Deuteronomy

1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all
Israel in the wilderness east of the Jordan—in
the Arabah opposite Suph—between Paran and
Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.
2 It is an eleven-day journey from Horeb* to
Kadesh-barnea by way of Mount Seir.
3 In the fortieth year, on the first day of the
eleventh month, Moses proclaimed to the
Israelites all that the LORD had commanded him
concerning them.
4 This was after he had defeated Sihon king of
the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and then at
Edrei had defeated Og king of Bashan, who lived
in Ashtaroth.
5 On the east side of the Jordan in the land of
Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying:†
6 The LORD our God said to us at Horeb: “You
have stayed at this mountain long enough.
7 Resume your journey and go to the hill
country of the Amorites; go to all the
neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the hill
country, in the foothills,‡ in the Negev, and along

* **1:2 1:2** That is, Mount Sinai, or possibly a mountain in the range containing Mount Sinai; also in verses 6 and 19 † **1:5 1:5** Note that Deuteronomy 1:6 through Deuteronomy 4:40 may be presented as a continuous section of unbroken speech by Moses. In place of multiple levels of nested quotes, this section has been set apart with a double space. ‡ **1:7 1:7** Hebrew *Shephelah* or *lowlands*; that is, the western foothills of Judea

the seacoast to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great River Euphrates.
8 See, I have placed the land before you. Enter and possess the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and to their descendants after them."
9 At that time I said to you, "I cannot carry the burden for you alone.
10 The LORD your God has multiplied you, so that today you are as numerous as the stars in the sky.
11 May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times over and bless you as he has promised.
12 But how can I bear your troubles, burdens, and disputes all by myself?
13 Choose for yourselves wise, understanding, and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will appoint them as your leaders."
14 And you answered me and said, "What you propose to do is good."
15 So I took the leaders of your tribes, wise and respected men, and appointed them as leaders over you—as commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens, and as officers for your tribes.
16 At that time I charged your judges: "Hear the disputes between your brothers, and judge fairly between a man and his brother or a foreign resident.
17 Show no partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be intimidated by anyone, for judgment belongs to God. And bring

to me any case too difficult for you, and I will
hear it."
18 And at that time I commanded you all the
things you were to do.
19 And just as the LORD our God had
commanded us, we set out from Horeb and went
toward the hill country of the Amorites, through
all the vast and terrifying wilderness you have
seen. When we reached Kadesh-barnea,
20 I said: "You have reached the hill country of
the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving
us.
21 See, the LORD your God has placed the land
before you. Go up and take possession of it as
the LORD, the God of your fathers, has told you.
Do not be afraid or discouraged."
22 Then all of you approached me and said,
"Let us send men ahead of us to search out the
land and bring us word of what route to follow
and which cities to enter."
23 The plan seemed good to me, so I selected
twelve men from among you, one from each
tribe.
24 They left and went up into the hill country,
and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied out
the land.
25 They took some of the fruit of the land in
their hands, carried it down to us, and brought
us word: "It is a good land that the LORD our
God is giving us."
26 But you were unwilling to go up; you
rebelled against the command of the LORD your
God.

27 You grumbled in your tents and said,
“Because the LORD hates us, he has brought us
out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the
hand of the Amorites to be annihilated.
28 Where can we go? Our brothers have made
our hearts melt, saying: ‘The people are larger
and taller than we are; the cities are large, with
walls up to the heavens. We even saw the
descendants of the Anakim there.’ ”
29 So I said to you: “Do not be terrified or
afraid of them!
30 The LORD your God, who goes before you,
will fight for you, just as you saw him do for you
in Egypt
31 and in the wilderness, where you saw how
the LORD your God carried you, as a man
carries his son, all the way by which you
traveled until you reached this place.”
32 But in spite of all this, you did not trust the
LORD your God,
33 who went before you on the journey, in the
fire by night and in the cloud by day, to seek out
a place for you to camp and to show you the
road to travel.
34 When the LORD heard your words, he grew
angry and swore an oath, saying,
35 “Not one of the men of this evil generation
shall see the good land I swore to give your
fathers,
36 except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see
it, and I will give him and his descendants the
land on which he has set foot, because he
followed the LORD wholeheartedly.”

37 The LORD was also angry with me on your
account, and he said, “Not even you shall enter
the land.
38 Joshua son of Nun, who stands before you,
will enter it. Encourage him, for he will enable
Israel to inherit the land.
39 And the little ones you said would become
captives—your children who on that day did not
know good from evil—will enter the land that I
will give them, and they will possess it.
40 But you are to turn back and head for the
wilderness along the route to the Sea of Reeds.§”
41 “We have sinned against the LORD,” you
replied. “We will go up and fight, as the LORD
our God has commanded us.” Then each of you
put on his weapons of war, thinking it easy to go
up into the hill country.
42 But the LORD said to me, “Tell them not to
go up and fight, for I am not with you to keep
you from defeat by your enemies.”
43 So I spoke to you, but you would not listen.
You rebelled against the command of the LORD
and presumptuously went up into the hill
country.
44 Then the Amorites who lived in the hills
came out against you and chased you like a
swarm of bees. They routed you in Seir* all the
way to Hormah.
45 And you returned and wept before the
LORD, but he would not listen to your voice or
give ear to you.

§ **1:40 1:40** Or *the Red Sea*
* **1:44 1:44** LXX, Syriac, and Vulgate *from Seir*

46 For this reason you stayed in Kadesh for a
long time—a very long time.

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1 Then we turned back and headed for the
wilderness by way of the Sea of Reeds,* as the
LORD had instructed me, and for many days we
wandered around Mount Seir.
2 At this time the LORD said to me,
3 "You have been wandering around this hill
country long enough; turn to the north
4 and command the people: 'You will pass
through the territory of your brothers, the
descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. They will
be afraid of you, so you must be very careful.
5 Do not provoke them, for I will not give you
any of their land, not even a footprint, because I
have given Mount Seir to Esau as his possession.
6 You are to pay them in silver for the food you
eat and the water you drink.' "
7 Indeed, the LORD your God has blessed you
in all the work of your hands. He has watched
over your journey through this vast wilderness.
The LORD your God has been with you these
forty years, and you have lacked nothing.
8 So we passed by our brothers, the
descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. We turned
away from the Arabah road, which comes up
from Elath and Ezion-geber, and traveled along
the road of the Wilderness of Moab.
9 Then the LORD said to me, "Do not harass the
Moabites or provoke them to war, for I will not

* **2:1 2:1** Or *the Red Sea*

give you any of their land, because I have given
Ar to the descendants of Lot as their possession."
10 (The Emites used to live there, a people
great and many, as tall as the Anakites.
11 Like the Anakites, they were also regarded
as Rephaim, though the Moabites called them
Emites.
12 The Horites used to live in Seir, but the
descendants of Esau drove them out. They
destroyed the Horites from before them and
settled in their place, just as Israel did in the
land that the LORD gave them as their
possession.)
13 "Now arise and cross over the Brook of
Zered."
So we crossed over the Brook of Zered.
14 The time we spent traveling from
Kadesh-barnea until we crossed over the Brook
of Zered was thirty-eight years, until that entire
generation of fighting men had perished from
the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.
15 Indeed, the LORD's hand was against them,
to eliminate them from the camp, until they had
all perished.
16 Now when all the fighting men among the
people had died,
17 the LORD said to me,
18 "Today you are going to cross the border of
Moab at Ar.
19 But when you get close to the Ammonites,
do not harass them or provoke them, for I will
not give you any of the land of the Ammonites. I
have given it to the descendants of Lot as their
possession."

20 (That too was regarded as the land of the
Rephaim, who used to live there, though the
Ammonites called them Zamzummites.
21 They were a people great and many, as tall
as the Anakites. But the LORD destroyed them
from before the Ammonites, who drove them
out and settled in their place,
22 just as he had done for the descendants of
Esau who lived in Seir, when he destroyed the
Horites from before them. They drove them out
and have lived in their place to this day.
23 And the Avvim, who lived in villages as far
as Gaza, were destroyed by the Caphtorites, who
came out of Caphtor† and settled in their place.)
24 "Arise, set out, and cross the Arnon Valley.
See, I have delivered into your hand Sihon the
Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to
take possession of it and engage him in battle.
25 This very day I will begin to put the dread
and fear of you upon all the nations under
heaven. They will hear the reports of you and
tremble in anguish because of you."
26 So from the Wilderness of Kedemoth I sent
messengers with an offer of peace to Sihon king
of Heshbon, saying,
27 "Let us pass through your land; we will stay
on the main road. We will not turn to the right
or to the left.
28 You can sell us food to eat and water to
drink in exchange for silver. Only let us pass
through on foot,

† **2:23 2:23** That is, Crete

29 just as the descendants of Esau who live in
Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for us,
until we cross the Jordan into the land that the
LORD our God is giving us."

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us
pass through, for the LORD your God had made
his spirit stubborn and his heart obstinate, that
he might deliver him into your hand, as is the
case this day.

31 Then the LORD said to me, "See, I have
begun to deliver Sihon and his land over to you.
Now begin to conquer and possess his land."

32 So Sihon and his whole army came out for
battle against us at Jahaz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him over
to us, and we defeated him and his sons‡ and his
whole army.

34 At that time we captured all his cities and
devoted to destruction§ the people of every city,
including women and children. We left no
survivors.

35 We carried off for ourselves only the
livestock and the plunder from the cities we
captured.

36 From Aroer on the rim of the Arnon Valley,
along with the city in the valley, even as far as
Gilead, not one city had walls too high for us.
The LORD our God gave us all of them.

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‡ **2:33 2:33** Qere; Ketiv *his son* § **2:34 2:34** Forms of the Hebrew *cherem* refer to the giving over of things or persons to the LORD, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering.

37 But you did not go near the land of the
Ammonites, or the land along the banks of the
Jabbok River, or the cities of the hill country, or
any place that the LORD our God had forbidden.

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1 Then we turned and went up the road to
Bashan, and Og king of Bashan and his whole
army came out to meet us in battle at Edrei.
2 But the LORD said to me, “Do not fear him,
for I have delivered him into your hand, along
with all his people and his land. Do to him as
you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived
in Heshbon.”
3 So the LORD our God also delivered Og king
of Bashan and his whole army into our hands.
We struck them down until no survivor was left.
4 At that time we captured all sixty of his
cities. There was not a single city we failed to
take—the entire region of Argob, the kingdom of
Og in Bashan.
5 All these cities were fortified with high walls
and gates and bars, and there were many more
unwalled villages.
6 We devoted them to destruction,* as we had
done to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly
destroying the men, women, and children of
every city.
7 But all the livestock and plunder of the cities
we carried off for ourselves.

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* **3:6 3:6** Forms of the Hebrew *cherem* refer to the giving over of things or persons to the LORD, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering.

8 At that time we took from the two kings of
the Amorites the land across the Jordan, from
the Arnon Valley as far as Mount Hermon—
9 which the Sidonians call Sirion but the
Amorites call Senir—
10 all the cities of the plateau, all of Gilead, and
all of Bashan as far as the cities of Salecah and
Edrei in the kingdom of Og.
11 (For only Og king of Bashan had remained
of the remnant of the Rephaim. His bed of iron,
nine cubits long and four cubits wide by the
common cubit,† is still in Rabbah of the
Ammonites.)
12 So at that time we took possession of this
land. To the Reubenites and Gadites I gave the
land beyond Aroer along the Arnon Valley, and
half the hill country of Gilead, along with its
cities.
13 To the half-tribe of Manasseh I gave the rest
of Gilead and all of Bashan, the kingdom of Og.
(The entire region of Argob, the whole territory
of Bashan, used to be called the land of the
Rephaim.)
14 Jair, a descendant of Manasseh, took the
whole region of Argob as far as the border of the
Geshurites and Maacathites. He renamed
Bashan after himself, Havvoth-jair,‡ by which it
is called to this day.
15 To Machir I gave Gilead,
16 and to the Reubenites and Gadites I gave the
territory from Gilead to the Arnon Valley (the

† **3:11 3:11** Og's bed was approximately 14 feet long and 6 feet wide (4.3 meters long and 1.8 meters wide). ‡ **3:14 3:14** Or *the villages of Jair*

middle of the valley was the border) and up to
the Jabbok River, the border of the Ammonites.
17 The Jordan River in the Arabah bordered it
from Chinnereth to the Sea of the Arabah (the
Salt Sea§) with the slopes of Pisgah to the east.

18 At that time I commanded you: “The LORD
your God has given you this land to possess. All
your men of valor are to cross over, armed for
battle, ahead of your brothers, the Israelites.
19 But your wives, your children, and your
livestock—I know that you have much
livestock—may remain in the cities I have given
you,
20 until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as
he has to you, and they too have taken
possession of the land that the LORD your God is
giving them across the Jordan. Then each of you
may return to the possession I have given you.”

21 And at that time I commanded Joshua:
“Your own eyes have seen all that the LORD your
God has done to these two kings. The LORD will
do the same to all the kingdoms you are about to
enter.
22 Do not be afraid of them, for the LORD your
God himself will fight for you.”

23 At that time I also pleaded with the LORD:
24 “O Lord GOD, you have begun to show your
greatness and power to your servant. For what
god in heaven or on earth can perform such
works and mighty acts as yours?

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§ **3:17 3:17** That is, the Dead Sea

25 Please let me cross over and see the good
land beyond the Jordan—that pleasant hill
country as well as Lebanon!”
26 But the LORD was angry with me on
account of you, and he would not listen to me.
“That is enough,” the LORD said to me. “Do not
speak to me again about this matter.
27 Go to the top of Pisgah and look to the west
and north and south and east. See the land with
your own eyes, for you will not cross this Jordan.
28 But commission Joshua, encourage him, and
strengthen him, for he will cross over ahead of
the people and enable them to inherit the land
that you will see.”
29 So we stayed in the valley opposite
Beth-peor.

4

1 Hear now, O Israel, the statutes and
ordinances I am teaching you to follow, so that
you may live and may enter and take possession
of the land that the LORD, the God of your
fathers, is giving you.
2 You must not add to or subtract from what I
command you, so that you may keep the
commandments of the LORD your God that I am
giving you.
3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at
Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed
from among you all who followed Baal of Peor.
4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God
are alive to this day, every one of you.

5 See, I have taught you statutes and
ordinances just as the LORD my God has
commanded me, so that you may follow them in
the land that you are about to enter and possess.
6 Observe them carefully, for this will show
your wisdom and understanding in the sight of
the peoples, who will hear of all these statutes
and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and
understanding people.”

7 For what nation is great enough to have a
god as near to them as the LORD our God is to us
whenever we call on him?
8 And what nation is great enough to have
righteous statutes and ordinances like this
entire law I set before you today?

9 Only be on your guard and diligently watch
yourselves, so that you do not forget the things
your eyes have seen, and so that they do not slip
from your heart as long as you live. Teach them
to your children and grandchildren.
10 The day you stood before the LORD your
God at Horeb,* the LORD said to me, “Gather the
people before me to hear my words, so that they
may learn to fear me all the days they live on
the earth, and that they may teach them to their
children.”

11 You came near and stood at the base of the
mountain, a mountain blazing with fire to the
heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness.

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* **4:10 4:10** That is, Mount Sinai, or possibly a mountain in the range containing Mount Sinai; also in verse 15

12 And the LORD spoke to you out of the fire.
You heard the sound of the words but saw no
form; there was only a voice.
13 He declared to you his covenant, which he
commanded you to follow—the Ten
Commandments† that he wrote on two tablets of
stone.
14 At that time the LORD commanded me to
teach you the statutes and ordinances you are to
follow in the land that you are crossing the
Jordan to possess.
15 So since you saw no form of any kind on the
day the LORD spoke to you out of the fire at
Horeb, be careful
16 that you do not act corruptly and make an
idol for yourselves of any form or shape,
whether in the likeness of a male or female,
17 of any beast that is on the earth or bird that
flies in the air,
18 or of any creature that crawls on the ground
or fish that is in the waters below the earth.
19 When you look to the heavens and see the
sun and moon and stars—all the host of
heaven—do not be enticed to bow down and
worship what the LORD your God has
apportioned to all the nations under heaven.
20 Yet the LORD has taken you and brought
you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be
the people of his inheritance, as you are today.
21 The LORD, however, was angry with me on
account of you, and he swore that I would not
cross the Jordan to enter the good land that the
LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

† **4:13 4:13** Hebrew *the Ten Words*

22 For I will not be crossing the Jordan,
because I must die in this land. But you shall
cross over and take possession of that good land.
23 Be careful that you do not forget the
covenant of the LORD your God that he made
with you; do not make an idol for yourselves in
the form of anything he has forbidden you.
24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire,
a jealous God.
25 After you have children and grandchildren
and you have been in the land a long time, if
you then act corruptly and make an idol of any
form—doing evil in the sight of the LORD your
God and provoking him to anger—
26 I call heaven and earth as witnesses against
you this day that you will quickly perish from
the land that you are crossing the Jordan to
possess. You will not live long upon it, but will
be utterly destroyed.
27 Then the LORD will scatter you among the
peoples, and only a few of you will survive
among the nations to which the LORD will drive
you.
28 And there you will serve man-made gods of
wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat
or smell.
29 But if from there you will seek the LORD
your God, you will find him if you seek him with
all your heart and with all your soul.
30 When you are in distress and all these
things have happened to you, then in later days
you will return to the LORD your God and listen
to his voice.

31 For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he
will not abandon you or destroy you or forget
the covenant with your fathers, which he swore
to them by oath.
32 Indeed, ask now from one end of the
heavens to the other about the days that long
preceded you, from the day that God created
man on earth: Has anything as great as this ever
happened or been reported?
33 Has a people ever heard the voice of a god‡
speaking out of the fire, as you have, and lived?
34 Or has any god tried to take as his own a
nation out of another nation—by trials, signs,
wonders, and war, by a strong hand and an
outstretched arm, and by great terrors—as the
LORD your God did for you in Egypt, before
your eyes?
35 You were shown these things so that you
would know that the LORD is God; there is no
other besides him.
36 He let you hear his voice from heaven to
discipline you, and on earth he showed you his
great fire, and you heard his words out of the
fire.
37 Because he loved your fathers, he chose his
descendants after him§ and brought you out of
Egypt by his presence and great power,
38 to drive out before you nations greater and
mightier than you, and to bring you into their
land and give it to you for your inheritance, as it
is this day.

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‡ **4:33 4:33** Or *of God* § **4:37 4:37** Samaritan Pentateuch, LXX, Syriac, and Vulgate *their descendants after them*

39 Know therefore this day and take to heart
that the LORD is God in heaven above and on
the earth below; there is no other.
40 Keep his statutes and commandments,
which I am giving you today, so that you and
your children after you may prosper, and that
you may live long in the land that the LORD
your God is giving you for all time.

41 Then Moses set aside three cities across the
Jordan to the east
42 to which a manslayer could flee after killing
his neighbor unintentionally without prior
malice.

To save one's own life, he could flee to one of
these cities:
43 Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau
belonging to the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead
belonging to the Gadites, or Golan in Bashan
belonging to the Manassites.

44 This is the law that Moses set before the
Israelites.
45 These are the testimonies, statutes, and
ordinances that Moses proclaimed to them after
they had come out of Egypt,
46 while they were in the valley across the
Jordan facing Beth-peor in the land of Sihon
king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon and
was defeated by Moses and the Israelites after
they had come out of Egypt.

47 They took possession of the land belonging
to Sihon and to Og king of Bashan—the two
Amorite kings across the Jordan to the east—

48 extending from Aroer on the rim of the
Arnon Valley as far as Mount Siyon* (that is,
Hermon),
49 including all the Arabah on the east side of
the Jordan and as far as the Sea of the Arabah,†
below the slopes of Pisgah.

5

1 Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to
them:*
Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances
that I declare in your hearing this day. Learn
them and observe them carefully.
2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us
at Horeb.†
3 He did not make this covenant with our
fathers, but with all of us who are alive here
today.
4 The LORD spoke with you face to face out of
the fire on the mountain.
5 At that time I was standing between the
LORD and you to declare to you the word of the
LORD, because you were afraid of the fire and
would not go up the mountain. And he said:
6 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery.

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* **4:48 4:48** Or *Sion*; Syriac *Sirion* † **4:49 4:49** That is, the Dead Sea * **5:1 5:1** Note that Deuteronomy 5:1 through Deuteronomy 26:19 may be presented as a continuous section of unbroken speech by Moses. In place of multiple levels of nested quotes, this section has been set apart with a double space. † **5:2 5:2** That is, Mount Sinai, or possibly a mountain in the range containing Mount Sinai

7 You shall have no other gods besides me.‡
8 You shall not make for yourself an idol in the
form of anything in the heavens above, on
the earth below, or in the waters below the
earth.
9 You shall not bow down to them or worship
them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous
God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on their
children to the third and fourth generations of
those who hate me,
10 but showing loving devotion to a thousand
generations§ of those who love me and keep my
commandments.*
11 You shall not take the name of the LORD
your God in vain, for the LORD will not
leave anyone unpunished who takes his
name in vain.
12 Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy,
as the LORD your God has commanded you.
13 Six days you shall labor and do all your
work,
14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the
LORD your God, on which you must not do any
work—neither you, nor your son or daughter,
nor your male or female slave, nor your ox or
donkey or any of your livestock, nor the
foreigner within your gates, so that your male
and female slave may rest as you do.

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‡ **5:7 5:7** Or *before me* § **5:10 5:10** Hebrew *loving devotion to thousands*; forms of the Hebrew *chesed* are translated here and in most cases throughout the Scriptures as *loving devotion*; the range of meaning includes *love*, *goodness*, *kindness*, *faithfulness*, and *mercy*, as well as *loyalty to a covenant*. * **5:10 5:10** Qere; Ketiv *his commandments*

15 Remember that you were a slave in the land
of Egypt, and that the LORD your God brought
you out of there with a mighty hand and an
outstretched arm. That is why the LORD your
God has commanded you to keep the Sabbath
day.
16 Honor your father and your mother, as the
LORD your God has commanded you, so
that your days may be long and that it may
go well with you in the land that the LORD
your God is giving you.
17 You shall not murder.
18 You shall not commit adultery.
19 You shall not steal.
20 You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbor.
21 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house or
field, or his male or female slave, or his ox
or donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbor."
22 The LORD spoke these commandments in a
loud voice to your whole assembly out of the
fire, the cloud, and the deep darkness on the
mountain; he added nothing more. And he
wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave
them to me.
23 And when you heard the voice out of the
darkness while the mountain was blazing with
fire, all the heads of your tribes and your elders
approached me,
24 and you said, "Behold, the LORD our God
has shown us his glory and greatness, and we

have heard his voice out of the fire. Today we
have seen that a man can live even if God
speaks with him.
25 But now, why should we die? For this great
fire will consume us, and we will die, if we hear
the voice of the LORD our God any longer.
26 For who of all flesh has heard the voice of
the living God speaking out of the fire, as we
have, and survived?
27 Go near and listen to all that the LORD our
God says. Then you can tell us everything the
LORD our God tells you; we will listen and obey."

28 And the LORD heard the words you spoke to
me, and he said to me, "I have heard the words
that these people have spoken to you. They have
done well in all that they have spoken.
29 If only they had such a heart to fear me and
keep all my commandments always, so that it
might be well with them and with their children
forever.
30 Go and tell them: 'Return to your tents.'
31 But you stand here with me, that I may
speak to you all the commandments and statutes
and ordinances you are to teach them to follow
in the land that I am giving them to possess."

32 So be careful to do as the LORD your God
has commanded you; you are not to turn aside
to the right or to the left.
33 You must walk in all the ways that the LORD
your God has commanded you, so that you may
live and prosper and prolong your days in the
land that you will possess.

6

1 These are the commandments and statutes
and ordinances that the LORD your God has
instructed me to teach you to follow in the land
that you are about to enter and possess,
2 so that you and your children and
grandchildren may fear the LORD your God all
the days of your lives by keeping all his statutes
and commandments that I give you, and so that
your days may be prolonged.
3 Hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe
them, so that you may prosper and multiply
greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey,
just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has
promised you.
4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the
LORD alone.*
5 And you shall love the LORD your God with
all your heart and with all your soul and with all
your strength.
6 These words I am commanding you today
are to be upon your hearts.
7 And you shall teach them diligently to your
children and speak of them when you sit at
home and when you walk along the road, when
you lie down and when you get up.
8 Tie them as reminders on your hands and
bind them on your foreheads.
9 Write them on the doorposts of your houses
and on your gates.

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* **6:4 6:4** Or *The LORD our God is One LORD* or *The LORD is our God, the LORD is One* or *The LORD our God, the LORD is One*

10 And when the LORD your God brings you
into the land he swore to your fathers, to
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that he would give
you—a land with great and splendid cities that
you did not build,
11 with houses full of every good thing with
which you did not fill them, with wells that you
did not dig, and with vineyards and olive groves
that you did not plant—and when you eat and
are satisfied,
12 be careful not to forget the LORD who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery.
13 Fear the LORD your God, serve him only,
and take your oaths in his name.†
14 Do not follow other gods, the gods of the
peoples around you.
15 For the LORD your God, who is among you,
is a jealous God. Otherwise the anger of the
LORD your God will be kindled against you, and
he will wipe you off the face of the earth.
16 Do not test the LORD your God as you tested
him at Massah.‡
17 You are to diligently keep the
commandments of the LORD your God and the
testimonies and statutes he has given you.
18 Do what is right and good in the sight of the
LORD, so that it may be well with you and that
you may enter and possess the good land that
the LORD swore to give your fathers,

† **6:13 6:13** Or *serve him, and take your oaths only in his name*
‡ **6:16 6:16** *Massah* means *testing*; see Exodus 17:7.

19 driving out all your enemies before you, as
the LORD has said.
20 In the future, when your son asks, “What is
the meaning of the decrees and statutes and
ordinances that the LORD our God has
commanded you?”
21 then you are to tell him, “We were slaves of
Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out
of Egypt with a mighty hand.
22 Before our eyes the LORD inflicted great
and devastating signs and wonders on Egypt, on
Pharaoh, and on all his household.
23 But he brought us out from there to lead us
in and give us the land that he had sworn to our
fathers.
24 And the LORD commanded us to observe all
these statutes and to fear the LORD our God,
that we may always be prosperous and
preserved, as we are to this day.
25 And if we are careful to observe every one
of these commandments before the LORD our
God, as he has commanded us, then that will be
our righteousness.”

7

1 When the LORD your God brings you into the
land that you are entering to possess, and he
drives out before you many nations—the
Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites,
Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations
larger and stronger than you—
2 and when the LORD your God has delivered
them over to you to defeat them, then you must

devote them to complete destruction.* Make no
treaty† with them and show them no mercy.
3 Do not intermarry with them. Do not give
your daughters to their sons or take their
daughters for your sons,
4 because they will turn your sons away from
following me to serve other gods. Then the
anger of the LORD will burn against you, and he
will swiftly destroy you.
5 Instead, this is what you are to do to them:
tear down their altars, smash their sacred
pillars, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn
their idols in the fire.
6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your
God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a
people for his prized possession out of all
peoples on the face of the earth.
7 The LORD did not set his affection on you
and choose you because you were more
numerous than the other peoples, for you were
the fewest of all peoples.
8 But because the LORD loved you and kept
the oath he swore to your fathers, he brought
you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you
from the house of slavery, from the hand of
Pharaoh king of Egypt.
9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is
God, the faithful God who keeps his covenant of

* **7:2** **7:2** Forms of the Hebrew *cherem* refer to the giving over of things or persons to the LORD, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering; also twice in verse 26. † **7:2** **7:2** Forms of the Hebrew *berit* are translated in most passages as *covenant*.

loving devotion for a thousand generations of
those who love him and keep his
commandments.‡
10 But those who hate him he repays to their
faces with destruction; he will not hesitate to
repay to his face the one who hates him.

11 So keep the commandments and statutes
and ordinances that I am giving you to follow
this day.

12 If you listen to these ordinances and keep
them carefully, then the LORD your God will
keep his covenant and the loving devotion that
he swore to your fathers.
13 He will love you and bless you and multiply
you. He will bless the fruit of your womb and
the produce of your land—your grain, new
wine, and oil, the young of your herds and the
lambs of your flocks—in the land that he swore
to your fathers to give you.
14 You will be blessed above all peoples;
among you there will be no barren man or
woman or livestock.

15 And the LORD will remove from you all
sickness. He will not lay upon you any of the
terrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will
inflict them on all who hate you.
16 You must destroy all the peoples the LORD
your God will deliver to you. Do not look on
them with pity. Do not worship their gods, for
that will be a snare to you.

‡ **7:9 7:9** Qere; Ketiv *his commandment*

17 You may say in your heart, “These nations
are greater than we are; how can we drive them
out?”
18 But do not be afraid of them. Be sure to
remember what the LORD your God did to
Pharaoh and all Egypt:
19 the great trials that you saw, the signs and
wonders, and the mighty hand and outstretched
arm by which the LORD your God brought you
out. The LORD your God will do the same to all
the peoples you now fear.

20 Moreover, the LORD your God will send the
hornet against them until even the survivors
hiding from you have perished.
21 Do not be terrified by them, for the LORD
your God, who is among you, is a great and
awesome God.

22 The LORD your God will drive out these
nations before you little by little. You will not be
enabled to eliminate them all at once, or the
wild animals would multiply around you.
23 But the LORD your God will give them over
to you and throw them into great confusion,
until they are destroyed.
24 He will hand their kings over to you, and
you will wipe out their names from under
heaven. No one will be able to stand against
you; you will annihilate them.

25 You must burn up the images of their gods;
do not covet the silver and gold that is on them
or take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared
by it; for it is detestable to the LORD your God.

26 And you must not bring any detestable thing
into your house, or you, like it, will be set apart
for destruction. You are to utterly detest and
abhor it, because it is set apart for destruction.

8

1 You must carefully follow every
commandment I am giving you today, so that
you may live and multiply, and enter and
possess the land that the LORD swore to give
your fathers.
2 Remember that these forty years the LORD
your God led you all the way in the wilderness,
so that he might humble you and test you in
order to know what was in your heart, whether
or not you would keep his commandments.*
3 He humbled you, and in your hunger he gave
you manna to eat, which neither you nor your
fathers had known, so that you might
understand that man does not live on bread
alone, but on everything that comes from the
mouth of the LORD.†
4 Your clothing did not wear out and your feet
did not swell during these forty years.
5 So know in your heart that just as a man
disciplines his son, so the LORD your God
disciplines you.
6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments
of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and
fearing him.

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* **8:2 8:2** Qere; Ketiv *his commandment* † **8:3 8:3** LXX *every word*

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a
good land, a land of brooks and fountains and
springs that flow through the valleys and hills;
8 a land of wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, and
pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey;
9 a land where you will eat food without
scarcity, where you will lack nothing; a land
whose rocks are iron and whose hills are ready
to be mined for copper.
10 When you eat and are satisfied, you are to
bless the LORD your God for the good land that
he has given you.
11 Be careful not to forget the LORD your God
by failing to keep his commandments and
ordinances and statutes, which I am giving you
this day.
12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied,
when you build fine houses in which to dwell,
13 and when your herds and flocks grow large
and your silver and gold increase and all that
you have is multiplied,
14 then your heart will become proud, and you
will forget the LORD your God who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery.
15 He led you through the vast and terrifying
wilderness with its venomous snakes and
scorpions, a thirsty and waterless land. He
brought you water from the rock of flint.
16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna
that your fathers had not known, in order to
humble you and test you, so that in the end he
might cause you to prosper.

17 You might say in your heart, “The power
and strength of my hands have made this wealth
for me.”
18 But remember that it is the LORD your God
who gives you the power to gain wealth, in
order to confirm his covenant that he swore to
your fathers even to this day.
19 If you ever forget the LORD your God and go
after other gods to worship and bow down to
them, I testify against you today that you will
surely perish.
20 Like the nations that the LORD has
destroyed before you, so you will perish if you
do not obey the LORD your God.

9

1 Hear, O Israel: Today you are about to cross
the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations
greater and stronger than you, with large cities
fortified to the heavens.
2 The people are strong and tall, the
descendants of the Anakim. You know about
them, and you have heard it said, “Who can
stand up to the sons of Anak?”
3 But understand that today the LORD your
God goes across ahead of you as a consuming
fire; he will destroy them and subdue them
before you. And you will drive them out and
annihilate them swiftly, as the LORD has
promised you.
4 When the LORD your God has driven them
out before you, do not say in your heart,
“Because of my righteousness the LORD has

brought me in to possess this land." Rather, the
LORD is driving out these nations before you
because of their wickedness.
5 It is not because of your righteousness or
uprightness of heart that you are going in to
possess their land, but it is because of their
wickedness that the LORD your God is driving
out these nations before you, to keep the
promise he swore to your fathers, to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob.
6 Understand, then, that it is not because of
your righteousness that the LORD your God is
giving you this good land to possess, for you are
a stiff-necked people.
7 Remember this, and never forget how you
provoked the LORD your God in the wilderness.
From the day you left the land of Egypt until you
reached this place, you have been rebelling
against the LORD.
8 At Horeb* you provoked the LORD, and he
was angry enough to destroy you.
9 When I went up on the mountain to receive
the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant
that the LORD made with you, I stayed on the
mountain forty days and forty nights. I ate no
bread and drank no water.
10 Then the LORD gave me the two stone
tablets, inscribed by the finger of God with the
exact words that the LORD spoke to you out of
the fire on the mountain on the day of the
assembly.

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* **9:8 9:8** That is, Mount Sinai, or possibly a mountain in the range containing Mount Sinai

11 And at the end of forty days and forty
nights, the LORD gave me the two stone tablets,
the tablets of the covenant.
12 And the LORD said to me, “Get up and go
down from here at once, for your people, whom
you brought out of Egypt, have corrupted
themselves. How quickly they have turned aside
from the way that I commanded them! They
have made for themselves a molten image.”
13 The LORD also said to me, “I have seen this
people, and they are indeed a stiff-necked
people.
14 Leave me alone, so that I may destroy them
and blot out their name from under heaven.
Then I will make you into a nation mightier and
greater than they are.”
15 So I went back down the mountain while it
was blazing with fire, with the two tablets of the
covenant in my hands.
16 And I saw how you had sinned against the
LORD your God; you had made for yourselves a
molten calf. You had turned aside quickly from
the way that the LORD had commanded you.
17 So I took the two tablets and threw them out
of my hands, shattering them before your eyes.
18 Then I fell down before the LORD for forty
days and forty nights, as I had done the first
time. I did not eat bread or drink water because
of all the sin you had committed in doing what
was evil in the sight of the LORD and provoking
him to anger.
19 For I was afraid† of the anger and wrath

† **9:19 9:19** LXX *And I am greatly terrified*

that the LORD had directed against you, enough to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me this time as well.
20 The LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that time I also prayed for Aaron.
21 And I took that sinful thing, the calf you had made, and burned it in the fire. Then I crushed it and ground it to powder as fine as dust, and I cast it into the stream that came down from the mountain.
22 You continued to provoke the LORD at Taberah,‡ at Massah,§ and at Kibroth-hattaavah.*
23 And when the LORD sent you out from Kadesh-barnea, he said, "Go up and possess the land that I have given you."
But you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You neither believed him nor obeyed him.
24 You have been rebelling against the LORD since the day I came to know you.
25 So I fell down before the LORD for forty days and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would destroy you.
26 And I prayed to the LORD and said, "O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people, your inheritance, whom you redeemed through your greatness and brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

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‡ **9:22 9:22** *Taberah* means *burning*; see Numbers 11:3. § **9:22 9:22** *Massah* means *testing*; see Exodus 17:7. * **9:22 9:22** *Kibroth-hattaavah* means *graves of craving*; see Numbers 11:34.

27 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob. Overlook the stubbornness of this
people and the wickedness of their sin.
28 Otherwise, those in the land from which
you brought us out will say, 'Because the LORD
was not able to bring them into the land he had
promised them, and because he hated them, he
has brought them out to kill them in the
wilderness.'
29 But they are your people, your inheritance,
whom you brought out by your great power and
outstretched arm."

10

1 At that time the LORD said to me, "Chisel out
two stone tablets like the originals, come up to
me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood.
2 And I will write on the tablets the words that
were on the first tablets, which you broke; and
you are to place them in the ark."
3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, chiseled out
two stone tablets like the originals, and went up
the mountain with the two tablets in my hands.
4 And the LORD wrote on the tablets what had
been written previously, the Ten
Commandments* that he had spoken to you on
the mountain out of the fire on the day of the
assembly. The LORD gave them to me,
5 and I went back down the mountain and
placed the tablets in the ark I had made, as the
LORD had commanded me; and there they have
remained.

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* **10:4 10:4** Hebrew *the Ten Words*

6 The Israelites traveled from Beeroth
Bene-jaakan† to Moserah, where Aaron died and
was buried, and Eleazar his son succeeded him
as priest.
7 From there they traveled to Gudgodah, and
from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with
streams of water.
8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of
Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve him,
and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they
do to this day.
9 That is why Levi has no portion or
inheritance among his brothers; the LORD is his
inheritance, as the LORD your God promised
him.
10 I stayed on the mountain forty days and
forty nights, like the first time, and that time the
LORD again listened to me and agreed not to
destroy you.
11 Then the LORD said to me, “Get up.
Continue your journey ahead of the people, that
they may enter and possess the land that I swore
to their fathers to give them.”
12 And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your
God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God by
walking in all his ways, to love him, to serve the
LORD your God with all your heart and with all
your soul,
13 and to keep the commandments and
statutes of the LORD that I am giving you this
day for your own good?

† **10:6 10:6** Or *from the wells of the Bene-jaakan*

14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong the
heavens, even the highest heavens, and the
earth and everything in it.
15 Yet the LORD has set his affection on your
fathers and loved them. And he has chosen you,
their descendants after them, above all the
peoples, even to this day.
16 Circumcise your hearts,‡ therefore, and
stiffen your necks no more.
17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and
Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awesome
God, showing no partiality and accepting no
bribe.
18 He executes justice for the fatherless and
widow, and he loves the foreigner, giving him
food and clothing.
19 So you also must love the foreigner, since
you yourselves were foreigners in the land of
Egypt.
20 You are to fear the LORD your God and
serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths
in his name.
21 He is your praise and he is your God, who
has done for you these great and awesome
wonders that your eyes have seen.
22 Your fathers went down to Egypt, seventy in
all, and now the LORD your God has made you
as numerous as the stars in the sky.

11

1 You shall therefore love the LORD your God

‡ **10:16 10:16** Literally *Circumcise the foreskin of your hearts*

and always keep his charge, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments.
2 Know this day that it is not your children who have known and seen the discipline of the LORD your God: His greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm;
3 the signs and works he did in Egypt to Pharaoh king of Egypt and all his land;
4 what he did to the Egyptian army and horses and chariots when he made the waters of the Sea of Reeds* engulf them as they pursued you, and how he destroyed them completely, even to this day;
5 what he did for you in the wilderness until you reached this place;
6 and what he did in the midst of all the Israelites to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and every living thing that belonged to them.
7 For it is your own eyes that have seen every great work that the LORD has done.
8 You shall therefore keep every commandment I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and possess the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,
9 and so that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

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* **11:4 11:4** Or *the Red Sea*

10 For the land that you are entering to possess
is not like the land of Egypt, from which you
have come, where you sowed your seed and
irrigated on foot, like a vegetable garden.
11 But the land that you are crossing the
Jordan to possess is a land of mountains and
valleys that drinks in the rain from heaven.
12 It is a land for which the LORD your God
cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always
on it, from the beginning to the end of the year.
13 So if you carefully obey the commandments
I am giving you today, to love the LORD your
God and to serve him with all your heart and
with all your soul,
14 then I will provide† rain for your land in
season, the autumn and spring rains, that you
may gather your grain, new wine, and oil.
15 And I will provide grass in the fields for
your livestock, and you will eat and be satisfied.
16 But be careful that you are not enticed to
turn aside to worship and bow down to other
gods,
17 or the anger of the LORD will be kindled
against you. He will shut the heavens so that
there will be no rain, nor will the land yield its
produce, and you will soon perish from the good
land that the LORD is giving you.
18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and
minds; tie them as reminders on your hands
and bind them on your foreheads.

† **11:14 11:14** SP, LXX, and Vulgate *he will provide*; also in verse 15

19 Teach them to your children, speaking
about them when you sit at home and when you
walk along the road, when you lie down and
when you get up.
20 Write them on the doorposts of your houses
and on your gates,
21 so that as long as the heavens are above the
earth, your days and those of your children may
be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to
give your fathers.
22 For if you carefully keep all these
commandments I am giving you to follow—to
love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways,
and to hold fast to him—
23 then the LORD will drive out all these
nations before you, and you will dispossess
nations greater and stronger than you.
24 Every place where the sole of your foot
treads will be yours. Your territory will extend
from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the
Euphrates River to the Western Sea.‡
25 No man will be able to stand against you;
the LORD your God will put the fear and dread
of you upon all the land, wherever you set foot,
as he has promised you.
26 See, today I am setting before you a blessing
and a curse—
27 a blessing if you obey the commandments of
the LORD your God that I am giving you today,
28 but a curse if you disobey the
commandments of the LORD your God and turn

‡ **11:24 11:24** That is, the Mediterranean Sea, also called the Great Sea

aside from the path I command you today by
following other gods, which you have not
known.
29 When the LORD your God brings you into
the land you are entering to possess, you are to
proclaim the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the
curse on Mount Ebal.
30 Are not these mountains across the Jordan,
west of the road toward the sunset, in the land
of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah
opposite Gilgal near the Terebinths§ of Moreh?
31 For you are about to cross the Jordan to
enter and possess the land that the LORD your
God is giving you. When you take possession of
it and settle in it,
32 be careful to follow all the statutes and
ordinances that I am setting before you today.

12

1 These are the statutes and ordinances you
must be careful to follow all the days you live in
the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers,
has given you to possess.
2 Destroy completely all the places where the
nations you are dispossessing have served their
gods—atop the high mountains, on the hills, and
under every green tree.
3 Tear down their altars, smash their sacred
pillars, burn up their Asherah poles, cut down
the idols of their gods, and wipe out their names
from that place.

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§ **11:30 11:30** Or *Oaks* or *Great Trees*; SP, LXX, and Syriac (see Genesis 12:6) *Oak*

4 You shall not worship the LORD your God in
this way.
5 Instead, you must seek the place the LORD
your God will choose from among all your tribes
to establish as a dwelling for his Name, and
there you must go.
6 To that place you are to bring your burnt
offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and heave
offerings, your vow offerings and freewill
offerings, as well as the firstborn of your herds
and flocks.
7 There, in the presence of the LORD your God,
you and your households shall eat and rejoice in
all you do, because the LORD your God has
blessed you.
8 You are not to do as we are doing here today,
where everyone does what seems right in his
own eyes.
9 For you have not yet come to the resting
place and the inheritance that the LORD your
God is giving you.
10 When you cross the Jordan and live in the
land that the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance, and he gives you rest from all the
enemies around you and you dwell securely,
11 then the LORD your God will choose a place
as a dwelling for his Name. And there you are to
bring everything I command you: your burnt
offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special
gifts, and all the choice offerings you vow to the
LORD.
12 And you shall rejoice before the LORD your
God—you, your sons and daughters, your male

and female slaves, and the Levite within your gates, since he has no portion or inheritance among you.
13 Be careful not to offer your burnt offerings in just any place you see;
14 you must offer them only in the place the LORD will choose in one of your tribal territories, and there you shall do all that I command you.
15 But whenever you want, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your gates, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you. Both the ceremonially clean and unclean may eat it as they would a gazelle or deer,
16 but you must not eat the blood; pour it on the ground like water.
17 Within your gates you must not eat the tithe of your grain or new wine or oil, the firstborn of your herds or flocks, any of the offerings that you have vowed to give, or your freewill offerings or special gifts.
18 Instead, you must eat them in the presence of the LORD your God at the place the LORD your God will choose—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, and the Levite within your gates. Rejoice before the LORD your God in all you do,
19 and be careful not to neglect the Levites as long as you live in your land.
20 When the LORD your God expands your territory as he has promised, and you crave meat and say, “I want to eat meat,” you may eat it whenever you want.

21 If the place where the LORD your God
chooses to put his Name is too far from you,
then you may slaughter any of the herd or flock
he has given you, as I have commanded you,
and you may eat it within your gates whenever
you want.
22 Indeed, you may eat it as you would eat a
gazelle or deer; both the ceremonially unclean
and the clean may eat it.
23 Only be sure not to eat the blood, because
the blood is the life, and you must not eat the
life with the meat.
24 You must not eat the blood; pour it on the
ground like water.
25 Do not eat it, so that it may go well with you
and your children after you, because you will be
doing what is right in the eyes of the LORD.
26 But you are to take your holy things and
your vow offerings and go to the place the LORD
will choose.
27 Present the meat and blood of your burnt
offerings on the altar of the LORD your God. The
blood of your other sacrifices must be poured
out beside the altar of the LORD your God, but
you may eat the meat.
28 Be careful to obey all these things I
command you, so that it may always go well
with you and your children after you, because
you will be doing what is good and right in the
eyes of the LORD your God.
29 When the LORD your God cuts off before
you the nations you are entering to dispossess,
and you drive them out and live in their land,

30 be careful not to be ensnared by their ways
after they have been destroyed before you. Do
not inquire about their gods, asking, “How do
these nations serve their gods? I will do
likewise.”
31 You must not worship the LORD your God in
this way, because they practice for their gods
every abomination which the LORD hates. They
even burn their sons and daughters in the fire
as sacrifices to their gods.

13

1 See that you do everything I command you;
do not add to it or subtract from it.
2 If a prophet or dreamer of dreams arises
among you and proclaims a sign or wonder to
you,
3 and if the sign or wonder he has spoken to
you comes about, but he says, “Let us follow
other gods (which you have not known) and let
us worship them,”
4 you must not listen to the words of that
prophet or dreamer. For the LORD your God is
testing you to find out whether you love him
with all your heart and with all your soul.
5 You are to follow the LORD your God and
fear him. Keep his commandments and listen to
his voice; serve him and hold fast to him.
6 Such a prophet or dreamer must be put to
death, because he has advocated rebellion
against the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from
the house of slavery; he has tried to turn you

from the way in which the LORD your God has commanded you to walk. So you must purge the evil from among you.

7 If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you embrace,* or your closest friend† secretly entices you, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods” (which neither you nor your fathers have known,

8 the gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, whether from one end of the earth or the other),

9 you must not yield to him or listen to him. Show him no pity, and do not spare him or shield him.

10 Instead, you must surely kill him. Your hand must be the first against him to put him to death, and then the hands of all the people.

11 Stone him to death for trying to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

12 Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

13 If, regarding one of the cities the LORD your God is giving you to inhabit, you hear it said

14 that wicked men have arisen from among you and have led the people of their city astray, saying, “Let us go and serve other gods” (which you have not known),

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* **13:7 13:7** Hebrew *the wife of your bosom* † **13:7 13:7** Hebrew *your friend who is like your own soul*

15 then you must inquire, investigate, and
interrogate thoroughly. And if it is established
with certainty that this abomination has been
committed among you,
16 you must surely put the inhabitants of that
city to the sword. Devote to destruction‡ all its
people and livestock.
17 And you are to gather all its plunder in the
middle of the public square, and completely
burn the city and all its plunder as a whole
burnt offering to the LORD your God. The city
must remain a mound of ruins forever, never to
be rebuilt.
18 Nothing devoted to destruction shall cling to
your hands, so that the LORD will turn from his
fierce anger, grant you mercy, show you
compassion, and multiply you as he swore to
your fathers,
19 because you obey the LORD your God,
keeping all his commandments I am giving you
today and doing what is right in the eyes of the
LORD your God.

14

1 You are sons of the LORD your God; do not
cut yourselves or shave your foreheads on
behalf of the dead,
2 for you are a people holy to the LORD your
God. The LORD has chosen you to be a people

‡ **13:16 13:16** Forms of the Hebrew *cherem* refer to the giving over of things or persons to the LORD, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering; similarly in verse 18.

for his prized possession out of all the peoples
on the face of the earth.
3 You must not eat any detestable thing.
4 These are the animals that you may eat:*
The ox, the sheep, the goat,
5 the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer,
the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope,
and the mountain sheep.
6 You may eat any animal that has a split hoof
divided in two and that chews the cud.
7 But of those that chew the cud or have a
completely divided hoof, you are not to eat the
following:

the camel,
the rabbit,
or the rock badger.†
Although they chew the cud, they do not have
a divided hoof. They are unclean for you,
8 as well as the pig; though it has a divided
hoof, it does not chew the cud. It is unclean for
you. You must not eat its meat or touch its
carcass.
9 Of all the creatures that live in the water, you
may eat anything with fins and scales,
10 but you may not eat anything that does not
have fins and scales; it is unclean for you.
11 You may eat any clean bird,
12 but these you may not eat:

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* **14:4 14:4** The precise identification of some of the birds and animals in this chapter is uncertain. † **14:7 14:7** Or *the coney* or *the hyrax*

the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black
vulture,
13 the red kite, the falcon, any kind of kite,
14 any kind of raven,
15 the ostrich,‡ the screech owl, the gull, any
kind of hawk,
16 the little owl, the great owl, the white owl,
17 the desert owl, the osprey, the cormorant,
18 the stork, any kind of heron,
the hoopoe, or the bat.
19 All flying insects are unclean for you; they
may not be eaten.
20 But you may eat any clean bird.
21 You are not to eat any carcass; you may give
it to the foreigner residing within your gates,
and he may eat it, or you may sell it to a
foreigner. For you are a holy people belonging to
the LORD your God.
You must not cook a young goat in its mother's
milk.
22 You must be sure to set aside a tenth of all
the produce brought forth each year from your
fields.
23 And you are to eat a tenth of your grain,
new wine, and oil, and the firstborn of your
herds and flocks, in the presence of the LORD
your God at the place he will choose as a
dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to
fear the LORD your God always.
24 But if the distance is too great for you to
carry that with which the LORD your God has

‡ **14:15 14:15** Literally *the daughter of the ostrich* or *the daughter of the owl*

blessed you, because the place where the LORD your God will choose to put his Name is too far away,
25 then exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place the LORD your God will choose.
26 Then you may spend the money on anything you desire: cattle, sheep, wine, strong drink, or anything you wish. You are to feast there in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice with your household.
27 And do not neglect the Levite within your gates, since he has no portion or inheritance among you.

28 At the end of every three years, bring a tenth of all your produce for that year and lay it up within your gates.
29 Then the Levite (because he has no portion or inheritance among you), the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow within your gates may come and eat and be satisfied. And the LORD your God will bless you in all the work of your hands.

15

1 At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts.
2 This is the manner of remission: Every creditor shall cancel what he has loaned to his neighbor. He is not to collect anything from his neighbor or brother, because the LORD's time of release has been proclaimed.

3 You may collect something from a foreigner,
but you must forgive whatever your brother
owes you.
4 There will be no poor among you, however,
because the LORD will surely bless you in the
land that the LORD your God is giving you to
possess as an inheritance,
5 if only you obey the LORD your God and are
careful to follow all these commandments I am
giving you today.
6 When the LORD your God blesses you as he
has promised, you will lend to many nations but
borrow from none; you will rule over many
nations but be ruled by none.
7 If there is a poor man among your brothers
within any of the gates in the land that the LORD
your God is giving you, then you are not to
harden* your heart or shut your hand from
your poor brother.
8 Instead, you are to open your hand to him
and freely loan him whatever he needs.
9 Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought
in your heart: "The seventh year, the year of
release, is near," so that you look upon your poor
brother begrudgingly and give him nothing. He
will cry out to the LORD against you, and you
will be guilty of sin.
10 Give generously to him, and do not let your
heart be grieved when you do so. And because
of this the LORD your God will bless you in all

* **15:7 15:7** Or *make strong* or *make courageous*

your work and in everything to which you put your hand.
11 For there will never cease to be poor in the land; that is why I am commanding you to open wide your hand to your brother and to the poor and needy in your land.
12 If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, is sold† to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you must set him free.
13 And when you release him, do not send him away empty-handed.
14 You are to furnish him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor, and your winepress. You shall give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you.
15 Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; that is why I am giving you this command today.
16 But if your servant says to you, 'I do not want to leave you,' because he loves you and your household and is well off with you,
17 then take an awl and pierce it through his ear into the door, and he will become your slave for life. And treat your female slave the same way.
18 Do not regard it as a hardship to set your servant free, because his six years of service were worth twice the wages of a hired hand. And the LORD your God will bless you in all you do.
19 You must set apart to the LORD your God every firstborn male produced by your herds

† **15:12 15:12** Or *sells himself*

and flocks. You are not to put the firstborn of
your oxen to work, nor are you to shear the
firstborn of your flock.
20 Each year you and your household are to
eat it before the LORD your God in the place the
LORD will choose.
21 But if an animal has a defect, is lame or
blind, or has any serious flaw, you must not
sacrifice it to the LORD your God.
22 Eat it within your gates; both the
ceremonially unclean and clean may eat it as
they would a gazelle or a deer.
23 But you must not eat the blood; pour it on
the ground like water.

16

1 Observe the month of Abib* and celebrate
the Passover to the LORD your God, because in
the month of Abib the LORD your God brought
you out of Egypt by night.
2 You are to offer to the LORD your God the
Passover sacrifice from the herd or flock in the
place the LORD will choose as a dwelling for his
Name.
3 You must not eat leavened bread with it; for
seven days you are to eat with it unleavened
bread, the bread of affliction, because you left
the land of Egypt in haste—so that you may
remember for the rest of your life the day you
left the land of Egypt.

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* **16:1 16:1** *Abib* was the first month of the ancient Hebrew lunar calendar, usually occurring within the months of March and April; twice in this verse.

4 No leaven is to be found in all your land for
seven days, and none of the meat you sacrifice
in the evening of the first day shall remain until
morning.
5 You are not to sacrifice the Passover animal
in any of the towns that the LORD your God is
giving you.
6 You must only offer the Passover sacrifice at
the place the LORD your God will choose as a
dwelling for his Name. Do this in the evening as
the sun sets, at the same time you departed from
Egypt.
7 And you shall roast it and eat it in the place
the LORD your God will choose, and in the
morning you shall return to your tents.
8 For six days you must eat unleavened bread,
and on the seventh day you shall hold a solemn
assembly to the LORD your God, and you must
not do any work.
9 You are to count off seven weeks from the
time you first put the sickle to the standing grain.
10 And you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks†
to the LORD your God with a freewill offering
that you give in proportion to how the LORD
your God has blessed you,
11 and you shall rejoice before the LORD your
God in the place he will choose as a dwelling for
his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your
male and female slaves, and the Levite within
your gates, as well as the foreigner, the
fatherless, and the widows among you.

† **16:10 16:10** That is, Shavuot; see footnotes for verse 16.

12 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt,
and carefully follow these statutes.
13 You are to celebrate the Feast of Booths‡ for
seven days after you have gathered the produce
of your threshing floor and your winepress.
14 And you shall rejoice in your feast—you,
your sons and daughters, your male and female
slaves, and the Levite, as well as the foreigner,
the fatherless, and the widows among you.
15 For seven days you shall celebrate a feast to
the LORD your God in the place he will choose,
because the LORD your God will bless you in all
your produce and in all the work of your hands,
so that your joy will be complete.
16 Three times a year all your men are to
appear before the LORD your God in the place
he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened
Bread,§ the Feast of Weeks,* and the Feast of
Booths.† No one should appear before the LORD
empty-handed.
17 Everyone must appear with a gift as he is
able, according to the blessing the LORD your
God has given you.

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‡ **16:13 16:13** Or *Tabernacles* or *Shelters*; see footnotes for verse 16. § **16:16 16:16** That is, the seven-day period after the Passover during which no leaven may be eaten; see Exodus 12:14–20. * **16:16 16:16** That is, Shavuot, the late spring feast of pilgrimage to Jerusalem; it is also known as *the Feast of Harvest* (see Exodus 23:16) or *the Feast of Pentecost*. † **16:16 16:16** That is, Sukkot, the autumn feast of pilgrimage to Jerusalem; also translated as *the Feast of Tabernacles* or *the Feast of Shelters* and originally called *the Feast of Ingathering* (see Exodus 23:16 and Exodus 34:22).

18 You are to appoint judges and officials for
your tribes in every town that the LORD your
God is giving you. They are to judge the people
with righteous judgment.
19 Do not deny justice or show partiality. Do
not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of
the wise and twists the words of the righteous.
20 Pursue justice, and justice alone, so that you
may live, and you may possess the land that the
LORD your God is giving you.
21 Do not set up any wooden Asherah pole
next to the altar you will build for the LORD
your God,
22 and do not set up for yourselves a sacred
pillar, which the LORD your God hates.

17

1 You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God
an ox or a sheep with any defect or serious flaw,
for that is detestable to the LORD your God.
2 If a man or woman among you in one of the
towns that the LORD your God gives you is
found doing evil in the sight of the LORD your
God by transgressing his covenant
3 and going to worship other gods, bowing
down to them or to the sun or moon or any of
the host of heaven—which I have forbidden—
4 and if it is reported and you hear about it,
you must investigate it thoroughly.
If the report is true and such an abomination
has happened in Israel,

5 you must bring out to your gates the man or
woman who has done this evil thing, and you
must stone that person to death.
6 On the testimony of two or three witnesses a
man shall be put to death, but he shall not be
executed on the testimony of a lone witness.
7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first
in putting him to death, and after that, the
hands of all the people. So you must purge the
evil from among you.

8 If a case is too difficult for you to judge,
whether the controversy within your gates is
regarding bloodshed, lawsuits, or assaults, you
must go up to the place the LORD your God will
choose.
9 You are to go to the Levitical priests and to
the judge who presides at that time. Inquire of
them, and they will give you a verdict in the
case.
10 You must abide by the verdict they give you
at the place the LORD will choose. Be careful to
do everything they instruct you,
11 according to the terms of law they give and
the verdict they proclaim. Do not turn aside to
the right or to the left from the decision they
declare to you.

12 But the man who acts presumptuously,
refusing to listen either to the priest who stands
there to serve the LORD your God, or to the
judge, must be put to death. You must purge the
evil from Israel.
13 Then all the people will hear and be afraid,
and will no longer behave arrogantly.

14 When you enter the land that the LORD your
God is giving you and have taken possession of it
and settled in it, and you say, “Let us set a king
over us like all the nations around us,”
15 you are to appoint over yourselves the king
whom the LORD your God shall choose. Appoint
a king from among your brothers; you are not to
set over yourselves a foreigner who is not one of
your brothers.
16 But the king must not acquire many horses
for himself or send the people back to Egypt to
acquire more horses, for the LORD has said, ‘You
are never to go back that way again.’
17 He must not take many wives for himself,
lest his heart go astray. He must not accumulate
for himself large amounts of silver and gold.
18 When he is seated on his royal throne, he
must write for himself a copy of this instruction
on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical
priests.
19 It is to remain with him, and he is to read
from it all the days of his life, so that he may
learn to fear the LORD his God by carefully
observing all the words of this instruction and
these statutes.
20 Then his heart will not be exalted above his
countrymen, and he will not turn aside from the
commandment, to the right or to the left, in
order that he and his sons may reign many
years over his kingdom in Israel.

18

1 The Levitical priests—indeed the whole tribe

of Levi—shall have no portion or inheritance
with Israel. They are to eat the food offerings to
the LORD; that is their inheritance.
2 Although they have no inheritance among
their brothers, the LORD is their inheritance, as
he promised them.
3 This shall be the priests' share from the
people who offer a sacrifice, whether a bull or a
sheep: the priests are to be given the shoulder,
the jowls, and the stomach.
4 You are to give them the firstfruits of your
grain, new wine, and oil, and the first wool
sheared from your flock.
5 For the LORD your God has chosen Levi and
his sons out of all your tribes to stand and
minister in his name for all time.
6 Now if a Levite moves from any town of
residence throughout Israel and comes in all
earnestness to the place the LORD will choose,
7 then he shall serve in the name of the LORD
his God like all his fellow Levites who stand
there before the LORD.
8 They shall eat equal portions, even though
he has received money from the sale of his
father's estate.
9 When you enter the land that the LORD your
God is giving you, do not imitate the detestable
ways of the nations there.
10 Let no one be found among you who
sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire,*
practices divination or conjury, interprets
omens, practices sorcery,

* **18:10 18:10** Literally *makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire*

11 casts spells, consults a medium or spiritist,
or inquires of the dead.
12 For whoever does these things is detestable
to the LORD. And because of these detestable
things, the LORD your God is driving out the
nations before you.
13 You must be blameless before the LORD
your God.
14 Though these nations, which you will
dispossess, listen to conjurers and diviners, the
LORD your God has not permitted you to do so.
15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a
prophet like me from among your brothers. You
must listen to him.
16 This is what you asked of the LORD your
God at Horeb† on the day of the assembly, when
you said, “Let me not hear the voice of the LORD
my God or see this great fire anymore, so that I
will not die!”‡
17 Then the LORD said to me, “They have
spoken well.
18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their brothers. I will put my words
in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I
command him.
19 And I will hold accountable anyone who
does not listen to my words that the prophet
speaks in my name.
20 But if any prophet dares to speak a message
in my name that I have not commanded him to

† **18:16 18:16** That is, Mount Sinai, or possibly a mountain in the range containing Mount Sinai ‡ **18:16 18:16** LXX *Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God … so that we will not die*

speak, or to speak in the name of other gods,
that prophet must be put to death."
21 You may ask in your heart, "How can we
recognize a message that the LORD has not
spoken?"
22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the
LORD and the message does not come to pass or
come true, that is a message the LORD has not
spoken. The prophet has spoken
presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.

19

1 When the LORD your God has cut off the
nations whose land he is giving you, and when
you have driven them out and settled in their
cities and houses,
2 then you are to set apart for yourselves three
cities within the land that the LORD your God is
giving you to possess.
3 You are to survey the way* and divide into
three regions the land that the LORD your God is
giving you as an inheritance, so that any
manslayer can flee to these cities.
4 Now this is the situation regarding the
manslayer who flees to one of these cities to save
his life, having killed his neighbor accidentally,
without having hated him previously:
5 If he goes into the forest with his neighbor to
cut timber and swings his axe to chop down a
tree, but the blade flies off the handle and

* **19:3 19:3** Or *you are to build roads for yourselves*

strikes and kills his neighbor, he may flee to one
of these cities to save his life.
6 Otherwise, the avenger of blood might
pursue the manslayer in a rage, overtake him if
the distance is great, and strike him dead though
he did not deserve to die, since he had not hated
him previously.
7 This is why I am commanding you to set
apart for yourselves three cities.
8 And if the LORD your God enlarges your
territory, as he swore to your fathers, and gives
you all the land he promised them,
9 and if you carefully keep all these
commandments I am giving you today, loving
the LORD your God and walking in his ways at
all times, then you are to add three more cities
to these three.
10 Thus innocent blood will not be shed in the
land that the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance, so that you will not be guilty of
bloodshed.
11 If, however, a man hates his neighbor and
lies in wait, attacks him and kills him, and then
flees to one of these cities,
12 the elders of his city must send for him,
bring him back, and hand him over to the
avenger of blood to die.
13 You must show him no pity. You are to
purge from Israel the guilt of shedding innocent
blood, that it may go well with you.
14 You must not move your neighbor's
boundary marker, which was set up by your
ancestors to mark the inheritance you shall

receive in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

15 A lone witness is not sufficient to establish any wrongdoing or sin against a man, regardless of what offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

16 If a false witness testifies against someone, accusing him of a crime,

17 both parties to the dispute must stand in the presence of the LORD, before the priests and judges who are in office at that time.

18 The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is proven to be a liar who has falsely accused his brother,

19 you must do to him as he intended to do to his brother. So you must purge the evil from among you.

20 Then the rest of the people will hear and be afraid, and they will never again do anything so evil among you.

21 You must show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, and foot for foot.

20

1 When you go out to war against your enemies and see horses, chariots, and an army larger than yours, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, is with you.

2 When you are about to go into battle, the priest is to come forward and address the army,

3 saying to them, “Hear, O Israel, today you are
going into battle with your enemies. Do not be
fainthearted or afraid; do not be alarmed or
terrified because of them.
4 For the LORD your God goes with you to fight
for you against your enemies, to give you the
victory.”
5 Furthermore, the officers are to address the
army, saying, “Has any man built a new house
and not dedicated it? Let him return home, or he
may die in battle and another man dedicate it.
6 Has any man planted a vineyard and not
begun to enjoy its fruit? Let him return home, or
he may die in battle and another man enjoy its
fruit.
7 Has any man become pledged to a woman
and not married her? Let him return home, or
he may die in battle and another man marry
her.”
8 Then the officers shall speak further to the
army, saying, “Is any man afraid or
fainthearted? Let him return home, so that the
hearts of his brothers will not melt like his own.”
9 When the officers have finished addressing
the army, they are to appoint commanders to
lead it.
10 When you approach a city to fight against it,
you are to make an offer of peace.
11 If they accept your offer of peace and open
their gates, all the people there will become
forced laborers to serve you.
12 But if they refuse to make peace with you
and wage war against you, lay siege to that city.

13 When the LORD your God has delivered it
into your hand, you must put every male to the
sword.
14 But the women, children, livestock, and
whatever else is in the city—all its spoil—you
may take as plunder, and you shall use the spoil
of your enemies that the LORD your God gives
you.
15 This is how you are to treat all the cities that
are far away from you and do not belong to the
nations nearby.
16 However, in the cities of the nations that the
LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance,
you must not leave alive anything that breathes.
17 For you must devote them to complete
destruction*—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites,
Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—as the LORD
your God has commanded you,
18 so that they cannot teach you to do all the
detestable things they do for their gods, and so
cause you to sin against the LORD your God.
19 When you lay siege to a city for an extended
time while fighting against it to capture it, you
must not destroy its trees by putting an axe to
them, because you can eat their fruit. You must
not cut them down. Are the trees of the field
human, that you should besiege them?
20 But you may destroy the trees that you
know do not produce fruit. Cut them down and

* **20:17 20:17** Forms of the Hebrew *cherem* refer to the giving over of things or persons to the LORD, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering.

use them to build siege works against the city
that is waging war against you, until it falls.

21

1 If one is found slain, lying in a field in the
land that the LORD your God is giving you to
possess, and it is not known who killed him,
2 your elders and judges must come out and
measure the distance from the victim to the
neighboring cities.

3 Then the elders of the city nearest the victim
shall take a heifer that has never been yoked or
used for work,
4 bring the heifer to a valley with running
water that has not been plowed or sown, and
break its neck there by the stream.

5 And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come
forward, for the LORD your God has chosen
them to serve him and pronounce blessings in
his name and to give a ruling in every dispute
and case of assault.
6 Then all the elders of the city nearest the
victim shall wash their hands by the stream
over the heifer whose neck has been broken,
7 and they shall declare, “Our hands did not
shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it.
8 Accept this atonement, O LORD, for your
people Israel whom you have redeemed, and do
not hold the shedding of innocent blood against
them.”

And the bloodshed will be atoned for.

9 So you shall purge from among you the guilt
of shedding innocent blood, since you have done
what is right in the eyes of the LORD.

10 When you go to war against your enemies
and the LORD your God delivers them into your
hand and you take them captive,
11 if you see a beautiful woman among them,
and you desire her and want to take her as your
wife,
12 then you shall bring her into your house.
She must shave her head, trim her nails,
13 and put aside the clothing of her captivity.

After she has lived in your house a full month
and mourned her father and mother, you may
have relations with her and be her husband,
and she shall be your wife.
14 And if you are not pleased with her, you are
to let her go wherever she wishes. But you must
not sell her for money or treat her as a slave,
since you have dishonored her.

15 If a man has two wives, one beloved and the
other unloved, and both bear him sons, but the
unloved wife has the firstborn son,
16 when that man assigns his inheritance to
his sons he must not appoint the son of the
beloved wife as the firstborn over the son of the
unloved wife.
17 Instead, he must acknowledge the firstborn,
the son of his unloved wife, by giving him a
double portion of all that he has. For that son is
the firstfruits of his father's strength; the right of
the firstborn belongs to him.

18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son
who does not obey his father and mother and
does not listen to them when disciplined,
19 his father and mother are to lay hold of him
and bring him to the elders of his city, to the
gate of his hometown,
20 and say to the elders of his city, “This son of
ours is stubborn and rebellious; he does not
obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard.”
21 Then all the men of his city will stone him to
death. So you must purge the evil from among
you, and all Israel will hear and be afraid.
22 If a man has committed a sin worthy of
death, and he is executed, and you impale his
body on a pole,*
23 you must not leave the body on the pole
overnight, but you must be sure to bury him
that day, because anyone who is impaled is
under God’s curse.† You must not defile the land
that the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance.

22

1 If you see your brother’s ox or sheep
straying, you must not ignore it;* be sure to
return it to your brother.
2 If your brother does not live near you, or if
you do not know who he is, you are to take the
animal home to remain with you until your

* **21:22 21:22** Or *hang his body on a tree*; similarly in verse 23
† **21:23 21:23** LXX *anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse*
* **22:1 22:1** Or *you must not hide yourself*

brother comes seeking it; then you can return it to him.
3 And you shall do the same for his donkey, his cloak, or anything your brother has lost and you have found. You must not ignore it.
4 If you see your brother's donkey or ox fallen on the road, you must not ignore it; you must help him lift it up.
5 A woman must not wear men's clothing, and a man must not wear women's clothing, for whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD your God.
6 If you come across a bird's nest with chicks or eggs, either in a tree or on the ground along the road, and the mother is sitting on the chicks or eggs, you must not take the mother along with the young.
7 You may take the young, but be sure to let the mother go, so that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days.
8 If you build a new house, you are to construct a railing around your roof, so that you do not bring bloodguilt on your house if someone falls from it.
9 Do not plant your vineyard with two types of seed; if you do, the entire harvest will be forfeited to the sanctuary†—both the crop you plant and the fruit of your vineyard.
10 Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.
11 Do not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together.

† **22:9 22:9** Or *will be defiled*

12 You are to make tassels on the four corners
of the cloak you wear.
13 Suppose a man marries a woman, has
relations with her, and comes to hate her,
14 and he then accuses her of shameful
conduct and gives her a bad name, saying, “I
married this woman and had relations with her,
but I discovered she was not a virgin.”
15 Then the young woman’s father and mother
shall bring the proof of her virginity to the city
elders at the gate
16 and her father shall say to the elders, “I gave
my daughter in marriage to this man, but he has
come to hate her.
17 And now he has accused her of shameful
conduct, saying, ‘I discovered that your daughter
was not a virgin.’ But here is the proof of her
virginity.” And they shall spread out the cloth
before the city elders.
18 Then the elders of that city shall take the
man and punish him.
19 They are also to fine him a hundred shekels
of silver‡ and give them to the young woman’s
father, because this man has given a virgin of
Israel a bad name. And she shall remain his
wife; he must not divorce her as long as he lives.
20 If, however, this accusation is true, and no
proof of the young woman’s virginity can be
found,
21 she shall be brought to the door of her
father's house, and there the men of her city will
stone her to death. For she has committed an

‡ **22:19** **22:19** *100 shekels* is approximately 2.5 pounds or 1.1 kilograms of silver.

outrage in Israel by being promiscuous in her
father's house. So you must purge the evil from
among you.
22 If a man is found lying with another man's
wife, both the man who slept with her and the
woman must die. You must purge the evil from
Israel.
23 If there is a virgin pledged in marriage to a
man, and another man encounters her in the
city and sleeps with her,
24 you must take both of them out to the gate
of that city and stone them to death—the young
woman because she did not cry out in the city,
and the man because he has violated his
neighbor's wife. So you must purge the evil
from among you.
25 But if the man encounters a betrothed
woman in the open country, and he overpowers
her and lies with her, only the man who has
done this must die.
26 Do nothing to the young woman, because
she has committed no sin worthy of death. This
case is just like one in which a man attacks his
neighbor and murders him.
27 When he found her in the field, the
betrothed woman cried out, but there was no
one to save her.
28 If a man encounters a virgin who is not
pledged in marriage, and he seizes her and lies
with her, and they are discovered,
29 then the man who lay with her must pay the
young woman's father fifty shekels of silver,§

§ **22:29 22:29** *50 shekels* is approximately 1.26 pounds or 569.8 grams of silver.

and she must become his wife because he has violated her. He must not divorce her as long as he lives.

23

1 A man is not to marry his father's wife, so that he will not uncover his father's skirt.*
2 No man with crushed or severed genitals may enter the assembly of the LORD.
3 No one of illegitimate birth may enter the assembly of the LORD, nor may any of his descendants, even to the tenth generation.
4 No Ammonite or Moabite or any of their descendants may ever enter the assembly of the LORD, even to the tenth generation.
5 For they did not meet you with food and water on your way out of Egypt, and they hired Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in Aram-naharaim† to curse you.
6 Yet the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, and the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.
7 You are not to seek peace or prosperity from them as long as you live.
8 Do not despise an Edomite, for he is your brother. Do not despise an Egyptian, because you lived as a foreigner in his land.

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* **23:1 23:1** Or *dishonor his father's marriage bed* † **23:5 23:5** That is, Mesopotamia; *Aram-naharaim* means *Aram of the two rivers*, likely the region between the Euphrates and Balih Rivers in northwestern Mesopotamia.

9 The third generation of children born to
them may enter the assembly of the LORD.
10 When you are encamped against your
enemies, then you shall keep yourself from
every wicked thing.
11 If any man among you becomes unclean
because of a nocturnal emission, he must leave
the camp and stay outside.
12 When evening approaches, he must wash
with water, and when the sun sets he may
return to the camp.
13 You must have a place outside the camp to
go and relieve yourself.
14 And you must have a digging tool in your
equipment so that when you relieve yourself
you can dig a hole and cover up your excrement.
15 For the LORD your God walks throughout
your camp to protect you and deliver your
enemies to you. Your camp must be holy, lest he
see anything unclean among you and turn away
from you.
16 Do not return a slave to his master if he has
taken refuge with you.
17 Let him live among you wherever he
chooses, in the town of his pleasing. Do not
oppress him.
18 No daughter or son of Israel is to be a shrine
prostitute.
19 You must not bring the wages of a prostitute,
whether female or male,‡ into the house of the

‡ **23:19 23:19** Hebrew *or a dog*

LORD your God to fulfill any vow, because both are detestable to the LORD your God.
20 Do not charge your brother interest on money, food, or any other type of loan.
21 You may charge a foreigner interest, but not your brother, so that the LORD your God may bless you in everything to which you put your hand in the land that you are entering to possess.
22 If you make a vow to the LORD your God, do not be slow to keep it, because he will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin.
23 But if you refrain from making a vow, you will not be guilty of sin.
24 Be careful to follow through on what comes from your lips, because you have freely vowed to the LORD your God with your own mouth.
25 When you enter your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, but you must not put any in your basket.
26 When you enter your neighbor's grainfield, you may pluck the heads of grain with your hand, but you must not put a sickle to your neighbor's grain.

24

1 If a man marries a woman, but she becomes displeasing to him because he finds some indecency in her, he may write her a certificate of divorce, hand it to her, and send her away from his house.
2 If, after leaving his house, she goes and becomes another man's wife,

3 and the second man hates her, writes her a
certificate of divorce, hands it to her, and sends
her away from his house, or if he dies,
4 then the husband who divorced her first may
not remarry her after she has been defiled, for
that is an abomination to the LORD. You must
not bring sin upon the land that the LORD your
God is giving you as an inheritance.
5 If a man is newly married, he must not be
sent to war or be pressed into any duty. For one
year he is free to stay at home and bring joy to
the wife he has married.
6 Do not take a pair of millstones or even an
upper millstone as security for a debt, because
that would be taking one's livelihood as security.
7 If a man is caught kidnapping one of his
Israelite brothers, whether he treats him as a
slave or sells him, the kidnapper must die. So
you must purge the evil from among you.
8 In cases of infectious skin diseases,* be
careful to diligently follow everything the
Levitical priests instruct you. Be careful to do as
I have commanded them.
9 Remember what the LORD your God did to
Miriam on the journey after you came out of
Egypt.
10 When you lend anything to your neighbor,
do not enter his house to collect security.
11 You are to stand outside while the man to
whom you are lending brings the security out to
you.

* **24:8 24:8** Forms of the Hebrew *tzaraath*, traditionally translated as *leprosy*, were used for various skin diseases; see Leviticus 13.

12 If he is a poor man, you must not go to sleep
with the security in your possession;
13 be sure to return it to him by sunset, so that
he may sleep in his own cloak and bless you,
and this will be credited to you as righteousness
before the LORD your God.
14 Do not oppress a hired hand who is poor
and needy, whether he is a brother or a
foreigner residing in one of your towns.
15 You are to pay his wages each day before
sunset, because he is poor and depends on
them.† Otherwise he may cry out to the LORD
against you, and you will be guilty of sin.
16 Fathers shall not be put to death for their
children, nor children for their fathers; each is
to die for his own sin.‡
17 Do not deny justice to the foreigner or the
fatherless, and do not take a widow's cloak as
security.
18 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt,
and the LORD your God redeemed you from that
place. Therefore I am commanding you to do
this.
19 If you are harvesting in your field and
forget a sheaf there, do not go back to get it. It is
to be left for the foreigner, the fatherless, and
the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless
you in all the work of your hands.
20 When you beat the olives from your trees,
you must not go over the branches again. What

† **24:15 24:15** Hebrew *he lifts up his soul to them* ‡ **24:16 24:16** Cited in 2 Kings 14:6 and 2 Chronicles 25:4

remains will be for the foreigner, the fatherless,
and the widow.
21 When you gather the grapes of your
vineyard, you must not go over the vines again.
What remains will be for the foreigner, the
fatherless, and the widow.
22 Remember that you were slaves in the land
of Egypt. Therefore I am commanding you to do
this.

25

1 If there is a dispute between men, they are to
go to court to be judged, so that the innocent
may be acquitted and the guilty condemned.
2 If the guilty man deserves to be beaten, the
judge shall have him lie down and be flogged in
his presence with the number of lashes his
crime warrants.
3 He may receive no more than forty lashes,
lest your brother be beaten any more than that
and be degraded in your sight.
4 Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out
the grain.
5 When brothers dwell together and one of
them dies without a son, the widow must not
marry outside the family. Her husband's brother
is to take her as his wife and fulfill the duty of a
brother-in-law for her.
6 The first son she bears will carry on the
name of the dead brother, so that his name will
not be blotted out from Israel.
7 But if the man does not want to marry his
brother's widow, she is to go to the elders at the
city gate and say, "My husband's brother refuses

to preserve his brother's name in Israel. He is
not willing to perform the duty of a
brother-in-law for me."
8 Then the elders of his city shall summon him
and speak with him. If he persists and says, "I do
not want to marry her,"
9 his brother's widow shall go up to him in the
presence of the elders, remove his sandal, spit in
his face, and declare, "This is what is done to the
man who will not maintain his brother's line."
10 And his family name in Israel will be called
"The House of the Unsandaled."
11 If two men are fighting, and the wife of one
comes to rescue her husband from the one
striking him, and she reaches out her hand and
grabs his genitals,
12 you are to cut off her hand. You must show
her no pity.
13 You shall not have two differing weights in
your bag, one heavy and one light.
14 You shall not have two differing measures
in your house, one large and one small.
15 You must maintain accurate and honest
weights and measures, so that you may live long
in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
16 For everyone who behaves dishonestly in
regard to these things is detestable to the LORD
your God.
17 Remember what the Amalekites did to you
along your way from Egypt,
18 how they met you on your journey when
you were tired and weary, and they attacked all
your stragglers; they had no fear of God.

19 When the LORD your God gives you rest
from the enemies around you in the land that he
is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you
are to blot out the memory of Amalek from
under heaven. Do not forget!

26

1 When you enter the land that the LORD your
God is giving you as an inheritance, and you
take possession of it and settle in it,
2 you are to take some of the firstfruits of all
your produce from the soil of the land that the
LORD your God is giving you and put them in a
basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God
will choose as a dwelling for his Name,
3 to the priest who is serving at that time, and
say to him, “I declare today to the LORD your
God that I have entered the land that the LORD
swore to our fathers to give us.”
4 Then the priest shall take the basket from
your hands and place it before the altar of the
LORD your God,
5 and you are to declare before the LORD your
God, “My father was a wandering Aramean, and
he went down to Egypt few in number and lived
there and became a great nation, mighty and
numerous.
6 But the Egyptians mistreated us and afflicted
us, putting us to hard labor.
7 So we called out to the LORD, the God of our
fathers; and the LORD heard our voice and saw
our affliction, toil, and oppression.

8 Then the LORD brought us out of Egypt with
a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with
great terror, signs, and wonders.
9 And he brought us to this place and gave us
this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
10 And now, behold, I have brought the
firstfruits of the land that you, O LORD, have
given me."

Then you are to place the basket before the
LORD your God and bow down before him.
11 So you shall rejoice—you, the Levite, and
the foreigner dwelling among you—in all the
good things the LORD your God has given to you
and your household.

12 When you have finished laying aside a tenth
of all your produce in the third year, the year of
the tithe, you are to give it to the Levite, the
foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, that
they may eat and be filled within your gates.

13 Then you shall declare in the presence of
the LORD your God, "I have removed from my
house the sacred portion and have given it to
the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the
widow, according to all the commandments you
have given me. I have not transgressed or
forgotten your commandments.
14 I have not eaten any of the sacred portion
while in mourning, or removed any of it while
unclean, or offered any of it for the dead. I have
obeyed the LORD my God; I have done
everything you commanded me.

15 Look down from your holy habitation, from
heaven, and bless your people Israel and the
land you have given us as you swore to our
fathers—a land flowing with milk and honey."
16 The LORD your God commands you this day
to follow these statutes and ordinances. You
must be careful to follow them with all your
heart and with all your soul.
17 Today you have proclaimed that the LORD is
your God and that you will walk in his ways,
keep his statutes and commandments and
ordinances, and listen to his voice.
18 And today the LORD has proclaimed that
you are his people and treasured possession as
he promised, that you are to keep all his
commandments,
19 that he will set you high in praise and name
and honor above all the nations he has made,
and that you will be a holy people to the LORD
your God, as he has promised.

27

1 Then Moses and the elders of Israel
commanded the people: "Keep all the
commandments I am giving you today.
2 And on the day you cross the Jordan into the
land that the LORD your God is giving you, set
up large stones and coat them with plaster.
3 Write on them all the words of this law when
you have crossed over to enter the land that the
LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing
with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God
of your fathers, has promised you.

4 And when you have crossed the Jordan, you
are to set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I am
commanding you today, and you are to coat
them with plaster.
5 Moreover, you are to build there an altar to
the LORD your God, an altar of stones. You must
not use any iron tool on them.
6 You shall build the altar of the LORD your
God with uncut stones and offer upon it burnt
offerings to the LORD your God.
7 There you are to sacrifice your peace
offerings, eating them and rejoicing in the
presence of the LORD your God.
8 And you shall write distinctly upon these
stones all the words of this law."
9 Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to
all Israel: "Be silent, O Israel, and listen! This
day you have become the people of the LORD
your God.
10 You shall therefore obey the voice of the
LORD your God and follow his commandments
and statutes I am giving you today."
11 On that day Moses commanded the people:
12 "When you have crossed the Jordan, these
tribes shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the
people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph,
and Benjamin.
13 And these tribes shall stand on Mount Ebal
to deliver the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher,
Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.
14 Then the Levites shall proclaim in a loud
voice to every Israelite:

15 ‘Cursed is the man who makes a carved idol
or molten image—an abomination to the
LORD, the work of the hands of a
craftsman—and sets it up in secret.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
16 ‘Cursed is he who dishonors his father or
mother.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
17 ‘Cursed is he who moves his neighbor’s
boundary stone.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
18 ‘Cursed is he who lets a blind man wander
in the road.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
19 ‘Cursed is he who withholds justice from the
foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
20 ‘Cursed is he who sleeps with his father’s
wife, for he has uncovered his father’s
skirt.’*
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
21 ‘Cursed is he who lies with any animal.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
22 ‘Cursed is he who sleeps with his sister, the
daughter of his father or the daughter of his
mother.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
23 ‘Cursed is he who sleeps with his
mother-in-law.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
24 ‘Cursed is he who strikes down his neighbor
in secret.’

* **27:20 27:20** Or *violated his father's marriage bed*

And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
25 ‘Cursed is he who accepts a bribe to kill an
innocent person.’
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’
26 ‘Cursed is he who does not put the words of
this law into practice.’†
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’

28

1 “Now if you faithfully obey the voice of the
LORD your God and are careful to follow all his
commandments I am giving you today, the LORD
your God will set you high above all the nations
of the earth.
2 And all these blessings will come upon you
and overtake you, if you will obey the voice of
the LORD your God:

3 You will be blessed in the city
and blessed in the country.

4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed,
as well as the produce of your land
and the offspring of your livestock—
the calves of your herds
and the lambs of your flocks.

5 Your basket and kneading bowl will be blessed.

6 You will be blessed when you come in
and blessed when you go out.

† **27:26 27:26** LXX *Cursed is every man who does not continue in all the words of this law*

7 The LORD will cause the enemies who rise
up against you to be defeated before you. They
will march out against you in one direction but
flee from you in seven.
8 The LORD will decree a blessing on your
barns and on everything to which you put your
hand; the LORD your God will bless you in the
land he is giving you.
9 The LORD will establish you as his holy
people, just as he has sworn to you, if you keep
the commandments of the LORD your God and
walk in his ways.
10 Then all the peoples of the earth will see
that you are called by the name of the LORD,
and they will stand in awe of you.
11 The LORD will make you prosper
abundantly—in the fruit of your womb, the
offspring of your livestock, and the produce of
your land—in the land that the LORD swore to
your fathers to give you.
12 The LORD will open the heavens, his
abundant storehouse, to send rain on your land
in season and to bless all the work of your
hands. You will lend to many nations, but
borrow from none.
13 The LORD will make you the head and not
the tail; you will only move upward and never
downward, if you hear and carefully follow the
commandments of the LORD your God, which I
am giving you today.
14 Do not turn aside to the right or to the left
from any of the words I command you today,
and do not go after other gods to serve them.

15 If, however, you do not obey the LORD your
God by carefully following all his
commandments and statutes I am giving you
today, all these curses will come upon you and
overtake you:

16 You will be cursed in the city
and cursed in the country.

17 Your basket and kneading bowl will be cursed.

18 The fruit of your womb will be cursed,
as well as the produce of your land,
the calves of your herds,
and the lambs of your flocks.

19 You will be cursed when you come in
and cursed when you go out.
20 The LORD will send curses upon you,
confusion and reproof in all to which you put
your hand, until you are destroyed and quickly
perish because of the wickedness you have
committed in forsaking me.
21 The LORD will make the plague cling to you
until he has exterminated you from the land
that you are entering to possess.
22 The LORD will strike you with wasting
disease, with fever and inflammation, with
scorching heat and sword,* and with blight and
mildew; these will pursue you until you perish.

* **28:22 28:22** Or, with different vowels, *drought*

23 The sky over your head will be bronze, and
the earth beneath you iron.
24 The LORD will turn the rain of your land
into dust and powder; it will descend on you
from the sky until you are destroyed.
25 The LORD will cause you to be defeated
before your enemies. You will march out against
them in one direction but flee from them in
seven. You will be an object of horror to all the
kingdoms of the earth.
26 Your corpses will be food for all the birds of
the air and beasts of the earth, with no one to
scare them away.
27 The LORD will afflict you with the boils of
Egypt, with hemorrhoids† and scabs and itch
from which you cannot be cured.
28 The LORD will afflict you with madness,
blindness, and confusion of mind,
29 and at noon you will grope about like a
blind man in the darkness. You will not prosper
in your ways. Day after day you will be
oppressed and plundered, with no one to save
you.
30 You will be pledged in marriage to a
woman, but another man will sleep with her.‡
You will build a house but will not live in it. You
will plant a vineyard but will not enjoy its fruit.
31 Your ox will be slaughtered before your
eyes, but you will not eat any of it. Your donkey
will be taken away and not returned to you.

† **28:27 28:27** Qere; Ketiv *tumors* ‡ **28:30 28:30** Qere; Ketiv *will ravish her*

Your flock will be given to your enemies, and no
one will save you.
32 Your sons and daughters will be given to
another nation, while your eyes grow weary
looking for them day after day, with no power in
your hand.
33 A people you do not know will eat the
produce of your land and of all your toil. All
your days you will be oppressed and crushed.
34 You will be driven mad by the sights you see.
35 The LORD will afflict you with painful,
incurable boils on your knees and thighs, from
the soles of your feet to the top of your head.
36 The LORD will bring you and the king you
appoint to a nation neither you nor your fathers
have known, and there you will worship other
gods—gods of wood and stone.
37 You will become an object of horror, scorn,
and ridicule among all the nations to which the
LORD will drive you.
38 You will sow much seed in the field but
harvest little, because the locusts will consume
it.
39 You will plant and cultivate vineyards, but
will neither drink the wine nor gather the
grapes, because worms will eat them.
40 You will have olive trees throughout your
territory but will never anoint yourself with oil,
because the olives will drop off.
41 You will father sons and daughters, but they
will not remain yours, because they will go into
captivity.

42 Swarms of locusts will consume all your
trees and the produce of your land.
43 The foreigner living among you will rise
higher and higher above you, while you sink
down lower and lower.
44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to
him. He will be the head, and you will be the tail.
45 All these curses will come upon you. They
will pursue you and overtake you until you are
destroyed, since you did not obey the LORD your
God and keep the commandments and statutes
he gave you.
46 These curses will be a sign and a wonder
upon you and your descendants forever.
47 Because you did not serve the LORD your
God with joy and gladness of heart in all your
abundance,
48 you will serve your enemies the LORD will
send against you in famine, thirst, nakedness,
and destitution. He will place an iron yoke on
your neck until he has destroyed you.
49 The LORD will bring a nation from afar,
from the ends of the earth, to swoop down upon
you like an eagle—a nation whose language you
will not understand,
50 a ruthless nation with no respect for the old
and no pity for the young.
51 They will eat the offspring of your livestock
and the produce of your land until you are
destroyed. They will leave you no grain or new
wine or oil, no calves of your herds or lambs of
your flocks, until they have caused you to perish.

52 They will besiege all the cities throughout
your land, until the high and fortified walls in
which you trust have fallen. They will besiege
all your cities throughout the land that the LORD
your God has given you.
53 Then you will eat the fruit of your womb,
the flesh of the sons and daughters whom the
LORD your God has given you, in the siege and
distress that your enemy will inflict on you.
54 The most gentle and refined man among
you will begrudge his brother, the wife he
embraces,§ and the rest of his children who
have survived,
55 refusing to share with any of them the flesh
of his children he will eat because he has
nothing left in the siege and distress that your
enemy will inflict on you within all your cities.*
56 The most gentle and refined woman among
you, so gentle and refined she would not
venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground,
will begrudge the husband she embraces† and
her son and daughter
57 the afterbirth that comes from between her
legs and the children she bears, because she will
secretly eat them for lack of anything else in the
siege and distress that your enemy will inflict on
you within your cities.
58 If you are not careful to observe all the
words of this law which are written in this book,

§ **28:54 28:54** Hebrew *the wife of his bosom* * **28:55 28:55** Or *within all your gates*; similarly in verse 57 † **28:56 28:56** Hebrew *the husband of her bosom*

that you may fear this glorious and awesome
name—the LORD your God—
59 he will bring upon you and your
descendants extraordinary disasters, severe and
lasting plagues, and terrible and chronic
sicknesses.
60 He will afflict you again with all the diseases
you dreaded in Egypt, and they will cling to you.
61 The LORD will also bring upon you every
sickness and plague not recorded in this Book of
the Teaching, until you are destroyed.
62 You who were as numerous as the stars in
the sky will be left few in number, because you
would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.
63 Just as it pleased the LORD to make you
prosper and multiply, so also it will please him
to annihilate you and destroy you. And you will
be uprooted from the land you are entering to
possess.
64 Then the LORD will scatter you among all
the nations, from one end of the earth to the
other, and there you will worship other gods,
gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor
your fathers have known.
65 Among those nations you will find no
repose, not even a resting place for the sole of
your foot. There the LORD will give you a
trembling heart, failing eyes, and a despairing
soul.
66 So your life will hang in doubt before you,
and you will be afraid night and day, never
certain of survival.

67 In the morning you will say, ‘If only it were
evening!’ and in the evening you will say, ‘If
only it were morning!’—because of the dread in
your hearts of the terrifying sights you will see.
68 The LORD will return you to Egypt in ships
by a route that I said you should never see
again. There you will sell yourselves to your
enemies as male and female slaves, but no one
will buy you.”
69 These are the words of the covenant that
the LORD commanded Moses to make with the
Israelites in the land of Moab, in addition to the
covenant he had made with them at Horeb.‡

29

1 Moses summoned all Israel and proclaimed
to them, “You have seen with your own eyes
everything the LORD did in Egypt to Pharaoh, to
all his officials, and to all his land.
2 You saw with your own eyes the great trials,
and those miraculous signs and wonders.
3 Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a
mind to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear.

4 For forty years I led you in the wilderness,
yet your clothes and sandals did not wear
out.
5 You ate no bread and drank no wine or strong
drink,
so that you might know that I am the LORD
your God.

‡ **28:69 28:69** That is, Mount Sinai, or possibly a mountain in the range containing Mount Sinai

6 When you reached this place, Sihon king of
Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out
against us in battle, but we defeated them.
7 We took their land and gave it as an
inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and
the half-tribe of Manasseh.
8 So keep and follow the words of this
covenant, that you may prosper in all you do.

9 All of you are standing today before the
LORD your God—your leaders, your tribes,*
elders, officials, and all the men of Israel,
10 your children and wives, and the foreigners
in your camps who cut your wood and draw
your water—
11 so that you may enter into the covenant of
the LORD your God, which he is making with
you today, and into his oath,
12 and so that he may establish you today as
his people, and he may be your God as he
promised you and as he swore to your fathers,
to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

13 I am making this covenant and this oath not
only with you,
14 but also with those who are standing here
with us today in the presence of the LORD our
God, as well as with those who are not here
today.

15 For you yourselves know how we lived in
the land of Egypt and how we passed through
the nations on the way here.

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* **29:9 29:9** LXX and Syriac *leaders of your tribes*

16 You saw the abominations and idols among
them made of wood and stone, of silver and
gold.
17 Make sure there is no man or woman, clan
or tribe among you today whose heart turns
away from the LORD our God to go and worship
the gods of those nations. Make sure there is no
root among you that bears such poisonous and
bitter fruit,
18 because when such a person hears the
words of this curse,† he invokes a blessing on
himself, saying, 'I will have peace, even though I
walk in the stubbornness of my own heart.'
This will bring disaster on the watered land as
well as the dry.
19 The LORD will never be willing to forgive
him. Instead, his anger and jealousy will burn
against that man, and every curse written in this
book will fall upon him. The LORD will blot out
his name from under heaven
20 and single him out from all the tribes of
Israel for disaster, according to all the curses of
the covenant written in this Book of the
Teaching.
21 Then the generation to come—your sons
who follow you and the foreigner who comes
from a distant land—will see the plagues of the
land and the sicknesses the LORD has inflicted
on it.
22 All its soil will be a burning waste of sulfur
and salt, unsown and unproductive, with no
plant growing on it, just like the destruction of

† **29:18 29:18** Or *oath*

Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim,
which the LORD overthrew in his fierce anger.
23 So all the nations will ask, ‘Why has the
LORD done such a thing to this land? Why this
great outburst of anger?’
24 And the people will answer, ‘It is because
they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the
God of their fathers, which he made with them
when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.
25 They went and served other gods, and they
worshiped gods they had not known—gods that
the LORD had not given to them.
26 Therefore the anger of the LORD burned
against this land, and he brought upon it every
curse written in this book.
27 The LORD uprooted them from their land in
his anger, rage, and great wrath, and he cast
them into another land, where they are today.’
28 The secret things belong to the LORD our
God, but the things revealed belong to us and to
our children forever, so that we may follow all
the words of this law.

30

1 “When all these things come upon you—the
blessings and curses I have set before you—and
you call them to mind in all the nations to which
the LORD your God has banished you,
2 and when you and your children return to
the LORD your God and obey his voice with all
your heart and all your soul according to
everything I am giving you today,

3 then he will restore your fortunes* and have
compassion on you and gather you from all the
nations to which the LORD your God has
scattered you.
4 Even if you have been banished to the
farthest horizon,† he will gather you and return
you from there.‡

5 And the LORD your God will bring you into
the land your fathers possessed, and you will
take possession of it. He will cause you to
prosper and multiply more than your fathers.
6 The LORD your God will circumcise your
hearts and the hearts of your descendants, and
you will love him with all your heart and with
all your soul, so that you may live.

7 Then the LORD your God will put all these
curses upon your enemies who hate you and
persecute you.
8 And you will again obey the voice of the
LORD and follow all his commandments I am
giving you today.
9 So the LORD your God will make you abound
in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of
your womb, the offspring of your livestock, and
the produce of your land. Indeed, the LORD will
again delight in your prosperity, as he delighted
in that of your fathers,
10 if you obey the LORD your God by keeping
his commandments and statutes that are written

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* **30:3 30:3** Or *restore you from captivity* † **30:4 30:4** Or *to the extremity of the heavens* ‡ **30:4 30:4** Cited in Nehemiah 1:8–9

in this Book of the Teaching, and if you turn to
him with all your heart and with all your soul.
11 For this commandment I give you today is
not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.
12 It is not in heaven, that you should need to
ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it for us
and proclaim it, that we may obey it?'
13 And it is not beyond the sea, that you should
need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for
us and proclaim it, that we may obey it?'
14 But the word is very near you; it is in your
mouth and in your heart, so that you may obey
it.
15 See, I have set before you today life and
prosperity, as well as death and disaster.
16 For I am commanding you today to love the
LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep
his commandments, statutes, and ordinances, so
that you may live and increase, and the LORD
your God may bless you in the land that you are
entering to possess.
17 But if your heart turns away and you do not
listen, but are drawn away to bow down to
other gods and worship them,
18 I declare to you today that you will surely
perish; you shall not prolong your days in the
land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.
19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses against
you today that I have set before you life and
death, blessing and cursing. Therefore choose
life, so that you and your descendants may live,
20 and that you may love the LORD your God,
obey him, and hold fast to him. For he is your

life, and he will prolong your life in the land that
the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

31

1 When Moses went out and spoke* these
words to all Israel,
2 he said to them, "I am now a hundred and
twenty years old; I am no longer able to come
and go, and the LORD has said to me, 'You shall
not cross the Jordan.'
3 The LORD your God himself will cross over
ahead of you. He will destroy these nations
before you, and you will dispossess them. Joshua
will cross ahead of you, as the LORD has said.
4 And the LORD will do to them as he did to
Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, when
he destroyed them along with their land.
5 The LORD will deliver them over to you, and
you must do to them exactly as I have
commanded you.
6 Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid
or terrified of them, for it is the LORD your God
who goes with you; he will never leave you nor
forsake you."
7 Then Moses called for Joshua and said to him
in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and
courageous, for you will go with this people into
the land that the LORD swore to their fathers to
give them, and you shall give it to them as an
inheritance.

* **31:1 31:1** DSS and LXX *When Moses had finished speaking*

8 The LORD himself goes before you; he will be
with you. He will never leave you nor forsake
you. Do not be afraid or discouraged."
9 So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to
the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark
of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the
elders of Israel.
10 Then Moses commanded them, "At the end
of every seven years, at the appointed time in
the year of remission of debt, during the Feast of
Booths,†
11 when all Israel comes before the LORD your
God at the place he will choose, you are to read
this law in the hearing of all Israel.
12 Assemble the people—men, women,
children, and the foreigners within your
gates—so that they may listen and learn to fear
the LORD your God and to follow carefully all
the words of this law.
13 Then their children who do not know the
law will listen and learn to fear the LORD your
God, as long as you live in the land that you are
crossing the Jordan to possess."
14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the
time of your death is near. Call Joshua and
present yourselves at the Tent of Meeting, so
that I may commission him."
So Moses and Joshua went and presented
themselves at the Tent of Meeting.

† **31:10 31:10** That is, Sukkot, the autumn feast of pilgrimage to Jerusalem; also translated as *the Feast of Tabernacles* or *the Feast of Shelters* and originally called *the Feast of Ingathering* (see Exodus 23:16 and Exodus 34:22).

15 Then the LORD appeared at the tent in a
pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the
entrance to the tent.
16 And the LORD said to Moses, “You will soon
rest with your fathers, and these people will rise
up and prostitute themselves with the foreign
gods of the land they are entering. They will
forsake me and break the covenant I have made
with them.
17 On that day my anger will burn against
them, and I will abandon them and hide my face
from them, so that they will be consumed, and
many troubles and afflictions will befall them.
On that day they will say, ‘Have not these
disasters come upon us because our God is no
longer with us?’
18 And on that day I will surely hide my face
because of all the evil they have done by turning
to other gods.
19 Now therefore, write down for yourselves
this song and teach it to the Israelites; have
them recite it, so that it may be a witness for me
against them.
20 When I have brought them into the land
that I swore to give their fathers, a land flowing
with milk and honey, they will eat their fill and
prosper. Then they will turn to other gods and
worship them, and they will reject me and break
my covenant.
21 And when many troubles and afflictions
have come upon them, this song will testify
against them, because it will not be forgotten
from the lips of their descendants. For I know

the inclination they are forming today, even
before I bring them into the land that I swore to
give them."

22 So that very day Moses wrote down this
song and taught it to the Israelites.

23 Then the LORD commissioned Joshua son of
Nun and said, "Be strong and courageous, for
you will bring the Israelites into the land that I
swore to give them, and I will be with you."

24 When Moses had finished writing in a book
the words of this law from beginning to end,
25 he gave this command to the Levites who
carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD:
26 "Take this Book of the Teaching and place it
beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your
God, so that it may remain there as a witness
against you.
27 For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked
you are. If you are already rebelling against the
LORD while I am still alive, how much more will
you rebel after my death!

28 Assemble before me all the elders of your
tribes and all your officers so that I may speak
these words in their hearing and call heaven
and earth to witness against them.
29 For I know that after my death you will
become utterly corrupt and turn from the path I
have commanded you. And in the days to come,
disaster will befall you because you will do evil
in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger
by the work of your hands."

30 Then Moses recited aloud to the whole
assembly of Israel the words of this song from
beginning to end:

32

1 Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2 Let my teaching fall like rain
and my speech settle like dew,
like gentle rain on new grass,
like showers on tender plants.
3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD.
Ascribe greatness to our God!
4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect;
all his ways are just.
A God of faithfulness without injustice,
righteous and upright is he.

5 His people have acted corruptly toward him;
the blemish on them is not that of his
children,
but of a perverse and crooked generation.
6 Is this how you repay the LORD,
O foolish and senseless people?
Is he not your Father and Creator?
Has he not made you and established you?
7 Remember the days of old;
consider the years long past.
Ask your father, and he will tell you,
your elders, and they will inform you.
8 When the Most High gave the nations their
inheritance,
when he divided the sons of man,

he set the boundaries of the peoples
according to the number of the sons of
Israel.*
9 But the LORD's portion is his people,
Jacob his allotted inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land,
in a barren, howling wilderness;
he surrounded him, he instructed him,
he guarded him as the apple† of his eye.
11 As an eagle stirs up its nest
and hovers over its young,
he spread his wings to catch them
and carried them on his pinions.‡
12 The LORD alone led him,
and no foreign god was with him.
13 He made him ride on the heights of the land
and fed him the produce of the field.
He nourished him with honey from the rock
and oil from the flinty crag,
14 with curds from the herd and milk from the
flock,
with the fat of lambs,
with rams from Bashan, and goats,
with the choicest grains of wheat.
From the juice of the finest grapes
you drank the wine.

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* **32:8 32:8** DSS *according to the number of the sons of God*; LXX *according to the number of the angels of God* † **32:10 32:10** Literally *the pupil* ‡ **32:11 32:11** *Pinions* are the outer parts of a bird's wings, including the flight feathers.

15 But Jeshurun§ grew fat and kicked—
you grew fat, bloated, and gorged.*
He abandoned the God who made him
and scorned the Rock of his deliverance.
16 They provoked his jealousy with foreign gods;
they enraged him with abominations.
17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God,
to gods they had not known,
to newly arrived gods,
which your fathers did not fear.
18 You ignored the Rock who brought you forth;
you forgot the God who gave you birth.

19 When the LORD saw this, he rejected them,
provoked to anger by his sons and
daughters.
20 He said: "I will hide my face from them;
I will see what will be their end.
For they are a perverse generation—
children of unfaithfulness.
21 They have provoked my jealousy by that
which is not God;
they have enraged me with their worthless
idols.
So I will make them jealous by those who are
not a people;†
I will make them angry by a nation without
understanding.
22 For a fire has been kindled by my anger,
and it burns to the depths of Sheol;

§ **32:15 32:15** *Jeshurun* means *the upright one*, a term of endearment for Israel. * **32:15 32:15** LXX *he grew fat, bloated, and gorged* † **32:21 32:21** Or *not a nation*; see also LXX.

it consumes the earth and its produce,
and scorches the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap disasters upon them;
I will spend my arrows against them.
24 They will be wasted from hunger
and ravaged by pestilence and bitter plague;
I will send the fangs of wild beasts against them,
with the venom of vipers that slither in the dust.
25 Outside, the sword will take their children,
and inside, terror will strike
the young man and the young woman,
the infant and the gray-haired man.
26 I would have said that I would cut them to pieces
and blot out their memory from mankind,
27 if I had not dreaded the taunt of the enemy,
lest their adversaries misunderstand and say:
‘Our own hand has prevailed;
it was not the LORD who did all this.’ ”

28 Israel is a nation devoid of counsel,
with no understanding among them.
29 If only they were wise, they would understand it;
they would comprehend their fate.
30 How could one man pursue a thousand,
or two put ten thousand to flight,
unless their Rock had sold them,
unless the LORD had given them up?
31 For their rock is not like our Rock,

even our enemies concede.‡
32 But their vine is from the vine of Sodom
and from the fields of Gomorrah.
Their grapes are poisonous;
their clusters are bitter.
33 Their wine is the venom of serpents,
the deadly poison of cobras.

34 “Have I not stored up these things,
sealed up within my vaults?
35 Vengeance is mine, and recompense.§
In due time their foot will slip;
for their day of disaster is near,
and their doom is coming quickly.”

36 For the LORD will vindicate his people*
and have compassion on his servants
when he sees that their strength is gone
and no one remains, slave or free.
37 He will say: “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
38 which ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offerings?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them give you shelter!

39 See now that I am he;
there is no God besides me.
I bring death and I give life;
I wound and I heal,

‡ **32:31 32:31** LXX *but our enemies are void of understanding*
§ **32:35 32:35** LXX *Vengeance is mine; I will repay* * **32:36 32:36** Or *will judge his people*; see also LXX

and there is no one
who can deliver from my hand.
40 For I lift up my hand to heaven and declare:
As surely as I live forever,
41 when I sharpen my flashing sword,
and my hand grasps it in judgment,
I will take vengeance on my adversaries
and repay those who hate me.
42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood,
while my sword devours flesh—
the blood of the slain and captives,
the heads of the enemy leaders."

43 Rejoice, O nations,† with his people;
for he will avenge the blood of his servants.‡
He will take vengeance on his adversaries;§
he will cleanse his land and his people.

44 Then Moses came with Hoshea* son of Nun and recited all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.
45 When Moses had finished reciting all these words to all Israel,
46 he said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to carefully follow all the words of this law.
47 For they are not idle words to you, because they are your life, and by them you will live long

† **32:43** **32:43** DSS and LXX begin the verse with *Rejoice, O heavens, with him, and let all God's angels worship him* ‡ **32:43** **32:43** DSS and LXX *children* § **32:43** **32:43** LXX and Vulgate add *and repay those who hate him* * **32:44** **32:44** A variant of *Joshua*; LXX, Syriac, and Vulgate *Joshua*

in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess."
48 On that same day the LORD said to Moses,
49 "Go up into the Abarim Range to Mount Nebo, in the land of Moab across from Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites as their own possession.
50 And there on the mountain that you climb, you will die and be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.
51 For at the waters of Meribah-kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin, both of you broke faith with me among the Israelites by failing to treat me as holy in their presence.
52 Although you shall see from a distance the land that I am giving the Israelites, you shall not enter it."

33

1 This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced upon the Israelites before his death.
2 He said:

"The LORD came from Sinai
and dawned upon them* from Seir;
he shone forth from Mount Paran
and came with myriads of holy ones,
with flaming fire at his right hand.†

* **33:2 33:2** LXX, Syriac, and Vulgate *upon us* † **33:2 33:2** Qere; Ketiv (one word) *from his mountain slopes*; or *with myriads of holy ones from the south, from his mountain slopes*

3 Surely you love the people;
all the holy ones are in your hand,
and they follow in your steps;‡
each receives your words—
4 the law that Moses gave us,
the possession of the assembly of Jacob.
5 So the LORD became King in Jeshurun§
when the leaders of the people gathered,
when the tribes of Israel came together.

6 Let Reuben live and not die,
but let* his men be few."
7 And concerning Judah he said:

"O LORD, hear the cry of Judah
and bring him to his people.
With his own hands he defends his cause,
but may you be a help against his foes."
8 Concerning Levi he said:

"Give your Thummim
and your Urim to your godly one,†
whom you tested at Massah‡
and contested at the waters of Meribah.§
9 He said of his father and mother,
'I do not consider them.'
He disregarded his brothers

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‡ **33:3 33:3** Or *they sit down at your feet* § **33:5 33:5** *Jeshurun* means *the upright one*, a term of endearment for Israel; also in verse 26. * **33:6 33:6** Or *nor* † **33:8 33:8** DSS and LXX add *to Levi* ‡ **33:8 33:8** *Massah* means *testing*; see Exodus 17:7. § **33:8 33:8** *Meribah* means *quarreling*; see Exodus 17:7.

and did not know his own sons,*
for he kept† your word
and maintained your covenant.
10 He will teach your ordinances to Jacob
and your law to Israel;
he will set incense before you
and whole burnt offerings on your altar.
11 Bless his substance, O LORD,
and accept the work of his hands.
Smash the loins of those who rise against him,
and of his foes so they can rise no more."
12 Concerning Benjamin he said:

"May the beloved of the LORD
rest secure in him;
he shields‡ him all day long,
and upon his shoulders he rests."
13 Concerning Joseph he said:

"May his land be blessed by the LORD
with the precious dew from heaven above
and the deep waters that lie beneath,
14 with the bountiful harvest from the sun
and the abundant yield of the seasons,
15 with the best of the ancient mountains
and the bounty of the everlasting hills,
16 with the choice gifts of the land and
everything in it,
and with the favor of him who dwelt in the
burning bush.

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* **33:9 33:9** Qere; Ketiv *his own son* † **33:9 33:9** Hebrew *they kept*, most likely referring to Levi in the plural; similarly twice in verse 10 ‡ **33:12 33:12** LXX *God shields*

May these rest on the head of Joseph
and crown the brow of the prince of his brothers.
17 His majesty is like a firstborn bull,
and his horns are like those of a wild ox.
With them he will gore the nations,
even to the ends of the earth.
Such are the myriads of Ephraim,
and such are the thousands of Manasseh."
18 Concerning Zebulun he said:

"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your journeys,
and Issachar, in your tents.
19 They will call the peoples to a mountain;
there they will offer sacrifices of righteousness.
For they will feast on the abundance of the seas
and the hidden treasures of the sand."
20 Concerning Gad he said:

"Blessed is he who enlarges the domain of Gad!
He lies down like a lion
and tears off an arm or a head.
21 He chose the best land for himself,
because a ruler's portion was reserved for him there.
He came with the leaders of the people;
he administered the LORD's justice
and his ordinances for Israel."
22 Concerning Dan he said:

"Dan is a lion's cub,
leaping out of Bashan."

23 Concerning Naphtali he said:

“Naphtali is abounding with favor,
full of the blessing of the LORD;
he shall take possession
of the west§ and the south.”
24 And concerning Asher he said:

“May Asher be the most blessed of sons;
may he be the most favored among his
brothers
and dip his foot in oil.
25 May the bolts of your gate be iron and bronze,
and may your strength match your days.”

26 “There is none like the God of Jeshurun,
who rides the heavens to your aid,
and the clouds in his majesty.
27 The eternal God is your dwelling place,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.
He drives out the enemy before you,
giving the command, ‘Destroy him!’
28 So Israel dwells securely;
the fountain of Jacob lives untroubled
in a land of grain and new wine,
where even the heavens drip with dew.
29 Blessed are you, O Israel!
Who is like you, a people saved by the
LORD?
He is the shield that protects you,
the sword in which you boast.
Your enemies will cower before you,

§ **33:23 33:23** Or *the sea*

and you shall trample their high places."

34

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab
to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which faces
Jericho. And the LORD showed him the whole
land—from Gilead as far as Dan,
2 all of Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and
Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the
Western Sea,*
3 the Negev, and the region from the Valley of
Jericho (the City of Palms) all the way to Zoar.
4 And the LORD said to him, "This is the land
that I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I
have let you see it with your own eyes, but you
will not cross into it."
5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there
in the land of Moab, as the LORD had said.
6 And he buried him† in a valley in the land of
Moab facing Beth-peor, and no one to this day
knows the location of his grave.
7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old
when he died, yet his eyes were not weak, and
his vitality had not diminished.
8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains
of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping
and mourning for Moses came to an end.
9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the
spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his

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* **34:2 34:2** That is, the Mediterranean Sea, also called the Great Sea † **34:6 34:6** SP and some LXX manuscripts *they buried him*

hands on him. So the Israelites obeyed him and
did as the LORD had commanded Moses.
10 Since that time, no prophet has risen in
Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to
face—
11 no prophet who did all the signs and
wonders that the LORD sent Moses to do in the
land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his officials
and all his land,
12 and no prophet who performed all the
mighty acts of power and awesome deeds‡ that
Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

‡ **34:12 34:12** Or *terrifying deeds*

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