Exodus

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel
who came to Egypt with Jacob, each man with
his household:
2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;
3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;
4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.
5 All those who came from Jacob's loins were
seventy persons. Joseph was already in Egypt.
6 Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that
generation.
7 But the Israelites were fruitful and increased
abundantly; they multiplied and grew
exceedingly strong, and the land was filled with
them.
8 A new king arose over Egypt who did not
know Joseph.
9 He said to his people, "Look, the people of
Israel are more numerous and stronger than we
are.
10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest
they multiply and, if war breaks out, join our
enemies, fight against us, and leave the land."
11 They set taskmasters over them to oppress
them with burdens. They built Pithom and
Rameses as storage cities for Pharaoh.
12 But the more they oppressed them, the
more they multiplied and spread abroad, and
the Egyptians dreaded the Israelites.
13 The Egyptians ruthlessly forced the
Israelites to labor.

14 They made their lives bitter with hard labor
in mortar and brick and all kinds of work in the
fields. In all this labor, the Egyptians worked
them ruthlessly.
15 The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew
midwives, one named Shiphrah and the other
Puah.
16 He said, “When you help the Hebrew
women give birth and see them on the
birthstool, if the child is a son, kill him; but if a
daughter, let her live.”
17 But the midwives feared God and did not do
as the king of Egypt told them; they let the boys
live.
18 The king of Egypt called for the midwives
and said to them, “Why have you done this and
let the boys live?”
19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, “The Hebrew
women are not like the Egyptian women. They
are vigorous and give birth before the midwife
comes to them.”
20 God dealt well with the midwives, and the
people multiplied and grew very strong.
21 Because the midwives feared God, he gave
them families.
22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people,
“Every son who is born you shall throw into the
Nile, but every daughter you shall let live.”

2

1 A man from the house of Levi went and
married a daughter of Levi.

2 The woman conceived and bore a son. When
she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for
three months.
3 When she could hide him no longer, she took
a papyrus basket for him and coated it with
bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the bank of the
Nile.
4 His sister stood at a distance to find out what
would happen to him.
5 Pharaoh's daughter went down to bathe at
the Nile, while her young women walked along
the river. She saw the basket among the reeds
and sent her maid to get it.
6 She opened it and saw the child, a boy
crying. She had compassion on him and said,
"This is one of the Hebrew children."
7 His sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I
go and call a Hebrew wet nurse to nurse the
child for you?"
8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." The girl
went and called the child's mother.
9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this
child and nurse him for me, and I will give you
your wages." The woman took the child and
nursed him.
10 When the child grew, she brought him to
Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She
named him Moses, for she said, "I drew him out
of the water."
11 In those days, when Moses had grown up,
he went out to his brothers and saw their
burdens. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew,
one of his brothers.

12 He looked this way and that, and seeing no
one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the
sand.
13 He went out the next day and saw two
Hebrews fighting. He said to the man in the
wrong, “Why are you striking your fellow
Hebrew?”
14 He said, “Who made you a ruler and judge
over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed
the Egyptian?” Moses was afraid and said,
“Surely the matter is known.”
15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he sought to
kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and
settled in the land of Midian. He sat down by a
well.
16 The priest of Midian had seven daughters.
They came and drew water and filled the
troughs to water their father's flock.
17 The shepherds came and drove them away,
but Moses stood up and rescued them and
watered their flock.
18 When they came to their father Reuel, he
said, “Why have you returned so soon today?”
19 They said, “An Egyptian rescued us from the
hand of the shepherds. He even drew water for
us and watered the flock.”
20 He said to his daughters, “Where is he? Why
did you leave the man? Call him, so that he may
eat bread.”
21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he
gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in
marriage.
22 She bore a son, and he named him
Gershom, for he said, “I have been a stranger in

a strange land."
23 During those many days, the king of Egypt
died. The Israelites groaned because of their
slavery and cried out. Their cry for help because
of their slavery went up to God.
24 God heard their groaning, and God
remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob.
25 God saw the Israelites, and God knew.

3

1 Moses was shepherding the flock of his
father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led
the flock to the far side of the wilderness and
came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a
flame of fire from the midst of a bush. He
looked, and the bush was burning with fire, but
the bush was not consumed.
3 Moses said, "I will turn aside and look at this
great sight to see why the bush is not burned
up."
4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to
look, God called to him from the midst of the
bush, "Moses, Moses!" He said, "Here I am."
5 He said, "Do not come near here. Take your
sandals off your feet, for the place where you
are standing is holy ground."
6 He said, "I am the God of your father, the God
of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to
look at God.
7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the
affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and I

have heard their cry because of their
taskmasters. I know their sufferings.
8 I have come down to rescue them from the
hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up
from that land to a good and spacious land, a
land flowing with milk and honey, to the place
of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites,
Hivites, and Jebusites.
9 Now the cry of the Israelites has come to me,
and I have also seen the oppression with which
the Egyptians oppress them.
10 Now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so
that you may bring my people, the Israelites, out
of Egypt."
11 Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should
go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of
Egypt?"
12 He said, "I will certainly be with you. This
will be the sign to you that I have sent you:
when you have brought the people out of Egypt,
you shall serve God on this mountain."
13 Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites
and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has
sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his
name?' what shall I say to them?"
14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He
said, "This is what you shall say to the Israelites:
'I AM has sent me to you.' "
15 God said further to Moses, "This is what you
shall say to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of
your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.'
This is my name forever, and this is my

memorial throughout all generations.
16 Go and gather the elders of Israel and say to
them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared
to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and
seen what is being done to you in Egypt.
17 I have said that I will bring you up from the
affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites,
Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and
Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and
honey." '
18 They will listen to your voice. You and the
elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and
say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews,
has met with us. Now, please let us go a
three-day journey into the wilderness, so that
we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'
19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let
you go, not even by a strong hand.
20 I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt
with all my wonders that I will do in its midst.
After that he will let you go.
21 I will give this people favor in the eyes of
the Egyptians, so that when you go, you will not
go empty-handed.
22 Each woman shall ask her neighbor and the
woman living in her house for articles of silver
and gold and for clothing. You shall put them on
your sons and daughters, and you shall plunder
the Egyptians."

4

1 Moses answered, "But they will not believe

me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The
LORD has not appeared to you.’ ”
2 The LORD said to him, “What is that in your
hand?” He said, “A staff.”
3 He said, “Throw it on the ground.” He threw
it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and
Moses fled from it.
4 The LORD said to Moses, “Reach out your
hand and take it by the tail.” He reached out his
hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his
palm.
5 “This is so that they may believe that the
LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
has appeared to you.”
6 The LORD said to him again, “Put your hand
inside your robe.” He put his hand inside his
robe, and when he took it out, his hand was
leprous, white as snow.
7 He said, “Put your hand back inside your
robe.” He put his hand back inside his robe, and
when he took it out, it was restored like the rest
of his flesh.
8 “If they do not believe you or listen to the
voice of the first sign, they will believe the voice
of the latter sign.
9 If they do not believe even these two signs or
listen to your voice, take water from the Nile
and pour it on the dry ground. The water you
take from the Nile will become blood on the dry
ground.”
10 Moses said to the LORD, “Please, Lord, I
have never been eloquent, either in the past or

since you have spoken to your servant, for I am
slow of speech and slow of tongue."
11 The LORD said to him, "Who has given man
a mouth? Who makes one mute or deaf, seeing
or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?
12 Now go, and I will be with your mouth and
teach you what you shall say."
13 But he said, "Please, Lord, send someone
else."
14 Then the LORD's anger burned against
Moses, and he said, "Is there not Aaron your
brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak
well. He is even now coming out to meet you,
and when he sees you, he will rejoice in his
heart.
15 You shall speak to him and put the words in
his mouth. I will be with your mouth and with
his mouth and teach you what you shall do.
16 He shall speak for you to the people. He
shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to
him.
17 Take this staff in your hand, with which you
shall perform the signs."

18 Moses went back to his father-in-law Jether
and said to him, "Please let me go back to my
brothers in Egypt and see whether they are still
alive." Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."
19 The LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go back
to Egypt, for all the men who sought your life
are dead."
20 Moses took his wife and his sons, put them
on a donkey, and returned to the land of Egypt.
Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

21 The LORD said to Moses, “When you go back
to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh
all the wonders I have put in your hand. But I
will harden his heart, and he will not let the
people go.
22 You shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the
LORD: “Israel is my son, my firstborn.
23 I told you to let my son go so that he might
serve me, but you refused to let him go. I will
kill your son, your firstborn.” ’ ”
24 On the way, at the lodging place, the LORD
met him and sought to put him to death.
25 Zipporah took a flint, cut off her son’s
foreskin, and touched his feet with it. She said,
“Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me.”
26 So he left him alone. Then she said, “A
bridegroom of blood,” because of the
circumcision.

27 The LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the
wilderness to meet Moses.” He went and met
him at the mountain of God and kissed him.
28 Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD
who had sent him, and all the signs he had
commanded him.
29 Moses and Aaron went and gathered all the
elders of the Israelites.
30 Aaron spoke all the words the LORD had
spoken to Moses, and he performed the signs
before the people’s eyes.
31 The people believed. When they heard that
the LORD had visited the Israelites and had seen
their affliction, they bowed their heads and
worshiped.

5

1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh
and said, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a feast
for me in the wilderness.’ ”
2 Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I
should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not
know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.”
3 They said, “The God of the Hebrews has met
with us. Please let us go a three-day journey into
the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our
God, lest he strike us with pestilence or with the
sword.”
4 The king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and
Aaron, why do you keep the people from their
work? Get back to your burdens!”
5 Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land
are now many, and you make them rest from
their burdens.”
6 That day Pharaoh commanded the
taskmasters over the people and their foremen,
saying,
7 “You shall no longer give the people straw to
make bricks as before. Let them go and gather
straw for themselves.
8 But impose on them the same quota of bricks
they made before. Do not reduce it, for they are
idle. That is why they cry out, ‘Let us go and
sacrifice to our God.’
9 Let the work weigh heavily on the men, so
that they labor at it and pay no attention to lying
words.”
10 The taskmasters over the people and their
foremen went out and said to the people, “Thus

says Pharaoh: ‘I will not give you straw.
11 Go yourselves and get straw wherever you
can find it, for none of your work will be
reduced.’ ”
12 The people scattered throughout all the land
of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.
13 The taskmasters pressed them, saying,
“Complete your work, each day’s task, as when
there was straw.”
14 The Israelite foremen whom Pharaoh’s
taskmasters had appointed over them were
beaten and asked, “Why did you not complete
your quota of bricks yesterday and today, as
before?”
15 The Israelite foremen came and cried out to
Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants this
way?
16 No straw is given to your servants, yet they
say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ Your servants are being
beaten, but your people are at fault.”
17 He said, “You are idle, idle! That is why you
say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’
18 Now go and work. No straw will be given to
you, but you shall deliver the quota of bricks.”
19 The Israelite foremen saw that they were in
trouble when they were told, “You shall not
reduce your daily number of bricks.”
20 As they came out from Pharaoh, they met
Moses and Aaron, who were standing there to
meet them.
21 They said to them, “May the LORD look
upon you and judge, because you have made us
stink in the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants,

putting a sword in their hand to kill us."
22 Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Lord,
why have you harmed this people? Why did you
send me?
23 Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in
your name, he has harmed this people, and you
have not delivered your people at all."

6

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see
what I will do to Pharaoh, for by a strong hand
he will let them go, and by a strong hand he will
drive them out of his land."
2 God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am
the LORD.
3 I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as
God Almighty, but by my name LORD I was not
known to them.
4 I also established my covenant with them to
give them the land of Canaan, the land of their
sojourning, where they lived as sojourners.
5 I have also heard the groaning of the
Israelites, whom the Egyptians keep in slavery,
and I have remembered my covenant.
6 Therefore say to the Israelites, 'I am the
LORD. I will bring you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from
their slavery, and I will redeem you with an
outstretched arm and with great judgments.
7 I will take you as my people, and I will be
your God. You shall know that I am the LORD
your God, who brings you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians.

8 I will bring you to the land I swore with
uplifted hand to give to Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob. I will give it to you as an inheritance. I
am the LORD.' "
9 Moses spoke this way to the Israelites, but
they did not listen to Moses because of anguish
of spirit and harsh slavery.

10 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
11 "Go in and speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt,
so that he may let the Israelites go out of his
land."
12 Moses said before the LORD, "The Israelites
have not listened to me. How then will Pharaoh
listen to me, when I have uncircumcised lips?"

13 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
gave them a charge concerning the Israelites
and Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the
Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads of their ancestral
houses. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn,
were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These
are the clans of Reuben.
15 The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin,
Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a
Canaanite woman. These are the clans of
Simeon.
16 These are the names of the sons of Levi
according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath,
and Merari. The years of Levi's life were one
hundred thirty-seven.
17 The sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei,
according to their clans.
18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar,
Hebron, and Uzziel. The years of Kohath's life

were one hundred thirty-three.
19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi.
These are the clans of the Levites according to
their generations.
20 Amram married his aunt Jochebed, and she
bore him Aaron and Moses. The years of
Amram's life were one hundred thirty-seven.
21 The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg, and
Zichri.
22 The sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan,
and Sithri.
23 Aaron married Elisheba, daughter of
Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she
bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
24 The sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah, and
Abiasaph. These are the clans of the Korahites.
25 Eleazar son of Aaron married one of Putiel's
daughters, and she bore him Phinehas. These
are the heads of the ancestral houses of the
Levites, according to their clans.
26 These are Aaron and Moses, to whom the
LORD said, "Bring the Israelites out of the land of
Egypt according to their armies."
27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh
king of Egypt to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.
These are Moses and Aaron.
28 On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses
in the land of Egypt,
29 the LORD said to Moses, "I am the LORD.
Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to
you."
30 But Moses said before the LORD, "I have
uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to
me?"

7

1 The LORD said to Moses, “See, I have made
you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother
Aaron shall be your prophet.
2 You shall speak all that I command you, and
your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh, so
that he may let the Israelites go out of his land.
3 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart and multiply
my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.
4 Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay
my hand on Egypt and bring my armies, my
people the Israelites, out of the land of Egypt
with great judgments.
5 The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD
when I stretch out my hand over Egypt and
bring the Israelites out from among them.”
6 Moses and Aaron did as the LORD
commanded them; so they did.
7 Moses was eighty years old and Aaron
eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
9 “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a
wonder,’ you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff
and throw it before Pharaoh, and it shall
become a serpent.’ ”
10 Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did
as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff
before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became
a serpent.
11 Pharaoh also called for the wise men and
sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, did
the same by their enchantments.

12 Each threw down his staff, and they became
serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed their
staffs.
13 Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not
listen to them, as the LORD had said.

14 The LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is
stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.
15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he is
going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the
Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff
that was turned into a serpent.
16 Say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the
Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, "Let my
people go, so that they may serve me in the
wilderness." But until now you have not
listened.
17 Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know
that I am the LORD. I am about to strike the
water in the Nile with the staff in my hand, and
it shall turn to blood.
18 The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile
shall stink, and the Egyptians will struggle to
drink water from the Nile." ' "

19 The LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron,
'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over
the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their
canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water,
so that they may become blood. There shall be
blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in
containers of wood and stone.' "
20 Moses and Aaron did as the LORD
commanded. He raised the staff and struck the
water in the Nile before the eyes of Pharaoh and

his servants, and all the water in the Nile turned to blood.
21 The fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.
22 The magicians of Egypt did the same by their enchantments. Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.
23 Pharaoh turned and went into his house. He did not take even this to heart.
24 All the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile.
25 Seven days passed after the LORD struck the Nile.

8

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let my people go, so that they may serve me.
2 If you refuse to let them go, I will strike all your territory with frogs.
3 The Nile shall swarm with frogs. They shall come up into your house, into your bedroom and onto your bed, into your servants' houses and among your people, into your ovens and your kneading bowls.
4 The frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants." ' "
5 The LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the

rivers, canals, and ponds, and bring up frogs
over the land of Egypt.' "
6 Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters
of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the
land of Egypt.
7 The magicians did the same by their
enchantments and brought up frogs over the
land of Egypt.
8 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and
said, "Plead with the LORD to take the frogs away
from me and my people. I will let the people go,
so that they may sacrifice to the LORD."
9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "You may have the
honor of deciding: when shall I plead for you,
for your servants, and for your people, to
remove the frogs from you and your houses, so
that they remain only in the Nile?"
10 Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "It
shall be as you say, so that you may know that
there is none like the LORD our God.
11 The frogs shall leave you, your houses, your
servants, and your people. They shall remain
only in the Nile."
12 Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh,
and Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the
frogs he had brought upon Pharaoh.
13 The LORD did as Moses said, and the frogs
died in the houses, courtyards, and fields.
14 They piled them in heaps upon heaps, and
the land stank.
15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief,
he hardened his heart and did not listen to
them, as the LORD had said.
16 The LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron,

‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the
land, so that it may become gnats throughout all
the land of Egypt.’ ”
17 They did so. Aaron stretched out his hand
with his staff and struck the dust of the land,
and gnats were on people and animals. All the
dust of the land became gnats throughout all the
land of Egypt.
18 The magicians tried to do the same by their
enchantments to bring forth gnats, but they
could not. The gnats were on people and
animals.
19 The magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the
finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard,
and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had
said.
20 The LORD said to Moses, “Rise early in the
morning and stand before Pharaoh when he
goes out to the water. Say to him, ‘Thus says the
LORD: “Let my people go, so that they may serve
me.
21 If you do not let my people go, I will send
swarms of flies on you, on your servants, on
your people, and into your houses. The houses
of the Egyptians shall be filled with the swarms,
and also the ground where they are.
22 But on that day I will set apart the land of
Goshen, where my people live, so that no
swarms shall be there, so that you may know
that I am the LORD in the midst of the land.
23 I will distinguish my people from your
people by redeeming them. This sign shall take
place tomorrow.” ’ ”

24 The LORD did so. Dense swarms came into
Pharaoh's house and his servants' houses, and
throughout all the land of Egypt the land was
ruined because of the swarms.
25 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and
said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."
26 Moses said, "It would not be right to do so,
for we would sacrifice to the LORD our God
what is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we
sacrifice what is an abomination to the
Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone
us?
27 We shall go a three-day journey into the
wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as
he tells us."
28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, so that you
may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the
wilderness. Only you must not go very far. Plead
for me."
29 Moses said, "I am going out from you, and I
will plead with the LORD, and the swarms shall
leave Pharaoh, his servants, and his people
tomorrow. Only let Pharaoh not deceive again
by refusing to let the people go to sacrifice to the
LORD."
30 Moses went out from Pharaoh and pleaded
with the LORD.
31 The LORD did as Moses said and removed
the swarms from Pharaoh, his servants, and his
people. Not one remained.
32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time
also and did not let the people go.

9

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and

tell him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the
Hebrews, says: “Let my people go, so that they
may serve me.
2 For if you refuse to let them go and continue
to hold them,
3 look, the hand of the LORD will be upon your
livestock in the field—on the horses, donkeys,
camels, cattle, and flocks—with a very severe
pestilence.
4 The LORD will make a distinction between
the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt,
and not one animal belonging to the Israelites
will die.” ’ ”
5 The LORD set a time, saying, “Tomorrow the
LORD will do this in the land.”
6 The next day the LORD did this, and all the
livestock of Egypt died, but not one of the
Israelites’ livestock died.
7 Pharaoh sent to inquire, and not one of
Israel’s livestock had died. But Pharaoh’s heart
grew stubborn, and he did not let the people go.
8 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take
handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses
throw it toward the sky in Pharaoh’s sight.
9 It will become fine dust over all the land of
Egypt and produce boils that break out in
blisters on people and animals throughout all
the land of Egypt.”
10 So they took soot from the kiln and stood
before Pharaoh. Moses threw it toward the sky,
and boils broke out in blisters on people and
animals.
11 The magicians could not stand before Moses
because of the boils, for the boils were on the

magicians and all the Egyptians.
12 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart,
and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD
had told Moses.
13 The LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the
morning, stand before Pharaoh, and tell him,
'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews,
says: "Let my people go, so that they may serve
me.
14 For this time I will send all my plagues
against your heart and against your servants
and your people, so that you may know that
there is none like me in all the earth.
15 For by now I could have stretched out my
hand and struck you and your people with
pestilence, and you would have been cut off
from the earth.
16 But for this purpose I have kept you
standing: to show you my power and to have my
name proclaimed throughout all the earth.
17 Are you still exalting yourself against my
people, refusing to let them go?
18 Look, about this time tomorrow I will send
down very heavy hail, unlike anything that has
fallen in Egypt from the day it was founded until
now.
19 Now send word to bring your livestock and
everything you have in the field to safety. The
hail will fall on every person and animal found
in the field that has not been brought inside, and
they will die." ' "
20 Those among Pharaoh's servants who
feared the word of the LORD hurried their
servants and livestock into the houses.

21 But those who did not take the word of the
LORD to heart left their servants and livestock
in the field.
22 The LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your
hand toward the sky, so that hail may fall
throughout all the land of Egypt—on people and
animals and on all the vegetation in the fields of
Egypt.”
23 Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky,
and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire
ran down to the ground. The LORD rained hail
on the land of Egypt.
24 There was very heavy hail, with fire
flashing in its midst, unlike anything in all the
land of Egypt since it became a nation.
25 Throughout all the land of Egypt, the hail
struck everything in the field, both people and
animals. The hail struck all the vegetation in the
field and shattered all the trees in the field.
26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the
Israelites were, was there no hail.
27 Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said
to them, “I have sinned this time. The LORD is
righteous, and I and my people are wicked.
28 Plead with the LORD, for there has been
enough of God’s thunder and hail. I will let you
go, and you will stay no longer.”
29 Moses said to him, “As soon as I leave the
city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD. The
thunder will cease, and there will be no more
hail, so that you may know that the earth is the
LORD’s.
30 But I know that you and your servants do
not yet fear the LORD God.”

31 The flax and barley were struck down, for
the barley had formed heads and the flax was in
bud.
32 But the wheat and spelt were not struck
down, for they ripen late.
33 Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city.
He spread out his hands to the LORD, and the
thunder and hail ceased, and rain no longer
poured down on the earth.
34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain, hail, and
thunder had ceased, he sinned again and
hardened his heart, he and his servants.
35 Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not
let the Israelites go, just as the LORD had spoken
through Moses.

10

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I
have hardened his heart and the hearts of his
servants, so that I may perform these signs of
mine among them,
2 and so that you may tell, in the hearing of
your son and your grandson, how I made a
mockery of Egypt and what signs I performed
among them. And you will all know that I am
the LORD."
3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and
said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of
the Hebrews, says: 'How long will you refuse to
humble yourself before me? Let my people go,
so that they may serve me.
4 For if you refuse to let my people go, look,
tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

5 They will cover the surface of the land, so
that no one will be able to see the land. They
will eat what escaped, what remains for you
after the hail, and they will eat every tree
growing for you in the field.
6 They will fill your houses, the houses of all
your servants, and the houses of all the
Egyptians—something neither your fathers nor
your fathers' fathers have seen, from the day
they first lived on the earth until this day.' " Then
he turned and left Pharaoh's presence.
7 Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long
will this be a snare to us? Let the men go, so that
they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not
yet know that Egypt is ruined?"
8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to
Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go and serve the
LORD your God. Who exactly is going?"
9 Moses said, "We will go with our young and
our old. We will go with our sons and our
daughters, with our flocks and our herds, for we
must hold a feast to the LORD."
10 Pharaoh said to them, "May the LORD be
with you if I ever let you and your little ones go!
Look, evil is before you!
11 No! You men may go and serve the LORD,
for that is what you are asking." And they were
driven out of Pharaoh's presence.
12 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your
hand over the land of Egypt so that locusts may
come up over the land of Egypt and eat all the
vegetation of the land, everything the hail has
left."

13 Moses stretched out his staff over the land
of Egypt, and the LORD drove an east wind over
the land all that day and all that night. When
morning came, the east wind had brought the
locusts.
14 The locusts came up over all the land of
Egypt and settled throughout all the territory of
Egypt in very great numbers. There had never
been such locusts before, nor will there ever be
any like them again.
15 They covered the surface of the whole land,
and the land grew dark. They ate all the
vegetation of the land and all the fruit on the
trees that the hail had left. Nothing green
remained on the trees or in the vegetation of the
field throughout all the land of Egypt.
16 Pharaoh hurried to call Moses and Aaron
and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your
God and against you.
17 Now please forgive my sin just this once,
and plead with the LORD your God to remove
just this death from me."
18 Moses left Pharaoh's presence and pleaded
with the LORD.
19 The LORD changed the wind to a very
strong west wind, which carried the locusts
away and drove them into the Red Sea. Not one
locust remained in all the territory of Egypt.
20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart,
and he did not let the Israelites go.

21 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your
hand toward the sky, so that there may be
darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness that

can be felt."
22 Moses stretched out his hand toward the
sky, and there was thick darkness throughout all
the land of Egypt for three days.
23 They did not see one another, and no one
rose from his place for three days. But all the
Israelites had light where they lived.
24 Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go and
serve the LORD. Only your flocks and herds
must stay behind. Your little ones may go with
you as well."
25 Moses said, "You must also put sacrifices
and burnt offerings into our hands, so that we
may offer them to the LORD our God.
26 Our livestock will also go with us; not a hoof
will be left behind, for we must take from them
to serve the LORD our God. We will not know
with what we are to serve the LORD until we
arrive there."
27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart,
and he was unwilling to let them go.
28 Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me!
Watch yourself! Do not see my face again, for on
the day you see my face you will die."
29 Moses said, "You have spoken rightly. I will
not see your face again."

11

1 The LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one
more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After
that he will let you go from here. When he lets
you go, he will drive you out of here completely.

2 Now speak in the hearing of the people: let
each man ask his neighbor and each woman ask
her neighbor for articles of silver and gold."
3 The LORD gave the people favor in the eyes
of the Egyptians. The man Moses, too, was
greatly esteemed in the land of Egypt, in the
eyes of Pharaoh's servants and in the eyes of the
people.

4 Moses said, "This is what the LORD says:
'About midnight I will go out through the midst
of Egypt.
5 Every firstborn in the land of Egypt will die,
from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his
throne, to the firstborn of the slave woman at
the mill, and every firstborn of the animals.
6 There will be a great cry throughout all the
land of Egypt, unlike anything that has ever
been or ever will be again.
7 But not a dog will make a sound against any
of the Israelites, against either person or animal,
so that you may know that the LORD makes a
distinction between Egypt and Israel.'
8 All these servants of yours will come down to
me and bow down before me, saying, 'Go out,
you and all the people who follow you!' After
that I will go out." Then he left Pharaoh's
presence in burning anger.

9 The LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not
listen to you, so that my wonders may be
multiplied in the land of Egypt."
10 Moses and Aaron performed all these
wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD

hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the Israelites go out of his land.

12

1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.
3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel: ‘On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or young goat for his ancestral household, one lamb or young goat per household.
4 If a household is too small for one animal, let the man and the neighbor nearest his house take one together according to the number of people. You shall make your count for the animal according to what each person can eat.
5 Your animal shall be a male a year old, without blemish; you shall take it from among the sheep or the goats.
6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.
7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.
8 They shall eat the meat that night, roasted over the fire; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water,
but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and
entrails.
10 You shall leave none of it until morning;
whatever remains until morning you shall burn
in the fire.
11 This is how you shall eat it: with your belts
fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your
staff in your hand. You shall eat it in haste. It is
the LORD's Passover.
12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt
that night and strike every firstborn in the land
of Egypt, both human and animal. I will execute
judgments against all the gods of Egypt. I am the
LORD.
13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the
houses where you are. When I see the blood, I
will pass over you. No plague will come upon
you to destroy you when I strike the land of
Egypt.
14 This day shall be a memorial for you, and
you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD.
Throughout your generations you shall
celebrate it as a perpetual statute.
15 For seven days you shall eat unleavened
bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven
from your houses, for anyone who eats anything
leavened from the first day through the seventh
day shall be cut off from Israel.
16 On the first day you shall have a holy
assembly, and on the seventh day a holy
assembly. No work shall be done on those days,
except preparing what each person is to eat.

That alone may be done for you.
17 You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened
Bread, for on this very day I brought your
armies out of the land of Egypt. You shall keep
this day throughout your generations as a
perpetual statute.
18 In the first month, from the evening of the
fourteenth day of the month until the evening of
the twenty-first day of the month, you shall eat
unleavened bread.
19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in
your houses, for anyone who eats anything
leavened shall be cut off from the congregation
of Israel, whether a resident foreigner or a
native of the land.
20 You shall eat nothing leavened. In all your
dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

21 Moses called all the elders of Israel and said
to them, "Select and take animals from the flock
for your families, and slaughter the Passover
animal.
22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the
blood in the basin. Apply some of the blood in
the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts.
None of you shall go out through the doorway of
your house until morning.
23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the
Egyptians. When he sees the blood on the lintel
and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass
over the doorway and will not allow the
destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.
24 You shall observe this as a statute for you
and your children forever.

25 When you enter the land that the LORD will
give you, just as he has said, you shall keep this
observance.
26 When your children ask you, ‘What does
this observance mean to you?’
27 you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the
LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses
of the Israelites in Egypt when he struck the
Egyptians, but saved our houses.’ ” Then the
people bowed down and worshiped.
28 The Israelites went and did as the LORD had
commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did.

29 At midnight the LORD struck every firstborn
in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of
Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn
of the captive in the dungeon, and every
firstborn of the animals.
30 Pharaoh rose during the night, he and all
his servants and all the Egyptians. There was a
great cry in Egypt, for there was no house
without someone dead.
31 He called for Moses and Aaron during the
night and said, “Rise and go out from among my
people, both you and the Israelites! Go, serve
the LORD, as you have said.
32 Take your flocks and herds as well, as you
have said, and go. And bless me too.”
33 The Egyptians urged the people to leave the
land quickly, for they said, “We are all going to
die!”
34 The people took their dough before it was
leavened, with their kneading bowls wrapped in
their cloaks on their shoulders.

35 The Israelites had done as Moses had said
and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and
gold and for clothing.
36 The LORD had given the people favor in the
eyes of the Egyptians, and the Egyptians granted
their requests. Thus the Israelites plundered
Egypt.

37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to
Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on
foot, besides the little ones.
38 A large mixed multitude also went up with
them, along with flocks and herds, a very great
abundance of livestock.
39 They baked the dough they had brought out
of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread, for it
had not fermented, since they had been driven
out of Egypt and could not delay. They had not
prepared provisions for themselves either.
40 The time the Israelites lived in Egypt was
four hundred thirty years.
41 At the end of the four hundred thirty years,
on that very day, all the armies of the LORD
went out of the land of Egypt.
42 It was a night when the LORD kept watch to
bring them out of the land of Egypt. This same
night is a vigil for the LORD, to be kept by all the
Israelites throughout their generations.

43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “This is
the statute of the Passover: no foreigner may eat
of it.
44 But any slave a man has bought with silver
may eat of it after you have circumcised him.

45 A temporary resident and a hired worker
may not eat of it.
46 It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not
take any of the meat outside the house, and you
shall not break a bone of it.
47 The whole congregation of Israel shall
observe it.
48 If a resident foreigner lives among you and
wishes to keep the Passover to the LORD, every
male of his household must be circumcised.
Then he may draw near to observe it, and he
shall be like a native of the land. But no
uncircumcised person may eat of it.
49 There shall be one law for the native and
for the resident foreigner who lives among you."
50 All the Israelites did as the LORD had
commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did.
51 On that very day the LORD brought the
Israelites out of the land of Egypt according to
their armies.

13

1 The LORD said to Moses:
2 "Consecrate to me every firstborn, all that
opens the womb among the Israelites, both
human and animal. It is mine."
3 Moses said to the people, "Remember this
day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD
brought you out of here. Nothing leavened shall
be eaten.
4 Today you are going out, in the month of
Abib.
5 When the LORD brings you into the land of
the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and

Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give
you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you
shall keep this observance in this month.
6 For seven days you shall eat unleavened
bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a
feast to the LORD.
7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten for the
seven days. Nothing leavened shall be seen with
you, and no leaven shall be seen with you
throughout all your territory.
8 On that day you shall tell your son, 'This is
because of what the LORD did for me when I
came out of Egypt.'
9 It shall be a sign for you on your hand and a
reminder between your eyes, so that the law of
the LORD may be in your mouth, for by a strong
hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.
10 You shall keep this statute at its appointed
time from year to year.
11 When the LORD brings you into the land of
the Canaanites, as he swore to you and to your
fathers, and gives it to you,
12 you shall set apart to the LORD all that
opens the womb. Every firstborn of the livestock
that you have, the males, shall be the LORD's.
13 Every firstborn donkey you shall redeem
with a sheep or goat. If you do not redeem it,
you shall break its neck. You shall also redeem
every firstborn among your sons.
14 When your son asks you in time to come,
'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By
a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.

15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us
go, the LORD killed every firstborn in the land of
Egypt, both the firstborn of people and the
firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the
LORD every male that opens the womb, but I
redeem all the firstborn among my sons.'
16 It shall be a sign on your hand and bands
between your eyes, for by a strong hand the
LORD brought us out of Egypt."

17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did
not lead them by the way of the land of the
Philistines, although it was near. For God said,
"The people might change their minds when
they see war and return to Egypt."
18 So God led the people around by the
wilderness route toward the Red Sea. The
Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt in
battle formation.
19 Moses took Joseph's bones with him, for
Joseph had made the Israelites solemnly swear,
saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall
carry my bones up from here with you."
20 They journeyed from Succoth and camped
at Etham, at the edge of the wilderness.
21 The LORD went before them by day in a
pillar of cloud to lead them on the way, and by
night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that
they could travel by day and by night.
22 He did not remove the pillar of cloud by day
or the pillar of fire by night from before the
people.

14

1 The LORD said to Moses:
2 “Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp
before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea,
opposite Baal-zephon. You shall camp facing it,
by the sea.
3 Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, ‘They are
wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness
has shut them in.’
4 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will
pursue them. I will gain glory over Pharaoh and
all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I
am the LORD.” And they did so.
5 When the king of Egypt was told that the
people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a
change of heart toward the people and said,
“What have we done, letting Israel go from
serving us?”
6 He harnessed his chariot and took his people
with him.
7 He took six hundred chosen chariots and all
the chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of
them.
8 The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh
king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites,
while the Israelites were going out with a raised
hand.
9 The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s chariot horses,
his horsemen, and his army—pursued them and
overtook them camped by the sea, near
Pi-hahiroth, opposite Baal-zephon.
10 When Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites
lifted up their eyes, and there were the
Egyptians marching after them. They were very

afraid, and the Israelites cried out to the LORD.
11 They said to Moses, “Was it because there
were no graves in Egypt that you took us away
to die in the wilderness? What have you done to
us, bringing us out of Egypt?
12 Did we not tell you this in Egypt: ‘Leave us
alone so that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it
is better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die
in the wilderness.”
13 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid.
Stand firm and see the salvation of the LORD,
which he will accomplish for you today. For the
Egyptians you see today, you shall never see
again.
14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall
be silent.”
15 The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry
out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.
16 But you, lift up your staff, stretch out your
hand over the sea, and divide it, so that the
Israelites may go through the midst of the sea on
dry ground.
17 As for me, I will harden the hearts of the
Egyptians, and they will go in after them. I will
gain glory over Pharaoh and all his army, over
his chariots and his horsemen.
18 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD
when I gain glory over Pharaoh, over his
chariots and his horsemen.”
19 The angel of God, who had been going
before the camp of Israel, moved and went
behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved
from before them and stood behind them.

20 It came between the camp of Egypt and the
camp of Israel. There was cloud and darkness,
yet it lit up the night. Neither camp came near
the other all night.
21 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,
and the LORD drove the sea back with a strong
east wind all night. He made the sea dry ground,
and the waters were divided.
22 The Israelites went into the midst of the sea
on dry ground, and the waters were a wall to
them on their right and on their left.
23 The Egyptians pursued them and went in
after them into the midst of the sea—all
Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his
horsemen.
24 During the morning watch, the LORD looked
down on the Egyptian camp from the pillar of
fire and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into
confusion.
25 He removed their chariot wheels and made
the chariots move with difficulty. The Egyptians
said, "Let us flee from Israel, for the LORD fights
for them against Egypt!"

26 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your
hand over the sea, so that the waters may return
over the Egyptians, over their chariots and over
their horsemen."
27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,
and at daybreak the sea regained its strength,
while the Egyptians were fleeing toward it. The
LORD shook the Egyptians off into the midst of
the sea.
28 The waters returned and covered the
chariots and horsemen, all Pharaoh's army that

had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained.
29 But the Israelites had walked on dry ground
through the midst of the sea, and the waters
were a wall to them on their right and on their
left.
30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the
hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the
Egyptians dead on the seashore.
31 Israel saw the mighty hand with which the
LORD had acted against the Egyptians. The
people feared the LORD and put their trust in
the LORD and in Moses his servant.

15

1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song
to the LORD:
"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed
gloriously;
the horse and its rider he has hurled into
the sea.
2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he has
become my salvation.
This is my God, and I will praise him;
my father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into
the sea;
his chosen officers were drowned in the Red
Sea.
5 The deep waters covered them;
they sank into the depths like a stone.
6 Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in power;

your right hand, O LORD, shatters the
enemy.
7 In the greatness of your majesty you
overthrow those who rise against you;
you send out your burning anger, and it
consumes them like stubble.
8 At the breath of your nostrils the waters piled
up;
the flowing waters stood like a heap;
the depths congealed in the heart of the sea.
9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I
will divide the spoil;
my desire will have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword;
my hand will destroy them.'
10 You blew with your wind;
the sea covered them.
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who is like you among the gods, O LORD?
Who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in praiseworthy deeds, working
wonders?
12 You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.
13 In your steadfast love you have led the people
you redeemed;
in your strength you have guided them to
your holy dwelling.
14 The peoples have heard;
they tremble.
Pangs have seized the inhabitants of
Philistia.
15 Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed;
trembling seized the mighty men of Moab;

all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.
16 Terror and dread will fall upon them;
by the greatness of your arm they will be
still as a stone, until your people pass by,
O LORD, until the people you acquired
pass by.
17 You will bring them in and plant them on the
mountain of your inheritance, the place,
O LORD, that you made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands
have established.
18 The LORD will reign forever and ever."

19 For Pharaoh's horses went into the sea with his chariots and his horsemen, and the LORD brought the waters of the sea back upon them. But the Israelites had walked on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

20 Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing.

21 Miriam answered them,

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed
gloriously;
the horse and its rider he has hurled into
the sea."

22 Moses led Israel away from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur. They traveled for three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 They came to Marah, but they could not drink the water at Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was named Marah.

24 The people grumbled against Moses and
said, “What shall we drink?”
25 Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD
showed him a tree. Moses threw it into the
water, and the water became sweet. There the
LORD established a statute and an ordinance for
them, and there he tested them.
26 He said, “If you listen carefully to the voice
of the LORD your God, do what is right in his
eyes, give ear to his commandments, and keep
all his statutes, I will put on you none of the
diseases that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the
LORD who heals you.”
27 They came to Elim, where there were
twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees,
and they camped there by the water.

16

1 They journeyed from Elim, and the whole
congregation of the Israelites came to the
wilderness of Sin, between Elim and Sinai, on
the fifteenth day of the second month after they
came out of the land of Egypt.
2 The whole congregation of the Israelites
grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the
wilderness.
3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had
died by the hand of the LORD in the land of
Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate
bread to the full! For you have brought us out
into this wilderness to starve this whole
assembly to death.”
4 The LORD said to Moses, “Look, I will rain
bread from heaven for you, and the people shall

go out and gather a day's portion each day, so
that I may test them, whether they will walk in
my law or not.
5 On the sixth day they shall prepare what
they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as
they gather each day."
6 Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In
the evening you shall know that the LORD
brought you out of the land of Egypt,
7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of
the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling
against the LORD. And what are we, that you
grumble against us?"
8 Moses said, "The LORD will give you meat to
eat in the evening and bread to satisfy you in the
morning, for the LORD has heard the grumbling
you direct against him. And what are we? Your
grumbling is not against us, but against the
LORD."
9 Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole
congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near before
the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.' "
10 As Aaron spoke to the whole congregation
of the Israelites, they turned toward the
wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared
in the cloud.
11 The LORD said to Moses:
12 "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites.
Tell them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in
the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then
you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "
13 In the evening quail came up and covered
the camp, and in the morning there was a layer

of dew around the camp.
14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the
surface of the wilderness was something fine
and flaky, fine as frost on the ground.
15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one
another, “What is it?” For they did not know
what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread
the LORD has given you to eat.
16 This is what the LORD has commanded:
‘Gather some of it, each according to what he is
to eat—about two quarts per person, according
to how many of you there are. Each of you shall
take for those in his tent.’ ”
17 The Israelites did so; some gathered much
and some little.
18 When they measured it by the omer—about
two quarts—the one who had gathered much
had no excess, and the one who had gathered
little had no lack. Each had gathered what he
was to eat.
19 Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of
it until morning.”
20 But they did not listen to Moses. Some left
part of it until morning, and it bred worms and
stank. Moses was angry with them.
21 They gathered it morning by morning, each
according to what he was to eat. When the sun
grew hot, it melted.
22 On the sixth day they gathered twice as
much bread, about four quarts per person. All
the leaders of the congregation came and told
Moses.
23 He said to them, “This is what the LORD has
said: ‘Tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath

to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil
what you will boil, and keep all that is left over
for yourselves until morning.' "
24 They kept it until morning, just as Moses
had commanded, and it did not stink, and there
were no worms in it.
25 Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a
Sabbath to the LORD. Today you will not find it
in the field.
26 For six days you shall gather it, but on the
seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none."
27 On the seventh day some of the people went
out to gather, but they found none.

28 The LORD said to Moses, "How long will you
all refuse to keep my commandments and my
laws?
29 See, the LORD has given you the Sabbath;
that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread
for two days. Let each remain where he is; let no
one go out from his place on the seventh day."
30 So the people rested on the seventh day.
31 The house of Israel called it manna. It was
like coriander seed and was white, and its taste
was like wafers with honey.
32 Moses said, "This is what the LORD has
commanded: 'Keep about two quarts of it for
your generations, so that they may see the bread
I fed you in the wilderness when I brought you
out of the land of Egypt.' "
33 Moses said to Aaron, "Take one jar and put
about two quarts of manna in it, and place it
before the LORD to be kept throughout your
generations."

34 As the LORD had commanded Moses, Aaron
placed it before the Testimony, to be kept.
35 The Israelites ate manna for forty years,
until they came to an inhabited land. They ate
manna until they came to the border of the land
of Canaan.
36 An omer, about two quarts, is one-tenth of
an ephah.

17

1 The whole congregation of the Israelites
journeyed from the wilderness of Sin by stages,
at the LORD's command. They camped at
Rephidim, but there was no water for the people
to drink.
2 The people quarreled with Moses and said,
"Give us water to drink!" Moses said to them,
"Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put
the LORD to the test?"
3 The people thirsted there for water and
grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why have you
brought us up from Egypt to make me and my
children and my livestock die of thirst?"
4 Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do
with these people? A little more and they will
stone me!"
5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the
people and take with you some of the elders of
Israel. Take in your hand the staff with which
you struck the Nile, and go.
6 Look, I will stand before you there on the
rock at Horeb. You shall strike the rock, and
water will come out of it, and the people will

drink." Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7 He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and put the LORD to the test, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
8 Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.
9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out and fight Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand at the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."
10 Joshua fought Amalek as Moses had told him, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
11 Whenever Moses raised his hand, Israel prevailed; whenever he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.
12 Moses' hands grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, and his hands were steady until sunset.
13 Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
14 The LORD said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in the book and recite it in Joshua's hearing, for I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."
15 Moses built an altar and named it "The LORD Is My Banner."
16 He said, "For a hand is upon the throne of the LORD; the LORD will be at war with Amalek

from generation to generation."

18

1 Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses'
father-in-law, heard all that God had done for
Moses and for Israel his people, and that the
LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.
2 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took along
Moses' wife Zipporah, after she had been sent
away,
3 and her two sons. One was named Gershom,
for Moses had said, "I have been a stranger in a
strange land."
4 The other was named Eliezer, for he had
said, "The God of my father was my help and
delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh."
5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with
Moses' sons and wife to Moses in the wilderness,
where he was camped at the mountain of God.
6 He said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law
Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her
two sons."
7 Moses went out to meet his father-in-law,
bowed down, and kissed him. They asked one
another how they were and went into the tent.
8 Moses told his father-in-law all that the
LORD had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians
for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had
befallen them on the way, and how the LORD
had delivered them.
9 Jethro rejoiced over all the good the LORD
had done for Israel in delivering them from the
hand of the Egyptians.

10 Jethro said, “Blessed be the LORD, who
delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians
and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who
delivered the people from under the hand of the
Egyptians!
11 Now I know that the LORD is greater than
all the gods, for in the very matter in which they
acted arrogantly, he was above them.”
12 Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, took a burnt
offering and sacrifices for God. Aaron and all
the elders of Israel came to eat bread with
Moses’ father-in-law before God.
13 The next day Moses sat to judge the people,
and the people stood before Moses from
morning until evening.
14 When Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he
was doing for the people, he said, “What is this
you are doing for the people? Why do you sit
alone, while all the people stand before you
from morning until evening?”
15 Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the
people come to me to inquire of God.
16 When they have a matter, it comes to me,
and I judge between one person and another
and make known the statutes of God and his
laws.”
17 Moses’ father-in-law said to him, “What you
are doing is not good.
18 You will surely wear out, both you and these
people with you, for the task is too heavy for
you. You cannot do it alone.
19 Now listen to my voice; I will give you
counsel, and may God be with you. Represent

the people before God and bring their matters to
God.
20 Instruct them in the statutes and the laws,
and make known to them the way they are to
walk and the work they are to do.
21 You shall select from all the people capable
men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate
unjust gain. Appoint them over the people as
leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds,
leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.
22 Let them judge the people at all times. They
shall bring every major matter to you, but every
minor matter they shall judge themselves.
Lighten your burden, and they will bear it with
you.
23 If you do this and God commands you to do
so, you will be able to endure, and all these
people will also go to their place in peace."
24 Moses listened to the voice of his
father-in-law and did all that he had said.
25 Moses chose capable men from all Israel
and appointed them as heads over the people:
leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds,
leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.
26 They judged the people at all times. They
would bring the difficult matters to Moses, but
every minor matter they judged themselves.
27 Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and
he went to his own land.

19

1 In the third month after the Israelites came
out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they
came to the wilderness of Sinai.

2 They had journeyed from Rephidim and
come to the wilderness of Sinai, and they
camped in the wilderness. There Israel camped
before the mountain.
3 Moses went up to God, and the LORD called
to him from the mountain, saying, “This is what
you shall say to the house of Jacob and declare
to the Israelites:
4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to
Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings
and brought you to myself.
5 Now, if you truly obey my voice and keep my
covenant, you shall be my treasured possession
from among all the peoples, for all the earth is
mine.
6 You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a
holy nation.’ These are the words you shall
speak to the Israelites.”
7 Moses came and called the elders of the
people and set before them all these words that
the LORD had commanded him.
8 All the people answered together, “All that
the LORD has spoken we will do.” Moses brought
the words of the people back to the LORD.
9 The LORD said to Moses, “Look, I am coming
to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may
hear when I speak with you and may also put
their trust in you forever.” Moses told the words
of the people to the LORD.
10 The LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people
and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and
let them wash their clothes.
11 Let them be ready for the third day, for on
the third day the LORD will come down on

Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.
12 Set bounds for the people all around, saying,
‘Be careful not to go up the mountain or touch
its edge. Whoever touches the mountain shall
surely be put to death.
13 No hand shall touch the offender, who shall
surely be stoned or shot with arrows; whether
animal or person, the offender shall not live.’
When the ram’s horn sounds a long blast, they
may come up the mountain.”
14 Moses went down from the mountain to the
people and consecrated the people, and they
washed their clothes.
15 He said to the people, “Be ready for the third
day. Do not have sexual relations with a
woman.”
16 On the morning of the third day there were
peals of thunder and flashes of lightning, a thick
cloud over the mountain, and a very loud horn
blast. All the people in the camp trembled.
17 Moses brought the people out of the camp to
meet God, and they took their stand at the foot
of the mountain.
18 All of Mount Sinai was smoking because the
LORD had descended upon it in fire. Its smoke
rose like smoke from a kiln, and the whole
mountain trembled violently.
19 The sound of the horn grew louder and
louder. Moses kept speaking, and God kept
answering him with a voice.
20 The LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, to
the top of the mountain. The LORD called Moses
to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 The LORD said to Moses, “Go down and
warn the people, lest they break through to the
LORD to look and many of them perish.
22 Let the priests who come near to the LORD
also consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break
out against them.”
23 Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot
come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself
warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the
mountain and consecrate it.’ ”
24 The LORD said to him, “Go, go down. Then
you shall come up, you and Aaron with you. But
the priests and the people must not break
through to come up to the LORD, lest he break
out against them.”
25 Moses went down to the people and spoke
to them.

20

1 God spoke all these words:
2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery.
3 You shall have no other gods before me.
4 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.
5 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,

6 but showing steadfast love to thousands, to
those who love me and keep my
commandments.
7 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.
8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
10 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 livestock, or the
resident foreigner within your gates.
11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens
and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the
LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
12 Honor your father and your mother, so that
your days may be long in the land that the LORD
your God is giving you.
13 You shall not murder.
14 You shall not commit adultery.
15 You shall not steal.
16 You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbor.
17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his
male slave, or his female slave, or his ox, or his
donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbor."
18 All the people saw the thunder and the
flashes of lightning, the sound of the horn, and

the mountain smoking. When the people saw it,
they trembled and stood at a distance.
19 They said to Moses, “You speak with us, and
we will listen. But do not let God speak with us,
lest we die.”
20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid,
for God has come to test you and so that the fear
of him may be before you, so that you may not
sin.”
21 The people stood at a distance, while Moses
drew near to the thick darkness where God was.
22 The LORD said to Moses, “This is what you
shall say to the Israelites: ‘You yourselves have
seen that I have spoken with you from heaven.
23 You shall not make gods of silver alongside
me, nor shall you make gods of gold for
yourselves.
24 You shall make for me an altar of earth and
sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your
peace offerings, your sheep and goats and your
cattle. In every place where I cause my name to
be remembered, I will come to you and bless
you.
25 If you make for me an altar of stones, you
shall not build it of cut stones, for if you lift your
tool over it, you profane it.
26 You shall not go up by steps to my altar, so
that your nakedness may not be exposed upon
it.’ ”

21

1 “These are the ordinances you shall set
before them.

2 If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for
six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free,
without payment.
3 If he came in alone, he shall go out alone. If
he had a wife, his wife shall go out with him.
4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears
him sons or daughters, the woman and her
children shall belong to her master, and he shall
go out alone.
5 But if the slave clearly declares, 'I love my
master, my wife, and my children; I will not go
out free,'
6 his master shall bring him before God and
bring him to the door or the doorpost. His
master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he
shall serve him forever.
7 If a man sells his daughter as a female slave,
she shall not go out as the male slaves do.
8 If she is displeasing in the eyes of her master,
who has not designated her for himself, he shall
let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to
sell her to a foreign people, because he has dealt
faithlessly with her.
9 If he designates her for his son, he shall treat
her according to the rights of daughters.
10 If he takes another wife for himself, he shall
not reduce her food, her clothing, or her marital
rights.
11 If he does not provide these three things for
her, she shall go out free, without any payment.
12 Whoever strikes a person so that he dies
shall surely be put to death.

13 But if he did not lie in wait and God
delivered the person into his hand, I will
appoint for you a place to which he may flee.
14 But if a man acts deliberately against his
neighbor to kill him by deceit, you shall take
him even from my altar to be put to death.
15 Whoever strikes his father or his mother
shall surely be put to death.
16 Whoever kidnaps a person, whether he sells
him or the person is found in his possession,
shall surely be put to death.
17 Whoever curses his father or his mother
shall surely be put to death.
18 If men quarrel and one strikes the other
with a stone or with his fist, and the injured
man does not die but is confined to bed,
19 then if he gets up and walks about outside
with his staff, the one who struck him shall be
acquitted. He shall only compensate him for his
lost time and provide for his full recovery.
20 If a man strikes his male slave or his female
slave with a rod, and the slave dies under his
hand, vengeance shall surely be taken.
21 But if the slave survives a day or two, no
vengeance shall be taken, for the slave is his
money.
22 If men fight and strike a pregnant woman,
and her children are born, but there is no harm,
the one responsible shall surely be fined as the
woman's husband demands, and he shall pay as
the judges determine.
23 But if there is harm, you shall give life for
life,

24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand,
foot for foot,
25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for
bruise.

26 If a man strikes the eye of his male slave or
the eye of his female slave and destroys it, he
shall let the slave go free in compensation for
the eye.

27 If he knocks out the tooth of his male slave
or his female slave, he shall let the slave go free
in compensation for the tooth.

28 If an ox gores a man or a woman to death,
the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall
not be eaten, but the owner of the ox shall be
acquitted.
29 But if the ox was known to gore in the past,
and its owner had been warned but did not keep
it under control, and it kills a man or a woman,
the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall
be put to death.
30 If a ransom is imposed on him, he shall pay
whatever is imposed on him to redeem his life.
31 Whether it gores a son or a daughter, he
shall be dealt with according to this ordinance.
32 If the ox gores a male slave or a female
slave, the owner shall give their master thirty
shekels of silver, about twelve ounces, and the
ox shall be stoned.

33 If a man uncovers a pit, or digs a pit and
does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls
into it,

34 the owner of the pit shall make restitution.
He shall pay money to the animal's owner, and
the dead animal shall be his.
35 If one man's ox injures his neighbor's ox so
that it dies, they shall sell the live ox and divide
its price, and they shall also divide the dead
animal.
36 But if it was known that the ox was
accustomed to goring in the past, and its owner
did not keep it under control, he shall surely pay
ox for ox, and the dead animal shall be his."

22

1 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep or goat and
slaughters it or sells it, he shall repay five head
of cattle for the ox and four sheep or goats for
the sheep or goat.
2 If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so
that he dies, the one who struck him shall not
incur bloodguilt.
3 But if the sun has risen on him, the one who
struck him shall incur bloodguilt. The thief shall
surely make restitution; if he has nothing, he
shall be sold for his theft.
4 If the stolen animal is found alive in his
possession, whether ox, donkey, sheep, or goat,
he shall repay double.
5 If a man lets his livestock graze in a field or
vineyard and lets it loose so that it grazes in
another man's field, he shall make restitution
from the best of his own field and the best of his
own vineyard.
6 If a fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so
that stacked grain, standing grain, or the field is

consumed, the one who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 If a man gives his neighbor money or goods
for safekeeping, and they are stolen from the
man's house, the thief, if found, shall repay
double.
8 If the thief is not found, the owner of the
house shall come before the judges to establish
that he has not laid a hand on his neighbor's
property.
9 For every case of wrongdoing involving an
ox, a donkey, a sheep or goat, a garment, or any
lost thing of which someone says, 'This is it!' the
case of both parties shall come before the
judges. The one whom the judges declare guilty
shall repay double to his neighbor.

10 If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox,
a sheep or goat, or any other animal for
safekeeping, and it dies, is injured, or is taken
captive, with no one seeing it,
11 an oath by the LORD shall be between the
two of them, that he has not laid a hand on his
neighbor's property. The owner shall accept it,
and the other shall not make restitution.
12 But if it is stolen from him, he shall make
restitution to its owner.
13 If it is torn to pieces, he shall bring it as
evidence; he shall not make restitution for what
was torn.

14 If a man borrows an animal from his
neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its
owner is not with it, he shall surely make
restitution.

15 If its owner is with it, he shall not make
restitution. If it was hired, the loss is covered by
its hire.
16 If a man seduces a virgin who is not
betrothed and lies with her, he shall surely pay
the bride price for her to become his wife.
17 If her father firmly refuses to give her to
him, he shall weigh out silver equal to the bride
price for virgins.
18 You shall not let a sorceress live.
19 Whoever has sexual relations with an
animal shall surely be put to death.
20 Whoever sacrifices to any god except the
LORD alone shall be devoted to destruction.
21 You shall not mistreat a resident foreigner
or oppress him, for you were resident foreigners
in the land of Egypt.
22 You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless
child.
23 If you do afflict any of them, and that
person cries out to me, I will surely hear that
person's cry.
24 My anger will burn, and I will kill you with
the sword; your wives shall be widows and your
children fatherless.
25 If you lend money to any of my people who
is poor among you, you shall not act toward him
as a creditor. You shall not impose interest on
him.
26 If you take your neighbor's cloak as a
pledge, you shall return it to him by sunset,
27 for it is his only covering, the garment for
his skin. In what shall he sleep? If he cries out to
me, I will hear, for I am gracious.

28 You shall not revile God or curse a ruler of
your people.
29 You shall not delay the offering from the
fullness of your harvest and the juice of your
presses. You shall give me the firstborn of your
sons.
30 You shall do the same with your oxen and
your sheep and goats: the young animal shall be
with its mother seven days; on the eighth day
you shall give it to me.
31 You shall be holy men to me. You shall not
eat flesh torn by beasts in the field; you shall
throw it to the dogs."

23

1 "You shall not spread a false report. Do not
join hands with a wicked person to be a
malicious witness.
2 You shall not follow the many in doing evil.
You shall not testify in a dispute by siding with
the many to pervert justice.
3 Nor shall you show partiality to a poor man
in his dispute.
4 If you encounter your enemy's ox or donkey
wandering away, you shall surely bring it back
to him.
5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you
lying under its load, you shall not leave him
without help; you shall surely help him with it.
6 You shall not pervert the justice due to a
poor man among you in his dispute.

7 Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill
the innocent or the righteous, for I will not
acquit the wicked.
8 You shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe
blinds those who see and perverts the words of
the righteous.
9 You shall not oppress a resident foreigner.
You yourselves know the heart of a resident
foreigner, for you were resident foreigners in
the land of Egypt.
10 For six years you shall sow your land and
gather its produce,
11 but in the seventh you shall let it rest and
leave it alone, so that the poor of your people
may eat, and the animals of the field may eat
what they leave. You shall do the same with
your vineyard and your olive grove.
12 Six days you shall do your work, but on the
seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and
your donkey may rest, and the son of your
female slave and the resident foreigner may be
refreshed.
13 Be attentive to all that I have said to you.
You shall not mention the name of other gods; it
shall not be heard on your lips.
14 Three times a year you shall keep a feast to
me.
15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened
Bread. For seven days you shall eat unleavened
bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed
time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out
of Egypt. No one shall appear before me
empty-handed.

16 You shall also keep the Feast of Harvest,
with the firstfruits of your work, of what you
sow in the field, and the Feast of Ingathering at
the end of the year, when you gather the fruit of
your work from the field.
17 Three times a year all your males shall
appear before the Lord GOD.
18 You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice
with leavened bread, nor shall the fat of my
festal sacrifice remain until morning.
19 You shall bring the best of the firstfruits of
your land to the house of the LORD your God.
You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's
milk.
20 Look, I am sending an angel before you to
guard you on the way and bring you to the place
I have prepared.
21 Be attentive to him and obey his voice. Do
not rebel against him, for he will not pardon
your transgressions, because my name is in him.
22 But if you truly obey his voice and do all
that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies
and an adversary to your adversaries.
23 For my angel will go before you and bring
you to the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites,
Canaanites, Hivites, and Jebusites, and I will
destroy them.
24 You shall not bow down to their gods or
serve them, nor shall you do as they do. You
shall utterly overthrow them and smash their
pillars.
25 You shall serve the LORD your God, and he
will bless your bread and your water. I will take

sickness away from among you.
26 None shall miscarry or be barren in your
land. I will fulfill the number of your days.
27 I will send my terror before you and throw
into confusion all the people among whom you
come, and I will make all your enemies turn
their backs to you.
28 I will send hornets before you, and they will
drive the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites out
from before you.
29 I will not drive them out from before you in
one year, lest the land become desolate and the
animals of the field multiply against you.
30 Little by little I will drive them out from
before you, until you become fruitful and take
possession of the land.
31 I will set your boundary from the Red Sea to
the sea of the Philistines, and from the
wilderness to the River, for I will deliver the
inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you
shall drive them out from before you.
32 You shall make no covenant with them or
with their gods.
33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they
make you sin against me, for if you serve their
gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

24

1 He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you
and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the
elders of Israel, and bow down from a distance.

2 Moses alone shall draw near to the LORD;
the others shall not draw near, and the people
shall not go up with him."
3 Moses came and told the people all the
words of the LORD and all the ordinances. All
the people answered with one voice, "All the
words that the LORD has spoken we will do."
4 Moses wrote down all the words of the
LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an
altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve
pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.
5 He sent young men of the Israelites, who
offered burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as
peace offerings to the LORD.
6 Moses took half the blood and put it in bowls,
and the other half he dashed against the altar.
7 He took the book of the covenant and read it
in the hearing of the people. They said, "All that
the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will
obey."
8 Moses took the blood and dashed it on the
people, saying, "Look, this is the blood of the
covenant that the LORD has made with you in
accordance with all these words."
9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and
seventy of the elders of Israel went up,
10 and they saw the God of Israel. Under his
feet was something like a pavement of sapphire,
as clear as the sky itself.
11 Yet he did not stretch out his hand against
the nobles of the Israelites. They beheld God,
and they ate and drank.

12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on

the mountain and remain there, and I will give
you the stone tablets, the law and the
commandment that I have written to instruct
them."
13 Moses rose with Joshua his assistant, and
Moses went up to the mountain of God.
14 He had said to the elders, "Wait here for us
until we return to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are
with you; let anyone who has a dispute go to
them."
15 Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud
covered the mountain.
16 The glory of the LORD settled on Mount
Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. On the
seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of
the cloud.
17 The appearance of the glory of the LORD
was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop in
the sight of the Israelites.
18 Moses entered the cloud and went up the
mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty
days and forty nights.

25

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to the Israelites, that they may collect
an offering for me. From everyone whose heart
moves him to give, you shall receive my offering.
3 This is the offering you shall receive from
them: gold, silver, and bronze;
4 blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, fine linen, and
goats' hair;
5 rams' skins dyed red, fine leather, and acacia
wood;

6 oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil
and for the fragrant incense;
7 onyx stones and stones for setting in the
ephod and the breastpiece.
8 They shall make a sanctuary for me, and I
will dwell among them.
9 You shall make it in accordance with all that
I am showing you, the pattern of the tabernacle
and the pattern of all its furnishings.

10 They shall make an ark of acacia wood,
about forty-five inches long, twenty-seven
inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high.
11 You shall overlay it with pure gold; inside
and outside you shall overlay it, and you shall
make a gold molding around it.
12 You shall cast four gold rings for it and put
them on its four feet, two rings on one side and
two rings on the other side.
13 You shall make poles of acacia wood and
overlay them with gold.
14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the
sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them.
15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the
ark; they shall not be removed from it.
16 You shall put into the ark the Testimony that
I will give you.
17 You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold,
about forty-five inches long and twenty-seven
inches wide.
18 You shall make two cherubim of gold; you
shall make them of hammered work at the two
ends of the mercy seat.

19 Make one cherub at one end and one cherub
at the other end. You shall make the cherubim
of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.
20 The cherubim shall spread their wings
upward, covering the mercy seat with their
wings. Their faces shall be toward one another;
the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the
mercy seat.
21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the
ark, and into the ark you shall put the Testimony
that I will give you.
22 There I will meet with you, and from above
the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim
on the ark of the Testimony, I will speak with
you about all that I will command you for the
Israelites.
23 You shall make a table of acacia wood,
about thirty-six inches long, eighteen inches
wide, and twenty-seven inches high.
24 You shall overlay it with pure gold and
make a gold molding around it.
25 You shall make a rim about three inches
wide all around it, and a gold molding all
around its rim.
26 You shall make four gold rings for it and put
the rings at the four corners by its four legs.
27 The rings shall be close to the rim, as
holders for the poles used to carry the table.
28 You shall make the poles of acacia wood and
overlay them with gold, and the table shall be
carried with them.
29 You shall make its dishes and spoons, and
its pitchers and bowls for pouring drink
offerings. You shall make them of pure gold.

30 You shall set the bread of the Presence on
the table before me continually.
31 You shall make a lampstand of pure gold.
The lampstand shall be made of hammered
work; its base and shaft, its cups, knobs, and
flowers shall be of one piece with it.
32 Six branches shall come out of its sides,
three branches of the lampstand from one side
and three branches of the lampstand from the
other side.
33 There shall be three cups shaped like
almond blossoms on one branch, with a knob
and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond
blossoms on another branch, with a knob and a
flower. So it shall be for the six branches coming
out of the lampstand.
34 On the lampstand there shall be four cups
shaped like almond blossoms, with its knobs
and flowers.
35 There shall be a knob under two branches
coming from it, a knob under two branches
coming from it, and a knob under two branches
coming from it, for the six branches coming out
of the lampstand.
36 Their knobs and branches shall be of one
piece with it; the whole shall be one piece of
hammered work of pure gold.
37 You shall make its seven lamps, and they
shall be lit to give light in front of it.
38 Its tongs and trays shall be of pure gold.
39 It and all these utensils shall be made from
a talent of pure gold, about seventy-five pounds.
40 See that you make them according to their
pattern, which you are being shown on the

mountain.”

26

1 “You shall make the tabernacle with ten
curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple,
and scarlet yarn. You shall make them with
cherubim, the work of a skilled craftsman.
2 Each curtain shall be about forty-two feet
long and six feet wide. All the curtains shall
have the same measurements.
3 Five curtains shall be joined to one another,
and the other five curtains shall be joined to one
another.
4 You shall make loops of blue yarn on the
edge of the end curtain in the first set, and do
the same on the edge of the end curtain in the
second set.
5 You shall make fifty loops on the one curtain,
and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain in the
second set. The loops shall be opposite one
another.
6 You shall make fifty gold clasps and join the
curtains to one another with the clasps, so that
the tabernacle may be one whole.

7 You shall make curtains of goats' hair for a
tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven
curtains.
8 Each curtain shall be about forty-five feet
long and six feet wide. The eleven curtains shall
have the same measurements.
9 You shall join five curtains in one set and six
curtains in another set, and fold the sixth
curtain double at the front of the tent.

10 You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the
end curtain in the first set, and fifty loops on the
edge of the curtain in the second set.
11 You shall make fifty bronze clasps and put
the clasps into the loops and join the tent
together, so that it may be one whole.
12 The excess that remains of the tent curtains,
the half curtain that remains, shall hang over
the back of the tabernacle.
13 The extra length of the tent curtains, about
eighteen inches on one side and eighteen inches
on the other, shall hang down over both sides of
the tabernacle to cover it.
14 You shall make a covering for the tent of
rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of fine
leather above it.

15 You shall make upright boards of acacia
wood for the tabernacle.
16 Each board shall be about fifteen feet long
and twenty-seven inches wide.
17 Each board shall have two tenons fitted to
one another. You shall make all the boards of the
tabernacle this way.
18 You shall make twenty boards for the south
side of the tabernacle.
19 You shall make forty silver bases under the
twenty boards, two bases under one board for
its two tenons, and two bases under another
board for its two tenons.
20 For the second side of the tabernacle, on the
north, there shall be twenty boards,
21 and their forty silver bases, two bases under
one board and two bases under another board.

22 For the back of the tabernacle, toward the
west, you shall make six boards.
23 You shall make two boards for the corners
of the tabernacle at the back.
24 They shall be paired at the bottom and
together form a whole at the top, up to the single
ring. Both shall be made this way; they shall be
for the two corners.
25 There shall be eight boards with their silver
bases, sixteen bases, two bases under one board
and two bases under another board.
26 You shall make bars of acacia wood, five for
the boards of one side of the tabernacle,
27 five bars for the boards of the other side of
the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards at
the back of the tabernacle, toward the west.
28 The middle bar shall pass through the midst
of the boards from end to end.
29 You shall overlay the boards with gold and
make their rings of gold as holders for the bars,
and you shall overlay the bars with gold.
30 You shall set up the tabernacle according to
its prescribed form, which you were shown on
the mountain.
31 You shall make a veil of blue, purple, and
scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen. It shall be
made with cherubim, the work of a skilled
craftsman.
32 You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia
overlaid with gold, with gold hooks, on four
silver bases.
33 You shall hang the veil under the clasps and
bring the ark of the Testimony there, inside the
veil. The veil shall separate for you the Holy
Place from the Most Holy Place.

34 You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of
the Testimony in the Most Holy Place.
35 You shall set the table outside the veil, and
the lampstand opposite the table on the south
side of the tabernacle. You shall put the table on
the north side.
36 You shall make a screen for the entrance of
the tent, of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and
finely twisted linen, the work of an embroiderer.
37 You shall make five pillars of acacia for the
screen and overlay them with gold. Their hooks
shall be of gold, and you shall cast five bronze
bases for them."

27

1 "You shall make the altar of acacia wood,
about seven and a half feet long and seven and a
half feet wide. The altar shall be square, and its
height shall be about four and a half feet.
2 You shall make its horns on its four corners;
its horns shall be of one piece with it. You shall
overlay it with bronze.
3 You shall make its pots for removing its
ashes, its shovels, its bowls, its forks, and its
firepans. You shall make all its utensils of
bronze.
4 You shall make for it a grating of bronze
mesh, and on the mesh you shall make four
bronze rings at its four corners.
5 You shall put it beneath the ledge of the altar,
so that the mesh reaches to the middle of the
altar.
6 You shall make poles for the altar, poles of
acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7 Its poles shall be put into the rings, and the
poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when
it is carried.
8 You shall make it hollow, of boards. As he
showed you on the mountain, so they shall make
it.
9 You shall make the courtyard of the
tabernacle. On the south side the courtyard
shall have hangings of finely twisted linen,
about one hundred fifty feet long for that side,
10 with its twenty pillars and their twenty
bases of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and
their bands shall be of silver.
11 Likewise, on the north side there shall be
hangings about one hundred fifty feet long, with
its twenty pillars and their twenty bases of
bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands
shall be of silver.
12 Across the width of the courtyard on the
west side there shall be hangings about
seventy-five feet long, with their ten pillars and
their ten bases.
13 The width of the courtyard on the east side,
toward the sunrise, shall be about seventy-five
feet.
14 The hangings on one side of the entrance
shall be about twenty-two and a half feet long,
with their three pillars and their three bases.
15 On the other side there shall be hangings
about twenty-two and a half feet long, with their
three pillars and their three bases.
16 For the gate of the courtyard there shall be a
screen about thirty feet long, of blue, purple,
and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, the

work of an embroiderer, with its four pillars and their four bases.
17 All the pillars around the courtyard shall be banded with silver. Their hooks shall be of silver, and their bases of bronze.
18 The courtyard shall be about one hundred fifty feet long and seventy-five feet wide at both ends. Its hangings shall be of finely twisted linen, about seven and a half feet high, with bronze bases.
19 All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the courtyard shall be of bronze.

20 You shall command the Israelites to bring you pure oil from beaten olives for lighting, to keep a lamp burning continually.
21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the veil that is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a perpetual statute for the Israelites throughout their generations."

28

1 "Bring near to you Aaron your brother and his sons with him from among the Israelites, that he may serve me as priest: Aaron and Aaron's sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
2 You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and beauty.
3 Speak to all who are wise in heart, each of whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him to serve me as priest.

4 These are the garments they shall make: a
breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a patterned tunic,
a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy
garments for Aaron your brother and his sons,
that he may serve me as priest.
5 They shall take the gold, the blue, purple,
and scarlet yarn, and the fine linen.
6 They shall make the ephod of gold, blue,
purple, and scarlet yarn, and finely twisted
linen, the work of a skilled craftsman.
7 It shall have two shoulder pieces joined at its
two ends, so that it is joined together.
8 Its skillfully woven band shall be made like it
and of one piece with it: gold, blue, purple, and
scarlet yarn, and finely twisted linen.
9 You shall take two onyx stones and engrave
on them the names of the sons of Israel,
10 six of their names on one stone and the
remaining six names on the other stone, in the
order of their birth.
11 As a stone engraver engraves a seal, you
shall engrave the two stones with the names of
the sons of Israel. You shall mount them in gold
settings.
12 You shall put the two stones on the shoulder
pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the
sons of Israel. Aaron shall bear their names
before the LORD on his two shoulders as a
memorial.
13 You shall make gold settings,
14 and two chains of pure gold; you shall make
them twisted like cords and attach the corded
chains to the settings.

15 You shall make a breastpiece of judgment,
the work of a skilled craftsman. You shall make
it like the ephod; you shall make it of gold, blue,
purple, and scarlet yarn, and finely twisted
linen.
16 It shall be square when folded double,
about nine inches long and nine inches wide.
17 You shall set in it four rows of stones: a
carnelian, a topaz, and an emerald in the first
row;
18 a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond in
the second row;
19 a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst in the
third row;
20 and a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper in the
fourth row. They shall be mounted in gold
settings.
21 The stones shall be twelve, corresponding to
the names of the sons of Israel. Each shall be
engraved like a seal with one name, for the
twelve tribes.
22 You shall make for the breastpiece chains of
pure gold, twisted like cords.
23 You shall make two gold rings for the
breastpiece and put the two rings on the two
ends of the breastpiece.
24 You shall attach the two gold cords to the
two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.
25 You shall attach the two ends of the two
cords to the two settings, and put them on the
shoulder pieces of the ephod at its front.
26 You shall make two gold rings and put them
on the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner
edge facing the ephod.

27 You shall make two gold rings and put them
at the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of
the ephod, at its front, close to its joining, above
the woven band of the ephod.
28 They shall tie the breastpiece by its rings to
the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it
lies above the woven band of the ephod and the
breastpiece does not come loose from the ephod.
29 Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of
Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his
heart when he enters the Holy Place, as a
memorial before the LORD continually.
30 You shall put the Urim and the Thummim
into the breastpiece of judgment, and they shall
be over Aaron's heart when he enters before the
LORD. Aaron shall bear the judgment of the
Israelites over his heart before the LORD
continually.

31 You shall make the robe of the ephod
entirely of blue cloth.
32 It shall have an opening for the head in its
center, with a woven binding around the
opening, like the opening of a coat of armor, so
that it does not tear.
33 You shall make pomegranates of blue,
purple, and scarlet yarn all around its hem, and
gold bells between them all around,
34 a gold bell and a pomegranate, a gold bell
and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the
robe.
35 Aaron shall wear it when ministering, and
its sound shall be heard when he enters the
Holy Place before the LORD and when he comes

out, so that he does not die.
36 You shall make a plate of pure gold and
engrave on it, like the engraving of a seal, 'Holy
to the LORD.'
37 You shall fasten it with a blue cord to the
turban; it shall be at the front of the turban.
38 It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron
shall bear the guilt of the holy things that the
Israelites consecrate in all their holy gifts. It
shall be on his forehead continually, that they
may be accepted before the LORD.
39 You shall weave the tunic of fine linen in
patterned work, and make a turban of fine
linen; you shall make a sash, the work of an
embroiderer.
40 For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics and
sashes, and you shall make caps for them, for
glory and beauty.
41 You shall clothe Aaron your brother and his
sons with him in these garments. You shall
anoint them, ordain them, and consecrate them,
that they may serve me as priests.
42 You shall make linen undergarments for
them to cover their naked flesh; they shall reach
from the waist to the thighs.
43 Aaron and his sons shall wear them when
they enter the Tent of Meeting or approach the
altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they
do not incur guilt and die. It shall be a perpetual
statute for him and his offspring after him."

29

1 "This is what you shall do for them to
consecrate them to serve me as priests: take one

young bull and two rams without blemish,
2 unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed
with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil.
You shall make them of fine wheat flour.
3 You shall put them in one basket and present
them in the basket, along with the bull and the
two rams.
4 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the
entrance of the Tent of Meeting and wash them
with water.
5 You shall take the garments and clothe Aaron
in the tunic, the robe of the ephod, the ephod,
and the breastpiece, and fasten the woven band
of the ephod around him.
6 You shall put the turban on his head and
place the holy diadem on the turban.
7 You shall take the anointing oil and pour it
on his head and anoint him.
8 You shall bring his sons near and clothe
them in tunics.
9 You shall fasten sashes around Aaron and his
sons and tie caps on them. The priesthood shall
be theirs by a perpetual statute. Thus you shall
ordain Aaron and his sons.
10 You shall bring the bull before the Tent of
Meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their
hands on the head of the bull.
11 You shall slaughter the bull before the LORD
at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
12 You shall take some of the bull's blood and
put it on the horns of the altar with your finger,
and pour out all the rest of the blood at the base
of the altar.
13 You shall take all the fat that covers the
entrails, the lobe of the liver, the two kidneys,

and the fat on them, and turn them into smoke on the altar.
14 But the flesh of the bull, its hide, and its dung you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.
15 You shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.
16 You shall slaughter the ram and take its blood and dash it against the altar all around.
17 You shall cut the ram into its pieces and wash its entrails and legs, and put them with its pieces and its head.
18 You shall turn the whole ram into smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD, a pleasing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.
19 You shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.
20 You shall slaughter the ram and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. You shall dash the blood against the altar all around.
21 You shall take some of the blood on the altar and some of the anointing oil and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments, and on his sons and their garments with him. He and his garments, and his sons and their garments with him, shall be consecrated.
22 You shall take from the ram the fat, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the lobe of the liver, the two kidneys, the fat on them, and

the right thigh, for it is a ram of ordination,
23 and one round loaf of bread, one cake made
with oil, and one wafer from the basket of
unleavened bread that is before the LORD.
24 You shall put all of these on the palms of
Aaron and on the palms of his sons, and wave
them as a wave offering before the LORD.
25 You shall take them from their hands and
turn them into smoke on the altar, on top of the
burnt offering, as a pleasing aroma before the
LORD. It is an offering by fire to the LORD.
26 You shall take the breast of the ram of
Aaron's ordination and wave it as a wave
offering before the LORD. It shall be your
portion.
27 You shall consecrate the breast of the wave
offering and the thigh of the raised offering,
which were waved and raised from the ram of
ordination, from what is for Aaron and from
what is for his sons.
28 It shall belong to Aaron and his sons as a
perpetual due from the Israelites, for it is a
raised offering. It shall be a raised offering from
the Israelites, taken from their peace offerings,
their raised offering to the LORD.
29 The holy garments of Aaron shall belong to
his sons after him, so that they may be anointed
and ordained in them.
30 The priest from among his sons who
succeeds him shall wear them for seven days
when he enters the Tent of Meeting to minister
in the Holy Place.
31 You shall take the ram of ordination and
boil its flesh in a holy place.

32 Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the
ram and the bread in the basket at the entrance
of the Tent of Meeting.
33 They shall eat the things by which
atonement was made to ordain and consecrate
them, but no outsider shall eat them, because
they are holy.
34 If any of the flesh of ordination or any of the
bread remains until morning, you shall burn
what remains with fire. It shall not be eaten,
because it is holy.
35 You shall do for Aaron and his sons all that I
have commanded you. For seven days you shall
ordain them.
36 Each day you shall offer a bull as a sin
offering for atonement. You shall purify the
altar as you make atonement for it, and anoint it
to consecrate it.
37 For seven days you shall make atonement
for the altar and consecrate it. The altar shall be
most holy; anything that touches the altar shall
be holy.
38 This is what you shall offer on the altar: two
lambs, each a year old, every day continually.
39 You shall offer one lamb in the morning and
the second lamb at twilight,
40 and with the first lamb, about two quarts of
fine flour mixed with about one quart of oil
from beaten olives, and a drink offering of about
one quart of wine.
41 You shall offer the second lamb at twilight,
with the same grain offering and drink offering
as in the morning, as a pleasing aroma, an
offering by fire to the LORD.

42 It shall be a continual burnt offering
throughout your generations at the entrance of
the Tent of Meeting before the LORD, where I
will meet with you all to speak to you there.
43 There I will meet with the Israelites, and it
shall be made holy by my glory.
44 I will consecrate the Tent of Meeting and the
altar. I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons
to serve me as priests.
45 I will dwell among the Israelites and be
their God.
46 They shall know that I am the LORD their
God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt
to dwell among them. I am the LORD their God."

30

1 "You shall make an altar for burning incense;
you shall make it of acacia wood.
2 It shall be about eighteen inches long and
eighteen inches wide; it shall be square, and
about thirty-six inches high. Its horns shall be of
one piece with it.
3 You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, its
sides all around, and its horns, and make a gold
molding around it.
4 You shall make two gold rings for it below its
molding, at its two edges, on its two sides, as
holders for the poles with which to carry it.
5 You shall make the poles of acacia wood and
overlay them with gold.
6 You shall put it before the veil by the ark of
the Testimony, before the mercy seat that is over
the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

7 Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it
morning by morning; when he tends the lamps,
he shall burn it.
8 When Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he
shall burn it, a continual incense before the
LORD throughout your generations.
9 You shall not offer unauthorized incense on
it, or a burnt offering or a grain offering, nor
shall you pour a drink offering on it.
10 Aaron shall make atonement on its horns
once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of
atonement, once a year he shall make
atonement on it throughout your generations. It
is most holy to the LORD."

11 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
12 "When you take a census of the Israelites to
number them, each shall give a ransom for his
life to the LORD when they are counted, so that
there will be no plague among them when you
count them.
13 This is what everyone who passes among
those counted shall give: half a shekel, about
one-fifth of an ounce, by the sanctuary shekel.
The shekel is twenty gerahs. Half a shekel shall
be an offering to the LORD.
14 Everyone who passes among those counted,
from twenty years old and upward, shall give
the LORD's offering.
15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor
shall not give less, than half a shekel when
giving the LORD's offering to make atonement
for your lives.
16 You shall receive the atonement money

from the Israelites and assign it to the service of
the Tent of Meeting. It shall be a memorial for
the Israelites before the LORD, to make
atonement for your lives."

17 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
18 "You shall make a bronze basin with a
bronze base for washing. You shall put it
between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and
put water in it.
19 Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands
and their feet with water from it.
20 When they enter the Tent of Meeting or
approach the altar to minister and burn an
offering by fire to the LORD, they shall wash
with water so that they do not die.
21 They shall wash their hands and their feet
so that they do not die. It shall be a perpetual
statute for them, for him and his offspring
throughout their generations."

22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
23 "Take choice spices: about twelve and a half
pounds of liquid myrrh; half as much fragrant
cinnamon, about six and a quarter pounds;
about six and a quarter pounds of aromatic
cane;
24 about twelve and a half pounds of cassia, by
the sanctuary shekel; and about one gallon of
olive oil.
25 You shall make these into a holy anointing
oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It
shall be a holy anointing oil.
26 With it you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting
and the ark of the Testimony,

27 the table and all its utensils, the lampstand
and its utensils, and the altar of incense,
28 the altar of burnt offering and all its
utensils, and the basin and its base.
29 You shall consecrate them, and they shall be
most holy; anything that touches them shall be
holy.
30 You shall anoint Aaron and his sons and
consecrate them to serve me as priests.
31 You shall say to the Israelites, 'This shall be
a holy anointing oil to me throughout your
generations.
32 It shall not be poured on human flesh, and
you shall not make any like it according to its
composition. It is holy, and you shall regard it as
holy.
33 Whoever blends any like it or puts any of it
on an outsider shall be cut off from his people.' "

34 The LORD said to Moses, "Take aromatic
spices: stacte, onycha, and galbanum, these
spices with pure frankincense, in equal parts.
35 You shall make them into incense, a
fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer, salted,
pure, and holy.
36 You shall grind some of it very fine and put
some of it before the Testimony in the Tent of
Meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be
most holy to you.
37 As for the incense you shall make, you shall
not make any for yourselves according to its
composition. You shall regard it as holy to the
LORD.

38 Whoever makes any like it for its scent shall
be cut off from his people."

31

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Look, I have called by name Bezalel son of
Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with
wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and skill in
every kind of work,
4 to devise designs, to work in gold, silver, and
bronze,
5 to cut stones for setting, and to carve wood,
to work in every kind of craft.
6 Look, I have appointed Oholiab son of
Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to work with
him. I have put wisdom in the heart of everyone
who is wise in heart, that they may make all that
I have commanded you:
7 the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony,
the mercy seat that is on it, and all the
furnishings of the tent;
8 the table and its utensils, the pure lampstand
and all its utensils, and the altar of incense;
9 the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils,
and the basin and its base;
10 the woven garments, the holy garments for
Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons
for priestly service;
11 the anointing oil and the fragrant incense
for the Holy Place. They shall make everything
according to all that I have commanded you."
12 The LORD said to Moses,

13 “You shall speak to the Israelites, saying,
‘You shall surely keep my Sabbaths, for it is a
sign between me and you throughout your
generations, that you may know that I am the
LORD who makes you holy.
14 You shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to
you. Whoever profanes it shall surely be put to
death, for whoever does any work on it, that
person shall be cut off from among his people.
15 For six days work may be done, but on the
seventh day there shall be a Sabbath of complete
rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work
on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death.
16 The Israelites shall keep the Sabbath,
observing the Sabbath throughout their
generations as a perpetual covenant.
17 It is a sign forever between me and the
Israelites, for in six days the LORD made the
heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day
he rested and was refreshed.’ ”
18 When he had finished speaking with Moses
on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of
the Testimony, tablets of stone written with the
finger of God.

32

1 When the people saw that Moses delayed
coming down from the mountain, they gathered
around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us
gods who will go before us, for this Moses, the
man who brought us up from the land of
Egypt—we do not know what has happened to
him.”

2 Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold
earrings in the ears of your wives, your sons,
and your daughters, and bring them to me.”
3 All the people took off the gold earrings in
their ears and brought them to Aaron.
4 He received the gold from their hands and
fashioned it with an engraving tool and made it
into a cast calf. They said, “These are your gods,
Israel, who brought you up from the land of
Egypt!”
5 When Aaron saw it, he built an altar before
it. Aaron made a proclamation and said,
“Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.”
6 They rose early the next day and offered
burnt offerings and brought peace offerings.
The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose
up to play.
7 The LORD said to Moses, “Go, get down, for
your people, whom you brought up from the
land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.
8 They have quickly turned aside from the way
I commanded them. They have made for
themselves a cast calf and bowed down to it and
sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods,
Israel, who brought you up from the land of
Egypt!’ ”
9 The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this
people, and look, it is a stiff-necked people.
10 Now leave me alone, that my anger may
burn against them and I may consume them,
and I will make of you a great nation.”
11 Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God
and said, “LORD, why does your anger burn

against your people, whom you brought out of
the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty
hand?
12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘He brought
them out with evil intent, to kill them in the
mountains and wipe them off the face of the
earth’? Turn from your burning anger and
relent concerning the disaster against your
people.
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your
servants, to whom you swore by yourself and
said, ‘I will multiply your offspring like the stars
of the heavens, and all this land I have spoken of
I will give to your offspring, and they shall
inherit it forever.’ ”
14 The LORD relented concerning the disaster
he had said he would bring on his people.
15 Moses turned and went down the mountain
with the two tablets of the Testimony in his
hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on
one side and on the other they were written.
16 The tablets were the work of God, and the
writing was the writing of God, engraved on the
tablets.
17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people
as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a
sound of war in the camp.”
18 He said, “It is not the sound of a shout of
victory, nor the sound of a cry of defeat; it is the
sound of singing that I hear.”
19 When he came near the camp and saw the
calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned. He
threw the tablets from his hand and shattered
them at the foot of the mountain.

20 He took the calf they had made and burned
it with fire and ground it fine. He scattered it
over the surface of the water and made the
Israelites drink it.
21 Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people
do to you, that you brought so great a sin on
them?”
22 Aaron said, “Do not let my lord’s anger burn.
You know the people, that they are set on evil.
23 They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go
before us, for this Moses, the man who brought
us up from the land of Egypt—we do not know
what has happened to him.’
24 I said to them, ‘Whoever has gold, take it
off.’ They gave it to me, and I threw it into the
fire, and out came this calf.”
25 Moses saw that the people had broken loose,
for Aaron had let them loose, to the derision of
their adversaries.
26 Moses stood at the gate of the camp and
said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me!” All
the sons of Levi gathered to him.
27 He said to them, “This is what the LORD, the
God of Israel, says: ‘Let every man put his sword
at his side. Go back and forth from gate to gate
through the camp, and let every man kill his
brother, his companion, and his relative.’ ”
28 The sons of Levi did according to the word
of Moses, and about three thousand men of the
people fell that day.
29 Moses said, “Consecrate yourselves today to
the LORD, for each of you has been against his
son and his brother, that a blessing may be

bestowed on you today."
30 The next day Moses said to the people, "You
have committed a great sin. Now I will go up to
the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for
your sin."
31 Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh,
these people have committed a great sin and
have made for themselves gods of gold.
32 Now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not,
please blot me out of your book that you have
written."
33 The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has
sinned against me, I will blot him out of my
book.
34 Now go, lead the people to the place I have
spoken of to you. Look, my angel will go before
you. But on the day I visit, I will visit their sin
upon them."
35 The LORD struck the people because they
made the calf that Aaron made.

33

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Go, go up from
here, you and the people whom you brought up
from the land of Egypt, to the land about which I
swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I
will give it to your offspring.'
2 I will send an angel before you and drive out
the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites,
Hivites, and Jebusites.
3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey,
but I will not go up in your midst, for you are a

stiff-necked people, lest I consume you on the
way."
4 When the people heard this bad news, they
mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.
5 The LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites,
'You are a stiff-necked people. If I went up in
your midst for a single moment, I would
consume you. Now take off your ornaments,
that I may know what to do with you.' "
6 The Israelites stripped themselves of their
ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.
7 Moses used to take the tent and pitch it for
himself outside the camp, far from the camp. He
called it the Tent of Meeting. Everyone who
sought the LORD would go out to the Tent of
Meeting outside the camp.
8 Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the
people would rise and stand, each at the
entrance of his tent, and watch Moses until he
entered the tent.
9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of
cloud would descend and stand at the entrance
of the tent, and the LORD would speak with
Moses.
10 All the people would see the pillar of cloud
standing at the entrance of the tent, and all the
people would rise and bow down, each at the
entrance of his tent.
11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to
face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses
would return to the camp, but his assistant
Joshua son of Nun, a young man, would not
leave the tent.
12 Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you say to

me, ‘Bring this people up,’ but you have not made known to me whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’
13 Now, if I have found favor in your sight, please make your ways known to me, that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people.”
14 He said, “My presence will go, and I will give you rest.”
15 Moses said to him, “If your presence does not go, do not bring us up from here.
16 How then shall it be known that I and your people have found favor in your sight? Is it not by your going with us? Then we, I and your people, shall be distinguished from all the people on the face of the earth.”
17 The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”
18 Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”
19 He said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”
20 He said, “You cannot see my face, for no human being can see me and live.”
21 The LORD said, “Look, there is a place by me. You shall stand on the rock,
22 and when my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

23 Then I will remove my hand, and you shall
see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

34

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Cut out two stone
tablets like the first ones, and I will write on the
tablets the words that were on the first tablets,
which you broke.
2 Be ready by morning; come up Mount Sinai
in the morning and present yourself to me there
on the mountaintop.
3 No one is to come up with you, nor is anyone
to be seen anywhere on the mountain. Even the
flocks and herds must not graze in front of that
mountain."
4 So Moses cut out two stone tablets like the
first ones. He rose early in the morning and
went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had
commanded him, taking the two stone tablets in
his hand.
5 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood
with him there and proclaimed the name of the
LORD.
6 The LORD passed before him and
proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a
compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger
and abounding in faithful love and truth,
7 keeping faithful love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity, transgression, and sin, yet by no means
leaving the guilty unpunished, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and the
children's children, to the third and fourth
generations."

8 Moses hurried to bow down to the ground
and worship.
9 He said, “If I have found favor in your sight,
Lord, please let the Lord go in our midst, for this
is a stiff-necked people. Pardon our iniquity and
our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”
10 He said, “Look, I am making a covenant.
Before all your people I will do wonders such as
have never been created in all the earth or
among any of the nations. All the people among
whom you live will see the work of the LORD,
for what I am doing with you is awesome.
11 Observe what I command you today. Look, I
am driving out before you the Amorites,
Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and
Jebusites.
12 Take care not to make a covenant with the
inhabitants of the land you are entering, lest it
become a snare in your midst.
13 Instead, you must tear down their altars,
smash their sacred pillars, and cut down their
Asherah poles.
14 For you must not bow down to another god,
because the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a
jealous God.
15 Take care not to make a covenant with the
inhabitants of the land, for they prostitute
themselves after their gods and sacrifice to their
gods, and one may invite you, and you may eat
of his sacrifice.
16 You may take some of his daughters for
your sons, and his daughters may prostitute
themselves after their gods and make your sons

prostitute themselves after their gods.
17 You must not make cast-metal gods for
yourself.
18 You must keep the Festival of Unleavened
Bread. For seven days you must eat unleavened
bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed
time in the month of Abib, for in the month of
Abib you came out of Egypt.
19 All that first opens the womb is mine,
including every firstborn male of your livestock,
whether cattle, sheep, or goats.
20 You must redeem the firstborn of a donkey
with a sheep or goat. If you do not redeem it,
you must break its neck. You must redeem every
firstborn of your sons. No one is to appear
before me empty-handed.
21 Six days you must work, but on the seventh
day you must rest; even in plowing time and
harvest you must rest.
22 You must celebrate the Festival of Weeks,
the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the
Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year.
23 Three times a year all your males must
appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.
24 For I will dispossess nations before you and
enlarge your territory. No one will covet your
land when you go up to appear before the LORD
your God three times a year.
25 You must not offer the blood of my sacrifice
with leaven, nor may the sacrifice of the
Passover festival remain until morning.
26 You must bring the best of the firstfruits of
your soil to the house of the LORD your God. You

must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."
27 The LORD said to Moses, “Write down these
words, for in accordance with these words I
have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”
28 He was there with the LORD forty days and
forty nights; he ate no bread and drank no
water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of
the covenant, the Ten Commandments.
29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai,
with the two tablets of the Testimony in his
hand as he came down from the mountain,
Moses did not know that the skin of his face
shone because he had spoken with him.
30 Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, and
look, the skin of his face shone, and they were
afraid to come near him.
31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all
the leaders of the congregation returned to him,
and Moses spoke with them.
32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and
he commanded them to do all that the LORD had
spoken to him on Mount Sinai.
33 When Moses finished speaking with them,
he put a veil over his face.
34 Whenever Moses went in before the LORD
to speak with him, he would remove the veil
until he came out. Then he would come out and
tell the Israelites what he had been commanded.
35 The Israelites would see Moses' face, that
the skin of Moses' face shone. Then Moses
would put the veil back over his face until he
went in to speak with him.

35

1 Moses assembled the whole congregation of

the Israelites and said to them, “These are the
things the LORD has commanded you to do:
2 For six days work shall be done, but the
seventh day shall be holy for you, a Sabbath of
complete rest to the LORD. Whoever does any
work on it shall be put to death.
3 You shall not kindle a fire in any of your
dwellings on the Sabbath day.”
4 Moses said to the whole congregation of the
Israelites, “This is what the LORD has
commanded:
5 ‘Take from among yourselves an offering to
the LORD. Let everyone whose heart is willing
bring it as the LORD’s offering: gold, silver, and
bronze;
6 blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, fine linen, and
goats’ hair;
7 rams’ skins dyed red, fine leather, and acacia
wood;
8 oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil
and for the fragrant incense;
9 onyx stones and stones for setting in the
ephod and the breastpiece.
10 Let all who are wise in heart among you
come and make everything the LORD has
commanded:
11 the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its
clasps and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its
bases;
12 the ark and its poles, the mercy seat, and
the screening veil;
13 the table and its poles, all its utensils, and
the bread of the Presence;

14 the lampstand for the light, its utensils and
its lamps, and the oil for the light;
15 the incense altar and its poles, the anointing
oil, the fragrant incense, and the entrance
screen for the entrance of the tabernacle;
16 the altar of burnt offering and its bronze
grating, its poles and all its utensils, the basin
and its stand;
17 the hangings of the courtyard, its pillars and
its bases, and the screen for the courtyard gate;
18 the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of the
courtyard, and their cords;
19 the woven garments for service in the
sanctuary, the holy garments for Aaron the
priest, and the garments of his sons for priestly
service.' "
20 Then the whole congregation of the
Israelites went out from Moses' presence.
21 Everyone whose heart stirred him and
everyone whose spirit made him willing came
and brought the LORD's offering for the work of
the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for
the holy garments.
22 Men came along with women, all whose
hearts were willing, and brought brooches,
earrings, finger rings, and other ornaments,
every kind of gold article. Each brought gold as
a wave offering to the LORD.
23 Everyone who had blue, purple, or scarlet
yarn, fine linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dyed
red, or fine leather brought them.
24 Everyone making an offering of silver or
bronze brought the LORD's offering, and

everyone who had acacia wood for any work of
the service brought it.
25 All the women who were wise in heart spun
with their hands and brought what they had
spun: blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and fine
linen.
26 All the women whose hearts stirred them
with skill spun the goats' hair.
27 The leaders brought the onyx stones and the
stones for setting in the ephod and the
breastpiece,
28 and the spices and the oil for the light, for
the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense.
29 Every man and woman whose heart made
them willing to bring something for all the work
the LORD had commanded through Moses
brought it. The Israelites brought a freewill
offering to the LORD.

30 Moses said to the Israelites, "Look, the LORD
has called by name Bezalel son of Uri, son of
Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
31 He has filled him with the Spirit of God,
with wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and
skill in every kind of work,
32 to devise designs, to work in gold, silver, and
bronze,
33 to cut stones for setting, and to carve wood,
to work in every kind of craft.
34 He has put the ability to teach in the hearts
of both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of
the tribe of Dan.
35 He has filled their hearts with wisdom to do
every kind of work of a craftsman, designer,

embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet yarn
and fine linen, and weaver—workers in every
craft and devisers of designs.

36

1 Bezalel and Oholiab, and everyone wise in
heart in whom the LORD has put wisdom and
understanding to know how to do all the work of
the sanctuary service, shall work in accordance
with everything the LORD has commanded."
2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and
everyone wise in heart in whose heart the LORD
had put wisdom, everyone whose heart stirred
him to come and do the work.
3 They received from Moses all the offering the
Israelites had brought for doing the work of the
sanctuary service. But the people continued
bringing him freewill offerings morning after
morning.
4 All the skilled workers doing all the work of
the sanctuary came, each from the work he was
doing,
5 and said to Moses, "The people are bringing
much more than is needed for doing the work
the LORD has commanded."
6 So Moses gave an order, and a proclamation
was made throughout the camp: "Let no man or
woman do any more work for the sanctuary
offering." The people were restrained from
bringing more,
7 for the material they had was enough to do
all the work, with some left over.

8 All those wise in heart among the workers
made the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely
twisted linen and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn.
He made them with cherubim, the work of a
skilled craftsman.
9 Each curtain was about forty-two feet long
and six feet wide. All the curtains had the same
measurements.
10 He joined five curtains to one another, and
he joined the other five curtains to one another.
11 He made loops of blue yarn along the edge
of the curtain at the end of one set. He did the
same along the edge of the end curtain of the
second set.
12 He made fifty loops on the one curtain, and
he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain in
the second set. The loops were opposite one
another.
13 He made fifty gold clasps and joined the
curtains to one another with the clasps, so that
the tabernacle formed one whole.
14 He made curtains of goats' hair for a tent
over the tabernacle. He made eleven curtains.
15 Each curtain was about forty-five feet long
and six feet wide. All eleven curtains had the
same measurements.
16 He joined five curtains in one set and six
curtains in another set.
17 He made fifty loops along the edge of the
end curtain of one set, and he made fifty loops
along the edge of the curtain of the second set.
18 He made fifty bronze clasps to join the tent
together so that it would form one whole.
19 He made a covering for the tent of rams'

skins dyed red, and a covering of fine leather above it.

20 He made the upright boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood.
21 Each board was about fifteen feet long and twenty-seven inches wide.
22 Each board had two tenons fitted to one another. He did this for all the boards of the tabernacle.
23 He made twenty boards for the south side of the tabernacle, facing south.
24 He made forty silver bases under the twenty boards: two bases under one board for its two tenons, and two bases under another board for its two tenons.
25 For the second side of the tabernacle, facing north, he made twenty boards,
26 with their forty silver bases: two bases under one board and two bases under another board.
27 For the rear of the tabernacle, toward the west, he made six boards.
28 He made two boards for the corners at the rear of the tabernacle.
29 They were paired at the bottom and formed a whole together at the top, up to the one ring. He made them both this way for the two corners.
30 There were eight boards with their silver bases, sixteen bases, two bases under each board.
31 He made bars of acacia wood: five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,
32 five bars for the boards of the second side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards at the rear of the tabernacle, toward the west.

33 He made the middle bar to pass through the
midst of the boards from end to end.
34 He overlaid the boards with gold and made
their rings of gold as holders for the bars. He
also overlaid the bars with gold.
35 He made the veil of blue, purple, and scarlet
yarn and finely twisted linen. He made it with
cherubim, the work of a skilled craftsman.
36 He made four pillars of acacia wood for it
and overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were
gold, and he cast four silver bases for them.
37 He made a screen for the entrance of the
tent of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and finely
twisted linen, the work of an embroiderer,
38 and its five pillars with their hooks. He
overlaid their tops and their bands with gold;
their five bases were bronze.

37

1 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood, about
forty-five inches long, twenty-seven inches wide,
and twenty-seven inches high.
2 He overlaid it with pure gold inside and out
and made a gold molding around it.
3 He cast four gold rings for its four feet, two
rings on one side and two rings on the other
side.
4 He made poles of acacia wood and overlaid
them with gold.
5 He put the poles through the rings on the
sides of the ark to carry the ark.

6 He made the mercy seat of pure gold, about
forty-five inches long and twenty-seven inches
wide.
7 He made two cherubim of gold; he made
them of hammered work at the two ends of the
mercy seat,
8 one cherub at one end and one cherub at the
other end. He made the cherubim of one piece
with the mercy seat at its two ends.
9 The cherubim spread their wings upward,
covering the mercy seat with their wings. Their
faces were toward one another; the faces of the
cherubim were toward the mercy seat.
10 He made the table of acacia wood, about
thirty-six inches long, eighteen inches wide, and
twenty-seven inches high.
11 He overlaid it with pure gold and made a
gold molding around it.
12 He made a rim about three inches wide
around it and made a gold molding around its
rim.
13 He cast four gold rings for it and put the
rings at the four corners by its four legs.
14 The rings were beside the rim, as holders
for the poles used to carry the table.
15 He made the poles of acacia wood and
overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.
16 He made the utensils that were on the table
of pure gold: its dishes and spoons, its bowls
and pitchers for pouring drink offerings.
17 He made the lampstand of pure gold. He
made the lampstand of hammered work; its
base and shaft, its cups, knobs, and flowers were
of one piece with it.

18 Six branches came out of its sides, three
branches of the lampstand from one side and
three branches of the lampstand from the other
side.
19 There were three cups shaped like almond
blossoms on one branch, with a knob and a
flower, and three cups shaped like almond
blossoms on another branch, with a knob and a
flower. So it was for the six branches coming out
of the lampstand.
20 On the lampstand there were four cups
shaped like almond blossoms, with its knobs
and flowers.
21 There was a knob under two branches
coming from it, a knob under two branches
coming from it, and a knob under two branches
coming from it, for the six branches coming out
of it.
22 Their knobs and their branches were of one
piece with it; the whole was one piece of
hammered work of pure gold.
23 He made its seven lamps, its tongs, and its
trays of pure gold.
24 He made it and all its utensils from a talent
of pure gold, about seventy-five pounds.
25 He made the incense altar of acacia wood. It
was square, about eighteen inches long and
eighteen inches wide, and thirty-six inches high.
Its horns were of one piece with it.
26 He overlaid it with pure gold, its top, its
walls all around, and its horns, and made a gold
molding around it.
27 He made two gold rings for it below its
molding, on its two sides, on either side, as

holders for poles to carry it with.
28 He made the poles of acacia wood and
overlaid them with gold.
29 He made the holy anointing oil and the pure
fragrant incense, the work of a perfumer.

38

1 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia
wood. It was square, about seven and a half feet
long and seven and a half feet wide, and four
and a half feet high.
2 He made its horns at its four corners; its
horns were of one piece with it. He overlaid it
with bronze.
3 He made all the utensils of the altar: the
pots, shovels, bowls, forks, and firepans. He
made all its utensils of bronze.
4 He made for the altar a grating of bronze
mesh beneath its ledge, reaching to the middle
of the altar.
5 He cast four rings at the four corners of the
bronze grating as holders for the poles.
6 He made the poles of acacia wood and
overlaid them with bronze.
7 He put the poles through the rings on the
sides of the altar to carry it with them. He made
it hollow, of boards.
8 He made the bronze basin and its bronze
stand from the mirrors of the serving women
who served at the entrance of the Tent of
Meeting.
9 He made the courtyard. On the south side,
facing south, the courtyard hangings were of

finely twisted linen, about a hundred fifty feet long.
10 There were twenty pillars with their twenty bronze bases; the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.
11 On the north side the hangings were about a hundred fifty feet long, with twenty pillars and their twenty bronze bases; the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.
12 On the west side the hangings were about seventy-five feet long, with ten pillars and their ten bases; the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.
13 The east side, facing east, was about seventy-five feet long.
14 The hangings on one side were about twenty-two and a half feet long, with three pillars and their three bases.
15 On the other side, on either side of the courtyard gate, the hangings were about twenty-two and a half feet long, with three pillars and their three bases.
16 All the hangings around the courtyard were of finely twisted linen.
17 The bases for the pillars were bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver, and their tops were overlaid with silver. All the pillars of the courtyard were banded with silver.
18 The screen for the courtyard gate was the work of an embroiderer, of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen. It was about thirty feet long and seven and a half feet high, corresponding to the hangings of the

courtyard.
19 There were four pillars with their four
bronze bases; their hooks were silver, their tops
were overlaid with silver, and their bands were
silver.
20 All the pegs for the tabernacle and for the
courtyard all around were bronze.

21 These are the accounts of the tabernacle,
the tabernacle of the Testimony, recorded at
Moses' command through the service of the
Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of
Aaron the priest.
22 Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of
Judah, made everything the LORD had
commanded Moses.
23 With him was Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of
the tribe of Dan, a craftsman, designer, and
embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet yarn
and fine linen.

24 All the gold used for the work, in all the
work of the sanctuary, the gold of the wave
offering, was 29 talents and 730 shekels by the
sanctuary shekel, about 2,193 pounds.
25 The silver from those counted in the
congregation was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels
by the sanctuary shekel, about 7,545 pounds:
26 a bekah per head, half a shekel by the
sanctuary shekel, about one-fifth of an ounce,
from everyone who passed over to be counted,
twenty years old and upward, 603,550 in all.
27 The 100 talents of silver, about 7,500
pounds, were used to cast the bases of the
sanctuary and the bases of the veil: a hundred

bases for the hundred talents, a talent, about
seventy-five pounds, for each base.
28 With the 1,775 shekels, about forty-five
pounds, he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid
their tops, and fitted them with bands.
29 The bronze of the wave offering was 70
talents and 2,400 shekels, about 5,310 pounds.
30 With it he made the bases for the entrance
of the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar and its
bronze grating, and all the utensils of the altar,
31 the bases around the courtyard, the bases of
the courtyard gate, all the pegs of the tabernacle,
and all the pegs around the courtyard.

39

1 From the blue, purple, and scarlet yarn they
made woven garments for service in the
sanctuary. They also made the holy garments
for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

2 He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and
scarlet yarn, and finely twisted linen.
3 They hammered out the gold into sheets, and
he cut it into threads to work into the blue,
purple, and scarlet yarn and fine linen, the work
of a skilled craftsman.
4 They made shoulder pieces for it that joined
it together; it was joined at its two ends.
5 The skillfully woven band on it was of one
piece with it and made like it: gold, blue, purple,
and scarlet yarn, and finely twisted linen, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.

6 They prepared the onyx stones, mounted in
gold settings, engraved like a seal with the
names of the sons of Israel.
7 He put them on the shoulder pieces of the
ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel,
as the LORD had commanded Moses.

8 He made the breastpiece, the work of a
skilled craftsman, like the work of the ephod:
gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and finely
twisted linen.
9 It was square. They made the breastpiece
folded double, about nine inches long and nine
inches wide when doubled.
10 They set four rows of stones in it: a row of a
carnelian, a topaz, and an emerald; this was the
first row.
11 The second row was a turquoise, a sapphire,
and a diamond.
12 The third row was a jacinth, an agate, and
an amethyst.
13 The fourth row was a beryl, an onyx, and a
jasper. They were mounted in gold settings.
14 There were twelve stones corresponding to
the names of the sons of Israel, according to
their names, engraved like a seal, each with its
name, for the twelve tribes.
15 They made chains for the breastpiece of
pure gold, twisted like cords.
16 They made two gold settings and two gold
rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of
the breastpiece.
17 They put the two gold cords through the two
rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

18 They attached the two ends of the two cords
to the two settings and put them on the shoulder
pieces of the ephod at its front.
19 They made two gold rings and put them on
the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner
edge facing the ephod.
20 They made two gold rings and put them at
the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the
ephod, at its front, close to its joining, above the
woven band of the ephod.
21 They tied the breastpiece by its rings to the
rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it lay
above the woven band of the ephod and the
breastpiece would not come loose from the
ephod, as the LORD had commanded Moses.
22 He made the robe of the ephod, the work of
a weaver, entirely of blue cloth.
23 The opening of the robe was in its middle,
like the opening of a coat of armor. There was a
binding around the opening, so that it would not
tear.
24 They made pomegranates of twisted blue,
purple, and scarlet yarn on the hem of the robe.
25 They made bells of pure gold and put the
bells between the pomegranates around the
hem of the robe, between the pomegranates:
26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a
pomegranate, around the hem of the robe for
service, as the LORD had commanded Moses.
27 They made the tunics of fine linen, the work
of a weaver, for Aaron and his sons,
28 the turban of fine linen, the ornate caps of
fine linen, and the linen undergarments of

finely twisted linen,
29 and the sash of finely twisted linen and
blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, the work of an
embroiderer, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
30 They made the plate of the holy crown of
pure gold and wrote on it, engraved like a seal,
“Holy to the LORD.”
31 They attached a blue cord to it, to fasten it
on the turban above, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
32 So all the work of the tabernacle, the Tent of
Meeting, was completed. The Israelites did
everything as the LORD had commanded Moses;
so they did.
33 They brought the tabernacle to Moses: the
tent and all its utensils, its clasps, its boards, its
bars, its pillars, and its bases;
34 the covering of rams' skins dyed red, the
covering of fine leather, and the screening veil;
35 the ark of the Testimony, its poles, and the
mercy seat;
36 the table, all its utensils, and the bread of
the Presence;
37 the pure lampstand, its lamps, the lamps
arranged in order, all its utensils, and the oil for
the light;
38 the gold altar, the anointing oil, the fragrant
incense, and the entrance screen of the tent;
39 the bronze altar and its bronze grating, its
poles and all its utensils, the basin and its stand;
40 the hangings of the courtyard, its pillars and
its bases, the screen for the courtyard gate, its

cords and its pegs, and all the utensils of the
tabernacle service for the Tent of Meeting;
41 the woven garments for service in the
sanctuary, the holy garments for Aaron the
priest, and the garments of his sons for priestly
service.
42 According to everything the LORD had
commanded Moses, so the Israelites did all the
work.
43 Moses saw all the work, and behold, they
had done it as the LORD had commanded; so
they had done. And Moses blessed them.

40

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "On the first day of the first month you shall
set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting.
3 You shall put the ark of the Testimony there
and screen off the ark with the veil.
4 You shall bring in the table and arrange what
belongs on it. You shall bring in the lampstand
and light its lamps.
5 You shall place the gold altar for incense
before the ark of the Testimony and put up the
entrance screen of the tabernacle.
6 You shall place the altar of burnt offering
before the entrance of the tabernacle, the Tent
of Meeting.
7 You shall place the basin between the Tent of
Meeting and the altar and put water in it.
8 You shall set up the courtyard around it and
put up the screen for the courtyard gate.

9 You shall take the anointing oil and anoint
the tabernacle and everything in it. You shall
consecrate it and all its utensils, and it shall be
holy.
10 You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering
and all its utensils and consecrate the altar, and
the altar shall be most holy.
11 You shall anoint the basin and its stand and
consecrate it.
12 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the
entrance of the Tent of Meeting and wash them
with water.
13 You shall clothe Aaron in the holy garments,
anoint him, and consecrate him, so that he may
serve me as priest.
14 You shall bring his sons near and clothe
them in tunics.
15 You shall anoint them as you anointed their
father, so that they may serve me as priests.
Their anointing shall establish them in a
perpetual priesthood throughout their
generations."
16 Moses did according to everything the LORD
had commanded him; so he did.
17 In the first month of the second year, on the
first day of the month, the tabernacle was set up.
18 Moses set up the tabernacle, put its bases in
place, set up its boards, put in its bars, and set
up its pillars.
19 He spread the tent over the tabernacle and
put the covering of the tent over it above, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
20 He took the Testimony and put it into the
ark. He set the poles on the ark and put the

mercy seat on top of the ark.
21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle, put
up the screening veil, and screened off the ark of
the Testimony, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
22 He placed the table in the Tent of Meeting,
on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the
veil.
23 He arranged the bread on it before the
LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.
24 He placed the lampstand in the Tent of
Meeting opposite the table, on the south side of
the tabernacle.
25 He lit the lamps before the LORD, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
26 He placed the gold altar in the Tent of
Meeting before the veil,
27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
28 He put up the entrance screen of the
tabernacle.
29 He placed the altar of burnt offering at the
entrance of the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting,
and offered the burnt offering and the grain
offering on it, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
30 He placed the basin between the Tent of
Meeting and the altar and put water in it for
washing.
31 Moses, Aaron, and his sons would wash
their hands and their feet with water from it.
32 Whenever they entered the Tent of Meeting
and whenever they approached the altar, they

would wash, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
33 He set up the courtyard around the
tabernacle and the altar and put up the screen
for the courtyard gate. So Moses finished the
work.
34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting,
and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting
because the cloud had settled on it, and the
glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
36 Whenever the cloud was lifted from above
the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on all
their journeys.
37 But if the cloud was not lifted, they would
not set out until the day it was lifted.
38 For the cloud of the LORD was over the
tabernacle by day, and fire would be in it by
night, in the sight of all the house of Israel
throughout all their journeys.

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