

# Tsiyon Messianic Scriptures

## The Fifth Book of the Torah of Moses

### Devarim/Deuteronomy

#### Chapter 1

1\_These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2\_It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3\_In the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that YHWH had given him in commandment to them; 4\_after he had struck Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth, at Edrei.

5\_Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this Torah, saying, 6\_“YHWH our Elohim spoke to us in Horeb, saying, ‘You have lived long enough at this mountain. 7\_Turn, and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all the places near there, in the Arabah, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the South, and by the seashore, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. 8\_Behold, I have set the land before you. Go in and possess the land which YHWH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.’”

9\_I spoke to you at that time, saying, “I am not able to bear you myself alone. 10\_YHWH your Elohim has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as the stars of the sky for multitude. 11\_YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as he has promised you! 12\_How can I myself alone bear your problems, your burdens, and your strife? 13\_Take wise men of understanding and well known according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.” 14\_You answered me, and said, “The thing which you have spoken is good to do.”

15\_So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. 16\_I commanded your judges at that time, saying, “Hear cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the foreigner who is living with him. 17\_You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is Elohim's. The case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.” 18\_I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.

19\_We traveled from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw, by the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as YHWH our Elohim commanded us; and we

came to Kadesh Barnea. 20 I said to you, "You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which YHWH our Elohim gives to us. 21 Behold, YHWH your Elohim has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, has spoken to you. Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed."

22 You came near to me, everyone of you, and said, "Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come." 23 The thing pleased me well. I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe. 24 They turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. 25 They took some of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said, "It is a good land which YHWH our Elohim gives to us."

26 Yet you wouldn't go up, but rebelled against the commandment of YHWH your Elohim. 27 You murmured in your tents, and said, "Because YHWH hated us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our heart melt, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to the sky. Moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there!'"

29 Then I said to you, "Don't dread, neither be afraid of them. 30 YHWH your Elohim who goes before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how that YHWH your Elohim bore you, as a man does bear his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place." 32 Yet in this thing you didn't believe YHWH your Elohim, 33 who went before you on the way, to seek out a place for you to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in the cloud by day. 34 YHWH heard the voice of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying, 35 "Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land, which I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it. I will give the land that he has trodden on to him, and to his children, because he has wholly followed YHWH."

37 Also YHWH was angry with me for your sakes, saying, "You also shall not go in there. 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones, whom you said should be captured or killed, and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there, and I will give it to, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea."

41 Then you answered and said to me, "We have sinned against YHWH, we will go up and fight, according to all that YHWH our Elohim commanded us." Every man of you put on his weapons of war, and presumed to go up into the hill country. 42 YHWH said to me, "Tell them, 'Don't go up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest you be struck before your enemies.'"

43 So I spoke to you, and you didn't listen; but you rebelled against the commandment of YHWH, and were presumptuous, and went up into the hill country. 44 The Amorites, who lived in that

hill country, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and beat you down in Seir, even to Hormah. 45\_You returned and wept before YHWH; but YHWH didn't listen to your voice, nor turn his ear to you. 46.So you stayed in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you remained.

## **Chapter 2**

1\_Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as YHWH spoke to me; and we encircled Mount Seir many days. 2\_YHWH spoke to me, saying, 3\_“You have encircled this mountain long enough. Turn northward. 4\_Command the people, saying, ‘You are to pass through the border of your brothers the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore be careful. 5\_Don't contend with them; for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession. 6\_You shall purchase food from them for money, that you may eat. You shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink.’” 7\_For YHWH your Elohim has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He has known your walking through this great wilderness. These forty years, YHWH your Elohim has been with you. You have lacked nothing.

8\_So we passed by from our brothers the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion Geber. We turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9\_YHWH said to me, “Don't bother Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give you any of his land for a possession; because I have given Ar to the children of Lot for a possession.” 10\_(The Emim lived therein before, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim. 11\_These also are considered to be Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12\_The Horites also lived in Seir before, but the children of Esau succeeded them. They destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which YHWH gave to them.)

13\_“Now rise up, and cross over the brook Zered.” We went over the brook Zered. 14\_The days in which we came from Kadesh Barnea, until we had come over the brook Zered, were thirty-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the middle of the camp, as YHWH swore to them. 15\_Moreover the hand of YHWH was against them, to destroy them from the middle of the camp, until they were consumed. 16\_So, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17\_YHWH spoke to me, saying, 18\_“You are to pass over Ar, the border of Moab, today. 19\_When you come near the border of the children of Ammon, don't bother them, nor contend with them; for I will not give you any of the land of the children of Ammon for a possession; because I have given it to the children of Lot for a possession.” 20\_(That also is considered a land of giants: Rephaim lived there before; but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21\_a great people, many, and tall, as the Anakim; but YHWH destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place; 22\_as he did for the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horim from before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place even to this day: 23\_and the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorites, who came out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and lived in their place.)

24 "Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of the Arnon: behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25 Today I will begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole sky, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of you." 26 I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, 27 "Let me pass through your land. I will go along by the highway, I will turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink. Just let me pass through on my feet, 29 as the children of Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me; until I pass over the Jordan into the land which YHWH our Elohim gives us." 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for YHWH your Elohim hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into your hand, as it is today. 31 YHWH said to me, "Behold, I have begun to deliver up Sihon and his land before you. Begin to possess, that you may inherit his land."

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his army, to battle at Jahaz. 33 YHWH our Elohim delivered him up before us; and we struck him, his sons, and all his army. 34 We took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. We left no one remaining. 35 Only the livestock we took for plunder for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities which we had taken. 36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the valley, even to Gilead, there was not a city too high for us. YHWH our Elohim delivered up all before us. 37 Only to the land of the children of Ammon you didn't come near; all the banks of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill country, and wherever YHWH our Elohim forbade us.

### **Chapter 3**

1 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan. Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 YHWH said to me, "Don't fear him; for I have delivered him, with all his people, and his land, into your hand. You shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon." 3 So YHWH our Elohim delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people. We struck him until no one was left to him remaining. 4 We took all his cities at that time. There was not a city which we didn't take from them; sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 5 All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; besides a great many towns without walls. 6 We utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. 7 But all the livestock, and the plunder of the cities, we took for plunder for ourselves. 8 We took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon. 9 (The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir.) 10 We took all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 11 (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Isn't it in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its width, after the cubit of a man.)

12 This land we took in possession at that time: from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead, and its cities, gave I to the Reubenites and to the Gadites: 13 and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I to the half-tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, even all Bashan. (The same is called the land of Rephaim. 14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth Jair, to this day.) 15 I gave Gilead to Machir. 16 To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the valley of the Arnon, the middle of the valley, and its border, even to the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon; 17 the Arabah also, and the Jordan and its border, from Chinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward. 18 I commanded you at that time, saying, "YHWH your Elohim has given you this land to possess it. You shall pass over armed before your brothers the children of Israel, all the men of valor. 19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your livestock, (I know that you have much livestock), shall live in your cities which I have given you, 20 until YHWH gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also possess the land which YHWH your Elohim gives them beyond the Jordan. Then you shall each return to his own possession, which I have given you."

21 I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, "Your eyes have seen all that YHWH your Elohim has done to these two kings. So shall YHWH do to all the kingdoms where you go over. 22 You shall not fear them; for YHWH your Elohim himself fights for you." 23 I begged YHWH at that time, saying, 24 "Lord YHWH, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand. For what Elohim is there in heaven or in earth that can do works like yours, and mighty acts like yours? 25 Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that fine mountain, and Lebanon." 26 But YHWH was angry with me for your sakes, and didn't listen to me. YHWH said to me, "Let this satisfy you. Speak no more to me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes; for you shall not go over this Jordan. 28 But commission Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see." 29 So we stayed in the valley near Beth Peor.

## **Chapter 4**

1 Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that you may live, and go in and possess the land which YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, gives you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what YHWH did because of Baal Peor; for all the men who followed Baal Peor, YHWH your Elohim has destroyed them from among you. 4 But you who were faithful to YHWH your Elohim are all alive today. 5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as YHWH my Elohim commanded me, that you should do so in the middle of the land where you go in to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who shall hear all these statutes, and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." 7 For what great nation is there, that has a Elohim so near to them, as

YHWH our Elohim is whenever we call on him? 8.What great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this Torah, which I set before you today?

9\_Only be careful, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes saw, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your children and your children's children; 10\_the day that you stood before YHWH your Elohim in Horeb, when YHWH said to me, "Assemble the people to me, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." 11\_You came near and stood under the mountain. The mountain burned with fire to the heart of the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12\_YHWH spoke to you out of the middle of the fire: you heard the voice of words, but you saw no form; you only heard a voice. 13.He declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments. He wrote them on two stone tablets. 14\_YHWH commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it. 15.Be very careful, for you saw no kind of form on the day that YHWH spoke to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire, 16\_lest you corrupt yourselves, and make yourself an engraved image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, 17\_the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, 18\_the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth; 19\_and lest you lift up your eyes to the sky, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the army of the sky, you are drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which YHWH your Elohim has allotted to all the peoples under the whole sky. 20\_But YHWH has taken you, and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people for his own inheritance, as it is today.

21\_Furthermore YHWH was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in to that good land, which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance; 22\_but I must die in this land. I must not go over the Jordan; but you shall go over, and possess that good land. 23\_Be careful, lest you forget the covenant of YHWH your Elohim, which he made with you, and make yourselves an engraved image in the form of anything which YHWH your Elohim has forbidden you. 24\_For YHWH your Elohim is a devouring fire, a jealous Elohim. 25\_When you shall father children, and children's children, and you shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make an engraved image in the form of anything, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of YHWH your Elohim, to provoke him to anger;

26\_I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from off the land which you go over the Jordan to possess it. You will not prolong your days on it, but will utterly be destroyed. 27\_YHWH will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations, where YHWH will lead you away. 28\_There you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29\_But from there you shall seek YHWH your Elohim, and you shall find him, when you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30\_When you are in oppression, and all these things have come on you, in the latter days you shall return to YHWH your Elohim, and listen to his voice. 31\_For YHWH your Elohim is a merciful Elohim. He will not fail you, neither destroy you, nor

forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore to them. 32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that Elohim created man on the earth, and from the one end of the sky to the other, whether there has been anything as this great thing is, or has been heard like it? 33 Did a people ever hear the voice of Elohim speaking out of the middle of the fire, as you have heard, and live? 34 Or has Elohim tried to go and take a nation for himself from among another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that YHWH your Elohim did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 It was shown to you so that you might know that YHWH is Elohim. There is no one else besides him. 36 Out of heaven he made you to hear his voice, that he might instruct you. On earth he made you to see his great fire; and you heard his words out of the middle of the fire. 37 Because he loved your fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought you out with his presence, with his great power, out of Egypt; 38 to drive out nations from before you greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today. 39 Know therefore today, and take it to heart, that YHWH himself is Elohim in heaven above and on the earth beneath. There is no one else. 40 You shall keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land, which YHWH your Elohim gives you, forever.

41 Then Moses set apart three cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; 42 that the man slayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unawares, and didn't hate him in time past; and that fleeing to one of these cities he might live: 43 Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites. 44 This is the Torah which Moses set before the children of Israel. 45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Moses spoke to the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt, 46 beyond the Jordan, in the valley over against Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel struck, when they came out of Egypt. 47 They took his land in possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; 48 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, even to Mount Sion (also called Hermon), 49 and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

## **Chapter 5**

1 Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, "Hear, Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears today, that you may learn them, and observe to do them." 2 YHWH our Elohim made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 YHWH didn't make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive today. 4 YHWH spoke with you face to face on the mountain out of the middle of the fire, 5 (I stood between YHWH and you at that time, to show you YHWH's Word: for you were afraid because of the fire, and didn't go up onto the mountain;) saying,

6 "I am YHWH your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7\_“You shall have no other gods before me.

8\_“You shall not make an engraved image for yourself, any likeness of what is in heaven above, or what is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 9\_You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them; for I, YHWH, your Elohim, am a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me; 10\_and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

11\_“You shall not take the name of YHWH your Elohim in vain: for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

12\_“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as YHWH your Elohim commanded you. 13\_You shall labor six days, and do all your work; 14\_but the seventh day is a Sabbath to YHWH your Elohim, in which you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15\_You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and YHWH your Elohim brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore YHWH your Elohim commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

16\_“Honor your father and your mother, as YHWH your Elohim commanded you; that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you, in the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you.

17\_“You shall not murder.

18\_“You shall not commit adultery.

19\_“You shall not steal.

20\_“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

21\_“You shall not covet your neighbor’s woman. Neither shall you desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

22\_YHWH spoke these words to all your assembly on the mountain out of the middle of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice. He added no more. He wrote them on two stone tablets, and gave them to me. 23\_When you heard the voice out of the middle of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24\_and you said, “Behold, YHWH our Elohim has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the middle of the fire. We have seen today that Elohim does speak with man, and he lives. 25\_Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of YHWH our Elohim any more, then we shall die. 26\_For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living Elohim speaking out of the middle of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27\_Go near, and hear all that YHWH our Elohim shall say, and tell us all that YHWH our Elohim tells you; and we will hear it, and do it.”

28\_YHWH heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and YHWH said to me, “I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They have well said all that they have spoken. 29\_Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever! 30\_“Go tell them, ‘Return to your tents.’ 31\_But as for you, stand here by me, and I will tell

you all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it." 32 You shall observe to do therefore as YHWH your Elohim has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the way which YHWH your Elohim has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

## Chapter 6

1 Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances, which YHWH your Elohim commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it; 2 that you might fear YHWH your Elohim, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you; you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, has promised to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! YHWH Eloheinu, YHWH echad [Hear, Isra'el! YHWH our Elohim, YHWH is One]; 5 You shall love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 These words, which I command you today, shall be on your heart; 7 and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates. 10 It shall be, when YHWH your Elohim brings you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, great and goodly cities, which you didn't build, 11 and houses full of all good things, which you didn't fill, and cisterns dug out, which you didn't dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you didn't plant, and you shall eat and be full; 12 then beware lest you forget YHWH, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 13 You shall fear YHWH your Elohim; and you shall serve him, and shall swear by his name. 14 You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are around you; 15 for YHWH your Elohim among you is a jealous Elohim; lest the anger of YHWH your Elohim be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. 16 You shall not tempt YHWH your Elohim, as you tempted him in Massah. 17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 You shall do that which is right and good in the sight of YHWH; that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which YHWH swore to your fathers, 19 to thrust out all your enemies from before you, as YHWH has spoken.

20 When your son asks you in time to come, saying, "What do the testimonies, the statutes, and the ordinances, which YHWH our Elohim has commanded you mean?" 21 then you shall tell your son, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and YHWH showed great and awesome signs and wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his house, before our eyes; 23 and he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in, to give

us the land which he swore to our fathers. 24 YHWH commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear YHWH our Elohim, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are today. 25 It shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all this commandment before YHWH our Elohim, as he has commanded us.”

## **Chapter 7**

1 When YHWH your Elohim brings you into the land where you go to possess it, and casts out many nations before you, the Hittite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than you; 2 and when YHWH your Elohim delivers them up before you, and you strike them; then you shall utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them, nor show mercy to them; 3 neither shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to his son, nor shall you take his daughter for your son. 4 For he will turn away your son from following me, that they may serve other gods. So YHWH's anger would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. 5 But you shall deal with them like this. You shall break down their altars, dash their pillars in pieces, and cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their engraved images with fire. 6 For you are a holy people to YHWH your Elohim. YHWH your Elohim has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 YHWH didn't set his love on you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all peoples: 8 but because YHWH loves you, and because he desires to keep the oath which he swore to your fathers, YHWH has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that YHWH your Elohim himself is Elohim, the faithful Elohim, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, 10 and repays those who hate him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack to him who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

11 You shall therefore keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command you today, to do them. 12 It shall happen, because you listen to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that YHWH your Elohim will keep with you the covenant and the loving kindness which he swore to your fathers. 13 He will love you, bless you, multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your livestock and the young of your flock, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you. 14 You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your livestock. 15 YHWH will take away from you all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you know, will he put on you, but will lay them on all those who hate you. 16 You shall consume all the peoples whom YHWH your Elohim shall deliver to you.

Your eye shall not pity them: neither shall you serve their gods; for that would be a snare to you. 17 If you shall say in your heart, “These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?” 18 you shall not be afraid of them. You shall remember well what YHWH your Elohim did to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt; 19 the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the

mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which YHWH your Elohim brought you out. So shall YHWH your Elohim do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. 20 Moreover YHWH your Elohim will send the hornet among them, until those who are left, and hide themselves, perish from before you. 21 You shall not be scared of them; for YHWH your Elohim is among you, a great and awesome Elohim. 22 YHWH your Elohim will cast out those nations before you little by little. You may not consume them at once, lest the animals of the field increase on you. 23 But YHWH your Elohim will deliver them up before you, and will confuse them with a great confusion, until they are destroyed. 24 He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under the sky. No one will be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them. 25 You shall burn the engraved images of their gods with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared in it; for it is an abomination to YHWH your Elohim. 26 You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a devoted thing like it. You shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

## **Chapter 8**

1 You shall observe to do all the commandments which I command you today, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which YHWH swore to your fathers. 2 You shall remember all the way which YHWH your Elohim has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. 3 He humbled you, and allowed you to be hungry, and fed you with manna, which you didn't know, neither did your fathers know; that he might teach you that man does not live by bread only, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of YHWH's mouth. 4 Your clothing didn't grow old on you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. 5 You shall consider in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so YHWH your Elohim disciplines you. 6 You shall keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For YHWH your Elohim brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of springs, and underground water flowing into valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey; 9 a land in which you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig copper. 10 You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless YHWH your Elohim for the good land which he has given you. 11 Beware lest you forget YHWH your Elohim, in not keeping his commandments, and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command you today; 12 lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built fine houses, and lived in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 then your heart might be lifted up, and you forget YHWH your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where there was no water; who poured water for you out of the rock of flint; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers didn't know; that he might humble you, and that he might prove you, to do you good at your latter end: 17 and lest you say in your heart,

“My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.” 18 But you shall remember YHWH your Elohim, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as it is today. 19 It shall be, if you shall forget YHWH your Elohim, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations that YHWH makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you wouldn’t listen to YHWH your Elohim’s voice.

## Chapter 9

1 Hear, Israel! You are to pass over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to the sky, 2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard say, “Who can stand before the sons of Anak?” 3 Know therefore today, that YHWH your Elohim is he who goes over before you as a devouring fire. He will destroy them, and he will bring them down before you. So you shall drive them out, and make them perish quickly, as YHWH has spoken to you.

4 Don’t say in your heart, after YHWH your Elohim has thrust them out from before you, saying, “For my righteousness YHWH has brought me in to possess this land”; because YHWH drives them out before you because of the wickedness of these nations. 5 Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations YHWH your Elohim does drive them out from before you, and that he may establish the word which YHWH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 6 Know therefore, that YHWH your Elohim doesn’t give you this good land to possess for your righteousness; for you are a stiff-necked people. 7 Remember, and don’t forget, how you provoked YHWH your Elohim to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you left the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against YHWH. 8 Also in Horeb you provoked YHWH to wrath, and YHWH was angry with you to destroy you. 9 When I had gone up onto the mountain to receive the stone tablets, even the tablets of the covenant which YHWH made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water. 10 YHWH delivered to me the two stone tablets written with Elohim’s finger. On them were all the words which YHWH spoke with you on the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 It came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that YHWH gave me the two stone tablets, even the tablets of the covenant. 12 YHWH said to me, “Arise, get down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them. They have made a molten image for themselves!”

13 Furthermore YHWH spoke to me, saying, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 14 Leave me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under the sky; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.”

15 So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire. The

two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. 16\_I looked, and behold, you had sinned against YHWH your Elohim. You had made yourselves a molten calf. You had turned aside quickly out of the way which YHWH had commanded you. 17\_I took hold of the two tablets, and threw them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. 18\_I fell down before YHWH, as at the first, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger. 19\_For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which YHWH was angry against you to destroy you. But YHWH listened to me that time also. 20\_YHWH was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him. I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21\_I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust. I threw its dust into the brook that descended out of the mountain. 22\_At Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth Hattaavah, you provoked YHWH to wrath. 23\_When YHWH sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have given you," you rebelled against the commandment of YHWH your Elohim, and you didn't believe him, nor listen to his voice. 24\_You have been rebellious against YHWH from the day that I knew you. 25\_So I fell down before YHWH the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because YHWH had said he would destroy you. 26\_I prayed to YHWH, and said, "Lord YHWH, don't destroy your people and your inheritance, that you have redeemed through your greatness, that you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27\_Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Don't look at the stubbornness of this people, nor at their wickedness, nor at their sin, 28\_lest the land you brought us out from say, 'Because YHWH was not able to bring them into the land which he promised to them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.' 29\_Yet they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm."

## **Chapter 10**

1\_At that time YHWH said to me, "Cut two stone tablets like the first, and come up to me onto the mountain, and make an ark of wood. 2\_I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark." 3\_So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two stone tablets like the first, and went up onto the mountain, having the two tables in my hand. 4\_He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which YHWH spoke to you on the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the assembly: and YHWH gave them to me. 5\_I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as YHWH commanded me. 6\_(The children of Israel traveled from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his place. 7\_From there they traveled to GudElohimah; and from GudElohimah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. 8\_At that time YHWH set apart the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of YHWH's covenant, to stand before YHWH to minister to him, and to bless in his name, to this day. 9\_Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; YHWH is his inheritance, according as YHWH your Elohim spoke to him.) 10\_I stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights: and YHWH listened to me that time also; YHWH would not destroy you. 11\_YHWH said to me, "Arise, take your journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, which I swore to their

fathers to give to them.”

12 Now, Israel, what does YHWH your Elohim require of you, but to fear YHWH your Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve YHWH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 to keep YHWH's commandments and statutes, which I command you today for your good? 14 Behold, to YHWH your Elohim belongs heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is therein. 15 Only YHWH had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all peoples, as it is today. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. 17 For YHWH your Elohim, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great Elohim, the mighty, and the awesome, who doesn't respect persons, nor takes bribes. 18 He does execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and loves the foreigner, in giving him food and clothing. 19 Therefore love the foreigner; for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear YHWH your Elohim; you shall serve him; and you shall cling to him, and you shall swear by his name. 21 He is your praise, and he is your Elohim, who has done for you these great and awesome things, which your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons; and now YHWH your Elohim has made you as the stars of the sky for multitude.

## **Chapter 11**

1 Therefore you shall love YHWH your Elohim, and keep his instructions, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments, always. 2 Know this day: for I don't speak with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of YHWH your Elohim, his greatness, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm, 3 his signs, and his works, which he did in the middle of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land; 4 and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued you, and how YHWH has destroyed them to this day; 5 and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; 6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the middle of all Israel; 7 but your eyes have seen all of YHWH's great work which he did. 8 Therefore you shall keep all the commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land, where you go over to possess it; 9 and that you may prolong your days in the land, which YHWH swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 For the land, where you go in to possess it, isn't as the land of Egypt, that you came out of, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs; 11 but the land, where you go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water from the rain of the sky, 12 a land which YHWH your Elohim cares for. YHWH your Elohim's eyes are always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year. 13 It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to my commandments which I command you today, to love YHWH your Elohim, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine,

and your oil. 15\_I will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. 16\_Be careful, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17\_and YHWH's anger be kindled against you, and he shut up the sky, so that there is no rain, and the land doesn't yield its fruit; and you perish quickly from off the good land which YHWH gives you.

18\_Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul. You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 19\_You shall teach them to your children, talking of them, when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20\_You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates; 21\_that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which YHWH swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22\_For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love YHWH your Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him; 23\_then will YHWH drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24\_Every place whereon the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the western sea shall be your border. 25\_No man will be able to stand before you. YHWH your Elohim will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you tread on, as he has spoken to you.

26\_Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: 27\_the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of YHWH your Elohim, which I command you today; 28\_and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of YHWH your Elohim, but turn aside out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods, which you have not known. 29\_It shall happen, when YHWH your Elohim brings you into the land where you go to possess it, that you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount Ebal. 30\_Aren't they beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the Arabah, near Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? 31\_For you are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell therein. 32\_You shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you today.

## **Chapter 12**

1\_These are the statutes and the ordinances which you shall observe to do in the land which YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, has given you to possess it, all the days that you live upon the land. 2\_You shall surely destroy all the places in which the nations that you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 3\_You shall break down their altars, and dash their pillars in pieces, and burn their Asherah poles with fire. You shall cut down the engraved images of their gods. You shall destroy their name out of that place.

4\_You shall not do so to YHWH your Elohim. 5\_But to the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, you shall seek his habitation, and there you

shall come. 6 There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the wave offering of your hand, your vows, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. 7 There you shall eat before YHWH your Elohim, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which YHWH your Elohim has blessed you. 8 You shall not do after all the things that we do here today, every man whatever is right in his own eyes; 9 for you haven't yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which YHWH your Elohim gives you. 10 But when you go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which YHWH your Elohim causes you to inherit, and he gives you rest from all your enemies around you, so that you dwell in safety; 11 then it shall happen that to the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the wave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to YHWH. 12 You shall rejoice before YHWH your Elohim, you, and your sons, your daughters, your male servants, your female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

13 Be careful that you don't offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; 14 but in the place which YHWH chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you. 15 Notwithstanding, you may kill and eat flesh within all your gates, after all the desire of your soul, according to YHWH your Elohim's blessing which he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, and as of the deer. 16 Only you shall not eat the blood. You shall pour it out on the earth like water. 17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your new wine, or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill offerings, nor the wave offering of your hand; 18 but you shall eat them before YHWH your Elohim in the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates. You shall rejoice before YHWH your Elohim in all that you put your hand to. 19 Be careful that you don't forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

20 When YHWH your Elohim enlarges your border, as he has promised you, and you shall say, "I want to eat meat," because your soul desires to eat meat; you may eat meat, after all the desire of your soul. 21 If the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose, to put his name there, is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which YHWH has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, after all the desire of your soul. 22 Even as the gazelle and as the deer is eaten, so you shall eat of it. The unclean and the clean may eat of it alike. 23 Only be sure that you don't eat the blood; for the blood is the life. You shall not eat the life with the flesh. 24 You shall not eat it. You shall pour it out on the earth like water. 25 You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do that which is right in the eyes of YHWH. 26 Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which YHWH shall choose. 27 You shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of YHWH your Elohim; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of YHWH your Elohim; and you shall eat the flesh. 28 Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in YHWH your

Elohim's eyes.

29\_When YHWH your Elohim cuts off the nations from before you, where you go in to dispossess them, and you dispossess them, and dwell in their land; 30\_be careful that you are not ensnared to follow them, after that they are destroyed from before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? I will do likewise." 31\_You shall not do so to YHWH your Elohim; for every abomination to YHWH, which he hates, have they done to their gods; for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. 32\_Whatever thing I command you, that you shall observe to do. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

### **Chapter 13**

1\_If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2\_and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, "Let us go after other gods" (which you have not known) "and let us serve them"; 3\_you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams; for YHWH your Elohim is testing you, to know whether you love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. 4\_You shall walk after YHWH your Elohim, fear him, keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cling to him. 5\_That prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion against YHWH your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to draw you aside out of the way which YHWH your Elohim commanded you to walk in. So you shall remove the evil from among you.

6\_If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the woman of your bosom, or your friend, who is as your own soul, entices you secretly, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods," which you have not known, you, nor your fathers; 7\_of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; 8\_you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him; 9\_but you shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. 10\_You shall stone him to death with stones, because he has sought to draw you away from YHWH your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 11\_All Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not do any more wickedness like this among you.

12\_If you shall hear about one of your cities, which YHWH your Elohim gives you to dwell there, that 13\_certain base fellows have gone out from among you, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods," which you have not known; 14\_then you shall inquire, and make search, and ask diligently. Behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such abomination was done among you, 15\_you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, with all that is therein and its livestock, with the edge of the sword. 16\_You shall gather all its plunder into the middle of its street, and shall burn with fire the city, and all every bit of its plunder, to YHWH your Elohim. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. 17\_Nothing of the devoted thing [under the ban] shall cling to your hand,

that YHWH may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion on you, and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers; 18. when you listen to YHWH your Elohim's voice, to keep all his commandments which I command you today, to do that which is right in YHWH your Elohim's eyes.

## **Chapter 14**

1\_ You are the children of YHWH your Elohim. You shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2\_ For you are a holy people to YHWH your Elohim, and YHWH has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth.

3\_ You shall not eat any abominable thing. 4\_ These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, 5\_ the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the chamois. 6\_ Every animal that parts the hoof, and has the hoof cloven in two and chews the cud, among the animals, that may you eat. 7\_ Nevertheless these you shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of those who have the hoof cloven: the camel, the hare, and the rabbit. Because they chew the cud but don't part the hoof, they are unclean to you. 8\_ The pig, because it has a split hoof but doesn't chew the cud, is unclean to you. You shall not eat their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses. 9\_ These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales may you eat. 10\_ You shall not eat whatever doesn't have fins and scales. It is unclean to you.

21\_ You shall not eat of anything that dies of itself. You may give it to the foreigner living among you who is within your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to YHWH your Elohim. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

22\_ You shall surely tithe all the increase of your seed, that which comes out of the field year by year. 23\_ You shall eat before YHWH your Elohim, in the place which he chooses, to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to fear YHWH your Elohim always. 24\_ If the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the place is too far from you, which YHWH your Elohim shall choose, to set his name there, when YHWH your Elohim shall bless you; 25\_ then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose. 26\_ You shall trade the money for whatever your soul desires, for cattle, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul asks of you; and you shall eat there before YHWH your Elohim, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27\_ You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 28\_ At the end of every three years you shall bring all the tithe of your increase in the same year, and shall store it within your gates. 29\_ The Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the foreigner living among you, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that YHWH your Elohim may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

## **Chapter 15**

1 At the end of every seven years, you shall cancel debts. 2 This is the way it shall be done: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not require payment from his neighbor and his brother; because YHWH's release has been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner you may require it; but whatever of yours is with your brother, your hand shall release. 4 However there shall be no poor with you (for YHWH will surely bless you in the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance to possess it) 5 if only you diligently listen to YHWH your Elohim's voice, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you today. 6 For YHWH your Elohim will bless you, as he promised you. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. You will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. 7 If a poor man, one of your brothers, is with you within any of your gates in your land which YHWH your Elohim gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother; 8 but you shall surely open your hand to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, which he lacks.

9 Beware that there not be a base thought in your heart, saying, "The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand"; and your eye be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cry to YHWH against you, and it be sin to you. 10 You shall surely give, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him; because that for this thing YHWH your Elohim will bless you in all your work, and in all that you put your hand to. 11 For the poor will never cease out of the land. Therefore I command you to surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor, in your land. 12 If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serves you six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13 When you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty. 14 You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your wine press. As YHWH your Elohim has blessed you, you shall give to him. 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and YHWH your Elohim redeemed you. Therefore I command you this thing today.

16 It shall be, if he tells you, "I will not go out from you," because he loves you and your house, because he is well with you; 17 then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard to you, when you let him go free from you; for he has been double value of a hired hand as he served you six years. YHWH your Elohim will bless you in all that you do.

19 You shall dedicate all the firstborn males that are born of your herd and of your flock to YHWH your Elohim. You shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20 You shall eat it before YHWH your Elohim year by year in the place which YHWH shall choose, you and your household. 21 If it has any defect, is lame or blind, or has any defect whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to YHWH your Elohim. 22 You shall eat it within your gates. The unclean and the clean shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the deer. 23 Only you shall not eat its blood. You shall pour it out on the ground like water.

## **Chapter 16**

1\_Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to YHWH your Elohim; for in the month of Abib YHWH your Elohim brought you out of Egypt by night. 2\_You shall sacrifice the Passover to YHWH your Elohim, of the flock and the herd, in the place which YHWH shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3\_You shall eat no leavened bread with it. You shall eat unleavened bread with it seven days, even the bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste; that you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4\_No yeast shall be seen with you in all your borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which you sacrifice the first day at evening, remain all night until the morning. 5\_You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, which YHWH your Elohim gives you; 6\_but at the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the appointed time that you came out of Egypt. 7\_You shall roast and eat it in the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses. In the morning you shall return to your tents. 8\_Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to YHWH your Elohim. You shall do no work.

9\_You shall count for yourselves seven weeks. From the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain you shall begin to number seven weeks. 10\_You shall keep the feast of shavuot to YHWH your Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give, according as YHWH your Elohim blesses you. 11\_You shall rejoice before YHWH your Elohim: you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are among you, in the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. 12\_You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt. You shall observe and do these statutes. 13\_You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and from your wine press. 14\_You shall rejoice in your feast, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates. 15\_You shall keep a feast to YHWH your Elohim seven days in the place which YHWH chooses; because YHWH your Elohim will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful.

16\_Three times in a year all of your males shall appear before YHWH your Elohim in the place which he chooses: in the feast of unleavened bread, in the feast of Shavuot, and in the feast of tabernacles. They shall not appear before YHWH empty. 17\_Every man shall give as he is able, according to YHWH your Elohim's blessing which he has given you. 18\_You shall make judges and officers in all your gates, which YHWH your Elohim gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19\_You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality. You shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous. 20\_You shall follow that which is altogether just, that you may live, and inherit the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you. 21\_You shall not plant for yourselves an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of YHWH your Elohim, which you shall make for yourselves. 22\_Neither shall you set yourself up a sacred stone which YHWH your Elohim hates.

## **Chapter 17**

1\_You shall not sacrifice to YHWH your Elohim an ox, or a sheep, in which is a defect, or anything evil; for that is an abomination to YHWH your Elohim. 2\_If there is found among you, within any of your gates which YHWH your Elohim gives you, a man or woman who does that which is evil in the sight of YHWH your Elohim, in transgressing his covenant, 3\_and has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the stars of the sky, which I have not commanded; 4\_and you are told, and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire diligently. Behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done in Israel, 5\_then you shall bring out that man or that woman, who has done this evil thing, to your gates, even that same man or woman; and you shall stone them to death with stones. 6\_At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death. At the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7\_The hand of the witnesses shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall remove the evil from among you.

8\_If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates; then you shall arise, and go up to the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses. 9\_You shall come to the priests who are Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days. You shall inquire, and they shall give you the verdict. 10\_You shall do according to the decisions of the verdict which they shall give you from that place which YHWH chooses. You shall observe to do according to all that they shall teach you: 11\_according to the decisions of the Torah which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do. You shall not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand, nor to the left. 12\_The man who does presumptuously, in not listening to the priest who stands to minister there before YHWH your Elohim, or to the judge, even that man shall die. You shall put away the evil from Israel. 13\_All the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14\_When you have come to the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you, and possess it, and dwell in it, and say, "I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me"; 15\_you shall surely set him king over yourselves, whom YHWH your Elohim chooses. You shall set as king over you one from among your brothers. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16\_Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to turn to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses; because YHWH has said to you, "You shall not go back that way again." 17\_He shall not multiply wives to himself, that his heart not turn away. He shall not greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18\_It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write himself a copy of this Torah in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites. 19\_It shall be with him, and he shall read from it all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear YHWH his Elohim, to keep all the words of this Torah and these statutes, to do them; 20\_that his heart not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left; to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

## **Chapter 18**

1\_The priests the Levites, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the offerings of YHWH made by fire and his portion. 2\_They shall have no inheritance among their brothers. YHWH is their inheritance, as he has spoken to them. 3\_This shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give to the priest the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the inner parts. 4\_The first fruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5\_For YHWH your Elohim has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in YHWH's name, him and his sons for ever. 6\_If a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he lives as a foreigner, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which YHWH shall choose; 7\_then he shall minister in the name of YHWH his Elohim, as all his brothers the Levites do, who stand there before YHWH. 8\_They shall have like portions to eat, in addition to that which comes from the sale of his family possessions.

9\_When you have come into the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the abominations of those nations. 10\_There shall not be found with you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices sorcery, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11\_a charmer, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls upon the dead. 12\_For whoever does these things is an abomination to YHWH. Because of these abominations, YHWH your Elohim drives them out from before you. 13\_You shall be perfect with YHWH your Elohim. 14\_For these nations that you shall dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery and to diviners; but as for you, YHWH your Elohim has not allowed you so to do.

15\_YHWH your Elohim will raise up to you a prophet from among you, of your brothers, like me. You shall listen to him. 16\_This is according to all that you desired of YHWH your Elohim in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, "Let me not hear again the voice of YHWH my Elohim, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I not die." 17\_YHWH said to me, "They have well said that which they have spoken. 18\_I will raise them up a prophet from among their brothers, like you. I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. 19\_It shall happen, that whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. 20\_But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die." 21\_You may say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which YHWH has not spoken?" 22\_When a prophet speaks in YHWH's name, if the thing doesn't follow, nor happen, that is the thing which YHWH has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You shall not be afraid of him.

## **Chapter 19**

1\_When YHWH your Elohim cuts off the nations, whose land YHWH your Elohim gives you, and you succeed them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses; 2\_you shall set apart three cities for yourselves in the middle of your land, which YHWH your Elohim gives you to possess it. 3\_You shall prepare the way, and divide the borders of your land, which YHWH your Elohim causes you to inherit, into three parts, that every man slayer may flee there. 4\_This is the case of the man slayer who shall flee there and live. Whoever kills his neighbor unawares, and didn't hate

him in time past; 5.as when a man goes into the forest with his neighbor to chop wood, and his hand fetches a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle, and lights on his neighbor, so that he dies, he shall flee to one of these cities and live. 6.Otherwise, the avenger of blood might pursue the man slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike him mortally; even though he was not worthy of death, because he didn't hate him in time past. 7.Therefore I command you to set apart three cities for yourselves. 8.If YHWH your Elohim enlarges your border, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which he promised to give to your fathers; 9.if you keep all this commandment to do it, which I command you today, to love YHWH your Elohim, and to walk ever in his ways; then you shall add three cities more for yourselves, besides these three. 10.This is so that innocent blood will not be shed in the middle of your land which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance, leaving blood guilt on you.

11.But if any man hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises up against him, strikes him mortally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities; 12.then the elders of his city shall send and bring him there, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. 13>Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge the innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you. 14>You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit, in the land that YHWH your Elohim gives you to possess. 15.One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established. 16.If an unrighteous witness rises up against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17.then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before YHWH, before the priests and the judges who shall be in those days; 18.and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness is a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother; 19.then you shall do to him as he had thought to do to his brother. So you shall remove the evil from among you. 20.Those who remain shall hear, and fear, and will never again commit any such evil among you. 21>Your eyes shall not pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

## **Chapter 20**

1.When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, chariots, and a people more than you, you shall not be afraid of them; for YHWH your Elohim is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. 2.It shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people, 3.and shall tell them, "Hear, Israel, you draw near today to battle against your enemies. Don't let your heart faint! Don't be afraid, nor tremble, neither be scared of them; 4\_for YHWH your Elohim is he who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."

5.The officers shall speak to the people, saying, "What man is there who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6.What man is there who has planted a vineyard, and has not used its fruit? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use its fruit. 7.What man

is there who has pledged to be married a woman, and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her." 8\_The officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, "What man is there who is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest his brother's heart melt as his heart." 9\_It shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall appoint captains of armies at the head of the people.

10\_When you draw near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it. 11\_It shall be, if it makes you answer of peace, and opens to you, then it shall be, that all the people who are found therein shall become forced laborers to you, and shall serve you. 12\_If it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it. 13\_When YHWH your Elohim delivers it into your hand, you shall strike every male of it with the edge of the sword; 14\_but the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, even all its plunder, you shall take for plunder for yourself. You may use the plunder of your enemies, which YHWH your Elohim has given you. 15\_Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. 16\_But of the cities of these peoples, that YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes; 17\_but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as YHWH your Elohim has commanded you; 18\_that they not teach you to follow all their abominations, which they have done to their gods; so would you sin against YHWH your Elohim.

19\_When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; for you may eat of them. You shall not cut them down; for is the tree of the field a man, that it should be besieged by you? 20\_Only the trees that you know are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down. You shall build bulwarks against the city that makes war with you, until it falls.

## **Chapter 21**

1\_If someone is found slain in the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you to possess, lying in the field, and it isn't known who has struck him; 2\_then your elders and your judges shall come out, and they shall measure to the cities which are around him who is slain. 3\_It shall be that the elders of the city which is nearest to the slain man shall take a heifer of the herd, which hasn't been worked with, and which has not drawn in the yoke. 4\_The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5\_The priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them YHWH your Elohim has chosen to minister to him, and to bless in YHWH's name; and according to their word shall every controversy and every assault be decided.

6\_All the elders of that city, who are nearest to the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley. 7\_They shall answer and say, "Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. 8\_Forgive, YHWH, your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and don't allow innocent blood among your people Israel." The blood shall be forgiven them. 9\_So you shall put away the innocent blood from among you, when you shall do

that which is right in the eyes of YHWH.

10\_When you go out to battle against your enemies, and YHWH your Elohim delivers them into your hands, and you carry them away captive, 11\_and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you have a desire for her, and desire to take her as your woman; 12\_then you shall bring her home to your house. She shall shave her head and trim her nails. 13\_She shall take the clothing of her captivity off of herself, and shall remain in your house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month. After that you shall go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your woman. 14\_It shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she desires; but you shall not sell her at all for money. You shall not deal with her as a slave, because you have humbled her.

15\_If a man has two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son is hers who was hated; 16\_then it shall be, in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which he has, that he may not give the son of the beloved the rights of the firstborn before the son of the hated, who is the firstborn; 17\_but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he is the beginning of his strength. The right of the firstborn is his.

18\_If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and though they chasten him, will not listen to them; 19\_then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place. 20\_They shall tell the elders of his city, "This our son is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey our voice. He is a glutton and a drunkard." 21\_All the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall remove the evil from among you. All Israel shall hear, and fear.

22\_If a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree; 23\_his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him the same day; for he who is hanged is accursed of Elohim; that you don't defile your land which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance.

## **Chapter 22**

1\_You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide yourself from them. You shall surely bring them again to your brother. 2\_If your brother isn't near to you, or if you don't know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall be with you until your brother comes looking for it, and you shall restore it to him. 3\_So you shall do with his donkey. So you shall do with his garment. So you shall do with every lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost, and you have found. You may not hide yourself. 4\_You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide yourself from them. You shall surely help him to lift them up again.

5\_A woman shall not wear men's clothing, neither shall a man put on women's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to YHWH your Elohim.

6\_If you come across a bird's nest on the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the hen sitting on the young, or on the eggs, you shall not take the hen with the young. 7\_You shall surely let the hen go, but the young you may take for yourself; that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days.

8\_When you build a new house, then you shall make a railing around your roof, so that you don't bring blood on your house if anyone falls from there.

9\_You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest all the fruit be defiled, the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard. 10\_You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. 11\_You shall not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together. 12\_You shall make yourselves fringes on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover yourself.

13\_If any man takes a woman, and goes in to her, hates her, 14\_accuses her of shameful things, and gives her a bad name, and says, "I took this woman, and when I came near to her, I didn't find in her the tokens of virginity"; 15\_then the young lady's father and mother shall take and bring the tokens of the young lady's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate. 16\_The young lady's father shall tell the elders, "I gave my daughter to this man as his woman, and he hates her. 17\_Behold, he has accused her of shameful things, saying, 'I didn't find in your daughter the tokens of virginity;' and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity." They shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18\_The elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him. 19\_They shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver, and give them to the father of the young lady, because he has given a bad name to a virgin of Israel. She shall be his woman. He may not put her away all his days. 20\_But if this thing is true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in the young lady; 21\_then they shall bring out the young lady to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done folly in Israel, to play the prostitute in her father's house. So you shall remove the evil from among you.

22\_If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both die, the man who lay with the woman and the woman. So you shall remove the evil from Israel. 23\_If there is a young lady who is a virgin pledged to be married to a husband, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her; 24\_then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones; the lady, because she didn't cry, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's woman. So you shall remove the evil from among you. 25\_But if the man finds the lady who is pledged to be married in the field, and the man forces her, and lies with her; then only the man who lay with her shall die; 26\_but to the lady you shall do nothing. There is in the lady no sin worthy of death; for as when a man rises against his neighbor, and kills him, even so is this matter; 27\_for he found her in the field, the pledged to be married lady cried, and there was no one to save her. 28\_If a man finds a lady who is a virgin, who is not pledged to be married, grabs her, and lies with her, and they are found; 29\_then the man who lay with her shall give to the lady's father fifty shekels of silver. She shall be his woman, because he has humbled her. He may not put her away all his days. 30\_A man shall not take his father's woman, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

## Chapter 23

1\_He who is emasculated by crushing or cutting shall not enter into YHWH's assembly. 2\_A person born of a forbidden union shall not enter into YHWH's assembly; even to the tenth generation shall no one of his enter into YHWH's assembly. 3\_An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into YHWH's assembly; even to the tenth generation shall no one belonging to them enter into YHWH's assembly forever; 4\_because they didn't meet you with bread and with water on the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. 5\_Nevertheless YHWH your Elohim wouldn't listen to Balaam; but YHWH your Elohim turned the curse into a blessing to you, because YHWH your Elohim loved you. 6\_You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever. 7\_You shall not abhor an Edomite; for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you lived as a foreigner in his land. 8\_The children of the third generation who are born to them may enter into YHWH's assembly.

9\_When you go out and camp against your enemies, then you shall keep yourselves from every evil thing. 10\_If there is among you any man who is not clean by reason of a nocturnal emission, then shall he go outside of the camp. He shall not come within the camp; 11\_but it shall be, when evening comes, he shall bathe himself in water. When the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. 12\_You shall have a place also outside of the camp where you go relieve yourself. 13\_You shall have a trowel among your weapons. It shall be, when you relieve yourself, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover your excrement; 14\_for YHWH your Elohim walks in the middle of your camp, to deliver you, and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore your camp shall be holy, that he may not see an unclean thing in you, and turn away from you.

15\_You shall not deliver to his master a servant who has escaped from his master to you. 16\_He shall dwell with you, among you, in the place which he shall choose within one of your gates, where it pleases him best. You shall not oppress him.

17\_There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18\_You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the wages of a male prostitute (lit. dog) into the house of YHWH your Elohim for any vow; for both of these are an abomination to YHWH your Elohim.

19\_You shall not lend on interest to your brother; interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is lent on interest. 20\_You may lend on interest to a foreigner; but to your brother you shall not lend on interest, that YHWH your Elohim may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you go in to possess it.

21\_When you vow a vow to YHWH your Elohim, you shall not be slack to pay it; for YHWH your Elohim will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. 22\_But if you refrain from making a vow, it shall be no sin in you. 23\_You shall observe and do that which has gone out of your lips. Whatever you have vowed to YHWH your Elohim as a freewill offering, which you have promised with your mouth, you must do.

24 When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat of grapes your fill at your own pleasure; but you shall not put any in your container. 25 When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.

## **Chapter 24**

1 When a man takes a woman and marries her, then it shall be, if she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some shameful thing in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 When she has departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's woman. 3 If the latter husband hates her, and write her a bill of divorce, and puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his woman; 4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his woman, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before YHWH. You shall not cause the land to sin, which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance. 5 When a man takes a new woman, he shall not go out in the army, neither shall he be assigned any business. He shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his woman whom he has taken. 6 No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone as a pledge; for he takes a life in pledge. 7 If a man is found stealing any of his brothers of the children of Israel, and he deals with him as a slave, or sells him; then that thief shall die. So you shall remove the evil from among you.

8 Be careful in the plague of leprosy, that you observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites teach you. As I commanded them, so you shall observe to do. 9 Remember what YHWH your Elohim did to Miriam, by the way as you came out of Egypt. 10 When you lend your neighbor any kind of loan, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. 11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge outside to you. 12 If he is a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge. 13 You shall surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless you. It shall be righteousness to you before YHWH your Elohim. 14 You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers, or one of the foreigners who are in your land within your gates. 15 In his day you shall give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down on it; for he is poor, and sets his heart on it; lest he cry against you to YHWH, and it be sin to you. 16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers. Every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 17 You shall not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, nor take a widow's clothing in pledge; 18 but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and YHWH your Elohim redeemed you there. Therefore I command you to do this thing. 19 When you reap your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to get it. It shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that YHWH your Elohim may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again. It shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 21 When you harvest your vineyard, you shall not glean it after yourselves. It shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore I command you to do this thing.

## Chapter 25

1 If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, and the judges judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. 2 It shall be, if the wicked man is worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. 3 He may sentence him to no more than forty stripes. He shall not give more; lest, if he should give more, and beat him more than that many stripes, then your brother will be degraded in your sight.

4 You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.

5 If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies, and has no son, the woman of the dead shall not be married outside to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her as his woman, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6 It shall be that the firstborn whom she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead, that his name not be blotted out of Israel. 7 If the man doesn't want to take his brother's woman, then his brother's woman shall go up to the gate to the elders, and say, "My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel. He will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me." 8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him: and if he stands and says, "I don't want to take her"; 9 then his brother's woman shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face. She shall answer and say, "So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house." 10 His name shall be called in Israel, "The house of him who had his shoe removed."

11 When men strive against each other, and the woman of one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts out her hand, and takes him by his private parts, 12 then you shall cut off her hand. Your eye shall have no pity.

13 You shall not have in your bag diverse weights, one heavy and one light. 14 You shall not have in your house diverse measures, one large and one small. 15 You shall have a perfect and just weight. You shall have a perfect and just measure, that your days may be long in the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you. 16 For all who do such things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to YHWH your Elohim.

17 Remember what Amalek did to you by the way as you came out of Egypt; 18 how he met you by the way, and struck the rearmost of you, all who were feeble behind you, when you were faint and weary; and he didn't fear Elohim. 19 Therefore it shall be, when YHWH your Elohim has given you rest from all your enemies all around, in the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance to possess it, that you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under the sky. You shall not forget.

## Chapter 26

1\_It shall be, when you have come in to the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance, possess it, and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you shall bring in from your land that YHWH your Elohim gives you. You shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which YHWH your Elohim shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3\_You shall come to the priest who shall be in those days, and tell him, "I profess today to YHWH your Elohim, that I have come to the land which YHWH swore to our fathers to give us." 4\_The priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and set it down before the altar of YHWH your Elohim. 5\_You shall answer and say before YHWH your Elohim, "My forefather was a Syrian ready to perish. He went down into Egypt, and lived there, few in number. There he became a great, mighty, and populous nation. 6\_The Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us. 7\_Then we cried to YHWH, the Elohim of our fathers. YHWH heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8\_YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs, and with wonders; 9 and he has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10\_Now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, YHWH, have given me." You shall set it down before YHWH your Elohim, and worship before YHWH your Elohim. 11\_You shall rejoice in all the good which YHWH your Elohim has given to you, and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the foreigner who is among you.

12\_When you have finished tithing all the tithes of your increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled. 13\_You shall say before YHWH your Elohim, "I have put away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandment which you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither have I forgotten them. 14\_I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor given of it for the dead. I have listened to the voice of YHWH my Elohim. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. 15\_Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the ground which you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

16\_Today YHWH your Elohim commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. 17\_You have declared today that YHWH is your Elohim, and that you would walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and listen to his voice. 18\_YHWH has declared today that you are a people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments. 19\_He will make you high above all nations that he has made, in praise, in name, and in honor; and that you may be a holy people to YHWH your Elohim, as he has spoken.

## **Chapter 27**

1\_Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep all the commandment which I command you today. 2\_It shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you, that you shall set yourself up great stones, and coat them with plaster. 3\_You shall write on them all the words of this Torah, when you have passed over; that you may go in to the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, has promised you. 4\_It shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall coat them with plaster. 5\_There you shall build an altar to YHWH your Elohim, an altar of stones. You shall not use any iron tool on them. 6\_You shall build the altar of YHWH your Elohim of uncut stones. You shall offer burnt offerings on it to YHWH your Elohim. 7\_You shall sacrifice peace offerings, and shall eat there. You shall rejoice before YHWH your Elohim. 8\_You shall write on the stones all the words of this Torah very plainly."

9\_Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent, and listen, Israel! Today you have become the people of YHWH your Elohim. 10\_You shall therefore obey YHWH your Elohim's voice, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you today."

11\_Moses commanded the people the same day, saying, 12\_"These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. 13\_These shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14\_With a loud voice, the Levites shall say to all the men of Israel,

15\_'Cursed is the man who makes an engraved or molten image, an abomination to YHWH, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.'  
All the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.'

16\_'Cursed is he who dishonors his father or his mother.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

17\_'Cursed is he who removes his neighbor's landmark.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

18\_'Cursed is he who leads the blind astray on the road.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

19\_'Cursed is he who withholds justice from the foreigner, fatherless, and widow.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

20\_'Cursed is he who lies with his father's woman, because he dishonors his father's bed.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

21\_'Cursed is he who lies with any kind of animal.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

22\_'Cursed is he who lies with his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

23\_'Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

24\_'Cursed is he who secretly kills his neighbor.'  
All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

25 'Cursed is he who takes a bribe to kill an innocent person.'

All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

26 'Cursed is he who doesn't uphold the words of this Torah by doing them.'

All the people shall say, 'Amen.'"

## **Chapter 28**

1 It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to YHWH your Elohim's voice, to observe to do all his commandments which I command you today, that YHWH your Elohim will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 All these blessings will come upon you, and overtake you, if you listen to YHWH your Elohim's voice. 3 You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. 4 You shall be blessed in the fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the fruit of your animals, the increase of your livestock, and the young of your flock. 5 Your basket and your kneading trough shall be blessed. 6 You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out. 7 YHWH will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck before you. They will come out against you one way, and will flee before you seven ways. 8 YHWH will command the blessing on you in your barns, and in all that you put your hand to. He will bless you in the land which YHWH your Elohim gives you. 9 YHWH will establish you for a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim, and walk in his ways. 10 All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by YHWH's name, and they will be afraid of you. 11 YHWH will grant you abundant prosperity, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which YHWH swore to your fathers to give you. 12 YHWH will open to you his good treasure in the sky, to give the rain of your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You will lend to many nations, and you will not borrow. 13 YHWH will make you the head, and not the tail. You will be above only, and you will not be beneath; if you listen to the commandments of YHWH your Elohim, which I command you today, to observe and to do, 14 and shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 But it shall come to pass, if you will not listen to YHWH your Elohim's voice, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come on you, and overtake you. 16 You will be cursed in the city, and you will be cursed in the field. 17 Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. 18 The fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the increase of your livestock, and the young of your flock will be cursed. 19 You will be cursed when you come in, and you will be cursed when you go out. 20 YHWH will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke, in all that you put your hand to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly; because of the evil of your doings, by which you have forsaken me. 21 YHWH will make the pestilence cling to you, until he has consumed you from off the land, where you go in to possess it. 22 YHWH will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with fiery heat, with the sword, with blight, and with mildew. They will pursue you until you perish. 23 Your sky that is over your head will be brass, and the earth that is under you will be iron. 24 YHWH will make the rain of your land powder and dust. It will come down on you from the sky, until you are destroyed. 25 YHWH will cause you to be struck before

your enemies. You will go out one way against them, and will flee seven ways before them. You will be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 Your dead body will be food to all birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth; and there will be no one to frighten them away. 27 YHWH will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with the tumors, with the scurvy, and with the itch, of which you can not be healed. 28 YHWH will strike you with madness, with blindness, and with astonishment of heart. 29 You will grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. You will only be oppressed and robbed always, and there will be no one to save you. 30 You will betroth a woman, and another man shall lie with her. You will build a house, and you won't dwell in it. You will plant a vineyard, and not use its fruit. 31 Your ox will be slain before your eyes, and you will not eat any of it. Your donkey will be violently taken away from before your face, and will not be restored to you. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and you will have no one to save you. 32 Your sons and your daughters will be given to another people. Your eyes will look, and fail with longing for them all day long. There will be no power in your hand. 33 A nation which you don't know will eat the fruit of your ground and all of your work. You will only be oppressed and crushed always; 34 so that the sights that you see with your eyes will drive you mad. 35 YHWH will strike you in the knees and in the legs with a sore boil, of which you can not be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 YHWH will bring you, and your king whom you will set over yourselves, to a nation that you have not known, you nor your fathers. There you will serve other gods of wood and stone. 37 You will become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where YHWH will lead you away. 38 You will carry much seed out into the field, and will gather little in; for the locust will consume it. 39 You will plant vineyards and dress them, but you will neither drink of the wine, nor harvest, because worms will eat them. 40 You will have olive trees throughout all your borders, but you won't anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives will drop off. 41 You will father sons and daughters, but they will not be yours; for they will go into captivity. 42 Locusts will consume all of your trees and the fruit of your ground. 43 The foreigner who is among you will mount up above you higher and higher, and you will come down lower and lower. 44 He will lend to you, and you won't lend to him. He will be the head, and you will be the tail. 45 All these curses will come on you, and will pursue you, and overtake you, until you are destroyed; because you didn't listen to YHWH your Elohim's voice, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded you. 46 They will be for a sign and for a wonder to you and to your seed forever.

47 Because you didn't serve YHWH your Elohim with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; 48 therefore you will serve your enemies whom YHWH sends against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in lack of all things. He will put an iron yoke on your neck, until he has destroyed you. 49 YHWH will bring a nation against you from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flies; a nation whose language you will not understand; 50 a nation of fierce facial expressions, that doesn't respect the elderly, nor show favor to the young, 51 and they will eat the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed. They also won't leave you grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of your livestock, or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish. 52 They will besiege you in all your

gates, until your high and fortified walls come down, in which you trusted, throughout all your land. They will besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land, which YHWH your Elohim has given you. 53. You will eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, whom YHWH your Elohim has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies will distress you. 54. The man who is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye will be evil toward his brother, toward the woman whom he loves, and toward the remnant of his children whom he has remaining; 55. so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left to him, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy will distress you in all your gates. 56. The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye will be evil toward the husband that she loves, toward her son, toward her daughter, 57. toward her young one who comes out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of all things, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy will distress you in your gates.

58. If you will not observe to do all the words of this Torah that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, YHWH YOUR ELOHIM; 59. then YHWH will make your plagues fearful, and the plagues of your seed even great plagues, and of long duration, and severe sicknesses, and of long duration. 60. He will bring on you again all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they will cling to you. 61. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this Torah, YHWH will bring them on you, until you are destroyed. 62. You will be left few in number, even though you were as the stars of the sky for multitude; because you didn't listen to YHWH your Elohim's voice. 63. It will happen that as YHWH rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so YHWH will rejoice over you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you. You will be plucked from off of the land where you go in to possess it. 64. YHWH will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth. There you will serve other gods, which you have not known, you nor your fathers, even wood and stone. 65. Among these nations you will find no ease, and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot; but YHWH will give you there a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and pining of soul. 66. Your life will hang in doubt before you. You will be afraid night and day, and will have no assurance of your life. 67. In the morning you will say, "I wish it were evening!" and at evening you will say, "I wish it were morning!" for the fear of your heart which you will fear, and for the sights which your eyes will see. 68. YHWH will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I told to you that you would never see it again. There you will sell yourselves to your enemies for male and female slaves, and nobody will buy you.

## **Chapter 29**

1. These are the words of the covenant which YHWH commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

2. Moses called to all Israel, and said to them:

Your eyes have seen all that YHWH did in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; 3. the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.

4 But YHWH has not given you a heart to know, eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day. 5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not grown old on you, and your shoes have not grown old on your feet. 6 You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink; that you may know that I am YHWH your Elohim. 7 When you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we struck them. 8 We took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of the Manassites. 9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

10 All of you stand today in the presence of YHWH your Elohim; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 11 your little ones, your women, and the foreigners who are in the middle of your camps, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water; 12 that you may enter into the covenant of YHWH your Elohim, and into his oath, which YHWH your Elohim makes with you today; 13 that he may establish you today as a people, and that he may be your Elohim, as he spoke to you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 Neither do I make this covenant and this oath with you only, 15 but with those who stand here with us today before YHWH our Elohim, and also with those who are not here with us today 16 (for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the middle of the nations through which you passed; 17 and you have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them); 18 lest there should be among you man, woman, family, or tribe whose heart turns away today from YHWH our Elohim, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that produces bitter poison; 19 and it happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, "I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to destroy the moist with the dry." 20 YHWH will not pardon him, but then YHWH's anger and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book will fall on him, and YHWH will blot out his name from under the sky. 21 YHWH will set him apart for evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the Torah.

22 The posterity to come, your children who will rise up after you, and the foreigner who will come from a far land, will say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses with which YHWH has made it sick; 23 and that all of its land is sulfur, salt, and burning, that it is not sown, doesn't produce, nor does any grass grow in it, like the overthrow of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which YHWH overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath; 24 even all the nations will say, "Why has YHWH done thus to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?"

25 Then men will say, "Because they abandoned the covenant of YHWH, the Elohim of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, 26 and went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods that they didn't know, and that he had not given to them. 27 Therefore YHWH's anger burned against this land, to bring on it all the curses that are written in this book. 28 YHWH rooted them out of their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and thrust them into another land, as it is today."

29. The secret things belong to YHWH our Elohim; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Torah.

### **Chapter 30**

1. It shall happen, when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, where YHWH your Elohim has driven you, 2. and return to YHWH your Elohim, and obey his voice according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; 3. that then YHWH your Elohim will release you from captivity; have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the peoples where YHWH your Elohim has scattered you. 4. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of the heavens, from there YHWH your Elohim will gather you, and from there he will bring you back. 5. YHWH your Elohim will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you will possess it. He will do you good, and increase your numbers more than your fathers. 6. YHWH your Elohim will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. 7. YHWH your Elohim will put all these curses on your enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8. You shall return and obey the voice of YHWH, and do all his commandments which I command you today. 9. YHWH your Elohim will make you plenteous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, for good; for YHWH will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers; 10. if you will obey YHWH your Elohim's voice, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the Torah; if you turn to YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul.

11. For this commandment which I command you today is not too hard for you or too distant. 12. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, and proclaim it to us, that we may do it?" 13. Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, and proclaim it to us, that we may do it?" 14. But the word is very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

15. Behold, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and evil. 16. For I command you today to love YHWH your Elohim, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, that you may live and multiply, and that YHWH your Elohim may bless you in the land where you go in to possess it. 17. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; 18. I declare to you today, that you will surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you pass over the Jordan to go in to possess it. 19. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your descendants; 20. to love YHWH your Elohim, to obey his voice, and to cling to him; for he is your life, and the length of your days; that you may dwell in the land which YHWH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

## **Chapter 31**

1\_Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. 2\_He said to them, "I am one hundred twenty years old today. I can no more go out and come in. YHWH has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' 3\_YHWH your Elohim himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua will go over before you, as YHWH has spoken. 4\_YHWH will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land; whom he destroyed. 5\_YHWH will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandment which I have commanded you. 6\_Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or scared of them; for YHWH your Elohim himself is who goes with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you."

7\_Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which YHWH has sworn to their fathers to give them; and you shall cause them to inherit it. 8\_YHWH himself is who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you. Don't be afraid. Don't be discouraged."

9\_Moses wrote this Torah, and delivered it to the priests the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of YHWH's covenant, and to all the elders of Israel. 10\_Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 11\_when all Israel has come to appear before YHWH your Elohim in the place which he will choose, you shall read this Torah before all Israel in their hearing. 12\_Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and the foreigners who are within your gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear YHWH your Elohim, and observe to do all the words of this Torah; 13\_and that their children, who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear YHWH your Elohim, as long as you live in the land where you go over the Jordan to possess it."

14\_YHWH said to Moses, "Behold, your days approach that you must die. Call Joshua, and present yourselves in the Tent of Meeting, that I may commission him."  
Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting.

15\_YHWH appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood over the Tent's door. 16\_YHWH said to Moses, "Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers. This people will rise up, and play the prostitute after the strange gods of the land, where they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. 17\_Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come on them; so that they will say in that day, 'Haven't these evils come on us because our Elohim is not among us?' 18\_I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

19\_"Now therefore write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. 20\_For when I have brought them into the land which I swore to their fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat; then they will turn to other gods, and serve

them, and despise me, and break my covenant. 21 It will happen, when many evils and troubles have come on them, that this song will testify before them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants; for I know their ways and what they are doing today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore."

22 So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

23 He commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and courageous; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore to them. I will be with you."

24 When Moses had finished writing the words of this Torah in a book, until they were finished, 25 Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of YHWH's covenant, saying, 26 "Take this book of the Torah, and put it by the side of the ark of YHWH's covenant your Elohim, that it may be there for a witness against you. 27 For I know your rebellion, and your stiff neck. Behold, while I am yet alive with you today, you have been rebellious against YHWH. How much more after my death? 28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death you will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will happen to you in the latter days; because you will do that which is evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands."

30 Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were finished.

## **Chapter 32**

1 Give ear, you heavens, and I will speak.  
Let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2 My instruction will drop as the rain.  
My speech will condense as the dew,  
as the misty rain on the tender grass,  
as the showers on the herb.

3 For I will proclaim YHWH's name.  
Ascribe greatness to our Elohim!

4 The Rock, his work is perfect,  
for all his ways are just.  
An Elohim of faithfulness who does no wrong,  
just and right is he.

5 A perverse and crooked generation  
has corrupted itself from him.  
They are not his children,  
because of their own defection.

6 Is this the way you repay YHWH,  
foolish and unwise people?

Isn't he your father who owns you?  
He has made you and established you.  
7 Remember the days of old.  
Consider the years of many generations.  
Ask your father, and he will show you;  
your elders, and they will tell you.  
8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,  
when he separated the children of men,  
he set the bounds of the peoples  
according to the number of the children of Israel.  
9 For YHWH's portion is his people.  
Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.  
10 He met him in a desert land,  
in the waste howling wilderness.  
He surrounded him.  
He cared for him.  
He kept him as the apple of his eye.  
11 As an eagle that stirs up her nest,  
that flutters over her young,  
he spread abroad his wings,  
he took them up,  
he bore them on his feathers.  
12 YHWH alone led him.  
There was no foreign god with him.  
13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth.  
He ate the increase of the field.  
He caused him to suck honey out of the rock,  
oil out of the flinty rock;  
14 butter from the herd, and milk from the flock,  
with fat of lambs,  
rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,  
with the finest of the wheat.  
From the blood of the grape, you drank wine.  
15 But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked.  
You have grown fat.  
You have grown thick.  
You have become engorged.  
Then he abandoned Elohim who made him,  
and rejected the Rock of his salvation.  
16 They moved him to jealousy with strange gods.  
They provoked him to anger with abominations.  
17 They sacrificed to demons, not Elohim,  
to gods that they didn't know,  
to new gods that came up recently,

which your fathers didn't dread.

18 Of the Rock who became your father, you are unmindful,  
and have forgotten Elohim who gave you birth.

19 YHWH saw and abhorred,  
because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.

20 He said, "I will hide my face from them.

I will see what their end will be;  
for they are a very perverse generation,  
children in whom is no faithfulness.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not Elohim.  
They have provoked me to anger with their vanities.

I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people.  
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in my anger,  
that burns to the lowest Sheol,  
devours the land with its increase,  
and sets the foundations of the mountains on fire.

23 "I will heap evils on them.

I will spend my arrows on them.

24 They shall be wasted with hunger,  
and devoured with burning heat  
and bitter destruction.

I will send the teeth of animals on them,  
with the venom of vipers that glide in the dust.

25 Outside the sword will bereave,  
and in the rooms, terror;  
on both young man and virgin,  
the nursing infant with the gray-haired man.

26 I said that I would cut them to pieces,  
I would make their memory to cease from among men;

27 were it not that I feared the provocation of the enemy,  
lest their adversaries should judge wrongly,  
lest they should say, 'Our hand is exalted,  
YHWH has not done all this.'"

28 For they are a nation void of counsel.

There is no understanding in them.

29 Oh that they were wise, that they understood this,  
that they would consider their latter end!

30 How could one chase a thousand,  
and two put ten thousand to flight,  
unless their Rock had sold them,  
and YHWH had delivered them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock,  
even our enemies themselves concede.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom,  
of the fields of Gomorrah.

Their grapes are poison grapes.

Their clusters are bitter.

33 Their wine is the poison of serpents,  
the cruel venom of asps.

34 "Isn't this laid up in store with me,  
sealed up among my treasures?

35 Vengeance is mine, and recompense,  
at the time when their foot slides;  
for the day of their calamity is at hand.

Their doom rushes at them."

36 For YHWH will vindicate his people,  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone;  
that there is no one remaining, shut up or left at large.

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 offering?

Let them rise up and help you!

Let them be your protection.

39 "See now that I myself am he.

There is no God besides me.

I kill and I make alive.

I wound and I heal.

There is no one who can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven and declare,  
as I live forever,

41 if I sharpen my glittering sword,  
my hand grasps it in judgment;

I will take vengeance on my adversaries,  
and will repay those who hate me.

42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood.

My sword shall devour flesh with the blood of the slain and the captives,  
from the head of the leaders of the enemy."

43 Sing for joy, you nations, with his people,  
for he will avenge the blood of his servants.

He will take vengeance on his adversaries,  
and will make atonement for his land and for his people.

44 Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. 45 Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel. 46 He said to them, "Set your heart to all the words which I testify to you today, which you shall command your children to

observe to do, all the words of this Torah. 47 For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.”

48 YHWH spoke to Moses that same day, saying, 49 “Go up into this mountain of Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is across from Jericho; and see the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel for a possession. 50 Die on the mountain where you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people; 51 because you trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah of Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you didn’t uphold my holiness among the children of Israel. 52 For you shall see the land from a distance; but you shall not go there into the land which I give the children of Israel.”

### **Chapter 33**

1 This is the blessing with which Moses the man of Elohim blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2 He said,  
“YHWH came from Sinai,  
and rose from Seir to them.  
He shone from Mount Paran.  
He came with the ten thousands of holy ones.  
From his right hand went fiery Commands for them.  
3 Yes, he loves his people.  
All your holy ones are in your hand.  
They sat down at your feet.  
Each receives your words.  
4 Moses commanded us a Torah,  
an inheritance for the assembly of Jacob.  
5 He was king in Jeshurun,  
when the heads of the people were gathered,  
all the tribes of Israel together.  
6 “Let Reuben live, and not die;  
Nor let his men be few.”  
7 This is for Judah. He said,  
“Hear, YHWH, the voice of Judah.  
Bring him in to his people.  
With his hands he contended for himself.  
You shall be a help against his adversaries.”  
8 About Levi he said,  
“Your Thummim and your Urim are with your holy one,  
whom you proved at Massah,  
with whom you contended at the waters of Meribah.  
9 He said of his father, and of his mother, ‘I have not seen him.’  
He didn’t acknowledge his brothers,

nor did he know his own children;  
for they have observed your word,  
and keep your covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob your ordinances,  
and Israel your Torah.

They shall put incense before you,  
and whole burnt offering on your altar.

11 YHWH, bless his substance.  
Accept the work of his hands.

Strike through the hips of those who rise up against him,  
of those who hate him, that they not rise again."

12 About Benjamin he said,  
"The beloved of YHWH will dwell in safety by him.

He covers him all day long.  
He dwells between his shoulders."

13 About Joseph he said,  
"His land is blessed by YHWH,  
for the precious things of the heavens, for the dew,  
for the deep that couches beneath,

14 for the precious things of the fruits of the sun,  
for the precious yield of the moons,

15 for the best things of the ancient mountains,  
for the precious things of the everlasting hills,  
16 for the precious things of the earth and its fullness,  
the good will of him who resided in the (burning) bush.

Let this come on the head of Joseph,  
on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.

17 The firstborn of his herd, majesty is his.  
His horns are the horns of the wild ox.

With them he will push the people together all at once from the ends of the earth.

They are the ten thousands of Ephraim.  
They are the thousands of Manasseh."

18 About Zebulun he said,  
"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going abroad ;  
and Issachar, in your tents.

19 They will call the peoples to the mountain.  
There they will offer sacrifices of righteousness,  
for they will draw forth the abundance of the seas,  
and the hidden treasures of the sand."

20 About Gad he said,  
"He who enlarges Gad is blessed.  
He dwells as a great lion,  
and tears the arm, yes, the crown of the head.

21 He provided the first part for himself,

for the lawgiver's portion was reserved for him.

He came with the heads of the people.

He executed the righteousness of YHWH,

His ordinances with Israel."

22 About Dan he said,

"Dan is a young lion  
that leaps out of Bashan."

23 About Naphtali he said,

"Naphtali, satisfied with favor,  
full of YHWH's blessing,  
Possess the sea and the south."

24 About Asher he said,

"Asher is most blessed of sons.  
Let him be favored among his brothers.  
Let him dip his foot in oil.

25 Your locks will be iron and brass.

As your days, so your strength will be.

26 "There is no one like Elohim, Jeshurun,  
who rides on the heavens for your help,  
in his majesty on the skies.

27 The eternal Elohim is your refuge.

Underneath are the everlasting arms.  
He shall thrust out the enemy from before you,  
and shall say, 'Destroy!'

28 Israel shall dwell in safety, set apart;  
the continuance of Jacob,

In a land of grain and new wine.

Yes, his heavens drop down dew.

29 You are happy, Israel!

Who is like you, a people saved by YHWH,  
the shield of your help,  
the sword of your majesty?

Your enemies will fail before you.

You will tread on their high places."

## **Chapter 34**

1 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. YHWH showed him all the land of Gilead, to Dan, 2 and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the western sea, 3 and the south, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, to Zoar. 4 YHWH said to him, "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.'"

5. So Moses the servant of YHWH died there in the land of Moab, according to YHWH's word.  
6. He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no man knows where his tomb is to this day. 7. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor his strength gone.

8. The children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. 9. Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands on him. The children of Israel listened to him, and did as YHWH commanded Moses. 10. Since then, there has not arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom YHWH knew face to face, 11. in all the signs and the wonders, which YHWH sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12. and in all the mighty hand, and in all the awesome deeds, which Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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