

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES

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THE book derives its name from the fact that it records the enumeration of Israel. Historically, Numbers takes up the story where Exodus left it, and is the book of the wilderness wanderings of the redeemed people consequent upon their failure to enter the land at Kadesh-barnea.

Typically, it is the book of service and walk, and thus completes, with the preceding books, a beautiful moral order: Genesis, the book of the creation and fall; Exodus, of redemption; Leviticus, of worship and fellowship; and Numbers, of that which should follow—service and walk.

It is important to see that nothing was left to self-will. Every servant was numbered, knew his place in the family, and had his own definitely assigned service. The N.T. parallel is 1 Cor. 12.

The second typical lesson is that, tested by wilderness circumstances, Israel utterly failed.

Numbers is in five chief divisions: I. The Order of the Host, 1. 1-10. 10. II. From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea, 10. 11-12. 16. III. Israel at Kadesh-barnea, 13. 1-19. 22. IV. The Wilderness Wanderings, 20. 1-33. 49. V. Closing Instructions, 33. 50-36. 13.

The events recorded in Numbers cover a period of 39 years (Ussher).

CHAPTER 1

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The order of the host: (1) Moses commanded to number the people.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of ^aSinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the ^bsecond month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 ^cTake ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls;

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of *the tribe* of Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of

Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocra.

14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.

16 ^dThese were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, ^eheads of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by *their* names:

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

19 ^fAs the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

^a Num.10.12; Ex.19.1. Cf. Heb.12.18.

^b i.e. May; also v.18.

^c Num.26. 2,63; Ex.30. 12; 2 Sam. 24.2; 1 Chr. 21.2.

^d Num.7.2; 1 Chr.27.16, 22; Jer.9.23, 24.

^e Ex.18.21, 25; Jer.5.5; Mic.3.1,9; 5.2.

^f v.2.

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21 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the children of Judah, by their generations after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

28 Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

32 Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of

the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34 Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These *are* those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel,

being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all ^athey that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 ^bBut the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the ^cLevites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, ^devery man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

CHAPTER 2.

The order of the host: (2) arrangement of the camp.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 ^eEvery man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: ^ffar off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

3 And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch

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throughout their armies: and ^gNahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his host, and ^hthose that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the children of Issachar.

6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun and Eliab the son of Helon *shall be* captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall ⁱfirst set forth.

10 On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 *Then* the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the ^jsecond rank.

17 ^kThen the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so

^a Num.2.32;
14.22-38; 26.
63-65; Ex.
12.37; 38.26;
Deut.10.22;
Heb.11.12.
Cf.Rev.7.
4-9.

^b Num.2.33;
3.15; Ex.38.
21; 1 Chr.6.
1-48; 21.6.

^c Num.10.17-
21.

^d Num.2.2;
24.2.

^e Num.1.52;
Psa.16.6.

^f Josh.3.4.

^g Num.1.7;
10.14; 1 Chr.
2.10.

^h Num.10.14.

ⁱ Num.10.18.

^j Num.10.17,
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shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

18 On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Amihud.

19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh *shall be* Galmiel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the ^athird rank.

25 The standard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him *shall be* the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan.

30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 These *are* those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: ^ball

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those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts *were* six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: ^cso they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAPTER 3.

The order of the host: (3) the priests.

THESE also *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount ^dSinai.

2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office.

4 And Nadab and ^eAbihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

The order of the host: (4) the tribe of Levi.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 ^fBring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt ^ggive the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they *are* wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

^a Num.10.22.^b Num.1.46, 47; 11.21; Ex.38.26.^c Num.24.2, 5,6.^d Israel (history). vs.1-10; Deut.1.6-8,19-40. (Gen.12.2, 3; Rom.11.26.)^e Num.26.61; Lev.10.1,2; 1 Chr.24.2.^f Num.8.6; 18.2; Ex.32.27,28; Deut.33.8,10.^g Num.8.19; 18.6,7.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13 Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD.

The order of the host: (5) the families of Levi.

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

The order of the host: (6) the charges of the sons of Levi.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering

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thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And under the custody and charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses,

a Num.4.24, 26.
b Ex.25.9.
c Ex.35.18.
d 1 Chr.26.23.
e Num.1.53
f Num.1.53
g Num.4.31, 32.

and Aaron and his sons, ^akeeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

39 ^bAll that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

The order of the host: (7) the first-born redeemed (Ex.38. 27, note).

40 And the LORD said unto Moses, ^cNumber all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 ^dAnd thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am the LORD.

46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites;

47 Thou shalt even take five ^eshekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty ^fgerahs:)

48 And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

49 And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites:

50 Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore

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a vs.7,8.

b Num.26.62.

c v.15.

d vs.12,45.

e One shekel = 2s. 9d., or 65 cts.; also v.50.

f One gerah = 11.2 grains, or 3 1-4 cts.

g Ex.38.27, note.

h Ex.26.31; Isa.25.7; Heb.9.3; 10.20.

i Ex.25.10, 16.

j 1 Ki.8.7,8.

k Ex.25.30, note.

l Ex.25.31-38.

m Ex.30.1-5.

n Ex.25.9; 1 Chr.9.29.

and five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

51 And Moses gave the money of them that were ^gredeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4.

The order of the host: (8) service of the Kohathites.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers,

3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things:

5 And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering ^hvail, and cover the ⁱark of testimony with it:

6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over *it* a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the ^jstaves thereof.

7 And upon the table of ^kshewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:

8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the ^lcandlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:

10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *it* upon a bar.

11 And upon the ^mgolden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:

12 And they shall take all the ⁿinstruments of ministry, wherewith they minister, in the sanctuary, and

put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar:

13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it.

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of *°Kohath* shall come to bear *it*; but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. These *things* are the burden of the sons of *°Kohath* in the tabernacle of the congregation.

The order of the host: (9) the office of Eleazar.

16 And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *per-taineth* the *°boil* for the light, and the *°sweet* incense, and the daily *°meat*-offering, and the *°anointing* oil, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the *°Kohathites* from among the Levites:

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most *°holy* things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:

20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

The order of the host: (10) the service of the Gershonites.

21 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of *°Gershon*, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;

23 From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

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24 This *is* the service of the families of the *°Gershonites*, to serve, and for burdens:

25 *°And* they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the *°badgers'* skins that *is* above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that *is* made for them: so shall they serve.

27 At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the *°Gershonites*, in all their burdens, and in all their service; and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

28 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of *°Gershon* in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge *shall be* under the hand of *°Ithamar* the son of Aaron the priest.

The order of the host: (11) the service of the Merarites.

29 As for the sons of *°Merari*, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;

30 From *°thirty* years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

31 And *°this is* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the *°boards* of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof,

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their *°instruments*, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of *°Merari*, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the *°congregation*, under the hand of *°Ithamar* the son of Aaron the priest.

34 And Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the sons of the *°Kohathites* after

a Num.7.9;
10.21; Deut.
31.9; Josh.
4.10; 2 Sam.
6.13; 1 Chr.
15.2,15.

b Ex.25.6;
Lev.24.2.

c Ex.30.34.

d Lit. meal.

e Ex.30.23-
25.

f v.4.

g Num.3.25,
26.

h Ex.26.14.

i v.33.

j v.3.

k Num.3.36,
37.

l Ex.26.15.

m Ex.25.9.

n v.28.

their families, and after the house of their fathers,

35 From ^athirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

36 And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These ^{were} they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,

39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

40 Eventhose that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.

41 ^bThese ^{are} they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.

45 These ^{be} those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

47 ^cFrom thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service

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of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,

48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his ^eservice, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5.

The order of the host: (12) defilement of the camp.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an ^fissue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:

3 Both male and female shall ye put out, ^gwithout the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of Israel, ^hWhen a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;

7 Then they shall ⁱconfess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth ^{part} thereof, and give ^{it} unto ^{him} against whom he hath trespassed.

8 But if the man have no ^jkinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, ^{even} to the priest; beside the ram of the ^katonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.

10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any

a v.47.*b* v.22.*c* v.29.*d* vs.3,23,30;
1 Chr.23.3,
27.*e* vs.15,24,31.*f* Lev.15.2.*g* 2 Ki.7.3;
2 Chr.26.21.*h* Lev.6.2.*i* Psa.32.5;
1 John 1.9.*j* Heb. *gaal*,
Redemp.
(*Kinsman*
type). Isa.
59.20, *note*.*k* See Ex.29.
33, *note*.

man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,

13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner*;

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:

15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her ^aoffering for her, the tenth ^bpart of an ^bephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, ^cbringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water:

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the ^dLORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the ^ebitter water that causeth the curse:

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:

20 But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:

21 Then the priest shall ^fcharge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels,

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^a Lev.5.11.

^b One ephah = 1 bu. 3 pts.

^c 1 Ki.17.18; Ezk.29.16; Heb.10.3.

^d Heb.13.4.

^e vs.17,22,24.

^f Josh.6.26; 1 Sam.14.24; Neh.10.29.

^g Lev.8.27.

^h Lev.2.2,9.

ⁱ Deut.28.37; Isa.65.15; Jer.24.9; 29.18,22; 42.18.

^j Separation. vs.1-8; Num.16.20-26. (Gen.12.1; 2 Cor.6.14-17.)

^k Jud.13.5; Heb.7.26.

to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water:

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and *become* bitter.

25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall ^lswave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:

26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, ^meven the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that*, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and *become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a ⁿcurse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

CHAPTER 6.

The order of the host: (13) the Nazarites.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, ^osaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall ^pseparate *themselves* to vow a vow of a ^qNazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD:

¹ There is a beautiful moral order in chapters 6.-7.; *separation*, 6. 1-12; *worship*, 6. 13-21; *blessing*, 6. 22-27; *service*, 7. 1-89. See Heb. 13. 12-16.

² The Nazarite (more accurately Nazirite, *one separated*) was a person of either sex separated wholly unto the LORD. Abstinence from wine, the symbol of mere natural joy (Psa. 104. 15), was the expression of a devotedness which found all its

3 He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.

7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God *is* upon his head.

8 All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring ^atwo turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an ^batonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass-offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 And this *is* the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

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14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings,

15 And a basket of ^cunleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their ^dmeat-offering, and their drink-offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall ^eoffer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering:

17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his ^dmeat-offering, and his drink-offering.

18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the ^fsodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one ^gunleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair* of his separation is shaven:

20 And the priest shall wave *them for* a wave-offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave-breast and heave-shoulder: and ^hafter that the Nazarite may drink wine.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and *of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, ⁱOn this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

a Lev.5.7.

b See Ex.29.33, note.

c Leaven.vs. 15.17,19; Num.9.11. (Gen.19.3; Mt.13.33.)

d Lit. meal.

e Lev.4.30.

f 1 Sam.2.15.

g Ex.29.23, 28.

h Eccl.9.7.

i Bible prayers (O.T.) vs.22-26; Num.10.35, 36 (Gen. 15.2; Hab.3. 1-16.)

joy in the LORD (cf. Ps. 87. 7; 97. 12; Hab. 3. 18; Phil. 3. 1, 3; 4. 4, 10). The long hair, naturally a reproach to man (1 Cor. 11. 14), was at once the visible sign of the Nazarite's separation, and of his willingness to bear reproach for Jehovah's sake. The type found its perfect fulfillment in Jesus, who was "holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners" (Heb. 7. 26); who was utterly separated unto the Father (John 1. 18; 6. 38); who allowed no mere natural claim to hinder or divert Him (Mt. 12. 46-50).

24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

CHAPTER 7.

The order of the host: (14) the gifts of the princes.

AND it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service:

8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the

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princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:

13 And his offering was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering:

14 One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense:

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

17 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nathaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer:

19 He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten shekels, full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Nathaneel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer:

25 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering:

a Psa.31.16;
80.3,7,19;
Dan.9.17.

b Psa.89.15.

c Isa.26.3,12.

d Lev.8.10,11.

e Num.1.4.

f Num.4.24,
28.

g Num.4.4,
15.

h One shekel =
2s. 9d., or
65 cts.; also
vs.19,25,31,
37,43,49,55,
61,67,73,79,
85,86.

i Lit. meal.

j Ex.30.34.

k Lev.1.2,3.

l Lev.4.23.

m Lev.3.1.

n v.13.

¹ It is beautiful to observe that, though the offerings of the princes were identical, each is separately recorded by the pen of inspiration. Cf. Mk. 12. 41 44.

26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day ^aEliuzur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, *did offer*:

31 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^bmeat-offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

35 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliuzur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, *did offer*:

37 His ^coffering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

41 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day ^dEliasaph the son of ^eDeuel, prince of the children of Gad, *offered*:

43 His ^foffering was one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of

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fine flour mingled with oil for a ^bmeat-offering:

44 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

46 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

47 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, *offered*:

49 His ^goffering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^bmeat-offering:

50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

52 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

53 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day ^hoffered Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh:

55 His ⁱoffering was one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^bmeat-offering:

56 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

58 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

59 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered*:

61 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after

^a Num.1.5;
2.10.

^b Lit. meal.

^c v.13.

^d Num.1.14;
2.14.

^e Called
Reuel; Num.
2.14.

^f v.13.

^g v.13.

^h Num.1.10;
2.20.

ⁱ v.13.

the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^ameat-offering:

62 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

64 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

65 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered*:

67 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^ameat-offering:

68 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

71 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day ^bPagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered*:

73 His ^coffering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^ameat-offering:

74 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

77 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered*:

79 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one

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silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a ^ameat-offering:

80 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

83 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold:

85 Each charger of silver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels *weighed* two thousand and four hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

86 The golden spoons *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons was an hundred and twenty *shekels*.

87 All the oxen for the burnt-offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their ^ameat-offering: and the kids of the goats for sin-offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was ^danointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to ^espeak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the ^fmercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

CHAPTER 8.

The order of the host: (15) the lamps and the candlestick.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven ^glamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

^a Lit. meal.

^b Num.1.13; 2.27.

^c v.13.

^d v.1.

^e Num.12.8; Ex.33.9,11.

^f Ex.25.22.

^g Ex.25.37; 40.25.

3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 And this work of the ^acandlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the ^bpattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

*The order of the host:
(16) cleansing the Levites.*

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and ^ccleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle ^dwater of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his ^emeat-offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering.

9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites:

11 And Aaron shall ^foffer the Levites before the LORD for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, unto the LORD, to make an ^gatonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering.

16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Is-

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rael; instead of such as open every womb, *even instead of* the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

17 For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, *both* man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an ^hatonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an ⁱatonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service *thereof*, and shall serve no more:

26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

CHAPTER 9.

*The order of the host: (17) the
Passover.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai,

^a Ex.25.31.

^b Ex.25.40.

^c 2 Cor.7.1.

^d Num.19.9,
17; Psa.51.
2,7; Heb.9.
13,14.

^e Lit. meal.

^f vs.11-22;
cf. Rom.15.
16.

^g See Ex.29.
33, note.

in the ^afirst month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed ^bseason.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.

5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day:

7 And those men said unto him, We *are* defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or *be* in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

11 The fourteenth day of the ^csecond month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with ^dunleavened bread and bitter *herbs*.

12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any ^ebone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.

13 But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and forbearth to keep the passover, even the same ^fsoul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a ^gstranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the pass-

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a i.e. April; also v.5.

b Ex.12.3; Deut.16.1; 2 Chr.30.3-15; Lk.22.7; 1 Cor.5.7,8.

c i.e. May.

d Leaven. Num.28.17. (Gen.19.3; Mt.13.33.)

e Fulfilled, John 19.36.

f Heb.10.29; 12.25.

g Isa.56,6,7.

h Isa.4.5.

i Num.10.11, 33,34; Ex.33.14,15; Ex.40.36,38.

j Num.1.53; 3.8; Zech.3.7.

k Ex.40.36,37.

over unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

The order of the host: (18) the guiding cloud.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud ^hcovered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was always: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the ⁱcloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the ^jcharge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it* was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel ^kabode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10.

The order of the host: (19) the silver assembly-trumpets.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow *but* with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea: (1) the first march; the halt in Paran.

11 And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

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13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.

18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

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

a Num.1.16;
Ex.18.21.

b Joel 2.1.

c Num.2.10.

d Num.31.6;
1 Chr.15.24;
2 Chr.13.12.

e Num.29.1;
Lev.23.24;
2 Chr.5.12;
Psa.81.3;
89.15; Isa.
27.13.

f Ex.28.29.

g i.e. May.

h Called
Reuel, Ex.2.
18.

i Cf.Ex.18.
15-27.

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.

33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he ^bsaid, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

CHAPTER 11.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea:
(2) *the fire of the Lord at Taberah.*

AND when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and ^cconsumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place ^dTaberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea:
(3) *the flesh-pots of Egypt.*

4 And ^ethe mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic:

6 But now our soul is dried away: *there is nothing at all, beside this ^fmanna, before our eyes.*

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7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 And the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea:
(4) *the complaint of Moses.*

10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I ^gpray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea: (5) *the seventy elders.* (Cf. Ex. 18. 19.)

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the ^hspirit which is upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye

a But see Ex. 13.21,22. What need had Moses of Hobab's eyes? Cf. Jer. 17.5.

b Bible prayers (O.T.). Num. 11.11-15. (Gen. 15.2; Hab. 3.1-16.)

c Miracles (O.T.). vs. 1-3; Num. 16.31-35. (Gen. 5.24; Jon. 2.1-10.)

d A burning.

e Cf. Ex. 12.38, note. Unconverted church members, unable to desire or understand Christ as the Bread of God (Ex. 16.35, note), will clamour for things pleasing to the flesh in the work and way of the church: sumptuous buildings, ornate ritual, an easy doctrine. Alas! they lead away the unspiritual believers also.

f Ex. 16.35, note.

g Bible prayers (O.T.). vs. 11-15; Num. 12.13. (Gen. 15.2; Hab. 3.1-16.)

h Holy Spirit. vs. 17,25,26,29; Num. 24.2. (Gen. 1.2; Mal. 2.15.)

have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it* was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 *But* even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which *is* among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I *am*, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the ^awords of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the ^bspirit that was upon ¹him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea:
(6) *Eldad and Medad prophesy.*

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the ^bspirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

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^a *Inspiration.*
Num. 22.38.
(Ex. 4.15;
Rev. 22.19.)

^b *Holy Spirit.*
vs. 17, 25,
26, 29; Num.
24.2. (Gen.
1.2; Mal. 2.
15.)

^c One cubit =
1 ft. 5.48 in.

^d One homer =
about 86 gals.

^e Num. 33.17.

^f i.e. *graves of*
lust. Num.
33.17.

^g Ex. 15.20.
Cf. Acts 22.
21, 22.

^h Cf. Song 1.5.

ⁱ Cf. Lk. 9.33-
36.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Envyest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his ^bspirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea:
(7) *the quails and the plague.*

31 And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two ^ccubits *high* ²upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten ^dhomers: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 *And* the people ^ejourneyed from ^fKibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

CHAPTER 12.

From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea:
(8) *the murmuring of Miriam and Aaron.*

AND ^gMiriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the ^hEthiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken ⁱonly by Moses? hath

¹ There was no more *power* than before—only more *machinery*. Moses had murmured (v. 11) because of the burden that God had laid upon him. God, in distributing the burden, shows that Moses' power had, all along, been in proportion to his burden.

² The correct rendering is, "about two cubits above the face of the earth," that is, within reach of the people that they might slay them for food. The statement is not that the quails were piled up from the face of the earth two cubits *deep*. The *level of their flight* was two cubits above the earth.

he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very ^ameek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a ^bprophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, ^cwho is faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not ^dafraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became ^eleprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, ^fshe was leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I ^gbeseech thee.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be ^hshut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in ⁱagain.

15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in ^jagain.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and ^kpitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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CHAPTER 13.

At Kadesh-barnea: (1) *the spies sent in.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 ^aSend thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I gave unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.

4 And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gad-diel the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *name-ly*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun ^jJehoshua.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit

^a See Num. 20.10; 1 Pet. 2.23; 2 Cor. 10.1.

^b Cf. Num. 11.25.

^c Heb. 3.1-6.

^d Psa. 105.15.

^e Cf. 2 Ki. 5.27; 2 Chr. 26.19.

^f Bible Prayers (O.T.). Num. 14.13-19. (Gen. 15.2; Hab. 3.1-16.)

^g Lev. 13.4. 46; Heb. 12.9.

^h Deut. 1.19.

ⁱ Cf. Deut. 1.19-28.

^j i.e. Saviour, or Deliverer.

of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.

21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of ^aAnak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 And they came unto the brook of ^bEshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

At Kadesh-barnea: (2) the report of the spies.

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the ^cwilderness of Paran, to ^dKadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it ^efloweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the ^fpeople be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great; and moreover we saw the children of ^gAnak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land

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^a Josh.11.21; 15.13,14.

^b i.e. cluster.

^c v.3.

^d Num.20.1, 16; 32.8; 33. 36; Deut.1. 19; Josh.14.6.

^e Ex.3.8; 33.3.

^f Deut.1.28; 9.1.2.

^g v.33.

^h Josh.11.21, 22.

ⁱ Ex.16.2; 17.3; Num. 16.41; Psa. 106.25.

^j Deut.9.7; 20.3; 1 Sam. 15.22,23.

^k Gen.48.21; Ex.33.16; Deut.20.1, 3,4; 31.6-8; Josh.1.5; Jud.1.22; 2 Chr.13.12; Psa.46.7-11; Zech.8.23.

^l v.23; Deut. 9.7,8,22; Heb.3.8,16.

that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of ^hAnak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

CHAPTER 14.

At Kadesh-barnea: (3) the unbelief of Israel (1 Cor. 10. 1-5; Heb. 3. 7-19).

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel ⁱmurmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land.

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

9 Only ^jrebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, ^kand the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people ^lprovoke me? and how long will it be ere

they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will ^amake of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 ^bAnd Moses said unto the LORD, ^cThen the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

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 daytime in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be ^dfilled with the glory of the LORD.

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have ^etempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 ^fSurely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

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24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

28 Say unto them, *As truly as I live*, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, *concerning* which I swear to make you dwell therein, ^fsave Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who re-

^a Cf. Ex. 32.10.

^b Bible prayers (O.T.). Num. 27.15. (Gen. 15.2; Hab. 3.1-16.)

^c Ex. 32.12; Deut. 9.26, 27; 32.27.

^d Psa. 72.19; Isa. 66.18, 19; Hab. 2.14; Mt. 6.10.

^e Temptation. Deut. 6.16. (Gen. 3.1; Jas. 1.2.)

^f v. 38; Num. 26.65; 32.12; Deut. 1.36-38; Josh. 14.6-15.

¹ Kadesh-barnea is, by the unbelief of Israel there, and the divine comment on that unbelief (Num. 14. 22-38; Deut. 1. 19-40; 1 Cor. 10. 1-5; Heb. 3. 12-19), invested with immense spiritual significance. The people had faith to sprinkle the blood of atonement (Ex. 12. 28) and to come out of Egypt (the world), but had not faith to enter their Canaan rest. Therefore, though redeemed, they were a forty years' grief to Jehovah. The spiritual application is made in Heb. 6. 3-11, *note*.

turned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land.

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still*.

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.

40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *be here*, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the LORD *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they ^apresumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah.

CHAPTER 15.

The years of ¹wandering: (1) the end anticipated.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

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2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ²When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill-offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd or of the flock:

4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD bring a ^bmeat-offering of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of an ^chin of oil.

5 And the fourth *part* of an hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a ^bmeat-offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of an hin of oil.

7 And for a drink-offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace-offerings unto the LORD:

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a ^bmeat-offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half an hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering

^a Cf. Josh. 7. 1-8.

^b Lit. *meal*.

^c One hin = about 6 qts.; also vs. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10.

¹ The *wilderness* was part of the necessary discipline of the redeemed people, but not the years of *wandering*. The latter were due wholly to the unbelief of the people at Kadesh-barnea. The Red Sea, Marah, Elim, Sinai, were God's ways, in development and discipline, and have, of necessity, their counterpart in Christian experience. The Red Sea speaks of the cross as that which—death to Christ but life for us—separates us from Egypt, the world (Gal. 6. 14); Marah of God's power to turn untoward things into blessing; Elim of God's power to give rest and refreshment by the way; Sinai of God's holiness and our deep inherent evil, the experience of Rom. 7. 7-24. So far the path was and is of God. But from Kadesh-barnea to Jordan all save the grace of God toward an unbelieving people, is for warning, not imitation (1 Cor. 10. 1-11; Heb. 3. 17-19). There is a present rest of God, of which the Sabbath and Canaan were types, into which believers may, and therefore should, enter by faith (Heb. 3.-4.).

² It is remarkable that just when the *people* are turning in unbelief from the land,

made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.

15 One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave-offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for an heave-offering: as ye *do* the heave-offering of the threshingfloor, so shall ye heave it.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave-offering in your generations.

22 And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

23 *Even* all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses*, and henceforward among your generations;

24 Then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his *a*meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall make an *b*atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be *c*forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin-offer-

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ing before the LORD, for their ignorance:

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

27 And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin-offering.

28 And the priest shall make an *b*atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an *b*atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, *both* for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

30 But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

What the law really is (Rom. 3. 19; 7. 7-11; 2 Cor. 3. 7, 9; Gal. 3. 10).

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the *a*sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The ribband of blue, the heavenly color—reminder of a separated walk.

37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

a Lit. meal.

b See Ex. 29. 33, note.

c Forgiveness. vs. 25, 26, 28; Psa. 32. 5. (Lev. 4. 20; Mt. 26. 28.)

d Sabbath. vs. 32-36; Neh. 9. 13, 14. (Gen. 2. 3; Mt. 12. 1.)

God gives directions for conduct when they shall have entered it. See Rom. 11. 29; Phil. 1. 6.

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of ¹blue:

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 16.

The years of wandering: (2) the "gainsaying of Korah" (vs. 8-10; Jude 11).

NOW ^aKorah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men*:

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

4 And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face:

5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who *are* his, ^band *who is* holy; and will cause *him* to come near unto him;

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even *him* whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

6 This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be *that* the man whom the LORD doth choose, he *shall be* holy: *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

9 *Seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to "do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?"

10 And he hath brought thee near *to him*, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and ²seek ye the priesthood also?

11 For which cause *both* thou and all thy company *are* gathered together against the LORD: and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:

13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow:

17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring

^a Ex.6.21;
Jude 11.

^b 2 Tim.2.19.

^c Num.3.41,
45; 8.14;
Deut.10.8.

¹ The ribband of blue. Blue, the heavenly colour, used upon the borders of the priests' garments signified that the servants of God were to be heavenly in obedience and character, and separate from earthly ambitions and desires.

² The "gainsaying of Korah" was intrusion into the priest's office ("no man taketh this honour unto himself," Heb. 5. 4). It was an attempt to create a priestly order without the divine authority (5. 10). The modern analogue is Nicolaitanism (Rev. 2. 6, 15), the division of an equal brotherhood (Mt. 23. 8) into "clergy" and "laity"; a vastly different thing from the due recognition of ministry-gifts (1 Cor. 12. 4-31; Eph. 4. 8, 11, 12), or of elders and deacons (1 Tim. 3. 1-13; Tit. 1. 5-9).

ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the ^bpit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

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31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground ^cclave asunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

33 They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the ^bpit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are ^dhallowed.

38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

39 And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad *plates for a covering of the altar*:

40 *To be* a memorial unto the children of Israel, ^ethat no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

^a Separation. vs.20-26; Deut.22.10. (Gen.12.1; 2 Cor.6.14-17.)

^b Heb. *sheol*.

^c Miracles (O.T.). vs. 31-35; Num. 17.8. (Gen. 5.24; Jon.2.1-10.)

^d Lev.27.28.

^e Cf.1 Sam. 13.9; Heb. 5.4; Jude 11.

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an ^aatonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on incense, and made an ^aatonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, ^bbeside them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

CHAPTER 17.

The years of wandering: (3) Aaron's rod that budded.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, ^cwhere I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, whom I shall ^dchoose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of

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^a Ex. 29. 33, note.

^b v. 35.

^c Ex. 25. 22; 29. 42, 43; 30. 36.

^d Num. 16. 5.

^e *Miracles* (O.T.) Num. 20. 7-11. (Gen. 5. 24; Jon. 2. 1-10.)

^f Num. 16. 38; Heb. 9. 4.

^g i. e. be responsible for every neglect or offence relating to. Cf. Ex. 28. 38.

^h Num. 1. 47, ref.

the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the ^lrod of Aaron for the house of Levi was ^ebudded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be ^jkept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Moses did so: as the LORD commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

CHAPTER 18.

The years of wandering: (4) Aaron and the Levites confirmed in their privileges and responsibilities.

AND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall ^kbear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the ^ltribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.

¹ Aaron's rod that budded: Type of Christ in resurrection, owned of God as High Priest. Aaron's priesthood had been questioned in the rebellion of Korah, so God Himself will confirm it (v. 5). Each of the tribe-heads brought a perfectly dead rod; God put life into Aaron's only. So all the authors of religions have died, Christ among them, but only Christ was raised from the dead, and exalted to be a high priest (Heb. 4. 14; 5. 4-10).

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are given* as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the veil; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you* as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every ^ameat-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

11 And this *is* thine; the heave-offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

13 *And whatsoever is* first ripe in the land, which they shall bring

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unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it.

14 Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the ^bfirstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five ^cshekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty ^dgerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, ^eas the wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it *is* a covenant of ^fsalt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have ^gno inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: ^hI *am* thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the ⁱtenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them,

a Lit. meal.

b Ex.13.2-13; 34.20; Lk.2.22-24.

c One shekel = 2s. 9d., or 65 cts.

d One gerah = 11.2 grains, or 3 1-4 cts.

e Ex.29.26-28; Lev.7.31-34.

f Lev.2.13; 2 Chr.13.5; Mk.9.49,50; Col.4.6.

g Deut.10.8,9; 12.12; 14.27-29; 18.1,2; Josh.13.14; 14.3; 18.7.

h Psa.16.5; Ezk.44.28.

i vs.24,26; Lev.27.30,32; Neh.10.37; 12.44; Mal.3.8-10; Heb.7.5,8,9.

Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave-offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth part of the tithe.

27 And *this* your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you, ^aas though *it were* the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave-offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave-offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

CHAPTER 19.

The years of wandering: (5) the ordinance of the red heifer.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

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a 2 Cor.8.12.

b Deut.21.3;
1 Sam.6.7.

c Lev.4.12,21;
16.27; Heb.
13.11.

d Lev.4.6;
16.14-19.

e Lev.14.4,6,49.

f Ex.12.22.

g Heb.9.13.

h vs.13,20,21;
Num.31.23.

2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a ¹red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and ^bupon which never came yoke:

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth ^cwithout the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face:

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and ^dsprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

6 And the priest shall take ^ecedar wood, and ^fhyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

9 And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ^gashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a ^hwater of separation: it is a purification for sin.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 He that toucheth the dead

¹ The red heifer: Type of the sacrifice of Christ as the *ground* of the cleansing of the believer from the defilement contracted in his pilgrim walk through this world, and illustration of the *method* of his cleansing. The order is: (1) The *slaying* of the sacrifice; (2) the sevenfold sprinkling of the blood, typical public testimony before the eyes of all of the complete and never-to-be-repeated putting away of all the believer's sins as *before God* (Heb. 9. 12-14; 10. 10-12); (3) the reduction of the sacrifice to ashes which are preserved and become a *memorial* of the sacrifice; (4) the cleansing from defilement (sin has two aspects—*guilt* and *uncleanness*) by sprinkling with the ashes mingled with water. Water is a type of both the Spirit and the Word (John 7. 37-39; Eph. 5. 26). The operation typified is this: the Holy Spirit uses the Word to convict the believer of some evil allowed in his life to the hindering of his joy, growth, and service. Thus convicted, he remembers that the *guilt* of his sin has been met by the sacrifice of Christ (1 John 1. 7). Instead, therefore, of despairing, the convicted believer judges and confesses the defiling thing as unworthy a saint, and is forgiven and cleansed (John 13. 3-10; 1 John 1. 7-10).

body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall ^apurify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean; but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And ^bfor an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that

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sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

CHAPTER 20.

The years of wandering: (6) *death of Miriam.*

THEN came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and ^aMiriam died there, and was buried there.

The years of wandering:
(7) *thirst in the old place of thirst* (Ex. 17. 1, 2).

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together ^aagainst Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people ^cchode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? *it is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any ^ewater to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

Water from the rock, and Moses' sin.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the ^hrod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and ⁱspeak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them

a Lit. *purge himself from sin.*

b See v.2, note. Cf. John 13.1-10, note.

c i.e. April.

d Ex.15.20; Num.26.59.

e Num.16.19, 42.

f Ex.17.2; Num.14.2.

g v.8, note.

h Num.17.10; see v.9.

¹ See Ex. 17. 5, and *refs.* The rock (Christ, 1 Cor. 10. 4) once smitten, needs not to be smitten (crucified) again. Moses' act exalted himself (v. 10), and implied (in type) that the one sacrifice was ineffectual, thus denying the eternal efficacy of the blood (Heb. 9. 25, 26; 10. 3, 11, 12). The abundant water (grace reaching the need of the people, despite the error of their leader) tells of refreshing and power through the Spirit.

water out of the ^arock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and the ^bwater came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This *is* the water of ^cMeribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

The years of wandering:
(8) *the never-forgiven sin of Edom* (Gen. 25. 30).

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh ^dunto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us:

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:

16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an ^eangel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's *high way*, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink

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d Neh.9.15;
Psa.78.15,16;
105.41;
1 Cor.10.4.

b *Miracles*
(O.T.) vs.
7-11; Num.
21.8,9. (Gen.
5.24; Jon.
2.1-10.)

c i.e. *strife*.
(Ex.17.7.)

d Jud.11.16,17.

e Heb.1.4,
note.

f Psa.137.7;
Ezk.25.12,
13; Oba.
10-15.

g Deut.32.50.

h Cf. Deut.32.
48-52.

i Cf. Gen.28.
20; Jud.11.
30.

of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* any thing *else*, go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus ^fEdom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

22 And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

The death of Aaron.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 ^gAaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, ^hbecause ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron ⁱdied there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

CHAPTER 21.

The march of Israel:

(1) *victory.*

AND when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners.

2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, ^jIf thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my

¹ The death of Aaron marks the end of the *wanderings*. Henceforth Israel marches or halts, but does not wander (see Num. 15., *note* 1).

hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place ^aHormah.

4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

The march of Israel: (2) the serpent of brass (Gen. 3. 1, *note*; John 3. 14, 15; 2 Cor. 5. 20).

5 And the people ^bspake against God, and against Moses, ^cWherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is no bread, neither is there any water;* ^dand our soul loatheth ^ethis light bread.

6 And the LORD ^fsent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, ^gMake thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a ^hserpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he ⁱlived.

10 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at ^jIje-abarim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab, toward the sunrising.

12 From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of

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a i.e. utter destruction.

b Psa. 78. 19.

c Cf. Ex. 16. 3; 17. 3.

d Cf. Num. 11. 4-6.

e Cf. John 6. 48-52, 60-64.

f 1 Cor. 10. 9; Deut. 8. 15.

g John 3. 14, 15.

h 2 Ki. 18. 4.

i *Miracles* (O.T.), vs. 8, 9; Josh. 3. 14-17; (Gen. 5. 24; Jon. 2. 1-10.)

j i.e. ruins of Abarim.

k i.e. the hill.

l i.e. wilderness.

Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

15 And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence *they went* to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 ²Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by *the direction* of the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah:

19 And from Mattanah to Nahal-iel: and from Nahal-iel to Bamoth:

20 And from Bamoth *in* the valley, that *is* in the country of Moab, to the top of ^kPisgah, which looketh toward ^lJeshimon.

The march of Israel: (3) two victories.

21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the king's *high* way, until we be past thy borders.

23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.

¹ See Gen. 3. 14, *note*. The serpent is a symbol of sin *judged*; brass speaks of the divine judgment, as in the brazen altar (Ex. 27. 2, *refs.* and *note*), and self-judgment, as in the laver of brass. The brazen serpent is a type of Christ "made sin for us" (John 3. 14, 15; 2 Cor. 5. 21) in bearing our judgment. Historically, the moment is indicated in the cry: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Mt. 27. 46.)

² The spiritual order here is beautiful: (1) atonement (vs. 8, 9; John 3. 14, 15); (2) water, symbol of the Spirit bestowed (v. 16; John 7. 37-39); (3) joy (vs. 17, 18; Rom. 14. 17); (4) power (vs. 21-24).

25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

33 ^aAnd they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34 And the LORD ^bsaid unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

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CHAPTER 22.

The march of Israel: (4) Balaam (2 Pet. 2. 15; Jude 11; Rev. 2. 14).

AND the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all *that are* round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

a Deut. 3.1; 29.7.

b Deut. 3.2.

c Josh. 24.9; Jud. 11.25; Mic. 6.5; Rev. 2.14.

d Num. 31.8, 16; Josh. 13.22; Neh. 13.2; 2 Pet. 2.15; Jude 11; Rev. 2.14.

5 He sent messengers therefore unto ^dBalaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest *is* cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men *are* these with thee?

10 And Balaam said unto God,

¹ Balaam is the typical hireling prophet, seeking only to make a market of his gift. This is "the way of Balaam" (2 Pet. 2. 15), and characterizes false teachers. The "error of Balaam" (Jude 11) was that he could see only the natural morality—a holy God, he reasoned, *must* curse such a people as Israel. Like all false teachers he was ignorant of the higher morality of vicarious atonement, by which God could be just and yet the justifier of *believing* sinners (Rom. 3. 26). The "doctrine of Balaam" (Rev. 2. 14) refers to his teaching Balak to corrupt the people whom he could not curse (Num. 31. 16, with Num. 25. 1-3 and Jas. 4. 4). Spiritually, Balaamism in teaching never rises above natural reasonings; in practice, it is easy world-conformity. See Rev. 2. 14, *note*.

Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*,

11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt ^anot go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, ^bIf the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 And God's ¹anger was kindled because he went: and the ^cangel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he

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was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him.

23 And the ass saw the ^cangel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

24 But the ^cangel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the ^cangel of the LORD, she thrust her self unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I* was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the LORD ^dopened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy* way is ^eperverse before me:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times:

^a Cf. v. 20.
See Gen. 46.
3, *note*.

^b See v. 12,
ref.

^c Heb. 1.4,
note.

^d See Gen.
21.19; 2 Ki.
6.17; Lk. 24.
16, 31.

^e See 2 Pet. 2.
14, 15.

¹ Cf. Gen. 46. 3, *note*. In v. 12 the directive will of Jehovah is made known to Balaam, in v. 20 Jehovah's *permissive* will. The prophet is now free to go, but knows the true mind of the Lord about it. The matter is wholly one between Jehovah and His servant. The permission of v. 20 really constitutes a testing of Balaam. He chose the path of self-will and self-advantage, and Jehovah could not but gravely disapprove. The whole scene, vs. 22-35, prepared Balaam for what was to follow.

unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the ^aangel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it ^bdisplease thee, I will get me back again.

35 And the ^aangel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: ^cbut only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, ^dwhich is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the ^eword that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I ^fspeak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto ^gKirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that ^hwere with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the ⁱutmost ^jpart of the people.

CHAPTER 23.

Balaam: the prophecy from the high places of Baal. The separation of Israel.

AND Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars,

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^a Heb. 1.4. note.

^b i.e. be evil in thine eyes.

^c See v. 20.

^d Num. 21.13.

^e Inspiration. Num. 23.5, 12-16. (Ex. 4.15; Rev. 22.19.)

^f Num. 23.26; 24.13; 1 Ki. 22.14; 2 Chr. 18.13.

^g Or, a city of streets.

^h Inspiration. vs. 5, 12-16; Deut. 4.2, 13. (Ex. 4.15; Rev. 22.19.)

and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on ^kevery altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me; and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered up on ^kevery altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a ^lword in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt-sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable, and ^msaid, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, ⁿsaying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, ^owhom the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth ^ppart of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed ^qthem altogether.

¹ "Utmost part," etc., means the end of the encampment, the "fourth part of Israel" (Num. 23. 10). Balak's thought, as Grant (following Keil) points out, was not at all to permit Balaam to see the whole of the Hebrew host. In bringing Balaam to Pisgah (vs. 13, 14), Balak corrects what, evidently, he thought a blunder (Num. 23. 13, 14). But when the hireling sees the whole camp he must utter a grander word than before, "He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob," and that with the nation in full view! What an illustration of the truth of Rom. 4. 5-8!

² In the prophecies of Balaam God testifies on *behalf* of His people rather than (as usual) *to* them. It is the divine testimony to their standing as a redeemed people in view of the serpent "lifted up," and of the water from the smitten rock (Num. 21. 5-9; 20. 11). Their *state* was morally bad, but this was a matter concerning the *discipline* of God, not His *judgment*. The interpretation of the prophecies is literal as to Israel, typical as to Christians. Through Christ "lifted up" (John 3. 14) our standing is eternally secure and perfect, though our state may require the Father's discipline (1 Cor. 11. 30-32; 2 Cor. 1. 4-9; cf. vs. 10-13); meantime, against all enemies, God is "for us" (Rom. 8. 31).

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

Balaam: the prophecy from Pisgah: the justification and power of Israel.

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: ^athou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *the LORD* yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should ^brepent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king *is* among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

23 Surely *there is* no enchantment ^aagainst Jacob, neither *is there* any divination ^aagainst Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, ^aWhat hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

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a Better, thou seest but the extremity of them, and dost not see them all.

b Zech.8.14, note.

c i.e. the aurochs, or wild ox.

d Or, in.

e Psa.31.19; 44.1.

f Num.21.20.

g Or, the waste.

h Or, to the meeting of enchantments.

i Num.2.2, etc.

j Num.11.25; 1 Sam.9. 20,23; 10.10; 2 Chr.15.1.

k Holy Spirit. Num.27.18. (Gen.1.2; Mal.2.15.)

l Num.23.7,18.

m i.e. prostrated by the prophetic impulse. See 1 Sam. 19.24; Ezk. 1.28; Dan. 8.18; 10. 15,16; 2 Cor. 12.2-4; Rev. 1.10,17.

n See Jer.51. 13; Rev.17. 1,15.

o 1 Sam.15.9.

p 2 Sam.5.12; 1 Chr.14.2.

q Num.14.9; 23.24.

26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

Balaam: the prophecy from Peor: (1) the beauty and order of Israel.

27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward ^gJeshimon.

29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

CHAPTER 24.

AND when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for ^henchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel ⁱabiding in his tents according to their tribes; and ^kthe ^hspirit of God came upon him.

3 ⁱAnd he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, ^mfalling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* ⁿin many waters, and his king shall be higher than ^oAgag, and his ^pkingdom shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall ^qeat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall

stir him up? *“Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.*

10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: *b*I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore*, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

Balaam: the prophecy from Peor: (2) the Messianic kingdom.

15 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the *nations*; but his latter end *shall* be that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said,

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a Gen.12.3; 27.29.

b Num.22. 17,37.

c See *“Kingdom,”* (Gen. 1.26-28; Zech.12.8.)

d Or, *the first of the nations that warred against Israel.* Ex. 17.8.

e Pronounced *Kittim.* Gen.10.4; Dan.11.30.

f Num.31.8.

g Num.31.16; 1 Cor.10.8.

h Ex.34.15,16; 1 Cor.10.20.

i Ex.20.5.

j Or, *Baal of Peor.* See Num.23.28.

k Psa.106.30.

l Cf. 1 Cor. 10.8, *note.*

Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

24 And ships *shall* come from the coast of *Chittim*, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

CHAPTER 25.

“The doctrine of Balaam” (Num. 31. 16; Rev. 2. 14; Jas. 4. 4).

AND Israel abode in Shittim, and *the* people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto *the* sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and *b*bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto *Baal-peor*: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly.

So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And those that *died* in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar,

the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my ^ajealousy.

12 Wherefore say, ^bBehold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

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 ^catonement for the children of Israel.

14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them:

18 For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

CHAPTER 26.

The new generation of Israel numbered (vs. 64, 65).

AND it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

4 *Take the sum of the people*, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD ^acommanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ^cReuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

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6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram, which were famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:

10 ^dAnd the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: ^eand they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding the children of ^fKorah died not.

12 The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

13 Of Zerach, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the children of Gad, according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 The sons of ^gJudah were Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzitites: of Zerach, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those that were

^a Cf. Ex. 20.5; Deut. 32. 16, 21; 1 Ki. 14. 22.

^b Mal. 2. 4, 5; 3. 1.

^c See Ex. 29. 33, note.

^d See Num. 1. 1, 2.

^e Gen. 46. 8; Ex. 6. 14; 1 Chr. 5. 1.

^f Num. 16. 32-35.

^g 1 Cor. 10. 6; 2 Pet. 2. 6.

^h Ex. 6. 24; 1 Chr. 6. 22.

ⁱ Gen. 38. 2, etc.; 46. 12.

numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

23 *Of* the sons of ^aIssachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

24 *Of* Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These *are* the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

26 *Of* the sons of ^bZebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 The sons of ^cJoseph after their families *were* Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 *Of* the sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites.

30 These *are* the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 *And of* Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and *of* Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

32 *And of* Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and *of* Hopher, the family of the Hopherites.

33 *And* Zelophehad the son of Hopher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 These *are* the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites: of Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 *And these are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph after their families.

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38 The sons of ^dBenjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

39 *Of* Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 *And* the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: *of* Ard, the family of the Ardites: *and* of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 These *are* the sons of ^eDan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 *Of* the children of ^fAsher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 *Of* the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 *And* the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Sarah.

47 These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them; *who were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 *Of* the sons of ^gNaphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:

49 *Of* Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These *were* the numbered of the children of ^hIsrael, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 *And* the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 ⁱUnto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

^a Gen.46.13;
1 Chr.7.1.

^b Gen.46.14.

^c Gen.46.20.

^d Gen.46.21;
1 Chr.7.6.

^e Gen.46.23.

^f Gen.46.17;
1 Chr.7.30.

^g Gen.46.24;
1 Chr.7.13.

^h See Num.1.
46.

ⁱ Josh.11.23;
14.1.

54 To ^amany thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to ^bfew thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him.

55 Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

57 And these *are* they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari the family of the Merarites.

58 These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 And ^cNadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 These *are* they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, ^dThey shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, ^esave Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

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CHAPTER 27.

The law of inheritance.

THEN came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the ^fprinces and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? ^gGive unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses ^hbrought their cause before the LORD.

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of ⁱjudgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Moses to prepare for death.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

13 And when thou hast seen it,

a i.e. the greater.

b i.e. the smaller.

c Lev.10.1,2; Num.3.4; 1 Chr.24.2.

d Num.14.28,29; 1 Cor.10.5,6.

e Num.14.30.

f Or, Chiefs.

g Josh.17.4.

h Ex.18.15,19.

i Or, right.

thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

Joshua appointed in Moses' place.

15 And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: so at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation:

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 28.

The order of offerings.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire

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a Num.20.24,
28; 31.2;
Deut.10.6.

b Num.20.12,
24; Deut.1.
37; 32.51;
Psa.106.33.

c Bible
prayers
(O.T.). Gen.
3.24. (Deut.
15.2; Hab.3.
1-16.)

d 1 Ki.22.17;
Zech.10.2;
Mt.9.36;
Mk.6.34.

e Holy Spirit.
Deut.34.9.
(Gen.1.2;
Mal.2.15.)

f Ex.28.30,
note.

g Josh.9.14;
1 Sam.22.10,
13,15.

h Deut.3.28;
31.7,8.

i Or, savour
of satisfac-
tion. Lev.
1.9, note.

j One ephah
= 1 bu. 3
pts.

k Lit. meal.

l One hin =
about 6 qts.

m Ex.29.42;
see Amos
5.25.

n i.e. April.

o Ex.12.6-18;
Lev.23.5;
Num.9.3;
Deut.16.1;
Ezk.45.21.

which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt-offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even;

5 And a tenth part of an ephah of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil.

6 It is a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink-offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

9 And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof:

10 This is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

11 And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot.

12 And three tenth deals of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for one ram;

13 And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering unto one lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink-offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering unto the LORD shall be offered, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall ^aunleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day shall be an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein*:

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish:

20 And their ^bmeat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram;

21 A several tenth deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

22 And one goat for a sin-offering, to make an ^catonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt-offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

25 And ^don the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 Also ^ein the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new ^bmeat-offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

27 But ye shall offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;

28 And their ^bmeat-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto one bullock, two tenth deals unto one ram,

29 A several tenth deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs;

30 And one kid of the goats, to make an ^catonement for you.

31 Ye shall offer *them* beside the continual burnt-offering, and his ^bmeat-offering, (they shall be unto you without blemish) and their drink-offerings.

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AND in the ^jseventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: ^kit is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

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2 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

3 And their ^bmeat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, to make an ^catonement for you:

6 Beside the burnt-offering of the month, and his ^bmeat-offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and his ^bmeat-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And ye shall have on the tenth day of this ^jseventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall ^hafflict your souls: ye shall not do any work *therein*:

8 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish:

9 And their ^bmeat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to one ram,

10 A several tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the ⁱsin-offering of ^catonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the ^bmeat-offering of it, and their drink-offerings.

12 And ^jon the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:

13 And ^kye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:

14 And their ^bmeat-offerings shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:

16 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, his ^bmeat-offering, and his drink-offering.

^a *Leaven.*
Deut.16.3,
4,8,16. (Gen.
19.3; Mt.
13.33.)

^b *Lit. meal.*

^c *See Ex.29.
33, note.*

^d *Ex.12.16;
13.6; Lev.
23.8.*

^e *Ex.23.16;
34.22; Lev.
23.10-15;
Deut.16.10;
Acts 2.1.*

j, *e.* *October;*
also vs.7,12.

^g *Lev.23.24.*

^h *Psa.35.13;
Isa.58.5.*

ⁱ *Lev.16.3,5.*

^j *Lev.23.34;
Deut.16.13;
Ezk.45.25.*

^k *Ezra 3.4.*

17 And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

18 And their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, ^bafter the manner:

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, and the ^ameat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

21 And their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

22 And one goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, and his ^ameat-offering, and his drink-offering.

23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

24 Their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, his ^ameat-offering, and his drink-offering.

26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

27 And their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

28 And one goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, and his ^ameat-offering, and his drink-offering.

29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

30 And their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

31 And one goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, his ^ameat-offering, and his drink-offering.

32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen

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lambs of the first year without blemish:

33 And their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

34 And one goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, his ^ameat-offering, and his drink-offering.

35 On the eighth day ye shall have ^aa solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein:

36 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

37 Their ^ameat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

38 And one goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, and his ^ameat-offering, and his drink-offering.

39 These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your ^dset feasts, beside your ^evows, and your freewill-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your ^ameat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.

40 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 30.

The law of vows. (Cf. Mt. 5. 33-37.)

AND Moses spake ^funto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 ^gIf a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or ^hswear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

a Lit. meal.

b vs. 3, 4, 9, 10; Num. 15. 12; 28. 7, 14.

c Lev. 23. 36.

d Lev. 23. 2; 1 Chr. 23. 31; 2 Chr. 31. 3; Ezra 3. 5; Neh. 10. 33; Isa. 1. 14.

e Lev. 7. 11, 16; 21. 22, 23.

f Num. 1. 4, 16; 7. 2.

g Lev. 27. 2; Deut. 23. 21; Jud. 11. 30, 35; Eccl. 5. 4.

h Lev. 5. 4; Mt. 14. 9; Acts 23. 14.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard *it*: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her husband ^adisallowed her on the day that he heard *it*; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her, *and* disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*; *then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard *them*.

15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard *them*; then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These *are* the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house.

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CHAPTER 31.

The judgment on Midian
(Num. 25. 6-18).

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 ^bAvenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou ^cbe gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian.

4 Of every tribe ^aa thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and ^dthe trumpets to blow in his hand.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the ^emales.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely*, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: ^fBalaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly ^hcastles, with fire.

11 And ⁱthey took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan near Jericho.

13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains

^a Gen.3.16.^b Num.25.17.^c Num.27.13.^d Num.10.9.^e i.e. alarm clarions.^f See Jud.6. 1,2,33.^g Josh.13.22.^h i.e. encampments.ⁱ Deut.20.14.

over hundreds, which came from the battle.

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye ^asaved all the women alive?

16 Behold, ^bthese caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

18 But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19 And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.

20 And purify all *your* raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.

21 And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.

24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

27 And ^ddivide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation:

28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: ^eone soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and

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of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:

29 Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto Eleazar the priest, for an heave-offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take ^fone portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, ^gwhich keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep,

33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half, *which* was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:

37 And the LORD'S tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD'S tribute was threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD'S tribute was threescore and one.

40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand; of which the LORD'S tribute was thirty and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute, *which* was the LORD'S heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest, ^has the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half *that pertained* unto the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep,

44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,

45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons;)

47 Even ⁱof the children of Israel's

^a See Deut. 20.14; 1 Sam. 15.3.

^b Num. 25.2.

^c 2 Pet. 2.15; Rev. 2.14.

^d Josh. 22.8; 1 Sam. 30.26.

^e See vs. 30, 47; and Num. 18.26.

^f See vs. 42-47.

^g Num. 3.7, 8, 25, 31, 36; 18.3, 4.

^h See Num. 18.8, 19.

ⁱ v. 30.

half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 And the officers which were over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and ^atablets, to make an ^batonement for our ^csouls before the LORD.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty ^dshekels.

53 (For ^ethe men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, ^ffor a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAPTER 32.

The choice of the world-borderers (Gen. 11. 31; Jud. 5. 16; Josh. 7. 7; 2 Tim. 4. 10).

NOW the children of ¹Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of ^gJazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

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4 *Even* the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.

6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, ^hwhen I sent them from ⁱKadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 For ^jwhen they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: ^kfor they have wholly followed the LORD.

13 And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the ^lfierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye ^mturn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones:

17 But ⁿwe ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto

a Or, necklaces.

b See Ex.29.33, note.

c Ex.30.12-16.

d One shekel = 2s. 9d., or 65 cts.

e Deut.20.14.

f Ex.30.16.

g Num.21.32; Josh.13.25; 2 Sam.24.5.

h Num.13.3-26.

i Deut.1.22.

j Num.13.24, 31; Deut.1.24,28.

k Num.14.24; Deut.1.36; Josh.14.8,9.

l Deut.1.34.

m Deut.30.17; Josh.22.16, 18; 2 Chr.7.19; 15.2.

n Josh.4.12,13.

¹ The Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of Manasseh, who chose their inheritance just outside the land, are types of world-borderers—carnal Christians. What their descendants were when Messiah came is seen in Mk. 5. 1-17.

their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 ^aWe will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; ^bbecause our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 And ^cMoses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

22 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and besure ^dyoursinwillfindyouout.

24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead:

27 But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

28 So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:

30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

32 We will pass over armed before

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the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan *may be* ours.

33 And Moses gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, *even* the cities of the country round about.

34 And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shopan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.

37 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being changed,) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

39 And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which was in it.

40 And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small ^etowns thereof, and called them ^fHavoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

CHAPTER 33.

Summary of the journeys from Egypt to Jordan.

THESE are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

3 And they ^gdeparted from Rameses in the ^hfirst month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out ⁱwith an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians buried all

^a Josh.22.3,4.

^b v.33. Josh. 12.1; 13.8.

^c Deut.3.18; Josh.1.14; 4.12,13.

^d Gen.4.7; 44.16; Isa. 59.12.

^e Or, *tent-villages.*

^f Or, *the tent-villages of Jair.*

^g Ex.12.37.

^h i.e. *April.*

ⁱ Ex.14.8.

their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: ^aupon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.

5 ^bAnd the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they ^cremoved from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which *is* before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and ^epassed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they removed from Marah, and ^fcame unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.

11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.

14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at ^hRephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched ⁱat Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

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26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and ^kencamped at Mose-roth.

31 And they departed from Mose-roth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and ^lencamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jobbathah.

34 And they removed from Jobbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which *is* Kadesh.

37 And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the ^mfifth month.

39 And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.

40 And king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

41 And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in ⁿOje-abarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almondiblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almondiblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Beth-jesimoth *even* unto

a Ex.12.12;
18.11; Isa.
19.1.

b Ex.12.37.

c Ex.13.20.

d Ex.14.2,9.

e Ex.14.22;
15.22,23.

f Ex.15.27.

g Ex.16.1.

h Ex.17.1;
19.2.

i Num.11.34.

j i.e. the
graves of
Iust.

k Deut.10.6.

l Deut.10.7.

m Num.20.1;
27.14.

n i.e. August.

o i.e. the
ruins of
Abarim.

^aAbel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

50 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

The law of the possession of the land.

51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^bWhen ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

52 ^cThen ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

53 And ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants* of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: *and* to the ^dmore ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the ^efewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them *shall be* ^fpricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover it shall come to pass, *that* I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

CHAPTER 34.

Preparations to enter the land.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of ^gCanaan; (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)

3 Then ^hyour south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of ⁱthe salt sea eastward:

4 And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon:

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5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And *as for* the western border, ye shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor:

8 From mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to ^kZedad:

9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at ^lHazar-enan: this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham:

11 And the coast shall go down from ^mShepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea ⁿof Chinnereth eastward:

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe:

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*; and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance:

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near* Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 These *are* the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children

a i.e. *the plains of Shittim.*

b Deut.7.1,2; 9.1; Josh. 3.17.

c Ex.23.24,33; 34.13; Deut. 7.2,5; 12.3; Josh.11.12; Jud.2.2.

d i.e. *greater.*

e i.e. *smaller.*

f Josh.23.13; Jud.2.3; Psa.106.34-36; see Ex. 23.33; Ezk. 28.24.

g Gen.17.8; Deut.1.7,8; Psa.78.55; 105.11; Ezk. 47.14.

h Josh.15.1; see Ezk.47. 13, etc.

i Gen.14.3; Josh.15.2.

j Gen.15.18; Josh.15.4,47; 1 Ki. 8.65; Isa.27.12.

k Ezk.47.15.

l Ezk.47.17.

m 2 Ki.23.33; Jer.39.5,6.

n Deut.3.17; Josh.11.2; 19.35; Mt. 14.34; Lk. 5.1.

of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiptan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud.

29 These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAPTER 35.

The cities of refuge.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

2 ^aCommand the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the ^bsuburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand ^ccubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city *shall be* in

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the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for ¹refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the children of Israel: from *them that have* many ye shall give many; but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at ^dunawares.

12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the ^eavenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 ⁸Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

16 ^hAnd if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or *if* he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he

^a Josh.14.3,4;
21.2. See
Ezk.45.1;
48.8, etc.

^b i.e. pasture
grounds.

^c One cubit =
1 ft. 5.48 in.;
also v.5.

^d i.e. by error;
unwittingly.

^e Heb. *gaal*,
Redemp.
(*Kinsman*
type). Isa.
59.20, note.

^f Deut.19.6;
Josh.20.3,
5,6.

^g Deut.4.41;
Josh.20.8.

^h Ex.21.12,14;
Lev.24.17;
Deut.19.11,
12.

¹ The cities of refuge are types of Christ sheltering the sinner from judgment (Psa. 46. 1; 142. 5; Isa. 4. 6; Ex. 21. 13; Deut. 19. 2-9; Rom. 8. 1, 33, 34; Phil. 3. 9; Heb. 6. 18, 19).

may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The ^arevenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him ^bby laying of wait, that he die;

21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; for he *is* a murderer: the ^arevenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly ^cwithout enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait,

23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm:

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the ^arevenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, ^dwhich was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the ^arevenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the ^arevenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the ^emouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die.

31 Moreover ye shall take no ^fsatisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no satisfac-

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^a Heb. *gaal, Redemp. (Kinsman type). Isa. 59.20, note.*

^b Ex.21.14; Deut.19.11.

^c Ex.21.13.

^d Ex.29.7; Lev.4.3; 21.10.

^e Deut.17.6; 19.15; Mt. 18.16; 2 Cor. 13.1; Heb. 10.28.

^f i.e. *ransom.*

^g Psa.106.38; Mic.4.11.

^h Or, *have atonement made for.*

ⁱ Gen.9.6.

^j Ex.29.45,46.

^k Lev.25.10.

^l Num.27.7.

^m 1 Ki.21.3.

tion for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*: for blood ^git defileth the land: and the land cannot be ^hcleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the ⁱblood of him that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for ^jI the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 36.

As to inheritances.

AND the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel:

2 And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the ^kjubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph ^lhath said well.

6 This *is* the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall ^mkeep him-

self to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And ^aevery daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad:

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11 For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons:

12 *And* they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel ^bin the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

^a 1 Chr.23.22.

^b Num.26.3;
36.13.