For everyone who does these things,
everyone who does injustice, is an abomination
to the LORD your God.
17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the
way when you came out of Egypt,
18 how he met you on the way and attacked all
the weak stragglers at your rear while you were
faint and weary. He did not fear God.
19 When the LORD your God gives you rest
from all your enemies around you, in the land
the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the
memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not
forget.

26

1 When you enter the land the LORD your God
is giving you as an inheritance, possess it and
live in it,
2 take some of the first of all the fruit of the
ground that you bring in from the land the

LORD your God is giving you. Put it in a basket
and go to the place the LORD your God will
choose to make his name dwell there.
3 Go to the priest who is in office in those days
and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD
your God that I have entered the land the LORD
swore to our fathers to give us.'
4 The priest shall take the basket from your
hand and set it before the altar of the LORD
your God.
5 Then you shall declare before the LORD your
God, 'My father was an Aramean about to perish.
He went down to Egypt and resided there as a
foreigner with a few people, and there he
became a great, mighty, and numerous nation.
6 The Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and
laid hard labor upon us.
7 We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,
and the LORD heard our voice and saw our
affliction, our toil, and our oppression.
8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a
mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with
great terror, with signs and wonders.
9 He brought us to this place and gave us this
land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
10 And now, see, I have brought the first of the
fruit of the ground that you have given me, O
LORD.' Then set it before the LORD your God
and bow down before the LORD your God.
11 You shall rejoice in all the good the LORD
your God has given you and your household,
you, the Levite, and the resident foreigner
among you.

12 When you have finished tithing all the tithe
of your produce in the third year, the year of the
tithe, and have given it to the Levite, the resident
foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that
they may eat within your gates and be satisfied,
13 then say before the LORD your God, 'I have
removed the holy portion from the house and
also given it to the Levite, the resident foreigner,
the fatherless, and the widow, according to the
whole commandment you commanded me. I
have not transgressed your commandments or
forgotten them.
14 I have not eaten any of it in my mourning,
or removed any of it while unclean, or given any
of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of
the LORD my God; I have done all that you
commanded me.
15 Look down from your holy dwelling, from
heaven, and bless your people Israel and the
ground you have given us, as you swore to our
fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.'
16 This day the LORD your God commands you
to do these statutes and judgments. You shall
keep and do them with all your heart and all
your soul.
17 Today you have declared the LORD to be
your God, and that you will walk in his ways,
keep his statutes, his commandments, and his
judgments, and listen to his voice.
18 And today the LORD has declared you to be
his people, his treasured possession, as he has
told you, and that you shall keep all his
commandments,

19 and that he will set you high above all the
nations he has made, in praise, in fame, and in
glory, and that you shall be a holy people to the
LORD your God, as he has spoken."

27

1 Moses and the elders of Israel commanded
the people, saying, "Keep the whole
commandment that I command you today.
2 On the day you cross the Jordan into the land
the LORD your God is giving you, set up large
stones and coat them with lime plaster.
3 Write on them all the words of this law when
you cross over, so that you may enter the land
the LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing
with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of
your fathers, has told you.
4 When you cross the Jordan, set up these
stones that I command you today on Mount
Ebal, and coat them with lime plaster.
5 There you shall build an altar to the LORD
your God, an altar of stones. You shall not wield
an iron tool over them.
6 Build the altar of the LORD your God with
whole stones, and offer burnt offerings on it to
the LORD your God.
7 Sacrifice peace offerings, eat there, and
rejoice before the LORD your God.
8 Write all the words of this law on the stones
very clearly."

9 Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all
Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel. This

day you have become the people of the LORD
your God.
10 Listen to the voice of the LORD your God
and do his commandments and his statutes that
I command you today."
11 That day Moses commanded the people,
saying,
12 "These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless
the people when you cross the Jordan: Simeon,
Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.
13 And these shall stand on Mount Ebal for the
curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and
Naphtali.
14 The Levites shall declare to all the men of
Israel with a loud voice,
15 'Cursed is the man who makes a carved or
cast image, an abomination to the LORD, the
work of a craftsman's hands, and sets it up in
secret.' And all the people shall answer and say,
'Amen.'
16 'Cursed is anyone who dishonors his father
and mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
17 'Cursed is anyone who moves his neighbor's
boundary marker.' And all the people shall say,
'Amen.'
18 'Cursed is anyone who leads the blind astray
on the way.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
19 'Cursed is anyone who perverts the justice
due to a resident foreigner, the fatherless, and
the widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
20 'Cursed is anyone who lies with his father's
wife, for he has uncovered his father's covering.'
And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

21 ‘Cursed is anyone who lies with any animal.’
And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’
22 ‘Cursed is anyone who lies with his sister,
the daughter of his father or the daughter of his
mother.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’
23 ‘Cursed is anyone who lies with his
mother-in-law.’ And all the people shall say,
‘Amen.’
24 ‘Cursed is anyone who strikes his neighbor
in secret.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’
25 ‘Cursed is anyone who takes a bribe to kill
an innocent person.’ And all the people shall say,
‘Amen.’
26 ‘Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the
words of this law by doing them.’ And all the
people shall say, ‘Amen.’

28

1 If you diligently listen to the voice of the
LORD your God, being careful to do all his
commandments that I command you today, the
LORD your God will set you high above all the
nations of the earth.
2 All these blessings shall come upon you and
overtake you, if you listen to the voice of the
LORD your God:
3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed
shall you be in the field.
4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the
fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your
livestock, the offspring of your cattle and the
young of your flocks.

5 Blessed shall be your basket and your
kneading bowl.
6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and
blessed shall you be when you go out.
7 The LORD will cause your enemies who rise
against you to be defeated before you. They
shall come out against you one way and flee
before you seven ways.
8 The LORD will command the blessing upon
you in your storehouses and in all you put your
hand to. He will bless you in the land the LORD
your God is giving you.
9 The LORD will establish you as a holy people
to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep
the commandments of the LORD your God and
walk in his ways.
10 All the peoples of the earth shall see that the
name of the LORD is called over you, and they
shall fear you.
11 The LORD will make you abound in good
things, in the fruit of your womb, the fruit of
your livestock, and the fruit of your ground, on
the land the LORD swore to your fathers to give
you.
12 The LORD will open to you his good
treasury, the heavens, to give rain to your land
in its season and to bless all the work of your
hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you
shall not borrow.
13 The LORD will make you the head and not
the tail. You shall be only above and not
beneath, if you listen to the commandments of
the LORD your God that I command you today,

being careful to do them,
14 and do not turn aside from any of the words
that I command you today, to the right or to the
left, to follow other gods and serve them.

15 But if you do not listen to the voice of the
LORD your God, being careful to do all his
commandments and his statutes that I
command you today, all these curses shall come
upon you and overtake you:
16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed
shall you be in the field.
17 Cursed shall be your basket and your
kneading bowl.
18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and
the fruit of your ground, the offspring of your
cattle and the young of your flocks.
19 Cursed shall you be when you come in, and
cursed shall you be when you go out.
20 The LORD will send upon you cursing,
confusion, and rebuke in all you put your hand
to do, until you are destroyed and quickly perish
because of the evil of your deeds, by which you
have forsaken me.
21 The LORD will make pestilence cling to you
until he consumes you from the land you are
entering to possess.
22 The LORD will strike you with wasting
disease, fever, inflammation, and burning heat,
with the sword, with blight and yellowing of
crops. They shall pursue you until you perish.
23 The heavens over your head shall be
bronze, and the earth beneath you shall be iron.

24 The LORD will make the rain of your land
powder and dust. It shall come down on you
from heaven until you are destroyed.
25 The LORD will cause you to be defeated
before your enemies. You shall go out against
them one way and flee before them seven ways.
You shall become a horror to all the kingdoms of
the earth.
26 Your carcass shall be food for all the birds of
heaven and the animals of the earth, and no one
shall frighten them away.
27 The LORD will strike you with the boils of
Egypt, with tumors, scabs, and itching, from
which you cannot be healed.
28 The LORD will strike you with madness,
blindness, and bewilderment of heart.
29 You shall grope at noon as the blind grope
in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your
ways. You shall be only oppressed and robbed
always, with no one to save you.
30 You shall be betrothed to a woman, but
another man shall lie with her. You shall build a
house but not live in it; you shall plant a
vineyard but not enjoy its fruit.
31 Your ox shall be slaughtered before your
eyes, but you shall not eat any of it. Your donkey
shall be taken from before you and not returned
to you. Your flocks shall be given to your
enemies, and you shall have no one to save you.
32 Your sons and daughters shall be given to
another people, while your eyes look and fail
with longing for them all day, and there shall be
no strength in your hand.

33 A people you have not known shall eat the
fruit of your ground and all the produce of your
labor. You shall be only oppressed and crushed
always.
34 You shall be driven mad by the sight that
your eyes see.
35 The LORD will strike you on the knees and
legs with severe boils from which you cannot be
healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown
of your head.
36 The LORD will lead you and the king you set
over you to a nation that neither you nor your
fathers have known. There you shall serve other
gods, wood and stone.
37 You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a
byword among all the peoples where the LORD
leads you.
38 You shall carry much seed out to the field
but gather little, for the locust shall consume it.
39 You shall plant vineyards and work them,
but you shall neither drink wine nor gather
grapes, for the worm shall eat them.
40 You shall have olive trees throughout your
territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with
oil, for your olives shall fall off.
41 You shall father sons and daughters, but
they shall not be yours, for they shall go into
captivity.
42 The locust shall take possession of all your
trees and the fruit of your ground.
43 The resident foreigner among you shall rise
higher and higher above you, while you sink
lower and lower.

44 He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend
to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be
the tail.
45 All these curses shall come upon you,
pursue you, and overtake you until you are
destroyed, because you did not listen to the
voice of the LORD your God, to keep his
commandments and statutes that he
commanded you.
46 They shall be a sign and a wonder upon you
and upon your descendants forever.
47 Because you did not serve the LORD your
God with joy and gladness of heart in the
abundance of everything,
48 you shall serve your enemies whom the
LORD sends against you, in hunger, thirst,
nakedness, and lack of everything. He shall put
an iron yoke on your neck until he has
destroyed you.
49 The LORD will bring against you a nation
from far away, from the end of the earth,
swooping like an eagle, a nation whose language
you do not understand,
50 a nation of fierce countenance, which shall
not respect the old or show favor to the young.
51 It shall eat the fruit of your livestock and
the fruit of your ground until you are destroyed.
It shall leave you no grain, new wine, or oil, no
offspring of your cattle or young of your flocks,
until it has made you perish.
52 It shall besiege you within all your gates
until your high and fortified walls in which you
trust come down throughout all your land. It

shall besiege you within all your gates throughout all your land that the LORD your God has given you.

53 You shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and distress with which your enemy oppresses you.

54 The tender and very delicate man among you shall look with an evil eye toward his brother, the wife of his bosom, and the rest of his children who remain,

55 refusing to give any of them a share of the flesh of his children that he eats, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and distress with which your enemy oppresses you within all your gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicacy and tenderness, shall look with an evil eye toward the husband of her bosom, her son, and her daughter,

57 begrudging them her afterbirth that comes out from between her legs and the children she bears, for she shall eat them in secret for lack of everything, in the siege and distress with which your enemy oppresses you within your gates.

58 If you are not careful to do all the words of this law written in this scroll, to fear this glorious and fearsome name, the LORD your God,

59 then the LORD will make extraordinary your plagues and the plagues of your

descendants, great and lasting plagues, severe
and lasting diseases.
60 He will bring back upon you all the diseases
of Egypt that you dreaded, and they shall cling
to you.
61 The LORD will also bring upon you every
disease and every plague not written in the
scroll of this law, until you are destroyed.
62 You shall be left few in number, though you
were as numerous as the stars of heaven,
because you did not listen to the voice of the
LORD your God.
63 Just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you
good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice
over you to make you perish and destroy you.
You shall be plucked from the land you are
entering to possess.
64 The LORD will scatter you among all the
peoples, from one end of the earth to the other.
There you shall serve other gods that neither
you nor your fathers have known, wood and
stone.
65 Among those nations you shall find no ease,
nor shall there be rest for the sole of your foot.
There the LORD will give you a trembling heart,
failing eyes, and a sorrowful soul.
66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you.
You shall fear night and day and have no
assurance of your life.
67 In the morning you shall say, ‘If only it were
evening!’ and in the evening you shall say, ‘If
only it were morning!’ because of the dread
your heart feels and the sight your eyes see.

68 The LORD will bring you back to Egypt in
ships, by the way of which I told you, ‘You shall
never see it again.’ There you shall offer
yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and
female slaves, but there shall be no buyer.”

29

1 These are the words of the covenant that the
LORD commanded Moses to make with the
Israelites in the land of Moab, besides the
covenant he made with them at Horeb.
2 Moses called all Israel and said to them, “You
have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes
in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his
servants, and to all his land,
3 the great trials your eyes saw, those signs
and great wonders.
4 But to this day the LORD has not given you a
heart to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear.
5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness.
Your clothes have not worn out on you, and
your sandal has not worn out on your foot.
6 You have not eaten bread or drunk wine or
strong drink, so that you may know that I am
the LORD your God.
7 When you came to this place, Sihon king of
Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out
against us to battle, and we struck them.
8 We took their land and gave it as an
inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and
the half-tribe of Manasseh.
9 Keep the words of this covenant and do
them, so that you may prosper in all you do.

10 Today you stand, all of you, before the LORD
your God: your tribal heads, your elders and
officers, all the men of Israel,
11 your little ones, your wives, and the
resident foreigner within your camp, from the
one who cuts your wood to the one who draws
your water,
12 so that you may enter the covenant of the
LORD your God and his oath, which the LORD
your God is making with you today,
13 to establish you today as his people and to
be your God, as he has told you and as he swore
to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
14 I am not making this covenant and this oath
with you alone,
15 but with whoever stands here with us today
before the LORD our God and with whoever is
not here with us today.
16 For you know how we lived in the land of
Egypt and how we passed through the midst of
the nations through which you passed.
17 You saw their abominations and their idols,
wood and stone, silver and gold, which were
with them.
18 Let there not be among you a man or
woman, family or tribe, whose heart turns away
today from the LORD our God to go and serve
the gods of those nations. Let there not be
among you a root bearing poison and
wormwood.
19 If someone hears the words of this curse
and blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall
have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness

of my heart,' thus sweeping away the watered land with the dry,
20 the LORD will not be willing to forgive him. Then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the whole curse written in this scroll shall settle on him. The LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.
21 The LORD will set him apart for calamity from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this scroll of the law.
22 The generation to come, your children who arise after you, and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, shall say when they see the plagues of that land and the diseases with which the LORD has afflicted it,
23 'All its land is sulfur and salt, a burning waste, neither sown nor producing, with no grass growing on it, like the overthrow of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and wrath.'
24 All the nations shall say, 'Why has the LORD done this to this land? What is the meaning of this great burning anger?'
25 They shall say, 'Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.
26 They went and served other gods and bowed down to them, gods they had not known and that he had not allotted to them.
27 So the anger of the LORD burned against that land, bringing upon it the whole curse written in this scroll.

28 The LORD uprooted them from their ground
in anger, wrath, and great indignation, and cast
them into another land, as it is this day.'
29 The secret things belong to the LORD our
God, but the things revealed belong to us and to
our children forever, so that we may do all the
words of this law.

30

1 When all these things come upon you, the
blessing and the curse that I have set before you,
and you bring them back to your heart among
all the nations where the LORD your God has
driven you,
2 and you return to the LORD your God and
listen to his voice according to all that I
command you today, you and your children,
with all your heart and all your soul,
3 then the LORD your God will bring you back
from captivity and have compassion on you. He
will again gather you from all the peoples where
the LORD your God has scattered you.
4 Even if your outcasts are at the farthest end
of heaven, from there the LORD your God will
gather you, and from there he will take you.
5 The LORD your God will bring you into the
land your fathers possessed, and you shall
possess it. He will do you good and multiply you
more than your fathers.
6 The LORD your God will circumcise your
heart and the heart of your descendants, so that
you may love the LORD your God with all your
heart and all your soul, so that you may live.

7 The LORD your God will put all these curses
on your enemies and on those who hate you,
who persecuted you.
8 You shall return and listen to the voice of the
LORD and do all his commandments that I
command you today.
9 The LORD your God will make you abound in
all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your
womb, the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit
of your ground, for good. For the LORD will
again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced
over your fathers,
10 if you listen to the voice of the LORD your
God, keeping his commandments and statutes
written in this scroll of the law, if you return to
the LORD your God with all your heart and all
your soul.
11 For this commandment that I command you
today is not too difficult for you or far away.
12 It is not in heaven, that you should say,
'Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it to
us, and make us hear it so that we may do it?'
13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say,
'Who will cross beyond the sea for us and bring
it to us, and make us hear it so that we may do
it?'
14 But the word is very near you, in your
mouth and in your heart, so that you may do it.
15 See, I have set before you today life and
good, death and evil,
16 in that I command you today to love the
LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his
commandments, his statutes, and his judgments.

Then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.
17 But if your heart turns away and you do not listen, and you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and serve them,
18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong your days on the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.
19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life, so that you and your descendants may live,
20 loving the LORD your God, listening to his voice, and holding fast to him, for he is your life and the length of your days, so that you may live on the land the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

31

1 Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.
2 He said to them, "I am a hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in, and the LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross this Jordan.'
3 The LORD your God himself will cross before you. He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself will cross before you, as the LORD has spoken.

4 The LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon
and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their
land, when he destroyed them.
5 The LORD will give them over before you,
and you shall do to them according to the whole
commandment that I commanded you.
6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be
terrified before them, for the LORD your God is
the one who goes with you. He will not fail you
or forsake you."
7 Moses called Joshua and said to him in the
sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for
you shall enter with this people into the land the
LORD swore to their fathers to give them, and
you shall cause them to inherit it.
8 The LORD is the one who goes before you.
He will be with you; he will not fail you or
forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."
9 Moses wrote this law and gave it to the
priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders
of Israel.
10 Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end
of every seven years, at the appointed time of
the year of release, at the Feast of Booths,
11 when all Israel comes to appear before the
LORD your God at the place he will choose, read
this law before all Israel in their hearing.
12 Gather the people, the men, the women, the
little ones, and the resident foreigner within
your gates, so that they may hear and learn and
fear the LORD your God, being careful to do all
the words of this law.

13 Their children who have not known these
things shall hear and learn to fear the LORD
your God all the days you live on the land you
are crossing the Jordan to possess."
14 The LORD said to Moses, "See, your days
draw near for you to die. Call Joshua, and
present yourselves in the Tent of Meeting, so
that I may commission him." Moses and Joshua
went and presented themselves in the Tent of
Meeting.
15 The LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of
cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood over the
entrance of the tent.
16 The LORD said to Moses, "See, you are about
to lie down with your fathers, and this people
will rise and prostitute itself after the foreign
gods of the land it is entering. It will forsake me
and break my covenant that I made with it.
17 My anger will burn against it that day. I will
forsake them and hide my face from them, and
it shall be devoured. Many evils and troubles
shall find it, and that day it shall say, 'Have not
these evils found me because my God is not in
my midst?'
18 I will surely hide my face that day because
of all the evil it has done, for it has turned to
other gods.
19 Now write this song for yourselves, and
teach it to the Israelites. Put it in their mouths,
so that this song may be a witness for me against
the Israelites.
20 For I will bring it into the land I swore to its
fathers, flowing with milk and honey. It will eat

and be satisfied and grow fat, then turn to other
gods, serve them and despise me, and break my
covenant.
21 When many evils and troubles find it, this
song shall answer before it as a witness, for it
shall not be forgotten from the mouths of its
descendants. For I know the inclination it has
today, before I bring it into the land I swore."
22 Moses wrote this song that day and taught it
to the Israelites.
23 He commissioned Joshua son of Nun and
said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall
bring the Israelites into the land I swore to
them, and I will be with you."
24 When Moses had finished writing the words
of this law on a scroll, to the very end,
25 Moses commanded the Levites who carried
the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,
26 "Take this scroll of the law and place it
beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your
God, so that it may be there as a witness against
you.
27 For I know your rebellion and your stiff
neck. Even today, while I am still alive with you,
you have been rebellious against the LORD. How
much more after my death!
28 Gather to me all the elders of your tribes
and your officers, so that I may speak these
words in their hearing and call heaven and
earth to witness against them.
29 For I know that after my death you will
utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from
the way I commanded you. Calamity will befall

you in the days to come, because you will do
what is evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking
him to anger with the work of your hands."
30 Moses spoke in the hearing of the whole
assembly of Israel the words of this song in full:

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1 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
2 Let my teaching fall like rain, my speech drip
like dew, like gentle rain on tender grass
and like showers on plants.
3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
ascribe greatness to our God.
4 The Rock—his work is perfect, for all his ways
are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
righteous and upright is he.
5 They have acted corruptly toward him;
because of their blemish they are not his
children, a perverse and crooked
generation.
6 Is this how you repay the LORD, O foolish and
unwise people?
Is he not your father, who acquired you?
He made you and established you.
7 Remember the days of old;
consider the years of generation after
generation.
Ask your father, and he will tell you;
your elders, and they will say to you.
8 When the Most High gave the nations their
inheritance, when he separated the sons

of man, he set the boundaries of the
peoples according to the number of the
sons of Israel.
9 For the LORD's portion is his people;
Jacob is the allotted share of his inheritance.
10 He found him in a wilderness land, in a waste,
a howling desert.
He surrounded him, cared for him, and
guarded him as the apple of his eye.
11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers
over its young, he spread his wings, took
him, and carried him on his pinions.
12 The LORD alone led him;
no foreign god was with him.
13 He made him ride on the heights of the earth,
and he ate the produce of the field.
He made him suck honey from the crag and
oil from the flinty rock,
14 curds from cattle and milk from the flock,
with the fat of lambs, rams of Bashan, and
male goats, with the choicest wheat;
and you drank wine, the blood of the grape.
15 But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked.
You grew fat, you grew thick, you became
covered with fat.
He forsook the God who made him and
scorned the Rock of his salvation.
16 They provoked him to jealousy with foreign
gods;
they provoked him to anger with
abominations.
17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods
they had not known, new ones that had

recently come, whom your fathers had
not feared.
18 You neglected the Rock who begot you and
forgot the God who gave you birth.
19 The LORD saw and rejected them because of
the provocation of his sons and daughters.
20 He said, ‘I will hide my face from them;
I will see what their end will be, for they are
a perverse generation, children in whom
there is no faithfulness.
21 They have provoked me to jealousy with what
is not God;
they have provoked me to anger with their
worthless idols.
I will provoke them to jealousy with what is
not a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish
nation.
22 For a fire is kindled in my anger and burns to
the depths of Sheol.
It devours the earth and its produce and sets
ablaze the foundations of the mountains.
23 I will heap calamities upon them;
I will spend my arrows on them.
24 They shall be wasted by hunger, devoured by
burning fever and bitter pestilence.
I will send against them the teeth of beasts,
with the venom of creatures crawling in
the dust.
25 Outside the sword shall bring bereavement,
and inside the rooms, terror, for young
man and virgin alike, for the nursing
infant and the gray-haired man.
26 I would have said, “I will scatter them;

I will make their memory cease from among
mankind,"
27 had I not feared the enemy's provocation, lest
their adversaries misunderstand, lest they
say, "Our hand is high;
the LORD has not done all this." '
28 For they are a nation bereft of counsel, and
there is no understanding in them.
29 If only they were wise, they would understand
this;
they would discern their end.
30 How could one chase a thousand and two put
ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock
had sold them and the LORD had given
them over?
31 For their rock is not like our Rock;
even our enemies are judges.
32 For their vine is from the vine of Sodom and
from the fields of Gomorrah.
Their grapes are grapes of poison;
their clusters are bitter.
33 Their wine is the venom of serpents, the cruel
poison of cobras.
34 'Is this not stored up with me, sealed in my
treasuries?
35 Vengeance and recompense are mine for the
time when their foot slips, for the day of
their calamity is near, and what awaits
them hastens.'
36 For the LORD will judge his people and have
compassion on his servants, when he sees
that their strength is gone and none
remain, confined or free.

37 He will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in
which they took refuge,
38 which ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank
the wine of their drink offerings?
Let them arise and help you;
let them be a shelter over you.
39 See now that I, I am he, and there is no god
beside me.
I put to death and I make alive;
I have wounded and I will heal, and no one
can deliver from my hand.
40 For I lift my hand to heaven and say, “I live
forever:
41 if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand
takes hold of judgment, I will repay my
adversaries with vengeance and repay
those who hate me.
42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and
my sword shall devour flesh, with the
blood of the slain and captives, from the
long-haired heads of the enemy.” ’
43 Acclaim his people, O nations, for he will
avenge the blood of his servants, repay his
adversaries with vengeance, and make
atonement for his land and his people.”

44 Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Hoshea son of Nun.
45 When Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,
46 he said to them, “Set your hearts on all the words with which I testify against you today,

which you shall command your children to keep
and do, all the words of this law.
47 For it is no empty word for you, but your
life, and by this word you shall prolong your
days on the land you are crossing the Jordan to
possess."
48 The LORD spoke to Moses that very day,
saying,
49 "Go up to this mountain of the Abarim,
Mount Nebo, in the land of Moab opposite
Jericho, and see the land of Canaan, which I am
giving the Israelites as a possession.
50 Die on the mountain you are going up, and
be gathered to your people, as Aaron your
brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to
his people,
51 because you were unfaithful to me among
the Israelites at the waters of Meribah-kadesh in
the wilderness of Zin, because you did not show
my holiness among the Israelites.
52 For you shall see the land from a distance,
but you shall not enter there, into the land I am
giving the Israelites."

33

1 This is the blessing with which Moses, the
man of God, blessed the Israelites before his
death.
2 He said,
"The LORD came from Sinai and dawned on
them from Seir.
He shone from Mount Paran and came from
tens of thousands of holy ones;

from his right hand came a fiery law for
them.
3 Indeed, he loves the peoples;
all his holy ones are in your hand.
They bow at your feet;
each receives your words.
4 Moses commanded us the law, an inheritance
for the assembly of Jacob.
5 He was king in Jeshurun when the heads of the
people gathered, the tribes of Israel
together.
6 Let Reuben live and not die, though his men
are few."

7 This was for Judah, and he said, "Hear, O LORD,
the voice of Judah, and bring him to his
people.
His hands contended for him;
be his help against his adversaries."

8 Of Levi he said, "Let your Thummim and your
Urim be for your faithful man, whom you
tested at Massah and with whom you
contended at the waters of Meribah,
9 the one who said of his father and mother, 'I
have not seen him,' who did not
acknowledge his brothers or know his
sons, for they have kept your word and
guard your covenant.
10 They shall teach your judgments to Jacob and
your law to Israel.
They shall put incense before your nostrils
and a whole burnt offering on your altar.

11 Bless his strength, O LORD, and accept the
work of his hands.
Crush the loins of those who rise against
him and of those who hate him, so that
they do not rise again."

12 Of Benjamin he said, "The beloved of the
LORD shall dwell securely beside him;
he covers him all day, and between his
shoulders he dwells."

13 Of Joseph he said, "Blessed by the LORD be his
land, with the bounty of heaven, with the
dew and with the deep lying beneath,
14 with the bounty of the sun's produce and with
the bounty of the moons' yield,
15 with the finest of the ancient mountains and
with the bounty of the everlasting hills,
16 with the bounty of the earth and its fullness,
and with the favor of the one who dwelt
in the bush.
Let it come on Joseph's head, on the crown
of the one set apart from his brothers.
17 His is the majesty of a firstborn bull;
his horns are the horns of a wild ox.
With them he shall gore the peoples
together to the ends of the earth.
They are the tens of thousands of Ephraim,
and they are the thousands of Manasseh."

18 Of Zebulun he said, "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your
going out, and Issachar, in your tents.
19 They shall call peoples to the mountain;

there they shall offer sacrifices of
righteousness, for they shall suck the
abundance of the seas and the hidden
treasures of the sand."

20 Of Gad he said, "Blessed is the one who
enlarges Gad.
He dwells like a lion and tears the arm, even
the crown of the head.
21 He chose the first portion for himself, for
there the lawgiver's portion was reserved.
He came with the heads of the people;
he executed the righteousness of the LORD
and his judgments with Israel."

22 Of Dan he said, "Dan is a lion's cub that leaps
from Bashan."
23 Of Naphtali he said, "Naphtali, satisfied with
favor and full of the blessing of the LORD,
take possession of the west and the south."

24 Of Asher he said, "Let Asher be most blessed
of sons;
let him be favored by his brothers and dip
his foot in oil.
25 Your bolts shall be iron and bronze, and as
your days, so shall your strength be."
26 "There is none like the God of Jeshurun, who
rides the heavens to your help and the
skies in his majesty.
27 The eternal God is your refuge, and
underneath are the everlasting arms.
He drove out the enemy before you and
said, 'Destroy.'

28 Israel shall dwell securely, alone, the spring of
Jacob, in a land of grain and new wine;
his heavens also shall drip dew.

29 Happy are you, O Israel!
Who is like you, a people saved by the
LORD, the shield of your help and the
sword of your triumph?
Your enemies shall feign submission to you,
and you shall tread on their heights."

34

1 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to
Mount Nebo, to the summit of Pisgah, opposite
Jericho. The LORD showed him all the land:
Gilead as far as Dan,
2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and
Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the
western sea,
3 the Negev and the plain, the valley of Jericho,
the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.
4 The LORD said to him, "This is the land I
swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I
will give it to your descendants.' I have let you
see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross
over there."
5 So Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there
in the land of Moab, according to the word of
the LORD.
6 He buried him in the valley in the land of
Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his
grave to this day.

7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old
when he died. His eye had not grown dim, nor
had his vigor departed.
8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of
Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and
mourning for Moses ended.
9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of
wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on
him. The Israelites listened to him and did as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
10 No prophet has arisen again in Israel like
Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,
11 in all the signs and wonders the LORD sent
him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all
his servants, and to all his land,
12 and in all the might of his hand and all the
great terror that Moses displayed before the
eyes of all Israel.

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