

Exodus

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob,
each with his household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Is'sachar,
Zeb'ulun, and Benjamin, Dan and Naph'tali, Gad and Asher. All the offspring
of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. Then Joseph
5 died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. But the descendants of
Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew
exceedingly strong; so that the land was filled with them. Now there arose a
new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people,
"Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let
10 us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war befall us, they
join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore
they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens; and they
built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Ra-am'ses. But the more they were
oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And
15 the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. So they made the people
of Israel serve with rigor, and made their lives bitter with hard service, in
mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field; in all their work
they made them serve with rigor. Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew
midwives, one of whom was named Shiph'rah and the other Pu'ah, "When
20 you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the

birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. So the king of Egypt called the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and are delivered before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and took to wife a daughter of Levi. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could hide him no longer she took for him a basket made of bulrushes, and daubed it with bitumen and pitch; and she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds at the river's brink. And his sister stood at a distance, to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens walked beside the river; she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to fetch it. When she opened it she saw the child; and lo, the babe was crying. She took pity on

him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter

5 said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son; and she named him Moses, for she said, "Because I drew him out of the water." One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people

10 and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together; and he said to the man that did the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow?" He answered, "Who made you a

15 prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh, and stayed in the land of Mid'ian; and he sat down by a well. Now the priest of Mid'ian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water,

20 and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. The shepherds came and

drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. When they came to their father Reu'el, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?" They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and even drew water for us and watered the flock."

5 He said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zippo'rah. She bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land." In the course of those many days the king of Egypt died. And the

10 people of Israel groaned under their bondage, and cried out for help, and their cry under bondage came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God saw the people of Israel, and God knew their condition. Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of

15 Mid'ian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." When the LORD

20 saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses,

Moses!" And he said, "Here am I." Then he said, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face,

5 for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to

10 the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Per'izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who

15 am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has

20 sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to

them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt; and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Per'izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'" And they will hearken to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, we pray you, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all the wonders which I will do in it; after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who

sojourns in her house, jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; thus you shall despoil the Egyptians." Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, "The LORD did not appear to you." 5 The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod." And he said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. But the LORD said to Moses, "Put out your hand, and take it by the tail" --so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand-- "that they may believe that the LORD, 10 the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the LORD said to him, "Put your hand into your bosom." And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your bosom." So he put his hand back into 15 his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. "If they will not believe you," God said, "or heed the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or heed your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it upon the dry ground; and the water which you shall take from the Nile 20 will become blood upon the dry ground." But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh,

my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be
5 with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." But he said, "Oh, my Lord, send, I pray, some other person." Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; and behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you he will be glad in his heart. And you shall
10 speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. He shall speak for you to the people; and he shall be a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. And you shall take in your hand this rod, with which you shall do the signs." Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said
15 to him, "Let me go back, I pray, to my kinsmen in Egypt and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." And the LORD said to Moses in Mid'ian, "Go back to Egypt; for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." So Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on an ass, and went back to the land of Egypt; and in his hand
20 Moses took the rod of God. And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go

back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my first-born son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me"; if

5 you refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay your first-born son.'" At a lodging place on the way the LORD met him and sought to kill him. Then Zippo'rah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin, and touched Moses' feet with it, and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!" So he let him alone. Then it was that she said, "You are a bridegroom of blood,"

10 because of the circumcision. The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went, and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him, and all the signs which he had charged him to do. Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the

15 people of Israel. And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped. Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "Thus says

20 the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast

to me in the wilderness." But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should heed his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover I will not let Israel go." Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us; let us go, we pray, a three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword." But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get to your burdens." And Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many and you make them rest from their burdens!" The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as heretofore; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But the number of bricks which they made heretofore you shall lay upon them, you shall by no means lessen it; for they are idle; therefore they cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.' Let heavier work be laid upon the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words." So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you straw. Go yourselves, get your straw wherever you can find it; but your work will not be lessened in the least.'" So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. The taskmasters

were urgent, saying, "Complete your work, your daily task, as when there was straw." And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, "Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today, as hitherto?" Then the

5 foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, "Why do you deal thus with your servants? No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people." But he said, "You are idle, you are idle; therefore you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.' Go now, and work; for no

10 straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the same number of bricks." The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in evil plight, when they said, "You shall by no means lessen your daily number of bricks." They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came forth from Pharaoh; and they said to them, "The LORD look upon you and judge,

15 because you have made us offensive in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us." Then Moses turned again to the LORD and said, "O LORD, why hast thou done evil to this people? Why didst thou ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he has done evil to this people, and thou hast not delivered thy

20 people at all." But the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will

do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, yea, with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." And God said to Moses, "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to

5 them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they dwelt as sojourners. Moreover I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold in bondage and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the

10 Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment, and I will take you for my people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to

15 Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.'" Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel; but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel bondage. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land." But Moses said to the LORD, "Behold,

20 the people of Israel have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen

to me, who am a man of uncircumcised lips?" But the LORD spoke to
Moses and Aaron, and gave them a charge to the people of Israel and to
Pharaoh king of Egypt to bring the people of Israel out of the land of
Egypt. These are the heads of their fathers' houses: the sons of Reuben, the
5 first-born of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families
of Reuben. The sons of Simeon: Jemu'el, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and
Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.
These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations:
Gershon, Kohath, and Merar'i, the years of the life of Levi being a hundred
10 and thirty-seven years. The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shim'e-i, by their
families. The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uz'ziel, the years
of the life of Kohath being a hundred and thirty-three years. The sons of
Merar'i: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to
their generations. Amram took to wife Joch'ebed his father's sister and she
15 bore him Aaron and Moses, the years of the life of Amram being one
hundred and thirty-seven years. The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and
Zichri. And the sons of Uz'ziel: Mi'sha-el, Elza'phan, and Sithri. Aaron took
to wife Eli'sheba, the daughter of Ammin'adab and the sister of Nahshon; and
she bore him Nadab, Abi'hu, Elea'zar, and Ith'amar. The sons of Korah:
20 Assir, Elka'nah, and Abi'asaph; these are the families of the Ko'rahites.

Elea'zar, Aaron's son, took to wife one of the daughters of Pu'ti-el; and she bore him Phin'ehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites by their families. These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said: "Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts." It

5 was they who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the people of Israel from Egypt, this Moses and this Aaron. On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, the LORD said to Moses, "I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." But Moses said to the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips; how then shall

10 Pharaoh listen to me?" And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I make you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you; and Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh

15 will not listen to you; then I will lay my hand upon Egypt and bring forth my hosts, my people the sons of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth my hand upon Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." And Moses and Aaron did so; they did as the LORD

20 commanded them. Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three

years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" So Moses and Aaron went to

5 Pharaoh and did as the LORD commanded; Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. For every man cast down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. Still Pharaoh's

10 heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them; as the LORD had said. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; wait for him by the river's brink, and take in your hand the rod which was turned into a serpent. And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the

15 God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness; and behold, you have not yet obeyed.'" Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the rod that is in my hand, and it shall be turned to blood, and the fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile

20 shall become foul, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink water from the

Nile.""" And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'" Moses and Aaron did as the LORD
5 commanded; in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, he lifted up the rod and struck the water that was in the Nile, and all the water that was in the Nile turned to blood. And the fish in the Nile died; and the Nile became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile;
10 and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them; as the LORD had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not lay even this to heart. And all the Egyptians dug round about the Nile for water to drink, for they could
15 not drink the water of the Nile. Seven days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs; the Nile shall swarm with frogs which shall come up into your house,
20 and into your bedchamber and on your bed, and into the houses of your

servants and of your people, and into your ovens and your kneading bowls;
the frogs shall come up on you and on your people and on all your
servants.'" And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your
hand with your rod over the rivers, over the canals, and over the pools, and
5 cause frogs to come upon the land of Egypt!'" So Aaron stretched out his
hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up and covered the land
of Egypt. But the magicians did the same by their secret arts, and brought
frogs upon the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and
said, "Entreat the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my
10 people; and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD." Moses said
to Pharaoh, "Be pleased to command me when I am to entreat, for you and
for your servants and for your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you
and your houses and be left only in the Nile." And he said, "Tomorrow."
Moses said, "Be it as you say, that you may know that there is no one like
15 the LORD our God. The frogs shall depart from you and your houses and
your servants and your people; they shall be left only in the Nile." So
Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses cried to the LORD
concerning the frogs, as he had agreed with Pharaoh. And the LORD did
according to the word of Moses; the frogs died out of the houses and
20 courtyards and out of the fields. And they gathered them together in heaps,

and the land stank. But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he
hardened his heart, and would not listen to them; as the LORD had said.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod and
strike the dust of the earth, that it may become gnats throughout all the land
5 of Egypt.'" And they did so; Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and
struck the dust of the earth, and there came gnats on man and beast; all the
dust of the earth became gnats throughout all the land of Egypt. The
magicians tried by their secret arts to bring forth gnats, but they could not.

So there were gnats on man and beast. And the magicians said to Pharaoh,
10 "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would
not listen to them; as the LORD had said. Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Rise up early in the morning and wait for Pharaoh, as he goes out to the
water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they
may serve me. Else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send
15 swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your
houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies,
and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart
the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall
be there; that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

20 Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. By tomorrow

shall this sign be.'"" And the LORD did so; there came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses, and in all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by reason of the flies. Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God within the land." But

5 Moses said, "It would not be right to do so; for we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God offerings abominable to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice offerings abominable to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? We must go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as he will command us." So Pharaoh said, "I will let you

10 go, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Make entreaty for me." Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you and I will pray to the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; only let not Pharaoh deal falsely again by not letting the people go to

15 sacrifice to the LORD." So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. And the LORD did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained. But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus

20 says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may

serve me. For if you refuse to let them go and still hold them, behold, the hand of the LORD will fall with a very severe plague upon your cattle which are in the field, the horses, the asses, the camels, the herds, and the flocks. But the LORD will make a distinction between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt, so that nothing shall die of all that belongs to the people of Israel." And the LORD set a time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land." And on the morrow the LORD did this thing; all the cattle of the Egyptians died, but of the cattle of the people of Israel not one died. And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not one of the cattle of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of ashes from the kiln, and let Moses throw them toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt." So they took ashes from the kiln, and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses threw them toward heaven, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians. But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them; as the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then the LORD said

to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. For this time I will send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants and your people, that you may know that there

5 is none like me in all the earth. For by now I could have put forth my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth; but for this purpose have I let you live, to show you my power, so that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. You are still exalting yourself against my people, and will not let them

10 go. Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. Now therefore send, get your cattle and all that you have in the field into safe shelter; for the hail shall come down upon every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home, and they shall die.'" Then he who

15 feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his slaves and his cattle flee into the houses; but he who did not regard the word of the LORD left his slaves and his cattle in the field. And the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch forth your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man and beast and every plant of the

20 field, throughout the land of Egypt." Then Moses stretched forth his rod

toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt; there was hail, and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. The

5 hail struck down everything that was in the field throughout all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and the hail struck down every plant of the field, and shattered every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, there was no hail. Then Pharaoh sent, and called Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time; the

10 LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. Entreat the LORD; for there has been enough of this thunder and hail; I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer." Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is

15 the LORD's. But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God." (The flax and the barley were ruined, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud. But the wheat and the spelt were not ruined, for they are late in coming up.) So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and stretched out his hands to the LORD; and the thunder and

20 the hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured upon the earth. But when

Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken through Moses. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your son's son how I have made sport of the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them; that you may know that I am the LORD." So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me. For if you refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country, and they shall cover the face of the land, so that no one can see the land; and they shall eat what is left to you after the hail, and they shall eat every tree of yours which grows in the field, and they shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants and of all the Egyptians; as neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day they came on earth to this day.'" Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh. And Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God; do

you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?" So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh; and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God; but who are to go?" And Moses said, "We will go with our young and our old; we will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD." And he said to them, "The LORD be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind. No! Go, the men among you, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desire." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left." So Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night; and when it was morning the east wind had brought the locusts. And the locusts came up over all the land of Egypt, and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever shall be again. For they covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron

in haste, and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. Now therefore, forgive my sin, I pray you, only this once, and entreat the LORD your God only to remove this death from me." So he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD. And the LORD turned a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt. But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt." So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days; they did not see one another, nor did any rise from his place for three days; but all the people of Israel had light where they dwelt. Then Pharaoh called Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; your children also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind."

But Moses said, "You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. Our cattle also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there." But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me; take heed

to yourself; never see my face again; for in the day you see my face you shall die." Moses said, "As you say! I will not see your face again." The LORD said to Moses, "Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence; when he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, jewelry of silver and of gold." And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

And Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go forth in the midst of Egypt; and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sits upon his throne, even to the first-born of the maidservant who is behind the mill; and all the first-born of the cattle. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever shall be again. But against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, not a dog shall growl; that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these your servants shall come down to me, and bow down to me, saying, 'Get you out, and all the people who follow you.' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. Then the LORD

said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land. The LORD said to Moses and Aaron

5 in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his

10 house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the

15 evening. Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until

20 the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this

manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses, for if any one eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly; no work shall be done on those days; but what every one must eat, that only may be prepared by you. And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt: therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, and so until the twenty-first day of

the month at evening. For seven days no leaven shall be found in your
houses; for if any one eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off
from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the
land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat
5 unleavened bread." Then Moses called all the elders of Israel, and said to
them, "Select lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the
passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in
the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood which is
in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until
10 the morning. For the LORD will pass through to slay the Egyptians; and
when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD
will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to enter your
houses to slay you. You shall observe this rite as an ordinance for you and
for your sons for ever. And when you come to the land which the LORD
15 will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. And when
your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say,
'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, for he passed over the houses of
the people of Israel in Egypt, when he slew the Egyptians but spared our
houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Then the people
20 of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron,

so they did. At midnight the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the first-born of the cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the

5 Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where one was not dead. And he summoned Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise up, go forth from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also!" And the

10 Egyptians were urgent with the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they said, "We are all dead men." So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their mantles on their shoulders. The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked of the Egyptians jewelry of silver and of gold, and

15 clothing; and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they despoiled the Egyptians. And the people of Israel journeyed from Ram'eses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very many cattle, both flocks

20 and herds. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had

brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any provisions. The time that the people of Israel dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the passover: no foreigner shall eat of it; but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. No sojourner or hired servant may eat of it. In one house shall it be eaten; you shall not carry forth any of the flesh outside the house; and you shall not break a bone of it. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you." Thus did all the people of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. And on that very day the LORD brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by

their hosts. The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the first-born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage, for

5 by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place; no leavened bread shall be eaten. This day you are to go forth, in the month of Abib.

And when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service

10 in this month. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. And you shall tell your son on that day, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came

15 out of Egypt.' And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. You shall therefore keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

"And when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he

20 swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart

to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstlings of your cattle
that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstling of an ass you shall
redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck.
Every first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in
5 time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to
him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the
house of bondage. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the
LORD slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of
man and the first-born of cattle. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the
10 males that first open the womb; but all the first-born of my sons I redeem.'
It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes; for by a
strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt." When Pharaoh let the
people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines,
although that was near; for God said, "Lest the people repent when they see
15 war, and return to Egypt." But God led the people round by the way of the
wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the
land of Egypt equipped for battle. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with
him; for Joseph had solemnly sworn the people of Israel, saying, "God will
visit you; then you must carry my bones with you from here." And they
20 moved on from Succoth, and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the

wilderness. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night; the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. Then the

5 LORD said to Moses, "Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-ha-hi'roth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Ba'al-ze'phon; you shall encamp over against it, by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are entangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them and I

10 will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so. When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" So he made ready his chariot and took his

15 army with him, and took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the people of Israel as they went forth defiantly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at

20 the sea, by Pi-ha-hi'roth, in front of Ba'al-ze'phon. When Pharaoh drew near,

the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD; and they said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What
5 have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom
10 you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be still." The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians
15 so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and
20 stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel.

And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of

5 Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and

10 discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So

15 Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the LORD routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But

20 the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being

a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD; and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea; and his picked officers are sunk in the Red Sea. The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Thy right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, thy right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of thy majesty thou overthrowest thy adversaries; thou sendest forth thy fury, it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of thy nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters. "Who is

like thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, majestic in holiness,
terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders? Thou didst stretch out thy right
hand, the earth swallowed them. "Thou hast led in thy steadfast love the
people whom thou hast redeemed, thou hast guided them by thy strength to
5 thy holy abode. The peoples have heard, they tremble; pangs have seized on
the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; the
leaders of Moab, trembling seizes them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have
melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of
thy arm, they are as still as a stone, till thy people, O LORD, pass by, till
10 the people pass by whom thou hast purchased. Thou wilt bring them in, and
plant them on thy own mountain, the place, O LORD, which thou hast made
for thy abode, the sanctuary, LORD, which thy hands have established. The
LORD will reign for ever and ever." For when the horses of Pharaoh with
his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the
15 waters of the sea upon them; but the people of Israel walked on dry ground
in the midst of the sea. Then Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron,
took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with
timbrels and dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he
has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."
20 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went into the

wilderness of Shur; they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" And he cried to the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he proved them, saying, "If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I put upon the Egyptians; for I am the LORD, your healer." Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there by the water. They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD

said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

5 So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your murmurings against the LORD. For what are we, that you murmur against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening

10 flesh to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your murmurings which you murmur against him--what are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against the LORD." And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your murmurings.'" And as Aaron spoke

15 to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your

20 God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the

morning dew lay round about the camp. And when the dew had gone up,
there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as
hoarfrost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one
another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said
5 to them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. This is
what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, every man of you, as much
as he can eat; you shall take an omer apiece, according to the number of the
persons whom each of you has in his tent.'" And the people of Israel did so;
they gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an
10 omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little
had no lack; each gathered according to what he could eat. And Moses said
to them, "Let no man leave any of it till the morning." But they did not
listen to Moses; some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and
became foul; and Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they
15 gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it
melted. On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers
apiece; and when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses,
he said to them, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a
day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake
20 and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay by to be kept till

the morning." So they laid it by till the morning, as Moses bade them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it. Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is a
5 sabbath, there will be none." On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? See! The LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days; remain every man of you in his place, let no man go
10 out of his place on the seventh day." So the people rested on the seventh day. Now the house of Israel called its name manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. And Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I
15 fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, and put an omer of manna in it, and place it before the LORD, to be kept throughout your generations." As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the testimony, to be kept. And the people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a
20 habitable land; they ate the manna, till they came to the border of the land

of Canaan. (An omer is the tenth part of an ephah.) All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the LORD to the proof?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" Then came Am'alek and fought with Israel at Reph'idim. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Am'alek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of

the hill with the rod of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him,
and fought with Am'alek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of
the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever
he lowered his hand, Am'alek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so
5 they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and
Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so
his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua mowed
down Am'alek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD
said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears
10 of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Am'alek from
under heaven." And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The
LORD is my banner, saying, "A hand upon the banner of the LORD! The
LORD will have war with Am'alek from generation to generation." Jethro, the
priest of Mid'ian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for
15 Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of
Egypt. Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zippo'rah, Moses' wife,
after he had sent her away, and her two sons, of whom the name of the one
was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), and
the name of the other, Elie'zer (for he said, "The God of my father was my
20 help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). And Jethro, Moses'

father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. And when one told Moses, "Lo, your father-in-law Jethro is coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance
5 and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare, and went into the tent. Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had
10 delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians, when they dealt arrogantly with them." And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law,
15 offered a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. On the morrow Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from morning till evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the
20 people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand about you from

morning till evening?" And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God and his decisions." Moses' father-in-law said to him,

5 "What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it alone. Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God, and bring their cases to God; and you shall teach them the statutes and the decisions, and

10 make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover choose able men from all the people, such as fear God, men who are trustworthy and who hate a bribe; and place such men over the people as rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times; every great matter they shall bring to you, but

15 any small matter they shall decide themselves; so it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace." So Moses gave heed to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men out of all Israel,

20 and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of

fifties, and of tens. And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own country. On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. And when they set out from Reph'idim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mountain. And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. And all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. And the LORD said to Moses, "Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you for

ever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, and be ready by the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. And you shall set bounds for the people round about, saying, 'Take heed that you do not go up into the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death; no hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain." So Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. And he said to the people, "Be ready by the third day; do not go near a woman." On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God; and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. And Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in

thunder. And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to gaze and many of them
5 perish. And also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out upon them." And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for thou thyself didst charge us, saying, 'Set bounds about the mountain, and consecrate it.'" And the LORD said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you;
10 but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them." So Moses went down to the people and told them. And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for
15 yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love
20 to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall

not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any
5 work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be
10 long in the land which the LORD your God gives you. "You shall not kill. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's." Now
15 when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear
20 of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin." And the people

stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel:

'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for

5 yourselves gods of gold. An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you wield your tool upon it you

10 profane it. And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.' "Now these are the ordinances which you shall set before them. When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go

15 out with him. If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's and he shall go out alone. But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost; and his master shall bore his

20 ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for life. "When a man sells

his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed; he shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has dealt faithlessly with her. If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money. "Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him treacherously, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die. "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death. "Whoever steals a man, whether he sells him or is found in possession of him, shall be put to death. "Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death. "When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but keeps his bed, then if the man rises again and walks abroad with his staff, he that struck him shall be clear; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall have him thoroughly healed. "When a man strikes his slave, male or female, with a rod and the slave dies under his hand, he shall be punished.

But if the slave survives a day or two, he is not to be punished; for the slave is his money. "When men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that there is a miscarriage, and yet no harm follows, the one who hurt her shall be fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. If any harm follows, then
5 you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. "When a man strikes the eye of his slave, male or female, and destroys it, he shall let the slave go free for the eye's sake. If he knocks out the tooth of his slave,
10 male or female, he shall let the slave go free for the tooth's sake. "When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be clear. But if the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has been warned but has not kept it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and
15 its owner also shall be put to death. If a ransom is laid on him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is laid upon him. If it gores a man's son or daughter, he shall be dealt with according to this same rule. If the ox gores a slave, male or female, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. "When a man
20 leaves a pit open, or when a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an

ox or an ass falls into it, the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money to its owner, and the dead beast shall be his. "When one man's ox hurts another's, so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide the price of it; and the dead beast also they shall divide. Or if it is known
5 that the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has not kept it in, he shall pay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his. "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. He shall make restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. If the stolen beast is found alive
10 in his possession, whether it is an ox or an ass or a sheep, he shall pay double. "If a thief is found breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him; but if the sun has risen upon him, there shall be bloodguilt for him. "When a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over, or lets his beast loose and it feeds in another man's field, he shall
15 make restitution from the best in his own field and in his own vineyard. "When fire breaks out and catches in thorns so that the stacked grain or the standing grain or the field is consumed, he that kindled the fire shall make full restitution. "If a man delivers to his neighbor money or goods to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, then, if the thief is found, he shall
20 pay double. If the thief is not found, the owner of the house shall come

near to God, to show whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's goods. "For every breach of trust, whether it is for ox, for ass, for sheep, for clothing, or for any kind of lost thing, of which one says, 'This is it,' the case of both parties shall come before God; he whom God shall condemn

5 shall pay double to his neighbor. "If a man delivers to his neighbor an ass or an ox or a sheep or any beast to keep, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away, without any one seeing it, an oath by the LORD shall be between them both to see whether he has not put his hand to his neighbor's property; and the owner shall accept the oath, and he shall not make restitution. But if

10 it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner. If it is torn by beasts, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what has been torn. "If a man borrows anything of his neighbor, and it is hurt or dies, the owner not being with it, he shall make full restitution. If the owner was with it, he shall not make restitution; if it was hired, it came for its

15 hire. "If a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall give the marriage present for her, and make her his wife. If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equivalent to the marriage present for virgins. "You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

"Whoever lies with a beast shall be put to death. "Whoever sacrifices to any

20 god, save to the LORD only, shall be utterly destroyed. "You shall not

wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of
Egypt. You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. If you do afflict them,
and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath will
burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become
5 widows and your children fatherless. "If you lend money to any of my
people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor, and you
shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbor's garment in
pledge, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down; for that is his
only covering, it is his mantle for his body; in what else shall he sleep?
10 And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate. "You shall not
revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people. "You shall not delay to offer
from the fulness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. "The
first-born of your sons you shall give to me. You shall do likewise with
your oxen and with your sheep: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the
15 eighth day you shall give it to me. "You shall be men consecrated to me;
therefore you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by beasts in the field; you
shall cast it to the dogs. "You shall not utter a false report. You shall not
join hands with a wicked man, to be a malicious witness. You shall not
follow a multitude to do evil; nor shall you bear witness in a suit, turning
20 aside after a multitude, so as to pervert justice; nor shall you be partial to a

poor man in his suit. "If you meet your enemy's ox or his ass going astray,
you shall bring it back to him. If you see the ass of one who hates you
lying under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it, you shall
help him to lift it up. "You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in
5 his suit. Keep far from a false charge, and do not slay the innocent and
righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked. And you shall take no bribe, for
a bribe blinds the officials, and subverts the cause of those who are in the
right. "You shall not oppress a stranger; you know the heart of a stranger,
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. "For six years you shall sow
10 your land and gather in its yield; but the seventh year you shall let it rest
and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave
the wild beasts may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with
your olive orchard. "Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh
day you shall rest; that your ox and your ass may have rest, and the son of
15 your bondmaid, and the alien, may be refreshed. Take heed to all that I have
said to you; and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let such
be heard out of your mouth. "Three times in the year you shall keep a feast
to me. You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread; as I commanded you,
you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the
20 month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before

me empty-handed. You shall keep the feast of harvest, of the first fruits of
your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the feast of
ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the
fruit of your labor. Three times in the year shall all your males appear
5 before the Lord GOD. "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with
leavened bread, or let the fat of my feast remain until the morning. "The
first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the
LORD your God. "You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. "Behold, I
send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the
10 place which I have prepared. Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do
not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my
name is in him. "But if you hearken attentively to his voice and do all that
I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your
adversaries. "When my angel goes before you, and brings you in to the
15 Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Per'izzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites,
and the Jeb'usites, and I blot them out, you shall not bow down to their
gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works, but you shall utterly
overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces. You shall serve the LORD
your God, and I will bless your bread and your water; and I will take
20 sickness away from the midst of you. None shall cast her young or be

barren in your land; I will fulfil the number of your days. I will send my
terror before you, and will throw into confusion all the people against whom
you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.
And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out Hivite, Canaanite,
5 and Hittite from before you. I will not drive them out from before you in
one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against
you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you are
increased and possess the land. And I will set your bounds from the Red
Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphra'tes;
10 for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall
drive them out before you. You shall make no covenant with them or with
their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against
me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you." And he
said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abi'hu,
15 and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship afar off. Moses alone shall
come near to the LORD; but the others shall not come near, and the people
shall not come up with him." Moses came and told the people all the words
of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one
voice, and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do."
20 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the

morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars,
according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the
people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of
oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins,
5 and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the book of
the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All
that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And
Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, "Behold the
blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance
10 with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abi'hu, and
seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel; and
there was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the
very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of
the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The LORD said to
15 Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give
you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have
written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his servant Joshua, and
Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Tarry
here for us, until we come to you again; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are
20 with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them." Then Moses went up

on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights. The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me an offering; from every man whose heart makes him willing you shall receive the offering for me. And this is the offering which you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. According to all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. "They shall make an ark of acacia wood; two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. And you shall overlay it with pure gold, within and without shall you overlay it, and you shall make upon it a molding of gold round about. And you shall cast four rings of

gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it,
and two rings on the other side of it. You shall make poles of acacia wood,
and overlay them with gold. And you shall put the poles into the rings on
the sides of the ark, to carry the ark by them. The poles shall remain in the
5 rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. And you shall put into the
ark the testimony which I shall give you. Then you shall make a mercy seat
of pure gold; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a
half its breadth. And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered
work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one
10 cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end; of one piece with
the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. The cherubim
shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their
wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of
the cherubim be. And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark;
15 and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. There I will
meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two
cherubim that are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you of all
that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel. "And you
shall make a table of acacia wood; two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its
20 breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. You shall overlay it with pure

gold, and make a molding of gold around it. And you shall make around it
a frame a handbreadth wide, and a molding of gold around the frame. And
you shall make for it four rings of gold, and fasten the rings to the four
corners at its four legs. Close to the frame the rings shall lie, as holders for
5 the poles to carry the table. You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and
overlay them with gold, and the table shall be carried with these. And you
shall make its plates and dishes for incense, and its flagons and bowls with
which to pour libations; of pure gold you shall make them. And you shall
set the bread of the Presence on the table before me always. "And you shall
10 make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand
shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its capitals, and its flowers shall
be of one piece with it; and there shall be six branches going out of its
sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three
branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; three cups made like
15 almonds, each with capital and flower, on one branch, and three cups made
like almonds, each with capital and flower, on the other branch--so for the
six branches going out of the lampstand; and on the lampstand itself four
cups made like almonds, with their capitals and flowers, and a capital of one
piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the
20 lampstand. Their capitals and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the

whole of it one piece of hammered work of pure gold. And you shall make the seven lamps for it; and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light upon the space in front of it. Its snuffers and their trays shall be of pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold shall it be made, with all these utensils. And

5 see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain. "Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet stuff; with cherubim skilfully worked shall you make them. The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; all

10 the curtains shall have one measure. Five curtains shall be coupled to one another; and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another. And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outmost curtain in the first set; and likewise you shall make loops on the edge of the outmost curtain in the second set. Fifty loops you shall make on the one curtain, and fifty loops

15 you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite one another. And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to the other with the clasps, that the tabernacle may be one whole. "You shall also make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains shall you make. The length of each

20 curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; the

eleven curtains shall have the same measure. And you shall couple five
curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and the sixth curtain
you shall double over at the front of the tent. And you shall make fifty
loops on the edge of the curtain that is outmost in one set, and fifty loops
5 on the edge of the curtain which is outmost in the second set. "And you
shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into the loops, and
couple the tent together that it may be one whole. And the part that remains
of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the
back of the tabernacle. And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the
10 other side, of what remains in the length of the curtains of the tent shall
hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and that side, to cover it.
And you shall make for the tent a covering of tanned rams' skins and
goatskins. "And you shall make upright frames for the tabernacle of acacia
wood. Ten cubits shall be the length of a frame, and a cubit and a half the
15 breadth of each frame. There shall be two tenons in each frame, for fitting
together; so shall you do for all the frames of the tabernacle. You shall
make the frames for the tabernacle: twenty frames for the south side; and
forty bases of silver you shall make under the twenty frames, two bases
under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under another frame for
20 its two tenons; and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side

twenty frames, and their forty bases of silver, two bases under one frame,
and two bases under another frame; and for the rear of the tabernacle
westward you shall make six frames. And you shall make two frames for
corners of the tabernacle in the rear; they shall be separate beneath, but
5 joined at the top, at the first ring; thus shall it be with both of them; they
shall form the two corners. And there shall be eight frames, with their bases
of silver, sixteen bases; two bases under one frame, and two bases under
another frame. "And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the frames
of the one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the other
10 side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the side of the
tabernacle at the rear westward. The middle bar, halfway up the frames, shall
pass through from end to end. You shall overlay the frames with gold, and
shall make their rings of gold for holders for the bars; and you shall overlay
the bars with gold. And you shall erect the tabernacle according to the plan
15 for it which has been shown you on the mountain. "And you shall make a
veil of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; in skilled
work shall it be made, with cherubim; and you shall hang it upon four
pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, upon four bases of
silver. And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the
20 testimony in thither within the veil; and the veil shall separate for you the

holy place from the most holy. You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand on the south side of the tabernacle opposite the table; and you shall put the table on the north side. "And you shall make a screen
5 for the door of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, embroidered with needlework. And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five bases of bronze for them. "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad; the altar shall be
10 square, and its height shall be three cubits. And you shall make horns for it on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze. You shall make pots for it to receive its ashes, and shovels and basins and forks and firepans; all its utensils you shall make of bronze. You shall also make for it a grating, a network of bronze; and upon
15 the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. And you shall set it under the ledge of the altar so that the net shall extend halfway down the altar. And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze; and the poles shall be put through the rings, so that the poles shall be upon the two sides of the altar, when it is carried.
20 You shall make it hollow, with boards; as it has been shown you on the

mountain, so shall it be made. "You shall make the court of the tabernacle.

On the south side the court shall have hangings of fine twined linen a hundred cubits long for one side; their pillars shall be twenty and their bases twenty, of bronze, but the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of

5 silver. And likewise for its length on the north side there shall be hangings a hundred cubits long, their pillars twenty and their bases twenty, of bronze,

but the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. And for the breadth of the court on the west side there shall be hangings for fifty cubits, with ten pillars and ten bases. The breadth of the court on the front to the

10 east shall be fifty cubits. The hangings for the one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits, with three pillars and three bases. On the other side the

hangings shall be fifteen cubits, with three pillars and three bases. For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, embroidered with needlework;

15 it shall have four pillars and with them four bases. All the pillars around the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their bases of bronze. The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, the

breadth fifty, and the height five cubits, with hangings of fine twined linen

and bases of bronze. All the utensils of the tabernacle for every use, and all

20 its pegs and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze. "And you shall

command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil
for the light, that a lamp may be set up to burn continually. In the tent of
meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons
shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute
5 for ever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.
"Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from
among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests--Aaron and Aaron's sons,
Nadab and Abi'hu, Elea'zar and Ith'amar. And you shall make holy garments
for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. And you shall speak to all
10 who have ability, whom I have endowed with an able mind, that they make
Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. These are the
garments which they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of
checker work, a turban, and a girdle; they shall make holy garments for
Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. "They shall receive
15 gold, blue and purple and scarlet stuff, and fine twined linen. And they shall
make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet stuff, and of fine
twined linen, skilfully worked. It shall have two shoulder-pieces attached to
its two edges, that it may be joined together. And the skilfully woven band
upon it, to gird it on, shall be of the same workmanship and materials, of
20 gold, blue and purple and scarlet stuff, and fine twined linen. And you shall

take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,
six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on
the other stone, in the order of their birth. As a jeweler engraves signets, so
shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel; you
5 shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree. And you shall set the two
stones upon the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for
the sons of Israel; and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon
his two shoulders for remembrance. And you shall make settings of gold
filigree, and two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords; and you shall attach
10 the corded chains to the settings. "And you shall make a breastpiece of
judgment, in skilled work; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of
gold, blue and purple and scarlet stuff, and fine twined linen shall you make
it. It shall be square and double, a span its length and a span its breadth.
And you shall set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and
15 carbuncle shall be the first row; and the second row an emerald, a sapphire,
and a diamond; and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and
the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in gold
filigree. There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the
names of the sons of Israel; they shall be like signets, each engraved with its
20 name, for the twelve tribes. And you shall make for the breastpiece twisted

chains like cords, of pure gold; and you shall make for the breastpiece two rings of gold, and put the two rings on the two edges of the breastpiece.

And you shall put the two cords of gold in the two rings at the edges of the breastpiece; the two ends of the two cords you shall attach to the two settings of filigree, and so attach it in front to the shoulder-pieces of the ephod. And you shall make two rings of gold, and put them at the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inside edge next to the ephod. And you shall make two rings of gold, and attach them in front to the lower part of the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod, at its joining above the skilfully woven band of the ephod. And they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may lie upon the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece shall not come loose from the ephod.

So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment upon his heart, when he goes into the holy place, to bring them to continual remembrance before the LORD. And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD; thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually. "And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. It shall have in it an opening for the head, with a woven binding around the opening, like the

opening in a garment, that it may not be torn. On its skirts you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet stuff, around its skirts, with bells of gold between them, a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, round about on the skirts of the robe. And it shall be
5 upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the LORD, and when he comes out, lest he die.

"And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the LORD.' And you shall fasten it on the turban by a lace of blue; it shall be on the front of the turban. It shall be
10 upon Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall take upon himself any guilt incurred in the holy offering which the people of Israel hallow as their holy gifts; it shall always be upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD. "And you shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a girdle
15 embroidered with needlework. "And for Aaron's sons you shall make coats and girdles and caps; you shall make them for glory and beauty. And you shall put them upon Aaron your brother, and upon his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. And you shall make for them linen breeches to cover their
20 naked flesh; from the loins to the thighs they shall reach; and they shall be

upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place; lest they bring guilt upon themselves and die. This shall be a perpetual statute for him and for his descendants after him. "Now this is what you shall do to them to

5 consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. Take one young bull and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil. You shall make them of fine wheat flour. And you shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, and bring the bull and the two rams. You shall bring Aaron and

10 his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water. And you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the coat and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skilfully woven band of the ephod; and you shall set the turban on his head, and put the holy crown upon the turban. And you shall take the anointing oil, and

15 pour it on his head and anoint him. Then you shall bring his sons, and put coats on them, and you shall gird them with girdles and bind caps on them; and the priesthood shall be theirs by a perpetual statute. Thus you shall ordain Aaron and his sons. "Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting. Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the bull,

20 and you shall kill the bull before the LORD, at the door of the tent of

meeting, and shall take part of the blood of the bull and put it upon the
horns of the altar with your finger, and the rest of the blood you shall pour
out at the base of the altar. And you shall take all the fat that covers the
entrails, and the appendage of the liver, and the two kidneys with the fat
5 that is on them, and burn them upon the altar. But the flesh of the bull, and
its skin, and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin
offering. "Then you shall take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall
lay their hands upon the head of the ram, and you shall slaughter the ram,
and shall take its blood and throw it against the altar round about. Then you
10 shall cut the ram into pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put
them with its pieces and its head, and burn the whole ram upon the altar; it
is a burnt offering to the LORD; it is a pleasing odor, an offering by fire to
the LORD. "You shall take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay
their hands upon the head of the ram, and you shall kill the ram, and take
15 part of its blood and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron and upon
the tips of the right ears of his sons, and upon the thumbs of their right
hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet, and throw the rest of the
blood against the altar round about. Then you shall take part of the blood
that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron and
20 his garments, and upon his sons and his sons' garments with him; and he

and his garments shall be holy, and his sons and his sons' garments with him. "You shall also take the fat of the ram, and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the appendage of the liver, and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, and the right thigh (for it is a ram of
5 ordination), and one loaf of bread, and one cake of bread with oil, and one wafer, out of the basket of unleavened bread that is before the LORD; and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. Then you shall take them from their hands, and burn them on the altar in addition to the burnt
10 offering, as a pleasing odor before the LORD; it is an offering by fire to the LORD. "And you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's ordination and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion. And you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering, and the thigh of the priests' portion, which is waved, and which is offered from the ram of
15 ordination, since it is for Aaron and for his sons. It shall be for Aaron and his sons as a perpetual due from the people of Israel, for it is the priests' portion to be offered by the people of Israel from their peace offerings; it is their offering to the LORD. "The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them and ordained in them. The son who
20 is priest in his place shall wear them seven days, when he comes into the

tent of meeting to minister in the holy place. "You shall take the ram of ordination, and boil its flesh in a holy place; and Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the tent of meeting. They shall eat those things with which atonement was
5 made, to ordain and consecrate them, but an outsider shall not eat of them, because they are holy. And if any of the flesh for the ordination, or of the bread, remain until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. "Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; through seven days
10 shall you ordain them, and every day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement. Also you shall offer a sin offering for the altar, when you make atonement for it, and shall anoint it, to consecrate it. Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar, and consecrate it, and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall become holy. "Now this is what
15 you shall offer upon the altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer in the evening; and with the first lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a libation. And the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, and shall offer
20 with it a cereal offering and its libation, as in the morning, for a pleasing

odor, an offering by fire to the LORD. It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak there to you. There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory; I will

5 consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate, to serve me as priests. And I will dwell among the people of Israel, and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God. "You shall make an altar to

10 burn incense upon; of acacia wood shall you make it. A cubit shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth; it shall be square, and two cubits shall be its height; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides round about and its horns; and you shall make for it a molding of gold round about. And two golden rings shall you

15 make for it; under its molding on two opposite sides of it shall you make them, and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. And you shall put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you. And Aaron shall

20 burn fragrant incense on it; every morning when he dresses the lamps he

shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. You shall offer no unholy incense thereon, nor burnt offering, nor cereal offering; and you shall pour no libation thereon. Aaron shall make atonement
5 upon its horns once a year; with the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations; it is most holy to the LORD." The LORD said to Moses, "When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them
10 when you number them. Each who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as an offering to the LORD. Every one who is numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the LORD's offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give
15 less, than the half shekel, when you give the LORD's offering to make atonement for yourselves. And you shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting; that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for yourselves." The LORD said to Moses, "You shall
20 also make a laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing. And you

shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet. When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, lest they die. They shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die: it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his descendants throughout their generations." Moreover, the LORD said to Moses, "Take the finest spices: of liquid myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, two hundred and fifty, and of aromatic cane two hundred and fifty, and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin; and you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; a holy anointing oil it shall be. And you shall anoint with it the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the laver and its base; you shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them will become holy. And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. And you shall say to the people of Israel, 'This shall be my holy anointing oil throughout your generations. It shall not be poured upon the bodies of

ordinary men, and you shall make no other like it in composition; it is holy,
and it shall be holy to you. Whoever compounds any like it or whoever puts
any of it on an outsider shall be cut off from his people." And the LORD
said to Moses, "Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet
5 spices with pure frankincense (of each shall there be an equal part), and
make an incense blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and
holy; and you shall beat some of it very small, and put part of it before the
testimony in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you; it shall be for
you most holy. And the incense which you shall make according to its
10 composition, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be for you holy to
the LORD. Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off
from his people." The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have called by name
Bez'alel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled
him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and
15 all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and
bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every
craft. And behold, I have appointed with him Oho'liab, the son of
Ahis'amach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have given to all able men ability,
that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and
20 the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereon, and all the

furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with
all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with
all its utensils, and the laver and its base, and the finely worked garments,
the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for
5 their service as priests, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the
holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do." And
the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You shall keep my
sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations,
that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. You shall keep the
10 sabbath, because it is holy for you; every one who profanes it shall be put
to death; whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from
among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a
sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the
sabbath day shall be put to death. Therefore the people of Israel shall keep
15 the sabbath, observing the sabbath throughout their generations, as a perpetual
covenant. It is a sign for ever between me and the people of Israel that in
six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he
rested, and was refreshed.'" And he gave to Moses, when he had made an
end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony,
20 tables of stone, written with the finger of God. When the people saw that

Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Up, make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." And Aaron said
5 to them, "Take off the rings of gold which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the rings of gold which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made a molten calf; and they said, "These are your gods,
10 O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. And the LORD said
15 to Moses, "Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" And the
20 LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-

necked people; now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot
against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great
nation." But Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why
does thy wrath burn hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth
5 out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why
should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay
them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'?
Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.
Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou didst
10 swear by thine own self, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your
descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I
will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" And the
LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people. And
Moses turned, and went down from the mountain with the two tables of the
15 testimony in his hands, tables that were written on both sides; on the one
side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of
God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. When
Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses,
"There is a noise of war in the camp." But he said, "It is not the sound of
20 shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of

singing that I hear." And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tables out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink it. And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought a great sin upon them?" And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot; you know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, 'Make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' And I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off'; so they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and there came out this calf." And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to their shame among their enemies), then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Put every man his sword on his side, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'" And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and

there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. And Moses said,
"Today you have ordained yourselves for the service of the LORD, each one
at the cost of his son and of his brother, that he may bestow a blessing
upon you this day." On the morrow Moses said to the people, "You have
5 sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make
atonement for your sin." So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Alas,
this people have sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of
gold. But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--and if not, blot me, I pray
thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." But the LORD said to
10 Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.
But now go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you;
behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit,
I will visit their sin upon them." And the LORD sent a plague upon the
people, because they made the calf which Aaron made. The LORD said to
15 Moses, "Depart, go up hence, you and the people whom you have brought
up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' And I will
send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites,
the Hittites, the Per'izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites. Go up to a land
20 flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I

consume you in the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." When the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned; and no man put on his ornaments. For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among
5 you, I would consume you. So now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do with you.'" Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward. Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; and he called it the tent of meeting. And every one who sought the LORD would
10 go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose up, and every man stood at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the door of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. And when all the people
15 saw the pillar of cloud standing at the door of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, every man at his tent door. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tent. Moses said to the LORD, "See, thou sayest to
20 me, 'Bring up this people'; but thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt

send with me. Yet thou hast said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee and find favor in thy sight. Consider too that this nation is thy people." And he said, "My
5 presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If thy presence will not go with me, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight, I and thy people? Is it not in thy going with us, so that we are distinct, I and thy people, from all other people that are upon the face of the earth?" And the
10 LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "I pray thee, show me thy glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show
15 mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live." And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand upon the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you
20 shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen." The LORD said to

Moses, "Cut two tables of stone like the first; and I will write upon the
tables the words that were on the first tables, which you broke. Be ready in
the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present
yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. No man shall come up
5 with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let no flocks
or herds feed before that mountain." So Moses cut two tables of stone like
the first; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as
the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone.
And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and
10 proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him, and
proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to
anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love
for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by
no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the
15 children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."
And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped.
And he said, "If now I have found favor in thy sight, O Lord, let the Lord,
I pray thee, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people; and
pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thy inheritance." And he
20 said, "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels,

such as have not been wrought in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD; for it is a terrible thing that I will do with you. "Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Per'izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites. Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither you go, lest it become a snare in the midst of you. You shall tear down their altars, and break their pillars, and cut down their Ashe'rim (fo^r you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they play the harlot after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and one invites you, you eat of his sacrifice, and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters play the harlot after their gods and make your sons play the harlot after their gods. "You shall make for yourself no molten gods. "The feast of unleavened bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib; for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. All that opens the womb is mine, all your male cattle, the firstlings of cow and sheep. The firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. All the first-born of your sons you shall redeem.

And none shall appear before me empty. "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. And you shall observe the feast of weeks, the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. Three times in the year shall

5 all your males appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel. For I will cast out nations before you, and enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire your land, when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year. "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left until the

10 morning. The first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk." And the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words; in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor

15 drank water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses,

20 behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished

5 speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses would put the veil upon his face again, until

10 he went in to speak with him. Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel, and said to them, "These are the things which the LORD has commanded you to do. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy sabbath of solemn rest to the LORD; whoever does any work on it shall be put to death; you shall kindle no fire in all

15 your habitations on the sabbath day." Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded. Take from among you an offering to the LORD; whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's offering: gold, silver, and bronze; blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; goats' hair, tanned rams' skins,

20 and goatskins; acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and

for the fragrant incense, and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. "And let every able man among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded: the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; the ark
5 with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; the altar
10 of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the laver and its base; the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; the finely wrought garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of
15 his sons, for their service as priests." Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him, and every one whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. So they came, both men and women; all
20 who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings

and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD. And every man with whom was found blue or purple or scarlet stuff or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins, brought them. Every one who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's offering; and every man with whom was found acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. And all women who had ability spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; all the women whose hearts were moved with ability spun the goats' hair. And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work which the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as their freewill offering to the LORD. And Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bez'alel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oho'liab the

son of Ahis'amach of the tribe of Dan. He has filled them with ability to do every sort of work done by a craftsman or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, or by a weaver--by any sort of workman or skilled designer. Bez'alel and Oho'liab
5 and every able man in whom the LORD has put ability and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded." And Moses called Bez'alel and Oho'liab and every able man in whose mind the LORD had put ability, every one whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work; and
10 they received from Moses all the freewill offering which the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the able men who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough
15 for doing the work which the LORD has commanded us to do." So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let neither man nor woman do anything more for the offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing; for the stuff they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more. And all the able men among the workmen made
20 the tabernacle with ten curtains; they were made of fine twined linen and

blue and purple and scarlet stuff, with cherubim skilfully worked. The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains had the same measure. And he coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled to one another. And

5 he made loops of blue on the edge of the outmost curtain of the first set; likewise he made them on the edge of the outmost curtain of the second set; he made fifty loops on the one curtain, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was in the second set; the loops were opposite one another. And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to

10 the other with clasps; so the tabernacle was one whole. He also made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains. The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains had the same measure. He coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. And he made fifty

15 loops on the edge of the outmost curtain of the one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the other connecting curtain. And he made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together that it might be one whole. And he made for the tent a covering of tanned rams' skins and goatskins. Then he made the upright frames for the tabernacle of acacia wood. Ten cubits was the length

20 of a frame, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each frame. Each frame

had two tenons, for fitting together; he did this for all the frames of the
tabernacle. The frames for the tabernacle he made thus: twenty frames for the
south side; and he made forty bases of silver under the twenty frames, two
bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under another frame
5 for its two tenons. And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north
side, he made twenty frames and their forty bases of silver, two bases under
one frame and two bases under another frame. And for the rear of the
tabernacle westward he made six frames. And he made two frames for
corners of the tabernacle in the rear. And they were separate beneath, but
10 joined at the top, at the first ring; he made two of them thus, for the two
corners. There were eight frames with their bases of silver: sixteen bases,
under every frame two bases. And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the
frames of the one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the
other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the tabernacle at
15 the rear westward. And he made the middle bar to pass through from end to
end halfway up the frames. And he overlaid the frames with gold, and made
their rings of gold for holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
And he made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined
linen; with cherubim skilfully worked he made it. And for it he made four
20 pillars of acacia, and overlaid them with gold; their hooks were of gold, and

he cast for them four bases of silver. He also made a screen for the door of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, embroidered with needlework; and its five pillars with their hooks. He overlaid their capitals, and their fillets were of gold, but their five bases were of bronze. Bez'alel made the ark of acacia wood; two cubits and a half was its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a molding of gold around it. And he cast for it four rings of gold for its four corners, two rings on its one side and two rings on its other side. And he made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, and put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark. And he made a mercy seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half was its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. And he made two cherubim of hammered gold; on the two ends of the mercy seat he made them, one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end; of one piece with the mercy seat he made the cherubim on its two ends. The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim. He also made the table of acacia wood; two cubits was its length, a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height; and he overlaid it with pure gold, and

made a molding of gold around it. And he made around it a frame a
handbreadth wide, and made a molding of gold around the frame. He cast
for it four rings of gold, and fastened the rings to the four corners at its
four legs. Close to the frame were the rings, as holders for the poles to
5 carry the table. He made the poles of acacia wood to carry the table, and
overlaid them with gold. And he made the vessels of pure gold which were
to be upon the table, its plates and dishes for incense, and its bowls and
flagons with which to pour libations. He also made the lampstand of pure
gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand were made of hammered
10 work; its cups, its capitals, and its flowers were of one piece with it. And
there were six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the
lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of
the other side of it; three cups made like almonds, each with capital and
flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almonds, each with capital
15 and flower, on the other branch--so for the six branches going out of the
lampstand. And on the lampstand itself were four cups made like almonds,
with their capitals and flowers, and a capital of one piece with it under each
pair of the six branches going out of it. Their capitals and their branches
were of one piece with it; the whole of it was one piece of hammered work
20 of pure gold. And he made its seven lamps and its snuffers and its trays of

pure gold. He made it and all its utensils of a talent of pure gold. He made the altar of incense of acacia wood; its length was a cubit, and its breadth was a cubit; it was square, and two cubits was its height; its horns were of one piece with it. He overlaid it with pure gold, its top, and its sides round about, and its horns; and he made a molding of gold round about it, and made two rings of gold on it under its molding, on two opposite sides of it, as holders for the poles with which to carry it. And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. He made the holy anointing oil also, and the pure fragrant incense, blended as by the perfumer. He made the altar of burnt offering also of acacia wood; five cubits was its length, and five cubits its breadth; it was square, and three cubits was its height. He made horns for it on its four corners; its horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze. And he made all the utensils of the altar, the pots, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the firepans: all its utensils he made of bronze. And he made for the altar a grating, a network of bronze, under its ledge, extending halfway down. He cast four rings on the four corners of the bronze grating as holders for the poles; he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze. And he put the poles through the rings on the sides of the altar, to carry it with them; he made it hollow, with boards. And he made the laver of bronze and its base of bronze, from

the mirrors of the ministering women who ministered at the door of the tent of meeting. And he made the court; for the south side the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits; their pillars were twenty and their bases twenty, of bronze, but the hooks of the pillars and their
5 fillets were of silver. And for the north side a hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, their bases twenty, of bronze, but the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. And for the front to the east, fifty cubits. The hangings
10 for one side of the gate were fifteen cubits, with three pillars and three bases. And so for the other side; on this hand and that hand by the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits, with three pillars and three bases. All the hangings round about the court were of fine twined linen. And the bases for the pillars were of bronze, but the hooks of the pillars and their
15 fillets were of silver; the overlaying of their capitals was also of silver, and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. And the screen for the gate of the court was embroidered with needlework in blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; it was twenty cubits long and five cubits high in its breadth, corresponding to the hangings of the court. And their
20 pillars were four; their four bases were of bronze, their hooks of silver, and

the overlaying of their capitals and their fillets of silver. And all the pegs for the tabernacle and for the court round about were of bronze. This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were counted at the commandment of Moses, for the work of the Levites under
5 the direction of Ith'amar the son of Aaron the priest. Bez'alel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses; and with him was Oho'liab the son of Ahis'amach, of the tribe of Dan, a craftsman and designer and embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen. All the gold that was used for the work, in all
10 the construction of the sanctuary, the gold from the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary. And the silver from those of the congregation who were numbered was a hundred talents and a thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary: a beka a head (that is, half a shekel, by the
15 shekel of the sanctuary), for every one who was numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men. The hundred talents of silver were for casting the bases of the sanctuary, and the bases of the veil; a hundred bases for the hundred talents, a talent for a base. And of the thousand seven hundred and
20 seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals

and made fillets for them. And the bronze that was contributed was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels; with it he made the bases for the door of the tent of meeting, the bronze altar and the bronze grating for it and all the utensils of the altar, the bases round about the
5 court, and the bases of the gate of the court, all the pegs of the tabernacle, and all the pegs round about the court. And of the blue and purple and scarlet stuff they made finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place; they made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he made the ephod of gold, blue and purple and scarlet stuff,
10 and fine twined linen. And gold leaf was hammered out and cut into threads to work into the blue and purple and the scarlet stuff, and into the fine twined linen, in skilled design. They made for the ephod shoulder-pieces, joined to it at its two edges. And the skilfully woven band upon it, to gird it on, was of the same materials and workmanship, of gold, blue and purple
15 and scarlet stuff, and fine twined linen; as the LORD had commanded Moses. The onyx stones were prepared, enclosed in settings of gold filigree and engraved like the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel. And he set them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel; as the LORD had commanded
20 Moses. He made the breastpiece, in skilled work, like the work of the ephod,

of gold, blue and purple and scarlet stuff, and fine twined linen. It was square; the breastpiece was made double, a span its length and a span its breadth when doubled. And they set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle was the first row; and the second row, an
5 emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper; they were enclosed in settings of gold filigree. There were twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel; they were like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes. And they made
10 on the breastpiece twisted chains like cords, of pure gold; and they made two settings of gold filigree and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two edges of the breastpiece; and they put the two cords of gold in the two rings at the edges of the breastpiece. Two ends of the two cords they had attached to the two settings of filigree; thus they attached it in front to
15 the shoulder-pieces of the ephod. Then they made two rings of gold, and put them at the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inside edge next to the ephod. And they made two rings of gold, and attached them in front to the lower part of the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod, at its joining above the skilfully woven band of the ephod. And they bound the breastpiece by its
20 rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it should lie

upon the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece should not come loose from the ephod; as the LORD had commanded Moses. He also made the robe of the ephod woven all of blue; and the opening of the robe in it was like the opening in a garment, with a binding around the opening, that it might not be torn. On the skirts of the robe they made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen. They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the skirts of the robe round about, between the pomegranates; a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate round about upon the skirts of the robe for ministering; as the LORD had commanded Moses. They also made the coats, woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons, and the turban of fine linen, and the caps of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twined linen, and the girdle of fine twined linen and of blue and purple and scarlet stuff, embroidered with needlework; as the LORD had commanded Moses. And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it an inscription, like the engraving of a signet, "Holy to the LORD." And they tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it on the turban above; as the LORD had commanded Moses. Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished; and the people of Israel had done according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so had they done. And they

brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its utensils, its hooks, its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; the covering of tanned rams' skins and goatskins, and the veil of the screen; the ark of the testimony with its poles and the mercy seat; the table with all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; the lampstand of pure gold and its lamps with the lamps set and all its utensils, and the oil for the light; the golden altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door of the tent; the bronze altar, and its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver and its base; the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords, and its pegs; and all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; the finely worked garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to serve as priests. According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work. And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, so had they done it. And Moses blessed them. The LORD said to Moses, "On the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. And you shall put in it the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. And you shall bring in the table, and set its arrangements in order; and you shall bring in the lampstand, and set

up its lamps. And you shall put the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the screen for the door of the tabernacle. You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and place the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. And you shall set up the court round about, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court. Then you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture; and it shall become holy. You shall also anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar; and the altar shall be most holy. You shall also anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it. Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water, and put upon Aaron the holy garments, and you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest. You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests: and their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations." Thus did Moses; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did. And in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle; he laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and

raised up its pillars; and he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark, and set the mercy seat above on the ark; and he brought the ark into the

5 tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony; as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil, and set the bread in order on it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded

Moses. And he put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table

10 on the south side of the tabernacle, and set up the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil, and burnt fragrant incense upon it; as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he put in place the screen for the door of the tabernacle. And he set the altar of burnt offering at the door of the

15 tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the cereal offering; as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet; when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they

20 approached the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he

erected the court round the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of
the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered
the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And
Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode
5 upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all
their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle,
the people of Israel would go onward; but if the cloud was not taken up,
then they did not go onward till the day that it was taken up. For
throughout all their journeys the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle
10 by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

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