

DEUTERONOMY

CHAPTER 1

These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on the other side Jordan in the wilderness, toward the west near the Red Sea, between Paran Tophel, and Laban, and Hulon, and the gold works. ²*It is eleven days' journey* from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea. ³And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto all the sons of Israel, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them: ⁴after he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth and at Edrei: ⁵on the far side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, ⁶The Lord your God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Let it be enough for you to dwell in this mount: ⁷turn you, and take your journey, and go into the mount of the Amorites, and unto all them that dwell near about Araba, unto the mount, and the plain, and unto the south, and the land of the Canaanites nigh unto the sea, and AntiLebanon, unto the great river Euphrates. ⁸Behold, God hath delivered the land before you: go in, and inherit the land, which I sware unto your fathers, Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give it unto them, and to their seed after them. ⁹And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I shall not be able to bear you myself alone. ¹⁰The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. ¹²The Lord God of your fathers increase you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as He hath spoken unto you! ¹²How shall I alone be able to bear your labour, and your burden, and your gainsayings? ¹³Take you wise men, and understanding, and discerning among your tribes; and I will set your rulers over you. ¹⁴And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do. ¹⁵So I took of you wise men and understanding and discerning, and made them to be rulers over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers unto your judges. ¹⁶And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and his stranger that is with him. ¹⁷Thou shalt not have respect unto a face in judgment; thou shalt judge according to small and great; thou shalt not shrink before the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and whatsoever matter shall be too hard for you, ye shall bring it unto me; and I will hear it. ¹⁸And I charged upon you at that time all the commandments which ye should do. ¹⁹And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorite, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. ²⁰And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorite, which the Lord our God doth give unto you.

²¹Behold the Lord your God hath given up unto you the land before you: go up and inherit it, as the Lord God of your fathers hath said unto you; fear not, neither be afraid. ²²And ye came unto me every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, and let them go up unto the land for us, and let them bring us word again by what way we shall go up, and of the cities wherein we shall come in. ²³And the saying pleased me: and I took twelve men of you, one man of each tribe. ²⁴And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of the Cluster, and searched it out. ²⁵And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto you, and said, It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us. ²⁶And ye would not go up, but rebelled against the words of the Lord our God; ²⁷and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hated us, He hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us. ²⁸Whither do we go up? And your brethren drew away your heart, saying, The nation is great and of many people, and mightier than we; the cities also are great, and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the giants there. ²⁹Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them: ³⁰the Lord your God Which goeth before your face, He shall fight against them together with you, according to all that He did for you in the land of Egypt; ³¹and in this wilderness, which ye have seen, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite; how the Lord thy God will bear thee as a nursling, as a man should nurse his son, through all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place. ³²Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord our God, ³³Who goeth in the way before you, to choose you out a place, Who guideth you in fire by night, Who sheweth you by what way ye go, and in a cloud by day. ³⁴And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was provoked, and sware, saying, ³⁵Not one of these men shall see this good land, which I sware unto their fathers, ³⁶save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his sons, because he hath wholly followed the things of the Lord. ³⁷Also the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Neither shalt thou by any means go in thither. ³⁸Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth by thee, he shall go in thither: strengthen him: for he shall inherit it for Israel. ³⁹And every young child, which in this day hath no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall inherit it. ⁴⁰And when ye have turned, march into the wilderness in the way by the Red Sea. ⁴¹Then ye answered and said, We have sinned against the Lord our God; we will go up and fight, according to all that the Lord our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, and ye had gathered together, ye went up into the mountain. ⁴²And the Lord said unto me, Say unto them, Ye shall not go up, neither shall ye fight; for I am not with you; thus shall ye not be destroyed before your enemies. ⁴³So I spake unto you; and ye did not hear me, but transgressed the word of the Lord, and by force ye went up into the mount. ⁴⁴And the Amorite, which dwelt in that mountain, came out to meet you, and chased you, as bees do, and wounded you from Seir, even unto Hormah. ⁴⁵And ye sat down and wept before the Lord our

God; but the Lord hearkened not to your voice, nor give ear unto you. ⁴⁶So ye abode in Kadesh many days, as many days as ye abode.

CHAPTER 2

And we turned and took our journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. ²And the Lord said unto me, ³Let it be enough for you to compass this mountain: turn you northward therefore. ⁴And command thou the people, saying, Ye do pass through the coasts of your brethren the sons of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you, and shall be exceeding cautious. ⁵Contend not in battle with them; for I will not give you of their land even enough to set your foot upon; because I have given mount Seir unto the sons of Esau for a possession. ⁶Buy meat of them for money, and ye shall eat; and ye shall also take water by measure of them for money, and ye shall drink. ⁷For the Lord our God hath blessed thee in every work of thy hands: consider how thou wentest through that great and terrible wilderness: behold, these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. ⁸And we passed by our brethren the sons of Esau, which dwell in Seir, through the way of Araba from Aelon, and from Ezion Gaber; and we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. ⁹And the Lord said unto me, Do not ye quarrel with the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give you of their land for an inheritance; because I have given Aroer unto the children of Lot to inherit. (¹⁰The Emin dwelt therein in times past, a people great and many and powerful, as the Anakim. ¹¹These also shall be accounted Raphaim, as the Anakim; and the Moabites call them Emin. ¹²The Horite also dwelt in Seir beforetime; and the children of Esau destroyed them, and utterly consumed them from before them; and they dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his inheritance, which the Lord gave unto them.) ¹³Now then rise up, said I, and take your journey, and get you over the valley of Zared. ¹⁴And the days in which we travelled from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the valley of Zared, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war out of the camp was fallen away, as the Lord God sware unto them. ¹⁵And the hand of God was upon them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp; until they fell away. ¹⁶And it came to pass, when all the men of war were fallen away and dead from among the people, ¹⁷that the Lord spake unto me, saying, ¹⁸Thou art to pass over the borders of Moab to Aroer this day: ¹⁹and ye shall come nigh over against the sons of Ammon; do not ye quarrel with them, nor wage war with them, for I will not give thee of the land of the sons of Ammon for an inheritance: because I have given it unto the sons of Lot for a possession. (²⁰It shall be accounted a land of Raphaim: for the Raphaim dwelt therein beforetime; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummins; ²¹a people great, and many, and mightier than ye, as also the Anakims; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they inherited their land, and dwelt therein in their

stead until this day: ²²as they did to the sons of Esau, which dwell in Seir, even as they destroyed the Horims from before them; and inherited their land, and dwelt therein in their stead even until this day: ²³and the Hivites which dwelt in Azeroth, even unto Gaza, and the Cappadocians, which came forth out of Cappadocia, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) ²⁴Now then, rise ye up, and take your journey, and pass over the valley of Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the king of Heshbon the Amorite, and his land: begin to inherit it; contend with him this day in battle. ²⁵Begin thou to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the face of all the nations that are under heaven; who shall be troubled when they have heard thy name, and shall be in anguish for fear of thee.

²⁶And I sent ambassadors out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, I will pass through thy land: ²⁷I will go along by the road, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left. ²⁸Thou shalt give me meat for money, and I will eat: only I will go through on my feet; ²⁹(as the sons of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, and the Moabites, which dwelt in Aroer, did unto me;) until I have passed over Jordan into the land which the Lord our God giveth us. ³⁰And Sihon king of Heshbon would not that we should pass by him: for the Lord thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might be delivered into thy hands, as on this day. ³¹And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to deliver Sihon the king of Heshbon, the Amorite, and his land before thee: and do thou begin to inherit his land. ³²Then Sihon the king of Heshbon, came out to meet us, he and all his people, to war at Jahaz. ³³And the Lord our God delivered him before our face; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. ³⁴And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every city in order, and their wives, and their children: we left none living to remain. ³⁵Only the cattle we took as a prey unto ourselves, and took the spoil of the cities. ³⁶From Aroer, which is by the brink of the brook of Arnon, and the city that is in the valley, even unto the mount of Gilead, there was not one city which escaped us: the Lord our God delivered all into our hands. ³⁷Only unto the sons of Ammon we came not near, even all the parts bordering on the brook Jabbok, the cities also in the mountain country; as the Lord our God commanded us.

CHAPTER 3

And we turned, and went up by the way that leadeth to Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle at Edraim. ²And the Lord said unto me, Fear him not: for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hands; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. ³And the Lord our God delivered him into our hands, even Og the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until we left none of his seed. ⁴And we mastered all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not

from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan: ⁵all these were strong cities, high walls, gates and bars; beside the cities of the Perezites, a great many. ⁶We utterly destroyed them, as we dealt with Sihon the king of Heshbon; so we utterly destroyed every city in order, and the women, and the children, ⁷and all the cattle: and the spoil of the cities we took for a prey to ourselves.

⁸And we took at that time the land out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites, which were beyond Jordan, from the brook of Arnon unto Hermon. ⁹The Phoenicians call Hermon Sirion; but the Amorite called it Shenir. ¹⁰All were cities of Misor, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ¹¹For only Og king of Bashan remained of the Raphaim; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; behold, it is in the chief city of the sons of Ammon: nine cubits is the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man. ¹²And that land we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the border of the torrent Arnon, and half the mount of Gilead; and his cities gave I unto Reuben and to Gad. ¹³And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the country round about Argob, all that Bashan; it shall be accounted the land of Raphaim. ¹⁴And Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country round about Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan Havoth Jair, unto this day. ¹⁵And I gave Gilead unto Machir. ¹⁶And unto Reuben and unto Gad I gave from Gilead even unto the brook of Arnon, the border between the brook even unto Jabbok; the brook is the border to the children of Ammon. ¹⁷Araba also, and Jordan, are the boundary of Chinnereth, even unto the sea of Araba, even the salt sea, under Ashdoth of Pisgah eastward. ¹⁸And I commanded you at that time, saying, The Lord your God hath given you this land by lot: arm yourselves, every one that is powerful, and go before your brethren the sons of Israel. ¹⁹Only your wives, and your children, and your cattle, (I know that ye have much cattle,) let them abide in your cities which I have given you, ²⁰until the Lord give rest unto your brethren, as also He hath given unto you, and they also shall inherit the land which the Lord our God giveth them on the other side Jordan: and then shall ye return each one unto his inheritance, which I have given you.

²¹And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all things that the Lord hath done unto these two kings: so shall the Lord do unto all the kingdoms against which thou passest over thither. ²²Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord our God Himself shall fight for you. ²³And I besought the Lord at that time, saying, ²⁴O Lord God, Thou hast begun to shew Thy servant Thy strength, and Thy power: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that will do as Thou hast done, and according to Thy might? ²⁵I will therefore go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, this goodly mountain, and AntiLebanon. ²⁶And the Lord because of you regarded me not, and hearkened not unto me: and the Lord said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto Me of this matter. ²⁷Get thee up into the top of the quarried rock, and look with thine eyes westward, and northward, and

southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. ²⁸And charge Joshua, and strengthen him, and encourage him: for he shall go before the face of this people, and he shall give them the inheritance of all the land which thou hast seen. ²⁹And we abode in the valley near the house of Peor.

CHAPTER 4

And now hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, all that I teach you, for to do, that ye may live, and be multiplied, and go in and inherit the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. ²Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye take from it: keep ye the commandments of the Lord our God, all that I command you this day. ³Your eyes have seen all that the Lord our God did in Baal-peor: for every man that went after Baal-peor, the Lord your God hath utterly destroyed him from among you. ⁴But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are all alive this day. ⁵Behold, I have shewed you statutes and ordinances, even as the Lord commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to inherit it. ⁶And ye shall keep and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of all the nations, as many as shall hear all these statutes; and they shall say, Behold, this great nation is a wise and understanding people. ⁷For what manner of nation is there so great, who hath a God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things whensoever we may call upon Him? ⁸And what manner of nation is there so great, that hath righteous statutes and judgments according to all this law, which I set before you this day? ⁹Take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently: and forget not any of the things which thine eyes have seen, and let them not depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: and thou shalt teach thy sons, and thy sons' sons; ¹⁰even in the day that thou stoodest before the Lord our God in Horeb in the day of the assembly; for the Lord said unto me, Gather Me the people together, and let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and they shall teach their children. ¹¹And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire up to the heaven; with darkness, blackness, and tempest. ¹²And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire a voice of words, which ye heard; and ye saw no similitude, only a voice. ¹³And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to keep, even the ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone. ¹⁴And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you ordinances and judgments, that ye should do them in the land whither ye go to inherit it. ¹⁵And take ye good heed unto your souls; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb in the mountain out of the midst of the fire: ¹⁶lest ye transgress, and make you a graven image, any kind of likeness, a likeness of male or female, ¹⁷a likeness of any beast of them that are on the earth, a likeness of any winged fowl that flieth under heaven, ¹⁸a likeness of

any creeping thing that creepeth on the ground, a likeness of any fish of them that are in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹and lest, having looked up unto the sky, and having seen the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and all the order of heaven, thou shouldest go astray, and worship them, and serve them, which the Lord God hath distributed unto all nations under the heaven. ²⁰But God hath taken you, and hath brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, to be unto Him a people of inheritance, as at this day. ²¹And the Lord God was wroth with me for the things that were said by you, and sware that I should not go over this Jordan, and that I should not enter into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee as an inheritance. ²²For I am to die in this land, and shall not go over this Jordan: but ye are to pass over, and inherit this good land. ²³Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord our God, which He made with you, and ye transgress, and make you a graven image of any of the things, concerning the which the Lord thy God commanded thee. ²⁴For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

²⁵And when thou shalt beget children, and shalt have children's children, and dwell long in the land, and transgress, and make a graven image of any thing, and do wickedly in the sight of the Lord your God, to provoke Him: ²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall surely perish from off the land, whereunto ye go across Jordan to inherit it there; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall be utterly cut off. ²⁷And the Lord shall scatter you among all nations, and ye shall be left few in number among all the heathen, among the which the Lord shall lead you. ²⁸And there ye shall serve other gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stones, which cannot see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹And there ye shall seek the Lord your God, and ye shall find Him, whensoever ye seek Him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, in thine affliction. ³⁰And all these things shall come upon thee, even in the latter days; and thou shalt turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt hearken to His voice. ³¹For the Lord thy God is a God of pity: He will not forsake thee, neither will he destroy thee: He will not forget the covenant of thy fathers which the Lord sware unto them. ³²Ask of the former days, which were before thee, since the day when the Lord created man upon the earth, and at the one end of heaven unto the other end of heaven; *ask* if there hath happened any such thing like unto this great event, if such a thing hath been heard: ³³if ever a nation have heard the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and hast lived: ³⁴if God hath assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, with trial, and with signs, and with wonders, and with war, and with a mighty hand, and with an high arm, and with great sights, according to all the things that the Lord our God did in Egypt before thine eyes? ³⁵So that thou mightest know that the Lord thy God He is God; and there is none beside Him. ³⁶Out of heaven was His voice made to be heard, that He might instruct thee: and upon earth He shewed thee His great fire; and thou heardest His words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷Because He loved thy fathers, He also chose you their seed after them, and brought thee Himself

with His great strength out of Egypt; ³⁸to destroy nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou, to bring thee in, to give thee their land to inherit, as thou hast it this day. ³⁹And thou shalt know this day, and consider in thine heart, that the Lord thy God He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else but He. ⁴⁰And keep ye His commandments, and His ordinances, all that I command you this day, that it may be well with thee, and with thy children after thee, that ye may be long lived upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.

⁴¹Then Moses separated three cities beyond Jordan on the east; ⁴²that the slayer might flee thither, which have killed his neighbour unawares, and have hated him not in times past; and he shall flee to one of these cities and live: ⁴³Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country of Reuben; and Ramoth in Gilead, of Gadi; and Golon in Bashan, of Manasseh. ⁴⁴This is the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel: ⁴⁵these are the testimonies, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the sons of Israel, when they came forth out of the land of Egypt, ⁴⁶on the other side Jordan, in the valley near the house of Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwell at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel smote, when they came forth out of Egypt: ⁴⁷and they inherited his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which were beyond Jordan eastward; ⁴⁸from Aroer, which is by the border of the brook Arnon, even unto the mount of Sion, which is Hermon, ⁴⁹all Araba beyond Jordan eastward, under Asedoth hewn in the rock.

CHAPTER 5

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, and ye shall learn them, and observe to do them. ²The Lord your God established a covenant with you in Horeb: ³the Lord established not this covenant with your fathers, but with all of you here alive this day. ⁴The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire; ⁵and I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the words of the Lord: (for ye were afraid before the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying, ⁶I am the Lord thy God, Which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ⁷Thou shalt have none other gods before My face. ⁸Thou shalt not make thee a graven image, or likeness of any thing, whatsoever thing is in the heaven above, and whatsoever is in the earth beneath, and whatsoever is in the waters beneath the earth. ⁹Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I am the Lord thy God, a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation unto them that hate Me, ¹⁰and doing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments. ¹¹Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord thy God will never acquit him that taketh His name in vain. ¹²Keep the day of the sabbaths to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath

commanded thee. ¹³Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy works: ¹⁴but on the seventh day is the sabbath to the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and thine ox, and thine ass, and all thy cattle, and the stranger that sojourneth in the midst of thee; that thy manservant may rest, and thy maidservant, and thine ox, as well as thou. ¹⁵And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondservant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the Lord thy God brought thee out thence with a mighty hand and with an high arm: therefore the Lord thy God hath appointed thee to keep the day of the sabbaths, and to sanctify it. ¹⁶Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that it may go well with thee, and that thou mayest live long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. ¹⁷Thou shalt not commit murder. ¹⁸Thou shalt not commit adultery. ¹⁹Thou shalt not steal. ²⁰Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour with false testimony. ²¹Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, nor his field, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any beast of his, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

²²These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, darkness, blackness, storm, a great voice: and He added *no more*. And He wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. ²³And it came to pass, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; ²⁴and ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us His glory, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God shall talk with man, and he shall live. ²⁵And now let us not die, for this great fire will consume us, if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, and we shall die. ²⁶For what flesh is there, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire, as we have, and shall live? ²⁷Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and thou shalt speak unto us all things whatsoever the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it. ²⁸And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, even all the things which they have spoken unto thee: they have well spoken all that they have spoken. ²⁹Who shall give that their heart be in them in such a way that they fear Me, and keep My commandments in all their days, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! ³⁰Go say to them, Get you into your houses again: ³¹but stand thou here with Me, and I will tell thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them; and let them do so in the land which I give them for an inheritance. ³²And ye shall observe to do as the Lord thy God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, ³³according to the way which the Lord your God hath commanded you to walk in it, that He may give thee rest, and that it may be well with thee, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall inherit.

CHAPTER 6

And these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, as many as the Lord our God commanded to teach you to do so in the land wherein ye go to inherit it: ²that ye might fear the Lord thy God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command thee this day, thou, and thy sons, and thy sons' sons, all the days of thy life; that ye may live many days. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do them; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may be greatly multiplied, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath spoken, to give thee a land that floweth with milk and honey. And these are the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord commanded the sons of Israel, when they had gone forth from the land of Egypt.

⁴Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: ⁵and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy power. ⁶And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and in thy soul. ⁷And thou shalt teach them unto thy sons, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸And thou shalt fasten them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be immoveable before thine eyes. ⁹And ye shall write them upon the posts of your houses, and of your gates.

¹⁰And it shall come to pass, whensoever the Lord thy God bringeth thee into the land which He sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham and to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, ¹¹and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged in the rock, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and oliveyards which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten, and been filled; ¹²*then* beware lest thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve: and thou shalt cleave unto Him, and swear by His name. ¹⁴Go ye not after other gods, of the gods of the nations which are round about you; ¹⁵(for the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you;) lest the Lord thy God be exceeding wroth with thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. ¹⁶Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God, as ye tempted Him in the Temptation. ¹⁷Thou shalt diligently keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, the testimonies, and the statutes, which He hath commanded thee. ¹⁸And thou shalt do that which is pleasing and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and inherit the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, ¹⁹to chase all thine enemies from before thy face, as the Lord hath spoken.

²⁰And it shall come to pass, when thy son asketh thee to morrow, saying, What are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded us? ²¹then shalt thou say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in the land of Egypt; and the Lord brought us forth thence with a mighty hand, and with an high arm. ²²And the Lord gave signs and wonders, great and sore, in Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon his

household before us: ²³and He brought us out from thence to give us this land, which He sware to give unto our fathers. ²⁴And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes; to fear the Lord our God, that it may be well with us for ever; that we may live, even as this day. ²⁵And there shall be mercy unto us, if we take heed to keep all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us.

CHAPTER 7

And when the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and shall remove great nations from before thee, the Hittite, and the Gergesite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations more in number and mightier than you, ²and the Lord thy God shall deliver them into thy hands; then thou shalt smite them; thou shalt utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor pity them; ³neither shall ye make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. ⁴For he will draw away thy son from Me, and he will serve other gods: and the Lord will be exceeding wroth with you, and utterly destroy thee suddenly. ⁵But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their pillars, and cut down their groves, and burn the graven images of their gods with fire. ⁶For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, beyond all nations that are upon the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because ye are more in number than all other nations that the Lord preferred you, and the Lord made choice of you: for ye are fewer in number than all other nations: ⁸but because the Lord loved you; and in keeping the oath which He sware unto your fathers, the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Thou shalt know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, a faithful God, Which keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him, and for them that keep His commandments to a thousand generations; ¹⁰and Which repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them utterly; and will not be slack with them that hate Him: He will repay them to their face. ¹¹Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and these judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

¹²And it shall come to pass, when ye shall have hearkened to these statutes, and kept, and done them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which He sware unto your fathers. ¹³And He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: He will also bless the offspring of thy belly, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the herds of thine oxen, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which He sware unto thy fathers to give it thee. ¹⁴Thou shalt be blessed beyond all nations: there shall not be an impotent or barren one among you, and among your cattle. ¹⁵And the Lord thy God will take away from thee all

sickness, and will lay none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou hast seen, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. ¹⁶And thou shalt consume all the spoils of the nations which the Lord thy God giveth thee; thine eye shall not spare them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for this is an offence unto thee. ¹⁷But if thou shalt say in thine heart, 'This nation is greater than I; how shall I be able to destroy them utterly?' ¹⁸thou shalt not be afraid of them: thou shalt surely remember all that the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; ¹⁹the great temptations which thine eyes saw; those signs, and great wonders, the mighty hand, and the high arm; how the Lord thy God brought thee out: so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid in their presence. ²⁰Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet against them, until they that are left, and are hid from thee, shall be utterly destroyed. ²¹Thou shalt not be wounded before them: for the Lord thy God among you is a great God and powerful. ²²And the Lord thy God will consume these nations before thee little by little: thou shalt not be able to consume them speedily, lest the land become desert, and the wild beasts of the field be increased against thee. ²³And the Lord thy God shall deliver them into thine hands, and thou shalt destroy them with a mighty destruction, until ye have utterly destroyed them. ²⁴And He shall deliver their kings into your hands, and ye shall destroy their name from that place: there shall none be able to stand in opposition before thee, until thou have utterly destroyed them. ²⁵The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire their silver, neither shalt thou take unto thee gold of them, lest thou offend thereby: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. ²⁶Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house; so thou be a cursed thing like it: thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt altogether abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

CHAPTER 8

All the commandments which I command you this day shall ye observe to do; that ye may live, and multiply, and enter in and inherit the land which the Lord your God swore unto your fathers. ²And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee in the wilderness, that He might afflict thee, and prove thee, and that the things in thine heart might be revealed, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. ³And He afflicted thee, and straitened thee with hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thy fathers knew not; that He might teach thee that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God shall man live. ⁴Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, thy shoes were not worn from off thee, thy feet were not hardened, lo, these forty years. ⁵Thou shalt also know in thine heart, that, as any man chasten his son, so the Lord thy God will chasten thee. ⁶And thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him. ⁷For the Lord thy God will bring thee into a good land, and wide, where there are torrents of waters, and fountains

of depths that issue out of the plains, and through the mountains; ⁸a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and figs, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹a land wherein thou shalt not eat thy bread with scarceness, and thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron; and out of the mountains shalt thou dig brass. ¹⁰And thou shalt eat, and be filled, and shalt bless the Lord thy God upon the good land which He hath given thee. ¹¹Take heed to thyself that thou forget not the Lord thy God, not to keep His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day: ¹²lest when thou hast eaten, and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; ¹³and when thine oxen and thy sheep are multiplied unto thee, and thy silver and gold is multiplied unto thee; and all thy possessions are multiplied unto thee, ¹⁴thou be lifted up in thy heart, and forget the Lord thy God, Which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵Who brought thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein is the biting serpent, and scorpion, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee a fountain of water out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thou knewest not, and thy fathers knew not; that He might afflict thee, and and prove thee thoroughly, and do thee good in thy latter days. ¹⁷Lest thou shouldest say in thine heart, My might and the power of mine hand hath wrought for me this great wealth. ¹⁸But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, that He giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, as at this day. ¹⁹And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that ye shall surely perish. ²⁰As also the other nations which the Lord destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord your God.

CHAPTER 9

Hear, O Israel: Thou dost pass over Jordan this day, to inherit nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and walled up to heaven, ²a people great and tall, the children of Anak, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the sons of Anak? ³And thou shalt know this day, that the Lord thy God He shall go before thy face: He is a consuming fire; He shall destroy them, and He shall turn them back before thee, and shall destroy them quickly, as the Lord hath said unto thee. ⁴Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the Lord thy God hath destroyed these nations before thy face, saying, For my righteousness the Lord hath brought me in to inherit this good land. ⁵Not for thy righteousness, or for the holiness of thine heart, dost thou go in to inherit their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord will destroy them from before thee, and that He may establish the covenant which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶And thou shalt know this day that it is not for thy

righteousness the Lord thy God giveth thee this good land to inherit; for thou art a stiffnecked people. ⁷Remember, forget not, how much thou provokedst the Lord thy God in the wilderness: from the day that ye came forth out of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have continued to be disobedient toward the Lord. ⁸Also in Horeb ye provoked the Lord, so that the Lord was angry with you to destroy you. ⁹When I went up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, and I was in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water. ¹⁰And the Lord gave unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God: and on them was written all the words, which the Lord spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. ¹¹And it came to pass after forty days and forty nights, that the Lord gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. ¹²And the Lord said, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. ¹³And the Lord spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: ¹⁴and now suffer Me utterly to destroy them; and I will blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation great and strong, and more in number than they. ¹⁵And I turned, and went down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire unto heaven: and the two tables of the testimonies were in my two hands. ¹⁶And when I saw that ye had sinned against the Lord your God, and had made you a molten calf, and had gone aside out of the way which the Lord had commanded you to do; ¹⁷then I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before you. ¹⁸And I made my petition before the Lord, as also at the first forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him. ¹⁹And I was greatly terrified because of the anger and hot displeasure, because the Lord was provoked with you utterly to destroy you; but the Lord hearkened unto me at this time also. ²⁰And He was angry with Aaron to destroy him utterly: and I prayed for Aaron also at that time. ²¹And I took your sin which ye had made, the calf, and burnt it with fire, and pounded it, and ground it down, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount. ²²Also in the Burning, and in the Temptation, and at the graves of lust, ye provoked the Lord. ²³And when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and inherit the land which I give you; then ye disobeyed the word of the Lord your God, and ye believed Him not, and hearkened not to His voice. ²⁴Ye were disobedient toward the Lord from the day that He became known unto you. ²⁵And I prayed before the Lord forty days and forty nights, the number that I prayed before; because the Lord had said He would utterly destroy you. ²⁶And I prayed unto God, and said, O Lord King of gods, destroy not Thy people and Thine inheritance, which Thou hast redeemed, which Thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with Thy great power, and with Thy mighty hand, and with Thine high arm.

²⁷Remember Thy servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not upon the hardness of heart of this people, nor their ungodlinesses, nor their sins: ²⁸lest the inhabitants of the land whence Thou broughtest us out, speak, saying, Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the land of which He spake unto them, and because He hated them, He hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. ²⁹And these are Thy people and Thy portion, which Thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt by Thy great strength, and Thy mighty arm, and with Thine high arm.

CHAPTER 10

At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto Me in the mount, and thou shalt make thee an ark of wood. ²And thou shalt write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. ³And I made an ark of boards of incorruptible wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, and the two tables were in mine hand. ⁴And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: and the Lord gave them unto me. ⁵And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they were, as the Lord commanded me. ⁶Now the sons of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the sons of Jakin to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. ⁷From thence they journeyed to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters. ⁸At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord, to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day. ⁹Wherefore the Levites have no part nor inheritance with their brethren; the Lord is His inheritance, as He said unto him. ¹⁰And I stood in the mount forty days and forty nights, and the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also; and the Lord would not destroy you. ¹¹And the Lord said unto me, Arise, begin thy journey before the people, that they may go in and inherit the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

¹²And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good. ¹⁴Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heaven is the Lord thy God's, the earth also, with all that therein is. ¹⁵Only the Lord chose thy fathers, to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and terrible, which accepteth not persons, nor taketh reward. ¹⁸He doth execute the judgment of the stranger, and the

fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, giving him food and raiment.
¹⁹Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
²⁰Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him thou shalt cleave, and swear by His name. ²¹He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. ²²Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the Lord thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAPTER 11

Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep His charges, and his statutes, and his judgments, alway. ²And ye shall know this day, for I speak not with your children, which have not known or seen the discipline of the Lord your God, His magnificence, *and* His mighty hand, and His high arm, ³and His tokens, and His wonders, which He did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land; ⁴and what He did unto the army of the Egyptians, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how He made the waters of the Red Sea to overwhelm the face of them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day; ⁵and all the things that He did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place; ⁶and all the things that He did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel: ⁷but your eyes have seen all the mighty works of the Lord which He wrought among you this day. ⁸Therefore shall ye keep all His commandments which I command thee this day, that ye may live, and increase, and go in and inherit the land which ye cross the Jordan to inherit it; ⁹and that ye may live long in the land, which the Lord sware to give unto your fathers, unto them and to their seed after them, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰For the land whither thou goest in to inherit, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs. ¹¹But the land which ye go to inherit is a land of mountains and plains, which drinketh water of the rain of heaven: ¹²a land which the Lord thy God surveyeth continually: the eyes of the Lord thy God are upon it, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year.

¹³And if ye will indeed hearken unto all the commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord thy God, and to serve Him with all thine heart and with all thy soul, ¹⁴then He will give unto thy land the early and the latter rain in his due season, and thou shalt gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. ¹⁵And He shall send *grass* in thy fields for thy cattle; and when thou hast eaten, and art filled, ¹⁶take heed to thyself that thine heart be not broadened, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; ¹⁷and the Lord be wroth with you, and He shut up the heavens, and

there be no rain, and the land yield no fruit, and ye be destroyed quickly from off the good land which the Lord hath given you. ¹⁸Therefore shall ye lay up these words in your heart and in your soul, and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand; and it shall be immovable before your eyes. ¹⁹And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ²⁰And ye shall write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: ²¹that thy days may be long, and the days of your sons, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. ²²And it shall come to pass, that if ye will indeed hearken unto all these commandments which I command you *this day*, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave unto Him; ²³then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall inherit great nations and mightier than yourselves. ²⁴Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and AntiLebanon, from the great river, the river Euphrates, even unto the western sea, shall your coasts be. ²⁵There shall no man be able to stand before you: the Lord your God shall lay the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, even as the Lord hath said unto you.

²⁶Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; ²⁷the blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: ²⁸and the curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. ²⁹And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God hath brought thee in unto the land which thou goest to inherit, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Garizin, and the curse upon mount Gaibal. ³⁰(Behold, are they not on the other side Jordan, toward the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the plain over against Golgol, beside the lofty oak?) ³¹For ye shall pass over Jordan, to go in and inherit the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit alway, and ye shall dwell therein. ³²And ye shall be careful to observe to do all the statutes and judgments, as many as I set before you this day.

CHAPTER 12

And these are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you for an inheritance, all the days that ye live upon the earth. ²Ye shall utterly destroy all the places wherein they served their gods, whose land ye shall possess, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree. ³And ye shall destroy their altars, and break their pillars, and hew down their groves; and ye shall burn the graven images of their gods with fire, and blot out the name of them out of that place. ⁴Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God. ⁵But

unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose in one of your cities to name His name there, and to be called upon, ye shall even seek Him, and thither ye shall go: ⁶and thither ye shall carry your whole burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your firstfruits, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, the firstlings of your herds, and of your flocks. ⁷And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all the things ye put your hand to, ye and your houses; as the Lord hath blessed you. ⁸Ye shall not do altogether as we do here this day, every man whatsoever is pleasing in his own eyes. ⁹For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord our God giveth you. ¹⁰And ye shall go over Jordan, and dwell in the land, which the Lord our God taketh as an inheritance for you: and He shall give you rest from all your enemies round about, and ye shall dwell secure. ¹¹And there shall be a place which the Lord thy God shall choose for His name to be called there; thither shall ye bring all things that I command you this day; your whole burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the firstfruits of your hand, and every choice gift of yours, whatsoever ye shall vow unto the Lord your God. ¹²And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is at your gates; forasmuch as he hath no portion nor inheritance with you. ¹³Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy whole burnt offerings in any place which thou shalt see: ¹⁴save in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy whole burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all things whatsoever I command thee this day. ¹⁵But thou shalt kill according to all thy desire, and eat flesh according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee in every city: the unclean that is within thee and the clean together shall eat it, as the doe, or the stag. ¹⁶Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water. ¹⁷Thou shalt not be able to eat within thy cities the tithe of thy corn, and of thy wine, and of thine oil, the firstlings of thine herd, and of thy flock, and all your vows as many as ye have vowed, and your thankofferings, and the firstfruits of thine hand. ¹⁸But thou shalt eat it before the Lord thy God, in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose for Himself, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the stranger that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God on whatsoever thou layest thine hand. ¹⁹Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite all the time that thou livest upon the earth.

²⁰And if the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy borders, as He hath said unto thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh: if thy soul should long to eat flesh, thou shalt eat flesh according to all the lust of thy soul. ²¹And if the place which the Lord thy God shall choose for Himself, that His name be called upon it, be far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the Lord hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy cities according to all the lust of thy soul. ²²Even as the doe and the stag is eaten, so shalt thou eat it: the unclean and the clean shall eat of it in like manner. ²³Take diligent heed that thou eat no blood: for blood is

the life of it; the life shall not be eaten with the flesh. ²⁴Ye shall not eat it; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water. ²⁵Thou shalt not eat it, that it may be well with thee, and with thy children after thee, if thou shalt do that which is good and pleasing in the sight of the Lord. ²⁶But thy holy things, if thou hast any, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and come unto the place which the Lord shall choose to have His name named upon it: ²⁷and thou shalt sacrifice thy whole burnt offerings, the flesh shalt thou offer upon the altar of the Lord thy God: but the blood of thy sacrifices shalt thou pour out at the foot of the altar of the Lord thy God, but thou shalt eat the flesh. ²⁸Beware and hearken, and thou shalt do all the commandments which I charge thee, that it may be well with thee, and with thy children for ever, if thou shalt do that which is pleasing and good in the sight of the Lord thy God.

²⁹And if the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to inherit their land, and thou shalt inherit it, and dwell in their land; ³⁰take heed to thyself that thou seek not to follow them, after that they be destroyed before thee, saying, How do these nations act toward their gods? I will do likewise. ³¹Thou shalt not do so unto thy God: for the abominations of the Lord, which He hateth, have they sacrificed unto their gods; for their sons and their daughters they burn in fire to their gods.

CHAPTER 13

Every word that I command you this day, thou shalt observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. ²If there arise among thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ³and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye know not; ⁴ye shall not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or the dreamer of that dream: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁵Ye shall follow the Lord your God, and fear Him, and ye shall hear His voice, and cleave unto Him. ⁶And that prophet, or that dreamer of a dream, shall die; because he hath spoken to make thee turn away from the Lord thy God, Which brought you out of the land of Egypt, Which redeemed thee from bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in: so shalt thou blot out the evil from among you.

⁷But if thy brother by thy father or thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is equal to thee, entreat thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which neither thou, nor thy fathers, have known, ⁸of the gods of the nations which are round about you, which are nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; ⁹thou shalt not consent unto him, neither shalt thou hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye spare him, neither shalt thou feel regret for him, neither shalt thou protect him: ¹⁰thou shalt surely make report concerning him; and thine hands shall be upon him

among the first to put him to death, and the hands of all the people at the last. ¹¹And they shall stone him with stones, and he shall die; because he hath sought to draw thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹²And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more according to this evil thing among you.

¹³If thou shalt hear men in one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to dwell there, saying, ¹⁴Evil men are gone out from you, and have caused all the inhabitants of their land to fall away, saying, Let us go and worship other gods, which ye have not known; ¹⁵then shalt thou inquire, and ask, and make search diligently; and, behold, if the thing be clearly true, and this abomination hath taken place among you; ¹⁶thou shalt utterly destroy all the inhabitants of that land with the edge of the sword: ye shall solemnly curse it, and all things that are in it. ¹⁷And thou shalt gather all the spoils of it into the public ways thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof, publicly before the Lord thy God: and it shall be uninhabited for ever; it shall not be built again. ¹⁸And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the Lord may turn from His fierce anger, and shew thee mercy, and pity thee, and multiply thee, as He sware unto thy fathers; ¹⁹if thou wilt hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments, all which I command thee this day, to do that which is good and pleasing before the Lord thy God.

CHAPTER 14

Ye are the sons of the Lord your God: ye shall not make any baldness between your eyes for the dead, ²for thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself, of all the nations that are upon the face of the earth.

³Ye shall not eat any abomination. ⁴These are the beasts which thou shalt eat: calf of cows, and lamb of sheep, and kid of goats, ⁵hart, and doe, and pyrgarg, and wild goat, and the camelopard. ⁶Every beast that parteth the hoofs, and cleaveth the hoofs into two divisions, and that cheweth the cud among the beasts, these ye shall eat. ⁷And these ye shall not eat of them that bring up the cud, and of them that divide the hoofs, and make distinct claws; the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; these are unclean to you. ⁸And as for the swine, because he divideth the hoof, and maketh distinct claws of the hoof, yet he cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, ye shall not touch their dead bodies. ⁹And these ye shall eat of all that are in the water: all that have fins and scales ye shall eat: ¹⁰and all that have not fins and scales ye shall not eat; they are unclean unto you. ¹¹Of any clean bird ye shall eat. ¹²And these of them ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the sea eagle, ¹³and the vulture, and the kite, and the like unto it, ¹⁴and every raven and his kind, ¹⁵and the sparrow, and the owl, and seamew, ¹⁶and the heron, and the swan, and the stork, ¹⁷and the cormorant, and the hawk,

and his kind, and the hoopoe, and the night raven, ¹⁸and the pelican, and the diver and his kind, and the redbill, and the bat. ¹⁹All winged animals that creep are unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of them. ²⁰Ye shall eat every clean fowl. ²¹Ye shall eat nothing that dieth of itself: it shall be given unto the sojourner that is in thy cities, and he shall eat it; or thou shalt sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not see the a lamb in his mother's milk.

²²Thou shalt tithe a tenth of all the produce of thy seed, the fruit of thy field year by year. ²³And thou shalt eat it in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to have His name called there: ye shall bring the tithe of thy corn, and of thy wine, and of thine oil, the firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always. ²⁴And if the journey be too far for thee, and thou art not able to bring them, because the place is far from thee, which the Lord thy God shall choose to have His name called there, because the Lord thy God will bless thee: ²⁵then thou shalt sell them for money, and take the money in thine hands, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: ²⁶and thou bestow the money for whatsoever thy soul shall desire, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or on strong drink, or on whatsoever thy soul may desire: and thou shalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, and thine house, ²⁷and the Levite that is within thy gates; for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee. ²⁸After three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithes of thy fruits, in that year thou shalt lay it up within thy cities: ²⁹and the Levite shall come, (because he hath no portion nor lot with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which is within thy cities: and they shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the works which thou shalt do.

CHAPTER 15

Every seven years thou shalt make a release. ²And this is the ordinance of the release: Every private debt that thy neighbour oweth thee, shalt thou release; and thou shalt not ask payment of it of thy brother; because it hath been called a release unto the Lord thy God. ³Of a stranger thou shalt ask it again, whatsoever he hath of thine; but unto thy brother shalt thou release his debt unto thee. ⁴For there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall surely bless thee in the land which the Lord giveth thee by inheritance, that thou inherit it. ⁵If ye indeed hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, to observe to do all these commandments, as many as I command thee this day, ⁶because the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in the way whereof He spake unto thee: then thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over thee.

⁷If there be among you any one of thy brethren that is in need within one of thy cities in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt

not harden thy heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother that is in need: ⁸thou shalt surely open thine hands unto him, and shalt lend him as much as he wanteth according to his need. ⁹Take heed unto thyself that there be no secret thing in thine heart, an iniquity, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye shall be evil unto thy brother that is in need, thou shalt not give unto him; and he shall cry unto the Lord against thee, and there shall be great sin in thee. ¹⁰Thou shalt surely give him, and thou shalt lend him as much as he needeth, according as he is in need; and thou shalt not grudge in thine heart as thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all thou layest thine hand unto. ¹¹For the poor shall never cease out of thy land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thine hands wide unto thy poor brother, and to him that is distressed upon thy land.

¹²But if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, he shall serve thee six years; and in the seventh year thou shalt send him out free from thee. ¹³And when thou shalt send him out free from thee, thou shalt not send him out empty: ¹⁴thou shalt give him provision for the way out of thy flock, and out of thy corn, and out of thy wine: as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee, thou shalt give unto him. ¹⁵And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee from thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing. ¹⁶And if he say unto thee, I will not go out from thee; because he continueth to love thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; ¹⁷then thou shalt take an aul, and bore his ear through unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever: and also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise. ¹⁸It shall not seem hard unto thee, when they are sent out free from thee; for he hath served thee six years according to the annual hire of an hired servant: so the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all things whatsoever thou mayest do.

¹⁹Every firstling that shall be born among thy kine and thy sheep thou shalt sanctify the males unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work with thy firstling calf, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep. ²⁰Thou shalt eat it before the Lord year by year in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose, thou and thy household. ²¹And if there be a blemish therein, if it be lame, or blind, an ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God. ²²Thou shalt eat it within thy cities: the unclean in thee and the clean shall eat it in like manner, as the doe, or the hart. ²³Only ye shall not eat the blood; thou shalt pour it out upon the ground as water.

CHAPTER 16

Observe the month of new things, and thou shalt perform the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of new things thou camest out of Egypt by night. ²And thou shalt sacrifice the passover unto the Lord thy God, even sheep and oxen, in the place which the Lord shall choose to

have His name called upon it. ³Thou shalt eat no leaven with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even bread of affliction; for ye came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that ye may remember the day of your coming forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. ⁴There shall no leaven be seen with thee in all thy coasts seven days; and there shall not be left of the flesh, which thou shalt sacrifice the first day at even, until the morning. ⁵Thou shalt not have power to sacrifice the passover within any of the cities, which the Lord thy God giveth thee: ⁶but in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to have His name called there, thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest out of Egypt. ⁷And thou shalt boil and roast and eat it in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: and thou shalt return in the morning, and go unto thy houses. ⁸Six days shalt thou eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day is an holy day, a feast unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work therein, save what must be done by any soul. ⁹Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: when thou shalt begin to number seven weeks when thou hast begun to put the sickle to the corn. ¹⁰And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God, according as thine hand hath power in as many things as the Lord thy God shall give thee. ¹¹And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that dwelleth among you, in whatsoever place which the Lord thy God shall choose, that His name should be called there. ¹²And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these commandments. ¹³Thou shalt observe for thyself the feast of tabernacles seven days, when thou gatherest in from thy corn floor, and thy wine press. ¹⁴And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow that is in thy cities. ¹⁵Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose for Himself: and if the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in every work of thine hands, then thou shalt rejoice. ¹⁶Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: thou shalt not appear before the Lord thy God empty: ¹⁷each one according to your ability, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee.

¹⁸Judges and officers shalt thou take thee in thy cities, which the Lord thy God giveth thee in thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment. ¹⁹They shall not wrest judgment, nor favour persons, neither take a gift: for gifts do blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. ²⁰Thou shalt justly follow justice, that ye may live, and go in, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

²¹Thou shalt not plant thee a grove, thou shalt not plant thee any tree near unto the altar of the Lord thy God. ²²Neither shalt thou set thee up a pillar; things the which the Lord thy God hath hated.

CHAPTER 17

Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God a calf, or a sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil thing: for it is an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

²Now if there be found in any one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, who shall do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to transgress His covenant, ³and they go and serve other gods, and worship them, the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which He commanded thee not to do; ⁴and it be told thee, and thou shalt have enquired diligently, and, behold, the thing surely took place, that this abomination is wrought in Israel: ⁵then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, and ye shall stone them with stones, and they shall die. ⁶On the *testimony of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he die; a man that is put to death shall not be put to death for one witness. ⁷And the hand of the witnesses shall be upon him among the first to put him to death, and at the last the hand of the people: so shalt thou put the evil one away from among you.*

⁸And if a be a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, and between cause and cause, and between stroke and stroke, and between controversy and controversy, even matters of judgment within thy cities: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose; ⁹and thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days; and they shall search out, and report the judgment unto thee. ¹⁰And thou shalt do according to the thing which they shall shew thee out of the place which the Lord thy God shall choose; and thou shalt observe to do all whatsoever shall have been by law appointed unto thee. ¹¹According to the law and the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not swerve from any sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. ¹²And the man whosoever that doeth haughtily, by not hearkening unto the priest that standeth to minister in the name of the Lord thy God, or unto the judge that presideth in those days, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil one from Israel. ¹³And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more ungodliness.

¹⁴Now if thou come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and inherit it, and dwell therein, and thou say, I will set a ruler over me, like as also the other nations that are round about me; ¹⁵thou shalt surely set a ruler over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: of thy brethren shalt thou set a ruler over thee: thou shalt not have power to set a stranger over thee, because he is not thy brother. ¹⁶For he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor turn the people back to Egypt, to multiply horses to himself:

forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall no more turn back that way. ¹⁷Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, lest his heart turn away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. ¹⁸And when he shall be established in his government, then shall he write him this second law in a book by the hands of the priests the Levites: ¹⁹and it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord thy God, and to keep all these commandments, and to observe these ordinances, to do them; ²⁰that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandments on the right hand, or on the left: to the end that he may live long in his dominion, he, and his sons, in the midst of the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

Unto the priests the Levites, even all the tribe of Levi, shall there be no part nor inheritance with Israel: the burnt offerings of the Lord are their inheritance; they shall eat them. ²But there shall be unto them no part nor inheritance among their brethren: the Lord Himself is his portion, as He said unto him. ³And this shall be the priests' in the things that are due from the people, from them that offer sacrifices, whether it be a calf or a sheep; and thou shalt give unto the priest the shoulder, and the cheeks, and the great maw. ⁴The firstfruits also of thy corn, and of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstfruits of the fleeces of thy sheep, shalt thou give Him: ⁵for the Lord hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand before the Lord thy God, to minister and bless in His name, him and his sons among the sons of Israel. ⁶And if a Levite come from one of the cities of all the sons of Israel, where he himself sojourneth, according as his mind desireth, unto the place which he hath chosen; ⁷he shall minister unto the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there present before the Lord thy God. ⁸He shall eat an allotted portion, beside the sale of his patrimony.

⁹Now if thou come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found in thee one that purgeth his son or his daughter with fire, or one that useth divination, or that dealeth with omens and augury, ¹¹or a sorcerer that casteth spells, or one that hath in him a divining spirit, or an observer of signs, that questioneth the dead. ¹²For every one that doeth these things is an abomination unto the Lord: for because of these abominations the Lord will destroy them from before thy face. ¹³Thou shalt be perfect before the Lord thy God. ¹⁴For all these nations, which thou shalt inherit, they will hearken unto omens, and unto divinations: but the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do. ¹⁵The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet of thy brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear; ¹⁶according to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, We will not hear again the voice of the Lord thy God, neither will we see this great fire any more: and we shall not die. ¹⁷And the Lord said unto me, They have

spoken rightly all that which they have spoken unto thee: ¹⁸I will raise them up a prophet of their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them as I shall command him. ¹⁹And what man soever will not hearken unto whatsoever words that prophet shall speak in My name, I will take vengeance upon him. ²⁰But the prophet, whosoever shall impiously speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, even that prophet shall die. ²¹But if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? ²²whatsoever words that prophet shall speak in the name of the Lord, and they shall not come true, nor come to pass, this is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken: that prophet hath spoken wickedly: ye shall not spare him.

CHAPTER 19

And when the Lord thy God hath cut off the nations, which God giveth thee, even the land; and ye shall inherit them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses, ²thou shalt separate three cities unto thee in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee. ³Survey thou thy way, and thou shalt divide the coasts of thy land, which the Lord thy God apportioneth unto thee, into three parts; and there shall be there a refuge for every one that slayeth a man. ⁴And this shall be the ordinance of the slayer of man, which shall flee thither, and shall live: Whosoever shall have killed his neighbour ignorantly, whereas he hated him not in time past. ⁵And whosoever shall go into the thicket with his neighbour to gather wood, if the hand of him that cutteth wood with the axe be violently shaken, and the axe head fall from the helve, and light upon his neighbour, and he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live: ⁶lest the avenger of blood pursue the slayer, because his heart is hot, and overtake him, if the way be too long, and he slay him: though there be to this man no sentence of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. ⁷Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities unto thee. ⁸If the Lord enlarge thy coasts, as He hath sworn unto thy fathers, and the Lord give thee all the land which He said He would give unto thy fathers; ⁹if thou shalt hearken to do all these commandments, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways continually, then thou shalt add three cities more unto thee unto these three: ¹⁰so innocent blood shall not be spilt in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, and there shall not be one guilty of blood in thee. ¹¹But if there be in thee a man that hateth his neighbour, and he lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and take his life, and he flee into one of these cities: ¹²then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hands of the avengers of blood; and he shall die. ¹³Thine eye shall not spare him: so shalt thou cleanse innocent blood from Israel; and it shall be well with thee.

¹⁴Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmarks, which thy fathers have set in the inheritance, wherein thou hast obtained a share in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit.

¹⁵One witness shall not stand to testify against a man for any iniquity, or for any fault, or for any sin that he may commit: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the every thing be established. ¹⁶If an unjust witness rise up against a man, and allegeth iniquity against him, ¹⁷then the two men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, and before the priests, and before the judges, which may be in those days. ¹⁸And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness hath borne unjust testimony, and hath stood against his brother; ¹⁹then shall ye do unto him, as he had wickedly thought to have done against his brother: and thou shalt put away the evil from you. ²⁰And those that remain shall hear and fear, and shall do no more according to this evil thing in the midst of thee. ²¹Thine eye shall not spare him; but life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

And if thou go out to war against thine enemies, and see horse, and rider, and a people more in number than thou; thou shalt not be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, Which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ²And it shall be, whensoever thou shalt come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, and shall say unto them, ³Hear, O Israel, ye go this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint, fear not, neither be ye confounded, neither turn aside from their face; ⁴for it is the Lord your God that goeth forward with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. ⁵And the scribes shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the war, and another man dedicate it. ⁶And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet been made merry with it? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man be made merry with it. ⁷And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. ⁸And the scribes shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that feareth, and is cowardly in his heart? let him go and return unto his house, lest he make his brethren's heart fail, as his own. ⁹And it shall be, when the scribes have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall appoint generals of the army to be leaders of the people.

¹⁰If thou shalt come nigh unto a city to overcome them by war, then call them out peaceably. ¹¹If then they make answer peaceably unto thee, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributary, and subject unto thee. ¹²But if they will not hearken unto thee,

but make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: ¹³until the Lord thy God shall deliver it into thine hands; and thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: ¹⁴except the women, and the stuff, and all the cattle, and whatsoever shall be in the city: and all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take as spoil unto thyself; and thou shalt eat all the spoil of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God giveth thee. ¹⁵Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit their land. ¹⁶Behold, of the cities of these people, which the Lord doth give thee for an inheritance, ye shall not suffer any thing to live that breatheth: ¹⁷but ye shall surely curse them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God commanded thee: ¹⁸that they teach you not to do all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; and so should ye sin against the Lord your God.

¹⁹If thou besiege a city many days, to prevail against it in war to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by putting iron against them: but thou shalt eat of it, and thou shalt not cut it down: (is the tree that is in the field a man, to enter before thee into the work of a siege?) ²⁰But the tree which thou knowest that they be not fruit bearing, this shalt thou destroy and cut it down; and thou shalt build a mound against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be delivered up.

CHAPTER 21

And if one be found wounded with the sword in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, having fallen in the field, and they know not who hath smitten him: ²then thine elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is wounded: ³and it shall be, that the city which is next unto the wounded man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer of the cattle, which hath not been wrought, and which hath not drawn in a yoke; ⁴and the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which hath not been tilled, and is not sown, and shall hough the heifer in the valley: ⁵and the priests the Levites shall come forth; for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to stand by Him, and to bless in His name; and by their mouth shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*: ⁶and all the elders of that city, that are next unto the wounded man, shall wash their hands over the head of the heifer that was houghed in the valley: ⁷and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. ⁸Be merciful, O Lord, unto Thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, that innocent blood be among Thy people Israel. And the blood shall be atoned for unto them. ⁹So shalt thou put away innocent blood from among you, if thou shalt do that which is good and pleasing in the sight of the Lord thy God.

¹⁰And if when thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, the Lord thy God should deliver them into thine hands, and thou take their spoil,

¹¹and see among the captives a woman beautiful in countenance, and have a desire unto her, and thou take her to thee for a wife, ¹²and bring her within thine house; then shalt thou shave her head, and pare her nails, ¹³and take away her raiment of captivity from off her: and she shall abide in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother the days of a month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and she shall be thy wife. ¹⁴And if it be that thou have no delight in her, thou shalt send her out free; and she shall not at all be sold for money, thou shalt not treat her with contempt, because thou hast humbled her.

¹⁵And if a man have two wives, one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the son of her that was hated be firstborn: ¹⁶then it shall be, that whensoever he divideth by inheritance his goods unto his sons, he shall not be able to give the son of the beloved the right of the firstborn, having overlooked the son of the hated, which is the firstborn: ¹⁷but he shall acknowledge the firstborn of the hated by giving him double of all things which shall be found by him: for he is the beginning of his children; and unto him belongeth the birthright.

¹⁸And if any man have a disobedient and contentious son, which hearkeneth not unto the voice of his father, and the voice of his mother, and they chasten him, and he hearken not unto them: ¹⁹then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; ²⁰and they shall say unto the elders of the city, This our son is disobedient and contentious, he hearkeneth not unto our voice; he is a reveller, and a drunkard. ²¹And the men of the city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil one from you; and the rest shall hear, and fear.

²²And if there be any sin in any one, and the judgment of death be upon him, and ye hang him on a tree: ²³his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but ye shall in any wise bury it that day; (for accursed of God is every one that is hanged upon a tree;) and ye shall in no wise defile the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

When thou seest thy brother's calf or his sheep go astray in the way, thou shalt not overlook them: thou shalt by all means turn them again unto thy brother, and bring them again unto him. ²And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, and thou know him not, thou shalt bring it unto thine own house within, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. ³In like manner shalt thou do with his ass, and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and so shalt thou do unto every thing that thy brother hath lost; whatsoever shall have been lost by him, and thou shalt have found, thou shalt not be able to overlook. ⁴Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen in the way: thou shalt not overlook them; thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

⁵The apparel of a man shall not be upon a woman, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for every one that doeth these things is abomination unto the Lord thy God.

⁶And if thou come upon a brood of birds in the way, or in any tree, or on the ground, young ones, or eggs, and the dam be brooding upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: ⁷thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, but thou shalt take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long.

⁸If thou build a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thine house: so shalt thou bring not bloodguiltiness upon thine house, if one in any wise fall from thence.

⁹Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit be devoted, whatsoever seed thou mayest sow, with the fruit of thy vineyard. ¹⁰Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. ¹¹Thou shalt not wear a mingled garment, of woollen and linen together.

¹²Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou mayest be clothed.

¹³And if any man take a wife, and live with her, and hate her, ¹⁴and put words of allegation upon her, and bring up an evil name against her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found not her tokens of virginity: ¹⁵then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring out the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: ¹⁶and the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave this my daughter unto this man to wife; ¹⁷and now he hath hated her; and attacheth words of allegation unto her, saying, I found not tokens of virginity with thy daughter; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall unfold the garment before the elders of the city. ¹⁸And the elders of the city shall take that man, and chastise him; ¹⁹and they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought forth an evil name against a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he shall never be able to put her away. ²⁰But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be found not for the damsel: ²¹then they shall bring out the damsel to the doors of her father's house, and shall stone her with stones, and she shall die: because she hath wrought folly among the sons of Israel, by playing the whore: so shalt thou put away the evil one from among you.

²²And if a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, ye shall kill both of them, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away the evil one from Israel.

²³And if there be a young damsel espoused to a man, and a man have found her in the city, and have lain with her; ²⁴ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of the city, and they shall be stoned with stones; the damsel, because she cried not in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so shalt thou put away the evil one from you. ²⁵But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and force her, and lie with her: ye shall slay the man that lay with her only. ²⁶And the damsel hath not committed a sin worthy of death: as if a man should rise up against his neighbour, and

slay him, even so is this matter: ²⁷for he found her in the field; the betrothed damsel cried; and there was none to save her.

²⁸And if any man find a young damsel, which is not betrothed, and force her, and lie with her, and be found; ²⁹the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty silver didrachmas, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her; he shall never be able to put her away.

CHAPTER 23

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

²He that is wounded in the stones, or cut off *in his privy members*, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. ³He that is born of an harlot shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. ⁴The Ammonite and Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to the tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever: ⁵because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye went forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. ⁶Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curses into blessings, because the Lord thy God loved thee. ⁷Thou shalt not speak peaceably nor profitably unto them all thy days for ever. ⁸Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land. ⁹If sons be born unto them, in the third generation they shall enter into the congregation of the Lord.

¹⁰If thou go forth to pitch against thine enemies, then shalt thou keep thee from every wicked thing. ¹¹If there be among you a man that is not clean by reason of his issue by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, and he shall not enter into the camp: ¹²but it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water: and when the sun is down, he shall enter into the camp. ¹³Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, and thou shalt go forth thither, ¹⁴and thou shalt have a paddle upon thy girdle; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt bring back the earth, and cover thy nuisance. ¹⁵For the Lord thy God walketh in thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemy before thee; and thy camp shall be holy, and there shall appear in thee no disgraceful thing, and so He turn away from thee.

¹⁶Thou shalt not deliver unto his master a servant which cometh from his master, and attacheth himself unto thee. ¹⁷He shall dwell with thee, even he shall dwell among you where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

¹⁸There shall be no whore among the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be one that whoreth among the sons of Israel: there shall be no initiate among the daughters of Israel, and there shall not be any initiated man among the sons of Israel. ¹⁹Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the

exchange of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both of these are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

²⁰Thou shalt not lend upon usury of silver to thy brother; usury of meat, or usury of any thing which thou mayest lend out. ²¹Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all thy works upon the land whither thou goest to inherit it.

²²If thou vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; it shall be sin in thee. ²³But if thou be unwilling to vow, it is not sin in thee. ²⁴The words that go out from between thy lips thou shalt keep and perform: and even as thou hast vowed a gift unto the Lord thy God, so shalt thou do that which thou hast spoken with thy mouth.

²⁵And if thou go into thy neighbour's standing corn, then thou mayest gather the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not put the sickle unto thy neighbour's corn. ²⁶And if thou go into thy neighbour's vineyard, thou shalt eat grapes sufficient to satisfy thy desire; but thou shalt not put any in a vessel.

CHAPTER 24

And if any one take a wife, and live with her, then it shall come to pass if she have found no favour in his eyes, because he have found some unbecoming thing in her, that he shall write for her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hands; and he shall send her away out of his house. ²And if she go away, and be married unto another man; ³and the latter man hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hands, and send her away out of his house; and the latter man die, which took her unto himself for a wife: ⁴the former man, which sent her away, shall not be able to return, and take her unto himself for a wife, after that she hath been defiled: because it is an abomination before the Lord thy God: and ye shall not defile the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit.

⁵And if any man have recently taken a wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall any thing be laid upon him: but he shall be free in his house: for one year he shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

⁶Thou shalt not take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for this man that doeth so taketh a life to pledge.

⁷And if a man be caught stealing a soul of his brethren of the sons of Israel, and overcome him, and sell him; that thief shall die; so shalt thou put away that evil one from you.

⁸Take heed unto thyself in the plague of leprosy: thou shalt take great heed to do according to all the law which the priests the Levites shall report unto you: as I commanded you, take ye heed to do. ⁹Remember all that the Lord thy God did unto Miriam in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt.

¹⁰If thy brother oweth thee a debt, thou shalt not go into his house to take his pledge. ¹¹Thou shalt stand without, and the man who is in thy debt shall bring out the pledge unto thee. ¹²And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: ¹³thou shalt surely restore his pledge when the sun goeth down, and he shall sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be mercy unto thee before the Lord thy God.

¹⁴Thou shalt not unjustly withhold the wages of the poor and needy of thy brethren, or of the strangers that are in thy cities: ¹⁵the same day shalt thou pay him his wages; the sun shall not go down upon it, because he is poor, and trusteth in thee: and he shall cry against thee unto the Lord, and it shall be sin unto thee.

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

¹⁷Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of the stranger and the fatherless, and widow: thou shalt not take the widow's raiment to pledge. ¹⁸And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

¹⁹And when thou hast reaped corn in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to take it: it shall be for the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the works of thine hands. ²⁰And if thou gather thine olives, thou shalt not return to gather the remainder: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; and thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing. ²¹And whensoever thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean what thou hast left: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: ²²and thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

And if there be a dispute between men, and they come unto judgment, and they judge, and justify the righteous, and condemn the unrighteous; ²then it shall be, if the unrighteous be worthy to be beaten, that thou shalt lay him down before the judges, and they shall scourge him before them according to his iniquity. ³With forty stripes shall they scourge him; they shall not give more: for if thou beat him above these with more stripes, thy brother will be disgraced before thee.

⁴Thou shalt not muzzle the *mouth of the ox* that treadeth out the corn.

⁵And if brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no seed, the wife of the dead shall not marry without the family unto a man not related: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and dwell with her. ⁶And it shall be, that the child which she beareth shall be named by the name of the dead man; and his name shall not be put out of Israel. ⁷And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then shall the

woman go up to the gate unto the elders; and she shall say, My husband's brother will not raise up his brother's name in Israel; my husband's brother has not been willing. ⁸And the elders of the city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand, and say, I will not take her; ⁹then shall his brother's wife come forward in the presence of the elders, and loose one shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall they do unto that man that will not build up his brother's house in Israel. ¹⁰And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath had his shoe loosed.

¹¹And if men strive together, a man with his brother, and the wife of one of them draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him; and she put forth her hand, and take hold of his privy members: ¹²thou shalt cut off her hand; thine eye shall not spare her.

¹³Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. ¹⁴Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. ¹⁵Thou shalt have a true and just weight, and a true and just measure: that thou mayest live long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. ¹⁶For every one that doeth this is an abomination unto the Lord thy God, even every one that doeth injustice.

¹⁷Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when thou wentest forth out of the land of Egypt: ¹⁸how he withstood thee in the way, and cut off thine hindmost, even them that were weary behind thee; and thou didst hunger, and wast weary: and he feared not God. ¹⁹And it shall be, whensoever the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, that thou shalt blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven, and shalt not forget.

CHAPTER 26

And it shall be, when thou come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit it, and thou have inherited it, and have dwelt therein; ²that thou shalt take of the first of the fruits of thy land, that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put them into a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to have His name called there. ³And thou shalt come unto the priest who shall be in those days, and say unto him, I testify this day unto the Lord my God, that I am come into the land which the Lord sware unto our fathers for to give us. ⁴And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord thy God. ⁵And thou shalt answer and say before the Lord thy God, My father forsook Syria, and went down into Egypt; and sojourned there with a small number, and became there a mighty nation, and a great multitude. ⁶And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and humbled us, and laid upon us hard labour: ⁷and we cried unto the Lord our God; and the Lord heard our voice, and saw our humiliation, and our labour, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord

Himself brought us out of Egypt with His great strength, and with His mighty hand, and with His high arm, and with great visions, and with signs, and with wonders. ⁹And He hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which Thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God: ¹¹and thou shalt rejoice in all the good things which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, thou, and thine house, and the Levite, and the stranger that is within thee.

¹²And when thou hast made an end of all the tithings of thy increase in the third year, thou shalt give the second tenth unto the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow: and they shall eat within thy cities, and be merry. ¹³And thou shalt say before the Lord thy God, I have gathered together in full all the holy things out of mine house, and have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all the commandments which Thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed Thy commandment, neither have I forgotten it. ¹⁴And I have not eaten thereof in my distress; I have not gathered of them for an unclean purpose; I have not given thereof unto the dead: I have hearkened unto the voice of the Lord my God, and have done as Thou hast commanded me. ¹⁵Look down from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel, and the land which Thou hast given them, as Thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

¹⁶This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to keep all the ordinances and judgments: and ye shall observe and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul. ¹⁷Thou hast chosen the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His ordinances and judgments, and to hearken unto His voice. ¹⁸And the Lord hath chosen thee this day, that thou shouldest be unto Him a peculiar people, as He hath said, to keep His commandments; ¹⁹and that thou shouldest be above all nations, as He hath made thee renowned, and a boast, and glorious: that thou shouldest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as He hath spoken.

CHAPTER 27

And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded, saying, Keep all these commandments, all that I command you this day. ²And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister. ³And thou shalt write upon these stones all the words of this law, as soon as ye have passed over Jordan, when ye are entered into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; according as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee. ⁴And it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command thee this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister. ⁵And

there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up an iron tool upon it. ⁶Thou shalt build an altar unto the Lord thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer whole burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord thy God. ⁷And thou shalt there offer a peace offering, and thou shalt eat and be filled, and rejoice before the Lord thy God. ⁸And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

⁹And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become a people unto the Lord thy God. ¹⁰And thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, and do all His commandments and His ordinances, which I command thee this day. ¹¹And Moses charged the people in that day, saying, ¹²These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are gone over Jordan; Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin: ¹³and these shall stand upon mount Ebal for to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. ¹⁴And the Levites shall answer and say unto all Israel with a loud voice, ¹⁵Cursed be the man whosoever shall make a graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of a craftsman, and shall put it in a secret place: and all the people shall answer and say, So be it. ¹⁶Cursed be the man that dishonoureth his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, So be it. ¹⁷Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmarks: and all the people shall say, So be it. ¹⁸Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander in the way: and all the people shall say, So be it. ¹⁹Cursed be he if he perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²⁰Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he hath uncovered his father's covering: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²¹Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²²Cursed be that lieth with his sister by his father, or his mother: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²³Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law: and all the people shall say, So be it. Cursed is he that lieth with his wife's sister: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²⁴Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²⁵Cursed be he whosoever shall have taken reward to slay an innocent person: and all the people shall say, So be it. ²⁶Cursed be every man that continueth not in all the words of this law to do them: and all the people shall say, So be it.

CHAPTER 28

And it shall come to pass, if thou wilt indeed hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all these commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: ²and all these blessings shall come on thee, and find thee, if thou wilt indeed hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. ³Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field; ⁴blessed shall be the offspring of thy belly, and the fruits of thy land, and the herds of thine

oxen, and the flocks of thy sheep; ⁵blessed shall be thy barns, and thy stores; ⁶blessed shalt thou be in thy coming in, and blessed shalt thou be in thy going out. ⁷The Lord deliver thine enemies that withstand thee to be utterly broken before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee from before thee seven ways. ⁸The Lord send upon thee His blessing in thy barns, and in all that thou puttest thine hand upon, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. ⁹The Lord shall raise thee up an holy people unto Himself, as He sware unto thy fathers; if thou wilt hear the voice of the Lord thy God, and walk in His ways. ¹⁰And all the nations of the earth shall see thee, that the name of the name of the Lord is called upon thee; and they shall stand in awe of thee. ¹¹And the Lord thy God shall multiply thee for good in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruits of thy land, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. ¹²The Lord open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven, to give rain unto thy land in his season; may He bless all the works of thine hands: so shalt thou lend unto many nations, but shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over thee. ¹³The Lord thy God make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt then be above, and thou shalt not be below, if that thou hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, in all things which I command thee this day to observe and do. ¹⁴Thou shalt not go aside from any of the commandments, which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

¹⁵And it shall be, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and do all His commandments, as many as I command thee this day, then all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. ¹⁶Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field; ¹⁷cursed shall be thy barns, and thy stores; ¹⁸cursed shall be the offspring of thy body, and the fruits of thy land, the herds of thine oxen, and the flocks of thy sheep; ¹⁹cursed shalt thou be in thy coming in, and cursed shalt thou be in thy going out. ²⁰The Lord send upon thee want, and famine, and consumption upon all things whereon thou shalt put thine hand, until He have utterly destroyed thee, and until He have consumed thee quickly, because of thine evil devices; because thou hast forsaken Me. ²¹The Lord make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until He have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to inherit it. ²²The Lord smite thee with distress, and with a fever, and with cold, and with inflammation, and with blighting, and with paleness; and they shall pursue thee until they have destroyed thee. ²³And thou shalt have over thine head a sky of brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. ²⁴The Lord thy God make the rain of thy land dust; from heaven shall dust come down upon thee, until it have destroyed thee, and until it have quickly consumed thee. ²⁵The Lord give thee up for slaughter before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and thou shalt be a dispersion in all the kingdoms of the earth. ²⁶And your dead men shall be meat unto the fowls of the sky, and unto the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to fray them away. ²⁷The Lord smite thee with the botch of Egypt, in the seat, and

with a malignant scab, and itch, that thou canst not be healed. ²⁸The Lord smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of mind; ²⁹and thou shalt grope at noonday, as a blind man would grope in the darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and then shalt thou be unjustly treated, and spoiled continually; and there shall be no helper. ³⁰Thou shalt take a wife, and another man shall have her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. ³¹Thy calf shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from thee, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have no helper. ³²Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another nation, and thine eyes shall look for them, and waste away: thine hand shall have no strength. ³³The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be injured, and crushed alway. ³⁴And thou shalt be mad, because of the sights of thine eyes, which thou shalt see. ³⁵The Lord smite thee with an evil sore, in the knees, and in the legs, that thou cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thine head. ³⁶The Lord carry thee away, and thy princes which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. ³⁷And thou shalt be there for a wonder, and a proverb, and a tale, among all the nations whither the Lord thy God shall carry thee away. ³⁸Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt bring but little in; for the locust shall devour it. ³⁹Thou shalt plant a vineyard, and dress it, and shalt not drink of the wine; neither shalt thou delight thyself with it, for the worm shall devour it. ⁴⁰Thou shalt have olive trees in all thy borders, and thou shalt not anoint thyself with oil; for thine olive shall utterly cast his fruit. ⁴¹Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, and they shall not be thine; for they shall depart into captivity. ⁴²All thy trees and fruits of thy land shall the blight consume. ⁴³The stranger that is within thee shall get up very high; and thou shalt come down very low. ⁴⁴He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tale. ⁴⁵And all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, until he have consumed thee, and until he have destroyed thee: because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His ordinances which He commanded thee. ⁴⁶And these things shall be in thee for signs, and for wonders among thy seed for ever: ⁴⁷and thou servedst not the Lord thy God with gladness, and with a good heart, for the abundance of all things. ⁴⁸And thou shalt serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in the want of all things: and thou wear a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. ⁴⁹The Lord shall bring a nation upon thee from the ends of the earth, as the swift flying of an eagle; a nation whose voice thou shalt not understand; ⁵⁰a nation of bold countenance, which shall not regard the elder, nor pity the young. ⁵¹And he shall eat the young of thy cattle, and the fruits of thy land, until he have destroyed thee, ⁵²and have utterly crushed thee in

thy cities, until the high and strong walls be destroyed, wherein thou trustest, in all thy land: and he shall afflict thee in thy cities, which he hath given thee. ⁵³And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, all that he hath given thee, in thy straitness, and in thine affliction, wherewith thine enemy shall afflict thee. ⁵⁴He that is tender among you, and delicate, shall look with an evil eye upon his brother, and the wife in his bosom, and the children that are left, which may have been left to him; ⁵⁵so as not to give to one of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he hath nothing left him in thy straitness, and in thine affliction, wherewith thine enemies shall afflict thee in all thy cities. ⁵⁶And she that is tender and delicate among you, whose foot hath not assayed to go upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, she shall look with an evil eye upon her husband in her bosom, and her son, and her daughter, ⁵⁷and her offspring that cometh out from between her feet, and the child which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things, secretly in thy straitness, and in thine affliction, wherewith thine enemy shall afflict thee in thy cities. ⁵⁸If thou wilt not hearken to do all the words of this law, which have been written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and wonderful name, LORD THY GOD; ⁵⁹then the Lord shall magnify thy plagues, and the plagues of thy seed, even great and wonderful plagues, and evil and abiding diseases. ⁶⁰And He shall bring upon thee all the evil pain of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. ⁶¹Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until He have destroyed thee. ⁶²And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of the sky in multitude; because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. ⁶³And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you; and ye shall be quickly removed from the land whither thou goest to inherit it. ⁶⁴And the Lord thy God shall scatter thee among all nations, from one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, wood and stone, which thou hast not known, nor thy fathers. ⁶⁵Moreover, among those nations He shall not give thee quiet, neither by any means shall the sole of thy feet have rest; and the Lord shall give thee there another and misgiving heart, and failing eyes, and a wasting soul. ⁶⁶And thy life shall be in suspense before thine eyes; and thou shalt fear, day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life. ⁶⁷In the morning thou shalt say, Would it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. ⁶⁸And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt in ships, by the way whereof I said, Thou shalt not see it again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and none shall buy you.

⁶⁹These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.

CHAPTER 29

And Moses called all the sons of Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all things that the Lord did before you in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and his servants, and unto all his land; ²the great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders. ³Yet the Lord hath not given you an heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until this day. ⁴And He led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes waxed not old upon you, and your sandals were not worn away off your feet. ⁵Ye did not eat bread, ye did not drink wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I am the Lord your God. ⁶And ye came as far as this place, and Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, came out to meet us unto war. ⁷And we smote them: and we took their land, and I gave it for an inheritance unto Reuben, and to Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh. ⁸And ye shall take heed to do all the words of this covenant, that ye may understand all things that ye shall do.

⁹Ye stand all of you this day before the Lord your God; the captains of tribes, your elders, and your judges, and your officers, every man of Israel, ¹⁰your wives and your children, and the stranger that is in the midst of your camp, from your hewer of wood unto your drawer of water: ¹¹that thou shouldest enter into the covenant of the Lord thy God, and into His oaths, as many as the Lord thy God appointeth thee this day: ¹²that He may appoint thee for a people unto Himself, and He shall be thy God, as He said unto thee, and as He sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ¹³And I appoint not unto you only this covenant and this oath; ¹⁴but unto them also that are here with you this day before the Lord our God, and unto them that are not here with you this day. ¹⁵For ye know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the midst of the nations through whom ye came. ¹⁶And ye beheld their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which are among them: ¹⁷lest there be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart hath turned away from the Lord our God, and hath gone to serve the gods of these nations; lest there be among you a root that springeth up with gall and bitterness. ¹⁸And it shall be, if one heareth the words of this curse, and flattereth himself in his heart, saying, Let good happen unto me, for I will walk in the error of my heart, lest the sinner destroy the guiltless: ¹⁹that God shall by no means be willing to pardon him, but then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy shall flame out against that man; and all the curses of this covenant that are written in this book shall attach themselves unto him; and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven. ²⁰And the Lord shall separate that man unto evil out of all the tribes of heaven, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in the book of this law. ²¹And another generation shall say, even your sons that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a land afar off, and shall see the plagues of that land, and their sicknesses which the Lord hath sent upon it, ²²brimstone, and burning salt, the whole land shall not be sown, neither shall any green thing spring, nor rise upon it, as Sodom, and

Gomorrah were overthrown Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath: ²³and all the nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what is this great fierceness of anger? ²⁴And men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, the things which He appointed unto their fathers when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: ²⁵and they went, and served other gods, which they knew not; neither did He give them unto them. ²⁶And the Lord was exceeding wroth at that land, to bring upon it according to all the curses that are written in the book of this law: ²⁷and the Lord removed them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in very great indignation, and cast them out into another land, as at this day. ²⁸The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but the things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, to do all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thy face, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, wherein the Lord hath scattered thee, ²and shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt hearken unto His voice, according to all things that I command thee this day, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; ³then the Lord shall heal thine iniquities, and pity thee, and again gather thee from all the nations, among the which the Lord hath scattered thee. ⁴If thy dispersion be from one end of heaven unto the other, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will the Lord thy God take thee. ⁵And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers have inherited, and thou shalt inherit it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. ⁶And the Lord will purge thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. ⁷And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which have persecuted thee. ⁸And thou shalt return and hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, and keep His commandments, all which I command thee this day. ⁹And the Lord thy God shall bless thee in every work of thine hands, in the seed of thy body, and in the seed of thy cattle, and in the fruits of thy land: for the Lord thy God will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers: ¹⁰if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His ordinances, and His judgments, which are written in the book of this law: if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

¹¹For this commandment which I give thee this day is not grievous, neither is it far from thee. ¹²It is not in heaven above, saying, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and take it for us; and we will hear, and do it? ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, saying, Who shall go over unto the other side of the sea for us, and take it for us, and make it heard of us; and we will do it? ¹⁴The word

is very nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thine heart, and in thine hands, to do it.

¹⁵Behold, I have set before thee this day life and death, good and evil. ¹⁶If thou wilt hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His ordinances, and His judgments, then ye shall live, and be many in number; and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all the land whither thou goest to inherit it. ¹⁷But if thine heart change, and thou wilt not hearken, and thou go astray, and worship other gods, and serve them; ¹⁸I declare unto you this day, that ye shall utterly perish, and that ye shall by no means live long upon the land, whither thou goest over Jordan to inherit it. ¹⁹I call both heaven and earth to witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: choose thou life, that both thou and thy seed may live; ²⁰to love the Lord thy God, to hearken unto His voice, and cleave unto Him: for this is thy life, and the length of thy days, that thou shouldest dwell upon the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.

CHAPTER 31

And Moses finished speaking all these words unto all the sons of Israel, ²and said unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I shall no more be able to come in or go out: also the Lord hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. ³The Lord thy God that goeth before thee, He will utterly destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt inherit them: and Joshua shall go before thy face, as the Lord hath spoken. ⁴And the Lord thy God shall do unto them as He did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites, which were beyond Jordan, and unto the land of them, as he destroyed them. ⁵And the Lord hath delivered them up to you; and ye shall do unto them as I have commanded you. ⁶Be of good courage, and strong, fear not: neither be thou afraid before them; for the Lord your God, He it is that doth go with you in the midst of you: neither will He by any means leave thee, nor forsake thee. ⁷And Moses called Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be of good courage, and strong: for thou shalt go in before this people into the land which the Lord hath sworn unto your fathers to give it them; and thou shalt give it them for an inheritance. ⁸And the Lord that goeth with thee shall not fail thee, nor forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

⁹And Moses wrote the words of this law in a book, and gave it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto the elders of the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And Moses commanded them in that day, saying, After seven years, in the time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, ¹¹when all Israel cometh together to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose, ye shall read this law before all Israel in their ears, ¹²when ye have assembled the people, the men, and the

women, and the children, and the stranger that is in your cities, that they may hear, and that they may learn to fear the Lord thy God; and they shall hearken to do all the words of this law. ¹³And their sons, which have not known, shall hear, and shall learn to fear the Lord thy God all the days that they live upon the land, whither ye go over Jordan to inherit it.

¹⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, the days of thy death are at hand: call Joshua, and stand ye by the doors of the tabernacle of the testimony; and I will give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went to the tabernacle of the testimony, and stood by the doors of the tabernacle of the testimony. ¹⁵And the Lord descended in a cloud, and stood by the doors of the tabernacle of the testimony. ¹⁶And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the strange gods of the land, whither they enter: and they will forsake Me, and break My covenant which I have made with them. ¹⁷And I will be exceeding angry against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and turn My face away from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and afflictions shall come upon them; and they shall say in that day, Because the Lord my God is not with me, these evils are come upon me. ¹⁸And I will surely turn away My face from them in that day, for all the evils which they have done, because they turned aside unto other gods. ¹⁹And now write ye the words of this song, and teach it the sons of Israel, and ye shall put it in their mouth, that this song may witness for Me among the sons of Israel to their face. ²⁰For I will bring them into the good land which I swore unto their fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey: and they shall eat, and be filled, and be satisfied themselves; then will they turn aside after other gods, and serve them, and provoke Me, and break My covenant. ²¹And this song shall stand for witness against them; for they shall not forget it out of their mouth, or out of the mouth of their seed: for I know their wickedness, what they do here this day, before I have brought them into the good land which I swore unto their fathers. ²²And Moses wrote this song in that day, and taught it the sons of Israel. ²³And he gave Joshua a charge, and said, Be of good courage, and strong: for thou shalt bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and He shall be with thee.

²⁴And when Moses had made an end of writing all the words of this law in a book, even unto the end, ²⁵then he commanded the Levites which bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, ²⁶Take the book of this law, and ye shall put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God; and it shall be there among you for a testimony. ²⁷For I know thy provocation, and thy stiff neck: for yet during my life with you at this day, ye have been provoking in your conduct toward God: how shall ye not also be so after my death? ²⁸Gather unto me the heads of your tribes, and your elders, and your judges, and your officers, that I may speak all these words in their ears, and call both heaven and earth to witness against them. ²⁹For I know that after my death ye will utterly transgress, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evils will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger by the works of your

hands. ³⁰And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation all the words of this song, even unto the end.

CHAPTER 32

Give ear, O heaven, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words out of my mouth. ²Let my speech be looked for as the rain, and my words come down as dew, as the shower upon the green herb, and as snow upon the grass. ³For I have called upon the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. ⁴As for God, His works are true, and all His ways are judgments: God is faithful, and there is no unrighteousness in Him; just and holy is the Lord. ⁵They have sinned, not pleasing Him; spotted children, a froward and perverse generation. ⁶Do ye thus requite the Lord? is the people foolish and unwise? Did not He Himself thy Father purchase thee, and make thee, and fashion thee? ⁷Remember the days of old, consider the years of ages of ages: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thine elders, and they will tell thee. ⁸When the Most High divided the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God. ⁹And Jacob His people was the Lord's portion; Israel was the line of His inheritance. ¹⁰He maintained him in the wilderness, in burning thirst, and in a desert land: He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of his eye. ¹¹As an eagle watcheth over his brood, and yearneth over his young, and spreadeth abroad his wings, and receiveth them, and taketh them up upon his back; ¹²the Lord alone did lead them, and there was no strange God with them. ¹³He brought them up on the strength of the land; He fed them with the increase of the fields; they sucked honey out of the rock, and oil out of the solid rock; ¹⁴butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with the fat of lambs and rams, of calves and kids, with fat of kidneys of wheat; and he drank wine, the blood of the grape. ¹⁵So Jacob ate, and was filled; and the beloved one kicked, he waxed fat, he grew thick and broad; then he forsook the God which made him, and departed from God his Saviour. ¹⁶They provoked Me to anger with strange gods; they embittered Me with their abominations. ¹⁷They sacrificed unto devils, and not to God; to gods whom they knew not; new and fresh gods came in, whom their fathers knew not. ¹⁸Thou hast forsaken God that begot thee, and forgotten God that feedeth thee. ¹⁹And the Lord saw, and was jealous; and was provoked by the anger of His sons and daughters: ²⁰and He said, I will turn away My face from them, and I will show what will come upon them in the latter days; for it is a perverse generation, sons in whom there is no faith. ²¹They provoked Me to jealousy with that which is not God, they have provoked Me with their idols; and I will provoke them to jealousy with them which are no nation; I will anger them with a nation which is void of understanding. ²²For a fire is kindled out of My wrath; it shall burn unto Hades below; it shall devour the land, and the fruits thereof; it shall set on fire the foundations of the mountains. ²³I will gather evils upon them, I will fight with My weapons

against them. ²⁴They shall be consumed with hunger, and the devouring of birds; and there shall be irremediable destruction; I will send forth the teeth of wild beasts against them, with the rage of serpents that creep upon the ground. ²⁵From without the sword shall bereave them of children, and terror out of their inner chambers: the young man shall perish with the maiden, the suckling with him that is waxen old. ²⁶I said, I will scatter them, I will cause the memorial of them to cease from among men; ²⁷were it not for the wrath of the enemy, lest they should live long, and combine against them; lest they should say, Our own high hand, and not the Lord, hath done all these things. ²⁸For it is a nation that hath lost counsel, neither is there understanding in them; ²⁹they had not wit to understand: let them accept these things against the time that is to come. ³⁰How should one pursue a thousand, and two rout tens of thousands, if not that God had sold them, and the Lord delivered them up? ³¹For their gods are not as our God; but our enemies are void of understanding. ³²For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and their vine branch of Gomorrah; their grape is a grape of gall; their cluster is one of bitterness. ³³Their wine is the rage of serpents, and the incurable rage of asps. ³⁴Lo, are not these things laid up in store with Me, and sealed up among My treasures? ³⁵In the day of vengeance will I recompense, whensoever their foot shall be tripped up; for the day of their destruction is nigh unto them, and the judgments prepared for you are close upon you. ³⁶For the Lord shall judge His people, and shall be comforted for His servants: for He saw that they were palsied, and had failed in the hostile invasion; and that they were become feeble. ³⁷And the Lord said, Where are their gods, in whom they trusted, ³⁸the fat of whose sacrifices ye ate, and ye drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protectors. ³⁹Behold, behold, that I am, and there is no God beside Me: I kill, and I will make to live; I will smite, and I will heal; neither is there any that shall deliver out of My hands. ⁴⁰For I will lift up Mine hand unto heaven, and swear by My right hand; and I will say, I live for ever. ⁴¹For I will sharpen My sword like lightning, and My hand shall take hold on judgment; and I will render judgment to Mine enemies, and will reward them that hate Me. ⁴²I will make My weapons drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh with the blood of the wounded, and from the captivity of the heads of the enemies that rule over them. ⁴³Rejoice in Him, O ye heavens, and let all the angels of God worship Him: rejoice, O ye nations, with His people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in Him; for He will avenge the blood of His sons, and will render vengeance, and recompense justice unto His enemies, and will reward them that hate Him: and the Lord shall purge the land of His people.

⁴⁴And Moses wrote this song in that day, and taught it unto the sons of Israel: and Moses went in and spake all the words of this law in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. ⁴⁵And Moses made an end of speaking to all Israel. ⁴⁶And he said unto them, Take heed with your heart unto all these words which I testify to you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe and to do all the words of this law. ⁴⁷For this is no

vain thing for you; because it is your life; and because of this words ye shall live long in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to inherit it.

⁴⁸And the Lord spake unto Moses in that day, saying, ⁴⁹Get thee up into mount Abarim, this mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the sons of Israel for a possession: ⁵⁰and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be added unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was added unto his people: ⁵¹because ye disobeyed my word among the sons of Israel at the waters of strife of Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not among the sons of Israel. ⁵²Thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not enter therein.

CHAPTER 33

And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death. ²And he said,

The Lord is come from Sinai, and hath appeared from Seir unto us; and He hath hasted out of the mount of Paran, with the ten thousands of Kadesh: on His right hand were His angels with Him. ³And He spared His people, and all His sanctified ones are under thy hands: and they are under thee; and he received of His words ⁴the law which Moses commanded us, even an inheritance unto the congregations of Jacob. ⁵And he shall be a ruler with the beloved one, when the heads of the people are gathered together with the tribes of Israel. ⁶Let Reuben live, and not die; and let him be many in number. ⁷And *this is the blessing* of Judah; Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and do Thou visit his people: his hands shall contend for him, and Thou shalt be an help from his enemies. ⁸And unto Levi he said, Give unto Levi his manifestations, and his truth unto a holy man, whom they tempted with temptation; they reviled him at the water of strife; ⁹who saith unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen you: and he acknowledged not his brethren, and acknowledged his sons; he kept Thine oracles, and observed Thy covenant. ¹⁰They shall declare Thine ordinances unto Jacob, and Thy law to Israel: they shall put incense in the time of Thy wrath continually upon Thine altar. ¹¹Bless, Lord, his strength, and accept the works of his hands; break the loins of his enemies that are risen up against him, and them that hate him, let them not rise up again. ¹²And unto Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in confidence, and God overshadoweth him always; and he rested between His shoulders. ¹³And unto Joseph he said, His land is of the blessing of the Lord, of the seasons of the sky and dew, and of the deeps of wells beneath, ¹⁴and of the fruits of the changes of the sun in season, and of the fruit of the months, ¹⁵from the top of the ancient mountains, and from the top of the everlasting hills, ¹⁶and of the fulness of the land in season: and let the things that are pleasing to him come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of him that was glorified above his brethren. ¹⁷His beauty is like the firstling of his bull; his horns are the horns

of an unicorn: with them shall he push the nations at once unto the ends of the earth: these are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and these are the thousands of Manasseh. ¹⁸And unto Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out, and Issachar in his tents. ¹⁹They shall utterly destroy the nations; and ye shall call men there, and there offer the sacrifice of righteousness: for the wealth of the sea shall suckle thee; and so shall the marts of them that dwell by the sea coast. ²⁰And unto Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he rested as a lion, after that he brake the arm and the ruler. ²¹And he saw his first fruits, that there the land of the princes gathered with the rulers of the people was divided: the Lord wrought righteousness, and His judgment with Israel. ²²And unto Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp, and shall leap out of Bashan. ²³And unto Naphtali he said, Naphtali hath the fulness of good things; and let him be filled with blessing from the Lord: he shall inherit the west and the south. ²⁴And unto Asher he said, Asher is blessed with sons; and he shall be acceptable to his brethren: he shall dip his foot in oil. ²⁵His sandal shall be iron and brass; as thy days, so shall thy strength be. ²⁶There is none like unto the God of the beloved: He that rideth upon the heaven is thy help, and the Great One of the firmament. ²⁷And the rule of God shall protect thee, and under the strength of the everlasting arms: and He shall cast forth the enemy from before thy face, saying, Perish. ²⁸And Israel shall dwell in confidence alone in the land of Jacob, with corn and wine; and the sky shall be misty with dew upon thee. ²⁹Blessed art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord? thine help shall hold His shield over thee, and His sword is thy boast: and thine enemies shall speak falsely unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their neck.

CHAPTER 34

And Moses went upon from Araboth Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is before Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, ²and all the land of Naphtali, and all the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, ³and the wilderness, and the country round about Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. ⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, and unto Isaac, and and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto your seed: and I have shewed it to thine eyes, but thou shalt not go in thither. ⁵So Moses the servant of the Lord died in the land of Moab by the word of the Lord. ⁶And they buried him in Gai, near the house of Peor: and none hath seen his sepulchre unto this day. ⁷And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old at his death: his eyes were not dimmed, nor were his natural powers destroyed. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in Araboth of Moab at Jordan nigh unto Jericho thirty days: and the days of mourning and weeping for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of knowledge; for Moses had laid his hands upon

him: and the sons of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹in all the signs and wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in Egypt upon Pharaoh, and his servants, and all his land; the great wonders, and the mighty hand, which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.