

Numbers (4 Moses)

1:2 Men of War numbered. 2:1 The People numbered. 3:1 Priests and Levites. 5:1 Uncleaness and Offerings.

1 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in *the* wilderness of Sinai, in *the* tent of meeting, on *the* first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of *the* land of Egypt, saying, 2 Take ye the sum of all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, every male, by their polls; 3 from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel, thou and Aaron shall number them by their hosts. 4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of his fathers' house. 5 And these *are the* names of the men that shall stand with you.

Of Reuben: Elizur *the* son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon: Shelumiel *the* son of Zuri-shaddai.

7 Of Judah: Nahshon *the* son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar: Nethanel *the* son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun: Eliab *the* son of Helon.

10 Of *the* children of Joseph: Of Ephraim: Elishama *the* son of Ammihud.

Of Manasseh: Gamaliel *the* son of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin: Abidan *the* son of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan: Ahiezer *the* son of Ammi-shaddai.

13 Of Asher: Pagiél *the* son of Ochran.

14 Of Gad: Eliasaph *the* son of ¹Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali: Ahira *the* son of Enan.

16 These *are* they *that* were called of the congregation, *the* princes of *the* tribes of their fathers; they were *the* heads of *the* ²thousands of Israel. 17 And Moses and Aaron took these men that are mentioned by name: 18 and they assembled all the congregation together on *the* first day of the second month; and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. 19 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so he numbered them in *the* wilderness of Sinai.³

20 And *the* children of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 21 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand five hundred.

¹ In ch. 2:14, Reuel.

² Or, families

³ The smallest unit was apparently fifty, as in 1Sa 8:12; Compare also Ex 18:21, 25.

22 Of *the* children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those that were numbered thereof, according to *the* number of *the* names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 23 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

24 Of *the* children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 25 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.

26 Of *the* children of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 27 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Judah, were seventy-four thousand six hundred.⁴

28 Of *the* children of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 29 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

30 Of *the* children of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 31 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

32 Of *the* children of Joseph, *namely*, of *the* children of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 33 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand five hundred.

34 Of *the* children of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 35 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

36 Of *the* children of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the*

⁴ Thus, nearly one out of eight soldiers was from Judah. In the time of King David the proportion had grown to about two out of every five. See 2Sa 24, 1Chr 21.

number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 37 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

38 Of *the* children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 39 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

40 Of *the* children of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 41 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand five hundred.

42 Of *the* children of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to *the* number of *the* names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 43 those that were numbered of them, of *the* tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44 These *are* they that were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and *the* princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: they were each one for his fathers' house. 45 So all they that were numbered of *the* children of Israel by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; 46 even all they that were numbered were ⁵six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty.

47 But the Levites after *the* tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. 48 For Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 49 Only the tribe of Levi thou shalt not number, neither shalt thou take the sum of them among *the* children of Israel; 50 but appoint thou the Levites over *the* tabernacle of the testimony, and over all *the* furniture thereof, and over all that *belongeth* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the furniture thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. 51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 52 And *the* children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their hosts. 53 But the Levites shall encamp round about *the* tabernacle of the

⁵ In 215 years in Egypt, Jacob's family grew at an average rate of nearly 5%/year, with the fastest rate during the last hundred years. Assuming a constant 5% rate (and ignoring death rate and mixed multitude), and 603,550 for males ages 20-60, there would have been 88,187 male infants (< 1 year old), 33,237 men 20-years old (ready for marriage each year), 3.6 million total population, and about 5 children per family.

testimony, that there be no wrath upon *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of *the* tabernacle of the testimony. 54 Thus did *the* children of Israel; according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so did they.

2 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 *The* children of Israel shall encamp every man by his own standard, with *the* ensigns of their fathers' houses: over against *the* tent of meeting shall they encamp round about. 3 And those that encamp on *the* east side toward *the* sunrising shall be they of *the* standard of *the* camp of Judah, according to their hosts: and *the* prince of *the* children of Judah shall be Nahshon *the* son of Amminadab. 4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 5 And those that encamp next unto him shall be *the* tribe of Issachar: and *the* prince of *the* children of Issachar shall be Nethanel *the* son of Zuar. 6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 7 And *the* tribe of Zebulun: and *the* prince of *the* children of Zebulun shall be Eliab *the* son of Helon. 8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 9 All that were numbered of *the* camp of Judah were a hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred, according to their hosts. they shall set forth first.

10 On *the* south side shall be *the* standard of *the* camp of Reuben according to their hosts: and *the* prince of *the* children of Reuben shall be Elizur *the* son of Shedeur. 11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty-six thousand five hundred. 12 And those that encamp next unto him shall be *the* tribe of Simeon: and *the* prince of *the* children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel *the* son of Zurishaddai. 13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. 14 And *the* tribe of Gad: and *the* prince of *the* children of Gad shall be Eliasaph *the* son of ⁶Reuel. 15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty. 16 All that were numbered of *the* camp of Reuben were a hundred fifty-one thousand four hundred fifty, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth second.

17 Then *the* tent of meeting shall set forward, with *the* camp of the Levites in *the* midst of the camps: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 On *the* west side shall be *the* standard of *the* camp of Ephraim according to their hosts: and *the* prince of *the* children of Ephraim shall be Elishama *the* son of Ammihud. 19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand five hundred.

⁶ In ch. 1:14, Deuel. (With a rolled "r", the sounds are similar.)

20 And next unto him *shall be the* tribe of Manasseh: and *the* prince of *the* children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel *the* son of Pedahzur. 21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty-two thousand two hundred. 22 And *the* tribe of Benjamin: and *the* prince of *the* children of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan *the* son of Gideon. 23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty-five thousand four hundred. 24 All that were numbered of *the* camp of Ephraim *were* a hundred eight thousand one hundred, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth third.

25 On *the* north side *shall be the* standard of *the* camp of Dan according to their hosts: and *the* prince of *the* children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer *the* son of Ammishaddai. 26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 27 And those that encamp next unto him *shall be the* tribe of Asher: and *the* prince of *the* children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel *the* son of Ocran. 28 And his hosts, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty-one thousand five hundred. 29 And *the* tribe of Naphtali: and *the* prince of *the* children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira *the* son of Enan. 30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty-three thousand four hundred. 31 All that were numbered of *the* camp of Dan *were* a hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall set forth hindmost by their standards.

32 These *are* they that were numbered of *the* children of Israel by their fathers' houses: all that were numbered of the camps according to their hosts *were* six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 33 But the Levites were ⁷not numbered among *the* children of Israel; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 34 Thus did *the* children of Israel; according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so they encamped by their standards, and so they set forward, every one by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

3 Now these *are the* generations of Aaron and Moses in *the* day that Jehovah spake with Moses in mount Sinai. 2 And these *are the* names of *the* sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 3 These *are the* names of *the* sons of Aaron, the priests that were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in *the* priest's office. 4 And Nadab and Abihu died before Jehovah, when they offered strange fire before Jehovah, in *the* wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in *the* priest's office in *the* presence of Aaron their father.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. 7 And they

⁷ That is, not enlisted for war Cf. ch. 3:14-43.

shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before *the* tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. 8 And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. 9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they *are* ⁸wholly given unto him ⁹on *the* behalf of *the* ¹⁰children of Israel. 10 And thou shalt ¹¹appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among *the* children of Israel instead of all *the* firstborn that openeth *the* womb among *the* children of Israel;¹² and the Levites shall be mine: 13 for all *the* firstborn *are* mine; on *the* day that I smote all *the* firstborn in *the* land of Egypt I sanctified unto me all *the* firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; mine they shall be: I *am* Jehovah.

14 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in *the* wilderness of Sinai, saying, 15 Number the children of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them. 16 And Moses numbered them according to *the* word of Jehovah, as he was commanded. 17 And these were *the* sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. 18 And these *are the* names of *the* sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. 19 And *the* sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. 20 And *the* sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These *are the* families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

21 Of Gershon *was the* family of the Libnites, and *the* family of the Shimeites: these *are the* families of the Gershonites. 22 Those that were numbered of them, according to *the* number of all *the* males, from a month old and upward, *even* those that were numbered of them *were* seven thousand five hundred. 23 *The* families of the Gershonites shall encamp behind the tabernacle westward. 24 And *the* prince of *the* fathers' house of the Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph *the* son of Lael. 25 And *the* charge of *the* sons of Gershon in *the* tent of meeting *shall be* the tabernacle, and the Tent, *the* covering thereof, and *the* screen for *the* door of *the* tent of meeting. 26 and *the* hangings of the court, and the screen for *the* door of the court, which is by *the*

⁸ *Hb.* given, given

⁹ *Or,* from

¹⁰ *Lit.* sons of Israel. *And so elsewhere.*

¹¹ *Or,* number

¹² *So* Massoretic, 4QLev-Num^a. Sam., Sept. *add* their ransom shall be among the children of Israel;

tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all *the* service thereof.

27 And of Kohath *was the* family of the Amramites, and *the* family of the Izharites, and *the* family of the Hebronites, and *the* family of the Uzzielites: these *are the* families of the Kohathites. 28 According to *the* number of all *the* males, from a month old and upward, there *were* ¹³eight thousand six hundred, keeping *the* charge of the ¹⁴Holy. 29 *The* families of *the* sons of Kohath shall encamp on *the* side of the tabernacle southward. 30 And *the* prince of *the* fathers' house of *the* families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. 31 And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and *the* vessels of the Holy wherewith they minister, and the screen, and all *the* service thereof. 32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be prince of *the* princes of the Levites, and *have* the oversight of them that keep *the* charge of the Holy.

33 Of Merari *was the* family of the Mahlites, and *the* family of the Mushites: these *are the* families of Merari. 34 And those that were numbered of them, according to *the* number of all *the* males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand two hundred. 35 And *the* prince of *the* fathers' house of *the* families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail: they shall encamp on *the* side of the tabernacle northward. 36 And ¹⁵*the* appointed charge of *the* sons of Merari shall be *the* boards of the tabernacle, and *the* bars thereof, and *the* pillars thereof, and *the* sockets thereof, and all *the* instruments thereof, and all *the* service thereof, 37 and *the* pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 And those that encamp before the tabernacle eastward, before *the* tent of meeting toward *the*

sunrising, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping *the* charge of the sanctuary ¹⁶for *the* charge of *the* children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 39 All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses ¹⁷numbered at *the* commandment of Jehovah, by their families, all *the* males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty-two thousand.

40 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Number all *the* firstborn males of *the* children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. 41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I *am* Jehovah) instead of all *the* firstborn among *the* children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all *the* firstlings among *the* cattle of *the* children of Israel. 42 And Moses numbered, as Jehovah commanded him, all the firstborn among *the* children of Israel. 43 And all *the* firstborn males according to *the* number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were ¹⁸twenty-two thousand two hundred seventy-three.

44 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 45 Take the Levites instead of all *the* firstborn among *the* children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I *am* Jehovah. 46 and for ¹⁹the redemption of the two hundred seventy-three of *the* firstborn of *the* children of Israel, that are over and above the *number of* Levites, 47 thou shalt take five shekels apiece by the poll; after *the* shekel of the Holy shalt thou take *them* (the shekel is twenty gerahs): 48 and thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons. 49 And Moses took the redemption-money from them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites; 50 from *the* firstborn of *the* children of Israel took he the money, a thousand three hundred sixty-five *shekels*, after *the* shekel of the Holy: 51 and Moses gave ²⁰the redemption-money unto Aaron and to his sons, according to *the* word of Jehovah, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

4 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 Take the sum of *the* sons of Kohath from among *the* sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 3 from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the ²¹service, to do *the* work in *the* tent of meeting. 4 This is *the* ²²service of *the* sons of Kohath in *the* tent of

¹³ *The subtotals add up to 22,300, not to 22,000 given in vs. 39, and inferred from vs. 43 minus 46.*

The Massoretic Hebrew text reads:

שדקה תרמשמ ירמש תואמ ששו סיפלא תנמש

the Holy. - *the* charge of - keepers of - hundreds - and six - thousands - were eight

The alphabetic numerics 8,300 and 8,600 are similar:

... תששמרי ... תששמרי

... - keepers of - 300 + 8,000 - ... - keepers of - 300 + 300 + 8,000

The simplest explanation is that the letter shin (ש) at the beginning of the next word was very early mistaken for an extra 300. If so, the true sum is:

3:22	Gershon	7,500
3:28	Kohath	8,300
3:34	Merari	<u>6,200</u>
3:39	Levi total	22,000

The ease with which some alphabetic numerics could be misread then prompted the Massorettes (and Greek uncial scribes) to write out the numbers.

¹⁴ *Or, sanctuary. Similarly in vss. 31, 32, 47, 50.*

¹⁵ *Hb. the office of the charge*

¹⁶ *Or, even*

¹⁷ *Sopherim added (marked as doubtful) and Aaron*

¹⁸ *Compare footnote on ch. 1:46.*

¹⁹ *Or, those that are to be redeemed, the 273 etc.*

²⁰ *Or, the money of them that were redeemed*

²¹ *Hb. warfare, or, host, Also in vss. 35, 39, 43.*

²² *Or, work*

meeting, *about* the most holy *things*: 5 when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the testimony with it. 6 and shall put thereon a covering of sealskin, and shall spread over *it* a cloth all of blue, and shall put in *the* staves thereof. 7 And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls and the cups wherewith to pour out; and the continual bread shall be thereon: 8 and they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover *the* same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof. 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the lampstand of the light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its ²³snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: 10 and they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of sealskin, and shall put *it* upon ²⁴the frame. 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof: 12 and they shall take all the vessels of ministry, wherewith they minister in the Holy, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put *them* on the frame. 13 And they shall take away *the* ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon: 14 and they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, the ²⁵firepans, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all *the* vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of sealskin, and put in *the* staves thereof. 15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the Holy, and all the furniture of the Holy, as the camp is to set forward; after that, *the* sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it*: but they shall not touch the ²⁶holy *thing*, lest they die. These *things* are *the* burden of *the* sons of Kohath in *the* tent of meeting. 16 And *the* charge of Eleazar *the* son of Aaron the priest *shall be the* oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the continual meal-offering, and the anointing oil, *the* charge of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, *the* Holy, and *the* furniture thereof.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of *the* families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19 but thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy *things*: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden; 20 but they shall not go in to see the holy *thing* even for a moment, lest they die.

21 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 22 Take the sum of *the* sons of Gershon also, by their fathers'

²³ *Lit.* censers,

²⁴ *Or*, a bar.

²⁵ *Lit.* censers,

²⁶ *Lit.* holy, *or*, sanctuary, *And in* vss. 16, 20.

houses, by their families; 23 from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to ²⁷wait upon *the* service, to do *the* work in *the* tent of meeting. 24 This *is the* service of *the* families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25 they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that *is* above upon it, and the screen for *the* door of *the* tent of meeting, 26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for *the* door of *the* gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatsoever shall be done with them: therein shall they serve. 27 At *the* commandment of Aaron and his sons shall be all *the* service of *the* sons of the Gershonites, in all their burden, and in all their service; and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burden. 28 This *is the* service of *the* families of *the* sons of the Gershonites in *the* tent of meeting: and their charge *shall be* under *the* hand of Ithamar *the* son of Aaron the priest.

29 *As for the* sons of Merari, thou shalt number them by their families, by their fathers' houses; 30 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shall thou number them, every one that entereth upon the service, to do the work of *the* tent of meeting. 31 And this *is the* charge of their burden, according to all their service in *the* tent of meeting: *the* boards of the tabernacle, and *the* bars thereof, and *the* pillars thereof, and *the* sockets thereof, 32 and *the* pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall ²⁸appoint the instruments of *the* charge of their burden. 33 This *is the* service of *the* families of *the* sons of Merari, according to all their service, in *the* tent of meeting, under *the* hand of Ithamar *the* son of Aaron the priest.

34 And Moses and Aaron and *the* princes of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 35 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in *the* tent of meeting: 36 and those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred fifty. 37 These *are* they that were numbered of *the* families of the Kohathites, all that did serve in *the* tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to *the* commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of *the* sons of Gershon, their families and by their fathers' houses, 39 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for

²⁷ *Hb.* war *the* warfare,

²⁸ *Or*, number

work in *the* tent of meeting, 40 even those that were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two thousand six hundred thirty. 41 These *are* they that were numbered of *the* families of *the* sons of Gershon, all that did serve in *the* tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to *the* commandment of Jehovah.

42 And those that were numbered of *the* families of *the* sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 43 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in *the* tent of meeting, 44 even those that were numbered of them by their families, were three thousand two hundred. 45 These *are* they that were numbered of *the* families of *the* sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to *the* commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and *the* princes of Israel numbered, by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 47 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered in to do *the* work of service, and *the* work of bearing burdens in *the* tent of meeting, 48 even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand five hundred eighty. 49 According to *the* commandment of Jehovah they were numbered by Moses, every one according to his service, and ²⁹according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and everyone that hath an issue, and whosoever is unclean by a ³⁰*dead* soul: 3 both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camp, in *the* midst whereof I dwell. 4 And *the* children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp; as Jehovah spake unto Moses, so did *the* children of Israel.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, when a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, so as to trespass against Jehovah, and that soul shall be guilty; 7 then he shall confess his sin which he hath done: and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add unto it *the* fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* in respect of whom he hath been guilty. 8 But if the man have no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made unto Jehovah *shall be* the priest's; besides *the* ram of the atonements, whereby atonement shall be made for him. 9 And

²⁹ *Or*, according to his burden and his duty, as *etc.*

³⁰ *Hb.* nephesh, soul *or*, being *Similar usage for dead body is in*, ch. 6:6, 11; 9:6, 7, 10; 19:11,13; Lv 21:1, *etc.*

every heave-offering of all *the* holy *things* of *the* children of Israel, which they present unto the priest, shall be his. 10 And every man's holy *things* shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 12 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 and a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from *the* eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, and she be not taken *in the act*; 14 and *the* spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if *the* spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled; 15 then shall *the* man bring his wife unto the priest, and shall bring her oblation for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* a meal-offering of jealousy, a meal-offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before Jehovah: 17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on *the* floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water. 18 And the priest shall set the woman before Jehovah, and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and put the meal-offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the meal-offering of jealousy: and the priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that causeth the curse. 19 And the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou have not gone aside to uncleanness, ³¹being under thy husband, be thou free from this water of bitterness that causeth the curse. 20 But if thou have gone aside, being under thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee besides thy husband: 21 then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of ³²cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, Jehovah make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when Jehovah doth make thy thigh to fall away, and thy body to swell; 22 and this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, and make *thy* body to swell, and *thy* thigh to fall away. And the woman shall say Amen, Amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out into the water of bitterness: 24 and he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causeth the curse; and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter. 25 And the priest shall take the meal-offering of

³¹ *Or*, with another instead of thy husband, *And in vs. 20. See Ez 23:5, Ro 7:2*

³² *Or*, adjuration, (*Similarly later in this vs..*)

jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the meal-offering before Jehovah, and bring it unto the altar: 26 and the priest shall take a handful of the meal-offering, as the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. 27 And when he hath made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her and become bitter, and her body shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goeth aside, and is defiled; 30 or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then shall he set the woman before Jehovah, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. 31 And the man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.

6 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of ³³a Nazirite, to ³⁴separate himself unto Jehovah, 3 he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. 4 All the days of his ³⁵separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the days of his vow of separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in which he separateth himself unto Jehovah, he shall be holy; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

6 All the days that he separateth himself unto Jehovah he shall not come near to a dead ³⁶body. 7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his separation unto God is upon his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto Jehovah.

9 And if any man die very suddenly beside him, and he defile the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it. 10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting: 11 and the priest shall offer one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make atonement for him, for

³³ That is, one separated or consecrated.

³⁴ Or, consecrate

³⁵ Or, consecration or, Naziritship

³⁶ Hb. nephesh, soul. or, being.

that he sinned by reason of the ³⁷dead, and shall sanctify his head that same day. 12 And he shall separate unto Jehovah the days of his separation, and shall bring a he-lamb a year old for a trespass-offering: but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tent of meeting: 14 and he shall offer his oblation unto Jehovah, one he-lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb a year old without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings, 15 and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. 16 And the priest shall present them before Jehovah, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: 17 and he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof. 18 And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tent of meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace-offerings. 19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazirite, after he hath shaven the head of his separation; 20 and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jehovah; this is holy for the priest, together with the wave-breast and ³⁸heave-thigh: and after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

21 This is the law of the Nazirite who voweth, and of his oblation unto Jehovah for his separation, besides that which he is able to get: according to his vow which he voweth, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel: ye shall say unto them,

24 Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee:

25 Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 So shall they put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

7 And it came to pass on the day that Moses had made an end of setting up the tabernacle, and had

³⁷ Hb. nephesh, soul, or, dead body,

³⁸ Or, heave-shoulder:

anointed it and sanctified it, and all the furniture thereof, and the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them and sanctified them; 2 that *the*³⁹princes of Israel, *the* heads of their fathers' houses, offered. These *were the* princes of the tribes, these *are* they that were over them that were numbered: 3 and they brought their oblation before Jehovah, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. 4 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 5 Take *it* of them, that they may be *used* in doing the service of *the* tent of meeting; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. 6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. 7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto *the* sons of Gershon, according to their service: 8 and four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto *the* sons of Merari, according unto their service, under *the* hand of Ithamar *the* son of Aaron the priest. 9 But unto *the* sons of Kohath he gave none, because *the* service of the Holy belonged unto them; they bare it upon their shoulders. 10 And the princes offered⁴⁰ for the dedication of the altar in *the* day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their oblation before the altar. 11 And Jehovah said unto Moses, They shall offer their oblation, each prince on *his* day, for *the* dedication of the altar.

12 And he that offered his oblation the first day was Nahshon *the* son of Amminadab, of *the* tribe of Judah: 13 and his oblation *was* one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a⁴¹hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 14 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 15 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 16 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 17 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this *was the* oblation of⁴²Nashon *the* son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethanel *the* son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer: 19 he offered for his oblation one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 20 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 21 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 22 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 23 and for the sacrifice of peace-

offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this *was the* oblation of Nethanel *the* son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab *the* son of Helon, prince of *the* children of Zebulun: 25 his oblation *was* one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 26 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 27 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 28 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 29 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this *was the* oblation of Eliab *the* son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur *the* son of Shedeur, prince of *the* children of Reuben: 31 his oblation *was* one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 32 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 33 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 34 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 35 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this *was the* oblation of Elizur *the* son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel *the* son of Zurishaddai, prince of *the* children of Simeon: 37 his oblation *was* one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 38 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 39 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 40 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 41 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this *was the* oblation of Shelumiel *the* son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph *the* son of Deuel, prince of *the* children of Gad: 43 his oblation *was* one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 44 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 45 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 46 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 47 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this *was the* oblation of Eliasaph *the* son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama *the* son of Ammihud, prince of *the* children of Ephraim: 49 his oblation *was* one silver platter, *the* weight whereof *was* a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full

³⁹ *Hb.* נָשִׂיא nasi, a ruler held in high esteem.

⁴⁰ *Or*, the dedication-gift of the altar

⁴¹ *About* 1.55 kg and 0.84 kg respectively.

⁴² *Nashon was instrumental in the conquest of Canaan, and was an ancestor of King David.*

of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 50 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 51 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 52 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 53 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was *the* oblation of Elishama *the* son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel *the* son of Pedahzur, prince of *the* children of Manasseh: 55 his oblation was one silver platter, *the* weight whereof was a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 56 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 57 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 58 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 59 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was *the* oblation of Gamaliel *the* son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan *the* son of Gideoni, prince of *the* children of Benjamin: 61 his oblation was one silver platter, *the* weight whereof was a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 62 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 63 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 64 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 65 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was *the* oblation of Abidan *the* son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer *the* son of Ammishaddai, prince of *the* children of Dan: 67 his oblation was one silver platter, *the* weight whereof was a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 68 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 69 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 70 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 71 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was *the* oblation of Ahiezer *the* son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel *the* son of Ocran, prince of *the* children of Asher: 73 his oblation was one silver platter, *the* weight whereof was a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 74 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 75 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 76 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 77 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen,

five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was *the* oblation of Pagiel *the* son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira *the* son of Enan, prince of *the* children of Naphtali: 79 his oblation was one silver platter, *the* weight whereof was a hundred thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after *the* shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 80 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; 81 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 82 one male of *the* goats for a sin-offering; 83 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was *the* oblation of Ahira *the* son of Enan.

84 This was *the* ⁴³dedication of the altar, in *the* day when it was anointed ⁴⁴by *the* princes of Israel: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden spoons; 85 each silver platter weighing a hundred thirty *shekels*, and each bowl seventy; all *the* silver of the vessels ⁴⁵two thousand four hundred *shekels*, after *the* shekel of the Holy; 86 *the* twelve golden spoons, full of incense, weighing ten *shekels* apiece, after *the* shekel of the Holy; all *the* gold of the spoons a hundred twenty *shekels*; 87 all *the* oxen for *the* burnt-offering twelve bullocks, *the* rams twelve, *the* he-lambs a year old twelve, and their meal-offering; and *the* males of *the* goats for a sin-offering twelve; 88 and all *the* oxen for the sacrifice of peace-offerings twenty-four bullocks, *the* rams sixty, *the* he-goats sixty, *the* he-lambs a year old sixty. This was *the* dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moses went into *the* tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the Voice speaking unto him from above the mercy-seat that was upon *the* ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spake unto him.

8 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou ⁴⁶lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand. 3 And Aaron did so; he lighted *the* lamps thereof *so as to give light* in front of the lampstand, as Jehovah commanded Moses. 4 And this was *the* work of the lampstand, ⁴⁷beaten work of gold; unto *the* base thereof, and unto *the* flowers thereof, it was beaten work: according unto the pattern which Jehovah had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Take the Levites from among *the* children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse

⁴³ Or, dedication-gift of the altar, *And in vs. 88.*

⁴⁴ Or, at *the* hands of *the* princes

⁴⁵ Thus, 2,520 shekels of metals, and 252 animals.

⁴⁶ Or, settest up the lamps, *Similarly in vs. 3.*

⁴⁷ Or, turned (*both times*)

them: sprinkle *the* water of expiation upon them, and let them cause a razor to pass over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. 8 Then let them take a young bullock, and its meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil; and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering. 9 And thou shalt present the Levites before *the* tent of meeting; and thou shalt assemble the whole congregation of *the* children of Israel: 10 and thou shalt present the Levites before Jehovah. And *the* children of Israel shall lay their hands upon the Levites: 11 and Aaron shall⁴⁸ offer the Levites before Jehovah for a wave-offering,⁴⁹ on *the* behalf of *the* children of Israel, that it may be theirs to do the service of Jehovah. 12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon *the* heads of the bullocks: and offer thou the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, unto Jehovah, to make atonement for the Levites. 13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for a wave-offering unto Jehovah.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among *the* children of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine. 15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do *the* service of the tent of meeting: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for a wave-offering. 16 For they are wholly given unto me from among *the* children of Israel; instead of all that openeth *the* womb, *even* the firstborn of all *the* children of Israel, have I taken them unto me. 17 For all *the* firstborn among *the* children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on *the* day that I smote all *the* firstborn in *the* land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. 18 And I have taken the Levites instead of all *the* firstborn among *the* children of Israel. 19 And I have given the Levites as⁵⁰ a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among *the* children of Israel, to do the service of *the* children of Israel in *the* tent of meeting, and to make atonement for *the* children of Israel; that there be no plague among *the* children of Israel,⁵¹ when *the* children of Israel come nigh unto the Holy.

20 Thus did Moses, and Aaron, and all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel, unto the Levites: according unto all that Jehovah commanded Moses touching the Levites, so did *the* children of Israel unto them. 21 And the Levites purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes: and Aaron offered them for a wave-offering before Jehovah; and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. 22 And after that went the Levites in to do their service in *the* tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons:

⁴⁸ *Hb.* wave *And in vss. 13, 15, 21.*

⁴⁹ *Or,* from

⁵⁰ *Hb.* Nethunim, given

⁵¹ *Or,* through *the* children of Israel coming nigh

as Jehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 24 This *is that* which *belongeth* unto the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in⁵² to wait upon *the* service in the work of *the* tent of meeting: 25 and from *the* age of fifty years they shall⁵³ cease waiting upon the work, and shall serve no more, 26 but shall minister with their brethren in *the* tent of meeting, to keep *the* charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charges.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in *the* wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of *the* land of Egypt, saying, 2 Moreover let *the* children of Israel keep the passover in its appointed season. 3 In *the* fourteenth day of this month,⁵⁴ between the two evenings, ye shall keep it in its appointed season: according to all *the* statutes of it, and according to all *the* ordinances thereof, shall ye keep it. 4 And Moses spake unto *the* children of Israel, that they should keep the passover. 5 And they kept the passover in the first month, on *the* fourteenth day of the month, between the two evenings, in *the* wilderness of Sinai: according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so did *the* children of Israel. 6 And *there were certain* men who were unclean by reason of⁵⁵ *the* dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: 7 and those men said unto him, We are unclean by reason of *the* dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer the oblation of Jehovah in its appointed season among *the* children of Israel? 8 And Moses said unto them, Stay ye, that I may hear what Jehovah will command concerning you.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a⁵⁶ *dead* body, or *be* on a journey,⁵⁷ yet he shall keep *the* passover unto Jehovah. 11 In the second month on *the* fourteenth day between the two evenings they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*: 12 they shall leave none of it unto *the* morning, nor break a bone thereof: according to all *the* statute of the passover they shall keep it. 13 But the man that *is* clean, and not on a journey, and forbearth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he offered not *the* oblation of Jehovah in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14

⁵² *Hb.* to war *the* warfare in the work

⁵³ *Hb.* return from *the* warfare of the work,

⁵⁴ *Or,* at twilight, *And in vss. 5 and 11.*

⁵⁵ *Lit.* a soul of Adam, *And in vs. 7.*

⁵⁶ *Hb.* nephesh, soul, *or,* being,

⁵⁷ *Sopherim added (marked as doubtful) afar off*

And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep *the* passover unto Jehovah; according to *the* statute of the passover, and according to *the* ordinance thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one statute, both for the sojourner, and for him that is born in the land.

15 And on *the* day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, *even the* tent of the testimony: and in the evening it was upon the tabernacle as it were *the* appearance of fire, until morning. 16 So it was always: the cloud covered it, and *the* appearance of fire by night. 17 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that *the* children of Israel journeyed: and in *the* place where the cloud abode, there *the* children of Israel encamped. 18 At *the* commandment of Jehovah *the* children of Israel journeyed, and at *the* commandment of Jehovah they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19 And when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then *the* children of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah, and journeyed not. 20 And sometimes the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; then according to *the* commandment of Jehovah they remained encamped, and according to *the* commandment of Jehovah they journeyed. 21 And sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and *when* the cloud was taken up in the morning, they journeyed: or *if it continued* by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. 22 *Whether it were* two days, or a month, or *many* days, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding thereon, *the* children of Israel remained encamped, and journeyed not; but when it was taken up, they journeyed. 23 At *the* commandment of Jehovah they encamped, and at *the* commandment of Jehovah they journeyed: they kept the charge of Jehovah, at *the* commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

10 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of ⁵⁸beaten work shalt thou make them: and thou shalt use them for *the* calling of the congregation, and for *the* journeying of the camps. 3 And when they shall blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves unto thee at *the* door of *the* tent of meeting. 4 And if they blow *but* one, then the princes, *the* heads of *the* thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. 5 And when ye blow an alarm, the camps that lie on *the* east side shall take their journey. 6 And when ye blow an alarm *the* second time, the camps that lie on *the* south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. 7 But when the assembly is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. 8 And *the* sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and they shall be to you for a statute forever throughout your generations. 9 And when ye

⁵⁸ Or, turned

go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresses you, then ye shall sound an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before Jehovah your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. 10 Also in *the* day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in *the* beginnings of your months, ye shall blow the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over *the* sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* Jehovah your God.

11 And it came to pass in the second year, in the second month, on *the* twentieth *day* of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over *the* tabernacle of the testimony. 12 And *the* children of Israel set forward according to their journeys out of *the* wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud abode in *the* wilderness of Paran. 13 And they first took their journey according to *the* commandment of Jehovah by Moses. 14 And in the first *place* *the* standard of *the* camp of *the* children of Judah set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Nahshon *the* son of Amminadab. 15 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Issachar was Nethanel *the* son of Zuar. 16 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Zebulun was Eliab *the* son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and *the* sons of Gershon and *the* sons of Merari, who bare the tabernacle, set forward. 18 And *the* standard of *the* camp of Reuben set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Elizur *the* son of Shedeur. 19 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Simeon was Shelumiel *the* son of Zurishaddai. 20 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Gad was Eliasaph *the* son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and *the* others did set up the tabernacle against their coming. 22 And *the* standard of *the* camp of *the* children of Ephraim set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Elishama *the* son of Ammihud. 23 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Manasseh was Gamaliel *the* son of Pedahzur. 24 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Benjamin was Abidan *the* son of Gideoni.

25 And *the* standard of *the* camp of *the* children of Dan, *which* was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer *the* son of Ammishaddai. 26 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Asher was Pagiel *the* son of Ochran. 27 And over *the* host of *the* tribe of *the* children of Naphtali was Ahira *the* son of Enan. 28 Thus *were the* journeyings of *the* children of Israel according to their hosts; and they set forward.

29 And Moses said unto Hobab, *the* son of Reuel *the* Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which Jehovah said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for

Jehovah hath spoken good concerning Israel. 30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. 31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou shalt be to us instead of eyes. 32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yes, it shall be, that what good soever Jehovah shall do unto us, *the* same will we do unto thee.

33 And they set forward from *the* mount of Jehovah three days' journey; and *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting-place for them. 34 And *the* cloud of Jehovah *was* over them by day, when they set forward from the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, O Jehovah, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. 36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O Jehovah, unto *the* ten thousands of *the* thousands of Israel.

11 And the people *were* as murmurers, ⁵⁹*speaking* evil in *the* ears of Jehovah: and when Jehovah heard *it*, his anger was kindled; and *the* fire of Jehovah burnt among them, and devoured in *the* uttermost part of the camp. 2 And the people cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto Jehovah, and the fire abated. 3 And *the* name of that place was called ⁶⁰Taberah, because *the* fire of Jehovah burnt among them.

4 And the mixed multitude that *was* among them lusted exceedingly: and *the* children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt for nought; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlicks: 6 but now our soul *is* dried away; *there is* nothing at all save the manna to look upon. 7 And the manna *was* like coriander seed, and *the* ⁶¹appearance thereof as *the* appearance of bdellium. 8 The people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in mortars, and boiled *it* in pots, and made cakes of it: and *the* taste of it was as *the* taste of ⁶²fresh oil. 9 And when the dew fell upon the camp at night, the manna fell ⁶³upon it.

10 And Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at *the* door of his tent: and *the* anger of Jehovah was kindled greatly; and Moses was displeased. 11 And Moses said unto Jehovah, Wherefore hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? 12 Have

⁵⁹ Or, which was evil in the ears of Jehovah:

⁶⁰ That is, Burning,

⁶¹ Hb. eye

⁶² Or, cakes baked with oil.

⁶³ Or, with

I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing-father carrieth the suckling child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? 13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone; because *it is* too heavy for me. 15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favor in thy sight; and let me not see ⁶⁴thy evil.

16 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of *the* elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be *the* elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto *the* tent of meeting, that they may stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear *the* burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone. 18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for ye have wept in *the* ears of Jehovah, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt: therefore Jehovah will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days, 20 *but* a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that ye have rejected Jehovah who *is* among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? 21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I *am*, *are* six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give ⁶⁵them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. 22 Shall flocks and herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them to suffice them? 23 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Is Jehovah's hand waxed short? now shalt thou see whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of Jehovah: and he gathered seventy men of *the* elders of the people, and set them round about the Tent. 25 And Jehovah came down in the cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and put *it* upon the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did so no more.

26 But there remained two men in the camp, *the* name of the one *was* Eldad, and *the* name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but had not gone out unto the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. 27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad

⁶⁴ Sopherim changed to my wretchedness.

⁶⁵ So Eastern Hb. mss. Western Hb. mss. read you

and Medad do prophesy in the camp. 28 And Joshua *the son of Nun, the minister of Moses,* ⁶⁶*one* of his chosen men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. 29 And Moses said unto him, Art thou jealous for my sake? would that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put his Spirit upon them! 30 And Moses got *himself* into the camp, he and *the* elders of Israel.

31 And there went forth a wind from Jehovah, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall ⁶⁷by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on *the* other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above *the* face of the earth. 32 And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ⁶⁸ten homers: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp. 33 While the flesh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, *the* anger of Jehovah was kindled against the people, ⁶⁹and Jehovah smote the people with a very great plague. 34 And the name of that place was called ⁷⁰Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people that lusted. 35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.

12 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the ⁷¹Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And they said, Hath Jehovah indeed spoken only ⁷²with Moses? hath he not spoken also with us? And Jehovah heard *it*. 3 Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men that *were* upon *the* face of the earth.

4 And Jehovah spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto *the* tent of meeting. And they three came out. 5 And Jehovah came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood *at the* door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth. 6 And he said, Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, *I* Jehovah will make myself known unto him in *a* vision, I will speak with him in *a* dream. 7 My servant Moses *is* not so; he *is* faithful in all my house: 8 with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and *the* form of Jehovah shall he behold:

⁶⁶ *Or*, from his youth,

⁶⁷ *Or*, over

⁶⁸ 10 homers = 2.2 m³ (= 63 bushels)

⁶⁹ *Whether their stomachs were now unaccustomed to meat, or the quail were diseased, may be uncertain; but likely those who ate the most became the sickest.*

⁷⁰ *That is*, The Graves of Lust,

⁷¹ *Or*, Ethiopian *or*, black (*both times*)

⁷² *Or*, by (*both times*)

wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?

9 And *the* anger of Jehovah was kindled against them; and he departed. 10 And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Miriam *was* leprous, as *white as* snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous. 11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Oh, my lord, lay not, I pray thee, sin upon us, for that we have done foolishly, and for that we have sinned. 12 Let her not, I pray, be as the dead, of whom ⁷³our flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. 13 And Moses cried unto Jehovah, saying, Heal her, O God, I beseech thee. 14 And Jehovah said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut up without the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in *again*. 15 And Miriam was shut up without the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in *again*. 16 And afterward the people journeyed from Hazeroth, and encamped in *the* wilderness of Paran.

13 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Send thou men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give unto *the* children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a prince among them. 3 And Moses sent them from *the* wilderness of Paran according to *the* commandment of Jehovah: all of them men *who were* heads of *the* children of Israel. 4 And these *were* their names: Of *the* tribe of Reuben, Shammua *the* son of Zaccur. 5 Of *the* tribe of Simeon, Shaphat *the* son of Hori. 6 Of *the* tribe of Judah, Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh. 7 Of *the* tribe of Issachar, Igal *the* son of Joseph. 8 Of *the* tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea *the* son of Nun. 9 Of *the* tribe of Benjamin, Palti *the* son of Raphu. 10 Of *the* tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel *the* son of Sodi. 11 Of *the* tribe of Joseph, *namely*, of *the* tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi *the* son of Susi. 12 Of *the* tribe of Dan, Ammiel *the* son of Gemalli. 13 Of *the* tribe of Asher, Sethur *the* son of Michael. 14 Of *the* tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi *the* son of Vophsi. 15 Of *the* tribe of Gad, Geuel *the* son of Machi. 16 These *are the* names of the men that Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called ⁷⁴Hoshea *the* son of Nun ⁷⁵Joshua.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way ⁷⁶by the South, and go up into the hill-country: 18 and see the land, what *it is*; and the people that dwell therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, whether they *be* few or many; 19 and what the land *is* that they dwell in,

⁷³ *Sopherim changed to the flesh*

⁷⁴ *That is*, Salvation

⁷⁵ *That is*, Jehovah *is* salvation.

⁷⁶ *Or*, into *And in* vs. 22.

whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20 and what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of *the* fruit of the land. Now the time was ⁷⁷*the* time of *the* first-ripe grapes.

21 So they went up, and spied out the land from *the* wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, to *the* entrance of Hamath. 22 And they went up by the South, and came unto Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, *were* there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 And they came unto *the* valley of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it upon a staff between two; *they brought* also of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 24 That place was called *the* valley of ⁷⁸Eshcol, because of the cluster which *the* children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from spying out the land at *the* end of forty days. 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of *the* children of Israel, unto *the* wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us; and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is the* fruit of it. 28 Howbeit the people that dwell in the land *are* strong, and the cities *are* fortified, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29 Amalek dwelleth in *the* land of the South: and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, dwell in the hill-country; and the Canaanite dwelleth by the sea, and along by *the* side of the Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto *the* children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, *is* a land that eateth up *the* inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of great stature. 33 And there we saw the Nephilim, *the* sons of Anak, ⁷⁹*who come* of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all *the* children of Israel murmured against Moses and against

⁷⁷ *Probably modern September.*

⁷⁸ *That is, A Cluster,*

⁷⁹ *Unlikely; the Nephilim were before the Flood, per Ge 6:4. Some 39 years later Israel had to face men of Bashan, who were larger than the sons of Anak.*

Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Would that we had died in *the* land of Egypt! or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore doth Jehovah bring us unto this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey: were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all *the* assembly of *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel. 6 And Joshua *the* son of Nun and Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh, *who were* of them that spied out the land, rent their clothes: 7 and they spake unto all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy it out, *is* an exceeding good land. 8 If Jehovah delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it unto us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not against Jehovah, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their ⁸⁰defence is removed from over them, and Jehovah *is* with us: fear them not. 10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of Jehovah appeared in *the* tent of meeting unto all *the* children of Israel.

11 And Jehovah said unto Moses, How long will this people despise me? and how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have wrought among them? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a nation greater and mightier than they.

13 And Moses said unto Jehovah, Then *the* Egyptians will hear *it*; for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them; 14 and they will tell *it* to *the* inhabitants of this land. They have heard that thou Jehovah *art* in *the* midst of this people; for thou Jehovah art seen ⁸¹face to face, and thy cloud standeth over them, and thou goest before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now *if* thou shalt kill this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because Jehovah was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. 17 And now, I pray thee, let *the* power of ⁸²Jehovah be great according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 Jehovah *is* slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; and that will by no means clear *the* guilty, visiting *the* iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon *the* third and upon *the* fourth generation. 19 Pardon, I pray thee, the iniquity of this people according unto *the* greatness of thy lovingkindness, and

⁸⁰ *Hb. shadow*

⁸¹ *Hb. eye to eye,*

⁸² *Sopherim changed to the Lord*

according as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And Jehovah said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 but in very deed, *as* I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with *the* glory of Jehovah; 22 because all those men that have seen my glory, and my signs, which I wrought in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that despised me see it: 24 but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25 Now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley: tomorrow turn ye, and get you into the wilderness by *the* way to *the* Red Sea.

26 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of *the* children of Israel, which they murmur against me. 28 Say unto them, *As* I live, saith Jehovah, surely as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, that have murmured against me, 30 surely ye shall not come into the land, *concerning* which I ⁸³swore that I would make you dwell therein, save Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh, and Joshua *the* son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have rejected. 32 But *as for* you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall be ⁸⁴wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your whoredoms, until your dead bodies be consumed in the wilderness. 34 After *the* number of the days in which ye spied out the land, *even* forty days, ⁸⁵for every day *a* year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know ⁸⁶my alienation. 35 I, Jehovah, have spoken, surely this will I do unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men, whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, 37 even those men that did bring up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before Jehovah. 38 But Joshua *the* son of Nun, and Caleb *the*

son of Jephunneh, *remained* alive of those men that went to spy out the land.

39 And Moses told these words unto all *the* children of Israel: and *the* people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose up early in the morning, and got *themselves* up to *the* top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *are here*, and will go up unto the place which Jehovah hath promised: for we have sinned. 41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of Jehovah, seeing it shall not prosper? 42 Go not up, for Jehovah *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten down before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekite and the Canaanite *are* before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned back from following Jehovah, therefore Jehovah will not be with you. 44 But they presumed to go up to *the* top of the mountain: nevertheless *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. 45 Then the Amalekite came down, and the Canaanite who dwelt in that mountain, and smote them and beat them down, *even* unto Hormah.

15 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are come into *the* land of your habitations, which I give unto you, 3 and will make an offering by fire unto Jehovah, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice, ⁸⁷to accomplish a vow, or as a freewill-offering, or in your set feasts, to make a sweet savor unto Jehovah, of the herd, or of the flock; 4 then shall he that offereth his oblation offer unto Jehovah a meal-offering of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with ⁸⁸the fourth part of a hin of oil: 5 and wine for the drink-offering, the fourth part of a hin, shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meal-offering two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the third part of a hin of oil: 7 and for the drink-offering thou shalt offer the third part of a hin of wine, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah. 8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or for peace-offerings unto Jehovah; 9 then shall he offer with the bullock a meal-offering of three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with half a hin of oil: 10 and thou shalt offer for the drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

11 Thus shall it be done for each bullock, or for each ram, or for each of the he-lambs, or of the kids. 12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number. 13 All that are home-born shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a

⁸³ *Hb.* lifted up my hand that I would make you dwell

⁸⁴ *Hb.* shepherds

⁸⁵ *Hb.* a day for a year, a day for a year, shall ye bear

⁸⁶ *Or,* the revoking of my promise.

⁸⁷ *Or,* in making a special vow, *And in* vs. 8.

⁸⁸ the fourth part of a hin *is about* a U.S. quart.

sweet savor unto Jehovah. 14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *may be* among you throughout your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah; as ye do, so he shall do. 15 For the assembly, *there shall be* one statute for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, a statute for ever throughout your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the sojourner be before Jehovah. 16 One law and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 18 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you, 19 then it shall be, that, when ye eat of *the* bread of the land, ye shall offer up a heave-offering unto Jehovah. 20 Of *the* first of your ⁸⁹dough ye shall offer up a cake *for* a heave-offering: as *the* heave-offering of *the* threshing floor, so shall ye heave it. 21 Of *the* first of your dough ye shall give unto Jehovah a heave-offering throughout your generations.

22 And when ye shall err, and not observe all these commandments, which Jehovah hath spoken unto Moses, 23 *even* all that Jehovah hath commanded you by Moses, from the day that Jehovah gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations; 24 then it shall be, if it be done ⁹⁰unwittingly, without *the* knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savor unto Jehovah, with *the* meal-offering thereof, and *the* drink-offering thereof, according to the ordinance, and one he-goat for a sin-offering. 25 And the priest shall make atonement for all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it *was* an error, and they have brought their oblation, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah, and their sin-offering before Jehovah, for their error: 26 and all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; for in respect of all the people *it was done* unwittingly.

27 And if one soul sin unwittingly, then he shall offer a she-goat a year old for a sin-offering. 28 And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that erreth, when he sinneth unwittingly, before Jehovah, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29 Ye shall have one law for him that doeth aught unwittingly, *for* him that is home-born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. 30 But the soul that doeth *aught* with a high hand, *whether he be* home-born or a sojourner, the same blasphemeth Jehovah; and that soul shall be

⁹¹cut off from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised *the* word of Jehovah, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

32 And while *the* children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks upon the sabbath day. 33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. 34 And they put him in ward, because it had not been declared what should be done to him. 35 And Jehovah said unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. 36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him to death with stones; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

37 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 38 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and bid them that they make them ⁹²fringes in *the* borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon *the* fringe of *each* border a cord of blue: 39 and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of Jehovah, and do them; and that ye ⁹³follow not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to play *the* harlot; 40 that ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. 41 *I am* Jehovah your God, who brought you out of *the* land of Egypt, to be your God: *I am* Jehovah your God.

16 Now Korah, *the* son of Izhar, *the* son of Kohath, *the* son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, *the* sons of Eliab, and On, *the* son of Peleth, ⁹⁴sons of Reuben, took *men*: 2 and they rose up before Moses, with certain of *the* children of Israel, two hundred fifty princes of *the* congregation, called to *the* assembly, men of renown; 3 and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, ⁹⁵*Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and Jehovah is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above *the* assembly of Jehovah?

4 And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face: 5 and he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, In *the* morning Jehovah will show who *are* his, and *who is* holy, and ⁹⁶will cause *him* to come near unto him: even *him* whom he shall choose will he

⁸⁹ *Or*, coarse meal ye shall offer up

⁹⁰ *Or*, in error,

⁹¹ *Hb.* keroth (*and in* vs. 31) *In the context of* vss. 32-36, apparently meaning the death penalty.

⁹² *Or*, tassels in *the* corners of their garments

⁹³ *Hb.* spy not out your own heart

⁹⁴ *Most* Massoretic mss. read son (*singular*).

⁹⁵ *Hb.* It is enough for you, *Or*, *Ye assume* too much authority, *Similarly in* vs. 7.

⁹⁶ *Or*, whom he will cause to come near:

cause to come near unto him. 6 This do: take your censers, Korah, and all his company; 7 and put fire in them, and put incense upon them before Jehovah tomorrow: and it shall be *that* the man whom Jehovah doth choose, he *shall be* holy: *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi. 8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear now, ye sons of Levi: 9 *seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that *the* God of Israel hath separated you from *the* congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of *the* tabernacle of Jehovah, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them; 10 and that he hath brought thee near, and all thy brethren *the* sons of Levi with thee? and seek ye the priesthood also? 11 Therefore thou and all thy company *are* gathered together against Jehovah: and Aaron, what *is* he that ye murmur against him?

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, *the* sons of Eliab; and they said, We will not come up: 13 *is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but thou must needs make thyself also a prince over us? 14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou ⁹⁷ put out *the* eyes of these men? we will not come up.

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto Jehovah, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. 16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before Jehovah, thou, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow: 17 and take ye every man his censer, and put incense upon them, and bring ye before Jehovah every man his censer, two hundred fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each his censer. 18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood at *the* door of *the* tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 And Korah assembled all the congregation against them unto *the* door of *the* tent of meeting: and *the* glory of Jehovah appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. 22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, *the* God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? 23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about *the* tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and *the* elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray

⁹⁷ *Hb.* bore out *the* eyes

you, from *the* tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. 27 So they got themselves up from *the* tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at *the* door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. 28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that Jehovah hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have* not *done them* of mine own mind. 29 If these men die *the* common death of all men, or if they be visited after *the* visitation of all men; *then* Jehovah hath not sent me. 30 But if Jehovah ⁹⁸ make a new thing, and the ground open its mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then ye shall understand that these men have despised Jehovah.

31 And it came to pass, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that ⁹⁹ the ground clave asunder that *was* under them; 32 and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. 33 So they, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into Sheol: and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly. 34 And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at *the* cry of them; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. 35 And fire came forth from Jehovah, and devoured the two hundred fifty men that offered the incense.

36 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 37 Speak unto Eleazar *the* son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are holy, 38 even the censers of ¹⁰⁰ these sinners against their own ¹⁰¹ souls; and let them be made beaten plates *for* a covering of the altar: for they offered them before Jehovah, therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign unto *the* children of Israel. 39 And Eleazar the priest took the ¹⁰² copper censers, which they that were burnt had offered; and they beat them out *for* a covering of the altar, 40 *to be* a memorial unto *the* children of Israel, to *the* end that no stranger, that *is* not of *the* seed of Aaron, come near to burn incense before Jehovah; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as Jehovah spake unto him by Moses.

41 But on *the* morrow all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of Jehovah.

⁹⁸ *Hb.* create a creation,

⁹⁹ *Such earthquakes are rare. Likely a shallow epicenter pinned by an elongated boulder.*

¹⁰⁰ *Or,* these men who have sinned at *the cost* of their lives;

¹⁰¹ *Hb.* nephesh, *Or,* lives; *or,* beings;

¹⁰² *Or,* bronze *or,* brazen (brass)

42 And it came to pass, when *the* congregation was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward *the* tent of meeting: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and *the* glory of Jehovah appeared. 43 And Moses and Aaron came to *the* front of *the* tent of meeting. 44 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. 46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take thy ¹⁰³censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and lay incense thereon, and carry it quickly unto the congregation, and make atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from Jehovah; the plague is begun. 47 And Aaron took as Moses spake, and ran into *the* midst of the assembly; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49 Now they that died by the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides them that died about *the* matter of Korah. 50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto *the* door of *the* tent of meeting: and the plague was stayed.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and take of them rods, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to *their* fathers' houses, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. 3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon *the* rod of Levi; for there *shall be* one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. 4 And thou shalt lay them up in *the* tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. 5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of *the* children of Israel, which they murmur against you. 6 And Moses spake unto *the* children of Israel; and all their princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and *the* rod of Aaron was among their rods. 7 And Moses laid up the rods before Jehovah in *the* tent of the testimony.

8 And it came to pass on *the* morrow, that Moses went into *the* tent of the testimony; and, behold, *the* rod of Aaron for *the* house of Levi was budded, and put forth buds, and produced blossoms, and bare ripe almonds. 9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before Jehovah unto all *the* children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. 10 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept for a ¹⁰⁴token against *the* children of rebellion; that thou mayest make an end of their murmurings against me, that they die not. 11 Thus did Moses: as Jehovah commanded him, so did he.

¹⁰³ Thus, *the* censer served as a portable altar.

¹⁰⁴ Lit. sign Hb. ;"vat dna hpela" תוּא sign of an ox)

12 And *the* children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. 13 Every one that cometh near, that cometh near unto *the* tabernacle of Jehovah, ¹⁰⁵dieth: shall we perish all of us?

18 And Jehovah said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy fathers' house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the ¹⁰⁶sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. 2 And thy brethren also, *the* tribe of Levi, *the* tribe of thy father, bring thou near with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall be* before *the* tent of the testimony. 3 And they shall keep thy charge, and *the* charge of all the Tent: only they shall not come nigh unto *the* vessels of the Holy and unto the altar, that they die not, neither they, nor ye. 4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of *the* tent of meeting, for all *the* service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you. 5 And ye shall keep the charge of the Holy, and the charge of the altar; that there be wrath no more upon *the* children of Israel. 6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among *the* children of Israel: to you *they are* a gift, given unto Jehovah, to do the service of *the* tent of meeting. 7 And thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for everything of the altar, and for that within the veil; and ye shall serve: I give you the priesthood *as* a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 And Jehovah spake unto Aaron, And I, behold, I have given thee the charge of my heave-offerings, even all *the* holy things of *the* children of Israel; unto thee have I given them ¹⁰⁷by reason of *the* anointing, and to thy sons, as a portion for ever. 9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, even every meal-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons. 10 ¹⁰⁸As the most holy things shalt thou eat thereof; every male shall eat thereof: it shall be holy unto thee. 11 And this *is* thine: *the* heave-offering of their gift, even all *the* wave-offerings of *the* children of Israel; I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, as a portion for ever; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof. 12 All *the* ¹⁰⁹best of *the* oil, and all *the* best of *the* vintage, and of

¹⁰⁵ Or, shall die:

¹⁰⁶ Hb. miqdash, holy part; or, holy place;

¹⁰⁷ Or, for a portion,

¹⁰⁸ Or, In the most holy place shalt thou eat thereof; But that would seem to contradict Lv 16:2.

¹⁰⁹ Hb. fat (both times).

the grain, the firstfruits of them which they give unto Jehovah, to thee have I given them. 13 *The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring unto Jehovah, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof.* 14 *Everything devoted in Israel shall be thine.* 15 *Everything that openeth the womb, of all flesh which they offer unto Jehovah, both of man and beast shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.* 16 ¹¹⁰ *And those that are to be redeemed of them from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after ¹¹¹the shekel of the Holy (the same is twenty gerahs).* 17 *But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor unto Jehovah.* 18 *And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right thigh, it shall be thine.* 19 *All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto Jehovah, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, as a portion for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before Jehovah unto thee and to thy seed with thee.* 20 *And Jehovah said unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any portion among them: I am thy portion and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.*

21 *And unto the children of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting.* 22 *And henceforth the children of Israel shall not come nigh the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin, and die.* 23 *But the Levites shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations; and among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.* 24 *For the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as a heave-offering unto Jehovah, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.*

25 *And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,* 26 *Moreover thou shalt speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave-offering of it for Jehovah, a tithe of the tithe.* 27 *And your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the grain of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the winepress.* 28 *Thus ye also shall offer a heave-*

¹¹⁰ *Or, And as to their redemption money, from a month old shalt thou redeem them,*

¹¹¹ *That is, 1 shekel is 12 gm silver; so 60 gm total.*

offering unto Jehovah of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and thereof ye shall give Jehovah's heave-offering to Aaron the priest. 29 *Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of Jehovah, of all the ¹¹²best thereof, even the sanctified part thereof out of it.* 30 *Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye heave the best thereof from it, then it shall be reckoned unto the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress.* 31 *And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting.* 32 *And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best thereof: and ye shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, ¹¹³that ye die not.*

19 *And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,* 2 *This is the statute of the law which Jehovah hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer ¹¹⁴without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke.* 3 *And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: 4 and Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.* 5 *And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: 6 and the priest shall take ¹¹⁵cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.* 7 *Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.* 8 *And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.* 9 *And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water for impurity: ¹¹⁶it is a sin-offering.* 10 *And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.*

11 ¹¹⁷ *He that toucheth the dead ¹¹⁸body of any man shall be unclean seven days: 12 the same shall purify*

¹¹² *Hb. fat And in vss. 30, 32.*

¹¹³ *Or, neither shall ye die.*

¹¹⁴ *Or, perfect,*

¹¹⁵ *Cedar is toxic to termites and other organisms.*

¹¹⁶ *But contrary to Lv 6:25-30. So possibly, it is for sin*

¹¹⁷ *This chapter appears more to be good public health practice, than ritual.*

¹¹⁸ *Hb. nephesh, soul or, being As in vs. 13.*

himself therewith on the third day, ¹¹⁹and on the seventh day, *so* shall he be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, ¹²⁰and the seventh day, he shall not be clean. 13 Whosoever toucheth *the* dead *person*, the soul of a man that hath died, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of Jehovah; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because *the* water for impurity was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.

14 This *is* the law when a man dieth in a tent: every one that cometh into the tent, and every one that *is* in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean. 16 And whosoever in the open field toucheth one *that is* slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. 17 And for the unclean they shall take of *the* ashes of *the* burning of the sin-offering; and ¹²¹running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: 18 and a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the souls that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave: 19 and the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify him: and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean in even.

20 But *the* man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from *the* midst of the assembly, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of Jehovah: *the* water for impurity hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean. 21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them: and he that sprinkleth the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he that toucheth the water for impurity shall be unclean until even. 22 And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

20 And *the* children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, came into *the* wilderness of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the people strove with Moses, and spake, saying, Would that we had died when our brethren died before Jehovah! 4 And why have ye brought the assembly of Jehovah into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our beasts? 5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? *it is* no place of seed,

¹¹⁹ *Or*, and on the seventh day he shall be clean:

¹²⁰ *Or*, then the seventh day he *But see* vs. 19.

¹²¹ *Hb.* living water

or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any water to drink. 6 And Moses and Aaron went from *the* presence of the assembly unto *the* door of *the* tent of meeting, and fell upon their faces: and *the* glory of Jehovah appeared unto them. 7 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, that it give forth its water; and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; so thou shalt give the congregation and their cattle drink. 9 And Moses took the rod from before Jehovah, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; shall we bring you forth water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and smote the rock with his rod twice: and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle. 12 And Jehovah said unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed not in me, to sanctify me in *the* eyes of *the* children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them. 13 These *are the* waters of ¹²²Meribah; because *the* children of Israel strove with Jehovah, and he ¹²³was sanctified in them.

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto *the* king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: 15 how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time; and *the* Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers: 16 and when we cried unto Jehovah, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in *the* uttermost of thy border. 17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy land: we will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink of *the* water of *the* wells; we will go along the king's highway; we will not turn aside to *the* right *hand* nor to *the* left, until we have passed thy border. 18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against thee. 19 And *the* children of Israel said unto him, We will go up by the highway; and if we drink of thy water, I and my cattle, then will I give *the* price thereof: let me only, without *doing* anything *else*, pass through on my feet. 20 And he said, Thou shalt not pass through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. 21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

22 And they journeyed from Kadesh: and *the* children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, came unto mount Hor. 23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses

¹²² *That is*, Strife;

¹²³ *Or*, showed himself holy.

and Aaron in mount Hor, by *the border of the* land of Edom, saying, 24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto *the* children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at *the* waters of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor; 26 and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there. 27 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in *the* sight of all the congregation. 28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on *the* top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, *even all the* house of Israel.

21 And the Canaanite, *the* king of Arad, who dwelt in the South, heard tell that Israel came by the way ¹²⁴of Atharim; and he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them captive. 2 And Israel vowed a vow unto Jehovah, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will ¹²⁵utterly destroy their cities. 3 And Jehovah hearkened to *the* voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they ¹²⁶utterly destroyed them and their cities: and *the* name of the place was called ¹²⁷Hormah.

4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by ¹²⁸the way to *the* Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and *the* soul of the people ¹²⁹was much discouraged ¹³⁰because of the way. 5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, and *there is* no water; and our soul loatheth this ¹³¹light bread. 6 And Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Jehovah, and against thee; pray unto Jehovah, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. 8 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Make thee a ¹³²fiery serpent, and set it upon a standard: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he seeth it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of

¹²⁴ *Or*, of the spies;

¹²⁵ *Hb.* devote their cities.

¹²⁶ *Hb.* devoted them

¹²⁷ *From the same root as* herem, a devoted thing.

¹²⁸ *That is, by way of the Arabah Valley, below sea level and therefore hot and dry.*

¹²⁹ *Or*, was impatient

¹³⁰ *Or*, in the way.

¹³¹ *Or*, vile bread.

¹³² *Or*, shiny

¹³³copper, and set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 And *the* children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in Oboth. 11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab (toward the sunrising). 12 From thence they journeyed, and encamped in *the* valley of Zered. 13 From thence they journeyed, and encamped on *the* other side of *the* Arnon River, which *is* in the wilderness, that cometh out of *the* border of the Amorites: for *the* Arnon *is the* border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the Wars of Jehovah,

¹³⁴Vaheb ¹³⁵in Suphah,

And the valleys of *the* Arnon,

15 And *the* slope of the valleys

That inclineth toward *the* dwelling of Ar,

And leaneth upon *the* border of Moab.

16 And from thence *they journeyed* to ¹³⁶Beer: that *is* the well whereof Jehovah said unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 Then sang Israel this song:

Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

18 The well, which *the* princes digged,

Which *the* nobles of the people delved,

¹³⁷With *the* sceptre, and with their staves.

And from *the* wilderness *they journeyed* to Mattanah; 19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; 20 and from Bamoth to the valley that *is* in *the* field of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh down upon ¹³⁸the desert.

21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, 22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will not drink *of the* water of *the* wells: we will go by the king's *highway*, until we have passed thy border. 23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz; and he fought against Israel. 24 And Israel smote him with *the* edge of *the* sword, and possessed his land from *the* Arnon unto *the* Jabbok, even unto *the* children of Ammon; for *the* border of *the* children of Ammon *was* strong. 25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all *the* cities of the Amorites, in

¹³³ *Or*, bronze, *or*, brass, *And so everywhere.*

¹³⁴ Lamsa reads A flame of fire *is* in the whirlwind, Douay reads As he did in the Red Sea,

¹³⁵ *Or*, in storm,

¹³⁶ *That is*, A well:

¹³⁷ *Or*, by *order of the* law-giver.

¹³⁸ *Or*, Jeshimon.

Heshbon, and in all *the* ¹³⁹towns thereof. 26 For Heshbon *was the* city of Sihon *the* king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, *even* unto *the* Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say,
Come ye to Heshbon;
Let *the* city of Sihon be built and established:

28 For a fire is gone out of Heshbon,
A flame from *the* city of Sihon:
It hath devoured Ar of Moab,
The lords of ¹⁴⁰*the* high places of *the* Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, Moab!
Thou art undone, O people of Chemosh:
He hath given his sons as fugitives,
And his daughters into captivity,
Unto Sihon king of *the* Amorites.

30 ¹⁴¹We have shot them down;
Heshbon is perished *even* unto Dibon,
The women also *even* unto Nophah,
And *the* men *even* unto Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in *the* land of the Amorites.
32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took *the* towns thereof, and drove out the Amorites that *were* there.

33 And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 34 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. 35 So they smote him, and his sons and all his people, until there was none left him remaining: and they possessed his land.

22 And *the* children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in *the* plains of Moab beyond *the* Jordan at Jericho.

2 And Balak *the* son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they *were* many: and Moab was distressed because of *the* children of Israel. 4 And Moab said unto *the* elders of Midian, Now will ¹⁴²this multitude lick up all *that is* round about us, as the ox

licketh up the grass of the field. And ¹⁴³Balak *the* son of Zippor *was* king of Moab at that time. 5 And he sent messengers unto Balaam *the* son of Beor, to Pethor, which *is* by ¹⁴⁴*the* River, to *the* land of *the* children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the ¹⁴⁵face of the earth, and they abide over against me. 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they *are* too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

7 And *the* elders of Moab and *the* elders of Midian departed with *the* rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him *the* words of Balak. 8 And he said unto them, Lodge here *this* night, and I will bring you word again, as Jehovah shall speak unto me: and *the* princes of Moab abode with Balaam. 9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, what men *are* these with thee? 10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak *the* son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*, 11 Behold, the people *that is* come out of Egypt, it covereth the face of the earth: now, come curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive them out. 12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; ¹⁴⁶thou shalt not curse the people; for they *are* blessed. 13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto *the* princes of Balak, Get you into your land; for Jehovah refuseth to give me leave to go with you. 14 And *the* princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honorable than they. 16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak *the* son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: 17 for I will promote thee unto very great honor, and whatsoever thou sayest unto me I will do: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. 18 And Balaam answered and said unto *the* servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Jehovah my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here *this* night, that I may know what Jehovah will speak unto me more. 20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men are

¹³⁹ *Hb.* daughters

¹⁴⁰ *Or*, Bamoth of *the* Arnon.

¹⁴¹ Sopherim marked as doubtful the reading:

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon,
And we have laid waste even unto Nophah,
Which *reacheth* unto Medeba.
See Companion Bible on *this* verse.

¹⁴² *Hb.* the assembly lick up all

¹⁴³ *Possibly implying Moab and Midian had been allies since the days of Zippor.*

¹⁴⁴ *That is*, the Euphrates,

¹⁴⁵ *Hb.* eye *And in* vs. 11.

¹⁴⁶ *So a majority of the Massoretic, and Vg.*

But 4QNum^b Sam., Sept., Aram. *insert* and

come to call thee, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with *the* princes of Moab. 22 And God's anger was kindled because he went; and *the* angel of Jehovah placed himself in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23 And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24 Then *the* angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, and she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And *the* angel of Jehovah went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to *the* right hand or to *the* left. 27 And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with *his* staff. 28 And Jehovah opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in my hand, for now I had killed thee. 30 And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life long unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, No.

31 Then Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. 32 And *the* angel of Jehovah said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is ¹⁴⁷perverse before me: 33 and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive. 34 And Balaam said unto *the* angel of Jehovah, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. 35 And *the* angel of Jehovah said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with *the* princes of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto *the* City of Moab, which is on *the* border of *the* Arnon, which is in *the* utmost part of the border. 37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore

¹⁴⁷ *Hb.* headlong

camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor? 38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to speak anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. 39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kiriath-huzoth. 40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him.

41 And it came to pass in the morning, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into ¹⁴⁸the high places of Baal; and ¹⁴⁹he saw from thence *the* utmost part of the people.

23 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram. 3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure Jehovah will come to meet me; and whatsoever he showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a bare height. 4 And ¹⁵⁰God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bullock and a ram on *every* altar. 5 And Jehovah put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. 6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, he, and all *the* princes of Moab. 7 And he took up his parable, and said,

From Aram hath Balak brought me,
The king of Moab from *the* mountains of *the* East:
Come, curse me Jacob,
And come, ¹⁵¹defy Israel.

8 How shall I curse whom God hath not cursed?

And how shall I defy, whom Jehovah hath not defied?

9 For from *the* top of *the* rocks I see him,

And from *the* hills I behold him:

Lo, it is a people that dwelleth alone,

And shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count *the* dust of Jacob,

¹⁵²Or number the fourth part of Israel?

Let my soul die *the* death of *the* righteous,

And let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. 12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which Jehovah putteth in my mouth?

¹⁴⁸ *Or,* Bamoth-baal;

¹⁴⁹ Josephus says 60 furlongs (12 km) from Israel. Antiq. IV, vi, 4.

¹⁵⁰ Sam., 4QNum^b insert the angel of

¹⁵¹ *Hb.* be wroth against Israel.

¹⁵² *Hb.* Or, by number, the fourth part

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them; thou shalt see but *the* utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. 14 And he took him into *the* field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up a bullock and a ram on *every* altar. 15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *Jehovah* yonder. 16 And *Jehovah* met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus shalt thou speak. 17 And he came to him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, and *the* princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath *Jehovah* spoken? 18 And he took up his parable, and said,

Rise up, Balak, and hear;
Hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:
19 God is not a man, that he should lie,
Neither *the* son of man, that he should repent:
Hath he said, and will he not do it?
Or hath he spoken, and will he not make it good?
20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless:
And he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it.
21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob;
Neither hath he seen ¹⁵³perverseness in Israel:
Jehovah his God is with him,
And *the* shout of a king is among them.
22 God bringeth them forth out of Egypt;
He hath as it were *the* ¹⁵⁴strength of a ¹⁵⁵wild-ox.
23 Surely there is no enchantment ¹⁵⁶with Jacob;
Neither is there any divination with Israel:
¹⁵⁷Now shall it be ¹⁵⁸said of Jacob and of Israel,
What hath God wrought!
24 Behold, *the* people riseth up as a lioness,
And as a lion doth he lift himself up:
He shall not lie down until he eat of *the* prey,
And drink *the* blood of *the* slain.
25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. 26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that *Jehovah* speaketh, that I must do?

27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come now, I will take thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. 28 And Balak took Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh down upon ¹⁵⁹the desert. 29 And

¹⁵³ *Or*, trouble

¹⁵⁴ *Or*, horns

¹⁵⁵ *Or*, ox-antelope. *Hb.* reem.

¹⁵⁶ *Or*, against (*both times*).

¹⁵⁷ *Or*, At the due season it shall be

¹⁵⁸ *Or*, told to Jacob and to Israel what God hath wrought.

¹⁵⁹ *Or*, Jeshimon.

Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

24 And when Balaam saw that it pleased *Jehovah* to bless Israel, he went not, as at *the* other times, to meet with enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel dwelling according to their tribes; and *the* Spirit of God came upon him. 3 And he took up his parable, and said,

Balaam *the* son of Beor saith,
And the man whose eye ¹⁶⁰was closed saith;
4 He saith, who heareth *the* words of God,
Who seeth *the* vision of *the* Almighty,
Falling down, and having his eyes open:
5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,
Thy tabernacles, O Israel!
6 As valleys are they spread forth,
As gardens by *the* river-side,
¹⁶¹As tents that *Jehovah* hath set up,
As cedar-trees beside *the* waters.
7 Water shall flow from his buckets,
And his seed shall be in many waters,
And his king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God bringeth him forth out of Egypt;
He hath as it were the strength of a wild-ox:
He shall eat up *the* nations his adversaries,
And shall break their bones in pieces,
And smite *them* through with his arrows.
9 He couched, he lay down as a lion,
And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?
Blessed be every one that blesseth thee,
And cursed be every one that curseth thee.

10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together; and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honor; but, lo, *Jehovah* hath kept thee back from honor. 12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers that thou sentest unto me, saying, 13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of *Jehovah*, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; what *Jehovah* speaketh, that will I speak? 14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come, *and* I will advise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. 15 And he took up his parable, and said,

¹⁶⁰ *Or*, is opened saith; *And in* vs. 15.

¹⁶¹ *So* Sam., Sept., Aram., Vg., 4QNum^b. Massoretic reads As lign-aloes which *Jehovah* hath planted,

Balaam *the* son of Beor saith,
 And the man whose eye was closed saith;
 16 He saith, who heareth *the* words of God,
 And knoweth *the* knowledge of *the* Most High,
 Who seeth *the* vision of *the* Almighty,
 Falling down, and having his eyes open:
 17 I see him, but not now;
 I behold him, but not nigh:
 There shall come forth a star out of Jacob,
 And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
 And shall smite through *the* corners of Moab,
 And break down all *the* sons ¹⁶²of tumult.
 18 And Edom shall be a possession,
 Seir also shall be a possession, *who were* his enemies;
 While Israel doeth valiantly.
 19 And out of Jacob shall one have dominion,
 And shall destroy *the* remnant from *the* city.
 20 And he looked on Amalek, and took up his parable,
 and said,
 Amalek was *the* ¹⁶³first of *the* nations;
 But his latter end shall come to destruction;
 21 And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his
 parable, and said,
 Strong is thy dwelling-place,
 And thy nest is set in the rock.
 22 Nevertheless ¹⁶⁴Kain shall be wasted,
¹⁶⁵Until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.
 23 And he took up his parable, and said,
 Alas, who shall live when God ¹⁶⁶doeth this?
 24 But ships *shall come* from *the* coast of Kittim,
 And they shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict ¹⁶⁷Eber;
 And he also shall come to destruction.
 25 And Balaam ¹⁶⁸rose up, and went and returned to
 his place; and Balak also went his way.
25 And Israel abode in Shittim; and the people began
 to play *the* harlot with *the* daughters of Moab: 2 for
 they called the people unto *the* sacrifices of their gods;
 and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.
 3 And Israel ¹⁶⁹joined himself unto ¹⁷⁰Baal-peor: and
the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel. 4 And
 Jehovah said unto Moses, Take all the chiefs of the

¹⁶² Or, of Sheth.

¹⁶³ Or, first of *the* nations to attack Israel;

¹⁶⁴ Or, *the* Kenites shall be wasted,

¹⁶⁵ Or, How long? Asshur shall *etc.*

¹⁶⁶ Or, establisheth him

¹⁶⁷ Quite possibly, Ebla; *though past its prime.*

¹⁶⁸ Josephus says, *Balaam then taught Balak and his allies to seduce Israel with their women; so God would be angry with Israel.* Antiq. VI, vi, 6-12.
 Compare ch. 31:16; Rv 2:14.

¹⁶⁹ Or, yoked

¹⁷⁰ Or, *the* Baal of Peor: See ch. 23:28.

people, and ¹⁷¹hang them up unto Jehovah before the sun, that *the* fierce anger of Jehovah may turn away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto *the* judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that have joined themselves unto Baal-peor.

6 And, behold, one of *the* children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in *the* sight of Moses, and in *the* sight of all the congregation of *the* children of Israel, while they were weeping at *the* door of *the* tent of meeting. 7 And when Phinehas, *the* son of Eleazar, *the* son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from *the* midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand; 8 and he went after *the* man of Israel into the ¹⁷²pavilion, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stayed from *the* children of Israel. 9 And those that died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

10 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,
 11 Phinehas, *the* son of Eleazar, *the* son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from *the* children of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 and it shall be unto him, and to his seed after him, a covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for *the* children of Israel.

14 Now *the* name of *the* man of Israel that was slain, who was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, *the* son of Salu, a prince of a fathers' house among the Simeonites. 15 And *the* name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, *the* daughter of Zur; he was head of *the* people of a fathers' house in Midian.

16 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them; 18 for they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in *the* matter of Peor, and in *the* matter of Cozbi, *the* daughter of *the* prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain on *the* day of the plague in *the* matter of Peor.

26 And it came to pass after the plague, that Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar *the* son of Aaron the priest, saying, 2 Take the sum of all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. 3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in *the* plains of Moab by *the* Jordan at Jericho, saying, 4 *Take the sum of the people*, from twenty years old and upward; as Jehovah commanded Moses and *the* children of Israel, that came forth out of *the* land of Egypt.

¹⁷¹ Lamsa (*from Aramaic*) reads and expose them before the Lord in the daylight,

¹⁷² Or, alcove,

5 Reuben, *the* firstborn of Israel; *the* sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, *the* family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, *the* family of the Palluites; 6 of Hezron, *the* family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, *the* family of the Carmites. 7 *These are the* families of the Reubenites; and they that were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred thirty. 8 And *the* sons of Pallu: Eliab. 9 And *the* sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. *These are* that Dathan and Abiram, who were called of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in *the* company of Korah, when they strove against Jehovah, 10 and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred fifty men, and they became a sign. 11 Notwithstanding, *the* sons of Korah died not.

12 *The* sons of Simeon after their families: of ¹⁷³Nemuel, *the* family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, *the* family of the Jaminites; of ¹⁷⁴Jachin, *the* family of the Jachinites; 13 of ¹⁷⁵Zerah, *the* family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, *the* family of the Shaulites. 14 *These are the* families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand two hundred.

15 *The* sons of Gad after their families: of ¹⁷⁶Zephon, *the* family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, *the* family of the Haggites; of Shuni, *the* family of the Shunites; 16 of ¹⁷⁷Ozni, *the* family of the Oznites; of Eri, *the* family of the Erites; 17 of ¹⁷⁸Arod, *the* family of the Arodites; of ¹⁷⁹Areli, *the* family of the Arelites. 18 *These are the* families of *the* sons of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand five hundred.

19 *The* sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in *the* land of Canaan. 20 And *the* sons of Judah after their families were: of Shelah, *the* family of the Shelanites; of Perez, *the* family of the Perezites; of Zerah, *the* family of the Zerahites. 21 And *the* sons of Perez were: of Hezron, *the* family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, *the* family of the Hamulites. 22 *These are the* families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, seventy-six thousand five hundred.

23 *The* sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, *the* family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, *the* family of the Punites; 24 of ¹⁸⁰Jashub, *the* family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, *the* family of the Shimronites. 25 *These*

are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, sixty-four thousand three hundred.

26 *The* sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, *the* family of the Seredites; of Elon, *the* family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, *the* family of the Jahleelites. 27 *these are the* families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, sixty thousand five hundred.

28 *The* sons of Joseph after their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. 29 *The* sons of Manasseh: of Machir, *the* family of the Machirites; and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead, *the* family of the Gileadites. 30 *These are the* sons of Gilead: ¹⁸¹of Iezer, *the* family of the Iezerites; of Helek, *the* family of the Helekites; 31 and of Asriel, *the* family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, *the* family of the Shechemites; 32 and of Shemida, *the* family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, *the* family of the Hephherites. 33 And Zelophehad *the* son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters: and *the* names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 34 *These are the* families of Manasseh; and they that were numbered of them were fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

35 *These are the* sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, *the* family of the Shuthelahites; of ¹⁸²Becher, *the* family of the Becherites; of Tahan, *the* family of the Tahanites. 36 And *these are the* sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, *the* family of the Eranites. 37 *These are the* families of *the* sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. *These are the* sons of Joseph after their families.

38 *The* sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, *the* family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, *the* family of the Ashbelites; of ¹⁸³Ahiram, *the* family of the Ahiramites; 39 of ¹⁸⁴Shephupham, *the* family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, *the* family of the Huphamites. 40 And *the* sons of Bela were ¹⁸⁵Ard and Naaman: of *Ard the* family of the Ardites; of Naaman, *the* family of the Naamites. 41 *These are the* sons of Benjamin after their families; and they that were numbered of them were forty-five thousand six hundred.

42 *These are the* sons of Dan after their families: of ¹⁸⁶Shuham, *the* family of the Shuhamites. *These are the* families of Dan after their families. 43 *All the*

¹⁷³ In Ge 46:10, Ex 6:15, Jemuel

¹⁷⁴ In 1Chr 4:24, Jarib

¹⁷⁵ In Ge 46:10, Zohar

¹⁷⁶ In Ge 46:16, Ziphion

¹⁷⁷ In Ge 46:16, Ezbon

¹⁷⁸ In Ge 46:16, Arodi

¹⁷⁹ So Massoretic. Sept., 4QNum^b Vg. read Ariel... Arielites. Sam. reads Aruli... Arulites.

¹⁸⁰ In Ge 46:13, Iob

¹⁸¹ So Massoretic, Aram., Vg., and a few Sam. mss.

4QNum^b Sept. (Sam.) read of Ahiezer...

Ahiezerites. In Josh 17:2, Abiezer See Jg 6:11, 24, 34.

¹⁸² In 1Chr 7:20, Bered

¹⁸³ In Ge 46:21, Ehi, in 1Chr 8:1, Aharah

¹⁸⁴ In Ge 46:21, Muppim, ... Huppim,

¹⁸⁵ In 1Chr 8:3, Addar

¹⁸⁶ In Ge 46:23, Hushim

families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred.

44 *The sons of Asher after their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.* 45 *Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.* 46 *And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.* 47 *These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them, fifty-three thousand four hundred.*

48 *The sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni the family of the Gunites; 49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.* 50 *These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and they that were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred.*

51 *These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel,* ¹⁸⁷ *six hundred one thousand seven hundred thirty.*

52 *And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,* 53 *Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.* 54 *To the more thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one according to those that were numbered of him shall his inheritance be given.* 55 *Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.* 56 *According*

¹⁸⁷ *It seems evident that three companies of only tens are not included in the subtotals. Comparison with chs. 1 and 2 shows changes over 39 years:*

Tribes	Nu 1:, 2:	Nu 26:	39y change	% change
Reuben	46,500	43,700	-2,800	-6.0%
Simeon	59,300	22,200	-37,100	-62.6%
Gad	45,650	40,500	-5,150	-11.3%
Judah	74,600	76,500	+1,900	+2.7%
Issachar	54,400	64,300	+9,900	+18.2%
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	+3,100	+5.4%
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	+20,500	+63.7%
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	-8,000	-19.8%
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	+10,200	+28.2%
Dan	62,700	64,400	+1,700	+2.7%
Asher	41,500	53,400	+11,900	+28.7%
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	-8,000	-15.0%
Totals	603,550	601,700		
	Nu 1:46, 2:32	Nu 26:51		
Totals	603,550	601,730	-1,820	-0.3%

Simeon lost most (partly at Peor); Manasseh gained most.

to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between *the more and the fewer.*

57 *And these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.* 58 *These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites.* *And Kohath begat Amram.* 59 *And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.* 60 *And unto Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.* 61 *And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before Jehovah.* 62 *And they that were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered for war among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.*

63 *These are they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.* 64 *But among these there was not a man of them that were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.* 65 *For Jehovah had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.*

27 *Then drew near the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.* 2 *And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the tent of meeting, saying,* 3 *Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of them that gathered themselves together against Jehovah in the company of Korah: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons.* 4 *Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give unto us a possession among the brethren of our father.* 5 *And Moses brought their cause before Jehovah.*

6 *And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,* 7 *The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.* 8 *And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.* 9 *And if he have no daughter,*

then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. 10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren. 11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto *the* children of Israel a ¹⁸⁸statute *and* ordinance, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

12 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, and behold the land which I have given unto *the* children of Israel. 13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered; 14 because ye rebelled against my word in *the* wilderness of Zin, in *the* strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes. (These are *the* waters of Meribah of Kadesh in *the* wilderness of Zin.)

15 And Moses spake unto Jehovah, saying, 16 Let Jehovah, *the* God of the ¹⁸⁹spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, 17 who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that *the* congregation of Jehovah be not as sheep which have no shepherd. 18 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua *the* son of Nun, a man in whom *is the* Spirit, and lay thy hand upon him; 19 and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. 20 And thou shalt put of thine honor upon him, that all *the* congregation of *the* children of Israel may obey. 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by *the* judgment of the Urim before Jehovah: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all *the* children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. 22 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him; and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: 23 and he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as Jehovah spake by Moses.

28 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My oblation, my ¹⁹⁰food for my offerings made by fire, of a sweet savor unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season. 3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto Jehovah: he-lambs a year old without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt-offering. 4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the second lamb shalt thou offer between the two evenings; 5 and the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a

meal-offering, mingled with the ¹⁹¹fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. 6 It is a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 7 And *the* drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb: in the Holy shalt thou pour out a drink-offering of strong drink unto Jehovah. 8 And the second lamb shalt thou offer between the two evenings: as *the* meal-offering of the morning, and as *the* drink-offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

9 And on the sabbath day two he-lambs a year old without blemish, and ¹⁹²two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and *the* drink-offering thereof: 10 this is *the* burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and *the* drink-offering thereof.

11 And in *the* beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto Jehovah: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 12 and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; 13 and a tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering unto every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 14 And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb: this *is the* burnt-offering of every month throughout *the* months of the year. 15 And one he-goat for a sin-offering unto Jehovah; it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and *the* drink-offering thereof.

16 And in the first month, on *the* fourteenth day of the month, is Jehovah's passover. 17 And on *the* fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work; 19 but ye shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt-offering unto Jehovah: two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be unto you without blemish; 20 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram; 21 a tenth part shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22 and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you. 23 Ye shall offer these besides *the* burnt-offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. 24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, for seven days, *the* food of *the* offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and *the* drink-

¹⁸⁸ *Hb.* statute of judgment,

¹⁸⁹ *Or,* breaths *Hb.* ruachoth

¹⁹⁰ *Hb.* bread

¹⁹¹ *About* a U.S. quart.

¹⁹² *Just over* 4 litre. *See footnote on Ex 16:36.*

offering thereof. 25 And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 Also in *the* day of the firstfruits, when ye offer a new meal-*offering* unto Jehovah in your *feast of weeks*, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work; 27 but ye shall offer a burnt-*offering* for a sweet savor unto Jehovah: two young bullocks, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old; 28 and their meal-*offering*, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for each bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 29 a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 30 one he-goat, to make atonement for you. 31 Besides the continual burnt-*offering*, and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, ye shall offer them (they shall be unto you without blemish), and their drink-*offerings*.

29 And in the seventh month, on *the* first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets unto you. 2 And ye shall offer a burnt-*offering* for a sweet savor unto Jehovah: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 3 and their meal-*offering*, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the ram, 4 and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 5 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*, to make atonement for you; 6 besides *the* burnt-*offering* of the new moon, and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and the continual burnt-*offering* and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and their drink-*offerings*, according unto their ordinance, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

7 And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall do no manner of work; 8 but ye shall offer a burnt-*offering* unto Jehovah for a sweet savor: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be unto you without blemish; 9 and their meal-*offering*, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 10 tenth parts for every lamb of the seven lambs: 11 one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the sin-*offering* of atonements, and the continual burnt-*offering*, and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and their drink-*offerings*.

12 And on *the* fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto Jehovah seven days: 13 and ye shall offer a burnt-*offering*, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish; 14 and their meal-*offering*, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for every bullock of *the* thirteen bullocks, two tenth parts for each ram of the two rams, 15 and a tenth part for every lamb of *the* fourteen lambs; 16 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-

offering, *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and *the* drink-*offering* thereof.

17 And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 18 and their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 19 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-*offering*, and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and their drink-*offerings*.

20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 21 and their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 22 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-*offering*, and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and *the* drink-*offering* thereof.

23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 24 their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 25 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-*offering*, *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and *the* drink-*offering* thereof.

26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 27 and their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 28 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-*offering*, and *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and *the* drink-*offering* thereof.

29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 30 and their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 31 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-*offering*, *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and *the* drink-*offerings* thereof.

32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 33 and their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 34 and one he-goat for a sin-*offering*; besides the continual burnt-*offering*, *the* meal-*offering* thereof, and *the* drink-*offering* thereof.

35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work; 36 but ye shall offer a burnt-*offering*, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah: one bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 37 their meal-*offering* and their drink-*offerings* for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their

number, after the ordinance: 38 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

39 These ye shall offer unto Jehovah in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your freewill-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meal-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings. 40 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Jehovah hath commanded. 2 When a man voweth a vow unto Jehovah, or sweareth an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not ¹⁹³break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. 3 Also when a woman voweth a vow unto Jehovah, and bindeth herself by a bond, being in her father's house, in her youth, 4 and her father heareth her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father holdeth his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth, none of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and Jehovah will forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she be married to a husband, while her vows are upon her, or the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul, 7 and her husband hear it, and hold his peace at her in the day that he heareth it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 8 But if her husband disallow her in the day that he heareth it, then he shall make void her vow which is upon her, and the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul: and Jehovah will forgive her.

9 But the vow of a widow, or of her that is divorced, even everything wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand against her. 10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, 11 and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. 12 But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he heard them, then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and Jehovah will forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. 14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day, then he establisheth all

¹⁹³ Hb. profane

her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he hath established them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. 15 But if he shall make them null and void after that he hath heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity. 16 These are the statutes, which Jehovah commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

31 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Avenge the children of Israel of the ¹⁹⁴Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people. 3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm ye men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute Jehovah's vengeance on Midian. 4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war. 5 So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. 6 And Moses sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the Holy and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7 And they warred against Midian, as Jehovah commanded Moses; and they slew every male. 8 And they slew the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: ¹⁹⁵Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. 9 And the children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. 10 And all their cities in the places wherein they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. 11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. 12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and unto Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho.

13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. 14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. 15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? 16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against Jehovah in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of Jehovah. 17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying

¹⁹⁴ Likely the Midianites east of the Jordan Valley and the Arabah, but not including Jethro in the south.

¹⁹⁵ Balaam was largely responsible for the death of 24,000 Israelites. See ch. 24:25 and footnote.

with him. 18 But all the women-children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. 19 And encamp ye without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed *any* soul, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, ye and your captives. 20 And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood, ye shall purify yourselves.

21 And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war that went to the battle, This is *the* statute of the law which Jehovah hath commanded Moses: 22 howbeit the gold, and the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23 everything that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with *the* water for impurity: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make to go through the water. 24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean; and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and *the* heads of *the* fathers' *houses* of the congregation; 27 and divide the prey into two parts: between *the* men skilled in war, that went out to battle, and all the congregation. 28 And levy a tribute unto Jehovah of the men of war that went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the oxen, and of the asses, and of the flocks: 29 take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the priest, for Jehovah's *heave-offering*. 30 And of *the* children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one drawn out of *every* fifty, of the persons, of the oxen, of the asses, and of the flocks, *even* of all the cattle, and give them unto the Levites, that keep *the* charge of *the* tabernacle of Jehovah. 31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

32 Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred seventy-five thousand sheep, 33 and seventy-two thousand oxen, 34 and sixty-one thousand asses, 35 and thirty-two thousand souls in all, of the women that had not known man by lying with him. 36 And the half, which was *the* portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: 37 and Jehovah's tribute of the sheep was six hundred seventy-five. 38 And the oxen were thirty-six thousand; of which Jehovah's tribute was seventy-two. 39 And *the* asses were thirty thousand five hundred; of which Jehovah's tribute was sixty-one. 40 And *the* souls of man were sixteen thousand; of whom Jehovah's tribute was thirty-two souls. 41 And Moses gave the tribute, which was Jehovah's *heave-offering*, unto Eleazar the priest, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

42 And of *the* children of Israel's half, which Moses divided off from the men that warred 43 (now the congregation's half was three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep, 44 and thirty-six thousand oxen, 45 and thirty thousand five hundred asses, 46 and sixteen thousand souls of man), 47 even of *the* children of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of *every* fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, that kept *the* charge of *the* tabernacle of Jehovah; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

48 And the officers that were over *the* thousands of the host, *the* captains of thousands, and *the* captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses; 49 and they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken *the* sum of the men of war that are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. 50 And we have brought Jehovah's oblation, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, ankle-chains, and bracelets, signet-rings, earrings, and ¹⁹⁶armlets, to make atonement for our souls before Jehovah. 51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels. 52 And all *the* gold of the *heave-offering* that they offered up to Jehovah, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred fifty shekels. 53 (*For* the men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.) 54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into *the* tent of meeting, for a memorial for *the* children of Israel before Jehovah.

32 Now *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; 2 *the* children of Gad and *the* children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto *the* princes of the congregation, saying, 3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and ¹⁹⁷Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and ¹⁹⁸Sebam, and Nebo, and ¹⁹⁹Beon, 4 the land which Jehovah smote before *the* congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle; and thy servants have cattle. 5 And they said, If we have found favor in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession; bring us not over the Jordan.

6 And Moses said unto *the* children of Gad and to *the* children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to the war, and shall ye sit here? 7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of *the* children of Israel from going over into the land which Jehovah hath given them? 8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to

¹⁹⁶ Or, necklaces,

¹⁹⁷ In vs. 36, Beth-nimrah

¹⁹⁸ In vs. 38, Sibmah

¹⁹⁹ In vs. 38, Baal-meon

see the land. 9 For when they went up unto *the* valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of *the* children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which Jehovah had given them. 10 And Jehovah's anger was kindled in that day, and he swore, saying, 11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: 12 save Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua *the* son of Nun; because they have wholly followed Jehovah. 13 And Jehovah's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander to and fro in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done *this* evil in *the* sight of Jehovah, was consumed. 14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet *the* fierce anger of Jehovah toward Israel. 15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye will destroy all *this* people.

16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will ²⁰⁰build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: 17 but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before *the* children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of *the* inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return unto our houses, until *the* children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. 19 For we will not inherit with them on *the other* side of the Jordan, and forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on *this* side of the Jordan eastward.

20 And Moses said unto them, if ye will do *this* thing, if ye will arm yourselves to go before Jehovah to the war, 21 and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before Jehovah, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, 22 and the land is subdued before Jehovah; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless towards Jehovah, and towards Israel; and *this* land shall be unto you for a possession before Jehovah. 23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Jehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out. 24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. 25 And *the* children of Gad and *the* children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; 27 but thy servants will

²⁰⁰ *From this time in Autumn until they crossed over Jordan would have allowed about five months for building.*

pass over, every man that is armed for war, before Jehovah to battle, as my lord saith.

28 So Moses gave charge concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua *the* son of Nun, and to the heads of *the* fathers' houses of the tribes of *the* children of Israel. 29 And Moses said unto them, If *the* children of Gad and *the* children of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man that is armed to battle, before Jehovah, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: 30 but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in *the* land of Canaan. 31 And *the* children of Gad and *the* children of Reuben answered, saying, As Jehovah hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. 32 We will pass over armed before Jehovah into *the* land of Canaan, and *the* possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us beyond the Jordan.

33 And Moses gave unto them, even to *the* children of Gad, and to *the* children of Reuben, and unto *the* half-tribe of Manasseh *the* son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, according to *the* cities thereof with *their* borders, even *the* cities of the land round about. 34 And *the* children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, 35 and Atroth-shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, 36 and Beth-Nimrah, and Beth-haran: fortified cities, and folds for sheep. 37 And *the* children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim, 38 and Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being changed,) and Sibmah: and they gave other names unto the cities which they builded. 39 And *the* children of Machir *the* son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites that were therein. 40 And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir *the* son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein. 41 And Jair *the* son of Manasseh went and took the towns thereof, and called them ²⁰¹Havvoth-jair. 42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the ²⁰²villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

33 *These are the* ²⁰³journeys of *the* children of Israel, ²⁰⁴when they went forth out of *the* land of Egypt by their hosts under *the* hand of Moses and Aaron. 2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by *the* commandment of Jehovah: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. 3 And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on *the* ²⁰⁵fifteenth day of the first month; on *the* morrow after

²⁰¹ *That is,* The towns of Jair.

²⁰² *Hb.* daughters

²⁰³ *Or,* stages

²⁰⁴ *Or,* by which they went forth

²⁰⁵ *This passage has given rise to three different views of what happened at the Exodus:*

the passover *the* children of Israel went out with a high hand in *the* sight of all the Egyptians, 4 while *the* Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom Jehovah had smitten among them: ²⁰⁶upon their gods also Jehovah executed judgments.

5 And *the* children of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and encamped in Sukkoth. 6 And they journeyed from Sukkoth, and encamped in ²⁰⁷Etham, which is in *the* edge of the wilderness. 7 And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they encamped before Migdol. 8 And they journeyed from before ²⁰⁸Hahiroth, and passed through *the* midst of the sea into the wilderness: and they went three days' journey in *the* wilderness of Etham, and encamped in Marah. 9 And they journeyed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were ²⁰⁹twelve springs of water, and seventy palm-trees; and they encamped there. 10 And they journeyed from Elim, and encamped by *the* Red Sea. 11 And they journeyed from *the* Red Sea, and encamped in *the* wilderness of Sin. 12 And they journeyed from *the* wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah. 13 And they journeyed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush. 14 And they journeyed from Alush, and encamped in Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink. 15 And they journeyed from Rephidim, and encamped in *the* wilderness of Sinai. 16 And they journeyed from *the* wilderness of Sinai, and encamped in Kibroth-hattaavah. 17 And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped in Hazeroth. 18 And they journeyed from Hazeroth, and encamped in Rithmah. 19 And they journeyed from Rithmah, and encamped in Rimmon-perez. 20 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and encamped in Libnah. 21 And they journeyed from Libnah, and encamped in Rissah. 22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and encamped in Kehelathah. 23 And they journeyed from Kehelathah, and encamped in mount Shepher. 24 And they journeyed from mount Shepher, and encamped in Haradah. 25 And they journeyed from Haradah, and encamped in Makheloth. 26 And they journeyed from Makheloth, and encamped in Tahath. 27 And they journeyed from Tahath, and encamped in Terah. 28 And they journeyed from Terah, and encamped in Mithkah.

29 And they journeyed from Mithkah, and encamped in Hashmonah. 30 And they journeyed from Hashmonah, and encamped in Moseroth. 31 And they journeyed from Moseroth, and encamped in Bene-jaakan. 32 And they journeyed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped in Hor-haggidgad. 33 And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad, and encamped in Jotbathah. 34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah, and encamped in Abronah. 35 And they journeyed from Abronah, and encamped in Ezion-geber. 36 And they journeyed from Ezion-geber, and encamped in *the* wilderness of Zin (the same *is* Kadesh). 37 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and encamped in mount Hor, in *the* edge of *the* land of Edom.

38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at *the* commandment of Jehovah, and died there, in the fortieth year after *the* children of Israel were come out of *the* land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on *the* first day of the month. 39 And Aarom was a hundred twenty-three years old when he died in mount Hor.

40 And the Canaanite, *the* king of Arad, who dwelt in the south in *the* land of Canaan, heard of the coming of *the* children of Israel.

41 And they journeyed from mount Hor, and encamped in Zalmonah. 42 And they journeyed from Zalmonah, and encamped in Punon. 43 And they journeyed from Punon, and encamped in Oboth. 44 And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped in Iye-abarim, in *the* border of Moab. 45 And they journeyed from Iyim, and encamped in Dibon-gad. 46 And they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim. 47 And they journeyed from Almon-diblathaim, and encamped in *the* mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. 48 And they journeyed from the mountains of Abarim, and encamped in *the* plains of Moab by *the* Jordan at Jericho. 49 And they encamped by the Jordan, from Beh-jeshimoth even unto Abel-shittim in *the* plains of Moab.

50 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in *the* plains of Moab by *the* Jordan at Jericho, saying, 51 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into *the* land of Canaan, 52 then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their figured *stones*, and destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places: 53 and ye shall take possession of the land, and dwell therein; for unto you have I given the land to possess it. 54 And ye shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: whosoever the lot falleth to any man, that shall be his; according to *the* tribes of your fathers shall ye inherit. 55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then shall those that ye let remain of them be as pricks in your

1. *The day was reckoned as beginning at sunrise.*

2. *The passover lamb was slain before sunset.*

3. *Israel delayed their departure by one full day.*

²⁰⁶ *In more detail, see McClintock & Strong.*

²⁰⁷ *Probably in the vicinity of modern Ismailia.*

²⁰⁸ *Severin, Versions read from Pi-hahiroth,*

²⁰⁹ *The numbers 12 and 70 give rise to comparisons with the 12 tribes of Israel and 70 elders (ch. 11:16) or with the 12 apostles and 70 disciples (Lk 10:1^{mg}).*

eyes, and as thorns in your sides, and they shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. 56 And it shall come to pass, that, as I thought to do unto them, so will I do unto you.

34 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan according to *the* borders thereof), 3 then your south quarter shall be from *the* wilderness of Zin along by *the* side of Edom, and your south border shall be from *the* end of the Salt Sea eastward; 4 and your border shall turn about southward of *the* ascent of Akrabbim, and pass along to Zin; and the going out thereof shall be southward of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall go forth to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon; 5 and the border shall turn about from Azmon unto *the* brook of Egypt, and *the* goings out thereof shall be at the sea.

6 And for *the* western border, ye shall have the great sea ²¹⁰ and *the* border *thereof*: this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall mark out for you mount Hor; 8 from mount Hor ye shall mark out unto *the* entrance of Hamath; and *the* goings out of the border shall be at Zedad; 9 and the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and *the* goings out thereof shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall mark out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham; 11 and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on *the* east side of Ain; and the border shall go down, and shall reach unto *the* ²¹¹side of *the* ²¹²sea of Chinnereth eastward; 12 and the border shall go down to the Jordan, and *the* goings out thereof shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to *the* borders thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which Jehovah hath commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe: 14 for *the* tribe of the children of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, and *the* tribe of the children of Gad according to their fathers' houses, have received, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received, their inheritance: 15 the two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond *the* Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward *the* sunrising.

16 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 17 These are *the* names of the men that shall divide the land unto you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua *the*

son of Nun. 18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. 19 And these *are the* names of the men: Of *the* tribe of Judah, Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh. 20 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Simeon, Shemuel *the* son of Ammihud. 21 Of *the* tribe of Benjamin, Elidad *the* son of Chislon. 22 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Dan a prince, Bukki *the* son of Jogli. 23 Of *the* children of Joseph: of *the* tribe of *the* children of Manasseh a prince, Hanniel *the* son of Ephod. 24 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Ephraim a prince, Kemuel *the* son of Shiphtan. 25 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan *the* son of Parnach. 26 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Issachar a prince, Paltiel *the* son of Azzan. 27 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Asher a prince, Ahihud *the* son of Shelomi. 28 And of *the* tribe of *the* children of Naphtali a prince, Pedahel *the* son of Ammihud. 29 These *are they* whom Jehovah commanded to divide *the* inheritance unto the children of Israel in *the* land of Cannan.

35 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in *the* plains of Moab by *the* Jordan at Jericho, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of *the* inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ²¹³suburbs for the cities round about them shall ye give unto the Levites. 3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and their suburbs shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their beasts. 4 And *the* suburbs of the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall be from *the* wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. 5 And ye shall measure without the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and for the side to the west two thousand cubits, and for the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in the midst. This shall be to them *the* suburbs of the cities. 6 And the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, they shall be the six cities of refuge, which ye shall give for the manslayer to flee unto: and besides them ye shall give forty-two cities. 7 All the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities; them *shall ye give* with their suburbs. 8 And concerning the cities which ye shall give of *the* possession of *the* children of Israel, from the many ye shall take many; and from the few ye shall take few: every one according to his inheritance which he inheriteth shall give of his cities unto the Levites.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto *the* children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into *the* land of Canaan, 11 then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that *the* manslayer that killeth a soul

²¹⁰ Or, for a border *thereof*:

²¹¹ Hb. shoulder

²¹² Later called, Sea of Galilee

²¹³ Or, pasture lands for the cities

Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, *the* daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons. 12 They were married into the families of *the* sons of Manasseh *the* son of Joseph; and their inheritance remained in *the* tribe of *the* family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the ordinances which Jehovah commanded by Moses unto *the* children of Israel in *the* plains of Moab by *the* Jordan at Jericho.

End of the Book of Numbers