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Exodus 17

- 1 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"
 - what was offered as a gracious gift from God was demanded by the people
- 3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
 - they continue to complain
- 4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me (*put me to death by stoning*)!"
 - notice: the people complain to Moses
 - Moses takes his troubles directly to God
- 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.
- 6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 7 So he called the name of the place Massah (*tempted*) and Meribah (*contention*), because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted (*tested*) the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
- 8 Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
 - Amalek was a son of Eliaphaz (Esau's eldest boy) by a concubine, Timna
- 9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."
- 10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- 11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
- 12 But Moses' hands became heavy (*weary of being held up*); so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
 - The staff was not a magic wand – it had no power
 - There is no evidence that Moses prayed while his hands were up
 - It appears to be an attempt by God to show the Israelites that He was working through Moses
- 13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
- 14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

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- 15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner (*YHWH Nissi*);
- 16 for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn (*a hand is upon the throne of the Lord*): the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Exodus 18

- 1 And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people-that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.
- 2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,
- 3 with her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom (*stranger there*) (for he said, "I have been a stranger (*sojourner or temporary resident*) in a foreign land")
- 4 and the name of the other was Eliezer (*My God is Help*) (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh");
- 5 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.
- 6 Now he had said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."
- 7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about their well-being, and they went into the tent.
- 8 And 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 on the way, and how the LORD had delivered them.
- 9 Then Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.
- 10 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, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
- 11 "Now I know that the LORD is greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly (*acted presumptuously*), He was above them."
- 12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took (*offered*) a burnt offering and other sacrifices to offer to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.
- 13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening.
- 14 So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit (*sit as judge*), and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?"
 - Jethro is portrayed as a consultant – an efficiency expert of sorts
- 15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
- 16 "When they have a difficulty (*dispute*), they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

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- 17 So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good.
- 18 "Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.
- 19 "Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel (*advice*), and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.
- 20 "And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.
- 21 "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 22 "And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.
- 23 "If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace."
- 24 So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.
- 25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 26 So they judged the people at all times; the hard cases (*difficult matters*) they brought to Moses, but they judged every small case themselves.
- 27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own land.

Exodus 19

- 1 In the third month (*Sivan*) after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.
- 2 For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.
- 3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:
 - the house of Jacob indicates a humble beginning
 - the children of Israel indicates a great nation - growth
 - notice that this is Moses' 1st trip up the mountain
- 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore (*sustained*) you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.
 - Revelation 12.14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
 - Adult eagles carry their young in flight
- 5 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.
 - IF!
- 6 '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."

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- 7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid (*set*) before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.
- 8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.
 - Moses ascended the mountain a 2nd time!
- 9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." So Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.
- 10 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.
- 11 "And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.
- 12 "You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.
- 13 'Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."
- 14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.
 - Moses descended from his 2nd trip to the mountain
- 15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not come near your wives."
- 16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.
- 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.
- 18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain (*or all the people*) quaked greatly.
- 19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.
- 20 Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.
 - Moses ascended a 3rd time!
- 21 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish.
- 22 "Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."
 - These "priests" were most likely the first-born males since the Aaronic priesthood had not yet been consecrated
- 23 But Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.'"

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- 24 Then the LORD said to him, "Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them."
- 25 So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.
 - Moses' 3rd descent from the mountain

Exodus 20

- 1 And God spoke all these words, saying:
- 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 - "I am YHWH" is used 125 times in the OT
- 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.
 - Do not give preference to anything else.
- 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved 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;
- 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve (*worship*) them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous (*or zealous*) God, visiting (*punishing*) the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
- 6 but showing mercy to thousands (*of generations*), to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
 - He gives direction as to how to worship Him
 - A zealous God (1) demands exclusive devotion (2) directs anger at those who oppose Him (3) expends His energy for those who are His people
- 7 "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.
- 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.
- 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it (*made it holy; set it apart*).
- 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
 - (1) esteem them highly, (2) care for them (3) show respect to them
 - the only commandment with a promise
- 13 "You shall not murder.
 - Words imply premeditation and intentionality – including suicide
 - Does not include (1) defending self (2) accidental killings (3) execution of murderers (4) war (5) killing of animals
- 14 "You shall not commit adultery.
- 15 "You shall not steal.
- 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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- Lying
- 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."
 - covet = to desire earnestly or to long after
 - deals directly with the heart
- - Decalogue = “Ten Words” – though they are not numbered
- 18 Now all the people witnessed the thunders, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.
- 19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."
- 20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."
- 21 So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.
 - Moses became the mediator for the people
 - Here begins what is called “The Book of the Covenant”
- 22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.'
- 23 'You shall not make anything to be with Me-gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.
- 24 'An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name (*make My name to be remembered*) I will come to you, and I will bless you.
- 25 'And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.
- 26 'Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.'
 - Commentary “The purpose of the law of God was to show (1) man’s awful sinfulness in his moral distance from God (2) man’s need for a mediator if he ever was to approach God ... and (3) man how to live more abundantly ... “

Exodus 21

- 1 "Now these are the judgments (*ordinances*) which you shall set before them:
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- Here follows a series of wrongs and the resultant punishment. Basically, these ordinances were for the culture of the time, but they set the theory or God’s justice. If anyone harms another, a degree of responsibility is to be assessed and executed dependent on the intent and the damage done. These ordinances can be extrapolated to fit today’s culture. That is not to minimize their importance –

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these are a necessary basic set of ordinances for setting judgments in any culture for any point in time.

- 2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing.
- 3 "If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.
- 4 "If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
- 5 "But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'
- 6 "then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.
- 7 "And if a man sells his daughter to be a female slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do.
- 8 "If she does not please her master (*is evil in the eyes of her master*), who has betrothed her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has dealt deceitfully with her.
- 9 "And if he has betrothed her to his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.
- 10 "If he takes another wife, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, and her marriage rights.
- 11 "And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out free, without paying money.
- 12 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.
- 13 "However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered him into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.
- 14 "But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.
- 15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- 16 "He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.
- 17 "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- 18 "If men contend with each other, and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but is confined to his bed,
- 19 "if he rises again and walks about outside with his staff, then he who struck him shall be acquitted (*exempt from punishment*). He shall only pay for the loss of his time, and shall provide for him to be thoroughly healed.
- 20 "And if a man beats his male or female servant with a rod, so that he dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished.

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- 21 "Notwithstanding, if he remains alive a day or two, he shall not be punished; for he is his property.
- 22 "If men fight (*struggle*), and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth (*lit. her children come out*) prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.
- 23 "But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life,
- 24 "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
- 25 "burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.
- 26 "If a man strikes the eye of his male or female servant, and destroys it, he shall let him go free for the sake of his eye.
- 27 "And if he knocks out the tooth of his male or female servant, he shall let him go free for the sake of his tooth.
- 28 "If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted (*exempt from punishment*).
- 29 "But if the ox tended (*was inclined*) to thrust with its horn in times past, and it has been made known to his owner, and he has not kept it confined, so that it has killed a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.
- 30 "If there is imposed on him a sum of money, then he shall pay to redeem his life, whatever is imposed on him.
- 31 "Whether it has gored a son or gored a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done to him.
- 32 "If the ox gores a male or female servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
- 33 "And if a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls in it,
- 34 "the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money to their owner, but the dead animal shall be his.
- 35 "If one man's ox hurts another's, so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide the money from it; and the dead ox they shall also divide.
- 36 "Or if it was known that the ox tended to thrust in time past, and its owner has not kept it confined, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal shall be his own.

Exodus 22

- 1 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.
- 2 "If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed.
- 3 "If the sun has risen on him, there shall be guilt for his bloodshed. He should make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold (*sold as a slave*) for his theft.

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- 4 "If the theft is certainly found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he shall restore double.
- 5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed, and lets loose his animal, and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.
- 6 "If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so that stacked grain, standing grain, or the field is consumed, he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.
- 7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor money or articles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double.
- 8 "If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbor's goods.
- 9 "For any kind of trespass, whether it concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or for any kind of lost thing which another claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whomever the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.
- 10 "If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven away, no one seeing it,
- 11 "then an oath of the LORD shall be between them both, that he has not put his hand into his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept that, and he shall not make it good.
- 12 "But if, in fact, it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner of it.
- 13 "If it is torn to pieces by a beast, then he shall bring it as evidence, and he shall not make good what was torn.
- 14 "And if a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it becomes injured or dies, the owner of it not being with it, he shall surely make it good.
- 15 "If its owner was with it, he shall not make it good; if it was hired, it came for its hire.
- 16 "If a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay the bride-price for her to be his wife.
- 17 "If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the bride-price of virgins.
- 18 "You shall not permit a sorceress to live.
- 19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.
- 20 "He who sacrifices to any god, except to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.
- 21 "You shall neither mistreat a stranger (*sojourner*) nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- 22 "You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.
- 23 "If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry;
- 24 "and My wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.
- 25 "If you lend money to any of My people who are poor among you, you shall not be like a moneylender to him; you shall not charge him interest.

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- 26 "If you ever take your neighbor's garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down.
- 27 "For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I am gracious.
- 28 "You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.
- 29 "You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.
- 30 "Likewise you shall do with your oxen and your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.
- 31 "And you shall be holy men to Me: you shall not eat meat torn by beasts in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

Exodus 23

- 1 "You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.
- 2 "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.
- 3 "You shall not show partiality to a poor man in his dispute.
- 4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.
- 5 "If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.
- 6 "You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute.
- 7 "Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked.
- 8 "And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous.
- 9 "Also you shall not oppress a stranger (*sojourner*), for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- 10 "Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce,
- 11 "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 beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove (*olive yards*).
- 12 "Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be refreshed.
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- 13 "And in all that I have said to you, be circumspect and make no mention of the name of other gods, nor let it be heard from your mouth.
- 14 "Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year:
- 15 "You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty);

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- 16 "and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.
- 17 "Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD (*YHWH*).
- 18 "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor shall the fat of My sacrifice (*feast*) remain until morning.
- 19 "The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.
- 20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.
- 21 "Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.
- 22 "But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.
- 23 "For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off (*annihilate them*).
- 24 "You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.
- 25 "So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.
- 26 "No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.
- 27 "I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.
- 28 "And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.
- 29 "I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beast of the field become too numerous for you.
- 30 "Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.
- 31 "And I will set your bounds (*boundaries*) from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River (*Nahr – the Euphrates*). For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.
- 32 "You shall make no covenant (*treaty*) with them, nor with their gods.
- 33 "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."

Exodus 24

- 1 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

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- 2 "And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."
- 3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments (*ordinances*). And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."
- 4 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.
- 5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.
- 6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
- 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."
- 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."
- 9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,
 - up the mountain
- 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens (*substance of heaven*) in its clarity.
 - These men actually saw God!
 - Elohim
- 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand (*stretch out His hand*). So they saw God, and they ate and drank.
 - The men ate and drank a covenant meal
 - No evidence that God partook of the meal
- 12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."
 - This is the 1st mention of the stone tablets – even though the Decalogue was given back in chapter 20
- 13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.
 - They went further up the mountain
- 14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."
- 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.
- 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested 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.
- 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

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- 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
 - Moses went up the mountain for a 4th time!
 - He does not come down from the mountain until chapter 32

Exodus 25-40 center on the theology of the worship of God

Exodus 25

- 1-9 describe the offerings for the sanctuary
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- 10-22 describe the ark of the testimony
-
- 23-30 describe the table for the showbread
-
- 31-40 describe the golden lampstand
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Exodus 26

- 1-37 Gives the directions for building the tabernacle
- This portable tabernacle foreshadowed the temple that was built by Solomon
- It also is a shadow of God's temple in heaven

Exodus 27

- 1-8 gives the directions for the altar of Burnt Offering
-
- 9-19 gives instructions for building the court of the tabernacle
-
- 20-21 told them how to care for the lampstand
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Exodus 28

- 1-4 talks about the Priestly garments
-
- 5-14 talk about the Ephod
-
- 15-43 describe the breastplate
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Exodus 29

- 1-37 Aaron and his sons were consecrated as priests
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- 38-46 describe the daily offerings
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Exodus 30

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- 1-10 describe the altar of incense
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- 11-16 describe the ransom money
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- 17-21 describe the bronze laver (*basin*)
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- 22-33 describe the holy anointing oil for anointing the tabernacle and the priests
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- 34-38 describe the incense
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Exodus 31

- 1-11 describe the artisans assigned and given the special gifts needed to design the tabernacle