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Shemos 13:17. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that [God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near](#); for God said, Lest perhaps the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt; 18. But [God led the people around, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea](#); and the people of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

Shemos 13:21. And [the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way](#); and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night;

Rashi, Shemos 13:21 – to cause it to lead them on the way Heb. לְהַנְחִימָם. [The “lammed” is] vowelized with a “pattach,” which is equivalent to לְהַנְחִימָם, like “to show you (לְרֹאֲתֶכֶם) on the way on which you shall go” (Deut. 1:33), which is like לְהַרְאֵתְכֶם. Here also, [it means] **to cause to lead you (לְהַנְחִימָם) through a messenger. Now who was that messenger? [It was] the pillar of cloud, and the Holy One, blessed be He, in His glory, led it before them. In any case, it was the pillar of cloud that He prepared so that they could be led by it, for they would travel by the pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud was not [meant] to provide light but to direct them [on] the way.**

¹ H3503 יִתְרוֹ Yithrow {yith-ro'}

□ from 03499 with pron. suffix;; n pr m

□ AV - Jethro 9; 9

□ Jethro = "his abundance" 1) father-in-law of Moses; also 'Jether'

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Shemos 14:7. And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

Rashi, Shemos 14:7 – select Heb. בְּחֹרֵי, chosen. [This is] a singular expression, [meaning that] every single chariot in this number was [a] chosen [chariot]. **and all the chariots of Egypt** And with them, all the rest of the chariots. Now **where did all these animals come from?** If you say [that they belonged] to the Egyptians, it says already: “and all the livestock of the Egyptians died” (Exod. 9:6). And if [you say that they belonged] to the Israelites, does it not say: “also our cattle will go with us” (Exod. 10:26). **Whose were they [from if that was the case]? They [belonged] to those who feared the word of the Lord [i.e., to those who drove their servants and their livestock into the houses as in Exod. 9:20].** From here Rabbi Simeon would say, “[Even] the best of the Egyptians --[you must] kill; [even] the best of the serpents-[you must] crush its head.”-[from Mechilta] **with officers over them all** Heb. וְשָׂרֵי צְבָאוֹת, officers over the legions, as the Targum [Onkelos] renders.

Shemos 14:13. And Moses said to the people, Do not fear, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show to you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see them again. 14. The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

Shemos 14:15. And the Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to me? Speak to the people of Israel, that they go forward; 16. And lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it; and the people of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea... 21. And 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 dry land, and the waters were divided... 30. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

Shemos 14:31. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses. [*Shituf?*]

The Clarity of the Vision of the People at the Sea [*Moshe brought Israel from the Red Sea, from the place where their understanding of things was at its highest level*]

Rashi, Shemos 15.2 ... This is my God He revealed Himself in His glory to them [the Israelites], and they pointed at Him with their finger [as denoted by הֵן, this]. By the sea, [even] a maidservant perceived what prophets did not perceive.-[from Mechilta]

Shemos 15:1. Then sang Moses and the people of Israel this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying, I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider has he 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... 8. And with the blast of Your nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea... 10. You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11. Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? ...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... 17. You shall bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which You have made for You to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. 18. The Lord shall reign forever and

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ever... 22. So ***Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea***, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

Shemos 16:2. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness; 3. And the people of Israel said to them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for you [Moshe & Aaron] have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger... 6. And Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, At evening, then ***you shall know that the Lord has brought you out from the land of Egypt;***

Rashi, Shemos 16:6 – evening Heb. עֶרֶב. Like בְּעֶרֶב, toward evening. [According to Siftei Chachamim, the correct reading is בְּעֶרֶב, in the evening.][from Onkelos and Jonathan] **you shall know that the Lord brought you out of the land of Egypt** ***Since you [the people of Israel] said to us [Moses and Aaron], “For you have brought us out” (verse 3), you shall know that we are not the ones who brought [you] out, but [it was] the Lord [Who] brought you out,*** for He will cause the quail to fly to you.[See commentary on verse 13]

Shemos 16:7. And in the morning, then you shall see the glory of the Lord; when He hears your murmurings against the Lord; and ***what are we, that you murmur against us?*** 8. And Moses said, This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening meat to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord hears your murmurings which you murmur against him; and ***what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord...*** 12. I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; speak to them, saying, At evening 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... 17:2. Therefore **the people complained to Moses**, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, ***Why do you strive with me? why do you tempt the Lord?*** 3. And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why have **you** brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

Shemos 16:32. And Moses said, This is what the Lord commands, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread with which I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.

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Shemos/Exodus 18:1. When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and 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. And her two sons; and the name of one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land; 4. And the name of the other was Eliezer; ***for the God of my father, said he, was my help, and saved me from the sword of Pharaoh;***

Tehillim 20:7. Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Shemos/Exodus 18:5. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God; 6. And he said to Moses, I your father-in-law Jethro have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.

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Shemos/Exodus 18:7. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other about their welfare; and they came 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, and all the hardship that had come upon them by the way, and *how the Lord saved them.*

Shemos/Exodus 18:9. And *Jethro rejoiced because of all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom He had delivered from the hand of the Egyptians.* 10. And Jethro said, *Blessed be the Lord, who has saved you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has saved the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.* 11. *Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods;* for in the thing where they dealt proudly he was above them. 12. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God; and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

Shemos/Exodus 18:13. And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood by Moses from the morning to the evening. 14. And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that you do to the people? Why do you sit by yourself alone, and all the people stand by you from morning to evening?

Shemos/Exodus 18:15. And Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God; 16. When they have a matter, they come to me; and I judge between one and another, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

Shemos/Exodus 18:17. And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good. 18. You will certainly wear away, both you, and this people who are with you; *for this thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it yourself alone.* 19. Listen now to my voice, I will give you counsel, and God shall be with you; Represent the people before God, that you may bring the causes to God; 20. And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way where they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21. And you shall choose out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens; 22. And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge; so it shall be easier for yourself, and they shall bear the burden with you. 23. If you shall do this thing, and God command you so, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

Tehillim 121:4. Behold, *He who watches Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

Shemos/Exodus 18:24. So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25. And Moses chose able men from all Israel, and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26. And they judged the people at all seasons; the difficult causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

Shemos/Exodus 18:27. And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way to his own land.

Shemos/Exodus 19:1. In the third month, when the people of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. 2. For they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the desert of Sinai, and had camped in the wilderness; and **there Israel camped before the mount.**

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Rashi, Shemos 19:2 – They journeyed from Rephidim Why did [Scripture] have to repeat and explain from where they had journeyed? Did it not already state (Exod. 17:1) that they were encamped in Rephidim? It is known that they journeyed from there. But [it is repeated] to compare their journey from Rephidim to their arrival in the Sinai desert. Just as their arrival in the Sinai desert was with repentance, so was their journey from Rephidim with repentance.-[from Mechilta] **and Israel encamped there** Heb. יָחַד, [the singular form, denoting that they encamped there] **as one man with one heart**, but all the other encampments were [divided] with **complaints and with strife**.-[from Mechilta] **opposite the mountain** [This means] to its east. And wherever you find [the word] “opposite (נֶגֶד),” it means facing the eastern side.-[from Mechilta] [This signifies that they were facing west, toward the eastern side of Mount Sinai.]

Yirmiyahu 32:39. And ***I will give them one heart, and one way***, that they may fear me for ever, for their good, and for their children after them.

Shemos/Exodus 19:3. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel; 4. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and ***how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself***. 5. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own treasure among all peoples; 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 people of Israel.

Shemos/Exodus 19:7. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. 8. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to the Lord.

Shemos/Exodus 19:9. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, ***I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever***. And Moses told the words of the people to the Lord. 10. And the Lord said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, 11. And be ready by the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. 12. And you shall set bounds to the people around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that you go not up into the mount, or touch its border; whoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death. 13. There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mount.

Rashi, Shemos 19:9 – in the thickness of the cloud Heb. בְּעֵבֶר הָעָנָן, in the thickness of the cloud, and that is the opaque darkness (עֲרַפָּל) [mentioned in Exod. 20:18].-[from Mechilta] **and...in you forever** Also in the prophets who will follow you.-[from Mechilta] **And Moses relayed, etc.**-on the following day, which was the fourth day of the month.-[from Jonathan] **the words of the people, etc.** [Namely] a response to this statement I have heard from them [the Israelites], that they want to hear [directly] from You. **[They maintain that] there is no comparison between one who hears [a message] from the mouth of the messenger and one who hears [it] from the mouth of the king [himself]. [They say,] “We want to see our King!”**-[from Mechilta]

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Shemos/Exodus 19:14. And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. 15. And he said to the people, Be ready by the third day; do not come near a woman.

Shemos/Exodus 19:16. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the sound of a shofar exceedingly loud; so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and **they stood at the lower part of the mount**. 18. And Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly. 19. And when the voice of the shofar sounded long, and became louder and louder, **Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.**

Rashi, Shemos 19:17 – toward God [This expression] tells [us] that the Shechinah came out toward them like a bridegroom going out toward a bride. This is [the meaning of] what is stated: “The Lord came from Sinai” (Deut. 33:2), and it does not say, “came to Sinai.”-[from Mechilta] **at the bottom of the mountain** According to its simple meaning, at the foot of the mountain. Its midrashic interpretation is, however, that the mountain was uprooted from its place and turned over them like a vat.-[from Shabbos 88a]

Shabbos 88a – And they stood under the mount: [Shemos 19:17] R. Abdimi b. Hama b. Hasa said: This teaches that **the Holy One, blessed be He, overturned the mountain upon them like an [inverted] cask, and said to them, 'If ye accept the Torah, 'tis well; if not, there shall be your burial.'** R. Aha b. Jacob observed: This furnishes a strong protest against the Torah. [It provides an excuse for non-observance, since it was forcibly imposed in the first place.] Said Raba, Yet even so, they re-accepted it in the days of Ahasuerus, for it is written, [the Jews] confirmed, and took upon them [etc.]: [Esther 9:27. *The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all who joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year.*] [i.e.,] they confirmed what they had accepted long before. Hezekiah said: What is meant by, **Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from Heaven; The earth feared, and was tranquil:** [Tehillim 76:9.² *You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still.*] if it feared, why was it tranquil, and if it was tranquil, why did it fear? But at first it feared, yet subsequently it was tranquil, [It feared lest Israel would reject the Torah, and became tranquil when Israel accepted it.] And why did it fear? — Even in accordance with Resh Lakish. For Resh Lakish said: Why is it written, And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day; [Bereshis 1:31. *And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*] What is the purpose of the additional ‘the’? [In the case of the other days it is simply stated, a second day, a third day, etc., ‘a’ being altogether unexpressed in Hebrew.] This teaches that the Holy One, blessed be He, stipulated with the Works of Creation and said thereto. ‘If Israel accepts the Torah, ye shall exist; but if not, I will turn you back into emptiness and formlessness.’ [He thus translates homiletically: and the continuance of morning and evening was depended on the sixth day, sc. of

² A reference to the entire world hearing the giving of the Torah at Sinai? Just as all of the “waters” of the world parted with the parting of the Yam Suf?

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*Sivan, when Israel was offered the Torah. The general idea is: **Without law and order as exemplified by the Torah the world must lapse into chaos and anarchy.**^{3]}*

Shemos/Exodus 19:20. And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount; and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. 21. And the Lord said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. 22. And let **the priests [Kohanim; firstborn]** also, who come near the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them.

Rashi, Shemos 19:22 – And also, the priests [I.e.,] also the firstborn, who perform the [divine] service.- [from Zevachim 115b] **who go near to the Lord** to offer up sacrifices (targumim), they too shall not rely on their importance to ascend the mountain. **shall prepare themselves** They shall be ready to stand on their position. **lest the Lord wreak destruction** Heb. . נִפְחַן an expression of a breach. [This means] He will kill some of them and [thus] make a breach in them [their completeness].

Zevachim 115b – BEFORE THE TABERNACLE WAS SET UP [etc.] R. Huna son of R. Kattina sat before R. Hisda, and recited [the text], And **he sent the young men of the children of Israel, [who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the Lord]**. [Shemos 24:5. The 'young men' were **the firstborn, not priests**, and the occasion was when Moses built an altar at the foot of Mount Sinai (ibid. v. 4).^{4]} Said he to him: Thus said R. Assi: **And they ceased.** [This was the last time that **the firstborn performed the sacrificial service, though it was nearly a year before the Tabernacle was set up.**] Now, he thought to refute him from our Mishnah, when he heard him teach in R. Adda b. Ahaba's name: The burnt-offering[s] which Israel sacrificed in the wilderness did not require flaying and dismembering; whereupon he refuted him from a Baraita, which had a bearing upon the whole [of his teaching]. For it was taught: Before the Tabernacle was set up bamoth were permitted and **the service was performed by the firstborn**, and all were eligible to be offered, viz., animals, beasts, birds, male and female, unblemished or blemished; clean, but not unclean; [Only clean animals etc., i.e., those which may be eaten, could be offered.] and all offered burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offering[s] which Israel offered in the wilderness required flaying and dismembering; and gentiles are permitted to do thus in these days? [Non-Jews might still offer at bamoth 'in these days', after the building of the Temple.] It is a controversy of Tannaim. For it was taught: **And let the priests also, that come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves:** [Shemos 19:22. This was immediately before Revelation, while the incident cited above took place immediately after Revelation.] R. Joshua b. Karhah said: This intimated the separation of **the first born**. [By '**priests**' **the firstborn are meant here, as it was they who 'came near the Lord' to perform sacrifices, and the verse now separated them and forbade them to approach the mountain.**] Rabbi said: This intimated the separation of Nadab and Abihu. [**Not the firstborn but actual priests are meant**, viz., Nadab and Abihu, who became priests at Sinai. — Thus **Rabbi holds that henceforth only the children of Aaron might act as priests**, while **R. Joshua b. Karhah maintains that the service was still performed by the firstborn.**^{5]} On the view that this meant the separation of Nadab and Abihu, it is well: hence it is written, This is that the Lord spoke, saying.' 'Through them that are near unto Me I will be sanctified'. [Vayikra 10:3. I.e., God had warned them previously, in the verse under discussion.]

³ The "laws of the physical world" were set-up by HaShem, but without the "**Laws of the Spiritual World**" to supplement them, the entire reason for the creation of Olam Hazeh would be negated.

⁴ **Shemos 24:4.** And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5. And he sent **young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.**

⁵ N Re: Or HaChayim, Bamidbar 3:45.

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But on **the view that it meant the retirement of the firstborn**, where was [this warning] indicated? [*The priests had never been warned.*] In the text, And there I will meet with the children of Israel; and [the Tent] shall be sanctified by My glory [bi-kebodi]: [*Shemos 29:43*] read not bi-kebodi, but bi-kebuday [My honored ones]: [*This requires only a change of punctuation.*] this the Holy One, blessed be He, said to Moses, but they did not know [its meaning] until the sons of Aaron died. [*God intimated that when He would 'meet with the children of Israel', i.e., at the consecration of the Tabernacle, He would be sanctified through His honored ones (the priests), but they did not understand the allusion.*] When the sons of Aaron died, he [Moses] said to him: 'Oh my brother! Thy sons died only that the glory of the Holy One, blessed be He, might be sanctified through them'. [*This is what God had meant. — Emended text (Sh.M.).*] When Aaron thus perceived that his sons were the honored ones [*Or, the favored ones. Lit., 'the known ones'.*] of the Omnipresent, he was silent, and was rewarded for his silence, as it is said, And Aaron held his peace. [*Vayikra 10:3. The reward was that God subsequently spoke specially to him, v. 8.*] And thus it says of David, *Be silent before the Lord, and wait patiently [hith-hollel] for Him:* [*Tehillim 37:7*] though He casts down many slain [*halalim*] of thee, be silent before Him. And thus it was said by Solomon, [There is . . .] a time to keep silence, and a time to speak: [*Kohelles 3:7*] sometimes a man is silent and is rewarded for his silence; at others a man speaks and is rewarded for his speaking. And this is what R. Hiyya b. Abba said in R. Johanan's name: What is meant by the text, Awful is God out of thy holy places [*mi-mikdashka*]? [*Tehillim 68:36*] Read not *mi-mikdashka* but *mimekuddasheka* [through thy consecrated ones]: when the Holy One, blessed be He, executes judgment on His consecrated ones, He makes Himself feared, exalted, and praised.

Shemos/Exodus 19:23. And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for you charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

Shemos/Exodus 19:24. And the Lord said to him, Go, get you down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break forth upon them. 25. So Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.

The Ten Commandments: Representative of all 613

Shemos/Exodus 20:1. And God spoke **all these words**, saying,

Rashi, Shemos 20:1 – God spoke-Heb. אֱלֹהִים. [The word] אֱלֹהִים always means “a judge.” [This Divine Name is used here] because there are some sections in the Torah [that contain commandments] that if a person performs them, he receives a reward, but if not, he does not receive any punishment for them. I might think that so it is with the Ten Commandments. Therefore, Scripture says: “God (אֱלֹהִים) spoke,” [signifying God's role as] a Judge, [Whose function is] to mete out punishment [when the Ten Commandments are not obeyed]. [from Mechilta] **all these words [This] teaches [us] that the Holy One, blessed be He, said the Ten Commandments in one utterance, something that is impossible for a human being to say [in a similar way]. If so, why does the Torah say again, “I am [the Lord, your God (verse 2)]” and “You shall have no...” (verse 3)? Because He later explained each statement [of the Ten Commandments] individually.- [from Mechilta] to respond** Heb. לֵאמֹר, lit., to say. [This] teaches [us] that they responded to the positive [commandments], “Yes,” and to the negative [commandments], “No.”-[from Mechilta]

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The Rambam wrote a preface to his codification of the 613 Commandments, in which he enumerated the 'principles' by which he either included or excluded certain "commandments" from his listing of the six hundred and thirteen. The third of these "principles" states that "We are not to include (in this enumeration of the 613) commandments which are not binding for all time." The Rambam expand this "principle" as follows:

You must know that the very language (of the Sages): "**Taryag Commandments have been declared to Moses on Sinai**" (*Makkos 23b– THEREFORE GAVE HE THEM TORAH (TEACHINGS) AND MANY COMMANDMENTS . . .*] R. Simlai when preaching said: Six hundred and thirteen precepts were communicated to Moses, three hundred and sixty-five negative precepts, corresponding to the number of solar days [in the year], and two hundred and forty-eight positive precepts, corresponding to the number of the members [*Joints, or bones, covered with flesh and sinews (excluding the teeth)*] of man's body. Said R. Hamnuna: What is the [authentic] text for this? It is, *Moses commanded us torah, an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob*, (*Devarim 33:4*) 'torah' being in letter-value, equal to (24a) six hundred and eleven, [**,* = 400. *u* = 6; *r* = 200; *v* = 5, total = 611*] 'I am' and 'Thou shalt have no [other Gods]' [not being reckoned, because] we heard from the mouth of the Might [Divine].), **teaches us that this number [613] constitutes the number of Commandments which are binding for all time, because Commandments which are not so binding have no specific connection with Sinai, regardless of whether they were proclaimed there or not.** Their expression 'on Sinai' means only the essential Revelation of the Torah which took place on Sinai. This is contained in His words, exalted be He, (*Shemos 24:12*) '*...Come up to me into the mount, and be there; and I will give you [tablets of stone, and the Torah, and commandments which I have written; that you may teach them].*' And [the Sages] say expressly: 'What [proof is there in] Scripture that 613 Commandments have been declared to Moses on Sinai? It is the verse, (*Devarim 33:4*) '*Moses commanded us a Torah, the inheritance [of the congregation of Jacob].*' That is to say, **He commanded us (to observe as many Commandments as are signified by) the sum of the letter-numbers 'TORAH' which is six hundred and eleven. (Shemos 20:2) 'I am the Lord your G-d, etc,' and (Shemos 20:3) 'You shall have no other gods before Me,' they heard from the Almighty Himself.**" [*Makkos 23b/24a*] With these two the number Taryag is completed.

The intent of this rubrication is (to teach us) that the Word we have been commanded by Moses, and that we have heard only from him, is signified by the sum of the letter-numbers of 'TORAH,' and it is that (number of Commandments) which He has declared to be (*Devarim 33:4*) '*...an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob*'. **A Commandment which is not binding for all time is not 'an inheritance' to us, for 'an inheritance' is only something which exists for all time,** just as it is said, (*Devarim 11:21*) '*...as the days of the heavens above the earth*'. [This verse speaks of the land which HaShem swore to give to the Patriarchs (*Devarim 11:21*): '*That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.*'] So too is their statement – 'it is as if each and every limb (of the two-hundred and forty-eight limbs in the human body) enjoins the person to do a (Positive) Commandment, and as if each and every day (of the three hundred and sixty-five days in the solar year) it admonishes him against committing a transgression' – **proof that the sum (613) will never decrease. But if Commandments not binding for all time are to be included in this enumeration, the number would be bound to lessen at the time when a particular Commandment has been completely fulfilled by the attainment of its object,** and that statement [That there were 613 Commandments were declared to Moses on Sinai.] would have been correct only at a given particular time.

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Shemos/Exodus 20:2. **I am the Lord your God, Who have brought you out of the land of Egypt**, out of the house of slavery.

Rashi, Shemos 20:2 – Who took you out of the land of Egypt The taking [you] out [of Egypt] is sufficient reason for you to be subservient to Me. Alternatively, [God mentions the Exodus] since He revealed Himself on the sea as a valiant warrior, and here He revealed Himself as an old man full of mercy, as it is said: “and beneath His feet was like the form of a brick of sapphire” (Exod. 24:10). That [brick] was before Him at the time of the enslavement [to remember the Israelites' suffering when they made bricks as slaves], “and like the appearance of the heavens” (Exod. 24:10), [i.e., there was joy before Him] when they were redeemed. Since I change in [My] appearances, do not say that they are two [Divine] domains, [but] **I am He Who took you out of Egypt and I am He Who performed the miracles by the sea (Mechilta)**. Alternatively, [God mentions the Exodus] since they [the Israelites] heard many voices [during the revelation], as it is said: “And all the people saw the voices” (verse 15), [meaning that] voices came from four directions and from the heavens and from the earth, [so] do not say that there are many domains (Exod. Rabbah 5:9). And why did He say [this] in the singular [possessive], **אֲנִי הוֹצֵאתִי**? In order to give Moses an opening to offer a defense in the incident of the calf. This is [the meaning of] “Why, O Lord, should Your anger be kindled against Your people?” (Exod. 32:11). You did not command them, “You shall not have the gods of others before Me,” but [You commanded] me alone (Exod. Rabbah 43:5). **out of the house of bondage** Literally, out of the house of slaves. [I.e.] from Pharaoh's house, where you were slaves to him. Or perhaps [Scripture] means only: from the house of slaves, that they were slaves to [other] slaves? Therefore, Scripture says: “and He redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt” (Deut. 7:8). Consequently, you must say that they were slaves to Pharaoh, but not slaves to [other] slaves.-[from Exod. Rabbah 43:5]

Shemos/Exodus 20:3. **You shall have no other gods before Me.** 4. You shall not make for you any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing 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 yourself to them, nor serve them; for **I the Lord your God am a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6. And showing mercy to thousands of those who love me, and keep my commandments.

Rashi, Shemos 20:5 – a zealous God Heb. **אֵצֶק**, zealous to mete out punishment. **He does not forgo retaliating by forgiving the sin of idolatry.** Every [expression of] **אֵצֶק** means enprement in Old French, zealous anger. He directs His attention to mete out punishment. **of those who hate Me** As the Targum [Onkelos paraphrases: **when the sons continue to sin following their fathers, i.e., when they cling to their fathers' deeds.-[from Sanh. 27b]**

Shemos/Exodus 20:7. 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.

Shemos/Exodus 20:8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work; 10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates; 11. For **in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day;** therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.

Rashi, Shemos 20:11 – and He rested on the seventh day **As if [it were] possible, He ascribed rest [even] to Himself to teach (as an example) from Him of kal vachomer [a**

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fortiori] reasoning for man, whose work is with toil and fatigue, that he must rest on the Sabbath. [I.e., although God does not and did not actually rest, He had His cessation of creating recorded as rest, so that humans would learn that if God, Whose work is accomplished without any toil or fatigue, rested on the Sabbath, surely people, whose work is accomplished only with hard work and fatigue, must rest on the Sabbath.]-[from Mechilta] blessed...and sanctified it He blessed it with manna to double it on the sixth day—"double bread"—and He sanctified it with manna, that it did not fall then [on the Sabbath].-[from Mechilta]

Shemos/Exodus 20:12. Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Shemos/Exodus 20:13. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Shemos/Exodus 20:14. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

Shemos/Exodus 20:15. And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they were shaken, and stood far away. 16. And they said to Moses, Speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

Shemos/Exodus 20:17. And Moses said to the people, **Fear not; for God has come to test you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not.** 18. And the people stood far away, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Rashi, Shemos 20:17 – in order to exalt you To magnify you in the world, so that your name should circulate among the nations, that He in His glory revealed Himself to you.-[from Mechilta] **to exalt תִּבְאֵר**, an expression of exaltation and greatness, similar to “lift up a banner (תִּבְאֵר)⁶” (Isa. 62:10); “will I raise My standard (תִּבְאֵר)” (Isa. 49:22); “and like a flagpole (תִּבְאֵר) on a hill” (Isa. 30:17), which is upright. [Thus all these words signify “raising up.”] **and in order that His awe** By way of the fact that you saw that He is feared and dreaded, you will know that there is none beside Him and you will fear him.

Shemos/Exodus 20:19. And the Lord said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the people of Israel, **You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.** 20. You shall not make with me gods of silver, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

Shemos/Exodus 20:21. An altar of earth **you shall make to me**, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, your sheep, and your oxen; in all places where I cause my name to be pronounced I will come to you, and I will bless you. 22. And if you will make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of a cut stone; for if you lift up your tool upon it, you have

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polluted it. 23. Neither shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed there.

Rashi, Shemos 20:21 – An altar of earth Attached to the ground, [meaning] that it should not be built on pillars or on a block of wood (another version: [on] a base). [According to the Mechilta and Rashi on Zev. 58a, the reading is “archways.”] Alternatively, [מִזְבֵּחַ אֲדָמָה] means] that he [Moses] would fill the hollow of the altar with earth when they [the Israelites] encamped. [from Mechilta] **you shall make for Me That from the beginning, it shall be made in My name.** [I.e., it should not be made for another purpose and then later used as an altar.]-[from Mechilta] **and you shall slaughter beside it** Heb. עָלָיו, like “And beside it (עָלָיו) was the tribe of Manasseh” (Num. 2: 20). Or perhaps עָלָיו means literally “upon it.” Therefore, Scripture says: “the flesh and the blood on the altar of the Lord, your God” (Deut. 12:27), [meaning that only the flesh and blood are to be put on the altar] but the slaughtering is not [to be performed] on top of the altar.-[from Mechilta] **your burnt offerings and your peace offerings** which are from your sheep and your cattle. “Your sheep and your cattle” is the explanation of “your burnt offerings and your peace offerings.” **Wherever I allow My name to be mentioned, I will come to you and bless you** Heb. אֶזְכֶּר, lit., I will mention. [This should apparently read תִּזְכֶּר, you will mention. Therefore, Rashi explains that it means: whenever] I will permit you to mention My Explicit Name, there I will come to you and bless you. I will cause My Shechinah to rest upon you. From here you learn that permission was given to mention the Explicit Name only in the place to which the Shechinah comes, and that is in the Temple in Jerusalem. There permission was given to the priests to mention the Explicit Name when they raise their hands to bless the people.-[from Mechilta, Sifrei, Num. 6:23, Sotah 38a]

Parshas Yisro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

Tanach - Exodus Chapter 18

1. When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and 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. And her two sons; and the name of one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land;
4. And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was my help, and saved me from the sword of Pharaoh;
5. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God;
6. And he said to Moses, I your father-in-law Jethro have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.
7. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other about their welfare; and they came 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, and all the hardship that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord saved them.
9. And Jethro rejoiced because of all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered from the hand of the Egyptians.
10. And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who has saved you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has saved the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
11. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods; for in the thing where they dealt proudly he was above them.

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12. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God; and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.
13. And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood by Moses from the morning to the evening.
14. And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that you do to the people? Why do you sit by yourself alone, and all the people stand by you from morning to 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 matter, they come to me; and I judge between one and another, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.
17. And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good.
18. You will certainly wear away, both you, and this people who are with you; for this thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it yourself alone.
19. Listen now to my voice, I will give you counsel, and God shall be with you; Represent the people before God, that you may bring the causes to God;
20. And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way where they must walk, and the work that they must do.
21. And you shall choose out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens;
22. And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge; so it shall be easier for yourself, and they shall bear the burden with you.
23. If you shall do this thing, and God command you so, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.
24. So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.
25. And Moses chose able men from all Israel, and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
26. And they judged the people at all seasons; the difficult causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.
27. And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way to his own land.

Tanach - Exodus Chapter 19

1. In the third month, when the people of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.
2. For they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the desert of Sinai, and had camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.
3. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel;
4. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself.
5. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own treasure among all peoples; 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 people of Israel.
7. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.
8. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to the Lord.

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9. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.
10. And the Lord said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,
11. And be ready by the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai.
12. And you shall set bounds to the people around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that you go not up into the mount, or touch its border; whoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death.
13. There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mount.
14. And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.
15. And he said to the people, Be ready by the third day; do not come near a woman.
16. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the sound of a shofar exceedingly loud; so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.
17. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the lower part of the mount.
18. And Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly.
19. And when the voice of the shofar sounded long, and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.
20. And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount; and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.
21. And the Lord said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.
22. And let the priests also, who come near the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them.
23. And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for you charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.
24. And the Lord said to him, Go, get you down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break forth upon them.
25. So Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.

Tanach - Exodus Chapter 20

1. And God spoke all these words, saying,
2. I am the Lord your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
3. You shall have no other gods before me.
4. You shall not make for you any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing 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 yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
6. And showing mercy to thousands of 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.

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9. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work;
10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates;
11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.
12. Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.
13. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
14. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.
15. And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they were shaken, and stood far away.
16. And they said to Moses, Speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.
17. And Moses said to the people, Fear not; for God has come to test you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not.
18. And the people stood far away, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.
19. And the Lord said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the people of Israel, You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.
20. You shall not make with me gods of silver, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.
21. An altar of earth you shall make to me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, your sheep, and your oxen; in all places where I cause my name to be pronounced I will come to you, and I will bless you.
22. And if you will make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of a cut stone; for if you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it.
23. Neither shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed there.

Haftorah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Tanach - Isaiah Chapter 6

1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
2. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.
3. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of he who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.
6. Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;
7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.
8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear hear, but do not understand. See see, but do not perceive.

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10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and be healed.

11. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities are destroyed without inhabitants, and the houses without man, and the land is completely desolate,

12. And the Lord has moved men far away, and there is a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13. And if one tenth remain in it, then that shall again be consumed; but like a terebinth tree, or like an oak, whose stump remains, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be its stump.

Tanach - Isaiah Chapter 7

1. And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to fight against it, but could not prevail against it.

2. And it was told the house of David, saying, Aram is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.

3. Then said the Lord to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shear-Yashuv your son, at the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool in the highway of the washers' field;

4. And say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Aram, and of the son of Remaliah.

5. Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,

6. Let us go up against Judah, and harass it, and let us make a breach in it for us, and set a king in its midst, the son of Tabeal;

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5. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called "Wonderful counsellor of the mighty God, of the everlasting Father, of the Prince of peace".

6. (K) For the increase of the realm and for peace there without end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts performs this.

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Shemos/Exodus 18:5. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God; 6. And he said to Moses, I your father-in-law Jethro have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.

Shemos/Exodus 18:7. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other about their welfare; and they came 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, and all the hardship that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord saved them.

Shemos/Exodus 18:9. And Jethro rejoiced because of all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered from the hand of the Egyptians. 10. And Jethro said, Blessed be

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□ Jethro = "his abundance" 1) father-in-law of Moses; also 'Jether'

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the Lord, who has saved you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has saved the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods; for in the thing where they dealt proudly he was above them. 12. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God; and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

Shemos/Exodus 18:13. And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood by Moses from the morning to the evening. 14. And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that you do to the people? Why do you sit by yourself alone, and all the people stand by you from morning to evening?

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Shemos/Exodus 18:17. And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good. 18. You will certainly wear away, both you, and this people who are with you; for this thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it yourself alone. 19. Listen now to my voice, I will give you counsel, and God shall be with you; Represent the people before God, that you may bring the causes to God; 20. And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way where they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21. And you shall choose out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens; 22. And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge; so it shall be easier for yourself, and they shall bear the burden with you. 23. If you shall do this thing, and God command you so, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

Shemos/Exodus 18:24. So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25. And Moses chose able men from all Israel, and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26. And they judged the people at all seasons; the difficult causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

Shemos/Exodus 18:27. And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way to his own land.

Shemos/Exodus 19:1. In the third month, when the people of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. 2. For they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the desert of Sinai, and had camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

Shemos/Exodus 19:3. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel; 4. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself. 5. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own treasure among all peoples; 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 people of Israel.

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Shemos/Exodus 19:7. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. 8. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to the Lord.

Shemos/Exodus 19:9. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to the Lord. 10. And the Lord said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, 11. And be ready by the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. 12. And you shall set bounds to the people around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that you go not up into the mount, or touch its border; whoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death. 13. There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mount.

Shemos/Exodus 19:14. And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. 15. And he said to the people, Be ready by the third day; do not come near a woman.

Shemos/Exodus 19:16. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the sound of a shofar exceedingly loud; so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the lower part of the mount. 18. And Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly. 19. And when the voice of the shofar sounded long, and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.

Shemos/Exodus 19:20. And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount; and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. 21. And the Lord said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. 22. And let the priests also, who come near the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them.

Shemos/Exodus 19:23. And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for you charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

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Shemos/Exodus 20:1. And God spoke all these words, saying,

Shemos/Exodus 20:2. I am the Lord your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Shemos/Exodus 20:3. You shall have no other gods before me. 4. You shall not make for you any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing 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 yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the

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Shemos/Exodus 20:7. 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.

Shemos/Exodus 20:8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work; 10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates; 11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.

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Shemos/Exodus 20:17. And Moses said to the people, Fear not; for God has come to test you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not. 18. And the people stood far away, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Shemos/Exodus 20:19. And the Lord said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the people of Israel, You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 20. You shall not make with me gods of silver, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

Shemos/Exodus 20:21. An altar of earth you shall make to me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, your sheep, and your oxen; in all places where I cause my name to be pronounced I will come to you, and I will bless you. 22. And if you will make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of a cut stone; for if you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it. 23. Neither shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed there.

Parshat Yithro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

Tanach - Exodus Chapter 18

1. When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and 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,

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3. And her two sons; and the name of one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land;
4. And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was my help, and saved me from the sword of Pharaoh;
5. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God;
6. And he said to Moses, I your father-in-law Jethro have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.
7. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other about their welfare; and they came 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, and all the hardship that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord saved them.
9. And Jethro rejoiced because of all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered from the hand of the Egyptians.
10. And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who has saved you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has saved the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
11. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods; for in the thing where they dealt proudly he was above them.
12. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God; and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.
13. And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood by Moses from the morning to the evening.
14. And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that you do to the people? Why do you sit by yourself alone, and all the people stand by you from morning to 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 matter, they come to me; and I judge between one and another, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.
17. And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good.
18. You will certainly wear away, both you, and this people who are with you; for this thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it yourself alone.
19. Listen now to my voice, I will give you counsel, and God shall be with you; Represent the people before God, that you may bring the causes to God;
20. And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way where they must walk, and the work that they must do.
21. And you shall choose out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens;
22. And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge; so it shall be easier for yourself, and they shall bear the burden with you.
23. If you shall do this thing, and God command you so, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.
24. So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.
25. And Moses chose able men from all Israel, and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
26. And they judged the people at all seasons; the difficult causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.
27. And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way to his own land.

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Tanach - Exodus Chapter 19

1. In the third month, when the people of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.
2. For they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the desert of Sinai, and had camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.
3. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel;
4. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself.
5. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own treasure among all peoples; 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 people of Israel.
7. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.
8. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to the Lord.
9. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.
10. And the Lord said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,
11. And be ready by the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai.
12. And you shall set bounds to the people around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that you go not up into the mount, or touch its border; whoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death.
13. There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mount.
14. And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.
15. And he said to the people, Be ready by the third day; do not come near a woman.
16. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the sound of a shofar exceedingly loud; so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.
17. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the lower part of the mount.
18. And Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly.
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20. And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount; and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.
21. And the Lord said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.
22. And let the priests also, who come near the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them.
23. And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for you charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

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24. And the Lord said to him, Go, get you down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break forth upon them.

25. So Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.

Tanach - Exodus Chapter 20

1. And God spoke all these words, saying,

2. I am the Lord your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3. You shall have no other gods before me.

4. You shall not make for you any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing 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 yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6. And showing mercy to thousands of 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 shall you labor, and do all your work;

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates;

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.

12. Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.

13. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

14. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

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Haftorah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Tanach - Isaiah Chapter 6

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1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
2. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.
3. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of he who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.
6. Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;
7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.
8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear hear, but do not understand. See see, but do not perceive.
10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and be healed.
11. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities are destroyed without inhabitants, and the houses without man, and the land is completely desolate,
12. And the Lord has moved men far away, and there is a great forsaking in the midst of the land.
13. And if one tenth remain in it, then that shall again be consumed; but like a terebinth tree, or like an oak, whose stump remains, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be its stump.

Tanach - Isaiah Chapter 7

1. And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to fight against it, but could not prevail against it.
2. And it was told the house of David, saying, Aram is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.
3. Then said the Lord to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shear-Yashuv your son, at the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool in the highway of the washers' field;
4. And say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Aram, and of the son of Remaliah.
5. Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,
6. Let us go up against Judah, and harass it, and let us make a breach in it for us, and set a king in its midst, the son of Tabeal;

Tanach - Isaiah Chapter 9

5. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called "Wonderful counsellor of the mighty God, of the everlasting Father, of the Prince of peace".
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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.

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Israel: 10 And they SAW the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they SAW God, and did eat and drink. 12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.]

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KJV Exodus 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: 11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 13 Thou shalt not kill. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15 Thou shalt not steal. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his

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maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's. 18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off. 19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. 20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*. 22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. 24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. 25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. 26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

Parshas YITHRO Verses & Notes

JETHRO = Jether, Reuel, Hobab, Heber, Keini, & Putiel...

--KJV Exodus 2:18 And when they came to **Reuel their father**, he said, How *is it that* ye are come so soon to day?

--KJV Exodus 4:18 And Moses went and returned to **Jethro** [יִתְרוֹ] his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And **Jethro** [יִתְרוֹ] said to Moses, Go in peace.

--KJV Exodus 18:1 When **Jethro**, the **priest** of Midian [כֹּהֵן מִדְיָן], Moses' father in law,

heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for **Israel his people**, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;

Zechariah 8:23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew,***

saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you. [אֲלֵהִים עִמָּכֶם]

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel [עִמָּנוּ אֵל].

Isaiah 8:10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for **God is with us** [עִמָּנוּ אֵל].... 18 Behold, ***I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Jeremiah 16:19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, *the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.*** 20 ***Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?***

--KJV Numbers 10:29 And Moses said unto **Hobab**, the son of Raguel the Midianite, **Moses' father in law**, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

--KJV Judges 1:16 And the children of the **Kenite, Moses' father in law**, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

--KJV Judges 4:11 Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of **Hobab the father in law of Moses**, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by Kedesh.

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Jethro vs Amalek

--**Exodus 18:1** When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, **heard** of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt... 8 And **Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.** 9 And **Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.** 10 And Jethro said, **Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.** 11 **Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods:** for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them. 12 And **Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God:** and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

--**KJV Exodus 18:17** And Moses' father in law said unto him, **The thing that thou doest is not good.** 18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; **thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.** 19 **Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:** 20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee. 23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. 24 So **Moses hearkened to 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 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

--a "vav" was added to his name: Jether to Jethro

KJV Exodus 17:8 **Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel** in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 25:17** **Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt:** 18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God.

--**KJV 1 Samuel 15:6** And Saul said unto **the Kenites**, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for **ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt.** So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

KJV Exodus 18:2 Then **Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,**

--**KJV Exodus 4:20** And **Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt:** and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

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Exodus 18:4 And the name of the other *was* Eliezer; for the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and **delivered** [וַיַּצִּילַנִי] me from the sword of Pharaoh... **8** And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD **delivered** [וַיַּצִּילֵם] them. **9** And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had **delivered** [delivered him] [וַיַּצִּילֵהוּ] out of the hand of the Egyptians.

KJV Exodus 18:11 Now I **know** that the LORD *is* greater than all **gods**[אֱלֹהִים]: for in the thing *wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.*

H430 אֱלֹהִים 'elohiyim {el-o-heem'} □ plural of 0433; TWOT - 93c; n m p □ AV - God 2346, **god 244, judge 5, GOD 1, goddess 2, great 2, mighty 2, angels 1, exceeding 1, God-ward + 04136 1, godly 1; 2606 □ 1) (plural) 1a) rulers, judges 1b) divine ones 1c) angels 1d) gods 2) (plural intensive - singular meaning) 2a) god, goddess 2b) godlike one 2c) works or special possessions of God 2d) the (true) God 2e) God**

--"measure for measure"

KJV Exodus 18:12 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a **burnt offering** and **sacrifices** for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

--offerings **NOT** for sin!!!

H5930 עֹלָה 'olah {o-law'} or עוֹלָה 'owlah {o-law'} □ f act part of 05927; TWOT - 1624c,1624d; n f □ AV - burnt offering 264, burnt sacrifice 21, ascent 1, go up 1; 289 □ 1) whole burnt offering 2) ascent, stairway, steps

H2077 זֶבַח zebach {zeh'-bakh} □ from 02076; TWOT - 525a; n m □ AV - sacrifice 155, offerings 6, offer 1; 162 □ 1) sacrifice 1a) sacrifices of righteousness 1b) sacrifices of strife 1c) sacrifices to dead things 1d) the covenant sacrifice 1e) the passover 1f) annual sacrifice 1g) thank offering

--If Moses is symbolic of Jesus, and Jesus is the ONLY path to God why are these verses found in Tanakh?

---**KJV Exodus 32:30** And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

---**KJV Leviticus 23:15** And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

KJV Exodus 18:13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. **14** And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? **15** And Moses said unto his father in law, Because

the people come unto me ***to enquire*** [וַיִּדְרֹשׁוּ] of God: **16** When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws. **17** And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good. **18** Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for ***this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.*** **19** Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: **20** And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. **21** Moreover **thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of**

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--KJV Deuteronomy 1:14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is good for us* to do.

Exodus 18:15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me **to enquire [לְדַרְשׁ] of God:

***H1875 דָּרַשׁ darash {daw-rash'}

□ a primitive root; TWOT - 455; v

□ AV - **seek** 84, **enquire** 43, **require** 12, **search** 7, **misc** 18; 164

□ 1) **to resort to, seek, seek with care, enquire, require** 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to resort to, frequent (a place), (tread a place) 1a2) to consult, enquire of, seek 1a2a) of God 1a2b) of heathen gods, necromancers 1a3) to seek deity in prayer and worship 1a3a) God 1a3b) heathen deities 1a4) to seek (with a demand), demand, require 1a5) to investigate, enquire 1a6) to ask for, require, demand 1a7) to practice, study, follow, seek with application 1a8) to seek with care, care for 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to allow oneself to be enquired of, consulted (only of God) 1b2) to be sought, be sought out 1b3) to be required (of blood)

Exodus 18:16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.

--Deuteronomy 17:8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; 9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment: 10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: 11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. 12 And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

Exodus 18:18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. [THIS does NOT equate with Moshe being a "type" of "_____"]

Exodus 18:20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them **the way** [אֶת־הַדֶּרֶךְ] wherein they must walk [יֵלְכוּ], and **the work** [וְאֶת־הַמַּעֲשֵׂה] that they must do [יַעֲשׂוּ].

KJV Exodus 18:21 Moreover thou shalt **provide** out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, *hating covetousness*; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

H2372 צָהַח chazah {khaw-zaw'} □ a primitive root; TWOT - 633; v □ AV - see 38, behold 7, look 3, prophesy 2, provide 1; 51 □ 1) **to see, perceive, look, behold, prophesy, provide** 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to see, behold 1a2) to see as a seer in the ecstatic state 1a3) to see, perceive 1a3a) with the intelligence 1a3b) to see (by experience) 1a3c) to provide

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*****Deuteronomy 16:19** Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

*****1 Samuel 12:3** Behold, here I *am*: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

--*IF HaShem teaches us not to accept a temporal bribe that we are both cognizant of and certain to benefit from, how much more so should we shun a "bribe" that we must take a "leaf of Faith" in order to perceive benefit...!!!*

Leviticus 19:14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

****Deuteronomy 27:18** Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

KJV Exodus 18:27 And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

--**KJV Numbers 10:29** And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel. 30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. 31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. 32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

--**KJV Exodus 3:12** And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

KJV Exodus 19:2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there **Israel camped before the mount.**

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if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is

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****Deuteronomy 28:1** And it shall come to pass, *if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

--KJV Exodus 40:15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for *their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.*

--KJV Numbers 18:1 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and *thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.*

---if the highpriest is symbolic of Jesus, why is he "sharing" his responsibilities???

--KJV Numbers 25:13 And *he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.*

--KJV Joshua 18:7 But the Levites have no part among you; for *the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance:* and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

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####Matthew 11:13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

***Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

#####Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

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KJV Exodus 19:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, *I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.* And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. [HaShem sanctions Moses as His prophet]

KJV Exodus 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down *in the sight of all the people* upon mount Sinai.

KJV Exodus 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were **thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud;** so that *all the people that was in the camp trembled.* 17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18 And **mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a**

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furnace [כִּבְרֵי־אֵשׁ], and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, **Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.** 20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

--KJV Exodus 20:18 And **all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking:** and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

KJV Exodus 20:22 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.**

--KJV Deuteronomy 4:9 Only **take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;** 10 *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, **Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.** 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. 12 And **the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice....** 15 **Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:**

Exodus 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace [כִּבְרֵי־אֵשׁ], and the whole mount quaked greatly.

--Psalm 119:119 **Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross:** therefore I love thy testimonies.

--Proverbs 25:4 **Take away the dross from the silver,** and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

--Proverbs 26:23 **Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.**

--Isaiah 1:22 **Thy silver is become dross,** thy wine mixed with water... 25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and **purely purge away thy dross,** and take away all thy tin:

--Ezekiel 22:18 Son of man, **the house of Israel is to me become dross:** all they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; **they are even the dross of silver.** 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **Because ye are all become dross,** behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20 **As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you...** 22 **As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst** thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

--Deuteronomy 4:20 But **the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt,** to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye *are* this day.

--1 Kings 8:51 For **they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:**

****Jeremiah 11:4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from **the iron furnace,** saying, **Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:**

--Proverbs 17:3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and **the furnace for gold:** but **the LORD trieth the hearts.**

--Proverbs 27:21 *As* the fining pot for silver, and **the furnace for gold;** so *is* a man to his praise.

--Isaiah 48:10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; **I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.**

--Judges 7:4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and **I will try them** for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with

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thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

--2 **Samuel 22:31** *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; **the word of the LORD is tried**: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

*****Psalm 12:6** The words of the LORD *are* pure words: **as silver tried in a furnace** of earth, purified seven times.

*****Psalm 18:30** *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: **the word of the LORD is tried**: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

--**Psalm 17:3** Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; **thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing**; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

--**Psalm 26:2** Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; **try my reins and my heart**.

--**Psalm 66:10** For thou, O God, hast proved us: **thou hast tried us, as silver is tried**.

--**Psalm 119:140** **Thy word is very pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it.

--**Proverbs 30:5** **Every word of God is pure**: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

--**Jeremiah 9:7** Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, **I will melt them, and try them**; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

--**Daniel 12:10** **Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried**; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but **the wise shall understand**.

--**Zechariah 13:9** And **I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried**: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

--**Malachi 3:2** But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for **he is like a refiner's fire**, and like fullers' soap: 3 And **he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver**, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness [בְּצִדְקָהּ בְּנִיחָהּ].

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----**KJV Deuteronomy 4:15** **Take ye therefore good heed** unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

--**KJV Deuteronomy 4:23** **Take heed** unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 4:16** Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, **the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female**, 17 The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, 18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: 19 And **lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven**.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 4:24** For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 4:32** For **ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?** 33 **Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?** 34 Or **hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that**

the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 **Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none**

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else beside him. 36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, 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... 39

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath:

there is none else... Deuteronomy 5:4 The LORD talked with you **face to face** in the mount out of the midst of the fire... 22 **These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the**

mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he

added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth... 26 **For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?**

Exodus 19 & 24 + Deuteronomy 4 = THE REVELATION

--four levels of holiness = four levels of the Temple = Temple is a re-creation of Sinai!!!

KJV Exodus 19:13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet [יְבִל/יוֹבֵל] soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

--KJV Genesis 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns [קַרְנָיו]: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

H3104 יוֹבֵל yowbel {yo-bale'} or יְבֵל yobel {yob-ale'} □ apparently from 02986; TWOT - 835e; n m □ AV - jubile 21, ram's horn 5, trumpet 1; 27 □ 1) ram, ram's horn, trumpet, cornet 1a) ram (only in combination) 1a1) ram's horn, trumpet 1b) jubilee year (marked by the blowing of cornets) (meton)

H7161 קַרְנָי qeren {keh'-ren} □ from 07160; TWOT - 2072a □ AV - horn 75, hill 1; 76 □ n f 1) horn 1a) horn 1b) of strength (fig) 1c) flask (container for oil) 1d) horn (as musical instrument) 1e) horn (of horn-like projections on the altar) 1f) of rays of light 1g) hill n pr loc (BDB) 2) a place conquered by Israel probably in Bashan

--Exodus 20:1ff.

---KJV Deuteronomy 5:22 **These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more.** And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

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only ye heard a voice.

KJV Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

--Why would God take the form of a "creation" after stressing that He had no form, and that Israel was not to worship any form of any creation???

KJV Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. [That's impossible, right, Christian brother or sister?]

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1) KJV Exodus 20:2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

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####Galatians 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

####Galatians 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

####Galatians 4:24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

####Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

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--KJV Exodus 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

H5601 סַפִּיר cappiyr {sap-peer'} □ from 05608; TWOT - 1535; n m □ AV - sapphire 10, sapphire stone 1; 11 □ 1) sapphire, lapis lazuli

---KJV Exodus 28:18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

---KJV Exodus 39:11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

---KJV Job 28:6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

---KJV Job 28:16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

---KJV Song of Solomon 5:14 His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

---KJV Isaiah 54:11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

---KJV Lamentations 4:7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire:

---KJV Ezekiel 1:26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

---KJV Ezekiel 10:1 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

---KJV Ezekiel 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

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2) **KJV Exodus 20:3** Thou shalt have no other gods **before me**. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for ***I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*** 6 ***And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments**.***

****Jeremiah 23:24** Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

****1 Kings 8:27** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

--**KJV Numbers 5:14** And the spirit of **jealousy** come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:

****NRS Galatians 3:10** For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."

****Deuteronomy 27:26** Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

3) **KJV Exodus 20:7** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

4) **KJV Exodus 20:8** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: 11 ***For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,*** and rested the seventh day: wherefore ***the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed*** [יְקַדְּשֶׁהוּ] it.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 5:12** Keep the sabbath day to sanctify [יְקַדְּשֶׁהוּ] it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

--**KJV Exodus 16:22** And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man*: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. 23 And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

5) **KJV Exodus 20:12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 5:16** Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

--**KJV Leviticus 19:3** Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.

--**KJV Proverbs 1:8** My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

--**KJV Proverbs 6:20** My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

6) **KJV Exodus 20:13** Thou shalt not kill.

7) **KJV Exodus 20:14** Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8) **KJV Exodus 20:15** Thou shalt not steal [re: kidnapping].

--**KJV Leviticus 19:11** Ye shall not steal [ordinary theft], neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

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9) KJV Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear *false witness* against thy neighbour.

--Deuteronomy 19:18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;*

--Psalm 27:12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for *false witnesses are risen up against me,* and such as breathe out cruelty.

--Proverbs 6:19 *A false witness that speaketh lies,* and he that soweth discord among brethren.

10) KJV Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

--KJV Deuteronomy 5:20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour. 21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that is thy neighbour's. 22 *These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the*

thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes,

and your elders; 24 And ye said, Behold, *the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.* 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. 26 *For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?* 27

Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it. 28 And *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, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. 29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! 30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

Deuteronomy 18:14 For *these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners:* but *as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.* {possess: or, inherit} 15

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, *Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.* 17 And the LORD said unto me, *They have well spoken that which they have spoken.* 18 *I will raise them up a Prophet from among*

their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him. 20 But *the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.* 21 And if thou say in thine heart, *How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?* 22 *When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously:* thou shalt not be afraid of him.

--Deuteronomy 13:1 You must *diligently observe everything that I command you; do not add to it or take anything from it.* 2 *If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or*

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*a wonder, 3 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 4 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: 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. 5 **Ye shall walk after***

***the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.** 6*

And *that prophet*, or that dreamer of dreams, *shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of*

*the house of bondage, **to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD***

***thy God commanded thee to walk in.** So shalt thou put the evil away from the*

midst of thee. 7 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom,

or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, ***Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;** 8 Namely, **of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;** 9 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: 10 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 11 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; **because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.***

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***they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.** 20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not:*

***for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.** 21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.*

Deuteronomy 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, *to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.*

***Judges 2:22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not.*

***Judges 3:1 Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them... 4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.*

--KJV Exodus 25:18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. 20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

--KJV Exodus 27:1 And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. 2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

Shemos 18:1. When Jethro (יֶתְרוֹ), the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt

KJV Exodus 20:25 And if thou wilt make me **an altar of stone**, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: **for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.**
--re: not shaving your face with a blade!!!

Exodus 20:20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to **prove** you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

--SEE: Ramban:

******Isaiah 62:10** Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a **standard** [מִצְבֵּי] for the people.

******Isaiah 30:17** One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an **ensign** [מִצְבֵּי] on an hill.

******Deuteronomy 5:22** These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount **out of the midst of the fire**, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

******1 Samuel 17:39** And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not **proved** [בִּיָּסַדְתִּי] *them*. And David put them off him.

****Moreh Nevuchim III, 24

******Devarim 13:1ff. re: a False Prophet**

******Deuteronomy 8:2** And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, **and to prove** [בִּיָּסַדְתִּי] **thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no.**

******Deuteronomy 13:4[3]** Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: **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.**

****Midrash Rabbah - Exodus XXXI:2

R. Abbahu said: It is written, **Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year** (Ex. XXIII, 14). The Holy One, blessed be He, ordained three festivals and also the Torah for the sake of the patriarchs,(1) and one must not come before God empty-handed on them.(2) And even in these generations,(3) though they the Jews] are harassed, the [study of the] Torah does not stir from them, for it says, **They shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed... for ever** (Isa. LIX, 21). It is like the case of a man who had some trouble with the king and whose good friends pleaded for him to the king. Similarly, **when a man fulfils the commandments, and studies the Torah and practises charity, then while Satan stands accusing him before God, his good friends stand opposite pointing out his good deeds**, as it says, **A man's gift maketh room for him** (Prov. XVIII, 16). **His treatment of the poor helps towards this**; hence does it say, **Happy is he that considereth the poor** (Ps. XLI, 2).

(1) It is in their merit and through emulating their example, that we are privileged to observe the three festivals and engage in the study of the Torah at all times, even in our periods of oppression and distress ('E.J.).

(2) For the patriarchs, too, always came accompanied with sacrifices and good deeds.

(3) When we no longer have our land, temple or sacrifices; these must be compensated for by the practice of charity ('not coming before God empty-handed') and the study of the Torah.

******Psalm 147:19** **He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them.** Praise ye the LORD.

******Deuteronomy 4:20** But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a **people of inheritance** [עַם נַחֲלָה], as *ye are* this day.

******Deuteronomy 32:6** **Do ye thus requite the LORD**, O foolish people and unwise? **is not he thy**

father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

******Amos 3:2** **You only have I known of all the families of the earth:** therefore I will punish you for all

Shemos 18:1. When **Jethro** (יֶתְרוֹ), the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt

your iniquities.

****R' Shimson Raphael Hirsch:**

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****Exodus 33:11** And *the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.* And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

%%Deuteronomy 34:10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face

******Numbers 14:14** And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

******Deuteronomy 5:4** The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

****Deuteronomy 4:9** Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons. **10** Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children... **12** And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice... **15** Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

--**Acts 22:6** And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. **7** And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? **8** And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. **9** And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.