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<sup>1</sup> These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suf, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazereth, and Dizahab. <sup>2</sup> It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. <sup>3</sup> In the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that Yahweh<sup>†</sup> had given him in commandment to them, <sup>4</sup> after he had struck Sihon the king of the Amorites who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan who lived in Ashteroth, at Edrei. <sup>5</sup> Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Yahweh our God<sup>‡</sup> spoke to us in Horeb, saying, 'You have lived long enough at this mountain. <sup>7</sup> Turn, and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all the places near there: in the Arabah, in the hill country, in the lowland, in the South, by the seashore, in the land of the Canaanites, and in Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. <sup>8</sup> Behold,<sup>§</sup> I have set the land before you. Go in and possess the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob—to give to them and to their offspring<sup>†</sup> after them.' "

<sup>9</sup> I spoke to you at that time, saying, "I am not able to bear you myself alone. <sup>10</sup> Yahweh your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as the stars of the sky for multitude. <sup>11</sup> May Yahweh, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! <sup>12</sup> How can I myself alone bear your problems, your burdens, and your strife? <sup>13</sup> Take wise men of understanding who are respected among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you."

<sup>14</sup> You answered me, and said, "The thing which you have spoken is good to do." <sup>15</sup> So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and respected men, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, captains of hundreds, captains of fifties, captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. <sup>16</sup> I commanded your judges at that time, saying, "Hear cases between your brothers and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the foreigner who is living with him. <sup>17</sup> You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you,

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†1:3 "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

‡1:6 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אלהים" (Elohim).

§ 1:8 "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

† 1:8 or, seed

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you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.”<sup>18</sup> I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.<sup>19</sup> We traveled from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw, by the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as Yahweh our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh Barnea.<sup>20</sup> I said to you, “You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which Yahweh our God gives to us.<sup>21</sup> Behold, Yahweh your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as Yahweh the God of your fathers has spoken to you. Don’t be afraid, neither be dismayed.”

<sup>22</sup> You came near to me, everyone of you, and said, “Let’s send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come.”

<sup>23</sup> The thing pleased me well. I took twelve of your men, one man for every tribe.<sup>24</sup> They turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.<sup>25</sup> They took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said, “It is a good land which Yahweh our God gives to us.”

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

<sup>29</sup> Then I said to you, “Don’t be terrified. Don’t be afraid of them.<sup>30</sup> Yahweh your God, who goes before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,<sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness where you have seen how that Yahweh your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place.”

<sup>32</sup> Yet in this thing you didn’t believe Yahweh your God,<sup>33</sup> who went before you on the way, to seek out a place for you to pitch your tents in: in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in the cloud by day.<sup>34</sup> Yahweh heard the voice of your words and was angry, and swore, saying,<sup>35</sup> “Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good

land which I swore to give to your fathers,<sup>36</sup> except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it. I will give the land that he has trodden on to him and to his children, because he has wholly followed Yahweh.”

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

<sup>41</sup> Then you answered and said to me, “We have sinned against Yahweh. We will go up and fight, according to all that Yahweh our God commanded us.” Every man of you put on his weapons of war, and presumed to go up into the hill country.

<sup>42</sup> Yahweh said to me, “Tell them, ‘Don’t go up and don’t fight; for I am not among you, lest you be struck before your enemies.’ ”

<sup>43</sup> So I spoke to you, and you didn’t listen; but you rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh, and were presumptuous, and went up into the hill country. <sup>44</sup> The Amorites, who lived in that hill country, came out against you and chased you as bees do, and beat you down in Seir, even to Hormah. <sup>45</sup> You returned and wept before Yahweh, but Yahweh didn’t listen to your voice, nor turn his ear to you. <sup>46</sup> So you stayed in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you remained.

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<sup>1</sup> Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as Yahweh spoke to me; and we encircled Mount Seir many days.

<sup>2</sup> Yahweh spoke to me, saying, <sup>3</sup> “You have encircled this mountain long enough. Turn northward. <sup>4</sup> Command the people, saying, ‘You are to pass through the border of your brothers, the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore be careful. <sup>5</sup> Don’t contend with them; for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession. <sup>6</sup> You shall purchase food from them for money, that you may eat. You shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink.’ ”

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<sup>7</sup>For Yahweh your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has known your walking through this great wilderness. These forty years, Yahweh your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.

<sup>8</sup>So we passed by from our brothers, the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion Geber. We turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

<sup>9</sup>Yahweh said to me, "Don't bother Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give you any of his land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the children of Lot for a possession."

<sup>10</sup>(The Emim lived there before, a great and numerous people, and tall as the Anakim. <sup>11</sup>These also are considered to be Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. <sup>12</sup>The Horites also lived in Seir in the past, but the children of Esau succeeded them. They destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place, as Israel did to the land of his possession, which Yahweh gave to them.)

<sup>13</sup>"Now rise up and cross over the brook Zered." We went over the brook Zered.

<sup>14</sup>The days in which we came from Kadesh Barnea until we had come over the brook Zered were thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the middle of the camp, as Yahweh swore to them. <sup>15</sup>Moreover Yahweh's hand was against them, to destroy them from the middle of the camp, until they were consumed. <sup>16</sup>So, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, <sup>17</sup>Yahweh spoke to me, saying, <sup>18</sup>"You are to pass over Ar, the border of Moab, today. <sup>19</sup>When you come near the border of the children of Ammon, don't bother them, nor contend with them; for I will not give you any of the land of the children of Ammon for a possession, because I have given it to the children of Lot for a possession."

<sup>20</sup>(That also is considered a land of Rephaim. Rephaim lived there in the past, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, <sup>21</sup>a great people, many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Yahweh destroyed them from before Israel, and they succeeded them, and lived in their place, <sup>22</sup>as he did for the children of Esau who dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place even to this day. <sup>23</sup>Then the Avvim, who





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†3:11 A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

<sup>3</sup> So Yahweh our God also delivered into our hand Og, the king of Bashan, and all his people. We struck him until no one was left to him remaining. <sup>4</sup> We took all his cities at that time. There was not a city which we didn't take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. <sup>5</sup> All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, in addition to a great many villages without walls. <sup>6</sup> We utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. <sup>7</sup> But all the livestock, and the plunder of the cities, we took for plunder for ourselves. <sup>8</sup> We took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon. <sup>9</sup> (The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir.) <sup>10</sup> We took all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. <sup>11</sup> (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Isn't it in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits<sup>†</sup> was its length, and four cubits its width, after the cubit of a man.) <sup>12</sup> 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 with its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites; <sup>13</sup> and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh— all the region of Argob, even all Bashan. (The same is called the land of Rephaim. <sup>14</sup> Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth Jair, to this day.) <sup>15</sup> I gave Gilead to Machir. <sup>16</sup> To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the valley of the Arnon, the middle of the valley, and its border, even to the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon; <sup>17</sup> the Arabah also, and the Jordan and its border, from Chinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

<sup>18</sup> I commanded you at that time, saying, "Yahweh your God has given you this land to possess it. All of you men of valor shall pass over armed before your brothers, the children of Israel. <sup>19</sup> But your wives, and your little ones, and your livestock, (I know that you have much livestock), shall live in your cities which I have given you, <sup>20</sup> until Yahweh gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also possess the land

which Yahweh your God gives them beyond the Jordan. Then you shall each return to his own possession, which I have given you.”

<sup>21</sup>I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, “Your eyes have seen all that Yahweh your God has done to these two kings. So shall Yahweh do to all the kingdoms where you go over. <sup>22</sup>You shall not fear them; for Yahweh your God himself fights for you.”

<sup>23</sup>I begged Yahweh at that time, saying, <sup>24</sup>“Lord<sup>†</sup> Yahweh, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or in earth that can do works like yours, and mighty acts like yours? <sup>25</sup>Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that fine mountain, and Lebanon.”

<sup>26</sup>But Yahweh was angry with me because of you, and didn’t listen to me. Yahweh said to me, “That is enough! Speak no more to me of this matter. <sup>27</sup>Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes; for you shall not go over this Jordan. <sup>28</sup>But commission Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see.” <sup>29</sup>So we stayed in the valley near Beth Peor.

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<sup>1</sup>Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances which I teach you, to do them, that you may live and go in and possess the land which Yahweh, the God of your fathers, gives you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yahweh your God which I command you. <sup>3</sup>Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did because of Baal Peor; for Yahweh your God has destroyed all the men who followed Baal Peor from among you. <sup>4</sup>But you who were faithful to Yahweh your God are all alive today. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as Yahweh my God commanded me, that you should do so in the middle of the land where you go in to possess it. <sup>6</sup>Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who shall hear all these statutes and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to them as Yahweh our God is whenever we call on him? <sup>8</sup>What great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law which I set before you today?

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<sup>†</sup>3:24 The word translated “Lord” is “Adonai.”



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<sup>9</sup>Only be careful, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes saw, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your children and your children's children— <sup>10</sup>the day that you stood before Yahweh your God in Horeb, when Yahweh said to me, "Assemble the people to me, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." <sup>11</sup>You came near and stood under the mountain. The mountain burned with fire to the heart of the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. <sup>12</sup>Yahweh spoke to you out of the middle of the fire: you heard the voice of words, but you saw no form; you only heard a voice. <sup>13</sup>He declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments. He wrote them on two stone tablets. <sup>14</sup>Yahweh commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it. <sup>15</sup>Be very careful, for you saw no kind of form on the day that Yahweh spoke to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire, <sup>16</sup>lest you corrupt yourselves, and make yourself a carved image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, <sup>17</sup>the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, <sup>18</sup>the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth; <sup>19</sup>and lest you lift up your eyes to the sky, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the army of the sky, you are drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which Yahweh your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole sky. <sup>20</sup>But Yahweh has taken you, and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as it is today. <sup>21</sup>Furthermore Yahweh was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in to that good land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance; <sup>22</sup>but I must die in this land. I must not go over the Jordan, but you shall go over and possess that good land. <sup>23</sup>Be careful, lest you forget the covenant of Yahweh your God, which he made with you, and make yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which Yahweh your God has forbidden you. <sup>24</sup>For Yahweh your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. <sup>25</sup>When you father children and children's children, and you have been long in the land, and then corrupt yourselves, and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in Yahweh your God's sight to provoke him to



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plain country, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

<sup>44</sup>This is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. <sup>45</sup>These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances which Moses spoke to the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt, <sup>46</sup>beyond the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel struck when they came out of Egypt. <sup>47</sup>They took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; <sup>48</sup>from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, even to Mount Zion (also called Hermon), <sup>49</sup>and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

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

<sup>6</sup>"I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>8</sup>"You shall not make a carved image for yourself—any likeness of what is in heaven above, or what is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>9</sup>You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me <sup>10</sup>and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>11</sup>"You shall not misuse the name of Yahweh your God;† for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who misuses his name.

†5:11 or, You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain;



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<sup>28</sup>Yahweh heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me; and Yahweh said to me, “I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have well said all that they have spoken. <sup>29</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 forever!

<sup>30</sup>“Go tell them, ‘Return to your tents.’ <sup>31</sup>But as for you, stand here by me, and I will tell you all the commandments, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess.”

<sup>32</sup>You shall observe to do therefore as Yahweh your God has commanded you. You shall not turn away to the right hand or to the left. <sup>33</sup>You shall walk in all the way which Yahweh your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

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<sup>1</sup>Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances, which Yahweh your God commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land that you go over to possess; <sup>2</sup>that you might fear Yahweh your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you—you, your son, and your son’s son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, Israel, and observe to do it, that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has promised to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, Israel: Yahweh is our God. Yahweh is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>These words, which I command you today, shall be on your heart; <sup>7</sup>and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates.

<sup>10</sup>It shall be, when Yahweh your God brings you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to









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<sup>11</sup> Beware lest you forget Yahweh your God, in not keeping his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command you today; <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built fine houses and lived in them; <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; <sup>14</sup> then your heart might be lifted up, and you forget Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with venomous snakes and scorpions, and thirsty ground where there was no water; who poured water for you out of the rock of flint; <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers didn't know, that he might humble you, and that he might prove you, to do you good at your latter end; <sup>17</sup> and lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup> But you shall remember Yahweh your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as it is today.

<sup>19</sup> It shall be, if you shall forget Yahweh your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> As the nations that Yahweh makes to perish before you, so you shall perish, because you wouldn't listen to Yahweh your God's voice.

## 9

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

<sup>4</sup> Don't say in your heart, after Yahweh your God has thrust them out from before you, "For my righteousness Yahweh has brought me in to possess this land;" because Yahweh drives them out before you because of the wickedness of these nations. <sup>5</sup> Not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart do you go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations Yahweh your God does



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which you had made, and burned it with fire, and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust. I threw its dust into the brook that descended out of the mountain.<sup>22</sup> At Taberah, at Massah, and at Kibroth Hattaavah you provoked Yahweh to wrath.<sup>23</sup> When Yahweh sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, “Go up and possess the land which I have given you,” you rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh your God, and you didn’t believe him or listen to his voice.<sup>24</sup> You have been rebellious against Yahweh from the day that I knew you.<sup>25</sup> So I fell down before Yahweh the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because Yahweh had said he would destroy you.<sup>26</sup> I prayed to Yahweh, and said, “Lord Yahweh, don’t destroy your people and your inheritance that you have redeemed through your greatness, that you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.<sup>27</sup> Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Don’t look at the stubbornness of this people, nor at their wickedness, nor at their sin,<sup>28</sup> lest the land you brought us out from say, ‘Because Yahweh was not able to bring them into the land which he promised to them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.’<sup>29</sup> Yet they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.”

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<sup>1</sup> At that time Yahweh said to me, “Cut two stone tablets like the first, and come up to me onto the mountain, and make an ark of wood.<sup>2</sup> I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.”<sup>3</sup> So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two stone tablets like the first, and went up onto the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.<sup>4</sup> He wrote on the tablets, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which Yahweh spoke to you on the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the assembly; and Yahweh gave them to me.<sup>5</sup> I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are as Yahweh commanded me.

<sup>6</sup> (The children of Israel traveled from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest’s office in his place.<sup>7</sup> From there they traveled to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.<sup>8</sup> At that time Yahweh set apart the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of Yahweh’s covenant, to





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in the wilderness until you came to this place; <sup>6</sup>and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben—how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the middle of all Israel; <sup>7</sup>but your eyes have seen all of Yahweh’s great work which he did.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore you shall keep the entire commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land that you go over to possess; <sup>9</sup>and that you may prolong your days in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>For the land, where you go in to possess isn’t like the land of Egypt that you came out of, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs; <sup>11</sup>but the land that you go over to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water from the rain of the sky, <sup>12</sup>a land which Yahweh your God cares for. Yahweh your God’s eyes are always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year. <sup>13</sup>It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to my commandments which I command you today, to love Yahweh your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup>that I will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. <sup>15</sup>I will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. <sup>16</sup>Be careful, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn away to serve other gods and worship them; <sup>17</sup>and Yahweh’s anger be kindled against you, and he shut up the sky so that there is no rain, and the land doesn’t yield its fruit; and you perish quickly from off the good land which Yahweh gives you. <sup>18</sup>Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul. You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup>You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>20</sup>You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates; <sup>21</sup>that your days and your children’s days may be multiplied in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. <sup>22</sup>For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you—to do them, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him— <sup>23</sup>then Yahweh will drive out all these nations from before



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over the Jordan and dwell in the land which Yahweh your God causes you to inherit, and he gives you rest from all your enemies around you, so that you dwell in safety,<sup>11</sup> then it shall happen that to the place which Yahweh your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the wave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to Yahweh.<sup>12</sup> You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God—you, and your sons, your daughters, your male servants, your female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you.<sup>13</sup> Be careful that you don't offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see;<sup>14</sup> but in the place which Yahweh chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

<sup>15</sup> Yet you may kill and eat meat within all your gates, after all the desire of your soul, according to Yahweh your God's blessing which he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and the deer.<sup>16</sup> Only you shall not eat the blood. You shall pour it out on the earth like water.<sup>17</sup> You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your new wine, or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your free will offerings, nor the wave offering of your hand;<sup>18</sup> but you shall eat them before Yahweh your God in the place which Yahweh your God shall choose: you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates. You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God in all that you put your hand to.<sup>19</sup> Be careful that you don't forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

<sup>20</sup> When Yahweh your God enlarges your border, as he has promised you, and you say, "I want to eat meat," because your soul desires to eat meat, you may eat meat, after all the desire of your soul.<sup>21</sup> If the place which Yahweh your God shall choose to put his name is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which Yahweh has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, after all the desire of your soul.<sup>22</sup> Even as the gazelle and as the deer is eaten, so you shall eat of it. The unclean and the clean may eat of it alike.<sup>23</sup> Only be sure that you don't eat the blood; for the blood is the life. You shall not eat the life with the meat.<sup>24</sup> You shall not eat it. You shall pour it out on the earth like



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peoples who are around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth— <sup>8</sup>you shall not consent to him nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him; <sup>9</sup>but you shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. <sup>10</sup>You shall stone him to death with stones, because he has sought to draw you away from Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>11</sup>All Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not do any more wickedness like this among you.

<sup>12</sup>If you hear about one of your cities, which Yahweh your God gives you to dwell there, that <sup>13</sup>certain wicked fellows have gone out from among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, “Let’s go and serve other gods,” which you have not known, <sup>14</sup>then you shall inquire, investigate, and ask diligently. Behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such abomination was done among you, <sup>15</sup>you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, with all that is therein and its livestock, with the edge of the sword. <sup>16</sup>You shall gather all its plunder into the middle of its street, and shall burn with fire the city, with all of its plunder, to Yahweh your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. <sup>17</sup>Nothing of the devoted thing shall cling to your hand, that Yahweh may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy, and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers, <sup>18</sup>when you listen to Yahweh your God’s voice, to keep all his commandments which I command you today, to do that which is right in Yahweh your God’s eyes.

## 14

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

<sup>3</sup>You shall not eat any abominable thing. <sup>4</sup>These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, <sup>5</sup>the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the chamois. <sup>6</sup>Every animal that parts the hoof, and has the hoof split in two





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fatherless, and the widow who are within your gates shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

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<sup>1</sup> At the end of every seven years, you shall cancel debts. <sup>2</sup> This is the way it shall be done: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not require payment from his neighbor and his brother, because Yahweh's release has been proclaimed. <sup>3</sup> Of a foreigner you may require it; but whatever of yours is with your brother, your hand shall release. <sup>4</sup> However there will be no poor with you (for Yahweh will surely bless you in the land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance to possess) <sup>5</sup> if only you diligently listen to Yahweh your God's voice, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you today. <sup>6</sup> For Yahweh your God will bless you, as he promised you. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. You will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. <sup>7</sup> If a poor man, one of your brothers, is with you within any of your gates in your land which Yahweh your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother; <sup>8</sup> but you shall surely open your hand to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, which he lacks. <sup>9</sup> Beware that there not be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, "The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand," and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing; and he cry to Yahweh against you, and it be sin to you. <sup>10</sup> You shall surely give, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because it is for this thing Yahweh your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you put your hand to. <sup>11</sup> For the poor will never cease out of the land. Therefore I command you to surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor, in your land. <sup>12</sup> If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. <sup>13</sup> When you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty. <sup>14</sup> You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your wine press. As Yahweh your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. <sup>15</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God redeemed you. Therefore I command you this thing today. <sup>16</sup> It shall be, if he tells you, "I will not go out from you," because he loves you



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according to how Yahweh your God blesses you. <sup>11</sup> You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God: you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, in the place which Yahweh your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. <sup>12</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt. You shall observe and do these statutes.

<sup>13</sup> You shall keep the feast of booths seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and from your wine press. <sup>14</sup> You shall rejoice in your feast, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your gates. <sup>15</sup> You shall keep a feast to Yahweh your God seven days in the place which Yahweh chooses, because Yahweh your God will bless you in all your increase and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. <sup>16</sup> Three times in a year all of your males shall appear before Yahweh your God in the place which he chooses: in the feast of unleavened bread, in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of booths. They shall not appear before Yahweh empty. <sup>17</sup> Every man shall give as he is able, according to Yahweh your God's blessing which he has given you. <sup>18</sup> You shall make judges and officers in all your gates, which Yahweh your God gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. <sup>19</sup> You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality. You shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. <sup>20</sup> You shall follow that which is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which Yahweh your God gives you. <sup>21</sup> You shall not plant for yourselves an Asherah of any kind of tree beside Yahweh your God's altar, which you shall make for yourselves. <sup>22</sup> Neither shall you set yourself up a sacred stone which Yahweh your God hates.

## 17

<sup>1</sup> You shall not sacrifice to Yahweh your God an ox or a sheep in which is a defect or anything evil; for that is an abomination to Yahweh your God.

<sup>2</sup> If there is found among you, within any of your gates which Yahweh your God gives you, a man or woman who does that which is evil in Yahweh your God's sight in transgressing his covenant, <sup>3</sup> and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or



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a book, out of that which is before the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup>It shall be with him, and he shall read from it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear Yahweh his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; <sup>20</sup>that his heart not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn away 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 middle of Israel.

## 18

<sup>1</sup>The priests and the Levites—all the tribe of Levi—shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the offerings of Yahweh made by fire and his portion. <sup>2</sup>They shall have no inheritance among their brothers. Yahweh is their inheritance, as he has spoken to them. <sup>3</sup>This shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give to the priest: the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the inner parts. <sup>4</sup>You shall give him the first fruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep. <sup>5</sup>For Yahweh your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in Yahweh's name, him and his sons forever.

<sup>6</sup>If a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel where he lives, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which Yahweh shall choose, <sup>7</sup>then he shall minister in the name of Yahweh his God, as all his brothers the Levites do, who stand there before Yahweh. <sup>8</sup>They shall have like portions to eat, in addition to that which comes from the sale of his family possessions.

<sup>9</sup>When you have come into the land which Yahweh your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup>There shall not be found with you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who tells fortunes, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, <sup>11</sup>or a charmer, or someone who consults with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. <sup>12</sup>For whoever does these things is an abomination to Yahweh. Because of these abominations, Yahweh your God drives them out from before you. <sup>13</sup>You shall be blameless with Yahweh your God. <sup>14</sup>For these nations that you shall dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery and to diviners; but as for you, Yahweh your God has not allowed you so to do. <sup>15</sup>Yahweh your God will raise up to you a





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walk ever in his ways, then you shall add three cities more for yourselves, in addition to these three. <sup>10</sup>This is so that innocent blood will not be shed in the middle of your land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance, leaving blood guilt on you. <sup>11</sup>But if any man hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises up against him, strikes him mortally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities; <sup>12</sup>then the elders of his city shall send and bring him there, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. <sup>13</sup>Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge the innocent blood from Israel that it may go well with you.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit, in the land that Yahweh your God gives you to possess.

<sup>15</sup>One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin that he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established. <sup>16</sup>If an unrighteous witness rises up against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, <sup>17</sup>then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Yahweh, before the priests and the judges who shall be in those days; <sup>18</sup>and the judges shall make diligent inquisition; and behold, if the witness is a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother, <sup>19</sup>then you shall do to him as he had thought to do to his brother. So you shall remove the evil from among you. <sup>20</sup>Those who remain shall hear, and fear, and will never again commit any such evil among you. <sup>21</sup>Your eyes shall not pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

## 20

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





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

<sup>22</sup>If a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, <sup>23</sup>his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him the same day; for he who is hanged is accursed of God. Don't defile your land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance.

## 22

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

<sup>5</sup>A woman shall not wear men's clothing, neither shall a man put on women's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to Yahweh your God.

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

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

<sup>9</sup>You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest all the fruit be defiled, the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard. <sup>10</sup>You shall not

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†22:12 or, tassels

‡22:19 A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces, so 100 shekels is about a kilogram or 2.2 pounds.

§22:29 A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.35 ounces.

plow with an ox and a donkey together. <sup>11</sup> You shall not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together.

<sup>12</sup> You shall make yourselves fringes<sup>†</sup> on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover yourself.

<sup>13</sup> If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, hates her, <sup>14</sup> accuses her of shameful things, gives her a bad name, and says, "I took this woman, and when I came near to her, I didn't find in her the tokens of virginity;" <sup>15</sup> then the young lady's father and mother shall take and bring the tokens of the young lady's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate. <sup>16</sup> The young lady's father shall tell the elders, "I gave my daughter to this man as his wife, and he hates her. <sup>17</sup> Behold, he has accused her of shameful things, saying, 'I didn't find in your daughter the tokens of virginity;' and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity." They shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. <sup>18</sup> The elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him. <sup>19</sup> They shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver,<sup>‡</sup> and give them to the father of the young lady, because he has given a bad name to a virgin of Israel. She shall be his wife. He may not put her away all his days.

<sup>20</sup> But if this thing is true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in the young lady, <sup>21</sup> then they shall bring out the young lady to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done folly in Israel, to play the prostitute in her father's house. So you shall remove the evil from among you.

<sup>22</sup> If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both die, the man who lay with the woman and the woman. So you shall remove the evil from Israel. <sup>23</sup> If there is a young lady who is a virgin pledged to be married to a husband, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her, <sup>24</sup> then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones; the lady, because she didn't cry, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. So you shall remove the evil from among you. <sup>25</sup> But if the man finds the lady who is pledged to be married in the field, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die; <sup>26</sup> but to the lady you shall do nothing. There is in the lady no sin worthy of death; for as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so is this matter; <sup>27</sup> for he found her in the field, the pledged to be married lady





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†23:18 literally, dog

within one of your gates, where it pleases him best. You shall not oppress him.

<sup>17</sup>There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sodomite of the sons of Israel. <sup>18</sup>You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the wages of a male prostitute,<sup>†</sup> into the house of Yahweh your God for any vow; for both of these are an abomination to Yahweh your God.

<sup>19</sup>You shall not lend on interest to your brother: interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is lent on interest. <sup>20</sup>You may charge a foreigner interest; but you shall not charge your brother interest, that Yahweh your God may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you go in to possess it.

<sup>21</sup>When you vow a vow to Yahweh your God, you shall not be slack to pay it, for Yahweh your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. <sup>22</sup>But if you refrain from making a vow, it shall be no sin in you. <sup>23</sup>You shall observe and do that which has gone out of your lips. Whatever you have vowed to Yahweh your God as a free will offering, which you have promised with your mouth, you must do. <sup>24</sup>When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat your fill of grapes at your own pleasure; but you shall not put any in your container. <sup>25</sup>When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.

## 24

<sup>1</sup>When a man takes a wife and marries her, then it shall be, if she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a certificate of divorce, put it in her hand, and send her out of his house. <sup>2</sup>When she has departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. <sup>3</sup>If the latter husband hates her, and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband dies, who took her to be his wife; <sup>4</sup>her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife after she is defiled; for that would be an abomination to Yahweh. You shall not cause the land to sin, which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance. <sup>5</sup>When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out in the army, neither shall he be assigned any business. He shall be free at



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the fatherless, and for the widow.<sup>22</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore I command you to do this thing.

## 25

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

<sup>4</sup> You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.

<sup>5</sup> If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. <sup>6</sup> It shall be that the firstborn whom she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead, that his name not be blotted out of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> If the man doesn't want to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders, and say, "My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel. He will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me." <sup>8</sup> Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him. If he stands and says, "I don't want to take her," <sup>9</sup> then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his sandal from off his foot, and spit in his face. She shall answer and say, "So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house." <sup>10</sup> His name shall be called in Israel, "The house of him who had his sandal removed."

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

<sup>13</sup> You shall not have in your bag diverse weights, one heavy and one light. <sup>14</sup> You shall not have in your house diverse measures, one large and one small. <sup>15</sup> You shall have a perfect and just weight. You

shall have a perfect and just measure, that your days may be long in the land which Yahweh your God gives you. <sup>16</sup>For all who do such things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to Yahweh your God.

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

## 26

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

<sup>12</sup>When you have finished tithing all the tithe of your increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the

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fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your gates and be filled. <sup>13</sup> You shall say before Yahweh your God, "I have put away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandment which you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither have I forgotten them. <sup>14</sup> I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor given of it for the dead. I have listened to Yahweh my God's voice. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. <sup>15</sup> Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the ground which you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

<sup>16</sup> Today Yahweh your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>17</sup> You have declared today that Yahweh is your God, and that you would walk in his ways, keep his statutes, his commandments, and his ordinances, and listen to his voice. <sup>18</sup> Yahweh has declared today that you are a people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments. <sup>19</sup> He will make you high above all nations that he has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to Yahweh your God, as he has spoken.

## 27

<sup>1</sup> Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep all the commandment which I command you today. <sup>2</sup> It shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which Yahweh your God gives you, that you shall set yourself up great stones, and coat them with plaster. <sup>3</sup> You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have passed over, that you may go in to the land which Yahweh your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has promised you. <sup>4</sup> It shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall coat them with plaster. <sup>5</sup> There you shall build an altar to Yahweh your God, an altar of stones. You shall not use any iron tool on them. <sup>6</sup> You shall build Yahweh your God's altar of uncut stones. You shall offer burnt offerings on it to Yahweh your God. <sup>7</sup> You shall sacrifice peace offerings, and shall eat there. You shall





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<sup>23</sup>'Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.'

All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

<sup>24</sup>'Cursed is he who secretly kills his neighbor.'

All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

<sup>25</sup>'Cursed is he who takes a bribe to kill an innocent person.'

All the people shall say, 'Amen.'

<sup>26</sup>'Cursed is he who doesn't uphold the words of this law by doing them.'

All the people shall say, 'Amen.' "

## 28

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







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assurance of your life. <sup>67</sup>In the morning you will say, "I wish it were evening!" and at evening you will say, "I wish it were morning!" for the fear of your heart which you will fear, and for the sights which your eyes will see. <sup>68</sup>Yahweh will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I told to you that you would never see it again. There you will offer yourselves to your enemies for male and female slaves, and nobody will buy you.

## 29

<sup>1</sup>These are the words of the covenant which Yahweh commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. <sup>2</sup>Moses called to all Israel, and said to them:

Your eyes have seen all that Yahweh did in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; <sup>3</sup>the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. <sup>4</sup>But Yahweh has not given you a heart to know, eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day. <sup>5</sup>I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not grown old on you, and your sandals have not grown old on your feet. <sup>6</sup>You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am Yahweh your God. <sup>7</sup>When you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle, and we struck them. <sup>8</sup>We took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of the Manassites. <sup>9</sup>Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. <sup>10</sup>All of you stand today in the presence of Yahweh your God: your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, <sup>11</sup>your little ones, your wives, and the foreigners who are in the middle of your camps, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water, <sup>12</sup>that you may enter into the covenant of Yahweh your God, and into his oath, which Yahweh your God makes with you today, <sup>13</sup>that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he spoke to you and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>14</sup>Neither do I make this covenant and this oath with you only, <sup>15</sup>but with those who stand here with us today before Yahweh our God, and also with those who are not here with us today <sup>16</sup>(for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the









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Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting.

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

<sup>19</sup>"Now therefore write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. <sup>20</sup>For when I have brought them into the land which I swore to their fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. <sup>21</sup>It will happen, when many evils and troubles have come on them, that this song will testify before them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants; for I know their ways and what they are doing today, before I have brought them into the land which I promised them."

<sup>22</sup>So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.

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

<sup>24</sup>When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, <sup>25</sup>Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant, saying, <sup>26</sup>"Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of Yahweh your God's covenant, that it may be there for a witness against you. <sup>27</sup>For I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. Behold, while I am yet alive with you today, you have been rebellious against Yahweh. How much more after my death? <sup>28</sup>Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words



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he bore them on his feathers.

<sup>12</sup> Yahweh alone led him.

There was no foreign god with him.

<sup>13</sup> He made him ride on the high places of the earth.

He ate the increase of the field.

He caused him to suck honey out of the rock,  
oil out of the flinty rock;

<sup>14</sup> butter from the herd, and milk from the flock,  
with fat of lambs,  
rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,  
with the finest of the wheat.

From the blood of the grape, you drank wine.

<sup>15</sup> But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked.

You have grown fat.

You have grown thick.

You have become sleek.

Then he abandoned God who made him,  
and rejected the Rock of his salvation.

<sup>16</sup> They moved him to jealousy with strange gods.

They provoked him to anger with abominations.

<sup>17</sup> They sacrificed to demons, not God,  
to gods that they didn't know,  
to new gods that came up recently,  
which your fathers didn't dread.

<sup>18</sup> Of the Rock who became your father, you are  
unmindful,

and have forgotten God who gave you birth.

<sup>19</sup> Yahweh saw and abhorred,

because of the provocation of his sons and his  
daughters.

<sup>20</sup> He said, "I will hide my face from them.

I will see what their end will be;

for they are a very perverse generation,  
children in whom is no faithfulness.

<sup>21</sup> They have moved me to jealousy with that which  
is not God.

They have provoked me to anger with their  
vanities.

I will move them to jealousy with those who are not  
a people.

I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

<sup>22</sup> For a fire is kindled in my anger,

that burns to the lowest Sheol,<sup>†</sup>

devours the earth with its increase,

and sets the foundations of the mountains on fire.

<sup>23</sup> "I will heap evils on them.

I will spend my arrows on them.

<sup>24</sup> They shall be wasted with hunger,  
and devoured with burning heat

<sup>†</sup>32:22 Sheol is the place of the  
dead.





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<sup>39</sup> "See now that I myself am he.  
There is no god with me.  
I kill and I make alive.  
I wound and I heal.  
There is no one who can deliver out of my hand.  
<sup>40</sup> For I lift up my hand to heaven and declare,  
as I live forever,  
<sup>41</sup> if I sharpen my glittering sword,  
my hand grasps it in judgment;  
I will take vengeance on my adversaries,  
and will repay those who hate me.  
<sup>42</sup> I will make my arrows drunk with blood.  
My sword shall devour flesh with the blood of the  
slain and the captives,  
from the head of the leaders of the enemy."  
  
<sup>43</sup> Rejoice, you nations, with his people,  
for he will avenge the blood of his servants.  
He will take vengeance on his adversaries,  
and will make atonement for his land and for his  
people.†

<sup>44</sup> Moses came and spoke all the words of this song  
in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of  
Nun. <sup>45</sup> Moses finished reciting all these words to all  
Israel. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, "Set your heart to all the  
words which I testify to you today, which you shall  
command your children to observe to do, all the words  
of this law. <sup>47</sup> For it is no vain thing for you, because it  
is your life, and through this thing you shall prolong  
your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to  
possess it."

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

†32:43 For this verse, LXX reads:  
Rejoice, you heavens, with him, and  
let all the angels of God worship him;  
rejoice you Gentiles, with his people,  
and let all the sons of God strengthen  
themselves in him; for he will avenge  
the blood of his sons, and he will  
render vengeance, and recompense  
justice to his enemies, and will  
reward them that hate him; and the  
Lord shall purge the land of his  
people.

<sup>1</sup> This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. <sup>2</sup> He said,

“Yahweh came from Sinai,  
and rose from Seir to them.  
He shone from Mount Paran.  
He came from the ten thousands of holy ones.  
At his right hand was a fiery law for them.<sup>†</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Yes, he loves the people.  
All his saints are in your hand.  
They sat down at your feet.  
Each receives your words.

<sup>4</sup> Moses commanded us a law,  
an inheritance for the assembly of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> He was king in Jeshurun,  
when the heads of the people were gathered,  
all the tribes of Israel together.

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

<sup>7</sup> This is for Judah. He said,  
“Hear, Yahweh, the voice of Judah.  
Bring him in to his people.  
With his hands he contended for himself.  
You shall be a help against his adversaries.”

<sup>8</sup> About Levi he said,  
“Your Thummim and your Urim are with your  
godly one,  
whom you proved at Massah,  
with whom you contended at the waters of  
Meribah.

<sup>9</sup> He said of his father, and of his mother, ‘I have not  
seen him.’

He didn’t acknowledge his brothers,  
nor did he know his own children;  
for they have observed your word,  
and keep your covenant.

<sup>10</sup> They shall teach Jacob your ordinances,  
and Israel your law.  
They shall put incense before you,  
and whole burnt offering on your altar.

<sup>11</sup> Yahweh, bless his skills.  
Accept the work of his hands.  
Strike through the hips of those who rise up against  
him,  
of those who hate him, that they not rise again.”

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†33:2 another manuscript reads “He came with myriads of holy ones from the south, from his mountain slopes.”

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‡33:16 i.e., the burning bush of Exodus 3:3-4.

<sup>12</sup> About Benjamin he said,  
“The beloved of Yahweh will dwell in safety by him.

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

<sup>13</sup> About Joseph he said,  
“His land is blessed by Yahweh,  
for the precious things of the heavens, for the dew,  
for the deep that couches beneath,

<sup>14</sup> for the precious things of the fruits of the sun,  
for the precious things that the moon can yield,

<sup>15</sup> for the best things of the ancient mountains,  
for the precious things of the everlasting hills,

<sup>16</sup> for the precious things of the earth and its  
fullness,

the good will of him who lived in the bush.‡

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

<sup>17</sup> Majesty belongs to the firstborn of his herd.

His horns are the horns of the wild ox.

With them he will push all the peoples to the ends  
of the earth.

They are the ten thousands of Ephraim.

They are the thousands of Manasseh.”

<sup>18</sup> About Zebulun he said,  
“Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out;  
and Issachar, in your tents.

<sup>19</sup> They will call the peoples to the mountain.  
There they will offer sacrifices of righteousness,  
for they will draw out the abundance of the seas,  
the hidden treasures of the sand.”

<sup>20</sup> About Gad he said,  
“He who enlarges Gad is blessed.  
He dwells as a lioness,  
and tears the arm and the crown of the head.

<sup>21</sup> He provided the first part for himself,  
for the lawgiver’s portion was reserved for him.

He came with the heads of the people.  
He executed the righteousness of Yahweh,  
His ordinances with Israel.”

<sup>22</sup> About Dan he said,  
“Dan is a lion’s cub  
that leaps out of Bashan.”

<sup>23</sup> About Naphtali he said,  
“Naphtali, satisfied with favor,  
full of Yahweh’s blessing,  
Possess the west and the south.”

<sup>24</sup> About Asher he said,  
"Asher is blessed with children.  
Let him be acceptable to his brothers.  
Let him dip his foot in oil.  
<sup>25</sup> Your bars will be iron and bronze.  
As your days, so your strength will be.

<sup>26</sup> "There is no one like God, Jeshurun,  
who rides on the heavens for your help,  
in his excellency on the skies.  
<sup>27</sup> The eternal God is your dwelling place.  
Underneath are the everlasting arms.  
He thrust out the enemy from before you,  
and said, 'Destroy!'  
<sup>28</sup> Israel dwells in safety,  
the fountain of Jacob alone,  
In a land of grain and new wine.  
Yes, his heavens drop down dew.  
<sup>29</sup> You are happy, Israel!  
Who is like you, a people saved by Yahweh,  
the shield of your help,  
the sword of your excellency?  
Your enemies will submit themselves to you.  
You will tread on their high places."

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

<sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of Yahweh died there in the land of Moab, according to Yahweh's word. <sup>6</sup> He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no man knows where his tomb is to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor his strength gone. <sup>8</sup> The children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup> Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. The children of Israel listened to him, and did as Yahweh commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> Since then, there has not arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Yahweh knew face to

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†34:3 or, Negev

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face, <sup>11</sup> in all the signs and the wonders which Yahweh 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 awesome deeds, which Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

