Numbers

1 On the first day of the second month, in the
second year after the Israelites came out of the
land of Egypt, the LORD spoke to Moses in the
wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, and
said,
2 “Take a census of the whole congregation of
the Israelites, by their clans and their ancestral
households, counting the names of every male
one by one.
3 You and Aaron shall register all in Israel
from twenty years old and upward who are able
to go out to war, by their divisions.
4 One man from each tribe shall be with you,
each the head of his ancestral household.
5 These are the names of the men who shall
stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur son of
Shedeur;
6 from Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai;
7 from Judah, Nahshon son of Amminadab;
8 from Issachar, Nethanel son of Zuar;
9 from Zebulun, Eliab son of Helon;
10 from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim,
Elishama son of Ammihud; from Manasseh,
Gamaliel son of Pedahzur;
11 from Benjamin, Abidan son of Gideoni;
12 from Dan, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai;
13 from Asher, Pagiel son of Ocran;
14 from Gad, Eliasaph son of Deuel;
15 from Naphtali, Ahira son of Enan.

16 These are the men called from the
congregation, leaders of their ancestral tribes;
they are the heads of the thousands of Israel."
17 Moses and Aaron took these men who had
been designated by name.
18 They assembled the whole congregation on
the first day of the second month, and the men
declared their lineage by their clans and their
ancestral households, according to the count of
names, from twenty years old and upward, one
by one.
19 As the LORD had commanded Moses, he
registered them in the wilderness of Sinai.
20 Of the descendants of Reuben, Israel's
firstborn, according to their lines of descent,
their clans, and their ancestral households,
counting names one by one, every male twenty
years old and upward, all who could go out to
war,
21 those registered from the tribe of Reuben
were forty-six thousand five hundred.
22 Of the descendants of Simeon, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, their registered men by
the count of names, one by one, every male
twenty years old and upward, all who could go
out to war,
23 those registered from the tribe of Simeon
were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.
24 Of the descendants of Gad, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,

25 those registered from the tribe of Gad were
forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.
26 Of the descendants of Judah, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
27 those registered from the tribe of Judah
were seventy-four thousand six hundred.
28 Of the descendants of Issachar, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
29 those registered from the tribe of Issachar
were fifty-four thousand four hundred.
30 Of the descendants of Zebulun, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
31 those registered from the tribe of Zebulun
were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
32 Of the sons of Joseph, of the descendants of
Ephraim, according to their lines of descent,
their clans, and their ancestral households, by
the count of names, from twenty years old and
upward, all who could go out to war,
33 those registered from the tribe of Ephraim
were forty thousand five hundred.
34 Of the descendants of Manasseh, according
to their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,

from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
35 those registered from the tribe of Manasseh
were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

36 Of the descendants of Benjamin, according
to their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
37 those registered from the tribe of Benjamin
were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

38 Of the descendants of Dan, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
39 those registered from the tribe of Dan were
sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

40 Of the descendants of Asher, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war,
41 those registered from the tribe of Asher
were forty-one thousand five hundred.

42 The descendants of Naphtali, according to
their lines of descent, their clans, and their
ancestral households, by the count of names,
from twenty years old and upward, all who
could go out to war—
43 those registered from the tribe of Naphtali
were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44 These were the men registered by Moses
and Aaron together with the leaders of Israel,
who were twelve men, one for each ancestral
household.
45 All the Israelites registered by their
ancestral households, from twenty years old and
upward, all in Israel who could go out to war,
46 all those registered were six hundred three
thousand five hundred fifty.
47 But the Levites, according to their ancestral
tribe, were not registered among them.
48 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
49 "You must not register the tribe of Levi or
take their census among the Israelites.
50 But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle
of the Testimony, all its furnishings, and
everything belonging to it. They shall carry the
tabernacle and all its furnishings, attend to it,
and camp around the tabernacle.
51 When the tabernacle sets out, the Levites
shall take it down; when the tabernacle camps,
the Levites shall set it up. Any unauthorized
person who comes near must be put to death.
52 The Israelites shall camp, each in his own
camp and each by his own standard, according
to their divisions.
53 But the Levites shall camp around the
tabernacle of the Testimony, so that wrath does
not fall on the congregation of the Israelites. The
Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of
the Testimony."
54 The Israelites did according to all that the
LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

2

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
said,
2 “The Israelites shall camp, each by his own
standard, with the emblems of their ancestral
households. They shall camp at a distance
around the Tent of Meeting.
3 The camp of Judah shall camp on the east,
toward the sunrise, under its standard, by their
divisions. The leader of the descendants of
Judah shall be Nahshon son of Amminadab.
4 His army, according to those registered, is
seventy-four thousand six hundred.
5 The tribe of Issachar shall camp beside him.
The leader of the descendants of Issachar shall
be Nethanel son of Zuar.
6 His army, according to those registered, is
fifty-four thousand four hundred.

7 Then the tribe of Zebulun. The leader of the
descendants of Zebulun shall be Eliab son of
Helon.
8 His army, according to those registered, is
fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
9 All those registered in the camp of Judah are
one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred,
by their divisions. They shall set out first.

10 The standard of the camp of Reuben shall
be on the south, by their divisions. The leader of
the descendants of Reuben shall be Elizur son of
Shedeur.
11 His army, according to those registered, is
forty-six thousand five hundred.

12 The tribe of Simeon shall camp beside him.
The leader of the descendants of Simeon shall be
Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
13 His army, according to those registered, is
fifty-nine thousand three hundred.
14 Then the tribe of Gad. The leader of the
descendants of Gad shall be Eliasaph son of
Reuel.
15 His army, according to those registered, is
forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.
16 All those registered in the camp of Reuben
are one hundred fifty-one thousand four
hundred fifty, by their divisions. They shall set
out second.
17 Then the Tent of Meeting shall set out, with
the camp of the Levites, in the midst of the
camps. As they camp, so they shall set out, each
in his place, by their standards.
18 The standard of the camp of Ephraim shall
be on the west, by their divisions. The leader of
the descendants of Ephraim shall be Elishama
son of Ammihud.
19 His army, according to those registered, is
forty thousand five hundred.
20 Beside him shall be the tribe of Manasseh.
The leader of the descendants of Manasseh shall
be Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.
21 His army, according to those registered, is
thirty-two thousand two hundred.
22 Then the tribe of Benjamin. The leader of
the descendants of Benjamin shall be Abidan
son of Gideoni.
23 His army, according to those registered, is
thirty-five thousand four hundred.

24 All those registered in the camp of Ephraim
are one hundred eight thousand one hundred,
by their divisions. They shall set out third.

25 The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on
the north, by their divisions. The leader of the
descendants of Dan shall be Ahiezer son of
Ammishaddai.
26 His army, according to those registered, is
sixty-two thousand seven hundred.
27 The tribe of Asher shall camp beside him.
The leader of the descendants of Asher shall be
Pagiel son of Ocran.
28 His army, according to those registered, is
forty-one thousand five hundred.
29 Then the tribe of Naphtali. The leader of the
descendants of Naphtali shall be Ahira son of
Enan.
30 His army, according to those registered, is
fifty-three thousand four hundred.
31 All those registered in the camp of Dan are
one hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred.
They shall set out last, by their standards."

32 These were the Israelites registered by their
ancestral households. All those registered in the
camps, by their divisions, were six hundred
three thousand five hundred fifty.
33 But the Levites were not registered among
the Israelites, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
34 The Israelites did according to all that the
LORD had commanded Moses. So they camped
by their standards and so they set out, each by
his clans and his ancestral household.

3

1 This is the family record of Aaron and Moses
at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on
Mount Sinai.
2 These are the names of Aaron's sons: Nadab
the firstborn, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
3 These are the names of Aaron's sons, the
anointed priests, who were ordained to serve as
priests.
4 But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD
when they presented unauthorized fire before
the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai. They had
no sons, and Eleazar and Ithamar served as
priests in the presence of Aaron their father.
5 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near and present
them before Aaron the priest, so that they may
serve him.
7 They shall keep his charge and the charge of
the whole congregation before the Tent of
Meeting, to perform the service of the
tabernacle.
8 They shall care for all the furnishings of the
Tent of Meeting and keep the charge of the
Israelites, to perform the service of the
tabernacle.
9 You shall give the Levites to Aaron and his
sons. They are wholly given to him from among
the Israelites.
10 You shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and
they shall attend to their priesthood. Any
unauthorized person who comes near must be
put to death."
11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

12 “Look, I myself have taken the Levites from
among the Israelites in place of every firstborn
who opens the womb among the Israelites. The
Levites shall be mine.
13 For every firstborn is mine. On the day I
struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I
consecrated to myself every firstborn in Israel,
both human and animal. They shall be mine. I
am the LORD.”
14 The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness
of Sinai and said,
15 “Register the descendants of Levi by their
ancestral households and their clans. You shall
register every male one month old and upward.”
16 Moses registered them at the LORD's
command, as he had been commanded.
17 These were the sons of Levi by their names:
Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
18 These are the names of Gershon's sons by
their clans: Libni and Shimei.
19 The sons of Kohath by their clans were
Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
20 The sons of Merari by their clans were
Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the
Levites by their ancestral households.
21 From Gershon came the clan of the Libnites
and the clan of the Shimeites. These are the
clans of the Gershonites.
22 Those registered from them, counting every
male one month old and upward—their
registered number was seven thousand five
hundred.
23 The clans of the Gershonites were to camp
behind the tabernacle, on the west.

24 The leader of the ancestral household of the
Gershonites was Eliasaph son of Lael.
25 The descendants of Gershon had charge of
these things at the Tent of Meeting: the
tabernacle, the tent, its covering, and the screen
at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting,
26 the hangings of the courtyard, the screen at
the entrance to the courtyard surrounding the
tabernacle and the altar, and its cords, for all its
service.
27 From Kohath came the clan of the
Amramites, the clan of the Izharites, the clan of
the Hebronites, and the clan of the Uzzielites.
These are the clans of the Kohathites.
28 Counting every male one month old and
upward, there were eight thousand six hundred,
keeping charge of the sanctuary.
29 The clans of the descendants of Kohath were
to camp on the south side of the tabernacle.
30 The leader of the ancestral household of the
Kohathite clans was Elizaphan son of Uzziel.
31 They had charge of the ark, the table, the
lampstand, the altars, the sanctuary furnishings
used in service, the screen, and all its service.
32 The leader over the leaders of the Levites
was Eleazar son of Aaron the priest. He had
oversight of those keeping charge of the
sanctuary.
33 From Merari came the clan of the Mahlites
and the clan of the Mushites. These are the clans
of Merari.
34 Those registered from them, counting every
male one month old and upward, were six
thousand two hundred.
35 The leader of the ancestral household of the

clans of Merari was Zuriel son of Abihail. They were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle.
36 The descendants of Merari were assigned charge of the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its bases, all its furnishings, and all its service,
37 and the pillars around the courtyard, their bases, their pegs, and their cords.
38 Those camping in front of the tabernacle on the east, before the Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses, Aaron, and his sons, keeping charge of the sanctuary on behalf of the Israelites. Any unauthorized person who came near was to be put to death.
39 All the Levites whom Moses and Aaron registered at the LORD's command, by their clans, every male one month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand.

40 The LORD said to Moses, “Register every firstborn male among the Israelites one month old and upward, and count their names.
41 Take the Levites for me—I am the LORD—in place of every firstborn among the Israelites, and the livestock of the Levites in place of every firstborn among the livestock of the Israelites.”
42 Moses registered every firstborn among the Israelites, as the LORD had commanded him.
43 All the firstborn males one month old and upward, counted by name in their registration, were twenty-two thousand two hundred seventy-three.

44 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

45 “Take the Levites in place of every firstborn
among the Israelites, and the livestock of the
Levites in place of their livestock. The Levites
shall be mine. I am the LORD.
46 For the redemption of the two hundred
seventy-three firstborn of the Israelites who
exceed the number of the Levites,
47 you shall take about two ounces of silver
per person. You shall take it according to the
sanctuary shekel; the shekel is twenty gerahs.
48 Give the silver to Aaron and his sons as the
redemption price for those in excess.”
49 Moses took the redemption silver from
those who exceeded the number redeemed by
the Levites.
50 He took the silver from the firstborn of the
Israelites, about thirty-four pounds according to
the sanctuary weight.
51 Moses gave the redemption silver to Aaron
and his sons at the LORD's command, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.

4

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
said,
2 “Take a census of the descendants of Kohath
from among the descendants of Levi, by their
clans and their ancestral households,
3 from thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old, all who enter the service company to
do the work in the Tent of Meeting.
4 This is the service of the descendants of
Kohath in the Tent of Meeting: the most holy
things.

5 When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons
shall go in, take down the screening veil, and
cover the ark of the Testimony with it.
6 They shall put a covering of fine leather over
it, spread a cloth entirely of blue over that, and
put its poles in place.
7 Over the table of the Presence they shall
spread a blue cloth and put on it the dishes, the
ladles, the bowls, and the pitchers for the drink
offerings. The regular bread shall remain on it.
8 They shall spread a scarlet cloth over them,
cover it with a covering of fine leather, and put
its poles in place.
9 They shall take a blue cloth and cover the
lampstand for the light, its lamps, its tongs, its
trays, and all the oil vessels used in its service.
10 They shall put it and all its furnishings into
a covering of fine leather and put it on a
carrying bar.
11 Over the gold altar they shall spread a blue
cloth, cover it with a covering of fine leather,
and put its poles in place.
12 They shall take all the service utensils used
in the sanctuary, put them in a blue cloth, cover
them with a covering of fine leather, and put
them on a carrying bar.
13 They shall remove the ashes from the altar
and spread a purple cloth over it.
14 They shall put on it all the utensils used in
its service: the firepans, the forks, the shovels,
and the basins, all the utensils of the altar. They
shall spread a covering of fine leather over it

and put its poles in place.
15 When Aaron and his sons have finished
covering the holy things and all the sanctuary
furnishings as the camp sets out, then the
descendants of Kohath shall come to carry them.
But they must not touch the holy things, or they
will die. These are the loads of the descendants
of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting.
16 Eleazar son of Aaron the priest shall have
charge of the oil for the light, the fragrant
incense, the regular grain offering, and the
anointing oil. He shall have oversight of the
whole tabernacle and everything in it, the
sanctuary and its furnishings."
17 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
said,
18 "Do not let the branch of the Kohathite clans
be cut off from among the Levites.
19 Do this for them, so that they may live and
not die when they approach the most holy
things: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign
each man his service and his load.
20 But they must not go in to look at the holy
things even for an instant, or they will die."
21 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
22 "Take a census of the descendants of
Gershon also, by their ancestral households and
their clans.
23 From thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old you shall register them, all who enter
the service company to perform service in the
Tent of Meeting.
24 This is the service of the Gershonite clans, in
serving and in carrying loads:

25 they shall carry the curtains of the
tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, its covering, the
covering of fine leather above it, and the screen
at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting;
26 the hangings of the courtyard, the screen at
the entrance of the courtyard gate surrounding
the tabernacle and the altar, their cords, and all
the utensils of their service. They shall perform
all the work that is to be done with them.
27 All the service of the descendants of the
Gershonites shall be at the command of Aaron
and his sons, all their loads and all their service.
You shall assign to their care all that they must
carry.
28 This is the service of the clans of the
descendants of the Gershonites in the Tent of
Meeting. Their charge shall be under the
direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest.
29 You shall register the descendants of Merari
by their clans and their ancestral households.
30 From thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old you shall register them, all who enter
the service company to perform the service of
the Tent of Meeting.
31 This is what they are charged to carry in all
their service in the Tent of Meeting: the boards
of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, and its
bases;
32 the pillars around the courtyard, their
bases, their pegs, and their cords, with all their
utensils and all their service. You shall assign by
name the items they are charged to carry.
33 This is the service of the clans of the
descendants of Merari, all their service in the

Tent of Meeting, under the direction of Ithamar
son of Aaron the priest."
34 Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of the
congregation registered the descendants of the
Kohathites by their clans and their ancestral
households,
35 from thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old, all who entered the service company
for work in the Tent of Meeting.
36 Those registered by their clans were two
thousand seven hundred fifty.
37 These were those registered from the
Kohathite clans, all who served in the Tent of
Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron registered at
the LORD's command through Moses.
38 Those registered from the descendants of
Gershon by their clans and their ancestral
households,
39 from thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old, all who entered the service company
for work in the Tent of Meeting,
40 those registered by their clans and their
ancestral households were two thousand six
hundred thirty.
41 These were those registered from the clans
of the descendants of Gershon, all who served in
the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron
registered at the LORD's command.
42 Those registered from the clans of the
descendants of Merari by their clans and their
ancestral households,
43 from thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old, all who entered the service company

for work in the Tent of Meeting,
44 those registered by their clans were three
thousand two hundred.
45 These were those registered from the clans
of the descendants of Merari, whom Moses and
Aaron registered at the LORD's command
through Moses.
46 All the Levites registered by Moses, Aaron,
and the leaders of Israel, by their clans and their
ancestral households,
47 from thirty years old and upward to fifty
years old, all who came to perform the service
work and the work of carrying loads in the Tent
of Meeting,
48 those registered were eight thousand five
hundred eighty.
49 At the LORD's command they were
registered through Moses, each according to his
service and his load. So they were registered as
the LORD had commanded Moses.

5

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
2 “Command the Israelites to send out of the
camp everyone with a skin disease, everyone
with a discharge, and everyone unclean through
contact with a dead body.
3 You must send out both male and female.
You must send them outside the camp, so that
they do not defile the camps of those among
whom I dwell.”
4 The Israelites did so and sent them outside
the camp. As the LORD had spoken to Moses, so
the Israelites did.

5 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
6 “Speak to the Israelites. When a man or
woman commits any of the sins people commit,
acting unfaithfully against the LORD, that
person is guilty.
7 They shall confess the sin they have
committed. The guilty person shall restore the
full amount owed, add twenty percent to it, and
give it to the one he has wronged.
8 If the man has no redeeming relative to
whom restitution may be made, the restitution
made to the LORD shall belong to the priest,
besides the ram of atonement with which
atonement is made for the guilty person.
9 Every raised offering from all the sacred gifts
that the Israelites present to the priest shall
belong to him.
10 Each man's sacred things shall be his; what
a man gives to the priest shall belong to the
priest.”

11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
12 “Speak to the Israelites and tell them, ‘If any
man's wife goes astray and acts unfaithfully
against him,
13 and a man lies with her with an emission of
semen, and it is hidden from her husband's
eyes, and she has defiled herself in secret, with
no witness against her and without her being
caught;
14 if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he
is jealous of his wife when she has defiled
herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him

and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,
15 then the man shall bring his wife to the priest and bring her offering on her behalf: about two quarts of barley flour. He must not pour oil on it or put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of remembrance that brings iniquity to mind.
16 The priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD.
17 The priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel. The priest shall also take some of the dust on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water.
18 The priest shall have the woman stand before the LORD, loosen the woman's hair, and put the grain offering of remembrance into her hands; it is the grain offering of jealousy. In the priest's hand shall be the bitter water that brings a curse.
19 The priest shall put her under oath and say to the woman, “If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray into uncleanness while married to your husband, be free from this bitter water that brings a curse.
20 But if you have gone astray while married to your husband, if you have defiled yourself, and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you—”
21 then the priest shall put the woman under an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say to the woman, “May the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD

makes your thigh waste away and your belly swell.
22 May this water that brings a curse enter your inward parts, making your belly swell and your thigh waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amen, amen."
23 The priest shall write these curses on a scroll and wash them off into the bitter water.
24 He shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings a curse shall enter her and cause bitterness.
25 The priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, wave the offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar.
26 The priest shall take a handful from the grain offering as its memorial portion and turn it into smoke on the altar. Afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.
27 When he has made her drink the water, if she has defiled herself and acted unfaithfully against her husband, the water that brings a curse shall enter her and cause bitterness. Her belly shall swell, her thigh shall waste away, and the woman shall become a curse among her people.
28 But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she shall be free and shall conceive offspring.
29 This is the law of jealousy: when a wife goes astray while married to her husband and defiles herself,
30 or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a

man and he is jealous of his wife, he shall have
the woman stand before the LORD, and the
priest shall carry out this whole law for her.
31 The man shall be free from iniquity, but that
woman shall bear her iniquity.' "

6

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
2 "Speak to the Israelites and tell them, 'When a
man or woman makes a special vow of Nazirite
consecration, to consecrate himself to the LORD,
3 he must abstain from wine and intoxicating
drink. He must not drink wine vinegar or
vinegar made from intoxicating drink, or drink
any grape juice, or eat fresh or dried grapes.
4 Throughout the days of his consecration, he
must not eat anything produced by the
grapevine, from the seeds to the skins.
5 Throughout the days of his vow of
consecration, no razor shall pass over his head.
Until the days for which he consecrates himself
to the LORD are complete, he shall be holy; he
shall let the hair of his head grow freely.
6 Throughout the days of his consecration to
the LORD, he must not go near a dead body.
7 He must not make himself unclean for his
father, his mother, his brother, or his sister when
they die, because the consecration of his God is
on his head.
8 Throughout the days of his consecration, he
is holy to the LORD.
9 If someone dies beside him very suddenly
and defiles his consecrated head, he shall shave

his head on the day of his cleansing; on the
seventh day he shall shave it.
10 On the eighth day he shall bring two
turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest at
the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
11 The priest shall offer one as a sin offering
and the other as a burnt offering, and make
atonement for him because he sinned in
connection with the dead body. That day he
shall consecrate his head.
12 He shall consecrate to the LORD the days of
his consecration and bring a year-old male lamb
as a guilt offering. The former days shall not
count, because his consecration was defiled.
13 This is the law of the Nazirite: when his
days of consecration are complete, he shall be
brought to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
14 He shall present his offering to the LORD:
one year-old male lamb without blemish as a
burnt offering, one year-old female lamb
without blemish as a sin offering, and one ram
without blemish as a peace offering;
15 also a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of
fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened wafers
spread with oil, together with their grain
offering and their drink offerings.
16 The priest shall present them before the
LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt
offering.
17 He shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace
offerings to the LORD, together with the basket
of unleavened bread. The priest shall also offer
its grain offering and its drink offering.

18 The Nazirite shall shave his consecrated
head at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. He
shall take the hair of his consecrated head and
put it on the fire beneath the sacrifice of peace
offerings.
19 The priest shall take the boiled shoulder of
the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket,
and one unleavened wafer, and put them in the
Nazirite's hands after he has shaved off his
consecrated hair.
20 The priest shall wave them as a wave
offering before the LORD; it is holy for the
priest, in addition to the breast of the wave
offering and the thigh of the raised offering.
Afterward the Nazirite may drink wine.
21 This is the law of the Nazirite who makes a
vow, and of his offering to the LORD for his
consecration, besides what his means allow. He
shall do according to the vow he makes, in
keeping with the law of his consecration.' "
22 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons and say, 'This
is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face shine upon you and
be gracious to you;

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace." '
27 So they shall put my name upon the
Israelites, and I will bless them."

7

1 On the day Moses finished setting up the
tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it,
together with all its furnishings, the altar, and all
its utensils. He anointed them and consecrated
them.
2 The leaders of Israel, the heads of their
ancestral households, presented offerings. They
were the leaders of the tribes, the men who
oversaw those registered.
3 They brought their offering before the LORD:
six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for
every two leaders and an ox for each one. They
presented them before the tabernacle.
4 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
5 “Receive these from them for performing the
service of the Tent of Meeting. Give them to the
Levites, each according to his service.”
6 Moses received the carts and the oxen and
gave them to the Levites.
7 He gave two carts and four oxen to the
descendants of Gershon, according to their
service.
8 He gave four carts and eight oxen to the
descendants of Merari, according to their
service, under the direction of Ithamar son of
Aaron the priest.
9 But he gave none to the descendants of
Kohath, because the service of the holy things
was their charge; they were to carry them on
their shoulders.
10 The leaders presented the dedication
offering for the altar on the day it was anointed.

The leaders presented their offering before the altar.
11 The LORD said to Moses, “They shall present
their offering for the dedication of the altar, one
leader each day, one leader each day.”
12 The one who presented his offering on the
first day was Nahshon son of Amminadab, of the
tribe of Judah.
13 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
14 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
15 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
16 one male goat for a sin offering;
17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Nahshon son of Amminadab.
18 On the second day Nethanel son of Zuar, the
leader of Issachar, presented his offering.
19 He presented as his offering one silver dish
weighing about three and a quarter pounds and
one silver bowl weighing about one and
three-quarter pounds, according to the
sanctuary weight, both filled with fine flour
mixed with oil for a grain offering;
20 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;

21 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
22 one male goat for a sin offering;
23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Nethanel son of Zuar.
24 On the third day Eliab son of Helon, the
leader of the descendants of Zebulun, presented
his offering.
25 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
26 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
27 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
28 one male goat for a sin offering;
29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Eliab son of Helon.
30 On the fourth day Elizur son of Shedeur, the
leader of the descendants of Reuben, presented
his offering.
31 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both

filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
32 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
33 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
34 one male goat for a sin offering;
35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Elizur son of Shedeur.
36 On the fifth day Shelumiel son of
Zurishaddai, the leader of the descendants of
Simeon, presented his offering.
37 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
38 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
39 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
40 one male goat for a sin offering;
41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
42 On the sixth day Eliasaph son of Deuel, the
leader of the descendants of Gad, presented his
offering.

43 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
44 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
45 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
46 one male goat for a sin offering;
47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Eliasaph son of Deuel.
48 On the seventh day Elishama son of
Ammihud, the leader of the descendants of
Ephraim, presented his offering.
49 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
50 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
51 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
52 one male goat for a sin offering;
53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Elishama son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur,
the leader of the descendants of Manasseh,
presented his offering.
55 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
56 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
57 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
58 one male goat for a sin offering;
59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan son of Gideoni, the
leader of the descendants of Benjamin,
presented his offering.
61 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
62 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
63 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
64 one male goat for a sin offering;

65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Abidan son of Gideoni.
66 On the tenth day Ahiezer son of
Ammishaddai, the leader of the descendants of
Dan, presented his offering.
67 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
68 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
69 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
70 one male goat for a sin offering;
71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.
72 On the eleventh day Pagiel son of Ocran, the
leader of the descendants of Asher, presented
his offering.
73 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
74 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;

75 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
76 one male goat for a sin offering;
77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Pagiel son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira son of Enan, the
leader of the descendants of Naphtali, presented
his offering.
79 His offering was one silver dish weighing
about three and a quarter pounds and one silver
bowl weighing about one and three-quarter
pounds, according to the sanctuary weight, both
filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain
offering;
80 one gold ladle weighing about four ounces,
filled with incense;
81 one young bull, one ram, and one year-old
male lamb for a burnt offering;
82 one male goat for a sin offering;
83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and
five year-old male lambs. This was the offering
of Ahira son of Enan.

84 This was the dedication offering for the
altar from the leaders of Israel on the day it was
anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver
bowls, and twelve gold ladles.
85 Each silver dish weighed about three and a
quarter pounds, and each bowl about one and
three-quarter pounds. All the silver of the

vessels weighed about sixty pounds, according
to the sanctuary weight.
86 The twelve gold ladles were filled with
incense, each weighing about four ounces
according to the sanctuary weight. All the gold
of the ladles weighed about three pounds.
87 All the cattle for the burnt offering were
twelve bulls; the rams were twelve, and the
year-old male lambs twelve, with their grain
offering. There were twelve male goats for a sin
offering.
88 All the cattle for the sacrifice of peace
offerings were twenty-four bulls, with sixty
rams, sixty male goats, and sixty year-old male
lambs. This was the dedication offering for the
altar after it was anointed.
89 When Moses entered the Tent of Meeting to
speak with him, he heard the voice speaking to
him from above the mercy seat on the ark of the
Testimony, from between the two cherubim.
And he spoke to him.

8

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
2 “Speak to Aaron and tell him, ‘When you
light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light
toward the front of the lampstand.’ ”
3 Aaron did so. He lit its lamps toward the
front of the lampstand, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
4 This was the workmanship of the lampstand:
hammered gold, from its base to its blossoms it
was hammered work. The lampstand was made

according to the pattern the LORD had shown
Moses.
5 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
6 “Take the Levites from among the Israelites
and cleanse them.
7 This is what you shall do to cleanse them:
sprinkle the water of purification on them. They
shall pass a razor over their whole body, wash
their clothes, and cleanse themselves.
8 They shall take a young bull and its grain
offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you
shall take a second young bull as a sin offering.
9 Bring the Levites before the Tent of Meeting
and assemble the whole congregation of the
Israelites.
10 Bring the Levites before the LORD, and the
Israelites shall lay their hands on the Levites.
11 Aaron shall present the Levites as a wave
offering before the LORD on behalf of the
Israelites, so that they may perform the service
of the LORD.
12 The Levites shall lay their hands on the
heads of the bulls. Offer one as a sin offering
and the other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to
make atonement for the Levites.
13 Have the Levites stand before Aaron and his
sons, and present them as a wave offering to the
LORD.
14 Thus you shall separate the Levites from
among the Israelites, and the Levites shall be
mine.
15 Afterward the Levites shall enter to serve at
the Tent of Meeting. You shall have cleansed
them and presented them as a wave offering.

16 For they are wholly given to me from
among the Israelites. I have taken them for
myself in place of all who first open the womb,
every firstborn among the Israelites.
17 For every firstborn among the Israelites is
mine, both human and animal. On the day I
struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I
consecrated them to myself.
18 I have taken the Levites in place of every
firstborn among the Israelites.
19 I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron
and his sons from among the Israelites, to
perform the service of the Israelites in the Tent
of Meeting and make atonement for the
Israelites, so that no plague comes among the
Israelites when the Israelites draw near to the
sanctuary."
20 Moses, Aaron, and the whole congregation
of the Israelites did to the Levites according to
all that the LORD had commanded Moses
concerning the Levites. So the Israelites did to
them.
21 The Levites purified themselves and washed
their clothes. Aaron presented them as a wave
offering before the LORD, and Aaron made
atonement for them to cleanse them.
22 Afterward the Levites entered to perform
their service in the Tent of Meeting before
Aaron and his sons. As the LORD had
commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so
they did to them.

23 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
24 "This applies to the Levites: from

twenty-five years old and upward, a Levite shall
enter the service company for work in the Tent
of Meeting.
25 From fifty years old, he shall retire from the
service company and no longer perform the
work.
26 He shall assist his brothers in the Tent of
Meeting in keeping charge, but he must not
perform the work. Thus you shall deal with the
Levites regarding their duties."

9

1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness
of Sinai, in the first month of the second year
after they came out of the land of Egypt, and
said,
2 "The Israelites shall observe the Passover at
its appointed time.
3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at
twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed
time. You shall observe it according to all its
statutes and all its ordinances."
4 Moses told the Israelites to observe the
Passover.
5 They observed the Passover in the wilderness
of Sinai on the fourteenth day of the first month,
at twilight. According to all that the LORD had
commanded Moses, so the Israelites did.
6 But there were men who were unclean
because of a human corpse and could not
observe the Passover that day. That day they
came before Moses and Aaron.
7 Those men said to him, "We are unclean
because of a human corpse. Why should we be

kept from presenting the LORD's offering at its
appointed time among the Israelites?"
8 Moses said to them, "Wait, and I will hear
what the LORD commands concerning you."
9 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
10 "Speak to the Israelites and say, 'If any of
you or your descendants is unclean because of a
corpse, or is on a distant journey, he shall
observe the Passover to the LORD.
11 They shall observe it on the fourteenth day
of the second month, at twilight. They shall eat
it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
12 They must leave none of it until morning
and must not break a bone of it. They shall
observe it according to every statute of the
Passover.
13 But the man who is clean and not on a
journey, yet fails to observe the Passover, that
person shall be cut off from his people, because
he did not present the LORD's offering at its
appointed time. That man shall bear his sin.
14 If a foreigner resides with you and observes
the Passover to the LORD, he shall do so
according to the statute of the Passover and its
ordinance. You shall have one statute, both for
the foreigner and for the native of the land.' "
15 On the day the tabernacle was set up, the
cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the
Testimony. From evening until morning there
was the appearance of fire over the tabernacle.
16 So it was continually: the cloud covered it,
and at night there was the appearance of fire.
17 Whenever the cloud lifted from over the
tent, afterward the Israelites set out. In the place

where the cloud settled, there the Israelites
camped.
18 At the LORD's command the Israelites set
out, and at the LORD's command they camped.
As long as the cloud remained over the
tabernacle, they stayed in camp.
19 When the cloud stayed over the tabernacle
many days, the Israelites kept the LORD's charge
and did not set out.
20 Sometimes the cloud remained over the
tabernacle a few days. At the LORD's command
they camped, and at the LORD's command they
set out.
21 Sometimes the cloud remained from
evening until morning; when the cloud lifted in
the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by
night, when the cloud lifted, they set out.
22 Whether for two days, a month, or a year,
while the cloud prolonged its stay over the
tabernacle, resting above it, the Israelites stayed
in camp and did not set out. But when it lifted,
they set out.
23 At the LORD's command they camped, and
at the LORD's command they set out. They kept
the LORD's charge, at the LORD's command
through Moses.

10

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
2 “Make two silver trumpets for yourself; make
them of hammered work. They shall serve you
for summoning the congregation and for setting
the camps in motion.

3 When they blow both of them, the whole
congregation shall gather before you at the
entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
4 If they blow only one, the leaders, the heads
of the thousands of Israel, shall gather before
you.
5 When you sound an alarm blast, the camps
on the east shall set out.
6 When you sound a second alarm blast, the
camps on the south shall set out. They shall
sound an alarm blast for their departures.
7 But when gathering the assembly, you shall
blow without sounding an alarm blast.
8 Aaron's sons, the priests, shall blow the
trumpets. This shall be a perpetual statute for
you throughout your generations.
9 When you go to war in your land against the
adversary who oppresses you, sound the alarm
with the trumpets. You shall be remembered
before the LORD your God and be saved from
your enemies.
10 On your day of rejoicing, at your appointed
times, and at the beginnings of your months,
blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings
and your sacrifices of peace offerings. They
shall be a memorial for you before your God. I
am the LORD your God."
11 On the twentieth day of the second month of
the second year, the cloud lifted from over the
tabernacle of the Testimony.
12 The Israelites set out on their journeys from
the wilderness of Sinai, and the cloud settled in
the wilderness of Paran.

13 They set out for the first time at the LORD's
command through Moses.
14 The standard of the camp of the
descendants of Judah set out first, by their
divisions. Nahshon son of Amminadab was over
its army.
15 Nethanel son of Zuar was over the army of
the tribe of the descendants of Issachar,
16 and Eliab son of Helon was over the army of
the tribe of the descendants of Zebulun.
17 The tabernacle was taken down, and the
descendants of Gershon and Merari set out,
carrying the tabernacle.

18 The standard of the camp of Reuben set out,
by their divisions. Elizur son of Shedeur was
over its army.
19 Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai was over the
army of the tribe of the descendants of Simeon,
20 and Eliasaph son of Deuel was over the
army of the tribe of the descendants of Gad.
21 The Kohathites set out, carrying the holy
things. The tabernacle was set up by the time
they arrived.

22 The standard of the camp of the
descendants of Ephraim set out, by their
divisions. Elishama son of Ammihud was over
its army.
23 Gamaliel son of Pedahzur was over the
army of the tribe of the descendants of
Manasseh,
24 and Abidan son of Gideoni was over the
army of the tribe of the descendants of
Benjamin.

25 The standard of the camp of the
descendants of Dan set out, by their divisions, as
the rear guard of all the camps. Ahiezer son of
Ammishaddai was over its army.
26 Pagiel son of Ocran was over the army of
the tribe of the descendants of Asher,
27 and Ahira son of Enan was over the army of
the tribe of the descendants of Naphtali.
28 This was the order of the Israelites' journeys
by their divisions, and they set out.

29 Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the
Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, “We are setting
out for the place of which the LORD said, ‘I will
give it to you.’ Come with us, and we will do
good to you, for the LORD has spoken good
concerning Israel.”
30 He said to him, “I will not go. I will go
instead to my own land and my own kindred.”
31 He said, “Please do not leave us, for you
know how we are to camp in the wilderness,
and you will be our eyes.
32 If you go with us, whatever good the LORD
does for us, we will do for you.”
33 They set out from the mountain of the LORD
on a three-day journey. The ark of the covenant
of the LORD went before them on the three-day
journey to seek out a resting place for them.
34 The cloud of the LORD was over them by
day when they set out from the camp.

35 Whenever the ark set out, Moses would say,
“Rise up, O LORD!

Let your enemies be scattered, and let those
who hate you flee before you!"
36 When it came to rest, he would say,
"Return, O LORD, to the myriad thousands of
Israel!"

11

1 The people complained bitterly in the LORD's
hearing. The LORD heard it, and his anger
burned. The fire of the LORD burned among
them and consumed the edge of the camp.
2 The people cried out to Moses. Moses prayed
to the LORD, and the fire died down.
3 That place was called Taberah, because the
fire of the LORD had burned among them.
4 The rabble among them had an intense
craving, and the Israelites also began weeping
again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat?
5 We remember the fish we ate freely in Egypt,
the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the
onions, and the garlic.
6 But now our soul is dried up. There is
nothing at all; our eyes see only the manna."
7 The manna was like coriander seed, and its
appearance was like that of bdellium.
8 The people went about and gathered it,
ground it in mills or pounded it in a mortar,
cooked it in a pot, and made cakes from it. Its
taste was like that of a delicacy made with oil.
9 When the dew came down on the camp at
night, the manna came down on it.
10 Moses heard the people weeping by their
families, each at the entrance of his tent. The

LORD's anger burned fiercely, and Moses was displeased.
11 Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you
treated your servant badly? Why have I not
found favor in your eyes, that you lay the
burden of all this people on me?
12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I give
birth to them, that you say to me, ‘Carry them in
your bosom, as a caregiver carries a nursing
child, to the land you swore to their ancestors’?
13 Where am I to get meat to give all this
people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give
us meat to eat.’
14 I cannot carry all this people alone, for they
are too heavy for me.
15 If this is how you will treat me, please kill
me outright, if I have found favor in your eyes,
and do not let me see my misery.”
16 The LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me
seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom
you know to be elders of the people and their
officers. Bring them to the Tent of Meeting, and
let them stand there with you.
17 I will come down and speak with you there.
I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put it
on them. They shall carry the burden of the
people with you, so that you do not carry it
alone.
18 Tell the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for
tomorrow, and you shall eat meat. For you have
wept in the LORD's hearing and said, “Who will
give us meat to eat? We were well off in Egypt!”
The LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat.

19 You shall eat not for one day, or two days, or
five days, or ten days, or twenty days,
20 but for a whole month, until it comes out of
your nostrils and becomes repulsive to you,
because you have rejected the LORD who is
among you and have wept before him, saying,
“Why did we come out of Egypt?” ’ ”
21 Moses said, “The people among whom I am
are six hundred thousand men on foot, yet you
have said, ‘I will give them meat, and they shall
eat for a whole month.’
22 If flocks and herds were slaughtered for
them, would that be enough for them? If all the
fish of the sea were gathered for them, would
that be enough for them?”

23 The LORD said to Moses, “Has the LORD's
hand grown short? Now you shall see whether
my word will come to pass for you or not.”
24 Moses went out and told the people the
words of the LORD. He gathered seventy men
from the elders of the people and had them
stand around the tent.
25 The LORD came down in the cloud and
spoke to him. He took of the Spirit that was on
him and put it on the seventy men, the elders.
When the Spirit rested on them, they
prophesied, but they did not do so again.
26 Two men had remained in the camp. One
was named Eldad and the other Medad, and the
Spirit rested on them. They were among those
registered but had not gone out to the tent, and
they prophesied in the camp.
27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad

and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"
28 Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant from his
youth, answered, "My lord Moses, stop them!"
29 Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my
sake? Would that all the LORD's people were
prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on
them!"
30 Moses returned to the camp, he and the
elders of Israel.
31 A wind went out from the LORD and swept
quail in from the sea, spreading them around
the camp, about a day's journey on one side and
about a day's journey on the other, all around
the camp, and about three feet above the
surface of the ground.
32 The people stayed up all that day, all night,
and all the next day, gathering the quail. The
one who gathered least gathered about fifty
bushels, and they spread them out for
themselves all around the camp.
33 While the meat was still between their
teeth, before it was chewed, the LORD's anger
burned against the people, and the LORD struck
the people with a very great plague.
34 That place was called Kibroth-hattaavah,
because there they buried the people who had
craved meat.
35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people set out
for Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

12

1 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses
because of the Cushite woman he had married,

for he had married a Cushite woman.
2 They said, “Has the LORD spoken only
through Moses? Has he not also spoken through
us?” And the LORD heard it.
3 Now the man Moses was very humble, more
than any other human being on the face of the
earth.
4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron,
and Miriam, “Come out, all three of you, to the
Tent of Meeting.” And all three came out.
5 The LORD came down in the pillar of cloud
and stood at the entrance of the tent. He called
Aaron and Miriam, and both came forward.
6 He said, “Hear my words: if there is a
prophet among you, I, the LORD, make myself
known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a
dream.
7 Not so with my servant Moses; he is faithful
in all my house.
8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, plainly
and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of
the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to
speak against my servant Moses?”
9 The LORD's anger burned against them, and
he departed.
10 The cloud withdrew from over the tent, and
there was Miriam with a skin disease, white as
snow. Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there
she was with the skin disease.
11 Aaron said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do
not lay this sin on us, for we have acted foolishly
and we have sinned.
12 Do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh
is half consumed when he comes out of his

mother's womb."
13 Moses cried out to the LORD and said, "O
God, please heal her, I pray!"
14 The LORD said to Moses, "If her father had
spat in her face, would she not be ashamed for
seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp for
seven days, and afterward let her be received
back."
15 Miriam was shut out of the camp for seven
days, and the people did not set out until Miriam
had been received back.
16 Afterward the people set out from Hazeroth
and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

13

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
2 "Send men to explore the land of Canaan,
which I am giving to the Israelites. Send one
man from each ancestral tribe, each a leader
among them."
3 Moses sent them from the wilderness of
Paran at the LORD's command. All the men
were heads of the Israelites.
4 These are their names: from the tribe of
Reuben, Shammua son of Zaccur;
5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of
Hori;
6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of
Jephunneh;
7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph;
8 from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of
Nun;
9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of
Raphu;

10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of
Sodi;
11 from the tribe of Joseph, from the tribe of
Manasseh, Gaddi son of Susi;
12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of
Gemalli;
13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of
Michael;
14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of
Vophsi;
15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Machi.
16 These are the names of the men Moses sent
to explore the land. Moses called Hoshea son of
Nun Joshua.
17 Moses sent them to explore the land of
Canaan and said to them, “Go up through the
Negev and go up into the hill country.
18 See what the land is like, and the people
who live in it: whether they are strong or weak,
few or many;
19 what the land they live in is like, whether
good or bad; and what the cities they live in are
like, whether camps or fortified places;
20 and what the soil is like, whether rich or
poor, whether there are trees in it or not. Take
courage and bring some of the fruit of the land.”
It was the season of the first ripe grapes.
21 They went up and explored the land from
the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, at the entrance
to Hamath.
22 They went up through the Negev, and
Hebron was reached. Ahiman, Sheshai, and
Talmai, descendants of Anak, were there.
Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan

in Egypt.
23 They came to the valley of Eshcol and cut
from there a branch with a single cluster of
grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole. They
also took some pomegranates and figs.
24 That place was called the valley of Eshcol
because of the cluster the Israelites cut from
there.
25 They returned from exploring the land at
the end of forty days.
26 They went and came to Moses, Aaron, and
the whole congregation of the Israelites at
Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They
brought back a report to them and the whole
congregation, and showed them the fruit of the
land.
27 They told him, “We came to the land to
which you sent us. It does indeed flow with milk
and honey, and this is its fruit.
28 But the people living in the land are strong,
and the cities are fortified and very large. We
also saw the descendants of Anak there.
29 The Amalekites live in the land of the
Negev; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the
Amorites live in the hill country; and the
Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan.”
30 Caleb quieted the people before Moses and
said, “Let us go up and take possession of it, for
we are certainly able to prevail over it!”
31 But the men who had gone up with him
said, “We cannot go up against the people, for
they are stronger than we are.”
32 They spread a bad report among the

Israelites about the land they had explored,
saying, “The land we passed through to explore
is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the
people we saw in it were men of great stature.
33 There we saw the Nephilim, the sons of
Anak, who are from the Nephilim. In our own
eyes we were like grasshoppers, and so we were
in their eyes.”

14

1 The whole congregation raised their voices
and cried out, and the people wept that night.
2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses
and Aaron. The whole congregation said to
them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt!
Or in this wilderness, if only we had died!
3 Why is the LORD bringing us into this land to
fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones
will become plunder. Would it not be better for
us to return to Egypt?”
4 They said to one another, “Let us appoint a
leader and return to Egypt.”
5 Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before
the whole assembly of the congregation of the
Israelites.
6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of
Jephunneh, who were among those who had
explored the land, tore their clothes
7 and said to the whole congregation of the
Israelites, “The land we passed through to
explore is a very, very good land.

8 If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us
into this land and give it to us, a land flowing
with milk and honey.
9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. Do not
fear the people of the land, for they are our
bread. Their shade has departed from them, and
the LORD is with us. Do not fear them!"
10 The whole congregation said to stone them
with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared
at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites.

11 The LORD said to Moses, "How long will this
people despise me? How long will they refuse to
believe in me, despite all the signs I have done
among them?
12 I will strike them with pestilence and
disinherit them, and I will make you a nation
greater and mightier than they."
13 Moses said to the LORD, "The Egyptians will
hear of it, for by your power you brought this
people up from among them,
14 and they will tell the inhabitants of this
land. They have heard that you, LORD, are
among this people, that you, LORD, appear eye
to eye, that your cloud stands over them, and
that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by
day and a pillar of fire by night.
15 If you put this people to death as one man,
the nations who have heard of your fame will
say,
16 'Because the LORD was unable to bring this
people into the land he swore to them, he
slaughtered them in the wilderness.'

17 Now, please let the power of the Lord be
great, as you declared when you said,
18 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and
transgression, yet by no means clearing the
guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the
children to the third and fourth generations.'
19 Please forgive the iniquity of this people
according to the greatness of your steadfast love,
as you have forgiven this people from Egypt
until now."
20 The LORD said, "I have forgiven according
to your word.
21 But as I live, all the earth shall be filled with
the glory of the LORD.
22 All the men who have seen my glory and my
signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness,
and yet have tested me these ten times and have
not listened to my voice,
23 shall certainly not see the land I swore to
their ancestors. None of those who despise me
shall see it.
24 But my servant Caleb, because he had a
different spirit and followed me fully, I will
bring into the land he entered, and his offspring
shall possess it.
25 The Amalekites and the Canaanites live in
the valley. Tomorrow turn and set out for the
wilderness by the way of the Red Sea."

26 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
said,
27 "How long must I bear with this evil
congregation that grumbles against me? I have

heard the complaints of the Israelites who
grumble against me.
28 Tell them, ‘As I live, declares the LORD, as
you have spoken in my hearing, so I will do to
you.
29 Your corpses shall fall in this wilderness, all
of you who were registered, according to your
entire number, from twenty years old and
upward, who grumbled against me.
30 You shall certainly not enter the land I
swore with raised hand to settle you in, except
Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.
31 But your little ones, whom you said would
become plunder, I will bring in, and they shall
know the land you rejected.
32 As for you, your corpses shall fall in this
wilderness.
33 Your children shall be shepherds in the
wilderness for forty years and bear your
unfaithfulness until your corpses are consumed
in the wilderness.
34 According to the number of days you
explored the land, forty days, a year for each
day, a year for each day, you shall bear your
iniquities forty years, and you shall know my
opposition.
35 I, the LORD, have spoken. I will certainly do
this to this whole evil congregation gathered
against me. In this wilderness they shall come to
their end, and there they shall die.’ ”
36 The men Moses had sent to explore the
land, who returned and caused the whole
congregation to grumble against him by

bringing out a bad report about the land,
37 those men who brought out the bad report
about the land died by the plague before the
LORD.
38 But Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of
Jephunneh remained alive from among those
men who had gone to explore the land.
39 Moses spoke these words to all the
Israelites, and the people mourned greatly.
40 They rose early in the morning and went up
to the top of the hill, saying, “Here we are. We
will go up to the place of which the LORD spoke,
for we have sinned.”
41 Moses said, “Why are you transgressing the
LORD's command? This will not succeed.
42 Do not go up, for the LORD is not among
you, so that you will not be defeated before your
enemies.
43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are
there before you, and you will fall by the sword.
Because you have turned back from following
the LORD, the LORD will not be with you.”
44 But they presumed to go up to the top of the
hill. The ark of the covenant of the LORD and
Moses did not depart from the midst of the
camp.
45 The Amalekites and the Canaanites who
lived in that hill country came down, struck
them, and crushed them as far as Hormah.

15

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

2 “Speak to the Israelites and tell them, ‘When
you enter the land where you are to dwell,
which I am giving you,
3 and present an offering by fire to the LORD, a
burnt offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a special
vow, as a freewill offering, or at your appointed
times, to make a pleasing aroma to the LORD
from the herd or the flock,
4 the one presenting his offering to the LORD
shall bring a grain offering of about two quarts
of fine flour mixed with about a quart of oil.
5 You shall prepare about a quart of wine as a
drink offering with the burnt offering or the
sacrifice, for each lamb.
6 Or for a ram, prepare a grain offering of
about four quarts of fine flour mixed with about
a third of a gallon of oil.
7 You shall present about a third of a gallon of
wine as a drink offering, a pleasing aroma to the
LORD.
8 When you prepare a young bull as a burnt
offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a special vow, or
as a peace offering to the LORD,
9 bring with the young bull a grain offering of
about six quarts of fine flour mixed with about
two quarts of oil.
10 You shall present about two quarts of wine
as a drink offering, an offering by fire, a
pleasing aroma to the LORD.
11 Thus it shall be done for each ox, each ram,
and each animal from the sheep or goats.
12 According to the number you prepare, so
you shall do for each one, according to their

number.
13 Every native shall do these things in this
way when presenting an offering by fire, a
pleasing aroma to the LORD.
14 If a foreigner resides with you, or anyone is
among you throughout your generations, and
presents an offering by fire, a pleasing aroma to
the LORD, he shall do as you do.
15 For the assembly there shall be one statute
for you and for the foreigner residing with you,
a perpetual statute throughout your
generations. As you are, so shall the foreigner
be before the LORD.
16 One law and one ordinance shall be for you
and for the foreigner residing with you.' "
17 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
18 "Speak to the Israelites and tell them, 'When
you enter the land to which I am bringing you,
19 and eat the bread of the land, you shall raise
a raised offering to the LORD.
20 From the first of your dough you shall raise
a cake as a raised offering; as the raised offering
of the threshing floor, so you shall raise it.
21 From the first of your dough you shall give a
raised offering to the LORD throughout your
generations.
22 If you err unintentionally and do not carry
out all these commandments that the LORD has
spoken to Moses,
23 all that the LORD has commanded you
through Moses, from the day the LORD
commanded and onward throughout your
generations,

24 if it was done unintentionally without the
congregation's knowledge, the whole
congregation shall offer one young bull as a
burnt offering, a pleasing aroma to the LORD,
with its grain offering and drink offering
according to the ordinance, and one male goat
as a sin offering.
25 The priest shall make atonement for the
whole congregation of the Israelites, and they
shall be forgiven, for it was unintentional, and
they have brought their offering, an offering by
fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before
the LORD for their unintentional error.
26 The whole congregation of the Israelites and
the foreigner residing among them shall be
forgiven, because it was unintentional for all the
people.
27 If one person sins unintentionally, he shall
present a year-old female goat as a sin offering.
28 The priest shall make atonement before the
LORD for the person who erred by sinning
unintentionally, to make atonement for him, and
he shall be forgiven.
29 You shall have one law for the one who acts
unintentionally, both for the native among the
Israelites and for the foreigner residing among
them.
30 But the person who acts with a high hand,
whether native or foreigner, reviles the LORD.
That person shall be cut off from among his
people.
31 Because he has despised the word of the
LORD and broken his commandment, that

person shall certainly be cut off; his iniquity
remains on him.' "
32 While the Israelites were in the wilderness,
they found a man gathering wood on the
Sabbath day.
33 Those who found him gathering wood
brought him before Moses, Aaron, and the
whole congregation.
34 They put him in custody, because it had not
been specified what should be done to him.
35 The LORD said to Moses, "The man must
certainly be put to death. The whole
congregation shall stone him with stones outside
the camp."
36 The whole congregation brought him
outside the camp and stoned him with stones,
and he died, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
37 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
38 "Speak to the Israelites and tell them, 'You
shall make tassels for yourselves on the corners
of your garments throughout your generations,
and put a blue cord on the tassel at each corner.
39 It shall be a tassel for you, so that you may
look at it, remember all the LORD's
commandments, and carry them out, and not
seek after your own heart and your own eyes,
after which you prostitute yourselves.
40 So you shall remember and carry out all my
commandments and be holy to your God.
41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am the
LORD your God.' "

16

1 Now Korah son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son
of Levi, took action, along with Dathan and
Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth,
descendants of Reuben.
2 They rose up before Moses, together with
two hundred fifty men from the Israelites,
leaders of the congregation, men called to the
assembly, men of renown.
3 They assembled against Moses and Aaron
and said to them, “You have gone too far! The
whole congregation, every one of them, is holy,
and the LORD is among them. Why then do you
exalt yourselves above the assembly of the
LORD?”
4 When Moses heard it, he fell on his face.
5 He spoke to Korah and all his company and
said, “In the morning the LORD will make
known who belongs to him and who is holy, and
bring him near to himself. The one he chooses,
he will bring near to himself.
6 Do this: take censers, Korah and all his
company,
7 put fire in them, and put incense on them
before the LORD tomorrow. The man the LORD
chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too
far, sons of Levi!”
8 Moses said to Korah, “Listen, please, sons of
Levi.
9 Is it too little for you that the God of Israel
has separated you from the congregation of
Israel to bring you near to himself, to perform
the service of the LORD's tabernacle and to
stand before the congregation to serve them?

10 He has brought you near, and all your
brothers, the sons of Levi, with you. Do you seek
the priesthood as well?
11 Therefore you and all your company are
gathered against the LORD. As for Aaron, what
is he that you grumble against him?"
12 Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, sons
of Eliab, but they said, "We will not come up.
13 Is it too little that you brought us up from a
land flowing with milk and honey to put us to
death in the wilderness, that you must also lord
it over us?
14 You have not even brought us into a land
flowing with milk and honey or given us an
inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you
gouge out the eyes of those men? We will not
come up!"
15 Moses was very angry and said to the LORD,
"Do not regard their offering. I have not taken a
single donkey from them, nor have I harmed
any one of them."
16 Moses said to Korah, "You and all your
company shall be before the LORD tomorrow,
you, they, and Aaron.
17 Each of you shall take his censer, put
incense on them, and present his censer before
the LORD, two hundred fifty censers; you and
Aaron also, each with his censer."
18 Each took his censer, put fire in them, and
placed incense on them. They stood at the
entrance of the Tent of Meeting, with Moses and
Aaron.
19 Korah assembled the whole congregation

against them at the entrance of the Tent of
Meeting, and the glory of the LORD appeared to
the whole congregation.
20 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
said,
21 “Separate yourselves from the midst of this
congregation, and I will consume them in an
instant.”
22 They fell on their faces and said, “O God, God
of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and
will you be angry with the whole congregation?”
23 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
24 “Speak to the congregation and say, ‘Move
away from around the dwelling of Korah,
Dathan, and Abiram.’ ”
25 Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram,
and the elders of Israel followed him.
26 He spoke to the congregation and said,
“Please turn away from the tents of these wicked
men, and do not touch anything belonging to
them, lest you be swept away in all their sins.”
27 They moved away from around the
dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Dathan
and Abiram came out and stood at the entrances
of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and
their little ones.
28 Moses said, “By this you shall know that the
LORD has sent me to do all these works, and that
they are not from my own heart.
29 If these men die as all people die, and the
fate of all people overtakes them, then the LORD
has not sent me.
30 But if the LORD creates something new, and
the ground opens its mouth and swallows them

and all that belongs to them, and they go down
alive to Sheol, then you shall know that these
men have despised the LORD."
31 As soon as he finished speaking all these
words, the ground beneath them split apart.
32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed
them, their households, all the people belonging
to Korah, and all their possessions.
33 They and all that belonged to them went
down alive to Sheol. The earth covered them,
and they perished from among the assembly.
34 All Israel around them fled at their cry, for
they said, "The earth might swallow us!"
35 Fire came out from the LORD and consumed
the two hundred fifty men presenting the
incense.
36 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
37 "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron the priest to lift
the censers from among the burned remains.
Scatter the fire farther away, for they have
become holy.
38 As for the censers of these men who sinned
at the cost of their lives, let them be made into
hammered sheets as a covering for the altar, for
they presented them before the LORD and they
became holy. They shall be a sign to the
Israelites."
39 Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers
presented by those who were burned, and they
were hammered into a covering for the altar,
40 as a memorial to the Israelites, so that no
unauthorized man who is not a descendant of
Aaron would draw near to burn incense before
the LORD, lest he become like Korah and his

company, as the LORD had spoken to him
through Moses.
41 The next day the whole congregation of the
Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron
and said, “You have put the LORD's people to
death!”
42 When the congregation assembled against
Moses and Aaron, they turned toward the Tent
of Meeting, and there the cloud had covered it,
and the glory of the LORD appeared.
43 Moses and Aaron came before the Tent of
Meeting.
44 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
45 “Move away from the midst of this
congregation, and I will consume them in an
instant.” And they fell on their faces.
46 Moses said to Aaron, “Take the censer, put
fire from the altar in it, add incense, and carry it
quickly to the congregation. Make atonement
for them, for wrath has gone out from before
the LORD; the plague has begun.”
47 Aaron took it as Moses had spoken and ran
into the midst of the assembly. The plague had
already begun among the people. He put on the
incense and made atonement for the people.
48 He stood between the dead and the living,
and the plague was stopped.
49 Those who died by the plague were fourteen
thousand seven hundred, besides those who
died in the matter of Korah.
50 Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of
the Tent of Meeting, and the plague had been
stopped.

17

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
2 “Speak to the Israelites and take from them a
staff for each ancestral household, from all their
leaders according to their ancestral households,
twelve staffs. Write each man's name on his
staff.
3 Write Aaron's name on the staff of Levi, for
there shall be one staff for the head of each
ancestral household.
4 Place them in the Tent of Meeting before the
Testimony, where I will meet with you.
5 The staff of the man I choose shall blossom.
Thus I will rid myself of the complaints of the
Israelites, which they make against you.”
6 Moses spoke to the Israelites, and all their
leaders gave him staffs, a staff for each leader, a
staff for each leader according to their ancestral
households, twelve staffs. Aaron's staff was
among their staffs.
7 Moses placed the staffs before the LORD in
the tent of the Testimony.
8 The next day Moses entered the tent of the
Testimony, and Aaron's staff for the house of
Levi had sprouted. It had put out buds,
produced blossoms, and ripened almonds.
9 Moses brought all the staffs from before the
LORD to all the Israelites. They looked, and each
man took his staff.
10 The LORD said to Moses, “Put Aaron's staff
back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign
for the rebellious. Thus you shall put an end to
their complaints against me, so that they do not
die.”

11 Moses did so. As the LORD had commanded
him, so he did.
12 The Israelites said to Moses, “Look, we are
dying! We are lost! All of us are lost!
13 Everyone who draws near, who draws near
to the LORD's tabernacle, will die. Will we all
end up dying?”

18

1 The LORD said to Aaron, “You and your sons
and your father's household with you shall bear
the guilt connected with the sanctuary; you and
your sons with you shall bear the guilt
connected with your priesthood.
2 Bring your brothers also, the tribe of Levi,
your father's tribe, near with you, so that they
may be joined to you and serve you. You and
your sons with you shall be before the tent of
the Testimony.
3 They shall keep your charge and the charge
of the whole tent, but they must not draw near
to the sanctuary furnishings or the altar, so that
neither they nor you die.
4 They shall be joined to you and keep charge
of the Tent of Meeting, all the service of the tent.
No unauthorized person shall draw near to you.
5 You shall keep charge of the sanctuary and
charge of the altar, so that wrath no longer
comes upon the Israelites.
6 Look, I myself have taken your brothers the
Levites from among the Israelites. They are a
gift to you, given to the LORD to perform the
service of the Tent of Meeting.

7 You and your sons with you shall attend to
your priesthood in everything concerning the
altar and what is within the veil, and you shall
serve. I give you your priesthood as a service
granted as a gift. Any unauthorized person who
draws near must be put to death."
8 The LORD spoke to Aaron, "Look, I myself
have given you charge of my raised offerings.
From all the sacred gifts of the Israelites I have
given them to you as a consecrated portion, and
to your sons, as a perpetual statute.
9 This shall be yours from the most holy things
reserved from the fire: every offering of theirs,
all their grain offerings, all their sin offerings,
and all their guilt offerings that they render to
me. They are most holy for you and your sons.
10 You shall eat it as something most holy.
Every male shall eat it; it shall be holy to you.
11 This also shall be yours: the raised offering
of their gifts, with all the wave offerings of the
Israelites. I have given them to you and your
sons and your daughters with you as a perpetual
statute. Everyone clean in your household may
eat it.
12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the
new wine and grain, their first portions that
they give to the LORD, I have given to you.
13 The firstfruits of everything in their land
that they bring to the LORD shall be yours.
Everyone clean in your household may eat it.
14 Everything irrevocably devoted in Israel
shall be yours.
15 Every firstborn that opens the womb, of all

flesh that they present to the LORD, both human
and animal, shall be yours. But you must
certainly ransom the human firstborn, and you
must ransom the firstborn of unclean animals.
16 You shall ransom those to be ransomed
from one month old, according to your
valuation, for about two ounces of silver by the
sanctuary shekel, which is twenty gerahs.
17 But the firstborn of an ox, the firstborn of a
sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you must not
ransom. They are holy. You shall dash their
blood against the altar and turn their fat into
smoke as an offering by fire, a pleasing aroma to
the LORD.
18 Their flesh shall be yours; like the breast of
the wave offering and the right thigh, it shall be
yours.
19 All the raised offerings of the holy things
that the Israelites raise to the LORD I have given
to you, your sons, and your daughters with you,
as a perpetual statute. It is a perpetual covenant
of salt before the LORD for you and your
offspring with you."
20 The LORD said to Aaron, "You shall have no
inheritance in their land, nor shall you have a
portion among them. I am your portion and
your inheritance among the Israelites.

21 Look, I have given all the tithe in Israel to
the descendants of Levi as an inheritance in
return for the service they perform, the service
of the Tent of Meeting.
22 The Israelites must no longer draw near to
the Tent of Meeting, lest they bear sin and die.

23 The Levites themselves shall perform the
service of the Tent of Meeting, and they shall
bear their iniquity. It shall be a perpetual statute
throughout your generations. They shall inherit
no inheritance among the Israelites,
24 for I have given to the Levites as an
inheritance the tithe of the Israelites that they
raise to the LORD as a raised offering. Therefore
I have said to them, 'They shall inherit no
inheritance among the Israelites.' "
25 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
26 "Speak to the Levites and tell them, 'When
you receive from the Israelites the tithe I have
given you from them as your inheritance, you
shall raise from it the LORD's raised offering, a
tithe of the tithe.
27 Your raised offering shall be reckoned to
you as grain from the threshing floor and as the
full produce of the winepress.
28 Thus you also shall raise the LORD's raised
offering from all your tithes that you receive
from the Israelites. From it you shall give the
LORD's raised offering to Aaron the priest.
29 From all your gifts you shall raise every
raised offering of the LORD, from all the best of
it, its consecrated portion.'
30 Tell them, 'When you raise the best of it
from it, it shall be reckoned to the Levites as the
produce of the threshing floor and the produce
of the winepress.
31 You may eat it in any place, you and your
household, for it is your wages in return for
your service in the Tent of Meeting.

32 You shall bear no sin because of it when you
have raised the best of it from it. You must not
profane the holy things of the Israelites, and you
shall not die.' "

19

1 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and
said,
2 "This is the statute of the law that the LORD
has commanded: speak to the Israelites, and let
them bring you a red heifer, sound, with no
blemish, on which no yoke has ever come.
3 Give it to Eleazar the priest. He shall bring it
outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered in
his presence.
4 Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood
with his finger and sprinkle some of its blood
seven times toward the front of the Tent of
Meeting.
5 The heifer shall be burned before his eyes;
its skin, its flesh, and its blood, together with its
dung, shall be burned.
6 The priest shall take cedar wood, hyssop, and
scarlet yarn and throw them into the midst of
the burning heifer.
7 The priest shall wash his clothes and bathe
his body in water; afterward he may enter the
camp. The priest shall be unclean until evening.
8 The one who burns it shall wash his clothes
in water, bathe his body in water, and be
unclean until evening.
9 A clean man shall gather the ashes of the
heifer and place them outside the camp in a
clean place. They shall be kept for the

congregation of the Israelites for the water for purification; it is a sin offering.

10 The one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. It shall be a perpetual statute for the Israelites and for the foreigner residing among them.

11 Anyone who touches the dead body of any human being shall be unclean for seven days.

12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day and the seventh day; then he shall be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and the seventh day, he shall not be clean.

13 Anyone who touches a dead body, that of a human being who has died, and does not purify himself defiles the LORD's tabernacle. That person shall be cut off from Israel, because the water for purification was not splashed on him. He shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still in him.

14 This is the law when a person dies in a tent: everyone who enters the tent and everything in the tent shall be unclean for seven days.

15 Every open vessel without a covering tied over it is unclean.

16 Anyone who, in the open field, touches someone slain by a sword, a dead body, a human bone, or a grave shall be unclean for seven days.

17 For the unclean person they shall take some ashes from the burned sin offering, and spring water shall be poured over them in a vessel.

18 A clean man shall take hyssop, dip it in the water, and sprinkle the tent, all the vessels, the

persons who were there, and the one who
touched a bone, someone slain, a dead body, or a
grave.
19 The clean person shall sprinkle the unclean
person on the third day and the seventh day,
and cleanse him on the seventh day. The one
being cleansed shall wash his clothes and bathe
in water, and be clean in the evening.
20 But the man who becomes unclean and does
not purify himself, that person shall be cut off
from the midst of the assembly, because he has
defiled the LORD's sanctuary. The water for
purification was not splashed on him; he is
unclean.
21 It shall be a perpetual statute for them. The
one who sprinkles the water for purification
shall wash his clothes, and the one who touches
the water for purification shall be unclean until
evening.
22 Everything the unclean person touches shall
be unclean, and the person who touches it shall
be unclean until evening."

20

1 In the first month, the Israelites, the whole
congregation, came to the wilderness of Zin, and
the people stayed at Kadesh. Miriam died there
and was buried there.
2 There was no water for the congregation,
and they assembled against Moses and Aaron.
3 The people quarreled with Moses and said,
"If only we had died when our brothers died
before the LORD!

4 Why have you brought the LORD's assembly
into this wilderness, for us and our livestock to
die here?
5 Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to
bring us to this wretched place? It is no place for
sowing, or for figs, vines, or pomegranates, and
there is no water to drink."
6 Moses and Aaron went from the presence of
the assembly to the entrance of the Tent of
Meeting and fell on their faces. The glory of the
LORD appeared to them.
7 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
8 "Take the staff and assemble the
congregation, you and your brother Aaron.
Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will
give its water. You shall bring water out of the
rock for them and give the congregation and
their livestock water to drink."
9 Moses took the staff from before the LORD,
as he had commanded him.
10 Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly
before the rock, and he said to them, "Listen
now, you rebels! Shall we bring water out of this
rock for you?"
11 Moses raised his hand and struck the rock
twice with his staff. Water came out abundantly,
and the congregation and their livestock drank.
12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
"Because you did not trust me to uphold my
holiness before the eyes of the Israelites, you
shall not bring this assembly into the land I have
given them."
13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the
Israelites quarreled with the LORD, and he was

shown holy among them.
14 Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the
king of Edom: “Thus says your brother Israel:
You know all the hardship that has befallen us.
15 Our ancestors went down to Egypt, and we
lived in Egypt for many days. The Egyptians
treated us and our ancestors harshly.
16 We cried out to the LORD, and he heard our
voice, sent an angel, and brought us out of
Egypt. Now we are at Kadesh, a city on the edge
of your territory.
17 Please let us pass through your land. We
will not pass through a field or vineyard, or
drink water from a well. We will go along the
King's Highway, turning neither to the right nor
to the left until we have passed through your
territory.”
18 But Edom said to him, “You shall not pass
through my territory, or I will come out against
you with the sword.”
19 The Israelites said to him, “We will go up by
the highway. If I and my livestock drink your
water, I will pay for it. Let me only pass through
on foot, nothing more.”
20 But he said, “You shall not pass through.”
And Edom came out against him with many
people and a strong hand.
21 So Edom refused to let Israel pass through
his territory, and Israel turned away from him.
22 They set out from Kadesh, and the Israelites,
the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.
23 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron at
Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom,

24 “Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for
he shall not enter the land I have given the
Israelites, because you rebelled against my
command at the waters of Meribah.
25 Take Aaron and his son Eleazar and bring
them up Mount Hor.
26 Strip Aaron of his garments and put them
on his son Eleazar. Aaron shall be gathered to
his people and die there.”
27 Moses did as the LORD commanded, and
they went up Mount Hor before the eyes of the
whole congregation.
28 Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and
put them on his son Eleazar. Aaron died there
on the top of the mountain, and Moses and
Eleazar came down from the mountain.
29 When the whole congregation saw that
Aaron had died, the whole house of Israel wept
for Aaron thirty days.

21

1 When the Canaanite king of Arad, who lived
in the Negev, heard that Israel was coming by
the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel and
took some of them captive.
2 Israel made a vow to the LORD and said, “If
you will indeed give this people into my hand, I
will devote their cities to destruction.”
3 The LORD listened to the voice of Israel and
gave over the Canaanites. Israel devoted them
and their cities to destruction, and the place was
called Hormah.

4 They set out from Mount Hor by the way of
the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. The
people grew impatient on the way.
5 The people spoke against God and against
Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of
Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no
bread and no water, and our souls loathe this
worthless bread.”
6 The LORD sent fiery serpents among the
people. They bit the people, and many people of
Israel died.
7 The people came to Moses and said, “We
have sinned, for we have spoken against the
LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take
the serpents away from us.” So Moses prayed for
the people.
8 The LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery
serpent and set it on a pole. Everyone who is
bitten shall look at it and live.”
9 Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on
the pole. Whenever a serpent bit someone, that
person would look at the bronze serpent and
live.
10 The Israelites set out and camped at Oboth.
11 They set out from Oboth and camped at
Iye-abarim, in the wilderness facing Moab
toward the sunrise.
12 From there they set out and camped in the
valley of the Zered.
13 From there they set out and camped beyond
the Arnon, in the wilderness that extends from
the territory of the Amorites. For the Arnon is
the border of Moab, between Moab and the
Amorites.

14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars
of the LORD:
"Waheb in Suphah, and the ravines of the Arnon,
15 and the slope of the ravines that extends to
the settlement of Ar and rests against the
border of Moab."
16 From there they went to Beer. This is the
well of which the LORD said to Moses, "Gather
the people, and I will give them water."

17 Then Israel sang this song:
"Spring up, O well!
Sing to it!
18 The well that the leaders dug, that the nobles
of the people hollowed out, with the
ruler's staff, with their staffs."
From the wilderness they went to Mattanah,
19 from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from
Nahaliel to Bamoth,
20 and from Bamoth to the valley in the
country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which
overlooks the wasteland.
21 Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the
Amorites, saying,
22 "Let me pass through your land. We will not
turn aside into a field or vineyard, or drink
water from a well. We will go along the King's
Highway until we have passed through your
territory."
23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass
through his territory. Sihon gathered all his
people and went out to meet Israel in the

wilderness. He came to Jahaz and fought against
Israel.
24 Israel struck him with the edge of the sword
and took possession of his land from the Arnon
to the Jabbok, as far as the Ammonites, for the
border of the Ammonites was strong.
25 Israel took all these cities, and Israel lived in
all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and all
its villages.
26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of
the Amorites. He had fought against the former
king of Moab and taken all his land from his
hand as far as the Arnon.
27 Therefore the proverb makers say:

“Come to Heshbon!
Let the city of Sihon be built and established.
28 For fire went out from Heshbon, a flame from
the city of Sihon.
It consumed Ar of Moab, the lords of the
heights of the Arnon.
29 Woe to you, Moab!
You have perished, O people of Chemosh!
He gave his sons as fugitives and his
daughters into captivity to Sihon king of
the Amorites.
30 We shot at them;
Heshbon perished as far as Dibon.
We laid waste as far as Nophah, which
extends to Medeba.”

31 So Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.
32 Moses sent to spy out Jazer. They captured
its villages, and he drove out the Amorites who
were there.

33 Then they turned and went up by the way of
Bashan. Og king of Bashan came out to meet
them, he and all his people, for battle at Edrei.
34 The LORD said to Moses, “Do not fear him,
for I have given him into your hand, together
with all his people and his land. You shall do to
him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites,
who lived in Heshbon.”
35 So they struck him, his sons, and all his
people, until they left him no survivor, and they
took possession of his land.

22

1 The Israelites set out and camped in the
plains of Moab beyond the Jordan, opposite
Jericho.
2 Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had
done to the Amorites.
3 Moab was very afraid of the people because
they were numerous, and Moab was distressed
because of the Israelites.
4 Moab said to the elders of Midian, “Now this
assembly will lick up everything around us, as
an ox licks up the grass of the field.” Balak son of
Zippor was king of Moab at that time.
5 He sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor at
Pethor, which is by the River, in the land of his
people, to summon him, saying, “Look, a people
has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of
the land and are settled opposite me.
6 Now please come and curse this people for
me, for they are stronger than I am. Perhaps I
can prevail so that we may strike them, and I

may drive them out of the land. For I know that
whoever you bless is blessed, and whoever you
curse is cursed."
7 The elders of Moab and the elders of Midian
set out with payment for divination in their
hands. They came to Balaam and spoke Balak's
words to him.
8 He said to them, "Spend the night here, and I
will bring you an answer according to what the
LORD tells me." So the leaders of Moab stayed
with Balaam.
9 God came to Balaam and said, "Who are
these men with you?"
10 Balaam said to God, "Balak son of Zippor,
king of Moab, has sent this message to me:
11 'Look, the people who came out of Egypt
cover the face of the land. Now come and curse
them for me. Perhaps I can fight against them
and drive them out.' "
12 God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with
them. You shall not curse the people, for they
are blessed."
13 Balaam rose in the morning and said to
Balak's leaders, "Go back to your land, for the
LORD has refused to let me go with you."
14 The leaders of Moab rose and went to Balak
and said, "Balaam has refused to come with us."
15 Balak again sent leaders, more numerous
and more distinguished than these.
16 They came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus
says Balak son of Zippor: 'Please do not hold
back from coming to me,
17 for I will surely honor you greatly, and I will
do whatever you tell me. Please come and curse

this people for me.' "
18 Balaam answered Balak's servants, "Even if
Balak gave me his house full of silver and gold, I
could not go beyond the command of the LORD
my God to do anything small or great.
19 Now please stay here tonight, you also, so
that I may know what more the LORD will say to
me."
20 God came to Balaam at night and said to
him, "If the men have come to summon you, rise
and go with them. But you shall do only what I
tell you."
21 Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his
donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab.
22 God's anger burned because he was going,
and the angel of the LORD stood in the road as
an adversary to him. He was riding his donkey,
and his two servants were with him.
23 The donkey saw the angel of the LORD
standing in the road with his drawn sword in
his hand. She turned aside from the road and
went into the field. Balaam struck the donkey to
turn her back onto the road.
24 The angel of the LORD stood in a path
between the vineyards, with a wall on one side
and a wall on the other.
25 The donkey saw the angel of the LORD and
pressed against the wall, pressing Balaam's foot
against the wall. So he struck her again.
26 The angel of the LORD went farther and
stood in a narrow place where there was no way
to turn to the right or to the left.
27 The donkey saw the angel of the LORD and

lay down under Balaam. Balaam's anger
burned, and he struck the donkey with a stick.
28 Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth,
and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to
you, that you have struck me these three times?"
29 Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you
have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in
my hand, I would kill you right now!"
30 The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your
donkey, on which you have ridden all along to
this day? Have I ever been in the habit of doing
this to you?" He said, "No."
31 Then the LORD uncovered Balaam's eyes,
and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in
the road with his drawn sword in his hand. He
bowed down and prostrated himself on his face.
32 The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why
have you struck your donkey these three times?
Look, I have come out as an adversary, because
your way is reckless before me.
33 The donkey saw me and turned aside before
me these three times. Perhaps she turned away
from me because by now I would certainly have
killed you, but let her live."
34 Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I
have sinned, for I did not know that you were
standing in the road to meet me. Now, if this is
evil in your eyes, I will turn back."
35 The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go
with the men, but speak only the word that I tell
you." So Balaam went with Balak's leaders.
36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come,
he went out to meet him at the city of Moab on

the border of the Arnon, at the edge of the territory.
37 Balak said to Balaam, “Did I not expressly send to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I really unable to honor you?”
38 Balaam said to Balak, “Look, I have come to you. But can I say anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I will speak.”
39 Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.
40 Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep and sent portions to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.
41 In the morning Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-baal. From there he saw the outer part of the people.

23

1 Balaam said to Balak, “Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here.”
2 Balak did as Balaam had said, and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar.
3 Balaam said to Balak, “Stand beside your burnt offering while I go. Perhaps the LORD will come to meet me. Whatever he shows me, I will tell you.” Then he went to a bare height.
4 God met Balaam, and he said to him, “I have arranged the seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.”
5 The LORD put a word in Balaam’s mouth and said, “Return to Balak, and speak this way.”

6 He returned to him, and there he stood
beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders
of Moab.
7 He took up his oracle and said,
"From Aram Balak brought me, the king of Moab
from the mountains of the east: 'Come,
curse Jacob for me;
come, denounce Israel.'
8 How can I curse whom God has not cursed?
How can I denounce whom the LORD has
not denounced?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see him;
from the hills I behold him.
Look, a people dwelling apart, not counted
among the nations.
10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number
even a fourth of Israel?
Let my soul die the death of the upright, and
let my end be like his!"
11 Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done
to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, and
look, you have surely blessed them!"
12 He answered, "Must I not be careful to
speak what the LORD puts in my mouth?"
13 Balak said to him, "Please come with me to
another place from which you can see them.
You will see only their outer part, not all of
them. Curse them for me from there."
14 He took him to the field of Zophim, to the
top of Pisgah. He built seven altars and offered a
bull and a ram on each altar.
15 He said to Balak, "Stand here beside your
burnt offering, while I have an encounter over
there."

16 The LORD met Balaam, put a word in his
mouth, and said, “Return to Balak, and speak
this way.”
17 He came to him, and there he stood beside
his burnt offering, with the leaders of Moab.
Balak said to him, “What has the LORD said?”
18 He took up his oracle and said,
“Rise, Balak, and hear;
listen to me, son of Zippor.
19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son
of man, that he should change his mind.
Has he said, and will he not do it?
Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?
20 Look, I have received a charge to bless.
He has blessed, and I will not reverse it.
21 He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, nor seen
trouble in Israel.
The LORD his God is with him, and the
shout of a king is among them.
22 God brings them out of Egypt;
he has strength like a wild ox.
23 For there is no omen against Jacob, no
divination against Israel.
Now it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel,
‘What God has done!’
24 Look, a people rises like a lioness and lifts
itself up like a lion.
It will not lie down until it devours the prey
and drinks the blood of the slain.”
25 Balak said to Balaam, “Do not curse them at
all, and do not bless them at all!”
26 Balaam answered Balak, “Did I not tell you,
‘Whatever the LORD says, that I will do’?”

27 Balak said to Balaam, “Please come. I will
take you to another place. Perhaps it will be
right in God’s eyes for you to curse them for me
from there.”
28 Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, which
overlooks the wasteland.
29 Balaam said to Balak, “Build seven altars for
me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven
rams for me here.”
30 Balak did as Balaam had said and offered a
bull and a ram on each altar.

24

1 Balaam saw that it was good in the LORD’s
eyes to bless Israel, so he did not go in search of
omens as he had done before. Instead, he set his
face toward the wilderness.
2 Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel
dwelling by its tribes, and the Spirit of God came
upon him.

3 He took up his oracle and said,

“The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of
the man whose eye is opened,
4 the oracle of one who hears the words of God,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down with eyes uncovered:
5 How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your
dwellings, O Israel!
6 Like valleys they stretch out, like gardens
beside a river, like aloes that the LORD has
planted, like cedars beside the waters.
7 Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed
shall be among abundant waters.

His king shall rise above Agag, and his
kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God brings him out of Egypt;
he has strength like a wild ox.
He shall devour the nations, his adversaries,
crush their bones, and shatter them with
his arrows.
9 He crouched, he lay down like a lion, like a
lioness;
who will rouse him?
Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed
are those who curse you!"
10 Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and
he struck his hands together. Balak said to
Balaam, "I summoned you to curse my enemies,
and look, you have surely blessed them these
three times!
11 Now flee to your own place! I said I would
surely honor you, but look, the LORD has kept
you from honor."
12 Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also tell
your messengers whom you sent to me,
13 'Even if Balak gave me his house full of
silver and gold, I could not go beyond the
command of the LORD to do good or evil of my
own heart. Whatever the LORD says, that I will
speak'?
14 Now look, I am going to my people. Come, I
will tell you what this people will do to your
people in the latter days."
15 He took up his oracle and said,
"The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of
the man whose eye is opened,

16 the oracle of one who hears the words of God,
who knows the knowledge of the Most
High, who sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down with eyes uncovered:
17 I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near.
A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter
shall rise out of Israel.
He shall crush the temples of Moab and
destroy all the sons of Seth.
18 Edom shall become a possession, and Seir
shall become a possession, both his
enemies;
Israel shall act valiantly.
19 One from Jacob shall rule and destroy the
survivor from the city."
20 He saw Amalek, took up his oracle, and said,
"Amalek is first among the nations, but his
end shall be destruction forever."
21 He saw the Kenite, took up his oracle, and
said, "Enduring is your dwelling, and your
nest is set in the rock,
22 yet Kain shall be consumed.
How long until Asshur carries you away
captive?"
23 He took up his oracle and said, "Alas!
Who can live when God ordains it?
24 Ships shall come from the coast of Kittim.
They shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber,
and he too shall perish forever."
25 Balaam rose, went away, and returned to
his place. Balak also went on his way.

25

1 Israel stayed at Shittim, and the people
began to prostitute themselves with the
daughters of Moab.
2 The women invited the people to the
sacrifices of their gods. The people ate and
bowed down to their gods.
3 Israel bound itself to Baal-peor, and the
LORD's anger burned against Israel.
4 The LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders
of the people and hang them before the LORD in
the sight of the sun, so that the LORD's fierce
anger may turn away from Israel."
5 Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of
you shall kill his men who have bound
themselves to Baal-peor."
6 Just then an Israelite man came and brought
the Midianite woman to his brothers before the
eyes of Moses and the eyes of the whole
congregation of the Israelites, while they were
weeping at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
7 When Phinehas son of Eleazar, son of Aaron
the priest, saw it, he rose from among the
congregation and took a spear in his hand.
8 He followed the Israelite man into the tent
and pierced both of them, the Israelite man and
the woman through her belly. Then the plague
among the Israelites was stopped.
9 Those who died in the plague were
twenty-four thousand.
10 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
11 "Phinehas son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the
priest, has turned my wrath away from the

Israelites by showing my zeal among them, so
that I did not consume the Israelites in my zeal.
12 Therefore say, ‘Look, I am giving him my
covenant of peace.
13 It shall be for him and his descendants after
him a covenant of everlasting priesthood,
because he was zealous for his God and made
atonement for the Israelites.’ ”
14 The name of the Israelite man who was
killed, who was struck down with the Midianite
woman, was Zimri son of Salu, a leader of an
ancestral household among the Simeonites.
15 The name of the Midianite woman who was
killed was Cozbi daughter of Zur. He was head
of clans, of an ancestral household in Midian.
16 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
17 “Harass the Midianites and strike them,
18 for they harass you with the schemes they
have devised against you in the matter of Peor
and in the matter of Cozbi, daughter of a leader
of Midian, their sister, who was killed on the day
of the plague in the matter of Peor.”

26

1 After the plague, the LORD spoke to Moses
and Eleazar son of Aaron the priest, saying,
2 “Take a census of the whole congregation of
the Israelites, from twenty years old and
upward, by their ancestral households, all who
can go to war in Israel.”
3 Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with
them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan,
opposite Jericho, saying,

4 “Count those from twenty years old and
upward,” as the LORD had commanded Moses
and the Israelites who came out of the land of
Egypt.
5 Reuben was Israel’s firstborn. The sons of
Reuben: from Hanoch, the clan of the
Hanochites; from Pallu, the clan of the Palluites;
6 from Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites;
from Carmi, the clan of the Carmites.
7 These were the clans of the Reubenites, and
those registered were forty-three thousand
seven hundred thirty.
8 The sons of Pallu: Eliab.
9 The sons of Eliab: Nemuel, Dathan, and
Abiram. These were Dathan and Abiram, those
called from the congregation who rebelled
against Moses and Aaron in Korah’s
congregation, when they rebelled against the
LORD.
10 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed
them and Korah when the congregation died,
when the fire consumed the two hundred fifty
men. They became a sign.
11 But the sons of Korah did not die.
12 The sons of Simeon by their clans: from
Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelites; from Jamin,
the clan of the Jaminites; from Jachin, the clan
of the Jachinites;
13 from Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites; from
Shaul, the clan of the Shaulites.
14 These were the clans of the Simeonites:
twenty-two thousand two hundred.
15 The sons of Gad by their clans: from
Zephon, the clan of the Zephonites; from Haggi,

the clan of the Haggites; from Shuni, the clan of
the Shunites;
16 from Ozni, the clan of the Oznites; from Eri,
the clan of the Erites;
17 from Arod, the clan of the Arodites; from
Areli, the clan of the Arelites.
18 These were the clans of the sons of Gad
according to those registered: forty thousand
five hundred.

19 The sons of Judah: Er and Onan. Er and
Onan died in the land of Canaan.
20 The sons of Judah by their clans: from
Shelah, the clan of the Shelanites; from Perez,
the clan of the Perezites; from Zerah, the clan of
the Zerahites.
21 The sons of Perez: from Hezron, the clan of
the Hezronites; from Hamul, the clan of the
Hamulites.
22 These were the clans of Judah according to
those registered: seventy-six thousand five
hundred.

23 The sons of Issachar by their clans: from
Tola, the clan of the Tolaites; from Puvah, the
clan of the Punites;
24 from Jashub, the clan of the Jashubites;
from Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites.
25 These were the clans of Issachar according
to those registered: sixty-four thousand three
hundred.

26 The sons of Zebulun by their clans: from
Sered, the clan of the Seredites; from Elon, the
clan of the Elonites; from Jahleel, the clan of the
Jahleelites.

27 These were the clans of the Zebulunites
according to those registered: sixty thousand
five hundred.
28 The sons of Joseph by their clans: Manasseh
and Ephraim.
29 The sons of Manasseh: from Machir, the
clan of the Machirites. Machir fathered Gilead;
from Gilead, the clan of the Gileadites.
30 These were the sons of Gilead: from Iezer,
the clan of the Iezerites; from Helek, the clan of
the Helekites;
31 from Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites; from
Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites;
32 from Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaites;
from Hepher, the clan of the Hepherites.
33 Zelophehad son of Hepher had no sons, but
daughters. The names of Zelophehad's
daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah,
and Tirzah.
34 These were the clans of Manasseh, and
those registered were fifty-two thousand seven
hundred.
35 These were the sons of Ephraim by their
clans: from Shuthelah, the clan of the
Shuthelahites; from Becher, the clan of the
Becherites; from Tahan, the clan of the
Tahanites.
36 These were the sons of Shuthelah: from
Eran, the clan of the Eranites.
37 These were the clans of the sons of Ephraim
according to those registered: thirty-two
thousand five hundred. These were the sons of
Joseph by their clans.
38 The sons of Benjamin by their clans: from
Bela, the clan of the Belaites; from Ashbel, the

clan of the Ashbelites; from Ahiram, the clan of
the Ahiramites;
39 from Shephupham, the clan of the
Shuphamites; from Hupham, the clan of the
Huphamites.
40 The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: the
clan of the Ardites; from Naaman, the clan of the
Naamites.
41 These were the sons of Benjamin by their
clans, and those registered were forty-five
thousand six hundred.

42 These were the sons of Dan by their clans:
from Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamites. These
were the clans of Dan by their clans.
43 All the clans of the Shuhamites according to
those registered: sixty-four thousand four
hundred.

44 The sons of Asher by their clans: from
Imnah, the clan of the Imnites; from Ishvi, the
clan of the Ishvites; from Beriah, the clan of the
Beriites.
45 From the sons of Beriah: from Heber, the
clan of the Heberites; from Malchiel, the clan of
the Malchielites.
46 The name of Asher's daughter was Serah.
47 These were the clans of the sons of Asher
according to those registered: fifty-three
thousand four hundred.

48 The sons of Naphtali by their clans: from
Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelites; from Guni,
the clan of the Gunites;
49 from Jezer, the clan of the Jezerites; from
Shillem, the clan of the Shillemites.

50 These were the clans of Naphtali by their
clans, and those registered were forty-five
thousand four hundred.
51 These were those registered of the Israelites:
six hundred one thousand seven hundred thirty.
52 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
53 “To these the land shall be divided as an
inheritance according to the number of names.
54 To the more numerous you shall give a
larger inheritance, and to the fewer you shall
give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given
his inheritance according to those registered.
55 But the land shall be divided by lot. They
shall inherit according to the names of their
ancestral tribes.
56 Their inheritance shall be divided according
to the lot, between the more numerous and the
fewer.”
57 These were those registered of the Levites
by their clans: from Gershon, the clan of the
Gershonites; from Kohath, the clan of the
Kohathites; from Merari, the clan of the
Merarites.
58 These were the clans of Levi: the clan of the
Libnites, the clan of the Hebronites, the clan of
the Mahlites, the clan of the Mushites, and the
clan of the Korahites. Kohath fathered Amram.
59 The name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed,
daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt.
She bore to Amram Aaron, Moses, and Miriam
their sister.
60 To Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar,
and Ithamar.
61 Nadab and Abihu died when they presented
unauthorized fire before the LORD.

62 Those registered were twenty-three
thousand, every male from one month old and
upward. They were not registered among the
Israelites, for no inheritance was given to them
among the Israelites.
63 These were those registered by Moses and
Eleazar the priest, who registered the Israelites
in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, opposite
Jericho.
64 Among these there was not one man from
those registered by Moses and Aaron the priest,
who had registered the Israelites in the
wilderness of Sinai.
65 For the LORD had said of them, “They shall
surely die in the wilderness.” Not one man of
them remained except Caleb son of Jephunneh
and Joshua son of Nun.

27

1 The daughters of Zelophehad son of Hepher,
son of Gilead, son of Machir, son of Manasseh,
from the clans of Manasseh son of Joseph, came
forward. These were the names of his
daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and
Tirzah.
2 They stood before Moses, before Eleazar the
priest, and before the leaders and the whole
congregation at the entrance of the Tent of
Meeting, saying,
3 “Our father died in the wilderness. He was
not among the congregation that gathered
against the LORD in Korah’s congregation, but
he died for his own sin and had no sons.

4 Why should our father's name be removed
from his clan because he had no son? Give us a
possession among our father's brothers."
5 Moses brought their case before the LORD.
6 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
7 "The daughters of Zelophehad are right in
what they say. You shall surely give them a
possession as an inheritance among their
father's brothers and transfer their father's
inheritance to them.
8 You shall speak to the Israelites, saying, 'If a
man dies and has no son, you shall transfer his
inheritance to his daughter.
9 If he has no daughter, you shall give his
inheritance to his brothers.
10 If he has no brothers, you shall give his
inheritance to his father's brothers.
11 If his father has no brothers, you shall give
his inheritance to his nearest relative in his clan,
and he shall inherit it.' This shall be a statute of
judgment for the Israelites, as the LORD
commanded Moses."
12 The LORD said to Moses, "Go up this
mountain of Abarim and see the land I have
given the Israelites.
13 When you have seen it, you too shall be
gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron
was gathered,
14 because you rebelled against my command
in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation
quarreled, instead of upholding my holiness at
the waters before their eyes." These are the
waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness
of Zin.

15 Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,
16 “Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all
flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,
17 who will go out before them and come in
before them, who will lead them out and bring
them in, so that the LORD’s congregation may
not be like sheep without a shepherd.”
18 The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of
Nun, a man in whom there is spirit, and lay your
hand on him.
19 Have him stand before Eleazar the priest
and before the whole congregation, and
commission him before their eyes.
20 Put some of your honor upon him, so that
the whole congregation of the Israelites may
obey.
21 He shall stand before Eleazar the priest,
who shall inquire for him through the judgment
of the Urim before the LORD. At his command
they shall go out, and at his command they shall
come in, he and all the Israelites with him, the
whole congregation.”
22 Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He
took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar
the priest and before the whole congregation.
23 He laid his hands on him and commissioned
him, as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

28

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 “Command the Israelites and say to them, ‘Be
careful to present to me at its appointed time my

offering, my food for my offerings by fire, a
pleasing aroma to me.'
3 You shall say to them, 'This is the offering by
fire that you shall present to the LORD: two
lambs a year old without blemish each day as a
regular burnt offering.
4 You shall offer one lamb in the morning and
the second lamb at twilight,
5 with a grain offering of about two quarts of
fine flour mixed with about one quart of oil
from beaten olives.
6 It is the regular burnt offering instituted at
Mount Sinai as a pleasing aroma, an offering by
fire to the LORD.
7 Its drink offering shall be about one quart for
each lamb. In the holy place you shall pour out a
drink offering of fermented drink to the LORD.
8 You shall offer the second lamb at twilight.
You shall offer it with the same grain offering
and drink offering as in the morning, an
offering by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

9 On the Sabbath day, two lambs a year old
without blemish, with a grain offering of about
four quarts of fine flour mixed with oil, and its
drink offering.
10 This is the burnt offering for each Sabbath,
in addition to the regular burnt offering and its
drink offering.

11 At the beginning of your months you shall
present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young
bulls, one ram, and seven lambs a year old
without blemish,

12 with a grain offering of about six quarts of
fine flour mixed with oil for each bull, and a
grain offering of about four quarts of fine flour
mixed with oil for the ram,
13 and a grain offering of about two quarts of
fine flour mixed with oil for each lamb, as a
burnt offering, a pleasing aroma, an offering by
fire to the LORD.
14 Their drink offerings of wine shall be about
two quarts for a bull, about a third of a gallon
for a ram, and about one quart for a lamb. This
is the burnt offering for each month throughout
the months of the year.
15 One male goat shall be offered as a sin
offering to the LORD, in addition to the regular
burnt offering and its drink offering.
16 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of
the month, is the LORD's Passover.
17 On the fifteenth day of this month is a feast.
Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days.
18 On the first day there shall be a holy
assembly. You shall do no ordinary work.
19 You shall present an offering by fire, a burnt
offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram,
and seven lambs a year old. They shall be
without blemish.
20 Their grain offering shall be fine flour
mixed with oil. You shall offer about six quarts
for a bull and about four quarts for a ram.
21 You shall offer about two quarts for each
lamb, for each of the seven lambs,
22 and one male goat as a sin offering to make
atonement for you.

23 You shall offer these in addition to the
morning burnt offering, which is part of the
regular burnt offering.
24 In this way you shall offer each day for
seven days food as an offering by fire, a pleasing
aroma to the LORD. It shall be offered in
addition to the regular burnt offering and its
drink offering.
25 On the seventh day you shall have a holy
assembly. You shall do no ordinary work.
26 On the day of firstfruits, when you present a
new grain offering to the LORD at your Feast of
Weeks, you shall have a holy assembly. You shall
do no ordinary work.
27 You shall present a burnt offering as a
pleasing aroma to the LORD: two young bulls,
one ram, and seven lambs a year old,
28 with their grain offering of fine flour mixed
with oil, about six quarts for each bull and
about four quarts for the ram,
29 about two quarts for each lamb, for each of
the seven lambs,
30 and one male goat to make atonement for
you.
31 You shall offer these in addition to the
regular burnt offering and its grain offering.
They shall be without blemish, with their drink
offerings.

29

1 In the seventh month, on the first day of the
month, you shall have a holy assembly. You

shall do no ordinary work. It shall be a day of
trumpet blasts for you.
2 You shall offer a burnt offering as a pleasing
aroma to the LORD: one young bull, one ram,
and seven lambs a year old without blemish,
3 with their grain offering of fine flour mixed
with oil, about six quarts for the bull and about
four quarts for the ram,
4 and about two quarts for each lamb, for each
of the seven lambs,
5 and one male goat as a sin offering to make
atonement for you.
6 These are in addition to the monthly burnt
offering and its grain offering, and the regular
burnt offering and its grain offering, with their
drink offerings according to their rule, as a
pleasing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.
7 On the tenth day of this seventh month you
shall have a holy assembly. You shall humble
yourselves and do no work.
8 You shall present a burnt offering to the
LORD as a pleasing aroma: one young bull, one
ram, and seven lambs a year old. They shall be
without blemish.
9 Their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed
with oil, about six quarts for the bull and about
four quarts for the ram,
10 about two quarts for each lamb, for each of
the seven lambs,
11 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the sin offering of atonement and the
regular burnt offering and its grain offering,
with their drink offerings.

12 On the fifteenth day of the seventh month
you shall have a holy assembly. You shall do no
ordinary work, and you shall keep a feast to the
LORD for seven days.
13 You shall present a burnt offering, an
offering by fire, as a pleasing aroma to the
LORD: thirteen young bulls, two rams, and
fourteen lambs a year old. They shall be without
blemish.
14 Their grain offering shall be fine flour
mixed with oil, about six quarts for each of the
thirteen bulls and about four quarts for each of
the two rams,
15 and about two quarts for each lamb, for
each of the fourteen lambs,
16 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain
offering, and its drink offering.

17 On the second day, twelve young bulls, two
rams, and fourteen lambs a year old without
blemish,
18 with their grain offering and their drink
offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs,
according to their number, according to the rule,
19 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the regular burnt offering and its
grain offering, with their drink offerings.

20 On the third day, eleven bulls, two rams,
and fourteen lambs a year old without blemish,
21 with their grain offering and their drink
offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs,
according to their number, according to the rule,

22 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the regular burnt offering and its
grain offering, with its drink offering.

23 On the fourth day, ten bulls, two rams, and
fourteen lambs a year old without blemish,
24 their grain offering and their drink
offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs,
according to their number, according to the rule,
25 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain
offering, and its drink offering.

26 On the fifth day, nine bulls, two rams, and
fourteen lambs a year old without blemish,
27 with their grain offering and their drink
offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs,
according to their number, according to the rule,
28 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the regular burnt offering and its
grain offering, with its drink offering.

29 On the sixth day, eight bulls, two rams, and
fourteen lambs a year old without blemish,
30 with their grain offering and their drink
offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs,
according to their number, according to the rule,
31 and one male goat as a sin offering, in
addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain
offering, and its drink offerings.

32 On the seventh day, seven bulls, two rams,
and fourteen lambs a year old without blemish,
33 with their grain offering and their drink
offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs,

according to their number, according to their rule,
34 and one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.
35 On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly. You shall do no ordinary work.
36 You shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, as a pleasing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, and seven lambs a year old without blemish,
37 their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, the ram, and the lambs, according to their number, according to the rule,
38 and one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering and its grain offering, with its drink offering.
39 You shall offer these to the LORD at your appointed times, in addition to your vows and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, your grain offerings, your drink offerings, and your peace offerings.' "
40 Moses spoke to the Israelites according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

30

1 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the Israelites, saying, "This is what the LORD has commanded:
2 If a man makes a vow to the LORD or swears an oath to bind himself with an obligation, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that comes from his mouth.

3 If a woman makes a vow to the LORD and
binds herself with an obligation while in her
father's house in her youth,
4 and her father hears her vow and the
obligation with which she has bound herself,
and her father remains silent toward her, all her
vows shall stand, and every obligation with
which she has bound herself shall stand.
5 But if her father forbids her on the day he
hears of it, none of her vows or obligations with
which she has bound herself shall stand. The
LORD will forgive her, because her father has
forbidden her.
6 If she marries while her vows are upon her,
or a rash utterance of her lips with which she
has bound herself,
7 and her husband hears of it and remains
silent toward her on the day he hears of it, her
vows shall stand, and her obligations with
which she has bound herself shall stand.
8 But if her husband forbids her on the day he
hears of it, he annuls the vow that is upon her
and the rash utterance of her lips with which she
has bound herself. The LORD will forgive her.
9 The vow of a widow or a divorced woman,
every obligation with which she has bound
herself, shall stand against her.
10 If she makes a vow in her husband's house
or binds herself with an obligation by an oath,
11 and her husband hears of it and remains
silent toward her and does not forbid her, all her
vows shall stand, and every obligation with
which she has bound herself shall stand.
12 But if her husband does annul them on the
day he hears of them, nothing that came from

her lips concerning her vows or her binding
obligation shall stand. Her husband has
annulled them, and the LORD will forgive her.
13 Every vow and every binding oath to
humble herself, her husband may confirm, and
her husband may annul.
14 But if her husband remains silent toward
her from day to day, he confirms all her vows or
all her obligations that are upon her. He has
confirmed them because he remained silent
toward her on the day he heard of them.
15 If he does annul them after he has heard of
them, he shall bear her iniquity."
16 These are the statutes that the LORD
commanded Moses between a man and his wife,
between a father and his daughter while in her
youth in her father's house.

31

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Avenge the Israelites on the Midianites.
Afterward you shall be gathered to your people."
3 Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Let men
from among you arm themselves for war and go
against Midian, to carry out the LORD's
vengeance against Midian.
4 A thousand from each tribe, a thousand from
each tribe, from all the tribes of Israel, you shall
send to war."
5 So a thousand from each tribe were supplied
from the thousands of Israel, twelve thousand
armed for war.
6 Moses sent them, a thousand from each
tribe, to war. He sent them and Phinehas son of

Eleazar the priest to war, with the holy objects
and the trumpets for sounding the alarm in his
hand.
7 They fought against Midian as the LORD had
commanded Moses, and they killed every male.
8 They killed the kings of Midian along with
the others who were slain: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur,
and Reba, the five kings of Midian. They also
killed Balaam son of Beor with the sword.
9 The Israelites took the women of Midian and
their little ones captive. They plundered all their
animals, all their livestock, and all their wealth.
10 They burned all the cities where they lived
and all their encampments with fire.
11 They took all the spoil and all the captured
booty, both people and animals.
12 They brought the captives, the captured
booty, and the spoil to Moses, to Eleazar the
priest, and to the congregation of the Israelites,
to the camp in the plains of Moab by the Jordan,
opposite Jericho.

13 Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders
of the congregation went out to meet them
outside the camp.
14 Moses was angry with the army officers, the
commanders of thousands and the commanders
of hundreds, who were returning from the
military campaign.
15 Moses said to them, “Have you kept all the
women alive?
16 Look, these were the very ones who,
through Balaam’s counsel, caused the Israelites
to act unfaithfully against the LORD in the

matter of Peor, so that the plague came upon the
LORD's congregation.
17 Now kill every male among the little ones,
and kill every woman who has had sexual
relations with a man.
18 But keep alive for yourselves all the girls
who have not had sexual relations with a male.
19 You shall camp outside the camp seven
days. All of you who have killed a person or
touched someone slain shall purify yourselves
on the third day and on the seventh day, you
and your captives.
20 You shall also purify every garment, every
leather object, everything made of goats' hair,
and every wooden object."

21 Eleazar the priest said to the army men who
had gone to battle, "This is the statute of the law
that the LORD commanded Moses:
22 As for gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, and lead,
23 everything that can withstand fire you shall
pass through fire, and it shall be clean.
Nevertheless, it must also be purified with the
water for purification. Everything that cannot
withstand fire you shall pass through water.
24 You shall wash your clothes on the seventh
day and be clean. Afterward you may enter the
camp."

25 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
26 "Take a count of the captured booty, both
people and animals, you and Eleazar the priest
and the heads of the congregation's ancestral
households.

27 Divide the booty into halves between the
combatants who went out to war and the whole
congregation.
28 Set aside a tribute to the LORD from the
men of war who went out to battle: one out of
every five hundred living beings, from the
people, the cattle, the donkeys, and the flocks.
29 You shall take it from their half and give it to
Eleazar the priest as the LORD's raised offering.
30 From the Israelites' half you shall take one
out of every fifty, from the people, the cattle, the
donkeys, and the flocks, from all the animals,
and give them to the Levites who keep the
charge of the LORD's tabernacle."
31 Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
32 The booty remaining from the plunder
taken by the army men was six hundred
seventy-five thousand sheep and goats,
33 seventy-two thousand cattle,
34 and sixty-one thousand donkeys.
35 The people, the women who had not had
sexual relations with a male, were thirty-two
thousand in all.
36 The half that was the portion of those who
went out to war numbered three hundred
thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep and
goats.
37 The LORD's tribute from the sheep and
goats was six hundred seventy-five.
38 The cattle were thirty-six thousand, and
their tribute to the LORD was seventy-two.
39 The donkeys were thirty thousand five
hundred, and their tribute to the LORD was

sixty-one.
40 The people were sixteen thousand, and
their tribute to the LORD was thirty-two people.
41 Moses gave the tribute, the LORD's raised
offering, to Eleazar the priest, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
42 As for the Israelites' half, which Moses had
divided off from the men who went to war,
43 the congregation's half was three hundred
thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep and
goats,
44 thirty-six thousand cattle,
45 thirty thousand five hundred donkeys,
46 and sixteen thousand people.
47 Moses took from the Israelites' half one out
of every fifty, from the people and the animals,
and gave them to the Levites who kept the
charge of the LORD's tabernacle, as the LORD
had commanded Moses.
48 The officers over the thousands of the army,
the commanders of thousands and the
commanders of hundreds, came forward to
Moses.
49 They said to Moses, "Your servants have
counted the men of war under our charge, and
not one man of us is missing.
50 So we have brought the LORD's offering,
what each man found: gold objects, armlets,
bracelets, rings, earrings, and other ornaments,
to make atonement for our lives before the
LORD."
51 Moses and Eleazar the priest received the
gold from them, all the crafted objects.
52 All the gold of the raised offering that they

presented to the LORD, from the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, weighed about four hundred twenty pounds.
53 The army men had taken plunder, each for himself.
54 Moses and Eleazar the priest received the gold from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and brought it to the Tent of Meeting as a memorial for the Israelites before the LORD.

32

1 The Reubenites and Gadites had abundant livestock, an exceedingly great number. They saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and the place was suitable for livestock.
2 The Gadites and Reubenites came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,
3 “Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon,
4 the land that the LORD struck before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.”
5 They said, “If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan.”
6 Moses said to the Gadites and Reubenites, “Shall your brothers go to war while you stay here?
7 Why do you discourage the heart of the Israelites from crossing into the land that the LORD has given them?
8 This is what your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 They went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw
the land, and they discouraged the heart of the
Israelites so that they would not enter the land
that the LORD had given them.
10 The LORD's anger burned that day, and he
swore, saying,
11 'Surely the men who came up from Egypt,
from twenty years old and upward, shall not see
the land I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
for they have not followed me fully,
12 except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite
and Joshua son of Nun, for they have followed
the LORD fully.'
13 The LORD's anger burned against Israel, and
he made them wander in the wilderness forty
years, until the whole generation that had done
evil in the LORD's eyes had come to an end.
14 And look, you have risen in your fathers'
place, offspring of sinful men, to add still more
to the LORD's fierce anger against Israel.
15 If you turn away from following him, he
will again leave them in the wilderness, and you
will destroy all this people."
16 They came near to him and said, "We will
build pens here for our livestock and cities for
our little ones.
17 But we ourselves will arm ourselves and go
quickly before the Israelites until we have
brought them to their place. Our little ones will
stay in the fortified cities because of the
inhabitants of the land.
18 We will not return to our houses until each
of the Israelites has received his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on the
other side of the Jordan or beyond, because our
inheritance has come to us on this side of the
Jordan, toward the east."
20 Moses said to them, "If you do this, if you
arm yourselves for war before the LORD,
21 and every armed man of yours crosses the
Jordan before the LORD until he drives out his
enemies from before him,
22 and the land is subdued before the LORD,
then afterward you may return. You shall be
free of guilt before the LORD and before Israel,
and this land shall be your possession before the
LORD.
23 But if you do not do so, look, you will have
sinned against the LORD. And be sure your sin
will find you out.
24 Build cities for your little ones and pens for
your flocks, and do what has come from your
mouth."
25 The Gadites and Reubenites said to Moses,
"Your servants will do as my lord commands.
26 Our little ones, our wives, our livestock, and
all our animals will remain there in the cities of
Gilead.
27 But your servants, every man armed for
war, will cross over before the LORD to battle, as
my lord says."
28 Moses gave instructions concerning them to
Eleazar the priest, to Joshua son of Nun, and to
the heads of the ancestral households of the
tribes of the Israelites.
29 Moses said to them, "If the Gadites and
Reubenites cross the Jordan with you, every

man armed for war before the LORD, and the
land is subdued before you, you shall give them
the land of Gilead as a possession.
30 But if they do not cross over armed with
you, they shall have their possession among you
in the land of Canaan."
31 The Gadites and Reubenites answered,
"What the LORD has said to your servants, that
we will do.
32 We will cross over armed before the LORD
into the land of Canaan, and the possession of
our inheritance on this side of the Jordan shall
remain with us."
33 Moses gave to them, to the Gadites, to the
Reubenites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh
son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the
Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan,
the land with its cities and their territories, the
cities of the surrounding country.
34 The Gadites built Dibon, Ataroth, and Aroer,
35 Atroth-shophan, Jazer, and Jogbehah,
36 Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran, fortified cities,
and pens for the flocks.
37 The Reubenites built Heshbon, Elealeh, and
Kiriathaim,
38 Nebo and Baal-meon, whose names were
changed, and Sibmah. They gave names to the
cities they built.
39 The sons of Machir son of Manasseh went to
Gilead and captured it, and he drove out the
Amorites who were in it.
40 Moses gave Gilead to Machir son of
Manasseh, and he lived in it.
41 Jair son of Manasseh went and captured

their villages, and called them Havvoth-jair.
42 Nobah went and captured Kenath and its
villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

33

1 These are the stages of the Israelites, who
came out of the land of Egypt by their hosts
under the direction of Moses and Aaron.
2 Moses wrote down their departures
according to their stages at the LORD's
command. These are their stages according to
their departures.
3 They set out from Rameses in the first
month, on the fifteenth day of the first month.
On the day after the Passover, the Israelites went
out with a raised hand before the eyes of all the
Egyptians,
4 while the Egyptians were burying all the
firstborn whom the LORD had struck down
among them. The LORD had also executed
judgments against their gods.
5 The Israelites set out from Rameses and
camped at Succoth.
6 They set out from Succoth and camped at
Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.
7 They set out from Etham, turning back
toward Pi-hahiroth, which is opposite
Baal-zephon, and camped before Migdol.
8 They set out from before Hahiroth and
passed through the midst of the sea into the
wilderness. They went a three-day journey
through the wilderness of Etham and camped at
Marah.

9 They set out from Marah and came to Elim.
At Elim there were twelve springs of water and
seventy palm trees, and they camped there.
10 They set out from Elim and camped by the
Red Sea.
11 They set out from the Red Sea and camped
in the wilderness of Sin.
12 They set out from the wilderness of Sin and
camped at Dophkah.
13 They set out from Dophkah and camped at
Alush.
14 They set out from Alush and camped at
Rephidim, where there was no water for the
people to drink.
15 They set out from Rephidim and camped in
the wilderness of Sinai.
16 They set out from the wilderness of Sinai
and camped at Kibroth-hattaavah.
17 They set out from Kibroth-hattaavah and
camped at Hazeroth.
18 They set out from Hazeroth and camped at
Rithmah.
19 They set out from Rithmah and camped at
Rimmon-perez.
20 They set out from Rimmon-perez and
camped at Libnah.
21 They set out from Libnah and camped at
Rissah.
22 They set out from Rissah and camped at
Kehelathah.
23 They set out from Kehelathah and camped
at Mount Shepher.
24 They set out from Mount Shepher and
camped at Haradah.

25 They set out from Haradah and camped at
Makheloth.
26 They set out from Makheloth and camped at
Tahath.
27 They set out from Tahath and camped at
Tarah.
28 They set out from Tarah and camped at
Mithkah.
29 They set out from Mithkah and camped at
Hashmonah.
30 They set out from Hashmonah and camped
at Moseroth.
31 They set out from Moseroth and camped at
Bene-jaakan.
32 They set out from Bene-jaakan and camped
at Hor-haggidgad.
33 They set out from Hor-haggidgad and
camped at Jotbathah.
34 They set out from Jotbathah and camped at
Abronah.
35 They set out from Abronah and camped at
Ezion-geber.
36 They set out from Ezion-geber and camped
in the wilderness of Zin, that is, Kadesh.
37 They set out from Kadesh and camped at
Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom.
38 Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the
LORD's command and died there in the fortieth
year after the Israelites came out of the land of
Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the
month.
39 Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years
old when he died on Mount Hor.
40 The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in

the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the Israelites.
41 They set out from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.
42 They set out from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.
43 They set out from Punon and camped at Oboth.
44 They set out from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim, on the border of Moab.
45 They set out from Iyim and camped at Dibon-gad.
46 They set out from Dibon-gad and camped at Almon-diblathaim.
47 They set out from Almon-diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.
48 They set out from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, opposite Jericho.
49 They camped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth to Abel-shittim, in the plains of Moab.
50 The LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, opposite Jericho, saying,
51 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them, ‘When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,
52 you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you. You shall destroy all their carved images and destroy all their cast images, and demolish all their high places.
53 You shall take possession of the land and live in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

54 You shall apportion the land by lot among
your clans. To the more numerous you shall
give a larger inheritance, and to the fewer you
shall give a smaller inheritance. Wherever the
lot falls for anyone, there it shall be his. You
shall inherit according to your ancestral tribes.
55 But if you do not drive out the inhabitants
of the land from before you, those you let
remain shall be barbs in your eyes and thorns in
your sides. They shall harass you in the land
where you live.
56 And what I intended to do to them, I will do
to you.' "

34

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Command the Israelites and say to them,
'When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the
land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, the
land of Canaan according to its boundaries:
3 Your southern side shall extend from the
wilderness of Zin beside Edom. Your southern
boundary shall begin at the eastern end of the
Salt Sea.
4 Your boundary shall turn south of the ascent
of Akrabbim and pass on to Zin. Its course shall
run south of Kadesh-barnea, go out to
Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon.
5 The boundary shall turn from Azmon to the
Brook of Egypt and end at the sea.
6 For your western boundary you shall have
the Great Sea and its coast. This shall be your
western boundary.

7 This shall be your northern boundary: from
the Great Sea you shall mark out a line to Mount
Hor.
8 From Mount Hor you shall mark out a line to
the entrance of Hamath, and the boundary shall
reach Zedad.
9 The boundary shall go out to Ziphron and
end at Hazar-enan. This shall be your northern
boundary.
10 For your eastern boundary you shall mark
out a line from Hazar-enan to Shepham.
11 The boundary shall go down from Shepham
to Riblah, east of Ain. The boundary shall go
down and reach the eastern shore of the Sea of
Chinnereth.
12 The boundary shall go down to the Jordan
and end at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land
according to its boundaries all around.' "
13 Moses commanded the Israelites, saying,
"This is the land you shall inherit by lot, which
the LORD commanded to be given to the nine
tribes and the half-tribe.
14 For the tribe of the Reubenites according to
their ancestral households and the tribe of the
Gadites according to their ancestral households
have received their portion, and the half-tribe of
Manasseh has received its inheritance.
15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have
received their inheritance beyond the Jordan,
opposite Jericho, eastward, toward the sunrise."
16 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
17 "These are the names of the men who shall
allot the land to you: Eleazar the priest and
Joshua son of Nun.

18 You shall take one leader, one leader from
each tribe, to allot the land.
19 These are the names of the men: from the
tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh;
20 from the tribe of the Simeonites, Shemuel
son of Ammihud;
21 from the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad son of
Chislon;
22 from the tribe of the Danites, the leader
Bukki son of Jogli;
23 from the sons of Joseph, from the tribe of
the Manassites, the leader Hanniel son of Ephod;
24 from the tribe of the Ephraimites, the leader
Kemuel son of Shiphtan;
25 from the tribe of the Zebulunites, the leader
Elizaphan son of Parnach;
26 from the tribe of the Issacharites, the leader
Paltiel son of Azzan;
27 from the tribe of the Asherites, the leader
Ahihud son of Shelomi;
28 from the tribe of the Naphtalites, the leader
Pedahel son of Ammihud.
29 These are the ones whom the LORD
commanded to allot an inheritance to the
Israelites in the land of Canaan."

35

1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of
Moab by the Jordan, opposite Jericho, saying,
2 "Command the Israelites to give the Levites
cities to live in from their inherited possession.
You shall also give the Levites the pasturelands
around the cities.

3 The cities shall be theirs to live in, and their
pasturelands shall be for their livestock, their
flocks, and all their animals.
4 The pasturelands of the cities you give the
Levites shall extend from the city wall outward
about fifteen hundred feet all around.
5 Outside the city you shall measure about
three thousand feet on the east side, about three
thousand feet on the south side, about three
thousand feet on the west side, and about three
thousand feet on the north side, with the city in
the middle. These shall be their pasturelands for
the cities.
6 The cities you give the Levites shall include
the six cities of refuge that you provide for the
killer to flee to, and in addition to them you shall
give forty-two cities.
7 All the cities you give the Levites shall be
forty-eight cities, together with their
pasturelands.
8 The cities you give shall come from the
Israelites' possession. From those who have
much you shall take more, and from those who
have little you shall take less. Each shall give
some of his cities to the Levites according to the
inheritance he receives."

9 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
10 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them,
'When you cross the Jordan into the land of
Canaan,
11 you shall designate cities for yourselves.
They shall be cities of refuge for you, where a
killer who has killed a person unintentionally

may flee.
12 The cities shall be a refuge for you from the
avenger, so that the killer may not die before
standing before the congregation for judgment.
13 The cities you provide shall be six cities of
refuge for you.
14 You shall provide three cities beyond the
Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan.
They shall be cities of refuge.
15 These six cities shall be a refuge for the
Israelites, for the foreigner and the resident
among them, where anyone who kills a person
unintentionally may flee.
16 But if he strikes him with an iron object and
he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall
surely be put to death.
17 If he strikes him with a stone held in the
hand that could cause death, and he dies, he is a
murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to
death.
18 Or if he strikes him with a wooden object
held in the hand that could cause death, and he
dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall
surely be put to death.
19 The avenger of blood himself shall put the
murderer to death. When he encounters him, he
himself shall put him to death.
20 If he pushes him out of hatred or throws
something at him with intent and he dies,
21 or if in enmity he strikes him with his hand
and he dies, the one who struck him shall surely
be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger
of blood shall put the murderer to death when

he encounters him.
22 But if he pushes him suddenly without
enmity or throws any object at him without
intent,
23 or, without seeing him, drops on him any
stone that could cause death, and he dies,
though he was not his enemy and was not
seeking his harm,
24 the congregation shall judge between the
one who struck and the avenger of blood
according to these judgments.
25 The congregation shall rescue the killer
from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the
congregation shall return him to the city of
refuge to which he fled. He shall live in it until
the death of the high priest who was anointed
with the holy oil.
26 But if the killer does go outside the
boundary of the city of refuge to which he fled,
27 and the avenger of blood finds him outside
the boundary of his city of refuge, and the
avenger of blood kills the killer, he shall have no
bloodguilt.
28 For he must live in his city of refuge until
the death of the high priest. After the death of
the high priest, the killer may return to the land
of his possession.
29 These shall be a statute of judgment for you
throughout your generations, in all your
dwelling places.
30 If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall
be put to death on the testimony of witnesses.
But a single witness shall not testify against a

person for a sentence of death.
31 You shall not accept a ransom for the life of
a murderer who is guilty of death. He shall
surely be put to death.
32 You shall not accept a ransom for one who
has fled to his city of refuge, to let him return to
live in the land before the death of the priest.
33 You shall not pollute the land where you
are, for blood pollutes the land. No atonement
can be made for the land for the blood shed in it
except by the blood of the one who shed it.
34 You shall not defile the land where you live,
in the midst of which I dwell, for I, the LORD,
dwell among the Israelites.' "

36

1 The heads of the ancestral households of the
clan of the sons of Gilead son of Machir, son of
Manasseh, from the clans of the sons of Joseph,
came forward. They spoke before Moses and
before the leaders, the heads of the Israelites'
ancestral households.
2 They said, "The LORD commanded my lord to
give the land to the Israelites as an inheritance
by lot. My lord was also commanded by the
LORD to give the inheritance of our brother
Zelophehad to his daughters.
3 If they marry men from one of the other
tribes of the Israelites, their inheritance will be
taken from the inheritance of our fathers and
added to the inheritance of the tribe into which
they marry. It will be taken from the allotted
portion of our inheritance.

4 And if the Jubilee comes for the Israelites,
their inheritance will be added to the
inheritance of the tribe into which they marry,
and their inheritance will be taken from the
inheritance of our fathers' tribe."
5 Moses commanded the Israelites at the
LORD's command, saying, "The tribe of the sons
of Joseph is right in what it says.
6 This is what the LORD has commanded
concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: 'They
may marry whomever they think best, but they
shall marry only within the clan of their father's
tribe.'
7 No inheritance of the Israelites shall pass
from tribe to tribe, for each of the Israelites shall
hold fast to the inheritance of his ancestral tribe.
8 Every daughter who inherits an inheritance
among the tribes of the Israelites shall marry a
man from the clan of her father's tribe, so that
each of the Israelites may inherit the inheritance
of his fathers.
9 No inheritance shall pass from one tribe to
another tribe, for each of the tribes of the
Israelites shall hold fast to its inheritance."
10 The daughters of Zelophehad did as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
11 Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah,
the daughters of Zelophehad, married the sons
of their father's brothers.
12 They married within the clans of the sons of
Manasseh son of Joseph, and their inheritance
remained in the tribe of their father's clan.
13 These are the commandments and
judgments that the LORD commanded the
Israelites through Moses in the plains of Moab

by the Jordan, opposite Jericho.

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