

## Deuteronomy (5 Moses)

## 1:2 Moses recounts the Departure from Horeb. 1:11 The appointment of Assistants.

1 These *are* the words which Moses spake unto all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the <sup>1</sup>Arabah over against Suph, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 *It is* <sup>2</sup>eleven days' *journey* from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea. 3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, *that* Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that Jehovah had given him in commandment unto them; 4 after he had smitten Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt in Ashtaroth, at Edrei. 5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, 6 Jehovah our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mountain: 7 turn you, and take your journey, and go to the hill-country of the Amorites, and unto all the *places* nigh thereunto, in the Arabah, in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and in the South, and by the sea-shore, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which Jehovah sware unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: 10 Jehovah your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. 11 Jehovah, the God of your fathers, make you <sup>3</sup>a thousand times as many as ye *are*, and bless you, as he hath promised you! 12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? 13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known, according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you. 14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is good for us* to do. 15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. 16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the *causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the sojourner *that is* with him. 17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; ye shall hear the small and the great *alike*; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that *is* too hard for

<sup>1</sup> That is, the deep valley running north and south of the Dead Sea.

<sup>2</sup> If 25 km/day were the maximum, then 275 km or less.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps more than 2 thousand million is implied.

you ye shall bring unto me, and I will hear it. 18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 And we journeyed from Horeb, and went through all that great and awesome wilderness which ye saw, by the way to the hill-country of the Amorites, as Jehovah our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. 20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the hill-country of the Amorites, which Jehovah our God giveth unto us. 21 Behold, Jehovah thy God hath set the land before thee: go up, take possession, as Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath spoken unto thee; fear not, neither be dismayed. 22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities unto which we shall come. 23 And the thing pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: 24 and they turned and went up into the hill-country, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. 25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, Good *is* the land which Jehovah our God giveth unto us.

26 Yet ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God: 27 and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because Jehovah hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Whither are we going up? our brethren have made our heart to melt, saying, The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there. 29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. 30 Jehovah your God who goeth before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that Jehovah thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came unto this place. 32 Yet <sup>4</sup>in this thing ye did not believe Jehovah your God, 33 who went before you in the way, to seek you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in the cloud by day.

34 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, 35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see the good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers, 36 save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to

<sup>4</sup> Or, for all this thing ye did not believe

his children, because he hath wholly followed Jehovah. 37 Also Jehovah was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither: 38 Joshua *the* son of Nun, who standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage thou him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, and your children, that *this* day have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by *the* way to the Red Sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against Jehovah, we will go up and fight, according to all that Jehovah our God commanded us. And ye girded on every man his weapons of war, and <sup>5</sup>were forward to go up into the hill-country. 42 And Jehovah said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. 43 So I spake unto you, and ye hearkened not; but ye rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah, and were presumptuous, and went up into the hill-country. 44 And the Amorites, that dwelt in that hill-country, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and beat you down in Seir, *even* unto Hormah. 45 And ye returned and wept before Jehovah; but Jehovah hearkened not to your voice, nor gave ear unto you. 46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by *the* way to *the* Red Sea, as Jehovah spake unto me; and we compassed mount Seir many days. 2 And Jehovah spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. 4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through *the* border of your brethren *the* children of Esau, that dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore; 5 contend not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for *the* sole of *the* foot to tread on; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession. 6 Ye shall purchase food of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. 7 For Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee in all *the* work of thy hand; he hath known thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years Jehovah thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. 8 So we passed by from our brethren *the* children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, from *the* way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion-geber.

And we turned and passed by *the* way of *the* wilderness of Moab. 9 And Jehovah said unto me, Vex not Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I

<sup>5</sup> *Or*, deemed it a light thing to go up

will not give thee of his land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto *the* children of Lot *for* a possession. 10 (The Emim dwelt therein aforetime, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim: 11 these also are accounted Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The <sup>6</sup>Horites also dwelt in Seir aforetime, but *the* children of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which Jehovah gave unto them.) 13 Now rise up, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered. 14 And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *were* thirty-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from *the* midst of the camp, as Jehovah sware unto them. 15 Moreover *the* hand of Jehovah was against them, to destroy them from *the* midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17 that Jehovah spake unto me, saying, 18 thou art *this* day to pass over Ar, the border of Moab: 19 and *when* thou comest nigh over against *the* children of Ammon, vex them not, nor contend with them; for I will not give thee of *the* land of *the* children of Ammon *for* a possession; because I have given it unto *the* children of Lot *for* a possession. 20 (That also is accounted a land of <sup>7</sup>Rephaim: Rephaim dwelt therein aforetime; but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21 a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Jehovah destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead; 22 as he did *for* *the* children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day. 23 And the Avvim, that dwelt in villages as far as Gaza, *the* Caphtorim, that came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) 24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of the Arnon: behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess *it*, and contend with him in battle. 25 This day will I begin to put *the* dread of thee and *the* fear of thee upon the peoples *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thy face.

26 And I sent messengers out of *the* wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, 27 Let me pass through thy land: I will

<sup>6</sup> *Hurrians; a Caucasian people, who likely came into the land with Tidal, king of Goyim (Gutium).*

*Compare Ge 14:1-9.*

<sup>7</sup> *Or possibly, giants Also in vs. 10, and ch. 3:11.*

go <sup>8</sup>along by the highway, I will turn neither unto *the* right *hand* nor to *the* left. 28 Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet; 29 as *the* children of Esau that dwell in Seir, and the Moabites that dwell in Ar, did unto me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which Jehovah our God giveth us. 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for Jehovah thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart <sup>9</sup>obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as at this day. 31 And Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have begun to deliver up Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. 32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, unto battle at Jahaz. 33 And Jehovah our God delivered him up before us; and we smote him, and his <sup>10</sup>sons, and all his people. 34 And we took all his cities at that time, and <sup>11</sup>utterly destroyed every <sup>12</sup>inhabited city, with the women and the little ones; we left none remaining: 35 only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, with *the* spoil of the cities which we had taken. 36 From Aroer, which is on *the* edge of *the* valley of *the* Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* in the valley, even unto Gilead, there was not a city too high for us; Jehovah our God delivered up all before us: 37 only to *the* land of *the* children of Ammon thou camest not near; all *the* side of *the* river Jabbok, and *the* cities of the hill-country, and wheresoever Jehovah our God forbade us.

**3** Then we turned, and went up *the* way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, unto battle at Edrei. 2 And Jehovah said unto me, Fear him not; for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. 3 So Jehovah our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. 4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; sixty cities, all the region of Argob, *the* kingdom of Og in Bashan. 5 All these *were* cities fortified with high walls, double gates, and bars; besides the <sup>13</sup>unwalled towns a great many. 6 And we <sup>14</sup>utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every <sup>15</sup>inhabited city, with

<sup>8</sup> *Hb.* by the way, by the way,

<sup>9</sup> *Hb.* strong,

<sup>10</sup> *Or,* son,

<sup>11</sup> *Hb.* devoted every

<sup>12</sup> *Hb.* city of men,

<sup>13</sup> *Or,* country towns

<sup>14</sup> *Hb.* devoted them,

<sup>15</sup> *Hb.* city of men,

the women and the little ones. 7 But all the cattle, and *the* spoil of the cities, we took for a prey unto ourselves. 8 And we took the land at that time out of the hand of *the* two kings of the Amorites that *were* beyond the Jordan, from *the* valley of *the* Arnon unto mount Hermon 9 (*which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir); 10 all *the* cities of the <sup>16</sup>plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salecah and Edrei, cities of *the* kingdom of Og in Bashan. 11 (For only Og king of Bashan remained of *the* remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbah of *the* children of Ammon? <sup>17</sup>nine cubits *was* *the* length thereof, and four cubits *the* breadth of it, after *the* cubit of a man.)

12 And this land we took in possession at that time: from Aroer, which *is* by *the* valley of *the* Arnon, and half the hill-country of Gilead, and *the* cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites: 13 and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *the* kingdom of Og, gave I unto *the* half-tribe of Manasseh; <sup>18</sup>all the region of Argob, <sup>19</sup>even all Bashan. (The same is called *the* land of Rephaim. 14 Jair *the* son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, unto *the* border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them, *even* Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-jair, unto this day.) 15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir. 16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto *the* valley of *the* Arnon, *the* middle of the valley, <sup>20</sup>and *the* border *thereof*, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of *the* children of Ammon; 17 the Arabah also, and the Jordan and *the* border *thereof*, from Chinnereth even unto *the* sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the <sup>21</sup>slopes of Pisgah eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, Jehovah your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren *the* children of Israel, all *the* men of valor. 19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle (I know that ye have much cattle), shall abide in your cities which I have given you, 20 until Jehovah give rest unto your brethren as unto you, and they also possess the land which Jehovah your God giveth them beyond the Jordan: then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you. 21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall Jehovah do unto all the

<sup>16</sup> *Or,* table-land,

<sup>17</sup> *That is,* 4 meters long and 1.8 meters wide.

<sup>18</sup> *Or,* all the region of Argob. (All that Bashan is called *the* land of Rephaim.

<sup>19</sup> *Or,* with

<sup>20</sup> *Or,* for a border, *And in* vs. 17.

<sup>21</sup> *Or,* springs

kingdoms whither thou goest over. 22 Ye shall not fear them; for Jehovah your God, he it is that fighteth for you.

23 And I besought Jehovah at that time, saying, 24 O Lord Jehovah, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy strong hand: for what god *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy mighty acts? 25 Let me go over, I pray thee, and see the good land that *is* beyond the Jordan, that goodly <sup>22</sup>mountain, and Lebanon. 26 But Jehovah was wroth with me for your sakes, and hearkened not unto me; and Jehovah said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. 27 Get thee up unto the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see. 29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

4 And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances, which I teach you, to do *them*; that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah, *the* God of your fathers, giveth you. 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what Jehovah did because of Baal-peor; for all the men that followed Baal-peor, Jehovah thy God hath destroyed them from the midst of thee. 4 But ye that did cleave unto Jehovah your God *are* alive every one of you this day. 5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as Jehovah my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the midst of the land whither ye go in to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, that shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. 7 For what great nation *is there*, that hath <sup>23</sup>a god so nigh unto them, as Jehovah our God *is* whensoever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation *is there*, that hath statutes and ordinances *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy heart all *the* days of thy life; but make them known unto thy children and thy children's children; 10 *the* day that thou stoodest before Jehovah thy God in Horeb, when Jehovah said unto me, Assemble me the people, and I will make

<sup>22</sup> Or, hill-country,

<sup>23</sup> Or, God

them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto *the* heart of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 And Jehovah spake unto you out of *the* midst of the fire: ye heard a voice of words, but ye saw no form; only *ye heard* a voice. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* the ten <sup>24</sup>commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. 14 And Jehovah commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto your souls; for ye saw no manner of form on *the* day that Jehovah spake unto you in Horeb out of *the* midst of the fire; 16 lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image in *the* form of any figure, *the* likeness of male or female, 17 *the* likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, *the* likeness of any winged bird that flieth in the heavens, 18 *the* likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, *the* likeness of any fish that *is* in the water under the earth; 19 and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, thou be drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which Jehovah thy God hath allotted unto all the peoples under the whole heaven. 20 But Jehovah hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *at* this day. 21 Furthermore Jehovah was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance: 22 but I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan; but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of Jehovah your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image in *the* form of *anything* which Jehovah thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For Jehovah thy God *is* a devouring fire, a jealous God.

25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt *yourselves*, and make a graven image in *the* form of *anything*, and shall do that which is evil in *the* sight of Jehovah thy God, to provoke him to anger; 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over the Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 And Jehovah will scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the

<sup>24</sup> *Hb.* words;

nations, whither Jehovah shall lead you away. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, *the* work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But from thence ye shall seek Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt find *him*, when thou searchest after him with all thy heart and with all thy <sup>25</sup>soul. 30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, <sup>26</sup>in the latter days thou shalt return to Jehovah thy God, and hearken unto his voice: 31 for Jehovah thy God *is* a merciful God; he will not fail thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

32 For ask now of *the* days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it? 33 Did *ever* a people hear *the* voice of God speaking out of *the* midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? 34 Or hath God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from *the* midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Jehovah your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that Jehovah he *is* God; *there is* none else besides him. 36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he made thee to see his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of *the* midst of the fire. 37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out with his presence, with his great power, out of Egypt; 38 to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *at* this day. 39 Know therefore *this* day, and lay *it* to thy heart, that Jehovah he *is* God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; *there is* none else. 40 And thou shalt keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee *this* day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days in the land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 Then Moses set apart three cities beyond the Jordan toward <sup>27</sup>*the* sunrising; 42 that *the* manslayer might flee thither, that slayest his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in time past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live: 43 *namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the <sup>28</sup>plain country, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites,

<sup>25</sup> *Or*, being. *Hb.* nephesh.

<sup>26</sup> *Or*, *if* in the latter days thou return to Jehovah

<sup>27</sup> *That is*, the east; *And in* vs. 47.

<sup>28</sup> *Or*, table-land,

44 And this *is* the law which Moses set before *the* children of Israel: 45 these *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Moses spake unto *the* children of Israel, when they came forth out of Egypt, 46 beyond the Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in *the* land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and *the* children of Israel smote, when they came forth out of Egypt. 47 And they took his land in possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, *the* two kings of the Amorites, who *were* beyond the Jordan toward *the* sunrising; 48 from Aroer, which *is* on *the* edge of *the* valley of *the* Arnon, even unto mount Sion (the same *is* Hermon), 49 and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even unto <sup>29</sup>*the* sea of the Arabah, under *the* <sup>30</sup>slopes of Pisgah.

5 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Hear O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and observe to do them. 2 Jehovah our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 Jehovah made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day. 4 Jehovah spake with you face to face in the mount out of *the* midst of the fire 5 (I stood between Jehovah and you at that time, to show you the <sup>31</sup>words of Jehovah: for ye were afraid because of the fire, and went not up into the mount), saying,

6 I *am* Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of *the* house of <sup>32</sup>bondage.

7 [#1] Thou shalt have no other gods <sup>33</sup>before me.

8 [#2] Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, *nor* any <sup>34</sup>form of *anything* that *is* in heaven above or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: 9 thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I, Jehovah thy God, *am* a jealous God, visiting *the* iniquity of *the* fathers upon *the* children, *and* upon *the* third and upon *the* fourth generation of them that hate me; 10 and showing lovingkindness unto <sup>35</sup>thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 [#3] Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God <sup>36</sup>in vain: for Jehovah will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

12 [#4] Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Jehovah thy God commanded thee. 13 Six days shalt

<sup>29</sup> *That is*, the Dead Sea, *See* ch. 3:17.

<sup>30</sup> *Or*, springs

<sup>31</sup> *So* 4QDeut<sup>n</sup> Sam., Sept., Aram., Vg. Massoretic reads word

<sup>32</sup> *Hb.* bondmen.

<sup>33</sup> *Or*, besides me. *Lit.* before my face.

<sup>34</sup> *Lit.* representation *Also in* ch. 4:12, 15, 16, 23, 25.

<sup>35</sup> *Or*, a thousand generations of them that love me

<sup>36</sup> *Or*, for vanity (*or*, falsehood) (*both times*).

thou labor, and do all thy work; 14 but the seventh day *is* a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in *the* land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God brought thee out thence by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm: therefore Jehovah thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

16 [#5] Honor thy father and thy mother, as Jehovah thy God commanded thee; that thy days may be long, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

17 [#6] Thou shalt not murder.

18 [#7] Thou shalt not commit adultery.

19 [#8] Thou shalt not steal.

20 [#9] Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

21 [#10] Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife; thou shalt not <sup>37</sup>covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that *is* thy neighbor's.

22 These words Jehovah spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of *the* midst of the fire, <sup>38</sup>of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of *the* midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that ye came near unto me, *even* all *the* heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 and ye said, Behold, Jehovah our God hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of *the* midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth speak with man, and he liveth. 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of Jehovah our God any more, then we shall die. 26 For who *is there of* all flesh, that hath heard *the* voice of the living God speaking out of *the* midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived? 27 Go thou near, and hear all that Jehovah our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that Jehovah our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.

28 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Jehovah said unto me, I have heard the voice of *the* words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they

<sup>37</sup> So 4QDeut<sup>n</sup> Sam., Sept. Massoretic reads desire

<sup>38</sup> So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QDeut<sup>n</sup> Sam. read darkness, cloud, and thick darkness, with *etc.* Sept. reads darkness, thick darkness, whirlwind, with *etc.*

have spoken. 29 <sup>39</sup>Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children for ever! 30 Go say to them, Return ye to your tents. 31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it. 32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as Jehovah your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to *the* right *hand* or to *the* left. 33 Ye shall walk in all the way which Jehovah your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and that ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.

6 Now this *is* the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances which Jehovah your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go over to possess it; 2 that thou mightest fear Jehovah thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou and thy son, and thy son's son, all *the* days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath promised unto thee, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: <sup>40</sup>Jehovah *is* our God, Jehovah *is* one: 5 and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy <sup>41</sup>soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee *this* day, shall be upon thy heart; 7 and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon *the* door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 11 and houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and cisterns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not, and thou shalt eat and be full; 12 *then* beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of *the* land of

<sup>39</sup> Or, Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me, and keep all my commandments, that *etc.*

<sup>40</sup> Or, Jehovah our God, Jehovah *is* one:  
or, Jehovah *is* our God, Jehovah alone:  
or possibly, Jehovah our God *is* one Jehovah:

<sup>41</sup> Or, being. *Hb.* nephesh.

Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 13 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shalt swear by his name. 14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of *the* gods of the peoples that *are* round about you; 15 for Jehovah thy God in *the* midst of thee *is* a jealous God; lest *the* anger of Jehovah thy God be kindled against thee, and he destroy thee from off *the* face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt Jehovah your God, as ye tempted *him* in Massah. 17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. 18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in *the* sight of Jehovah; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, 19 to thrust out all thine enemies from before thee, as Jehovah hath spoken.

20 When thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What *mean* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Jehovah our God hath commanded you? 21 then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt: and Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and Jehovah showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his house, before our eyes; 23 and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. 24 And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God, for our good all *our* days, that he might preserve us alive, as *at* this day. 25 And it shall be righteousness unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Jehovah our God, as he hath commanded us.

7 When Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and shall <sup>42</sup>cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 and when Jehovah thy God shall deliver them up before thee, and thou shalt smite them; *then* thou shalt <sup>43</sup>utterly destroy them: thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them; 3 neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. 4 For he will turn away thy son from following me, that he may serve other gods: so will *the* anger of Jehovah be kindled against you, and he will destroy thee quickly. 5 But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their

<sup>42</sup> *Hb.* pluck off many nations before thee,

<sup>43</sup> *Hb.* devote them:

<sup>44</sup>pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou *art* a holy people unto Jehovah thy God: Jehovah thy God hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, <sup>45</sup>above all peoples that are upon *the* face of the earth. 7 Jehovah did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all peoples: 8 but because Jehovah loveth you, and because he would keep the oath which he sware unto your fathers, hath Jehovah brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of *the* house of bondage, from *the* hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that Jehovah thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments to <sup>46</sup>a thousand generations, 10 and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. 11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command thee *this* day, to do them.

12 And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that Jehovah thy God will keep with thee the covenant and the lovingkindness which he sware unto thy fathers: 13 and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; he will also bless *the* fruit of thy body and *the* fruit of thy ground, thy grain and thy new wine and thine oil, *the* increase of thy cattle and *the* young of thy flock, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 14 Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. 15 And Jehovah will take away from thee all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, will he put upon thee, but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee. 16 And thou shalt consume all the peoples that Jehovah thy God shall deliver unto thee; thine eye shall not pity them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thy heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them? 18 thou shalt not be afraid of them: thou shalt well remember what Jehovah thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; 19 the great trials which thine eyes saw, *and* the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, whereby Jehovah thy God brought thee out: so shall Jehovah thy God do unto all the peoples of whom thou art afraid. 20 Moreover Jehovah thy God will send the hornet among them, until they

<sup>44</sup> *Or,* obelisks,

<sup>45</sup> *Or,* out of all peoples

<sup>46</sup> *To date, there might be two hundred generations.*

that are left, and <sup>47</sup>hide themselves, perish from before thee. 21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them; for Jehovah thy God *is* in *the* midst of thee, a great God and awesome. 22 And Jehovah thy God will cast out those nations before thee <sup>48</sup>by little *and* little: thou mayest not consume them <sup>49</sup>at once, lest *the* beasts of the field increase upon thee. 23 But Jehovah thy God will deliver them up before thee, and will discomfit them with a great discomfiture, until they be destroyed. 24 And he will deliver their kings into thy hand, and thou *shalt* make their name to perish from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. 25 *The* graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not covet *the* silver or *the* gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for *it is* an abomination to Jehovah thy God. 26 And thou shalt not bring an abomination into thy house, and become a devoted thing like unto it: thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for *it is* a devoted thing.

**8** All the commandment which I command thee *this* day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah sware unto your fathers. 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which Jehovah thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble thee, to prove thee, to know what *was* in thy heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or not. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by *everything* that proceedeth out of *the* mouth of Jehovah doth man live. 4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. 5 And thou shalt consider in thy heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, *so* Jehovah thy God chasteneth thee. 6 And thou shalt keep the commandments of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 7 for Jehovah thy God bringeth thee into a good<sup>50</sup> land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey; 9 a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack *anything* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper. 10 And thou shalt eat and be full, and thou shalt bless Jehovah thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

<sup>47</sup> *Or*, hide themselves from thee, perish.

<sup>48</sup> *That is*, a little bit at a time:

<sup>49</sup> *Or*, quickly,

<sup>50</sup> *So* Massoretic, Aram., Vg. *But* 4QDeut<sup>f</sup> 4QDeut<sup>j</sup> 4QDeut<sup>n</sup> Sam., Sept. *insert* and spacious

11 Beware lest thou forget Jehovah thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command thee *this* day: 12 lest, *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*: 13 and *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 then thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget Jehovah thy God, who brought thee forth out of *the* land of Egypt, out of *the* house of bondage; 15 who led thee through the great and awesome wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where *was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; 16 who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not; that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end: 17 and *lest* thou say in thy heart, My power and *the* might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God, for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *at this* day. 19 And it shall be, if thou shalt forget Jehovah thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you *this* day that ye shall surely perish. 20 As the nations that Jehovah maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish; because ye would not hearken unto *the* voice of Jehovah your God.

**9** Hear, O Israel: thou *art* to pass over the Jordan *this* day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, 2 a people great and tall, *the* sons of *the* Anakim, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before *the* sons of Anak? 3 Know therefore *this* day, that Jehovah thy God *is* he who goeth over before thee *as* a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will bring them down before thee: so shalt thou drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as Jehovah hath spoken unto thee. 4 Speak not thou in thy heart, after that Jehovah thy God hath thrust them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness Jehovah hath brought me in to possess this land; whereas for *the* wickedness of these nations Jehovah doth drive them out from before thee. 5 Not for thy righteousness, or for *the* uprightness of thy heart, dost thou go in to possess their land; but for *the* wickedness of these nations Jehovah thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may establish the word which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

6 Know therefore, that Jehovah thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people. 7 Remember, forget thou not, how thou provokedst Jehovah thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou wentest forth out of *the* land of Egypt, until ye came unto this

place, ye have been rebellious against Jehovah. 8 Also in Horeb ye provoked Jehovah to wrath, and Jehovah was angry with you to destroy you. 9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive *the* tables of stone, *even the* tables of the covenant which Jehovah made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water. 10 And Jehovah delivered unto me the two tables of stone written with *the* finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which Jehovah spake with you in the mount out of *the* midst of the fire in *the* day of the assembly. 11 And it came to pass at *the* end of forty days and forty nights, *that* Jehovah gave me the two tables of stone, *even the* tables of the covenant. 12 And Jehovah said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people that thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. 13 Furthermore Jehovah spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 14 let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they. 15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount was burning with fire: and *the* two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands. 16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against Jehovah your God; ye had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which Jehovah had commanded you. 17 And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. 18 And I fell down before Jehovah, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water; because of all your sin which ye sinned, in doing that which was evil in *the* sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith Jehovah was wroth against you to destroy you. But Jehovah hearkened unto me that time also. 20 And Jehovah was very angry with Aaron to destroy him: and I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding *it* very small until it was as fine as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked Jehovah to wrath. 23 And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. 24 Ye have been rebellious against Jehovah from *the* day that I knew you.

25 So I fell down before Jehovah the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because Jehovah had said

he would destroy you. 26 And I prayed unto Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, that thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, that thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto *the* stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, 28 lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because Jehovah was not able to bring them into the land which he promised unto them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. 29 Yet they *are* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm.

10 At that time Jehovah said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. 3 So I made an ark *of* acacia wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand. 4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten <sup>51</sup>commandments, which Jehovah spake unto you in the mount out of *the* midst of the fire in *the* day of the assembly: and Jehovah gave them unto me. 5 And I turned and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as Jehovah commanded me. 6 (And *the* children of Israel journeyed from <sup>52</sup>Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in *the* priest's office in his stead. 7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. 8 At that time Jehovah set apart the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, to stand before Jehovah to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. 9 Wherefore Levi hath no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; Jehovah *is* his inheritance, according as Jehovah thy God spake unto him.) 10 And I stayed in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights; and Jehovah hearkened unto me that time also; and Jehovah would not destroy thee. 11 And Jehovah said unto me, Arise, take *thy* journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 And now, Israel, what doth Jehovah thy God require of thee, but to fear Jehovah thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Jehovah thy God with all thy heart and with all thy <sup>53</sup>soul, 13 to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and his statutes,

<sup>51</sup> *Hb.* words,

<sup>52</sup> *Or,* the wells of *the* children of Jaakan to Moserah.

<sup>53</sup> *Or,* being. *Hb.* nephesh.

which I command thee *this* day for thy good? 14 Behold, unto Jehovah thy God *belongeth* the heavens and the heavens of heavens, the earth, with all that *is* therein. 15 Only Jehovah had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you <sup>54</sup>above all peoples, as *at* this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. 17 For Jehovah your God, he *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awesome, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. 18 He doth execute justice for *the* fatherless and widow, and loveth *the* sojourner, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love ye therefore the sojourner; for ye were sojourners in *the* land of Egypt. 20 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; him shalt thou serve; and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his name shalt thou swear. 21 He is thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these great and awesome things, which thine eyes have seen. 22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with seventy souls; and now Jehovah thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 Therefore thou shalt love Jehovah thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his ordinances, and his commandments, all thy days. 2 And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children that have not known, and that have not seen the <sup>55</sup>chastisement of Jehovah your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm, 3 and his signs, and his works, which he did in *the* midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh *the* king of Egypt, and unto all his land; 4 and what he did unto *the* army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of *the* Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* Jehovah hath destroyed them unto this day; 5 and what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came unto this place; 6 and what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, *the* sons of Eliab, *the* son of Reuben; how the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in *the* midst of all Israel: 7 but your eyes have seen all the great work of Jehovah which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandment which I command thee *this* day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go over to possess it; 9 and that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which Jehovah sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as *the* land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst

<sup>54</sup> *Or*, out of all peoples,

<sup>55</sup> *Or*, instruction

*it* with thy <sup>56</sup>foot, as *a* garden of herbs; 11 but the land, whither ye go over to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven, 12 a land which Jehovah thy God <sup>57</sup>careth for: *the* eyes of Jehovah thy God *are* always upon it, from *the* beginning of the year even unto *the* end of *the* year.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love Jehovah your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your <sup>58</sup>soul, 14 that I will give *the* rain of your land in its season, *the* former rain and *the* latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy grain, and thy new wine, and thine oil. 15 And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou shalt eat and be full. 16 Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 and the anger of Jehovah be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, so that there shall be no rain, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which Jehovah giveth you.

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 20 And thou shalt write them upon *the* door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates; 21 that your days may be multiplied, and *the* days of your children, in the land which Jehovah sware unto your fathers to give them, as *the* days of the heavens above the earth. 22 For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 23 then will Jehovah drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place whereon *the* sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, *the* river Euphrates, even unto the <sup>59</sup>hinder sea shall be your border. 25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: Jehovah your God shall lay *the* fear of you and *the* dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath spoken unto you.

26 Behold, I set before you *this* day a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if ye shall hearken unto *the* commandments of Jehovah your God, which I command you *this* day; 28 and the curse, if ye shall

<sup>56</sup> *So* Massoretic, 4QDeut<sup>(corr)</sup>. *But* 4QDeut<sup>c\*</sup> 4QDeut<sup>k1</sup> Sam., Sept., Aram. *read* feet,

<sup>57</sup> *Hb.* seeketh after:

<sup>58</sup> *Or*, being. *Hb.* nephesh.

<sup>59</sup> *That is*, western sea (Mediterranean Sea).

not hearken unto *the* commandments of Jehovah your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you *this* day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. 29 And it shall come to pass, when Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt set the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. 30 *Are* they not beyond the Jordan, behind *the* way of *the* going down of the sun, in *the* land of the Canaanites that dwell in the Arabah, over against Gilgal, beside *the* <sup>60</sup>oaks of Moreh? 31 for ye are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. 32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you *this* day.

12 *These are* the statutes and the ordinances which ye shall observe to do in the land which Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath given thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. 2 Ye shall surely destroy all the places wherein the nations that ye shall dispossess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: 3 and ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their <sup>61</sup>pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and ye shall hew down *the* graven images of their gods; and ye shall destroy their name out of that place. 4 Ye shall not do so unto Jehovah your God. 5 But unto the place which Jehovah your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, *even* unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come; 6 and thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill-offerings, and *the* firstlings of your herd and of your flock: 7 and there ye shall eat before Jehovah your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee. 8 Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here *this* day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes; 9 for ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. 10 But *when* ye go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which Jehovah your God causeth you to inherit, and he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; 11 then it shall come to pass that to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and *the* heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto Jehovah. 12 And ye shall rejoice before Jehovah your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-

<sup>60</sup> *Or*, terebinths

<sup>61</sup> *Or*, obelisks,

servants, and the Levite that is within your gates, forasmuch as he hath no portion nor inheritance with you. 13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest; 14 but in the place which Jehovah shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat flesh within all thy gates, after all *the* desire of thy soul, according to *the* blessing of Jehovah thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean *people* may eat thereof, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart. 16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as water. 17 Thou mayest not eat within thy gates *the* tithe of thy grain, or of thy new wine, or of thine oil, or *the* firstlings of thy herd or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill-offerings, nor *the* heave-offering of thy hand; 18 but thou shalt eat them before Jehovah thy God in the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before Jehovah thy God in all that thou puttest thy hand unto. 19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest in thy land.

20 When Jehovah thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul desireth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, after all the desire of thy soul. 21 If the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to put his name there, be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which Jehovah hath given thee, as I have commanded thee; and thou mayest eat within thy gates, after all the desire of thy soul. 22 Even as the gazelle and as the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat thereof: the unclean and the clean *people* may eat thereof alike. 23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood *is* the soul; and thou shalt not eat the soul with the flesh. 24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as water. 25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in *the* eyes of Jehovah. 26 Only thy holy *things* which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which Jehovah shall choose; 27 and thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon *the* altar of Jehovah thy God; and *the* blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon *the* altar of Jehovah thy God; and thou shalt eat the flesh. 28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is* good and right in *the* eyes of Jehovah thy God.

29 When Jehovah thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest in to dispossess

them, and thou dispossessest them, and dwellest in their land; 30 take heed to thyself that thou be not ensnared <sup>62</sup>to follow them, after that they are destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How do these nations serve their gods? <sup>63</sup>even so will I do likewise. 31 Thou shalt not do so unto Jehovah thy God: for every abomination to Jehovah, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters do they burn in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, that shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

13 If there arise in *the* midst of thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give thee a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams: for Jehovah your God proveth you, to know whether ye love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after Jehovah your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he hath spoken <sup>64</sup>rebellion against Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage, to draw thee aside out of the way which Jehovah thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

6 If thy brother, <sup>65</sup>the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, that is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; 7 of *the* gods of the peoples that are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from *the one* end of the earth even unto *the other* end of the earth; 8 thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: 9 but thou shalt surely kill him; thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards *the* hand of all the people. 10 And thou shalt stone him to death with stones, because he hath sought to draw thee away from Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of *the* land of Egypt, out of *the* house of bondage. 11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and

<sup>62</sup> *Hb.* after them,

<sup>63</sup> *Or,* that I also may do likewise.

<sup>64</sup> *Hb.* turning aside against Jehovah your God,

<sup>65</sup> *So* Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QDeut<sup>c</sup> Sam., Sept. insert the son of thy father or

shall do no more any such wickedness as this is in *the* midst of thee.

12 If thou shalt hear *tell* <sup>66</sup>concerning one of thy cities, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to dwell there, saying, 13 *Certain* <sup>67</sup>base fellows are gone out from *the* midst of thee, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; 14 then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in *the* midst of thee, 15 thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with *the* edge of *the* sword, <sup>68</sup>destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein and the cattle thereof, with *the* edge of *the* sword. 16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into *the* midst of *the* street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof <sup>69</sup>every whit, unto Jehovah thy God: and it shall be a <sup>70</sup>heap for ever; it shall not be built again. 17 And there shall cleave nought of the devoted thing to thy hand; that Jehovah may turn from *the* fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; 18 when thou shalt hearken to *the* voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee *this* day, to do *that which is* right<sup>71</sup> in *the* eyes of Jehovah thy God.

14 Ye *are* the children of Jehovah your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For thou *art* a holy people unto Jehovah thy God, and Jehovah hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, <sup>72</sup>above all peoples that *are* upon *the* face of the earth.

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. 4 These *are* the beasts which ye may eat: *the* ox, *the* sheep, and *the* goat, 5 *the* hart, and *the* gazelle, and *the* roebuck, and *the* wild goat, and *the* pygarg, and *the* antelope, and *the* chamois. 6 And every beast that parteth *the* hoof, and hath *the* hoof cloven in two, *and* <sup>73</sup>cheweth *the* cud, among the beasts, that may ye eat. 7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that have the hoof cloven: The camel, and the hare, and the coney, because they chew *the* cud but part not *the* hoof, they *are* unclean unto you. 8 And the swine, because he parteth *the* hoof but cheweth not *the* cud, he *is* unclean unto you: of their

<sup>66</sup> *Or,* in

<sup>67</sup> *Hb.* sons of worthlessness *or,* sons of Belial

<sup>68</sup> *Hb.* devoting it,

<sup>69</sup> *Or,* as a whole burnt-offering,

<sup>70</sup> *Or,* mound *Hb.* tel

<sup>71</sup> *So* Massoretic, Aram., (Vg.). 4QpaleoDeut<sup>r</sup> Sam., Sept. insert and good

<sup>72</sup> *Or,* out of all peoples

<sup>73</sup> *Hb.* bringeth up *the* cud,

flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch.

9 These ye may eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales may ye eat; 10 and whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye shall not eat: it is unclean unto you.

11 *Of* all clean birds ye may eat. 12 But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the ospray, 13 and the glede, and the falcon, and the kite after its kind, 14 and every raven after its kind, 15 and the ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk after its kind, 16 the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl, 17 and the pelican, and the vulture, and the cormorant, 18 and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. 19 And all winged creeping things *are* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. 20 *Of* all clean birds ye may eat.

21 Ye shall not eat *of* anything that dieth of itself: thou mayest give it unto the sojourner that *is* within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner: for thou *art* a holy people unto Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

22 Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that which cometh forth from the field year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat before Jehovah thy God, in the place which he shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, *the* tithe of thy grain, of thy new wine, and of thine oil, and *the* firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock; that thou mayest learn to fear Jehovah thy God always. 24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able *to* carry it, because the place is too far from thee, which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to set his name there, when Jehovah thy God shall bless thee; 25 then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thy hand, and shalt go unto the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose: 26 and thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoever thy soul desireth, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul asketh of thee; and thou shalt eat there before Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thy household. 27 And the Levite that *is* within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee.

28 *At the end of every* three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase in the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates: 29 and the Levite, because he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all *the* work of thy hand which thou doest.

15 *At the end of every* seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 And this *is* the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he hath lent unto his neighbor; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbor and his

brother; because Jehovah's release hath been proclaimed. 3 *Of a* foreigner thou mayest exact *it*: but whatsoever of thine is with thy brother thy hand shall <sup>74</sup>release. 4 Howbeit there shall be no poor with thee (for Jehovah will surely bless thee in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it), 5 if only thou diligently hearken unto *the* voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command thee *this* day. 6 For Jehovah thy God will bless thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over thee.

7 If there be with thee a poor man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates in thy land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy poor brother; 8 but thou shalt surely open thy hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need *in that* which he wanteth. 9 Beware that there be not a base thought in thy heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou give him nought; and he cry unto Jehovah against thee, and it be sin unto thee. 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thy heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; because that for this thing Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all thy work, and in all that thou putteth thy hand unto. 11 *For the* poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land.

12 If thy brother, *a* Hebrew man, or *a* Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. 13 And when thou lettest him go free from thee, thou shalt not let him go empty: 14 thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy threshing floor, and out of thy winepress; as Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him. 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in *the* land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee *this* thing today. 16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go out from thee; because he loveth thee and thy house, because he is well with thee; 17 then thou shalt take *an* awl, and thrust *it* <sup>75</sup>through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy <sup>76</sup>servant <sup>77</sup>for ever. And also unto thy <sup>78</sup>maid-servant thou shalt do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou lettest him go free from thee;

<sup>74</sup> *Or*, release: save when there shall be *etc.*

<sup>75</sup> *Relatively* painless through the ear-lobe, but a token of an evidently voluntary submission.

<sup>76</sup> *Or*, bond-man

<sup>77</sup> *Or*, for life. *Hb.* olam. See footnote on Ex 21:6.

<sup>78</sup> *Or*, bond-woman

for to the double of *the* hire of a hireling hath he served *thee* six years: and Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 All the firstling males that are born of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto Jehovah thy God: thou shalt do no work with *the* firstling of thy herd, nor shear *the* firstling of thy flock. 20 Thou shalt eat it before Jehovah thy God year by year in the place which Jehovah shall choose, thou and thy household. 21 And if it have *any* blemish, *as if it be* lame or blind, any ill blemish *whatsoever*, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto Jehovah thy God. 22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean *people shall eat it* alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. 23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it out upon the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of <sup>79</sup>Abib, and keep *the* passover unto Jehovah thy God; for in the month of Abib Jehovah thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. 2 And thou shalt sacrifice *the* passover unto Jehovah thy God, of *the* flock and *the* herd, in the place which Jehovah shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even the* bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of *the* land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of *the* land of Egypt all the days of thy life. 4 And there shall be no leaven seen with thee in all thy borders seven days; neither shall *any* of the flesh, which thou sacrificest the first day in the evening, remain all night until the morning. 5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee; 6 but at the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover in the evening, at *the* going down of the sun, at *the* season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. 7 And thou shalt <sup>80</sup>roast and eat *it* in the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. 8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to Jehovah thy God; thou shalt do no work *therein*.

9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: from *the* time thou beginnest to *put the* sickle to the standing grain shalt thou begin to number seven weeks. 10 And thou shalt keep *the* feast of weeks unto Jehovah thy God <sup>81</sup>with a tribute of a freewill-offering of thy hand, which thou shalt give, according as Jehovah thy God blesseth thee: 11 and thou shalt rejoice before Jehovah thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy

<sup>79</sup> *The Canaanite name for the 1<sup>st</sup> month (in Spring); later called Nisan (like the Babylonian Nisanu).*

<sup>80</sup> *Or, boil (but compare Ex 12:9).*

<sup>81</sup> *Or, after the measure of the freewill-offering*

man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* in *the* midst of thee, in the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 Thou shalt keep the feast of <sup>82</sup>booths seven days, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing-floor and from thy winepress: 14 and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates. 15 Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto Jehovah thy God in the place which Jehovah shall choose; because Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all thine increase, and in all *the* work of thy hands, and thou shalt be altogether joyful, 16 Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of booths; and they shall not appear before Jehovah empty: 17 every man <sup>83</sup>shall give as he is able, according to *the* blessing of Jehovah thy God which he hath given thee.

18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, according to thy tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19 Thou shalt not wrest justice: thou shalt not respect persons; neither shalt thou take a bribe; for a bribe doth blind *the* eyes of *the* wise, and pervert *the* <sup>84</sup>words of *the* righteous. 20 <sup>85</sup>That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

21 Thou shalt not plant thee <sup>86</sup>an Asherah of any kind of tree beside *the* altar of Jehovah thy God, which thou shalt make thee. 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up a <sup>87</sup>pillar; which Jehovah thy God hateth.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God an ox, or a sheep, wherein is a blemish, *or* anything evil; for that *is* an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

2 If there be found in *the* midst of thee, within any of thy gates which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that doeth that which is evil in *the* sight of Jehovah thy God, in transgressing his covenant, 3 and hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it*; then shalt thou inquire

<sup>82</sup> *Hb. Sukkoth, booths And in vs. 16.*

<sup>83</sup> *Hb. according to the gift of his hand,*

<sup>84</sup> *Or, cause*

<sup>85</sup> *Hb. Justice, justice shalt thou follow,*

<sup>86</sup> *Possibly because of the curse in ch. 21:23.*

<sup>87</sup> *Or, obelisk; (stone used for commemorating a man)*

diligently; and, behold, *if it be true*, and the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel, 5 then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, who hath done this evil thing, unto thy gates, *even* the man or the woman; and thou shalt stone them to death with <sup>88</sup>stones. 6 At *the* mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is to die be put to death; at *the* mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7 *The* hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward *the* hand of all the people. So thou shalt put away the evil from *the* midst of thee.

8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates; then shalt thou arise, and get thee up unto the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose; 9 and thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days: and thou shalt inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment. 10 And thou shalt do according to *the* tenor of the sentence which they shall show thee from that place which Jehovah shall choose; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they shall teach thee: 11 according to *the* tenor of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do; thou shalt not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show thee, *to the right hand*, nor *to the left*. 12 And the man that doeth presumptuously, in not hearkening unto the priest that standeth to minister there before Jehovah thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that *are* round about me; 15 thou shalt surely set *him* king over thee, whom Jehovah thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee; thou mayest not put a foreigner over thee, who *is* not thy brother. 16 Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to *the end that* he may multiply horses; forasmuch as Jehovah hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon *the* throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him *a* copy of this law in a book, out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites: 19 and it shall be with him, and he shall read

<sup>88</sup> *Stones are abundant in all of Israel.*

therein all *the* days of his life; that he may learn to fear Jehovah his God, to keep all *the* words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20 that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to the right hand*, or *to the left*: to *the end* that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children, in *the* midst of Israel.

18 The priests the Levites, <sup>89</sup>*even* all *the* tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat *the* offerings of Jehovah made by fire, and his inheritance. 2 And they shall have no inheritance among their brethren: Jehovah *is* their inheritance, as he hath spoken unto them. 3 And this shall be the priests' due from the people, from them that offer *a* sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep, that they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the <sup>90</sup>maw. 4 *The* firstfruits of thy grain, of thy new wine, and of thine oil, and *the* first of *the* fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. 5 For Jehovah thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in *the* name of Jehovah, him and his sons <sup>91</sup>for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourneth, and come with all *the* desire of his soul unto the place which Jehovah shall choose; 7 then he shall minister in *the* name of Jehovah his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, who stand there before Jehovah. 8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of *the* sale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after *the* abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found with thee *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that useth divination, one that practiseth augury, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, 11 or a charmer, or a consulter with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For whosoever doeth these things *is* an abomination unto Jehovah: and because of these abominations Jehovah thy God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with Jehovah thy God. 14 For these nations, that thou shalt dispossess, hearken unto them that practise augury, and unto diviners; but as for thee, Jehovah thy God hath not suffered thee *so to do*.

15 <sup>92</sup>Jehovah thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from *the* midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 according to all that thou desiredst of Jehovah thy God in Horeb in *the* day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, neither let me see this

<sup>89</sup> *Or, and*

<sup>90</sup> *Or, stomach.*

<sup>91</sup> *See footnote on Ex 21:6.*

<sup>92</sup> *A prominent prophecy of Messiah. Cf. Ac 3:22-23.*

great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And Jehovah said unto me, They have well *said that* which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whatever man will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in *the* name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thy heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah hath not spoken? 22 when *a* prophet speaketh in *the* name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which Jehovah hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him.

**19** When Jehovah thy God shall cut off the nations, whose land Jehovah thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; 2 thou shalt set apart three cities for thee in *the* midst of thy land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to possess it. 3 Thou shalt prepare thee the way, and divide the borders of thy land, which Jehovah thy God causeth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee thither.

4 And this *is the* case of the manslayer, that shall flee thither and live: whoso killeth his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in time past; 5 as when a man goeth into the forest with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the <sup>93</sup>head slippeth from <sup>94</sup>the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor, so that he dieth; he shall flee unto one of these cities and live: 6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and <sup>95</sup>smite him mortally; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. 7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt set apart three cities for thee. 8 And if Jehovah thy God enlarge thy border, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; 9 if thou shalt keep all this commandment to do it, which I command thee *this* day, to love Jehovah thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, besides these three: 10 that <sup>96</sup>innocent blood be not shed in *the* midst of thy land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.

<sup>93</sup> *Hb.* iron

<sup>94</sup> *Or,* the tree, *That is,* the handle,

<sup>95</sup> *Hb.* smite him in *the* soul;

<sup>96</sup> *Or,* the blood of an innocent man be not shed *etc.*

11 But if any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite his soul mortally so that he dieth, and he flee into one of these cities; 12 then *the* elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into *the* hand of *the* avenger of blood, that he may die. 13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away <sup>97</sup>the innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set, in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that Jehovah thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at *the* mouth of two witnesses, or at *the* mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established. 16 If an unrighteous witness rise up against any man to testify against him *of* <sup>98</sup>wrongdoing, 17 then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before Jehovah, before the priests and the judges that shall be in those days; 18 and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness, *and* have testified falsely against his brother; 19 then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to do unto his brother: so shalt thou put away the evil from *the* midst of thee. 20 And those that remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil in *the* midst of thee. 21 And thine eyes shall not pity; soul *shall go* for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

**20** When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, thou shalt not be afraid of them; for Jehovah thy God *is* with thee, who brought thee up out of *the* land of Egypt. 2 And it shall be, when ye draw nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, 3 and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye draw nigh *this* day unto battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint; fear not, nor tremble, neither be ye affrighted at them; 4 for Jehovah your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. 5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6 And what man *is there* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not used *the* fruit thereof? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use *the* fruit thereof. 7 And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. 8 And the officers shall

<sup>97</sup> *Or,* the blood of the innocent

<sup>98</sup> *Or,* rebellion, *See* ch. 13:5.

speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart melt as his heart. 9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall appoint captains of hosts at *the* head of the people.

10 When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that are* found therein shall become <sup>99</sup>tributary unto thee, and shall serve thee. 12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: 13 and when Jehovah thy God delivereth it into thy hand, thou shalt smite every male thereof with *the* edge of *the* sword: 14 but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all *the* spoil thereof, shalt thou take for a prey unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which Jehovah thy God hath given thee. 15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of *the* cities of these nations. 16 But of *the* cities of these peoples, that Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth; 17 but thou shalt <sup>100</sup>utterly destroy them: the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as Jehovah thy God hath commanded thee; 18 that they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so would ye sin against Jehovah your God.

19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down; for *is the* tree of the field *a* man, that it should be besieged of thee? 20 Only *the* trees of which thou knowest that they *are* not trees for food, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it fall.

21 If *one* be found slain in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath smitten him; 2 then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which *are* round about him that is slain: 3 and it shall be, *that* the city *which is* nearest unto the slain man, *even the* elders of that city shall take a heifer of *the* herd, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in *the* yoke; 4 and *the* elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a valley with running water, which is neither plowed nor

sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5 And the priests *the* sons of Levi shall come near; for them Jehovah thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in *the* name of Jehovah; and according to their word shall every controversy and every stroke be. 6 And all *the* elders of that city, *who are* nearest unto the slain *man*, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley; 7 and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen *it*. 8 Forgive, O Jehovah, thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and suffer not innocent blood *to remain* in *the* midst of thy people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them. 9 So shalt thou put away the innocent blood from *the* midst of thee, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in *the* eyes of Jehovah.

10 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and Jehovah thy God delivereth them into thy hands, and thou carriest them away captive, 11 and seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and thou hast a desire unto her, and wouldest take her to thee to wife; 12 then thou shalt bring her home to thy house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails; 13 and she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thy house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. 14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go <sup>101</sup>whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not deal with her <sup>102</sup>as a slave, because thou hast humbled her.

15 If a man have two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the firstborn son be hers *that was* hated; 16 then it shall be, in *the* day that he causeth his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved *the* firstborn <sup>103</sup>before *the* son of the hated, *who is* the firstborn: 17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, *the* son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he *is the* beginning of his strength; *the* right of the firstborn *is* his.

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, that will not obey *the* voice of his father, or *the* voice of his mother, and, though they chasten him, will not hearken unto them; 19 then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him and bring him out unto *the* elders of his city, and unto *the* gate of his place; 20 and they shall say unto *the* elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all *the* men of his city

<sup>99</sup> *Or*, subject to taskwork unto thee,

<sup>100</sup> *Hb.* devote them:

<sup>101</sup> *Hb.* according to her soul;

<sup>102</sup> *Or*, as a chattel,

<sup>103</sup> *Or*, during *the* lifetime of the hated,

shall stone him to death with stones: so shalt thou put away the evil from *the* midst of thee; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree; 23 his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt surely bury him the same day; for he that is hanged *is*<sup>104</sup> accursed of God; that thou defile not thy land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt surely bring them again unto thy brother. 2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it home to thy house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him. 3 And so shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his garment; and so shalt thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he *hath* lost, and thou hast found: thou mayest not hide thyself. 4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.

5 A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things *is* an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the mother with the young: 7 thou shalt surely let the mother go, but the young thou mayest take unto thyself; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house, if *any* man fall from thence.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the <sup>105</sup>whole fruit <sup>106</sup>be forfeited, the seed which thou hast sown, and *the* increase of the vineyard. 10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. 11 Thou shalt not wear a mingled stuff, wool and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee <sup>107</sup>fringes upon *the* four borders of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself*.

13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 and lay shameful things to her charge, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came nigh to her, I found not in her *the* tokens of virginity; 15 then shall *the* father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the*

tokens of the damsel's virginity unto *the* elders of the city *in* the gate; 16 and the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; 17 and, lo, he hath laid shameful things *to her charge*, saying, I found not in thy daughter the tokens of virginity; and yet these *are the* tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before *the* elders of the city. 18 And *the* elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him; 19 and they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto *the* father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 20 But if this thing be true, *that the* tokens of virginity were not found in the damsel; 21 then they shall bring out the damsel *to the* door of her father's house, and *the* men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play *the* harlot in her father's house: so shalt thou put away the evil from *the* midst of thee.

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away the evil from Israel.

23 If there be a damsel *that is* a virgin betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 then ye shall bring them both out unto *the* gate of that city, and ye shall stone them to death with stones; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbor's wife: so thou shalt put away the evil from *the* midst of thee.

25 But if the man find the damsel that is betrothed in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die: 26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy of* death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth his soul, even so *is* this matter; 27 for he found her in the field, the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.

28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, *that is* not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; 29 then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

23 He that is wounded in *the* stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into *the* assembly of Jehovah.

2 A bastard shall not enter into *the* assembly of Jehovah; even to *the* tenth generation shall none of his enter into *the* assembly of Jehovah.

<sup>104</sup> *Hb.* the curse of God; *Cf.* Josh 10:26; Ga 3:13.

<sup>105</sup> *Hb.* fulness

<sup>106</sup> *Hb.* qadash, *Lit.* be holy,

<sup>107</sup> *Or,* twisted threads

3 An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into *the* assembly of Jehovah; even to *the* tenth generation shall none belonging to them enter into *the* assembly of Jehovah <sup>108</sup>for ever: 4 because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired against thee Balaam *the* son of Beor from Pethor of <sup>109</sup>Mesopotamia, to curse thee. 5 Nevertheless Jehovah thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but Jehovah thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because Jehovah thy God loved thee. 6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor <sup>110</sup>an Egyptian; because thou wast a sojourner in his land. 8 *The* children of *the* third generation that are born unto them shall enter into *the* assembly of Jehovah.

9 When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then thou shalt keep thee from every evil thing. 10 If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of that which chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: 11 but it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall bathe *himself* in water; and when the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. 12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: 13 and thou shalt have a <sup>111</sup>paddle among thy weapons; and it shall be, when thou sittest down abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: 14 for Jehovah thy God walketh in *the* midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy, that he may not see <sup>112</sup>an unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master a servant that is escaped from his master unto thee: 16 he shall dwell with thee, in *the* midst of thee, in the place which he shall choose within one of thy gates, where it pleaseth him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 There shall be no <sup>113</sup>prostitute of *the* daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a <sup>114</sup>sodomite of *the* sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring *the* hire of a harlot, or *the* wages of a dog, into *the* house of Jehovah thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

<sup>108</sup> *Or*, for a lifetime: *Similarly in vs. 6.*

<sup>109</sup> *Hb.* Aram-naharaim, Aram of the two rivers,

<sup>110</sup> *By this time the dynasty of the Exodus had been expelled from Egypt. See footnote on Ex 14:13.*

<sup>111</sup> *Or*, shovel

<sup>112</sup> *Hb.* nakedness of anything,

<sup>113</sup> *Hb.* qedeshah (*esp.* religious) *See* Ge 38:21.

<sup>114</sup> *Hb.* qadesh *or*, male prostitute

19 Thou shalt not lend upon interest to thy brother; interest of money, interest of victuals, interest of anything that is lent upon interest. 20 Unto a foreigner thou mayest lend upon interest; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon interest, that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all that thou puttest thy hand unto, in the land whither thou goest in to possess it.

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto Jehovah thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it: for Jehovah thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. 22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. 23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt observe and do; according as thou hast vowed unto Jehovah thy God, a freewill-offering, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat of grapes thy fill <sup>115</sup>at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel. 25 When thou comest into thy neighbor's standing grain, then thou mayest pluck *the* ears with thy hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor's standing grain.

24 When a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, then it shall be, if she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. 3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her *to be* his wife; 4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that *is an* abomination before Jehovah: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

5 When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither shall he be charged *with* any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

6 No man shall take *the* mill or *the* upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh *a man's* <sup>116</sup>soul to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing a soul of his brethren of *the* children of Israel, and he deal with him <sup>117</sup>as a slave, or sell him; then that thief shall die: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, *so* ye shall observe to do. 9 Remember what

<sup>115</sup> *Hb.* according to thy soul;

<sup>116</sup> *Hb.* נֶפֶשׁ nephesh *or*, life *or*, being *Also in vs. 7.*

<sup>117</sup> *Or*, as a chattel,

Jehovah thy God did unto Miriam, by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt.

10 When thou dost lend thy neighbor any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. 11 Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge without unto thee. 12 And if he *be* a poor man, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge; 13 thou shalt surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless thee: and it shall be a righteous act unto thee before Jehovah thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy sojourners that *are* in thy land within thy gates: 15 in his day thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it (for he *is* poor, and setteth his soul upon it); lest he cry against thee unto Jehovah, and it be sin unto thee.

16 *The* fathers shall not be put to death for *the* children, neither shall *the* children be put to death for *the* fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not wrest *the* justice *due* to *the* sojourner, or to *the* fatherless, nor take *the* widow's raiment to pledge; 18 but thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all *the* work of thy hands. 20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over *the* boughs again: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 21 When thou gatherest *the grapes of* thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* after thee: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in *the* land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, and *the judges* judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. 2 And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. 3 Forty stripes he may give him, *he shall* not exceed; lest *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should be made useless before thine eyes.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle *the* ox when he treadeth out *the* grain.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, *the* wife of the dead shall not be married without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go

unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform *the* duty of a husband's brother unto her. 6 And it shall be, that the firstborn that she beareth shall succeed in *the* name of his brother *that is* dead, that his name be not blotted out of Israel. 7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform *the* duty of a husband's brother unto me. 8 Then *the* elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand, and say, I like not to take her; 9 then shall his brother's wife come unto him in *the* presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto the man that doth not build up his brother's house. 10 And his name shall be called in Israel, *The* house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 When men strive together one with another, and *the* wife of the one draweth near to deliver her husband out of *the* hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by *the* secrets; 12 then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall have no pity.

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag diverse weights, a great and a small. 14 Thou shalt not have in thy house diverse measures, a great and a small. 15 A perfect and just weight measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. 16 For all that do such things, *even* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt; 18 how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when Jehovah thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget.

26 And it shall be, when thou *art* come in unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein, 2 that thou shalt take of *the* first of all *the* fruit of the ground, which thou shalt bring in from thy land that Jehovah thy God giveth thee; and thou shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3 And thou shalt come unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess *this* day unto Jehovah thy God, that I am come unto the land which Jehovah sware unto our fathers to give us. 4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thy hand and set it down before *the* altar of Jehovah thy God. 5 And thou shalt answer and say before Jehovah thy God,

A <sup>118</sup>Syrian <sup>119</sup>ready to perish *was* my father; and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: 7 and we cried unto Jehovah, the God of our fathers, and Jehovah heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression; 8 and Jehovah brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great awesomeness, and with signs, and with wonders; 9 and he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 And now, behold, I have brought the first of *the* fruit of the ground, which thou, O Jehovah, hast given me. And thou shalt set it down before Jehovah thy God, and worship before Jehovah thy God: 11 and thou shalt rejoice in all the good which Jehovah thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house, thou, and the Levite, and the sojourner that is in *the* midst of thee.

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithe of thine increase in the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, then thou shalt give *it* unto the Levite, to the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled. 13 And thou shalt say before Jehovah thy God, I have put away the holy *things* out of *my* house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandment which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed any of thy commandments, neither have I forgotten *them*: 14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I put away thereof, *being* unclean, nor given thereof for *the* dead: I have hearkened to *the* voice of Jehovah my God; I have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. 15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the ground which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

16 This day Jehovah thy God commandeth thee to do these statutes and ordinances: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. 17 Thou hast avouched Jehovah *this* day to be thy God, and that thou wouldest walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and hearken unto his voice: 18 and Jehovah hath avouched thee *this* day to be a people for his own possession, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments; 19 and to make thee high above all nations that he hath made, <sup>120</sup>in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest

<sup>118</sup> *Hb.* Aramean *Compare* Ge 10:22, 28:2-5.

<sup>119</sup> *Or,* wandering was my father; *or,* lost was...

<sup>120</sup> *Or,* for a praise, and for a name, and for an honor;

be a holy people unto Jehovah thy God, as he hath spoken.

27 And Moses and *the* elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandment which I command you *this* day. 2 And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over the Jordan unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: 3 and thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over; that thou mayest go in unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath promised thee. 4 And it shall be, when ye are passed over the Jordan, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I command you *this* day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster. 5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto Jehovah thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt lift up no iron *tool* upon them. 6 Thou shalt build the altar of Jehovah thy God of <sup>121</sup>unhewn stones; and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto Jehovah thy God: 7 and thou shalt sacrifice peace-offerings, and shalt eat there; and thou shalt rejoice before Jehovah thy God. 8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and hearken, O Israel: This day thou art become *the* people of Jehovah thy God. 10 Thou shalt therefore obey *the* voice of Jehovah thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee *this* day.

11 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, 12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are passed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. 13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. 14 And the Levites shall answer, and say unto all *the* men of Israel with a loud voice,

15 Cursed *be* the man that maketh a graven or molten image, an abomination unto Jehovah, *the* work of *the* hands of *the* craftsman, and setteth *it* up in the secret *place*. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16 Cursed *be* he that disesteemeth his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

17 Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18 Cursed *be* he that maketh *the* blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

19 Cursed *be* he that wresteth *the* justice *due* to *the* sojourner, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<sup>121</sup> *Hb.* whole stones;

20 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his father's wife, because he hath uncovered his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed *be* he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his sister, *the* daughter of his father, or *the* daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

23 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Cursed *be* he that smiteth his neighbor in secret. And all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed *be* he that taketh a bribe to slay an innocent soul. And all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

**28** And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto *the* voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee *this* day, that Jehovah thy God will set thee on high above all *the* nations of the earth: 2 and all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto *the* voice of Jehovah thy God. 3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. 4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and *the* fruit of thy ground, and *the* fruit of thy beasts, *the* increase of thy cattle, and *the* young of thy flock. 5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy kneading-trough. 6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

7 Jehovah will cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thee: they shall come out against thee one way, and shall flee before thee seven ways. 8 Jehovah will command the blessing upon thee in thy barns, and in all that thou putteth thy hand unto; and he will bless thee in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. 9 Jehovah will establish thee for a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee; if thou shalt keep the commandments of Jehovah thy God, and walk in his ways. 10 And all *the* peoples of the earth shall see that thou art called by *the* name of Jehovah; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And Jehovah will make thee plenteous for good, in *the* fruit of thy body, and in *the* fruit of thy cattle, and in *the* fruit of thy ground, in the land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 Jehovah will open unto thee his good <sup>122</sup>treasure the heavens, to give *the* rain of thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thy hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13 And Jehovah will make thee *the* head, and not *the* tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou shalt hearken unto *the* commandments of Jehovah thy God, which I command thee *this* day, to observe and to

<sup>122</sup> Or, treasury

do *them*, 14 and shalt not turn aside from any of the words which I command you *this* day, *to the right hand* or *to the left*, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto *the* voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee *this* day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. 16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. 17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy kneading-trough. 18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and *the* fruit of thy ground, *the* increase of thy cattle, and *the* young of thy flock. 19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

20 Jehovah will send upon thee cursing, discomfiture, and rebuke, in all that thou putteth thy hand unto to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of *the* evil of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. 21 Jehovah will make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest in to possess it. 22 Jehovah will smite thee with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with fiery heat, and with <sup>123</sup>the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. 23 And thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be copper, and the earth that *is* under thee *shall be* iron. 24 Jehovah will make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 Jehovah will cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them, and shalt flee seven ways before them: and thou shalt be <sup>124</sup>tossed to and fro among all *the* kingdoms of the earth. 26 And thy dead body shall be food unto all birds of the heavens, and unto *the* beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to frighten *them* away. 27 Jehovah will smite thee with *the* boil of Egypt, and with the <sup>125</sup>emerods, and with the scurvy, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. 28 Jehovah will smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart; 29 and thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and robbed all thy days, and there shall be none to save *thee*. 30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not use *the fruit* thereof. 31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee:

<sup>123</sup> So Hb<sup>txt</sup> Sept., Aram. Hb<sup>mg</sup> Sam, Vg. *read* drought,

<sup>124</sup> Or, a terror among all *the* kingdoms of the earth.

<sup>125</sup> Or, tumors, or, plague boils,

thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to save thee. 32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people; and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day: and *there shall be* nought in the power of thy hand. 33 The fruit of thy ground, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed all thy days; 34 so that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 35 Jehovah will smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil, whereof thou canst not be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.

36 Jehovah will bring thee, and thy king whom thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation that thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. 37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all the peoples whither Jehovah shall lead thee away. 38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather little in; for the locust shall consume it. 39 Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress them, but thou shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the scarlet worm shall eat them. 40 Thou shalt have olive-trees throughout all thy borders, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast its fruit. 41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be thine; for they shall go into captivity. 42 All thy trees and the fruit of thy ground shall the locust possess. 43 The sojourner that is in the midst of thee shall mount up above thee higher and higher; and thou shalt come down lower and lower. 44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. 45 And all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep his commandments and the statutes which he commanded thee: 46 and they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not Jehovah thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; 48 therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies that Jehovah shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. 49 Jehovah will bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50 a nation of fierce countenance, that shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, 51 and shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy ground, until thou be destroyed; that also shall not leave thee grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of thy cattle, or the young of thy flock, until they have caused thee to perish.

52 And they shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fortified walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and they shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which Jehovah thy God hath given thee. 53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, whom Jehovah thy God hath given thee, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee. 54 The man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he hath remaining; 55 so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he hath nothing left him, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in all thy gates. 56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, 57 and toward her <sup>126</sup>young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest <sup>127</sup>fear this glorious and fearful name JEHOVAH THY GOD; 59 then Jehovah will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance; and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. 60 And he will bring upon thee again all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. 61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will Jehovah bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. 62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God. 63 And it shall come to pass, that, as Jehovah rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Jehovah will rejoice over you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest in to possess it. 64 And Jehovah will scatter thee among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers, even wood and stone. 65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, and there shall be no rest for the sole of thy foot: but Jehovah will give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and pining of soul;

<sup>126</sup> Or, after-birth that etc.

<sup>127</sup> Or, awe this glorious and awesome name

66 and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear night and day, and shalt have no assurance of thy life. 67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would it were even! and in the evening thou shalt say, Would it were morning! for *the* fear of thy heart which thou shalt fear, and for *the* sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 68 And Jehovah will bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I said unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall sell yourselves unto your enemies for bondmen and for bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

29 These *are the* words of the covenant which Jehovah commanded Moses to make with *the* children of Israel in *the* land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Jehovah did before your eyes in *the* land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; 3 the great trials which thine eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders: 4 but Jehovah hath not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. 5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxed old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxed old upon thy foot. 6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink; that ye may know that I *am* Jehovah your God. 7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon *the* king of Heshbon, and Og *the* king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them: 8 and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to *the* half-tribe of the Manassites. 9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may <sup>128</sup>prosper in all that ye do.

10 Ye stand *this* day all of you before Jehovah your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *even all the* men of Israel, 11 your little ones, *and* your wives, and thy sojourner that *is* in *the* midst of thy camps, from *the* hewer of thy wood unto *the* drawer of thy water; 12 that thou mayest enter into *the* covenant of Jehovah thy God, and into his oath, which Jehovah thy God maketh with thee *this* day; 13 that he may establish thee *this* day unto himself for a people, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he spake unto thee, and as he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath, 15 but with *him* that standeth here with us *this* day before Jehovah our God, and also with *him* that is not here with us *this* day 16 (for ye know how we dwelt in *the* land of Egypt, and how we came through *the* midst of the nations through which ye passed; 17 and ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were*

<sup>128</sup> Or, deal wisely in all that ye do.

among them); 18 lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away *this* day from Jehovah our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth <sup>129</sup>gall and wormwood; 19 and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this <sup>130</sup>curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in *the* stubbornness of my heart, <sup>131</sup>to destroy the moist with the dry. 20 Jehovah will not pardon him, but then *the* anger of Jehovah and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and Jehovah will blot out his name from under heaven. 21 And Jehovah will set him apart unto evil out of all *the* tribes of Israel, according to all *the* curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law.

22 And the generation to come, your children that shall rise up after you, and the foreigner that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith Jehovah hath made it sick; 23 *and that the* whole land thereof *is* brimstone, and salt, *and* a burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like *the* overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which Jehovah overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: 24 even all the nations shall say, Wherefore hath Jehovah done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger? 25 Then men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah, *the* God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of *the* land of Egypt, 26 and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods that they knew not, and *that* he had not <sup>132</sup>given unto them: 27 therefore *the* anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book; 28 and Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *at* this day. 29 <sup>133</sup>The secret things, *as* even the revealed things, *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, <sup>134</sup>that *we* may do all the words of this law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither Jehovah thy God hath driven thee, 2 and shalt return unto Jehovah thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee *this* day, thou and thy children, with all

<sup>129</sup> Hb. rosh (*a poisonous herb*).

<sup>130</sup> Or, oath, *And so* in vss. 20 and 21.

<sup>131</sup> Or, to add drunkenness to thirst.

<sup>132</sup> Hb. allotted

<sup>133</sup> Re: Additions in AV and RV, see Companion Bible.

<sup>134</sup> Or, if *we* do all the words of this law.

thy heart, and with all thy soul; 3 that then Jehovah thy God will <sup>135</sup>turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither Jehovah thy God hath scattered thee. 4 If *any of* thine outcasts be in *the uttermost parts* of heaven, from thence will Jehovah thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: 5 and Jehovah thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6 And Jehovah thy God will circumsise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. 7 And Jehovah thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuted thee. 8 And thou shalt return and obey *the* voice of Jehovah, and do all his commandments which I command thee *this day*. 9 And Jehovah thy God will make thee plenteous in all *the* work of thy hand, in *the* fruit of thy body, and in *the* fruit of thy cattle, and in *the* fruit of thy ground, for good: for Jehovah will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers; 10 if thou shalt obey *the* voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou turn unto Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee *this day*, it *is* not too <sup>136</sup>hard for thee, neither *is* it far off. 12 It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? 13 Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? 14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before thee *this day* life and good, and death and evil; 16 in that I command thee *this day* to love Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that thou mayest live and multiply, and that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. 17 But if thy heart turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; 18 I declare unto you *this day*, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong *your* days in the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go in to possess it. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you *this day*, *that* I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; 20 to love Jehovah thy God, to obey his

<sup>135</sup> *Or*, repeal *or*, return to

<sup>136</sup> *Or*, wonderful

voice, and to cleave unto him; for <sup>137</sup>he *is* thy life, and *the* length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

31 And Moses <sup>138</sup>went and spake these words unto all Israel. 2 And he said unto them, I *am* a hundred twenty years old *this day*; I can no more go out and come in: and Jehovah hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 3 Jehovah thy God, he will go over before thee; he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt dispossess them: *and* Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as Jehovah hath spoken. 4 And Jehovah will do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, *the* kings of the Amorites, and unto their land; whom he destroyed. 5 And Jehovah will deliver them up before you, and ye shall do unto them according unto all the commandment which I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them: for Jehovah thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in *the* sight of all Israel, Be strong and of good courage: for thou shalt go with this people into the land which Jehovah hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. 8 And Jehovah, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests *the* sons of Levi, that bare the ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, and unto all *the* elders of Israel. 10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At *the* end of *every* seven years, in *the* set time of the year of release, in the feast of booths, 11 when all Israel is come to appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose, <sup>139</sup>thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy sojourner that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jehovah your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; 13 and *that* their children who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear Jehovah your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

14 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in *the* tent of meeting, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in *the* tent of meeting. 15 And Jehovah

<sup>137</sup> *Or*, that is thy life,

<sup>138</sup> *So* Massoretic, Sam., Aram., Vg. 1QDeut<sup>b</sup> Sept. *and some* Massoretic mss. *read* finished speaking all these words unto all Israel.

<sup>139</sup> *So* Massoretic, Vg. Sam. *reads* he shall read 4QDeut<sup>b</sup> Sept. *read* you shall read

appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood <sup>140</sup>over *the* door of the Tent. 16 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and play *the* harlot after *the* strange gods of the land, whither they go *to be* among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. 17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our God *is* not among us? 18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. 19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach thou it *to* the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against *the* children of Israel. 20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxed fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. 21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are come upon them, that this song shall testify before them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they frame *this* day, before I have brought them into the land which I swear. 22 So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it *to* the children of Israel. 23 And he gave Joshua *the* son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, that bare *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, saying, 26 Take this book of the law, and put it by *the* side of *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. 27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you *this* day, ye have been rebellious against Jehovah; and how much more after my death? 28 Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do that which is evil in *the* sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger through *the* work of your hands.

<sup>140</sup> Or, by

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

- 32 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak;  
And let the earth hear *the* words of my mouth.
- 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain;  
My speech shall distil as the dew,  
As *the* small rain upon *the* tender grass,  
And as *the* showers upon *the* herb.
- 3 For I will proclaim *the* name of Jehovah:  
Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
- 4 The Rock, his work *is* perfect;  
For all his ways *are* justice:  
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
Just and right is he.
- 5 They have <sup>141</sup>dealt corruptly with him, *they are* not  
his children, <sup>142</sup>*it is* their blemish;  
*They are* a perverse and crooked generation.
- 6 Do ye thus requite Jehovah,  
O foolish people and unwise?  
*Is* not he thy father *that* hath <sup>143</sup>bought thee?  
He hath made thee, and established thee.
- 7 Remember *the* days of old,  
Consider *the* years of many generations:  
Ask thy father, and he will show thee;  
Thine elders, and they will tell thee.
- 8 When *the* Most High gave *to the* nations their  
inheritance,  
When he separated *the* children of men,  
He set the bounds of *the* peoples  
According to *the* number of *the* <sup>144</sup>children of Israel.
- 9 For Jehovah's portion *is* his people;  
Jacob *is the* lot of his inheritance.
- 10 He found him in a desert land,  
And in a waste howling wilderness;  
He compassed him about, he cared for him,  
He kept him as *the* apple of his eye.
- 11 As an eagle that stirreth up her nest,  
That fluttereth over her young,  
<sup>145</sup>He spread abroad his wings, he took them,  
He bare them on his pinions.
- 12 Jehovah alone did lead him,  
And *there was* no foreign god with him.
- 13 He made him ride on *the* high places of *the* earth,  
And he did eat *the* increase of *the* field;  
And he made him to suck honey out of *the* rock,  
And oil out of *the* flinty rock;
- 14 Butter of *the* herd, and milk of *the* flock,

<sup>141</sup> Or, corrupted themselves,

<sup>142</sup> Or, but a blot upon them;

<sup>143</sup> Or, possessed thee or, gotten thee

<sup>144</sup> So Massoretic, Sam., Aram., Vg. 4QDeut<sup>i</sup> Sept.  
read children of God. (Compare Ge 10:25, 32.)

<sup>145</sup> Or, Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them,  
beareth them on her pinions.

With fat of lambs,  
 And rams of *the* breed of Bashan, and goats,  
 With *the* <sup>146</sup>finest of *the* wheat;  
 And of *the* blood of *the* grape thou drankest wine.  
 15 But <sup>147</sup>Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked:  
 Thou art waxed fat, thou art grown thick, thou art  
 become sleek;  
 Then he forsook God *who* made him,  
 And lightly esteemed *the* Rock of his salvation.  
 16 They moved him to jealousy with strange *gods*;  
 With abominations provoked they him to anger.  
 17 They sacrificed unto demons, *which were* no God,  
 To gods that they knew not,  
 To new *gods that* came up of late,  
 Which your fathers dreaded not.  
 18 Of *the* Rock *that* <sup>148</sup>begat thee thou art unmindful,  
 And hast forgotten God that gave thee birth.  
 19 And Jehovah saw *it*, and abhorred *them*,  
 Because of *the* provocation of his sons and his  
 daughters.  
 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them,  
 I will see what their end *shall be*:  
 For they *are* a very perverse generation,  
 Children in whom *is* no faithfulness.  
 21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is*  
 not God;  
 They have provoked me to anger with their vanities:  
 And I will move them to jealousy with *those that are*  
 not a people;  
 I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.  
 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger,  
 And burneth unto *the* lowest Sheol,  
 And devoureth *the* earth with its increase,  
 And setteth on fire *the* foundations of *the* mountains.  
 23 I will heap evils upon them;  
 I will spend mine arrows upon them:  
 24 *They shall be* wasted with hunger, and devoured  
 with <sup>149</sup>burning heat  
 And bitter destruction;  
 And *the* teeth of beasts will I send upon them,  
 With *the* poison of crawling things of *the* dust.  
 25 Without shall *the* sword bereave,  
 And in *the* chambers terror;  
*It shall destroy* both young man and virgin,  
 The suckling with *the* man of gray hairs.  
 26 I said, I would scatter them afar,  
 I would make *the* remembrance of them to cease  
 from among men;  
 27 Were it not that I feared a provocation of *the* enemy,  
 Lest their adversaries should judge amiss,  
 Lest they should say, Our hand *is* exalted,

<sup>146</sup> *Hb.* fat of kidneys of wheat;

<sup>147</sup> *Hb.* Righteous [as a name for Israel]

<sup>148</sup> *Or,* bare thee

<sup>149</sup> *Hb.* burning coals See Hab. 3:5.

And Jehovah hath not done all this.  
 28 For they *are* a nation void of counsel,  
 And *there is* no understanding in them.  
 29 Oh that they were wise, *that* they understood this,  
*That* they would consider their latter end!  
 30 How should one chase a thousand,  
 And two put ten thousand to flight,  
 Except their Rock had sold them,  
 And Jehovah had delivered them up?  
 31 For their rock *is* not as our Rock,  
 Even our enemies themselves *being* judges.  
 32 For their vine *is* of *the* vine of Sodom,  
 And of *the* fields of Gomorrah:  
 Their grapes *are* grapes of gall,  
 Their clusters *are* bitter:  
 33 Their wine *is* *the* poison of serpents,  
 And *the* cruel venom of asps.  
 34 *Is* not this laid up in store with me,  
 Sealed up <sup>150</sup>among my treasures?  
 35 Vengeance *is* mine, and recompense,  
 At *the* time *when* their foot shall slide:  
 For *the* day of their calamity *is* at hand,  
 And *the* things *that are* to come upon thee shall  
 make haste.  
 36 For Jehovah will judge his people,  
 And repent himself for his servants;  
 When he seeth that *their* power is gone,  
 And *there is* none *remaining*, shut up or left at large.  
 37 And <sup>151</sup>he will say, Where *are* their gods,  
*The* rock in which they took refuge;  
 38 Which did eat *the* fat of their sacrifices,  
 And drank *the* wine of their drink-offering?  
 Let them rise up and help you,  
 Let them be your protection.  
 39 See now that I, *even* I, *am* he,  
 And *there are* no gods with me:  
 I kill, and I make alive;  
 I wound, and I heal;  
 And *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand.  
 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven,  
 And say, As I live for ever,  
 41 If I whet <sup>152</sup>my glittering sword,  
 And my hand take hold on judgment;  
 I will render vengeance to mine adversaries,  
 And will recompense them that hate me.  
 42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood,  
 And my sword shall devour flesh;  
 With *the* blood of *the* slain and *the* captives,  
<sup>153</sup>From <sup>154</sup>*the* head of *the* leaders of *the* enemy.

<sup>150</sup> *Or,* in my treasures

<sup>151</sup> 4QDeut<sup>q</sup> (Sept.) read Jehovah

<sup>152</sup> *Hb.* the lightning of my sword,

<sup>153</sup> *Or,* From *the* beginning of revenges upon *the*  
 enemy.

<sup>154</sup> *Or,* the hairy head of *the* enemy.

43 <sup>155</sup>Rejoice, O <sup>156</sup>ye nations, *with* his people:  
 For he will avenge *the* blood of <sup>157</sup>his servants,  
 And will render vengeance to his adversaries,  
 And will make expiation <sup>158</sup>for his land, for his  
 people.

44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this  
 song in *the* ears of the people, he and Hoshea *the* son of  
 Nun. 45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these  
 words to all Israel; 46 and he said unto them, Set your  
 heart unto all the words which I testify unto you this  
 day, which ye shall command your children to observe  
 to do, *even* all the words of this law. 47 For it *is* no  
 vain thing for you; because it *is* your life, and through  
 this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land,  
 whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

48 And Jehovah spake unto Moses that selfsame day,  
 saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim,  
*unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in *the* land of Moab, that *is*  
 over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan,  
 which I give unto *the* children of Israel for a  
 possession; 50 and die in the mount whither thou goest  
 up, and be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy  
 brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his  
 people: 51 because ye trespassed against me in the  
 midst of *the* children of Israel at *the* waters of Meribah  
 of Kadesh, in *the* wilderness of Zin; because ye  
 sanctified me not in *the* midst of *the* children of Israel.  
 52 For thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou  
 shalt not go thither into the land which I give *the*  
 children of Israel.

**33** And this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses *the*  
 man of God blessed the children of Israel before his  
 death. 2 And he said,  
 Jehovah came from Sinai,  
 And rose from Seir unto them;  
 He shined forth from mount Paran,  
 And he came from *the* ten thousands of <sup>159</sup>holy ones:  
 At his right hand <sup>160</sup>was a fiery law for them.

3 Yes, he loveth *the* <sup>161</sup>people;  
 All <sup>162</sup>his holy ones *are* in thy hand:  
 And they sat down at thy feet;  
 Every one <sup>163</sup>shall receive of thy words.

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<sup>155</sup> *Or*, Praise his people, ye nations:  
<sup>156</sup> *Or*, ye nations, his people: 4QDeut<sup>q</sup> (Sept.) *read*  
 heavens, together with him; and bow down to him  
 all you gods:  
<sup>157</sup> *So* Massoretic, Sam., Aram., Vg. 4QDeut<sup>q</sup> Sept.  
*read* his sons,  
<sup>158</sup> *So* Massoretic, (Aram.). 4QDeut<sup>q</sup> Sam., Sept., Vg.  
*read* for *the* land of his people.  
<sup>159</sup> *Or*, holiness: *or*, saints: Cf. Jude 14.  
<sup>160</sup> *Or*, was fire, a law for them. Hb<sup>mg</sup> *reads were*  
 mountain streams for them.  
<sup>161</sup> *Or*, tribes;  
<sup>162</sup> *Or possibly*, their saints are in thy hand:

4 Moses commanded us a law,  
 An inheritance for *the* assembly of Jacob.

5 And <sup>164</sup>he was king in Jeshurun,  
 When *the* heads of *the* people were gathered,  
 All *the* tribes of Israel together.

6 Let Reuben live, and not die;  
<sup>165</sup>Nor let his men be few.

7 And this is *the* blessing of Judah: and he said,  
 Hear Jehovah, *the* voice of Judah,  
 And bring him in unto his people.  
<sup>166</sup>With his hands he contended <sup>167</sup>for himself;  
 And thou shalt be a help against his adversaries.

8 And of Levi he said,  
 Thy Thummim and thy Urim *are* with <sup>168</sup>thy godly  
 one,  
 Whom thou didst prove at Massah,  
 With whom thou didst strive at *the* waters of  
 Meribah;

9 Who said of his father, and of his mother, I have not  
 seen him;  
 Neither did he acknowledge his brethren,  
 Nor knew he his own children:  
 For they have observed thy word,  
 And keep thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thine ordinances,  
 And Israel thy law:  
 They shall put incense <sup>169</sup>before thee,  
 And whole burnt-offering upon thine altar.

11 Bless, Jehovah, his substance,  
 And accept the work of his hands:  
 Smite through the loins of them that rise up against  
 him,  
 And of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

12 Of Benjamin he said,  
*The* beloved of Jehovah shall dwell in safety by him;  
 He covereth him all the day long,  
 And he dwelleth between his shoulders.

13 And of Joseph he said,  
 Blessed of Jehovah be his land,  
 For *the* precious things of heaven, for *the* dew,  
 And for *the* deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for *the* precious things of *the* fruits of *the* sun,  
 And for *the* precious things of *the* growth of *the*  
<sup>170</sup>moons,

15 And for *the* chief things of *the* ancient mountains,  
 And for *the* precious things of *the* everlasting hills,

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<sup>163</sup> *Or*, received of thy words.  
<sup>164</sup> *Or*, there was a king in Jeshurun,  
<sup>165</sup> *Or*, But  
<sup>166</sup> *Or*, Let his hands be sufficient for them;  
<sup>167</sup> *Or*, for them;  
<sup>168</sup> *Or*, him whom thou lovest,  
<sup>169</sup> *Hb.* in thy nostrils,  
<sup>170</sup> *Or*, months,

16 And for *the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof,*  
 And *the good will of him that dwelt in the bush.*  
 Let *the blessing come upon the head of Joseph,*  
 And upon *the crown of the head of him* <sup>171</sup>*that was separate from his brethren.*

17 <sup>172</sup>*The firstling of his herd, majesty is his;*  
 And his horns *are the horns of the wild-ox:*  
 With them he shall <sup>173</sup>*push the peoples all of them even the ends of the earth:*  
 And they *are the ten thousands of Ephraim,*  
 And they *are the thousands of Manasseh.*

18 And of Zebulun he said,  
 Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out;  
 And, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call *the peoples unto the mountain;*  
 There shall they offer sacrifices of righteousness:  
 For they shall suck *the abundance of the seas,*  
 And *the hidden treasures of the sand.*

20 And of Gad he said,  
 Blessed *be he that enlargeth Gad:*  
 He dwelleth as a lioness,  
 And teareth *the arm, yes, the crown of the head.*

21 And he <sup>174</sup>*provided the first part for himself,*  
 For there was <sup>175</sup>*the lawgiver's portion reserved;*  
 And he came <sup>176</sup>*with the heads of the people;*  
 He executed *the righteousness of Jehovah,*  
 And his ordinances with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said,  
 Dan *is a lion's whelp,*  
 That leapeth forth from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he said,  
 O Naphtali, satisfied with favor,  
 And full with *the blessing of Jehovah,*  
 Possess thou *the* <sup>177</sup>*west and the south.*

24 And of Asher he said,  
 Blessed *be Asher* <sup>178</sup>*with children;*  
 Let him be acceptable unto his brethren,  
 And let him dip his foot in oil.

25 Thy <sup>179</sup>*bars shall be iron and brass;*  
 And as thy days, *so shall thy* <sup>180</sup>*strength be.*

26 *There is none like unto God, O Jeshurun,*  
 Who rideth upon the heavens for thy help,  
 And in his excellency on *the skies.*

27 *The God of old is thy dwelling-place*

<sup>171</sup> *Or, that is prince among his brethren.*

<sup>172</sup> *Or, His firstling bullock,*

<sup>173</sup> *Or, gore*

<sup>174</sup> *Or, chose Hb. saw*

<sup>175</sup> *Or, a ruler's portion reserved;*

<sup>176</sup> *Or, to*

<sup>177</sup> *Or, sea*

<sup>178</sup> *Or, above sons;*

<sup>179</sup> *Or, shoes*

<sup>180</sup> *Or, rest or, security*

And underneath *are the everlasting arms.*

And he thrust out *the enemy from before thee,*

And said, Destroy.

28 And Israel dwelleth in safety,

*The fountain of Jacob alone,*

In a land of grain and new wine;

Yes, his heavens drop down dew.

29 Happy *art thou, O Israel:*

Who *is like unto thee, a people saved by Jehovah,*

*The shield of thy help,*

And *the sword of thy excellency!*

And thine enemies shall <sup>181</sup>*submit themselves unto thee;*

And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

**34** And Moses went up from *the plains of Moab* unto mount Nebo, to *the top of Pisgah,* that *is over against Jericho.* And Jehovah showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, <sup>2</sup> and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the <sup>182</sup>*hinder sea,* <sup>3</sup> and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar.

4 And Jehovah said unto him, This *is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.* <sup>5</sup> So Moses *the servant of Jehovah* died there in *the land of Moab, according to the word of Jehovah.*

6 And <sup>183</sup>*he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.* <sup>7</sup> And Moses *was a hundred twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.* <sup>8</sup> And *the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended.*

<sup>9</sup> And Joshua *the son of Nun* was full of *the spirit of wisdom;* for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and *the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as Jehovah commanded Moses.* <sup>10</sup> And there hath not arisen a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom Jehovah knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> in all the signs and the wonders, which Jehovah sent him to do in *the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,* <sup>12</sup> and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror, which Moses wrought in *the sight of all Israel.*

*End of the Book of Deuteronomy*

*End of the Pentateuch, or 5 Books of Moses*

<sup>181</sup> *Or, yield feigned obedience unto thee;*

<sup>182</sup> *That is, western (Mediterranean Sea).*

<sup>183</sup> *Or, he was buried in the valley So Massoretic, MasDeut, Sam., Aram., Vg. 4QDeut<sup>9</sup> Sept., and some Samaritan mss. read they buried him in the valley*