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## Chapter 2

### Moses Is Born

**1** And a man of the house of Levi went and took as *wife* a daughter of Levi. **2** So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months. **3** But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank. **4** And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

**5** Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. **6** And when she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

**7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

**8** And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. **9** Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give *you* your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. **10** And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name [a]Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

### Moses Flees to Midian

**11** Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. **12** So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. **13** And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"

**14** Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"

So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" **15** When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

**16** Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock. **17** Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

**18** When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How *is it that* you have come so soon today?"

**19** And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."

**20** So he said to his daughters, "And where *is* he? Why *is* it *that* you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."

**21** Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. **22** And she bore *him* a son. He called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

**23** Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. **24** So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. **25** And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged *them*.

## Chapter 3

### Moses at the Burning Bush

**1** Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

**4** So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"

And he said, "Here I am."

**5** Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground." **6** Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

**7** And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their [a]sorrows. **8** So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. **9** Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **10** Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

**11** But Moses said to God, "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

**12** So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

**13** Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?"

**14** And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" **15** Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.' **16** Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and *seen* what is done to you in Egypt; **17** and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'" ' **18** Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now,

please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' **19** But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. **20** So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. **21** And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. **22** But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put *them* on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

## Chapter 4

### Miraculous Signs for Pharaoh

**1** Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "

**2** So the LORD said to him, "What *is* that in your hand?"

He said, "A rod."

**3** And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. **4** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), **5** "that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

**6** Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. **7** And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his *other* flesh. **8** "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. **9** And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from <sup>[a]</sup>the river and pour *it* on the dry *land*. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry *land*."

**10** Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and <sup>[b]</sup>slow of tongue."

**11** So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have not I, the LORD?* **12** Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

**13** But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send.”

**14** So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. **15** Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. **16** So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. **17** And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”

### **Moses Goes to Egypt**

**18** So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.”

And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”

**19** Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead.” **20** Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

**21** And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. **22** Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel *is* My son, My firstborn. **23** So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.” ’ ’ ”

**24** And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. **25** Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and [cast it](#) at [Moses’](#) feet, and said, “Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!” **26** So He let him go. Then she said, “*You are* a [husband of blood!](#)”—because of the circumcision.

**27** And the LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him. **28** So Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. **29** Then

Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. **30** And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. **31** So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

## Chapter 5

### First Encounter with Pharaoh

**1** Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Let My people go, that they may <sup>hold</sup> a feast to Me in the wilderness.’ ”

**2** And Pharaoh said, “Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.”

**3** So they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days’ journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

**4** Then the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get *back* to your labor.” **5** And Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land *are* many now, and you make them rest from their labor!”

**6** So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, **7** “You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. **8** And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, ‘Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.’ **9** Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and let them not regard false words.”

**10** And the taskmasters of the people and their officers went out and spoke to the people, saying, “Thus says Pharaoh: ‘I will not give you straw. **11** Go, get yourselves straw where you can find it; yet none of your work will be reduced.’ ” **12** So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. **13** And the taskmasters forced *them* to hurry, saying, “Fulfill your work, *your* daily quota, as when there was straw.” **14** Also the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten *and* were asked, “Why have you not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as before?”

**15** Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, “Why are you dealing thus with your servants? **16** There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, ‘Make brick!’ And indeed your servants *are* beaten, but the fault *is* in your *own* people.”

**17** But he said, “You *are* idle! Idle! Therefore you say, ‘Let us go *and* sacrifice to the LORD.’ **18** Therefore go now *and* work; for no straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the quota of bricks.” **19** And the officers of the children of Israel saw *that* they *were* in trouble after it was said, “You shall not reduce *any* bricks from your daily quota.”

**20** Then, as they came out from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood there to meet them. **21** And they said to them, “Let the LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

### **Israel’s Deliverance Assured**

**22** So Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why *is* it You have sent me? **23** For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all.”

## **Chapter 7**

### **Moses Before Pharaoh**

**1** So the LORD said to Moses: “See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. **2** You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land. **3** And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. **4** But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies *and* My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. **5** And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.”

**6** Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as the LORD commanded them, so they did. **7** And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

### **Aaron’s Miraculous Rod**

**8** Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, **9** “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Show a miracle for yourselves,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* let it become a serpent.’ ” **10** So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

**11** But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the **l**magicians; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their **l**enchantments. **12** For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods. **13** And Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

### **The First Plague: Waters Become Blood**

**14** So the LORD said to Moses: “Pharaoh’s heart *is* hard; he refuses to let the people go. **15** Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river’s bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. **16** And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may **l**serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear! **17** Thus says the LORD: “By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that *is* in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. **18** And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe**l** to drink the water of the river.” ’ ”

**19** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets of wood* and *pitchers of stone.*’ ” **20** And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood. **21** The fish that *were* in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

**22** Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their **l**enchantments; and Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. **23** And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this. **24** So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. **25** And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

# Chapter 8

## The Second Plague: Frogs

**1** And the LORD spoke to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. **2** But if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs. **3** So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. **4** And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants.’ ”

**5** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.’ ” **6** So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. **7** And the magicians did so with their <sup>[a]</sup>enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

**8** Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Entreat<sup>[b]</sup> the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD.”

**9** And Moses said to Pharaoh, “Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, *that* they may remain in the river only.”

**10** So he said, “Tomorrow.” And he said, “*Let it be* according to your word, that you may know that *there is* no one like the LORD our God. **11** And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only.”

**12** Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. **13** So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields. **14** They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. **15** But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

## The Third Plague: Lice

**16** So the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.'" **17** And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

**18** Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. **19** Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.

### **The Fourth Plague: Flies**

**20** And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. **21** Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. **22** And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land. **23** I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be." ' " **24** And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.

**25** Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."

**26** And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us? **27** We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."

**28** So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."

**29** Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms of flies may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

**30** So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. **31** And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; He removed the swarms of *flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained. **32** But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go.

## Chapter 9

### The Fifth Plague: Livestock Diseased

**1** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. **2** For if you refuse to let *them* go, and still hold them, **3** behold, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence. **4** And the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all *that* belongs to the children of Israel.” ’ ” **5** Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, “Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land.”

**6** So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. **7** Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.

### The Sixth Plague: Boils

**8** So the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh. **9** And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.” **10** Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered *them* toward heaven. And *they* caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast. **11** And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians. **12** But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

## The Seventh Plague: Hail

**13** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me, **14** for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that *there is* none like Me in all the earth. **15** Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth. **16** But indeed for this *purpose* I have raised you up, that I may show My power *in* you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. **17** As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go. **18** Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now. **19** Therefore send now *and* gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.” ’ ’ ”

**20** He who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. **21** But he who did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.

**22** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.” **23** And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. **24** So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. **25** And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. **26** Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, there was no hail.

**27** And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “I have sinned this time. The LORD *is* righteous, and my people and I *are* wicked. **28** Entreat<sup>[a]</sup> the LORD, that there may be no *more* <sup>[b]</sup>mighty thundering and hail, for *it is* enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”

**29** So Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth *is* the LORD’s. **30** But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear the LORD God.”

**31** Now the flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud. **32** But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they are late crops.

**33** So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to the LORD; then the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth. **34** And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants. **35** So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

## Chapter 10

### The Eighth Plague: Locusts

**1** Now the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, **2** and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son’s son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I *am* the LORD.”

**3** So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me. **4** Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. **5** And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. **6** They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your fathers’ fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.’ ” And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

**7** Then Pharaoh’s servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?”

**8** So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God. Who *are* the ones that are going?”

**9** And Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.”

**10** Then he said to them, “The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. **11** Not so! Go now, you *who are* men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.

**12** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left.” **13** So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on the land all that day and all *that* night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. **14** And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. *They were* very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. **15** For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

**16** Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. **17** Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat<sup>[a]</sup> the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only.” **18** So he went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. **19** And the LORD turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt. **20** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

### **The Ninth Plague: Darkness**

**21** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, <sup>[b]</sup>darkness *which* may even be felt.” **22** So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. **23** They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**24** Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.”

**25** But Moses said, “You must also give <sup>[c]</sup>us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. **26** Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”

**27** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. **28** Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"

**29** So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

## Chapter 11

### Death of the Firstborn Announced

**1** And the LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets *you* go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. **2** Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold." **3** And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

**4** Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; **5** and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who *is* behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. **6** Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it *before*, nor shall be like it again. **7** But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog <sup>l</sup>move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.' **8** And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

**9** But the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." **10** So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

## Chapter 12

### The Passover Instituted

**1** Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **2** “This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. **3** Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. **4** And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall be without<sup>[a]</sup> blemish, a male <sup>[b]</sup>of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. **6** Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. **7** And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. **8** Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. **9** Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. **10** You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. **11** And thus you shall eat it: <sup>[c]</sup>*with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It *is* the LORD’s Passover.

**12** ‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. **13** Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

**14** ‘So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. **15** Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that <sup>[d]</sup>person shall be <sup>[e]</sup>cut off from Israel. **16** On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but *that* which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you. **17** So you shall observe *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for on this same day I will have brought your <sup>[f]</sup>armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance. **18** In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. **19** For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he is* a stranger or a native of the land.

**20** You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.’ ”

**21** Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. **22** And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. **23** For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the <sup>l</sup>lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*. **24** And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. **25** It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. **26** And it shall be, when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ **27** that you shall say, ‘It *is* the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.’ ” So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. **28** Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

### **The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn**

**29** And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was <sup>in</sup> the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. **30** So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there was not a house where there was not one dead*.

### **The Exodus**

**31** Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, “Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said. **32** Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.”

**33** And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, “We *shall* all be dead.” **34** So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders. **35** Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. **36** And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them *what they requested*. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

**37** Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. **38** A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock. **39** And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

**40** Now the *sojourn* of the children of Israel who lived in *Egypt* was four hundred and thirty years. **41** And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. **42** *It is* a *night* of solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This *is* that night of the LORD, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

### **Passover Regulations**

**43** And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “This *is* the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it. **44** But every man’s servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. **45** A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it. **46** In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones. **47** All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. **48** And when a stranger *dwells* with you *and wants* to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. **49** One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.”

**50** Thus all the children of Israel did; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. **51** And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies.

## **Chapter 13**

### **The Firstborn Consecrated**

**1** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “Consecrate<sup>a</sup> to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine.”

### **The Feast of Unleavened Bread**

**3** And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>h</sup>bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this *place*. No leavened bread shall be eaten. **4** On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. **5** And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. **6** Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *there shall be* a feast to the LORD. **7** Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. **8** And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, ‘*This is done* because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.’ **9** It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. **10** You shall therefore keep this <sup>h</sup>ordinance in its season from year to year.

### **The Law of the Firstborn**

**11** “And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, **12** that you shall <sup>h</sup>set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males *shall be* the LORD’s. **13** But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem *it*, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. **14** So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What *is* this?’ that you shall say to him, ‘By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **15** And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ **16** It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.”

### **The Wilderness Way**

**17** Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them *by* way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” **18** So God led the people around *by* way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

**19** And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely <sup>①</sup>visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.”

**20** So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. **21** And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. **22** He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

## Chapter 14

### The Red Sea Crossing

**1** Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: **2** “Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea. **3** For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ‘They *are* bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.’ **4** Then I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD.” And they did so.

**5** Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” **6** So he <sup>①</sup>made ready his chariot and took his people with him. **7** Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. **8** And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. **9** So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

**10** And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. **11** Then they said to Moses, “Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? **12** *Is* this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”

**13** And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation<sup>[b]</sup> of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. **14** The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold<sup>[c]</sup> your peace.”

**15** And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. **16** But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea. **17** And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. **18** Then the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

**19** And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. **20** So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness *to the one*, and it gave light by night *to the other*, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

**21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry *land*, and the waters were divided. **22** So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. **23** And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

**24** Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He <sup>[d]</sup>troubled the army of the Egyptians. **25** And He <sup>[e]</sup>took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

**26** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.” **27** And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew<sup>[f]</sup> the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. **28** Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, *and* all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. **29** But the children of Israel had walked on dry

*land* in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

**30** So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **31** Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

## Chapter 15

### The Song of Moses

**1** Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:

"I will sing to the LORD,  
For He has triumphed gloriously!  
The horse and its rider  
He has thrown into the sea!

**2** The LORD *is* my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation;  
He *is* my God, and I will praise Him;  
My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

**3** The LORD *is* a man of war;  
The LORD *is* His name.

**4** Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;  
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

**5** The depths have covered them;  
They sank to the bottom like a stone.

**6** "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;  
Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.

**7** And in the greatness of Your excellence  
You have overthrown those who rose against You;  
You sent forth Your wrath;  
It consumed them like stubble.

**8** And with the blast of Your nostrils  
The waters were gathered together;  
The floods stood upright like a heap;  
The depths <sup>[a]</sup>congealed in the heart of the sea.

**9** The enemy said, 'I will pursue,  
I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil;  
My desire shall be satisfied on them.  
I will draw my sword,  
My hand shall destroy them.'

**10** You blew with Your wind,  
The sea covered them;  
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

**11** "Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the <sup>[b]</sup>gods?  
Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness,  
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

**12** You stretched out Your right hand;  
The earth swallowed them.

**13** You in Your mercy have led forth  
The people whom You have redeemed;  
You have guided *them* in Your strength  
To Your holy habitation.

**14** "The people will hear *and* be afraid;  
Sorrow<sup>[c]</sup> will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia.

**15** Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed;  
The mighty men of Moab,  
Trembling will take hold of them;  
All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.

**16** Fear and dread will fall on them;  
By the greatness of Your arm  
They will be as still as a stone,  
Till Your people pass over, O LORD,  
Till the people pass over  
Whom You have purchased.

**17** You will bring them in and plant them  
In the mountain of Your inheritance,  
*In* the place, O LORD, *which* You have made  
For Your own dwelling,  
The sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands have established.

**18** “The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

**19** For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

### **The Song of Miriam**

**20** Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. **21** And Miriam answered them:

“Sing to the LORD,  
For He has triumphed gloriously!  
The horse and its rider  
He has thrown into the sea!”

### **Bitter Waters Made Sweet**

**22** So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. **23** Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called <sup>[d]</sup>Marah. **24** And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" **25** So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

There He made a statute and an <sup>[e]</sup>ordinance for them, and there He tested them, **26** and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

**27** Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

## Chapter 16

### Bread from Heaven

**1** And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. **2** Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. **3** And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

**4** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather <sup>[a]</sup>a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. **5** And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

**6** Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. **7** And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what *are* we, that you complain against us?" **8** Also Moses said, "*This shall be seen* when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD

hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what *are* we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD.”

**9** Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.’ ” **10** Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

**11** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **12** “I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.’ ”

**13** So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. **14** And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15** So when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

And Moses said to them, “This *is* the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. **16** This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: ‘Let every man gather it according to each one’s need, one omer for each person, *according to the* number of persons; let every man take for *those who are* in his tent.’ ”

**17** Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. **18** So when they measured *it* by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one’s need. **19** And Moses said, “Let no one leave any of it till morning.” **20** Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. **21** So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

**22** And so it was, on the sixth day, *that* they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. **23** Then he said to them, “This *is what* the LORD has said: ‘Tomorrow *is* a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake *today*, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.’ ” **24** So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it. **25** Then Moses said, “Eat that today, for today *is* a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. **26** Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none.”

**27** Now it happened *that some* of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. **28** And the LORD said to Moses, “How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? **29** See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.” **30** So the people rested on the seventh day.

**31** And the house of Israel called its name □Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers *made* with honey.

**32** Then Moses said, “This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded: ‘Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’ ” **33** And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.” **34** As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. **35** And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. **36** Now an omer *is* one-tenth of an ephah.

## Chapter 17

### Water from the Rock

**1** Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. **2** Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, “Give us water, that we may drink.”

So Moses said to them, “Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?”

**3** And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

**4** So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone<sup>[a]</sup> me!”

**5** And the LORD said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.

**6** Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.”

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** So he called the name of the place Massah<sup>[b]</sup> and <sup>[c]</sup>Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they <sup>[d]</sup>tempted the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

## **Victory over the Amalekites**

**8** Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. **9** And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” **10** So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. **11** And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. **12** But Moses’ hands *became* <sup>[e]</sup>heavy; so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. **13** So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

**14** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.” **15** And Moses built an altar and called its name, <sup>[f]</sup>The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; **16** for he said, “Because <sup>[g]</sup>the LORD has sworn: the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

# **Chapter 18**

## **Jethro’s Advice**

**1** And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses’ father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. **2** Then Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses’ wife, after he had sent her back, **3** with her two sons, of whom the name of one was <sup>[h]</sup>Gershom (for he said, “I have been a <sup>[i]</sup>stranger in a foreign land”) **4** and the name of the other was <sup>[j]</sup>Eliezer (for *he said*, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”); **5** and Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of God. **6** Now he had said to Moses, “I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.”

**7** So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about *their* well-being, and they went into the tent. **8** And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and *how* the LORD had delivered them. **9** Then Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. **10** And Jethro said, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, *and* who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. **11** Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they *▫*behaved proudly, *He was* above them." **12** Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, *▫*took a burnt offering and *other* sacrifices *to offer* to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

**13** And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening. **14** So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What *is* this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone *▫*sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?"

**15** And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. **16** When they have a *▫*difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

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

**24** So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. **25** And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. **26** So they judged the

people at all times; the hard cases they brought to Moses, but they judged every small case themselves.

**27** Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own land.

## Chapter 19

### Israel at Mount Sinai

**19** In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. **2** For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.

**3** And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: **4** 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. **5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. **6** And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

**7** So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. **8** Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. **9** And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever."

So Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

**10** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. **11** And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. **12** You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. **13** Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

**14** So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. **15** And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not come near *your* wives.”

**16** Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. **17** And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. **18** Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and <sup>[c]</sup>the whole mountain quaked greatly. **19** And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. **20** Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

**21** And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish. **22** Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.”

**23** But Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.’ ”

**24** Then the LORD said to him, “Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them.” **25** So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

## Chapter 20

### The Ten Commandments

**20** And God spoke all these words, saying:

**2** “I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>[a]</sup>bondage.

**3** “You shall have no other gods before Me.

**4** “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; **5** you shall not bow down to them nor <sup>[b]</sup>serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous

God, visiting <sup>□</sup> the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, **6** but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**7** “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**8** “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. **11** For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**12** “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

**13** “You shall not murder.

**14** “You shall not commit adultery.

**15** “You shall not steal.

**16** “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**17** “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

### **The People Afraid of God’s Presence**

**18** Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. **19** Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

**20** And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” **21** So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

### **The Law of the Altar**

**22** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. **23** You shall not make *anything to be* with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves. **24** An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you. **25** And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it. **26** Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.’