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The Israelites did well, multiplied and grew strong in the land. A new Pharaoh arose that did not know Joseph. He told his people they needed dealing cleverly with a stronger people. Otherwise in the event of war, they would be able to side with the enemy and go their own way.

So for their contribution under the new rule, the Israelites were organised into labour gangs. They built Pharaoh the supply cities Pithom and Raamses. The more they were given burdens to wear them down, the more they multiplied. The Egyptians felt a sickening anxiety towards the Israelites.

The Egyptians gave the Israelites all the physical jobs. They made their lives bitter with brickwork and field jobs. All their jobs were hard work. Pharaoh asked Shiprah and Puah to let the rest of the Hebrew midwives know, to kill any sons that were given birth to.

The midwives feared God and did not obey the Pharaoh. Pharaoh called them back and asked why they had saved the male children. They told him that Hebrew women were so lively they would give birth before the midwife got there. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives and the people continued to multiply rapidly.

In the end Pharaoh commanded all of Egypt to throw any sons born in the river.

A couple from the house of Levi gave birth to a son. The woman hid the child for three months because of his beauty. When she could no longer hide him she made a boat of bulrushes and asphalt. She put the child in the boat and then laid it in reeds of the riverbank. His sister followed from afar.

Pharaoh's daughter went to the river to bathe accompanied by her maids. When she saw she sent a maid to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. The baby cried. Realising it was a Hebrew child, she decided to save it.

The sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, if she wanted a Hebrew woman called to nurse the child. Pharaoh's daughter told her to go. So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter told her she would pay to have the child taken away and nursed. The child grew. He was brought to Pharaoh's daughter and became her son. She called him Moses because she had pulled him from the river.

When Moses was grown he went to investigate his people's hard work. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. He checked to see no one was around, then killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand.

The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked why they were fighting. They asked if he thought he was a prince or judge, there to kill them like the Egyptian. Moses was afraid it was known. Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses when he found out, but Moses fled to Midian.

The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They would go to the well to fill the troughs for the flock but if other shepherds were around, they would be chased from the well. Moses stood up for them and helped them get the water they needed.

Their father was surprised to see his daughters back at Reuel so quickly. They explained about the Egyptian that had saved them from the shepherds and carried water to the troughs. He asked why they had left him. So they went to invite him to eat bread with them.

Moses lived with them and Zipporah became his wife. They had a son that he called Gersom, as he was a stranger in their land.

As time passed the Pharaoh died. The Israelites groaned in the labour gangs. They cried out and God heard.

Moses was tending Jethro's (his father-in-law) flock. He led them to a mountain in Horeb in the back of the desert. An angel appeared as a flame in the bush. Moses talked to himself as he went to investigate the bush that didn't burn.

God called to him and said not to come any further. He was to take off his sandals because he was on holy ground. He explained he was the God of his fathers before him. Moses became afraid and hid his face. God said he'd seen the oppression of his people in Egypt and their anguish.

God said he was going to save them from Egypt and take them to a huge, bountiful place. He told Moses he was going to send him to Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. But Moses didn't think he was up to the task.

God said he would help and be with him. The sign that it was so, would be when he came back with all the Israelites to the mountain for his next job. Next Moses wanted to know which of the many names for gods he should talk to the Israelites with.

God said it's me, tell them you were sent by me, the Lord God of their fathers. Gather the Israelite elders and let them know the Lord God of their fathers appeared to you. Let them know they had been visited and what was happening to them in Egypt had been seen. God was going to take them to a bountiful land, promised to their fathers.

Then you can go to Pharaoh with the elders. Say God has met with you, please let us go three days into the wilderness to sacrifice to the Lord our God. Pharaoh will not let you go. So I will strike down Egypt with many wonders. After that he will let you go.

The Egyptians will look at you favourably, so you won't leave empty handed. Every woman shall ask her neighbours for anything silver or gold, as well as clothing. Your kids will wear them and this way the Egyptians will be plundered.

The Moses asked what if they denied that God had appeared to him? God told him to throw down what he was holding. He threw the stick on the ground and it became a serpent and Moses ran away from it. God told him to grab it by the tail and it turned back into a stick.

Also put your hand on your chest. He did so and when he pulled it out it had leprosy. He was told to put his hand on his chest again. This time when he took it out the skin was restored like his other skin. If they do not believe you take water from the river. It will turn to blood on the land. Then Moses said he was slow as a speaker. God asked who made the human mouth, ears and eyes. He was to go and he would be taught what to say. But Moses still asked for God to send someone else.

God was pissed. He told Moses his brother Aaron the Levite was coming to meet him. He could speak well and would be glad to see him. He will become your spokesman to the people. Take the stick and do the signs. So Moses returned to Jethro and was told to return in peace to Egypt.

So Moses went back to Egypt, because all who were looking to kill him had died. He put his wife and his son on a donkey. God repeated the instructions to Moses and said that Israel was his firstborn. If Pharaoh refused to let him go, then his firstborn would be killed.

On the way to a camp Zipporah circumcised their son, so that God didn't kill Moses. She complained things had become bloody, being married to him.

God told Aaron to go into the wilderness and meet Moses. Aaron met them on the mountain and Moses let him know what God had said and about the signs.

Moses and Aaron gathered the Israelite elders. Aaron told them what God had said and Moses did the signs. They believed, bowing down when they heard that God checked on how they were doing.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They told him God said to let his people have a feast in the wilderness.

Pharaoh asked who this God was, that was saying to let the Israelites go? He didn't know God and wasn't going to let the Israelites go. Then he asked Moses and Aaron why they were distracting people from their work. He was making all these people rest.

That day Pharaoh said to make the Israelites gather their own straw, but still demand the same quota of bricks. They are doing nothing and have made an outcry to sacrifice to their God. Give them more work so they don't pay attention to lies.

Those in charge told the Israelites what Pharaoh had said. So they were scattered all over the land trying to find dry grass. Those in charge forced them to hurry insisting on the same quota. Pharaoh got those in charge beaten, they missed the quota.

Those in charge of the Israelites went to Moses and Aaron. They told them that they hoped God would deal to them, because they had made Pharaoh hate and want to kill them.

So Moses left and asked God why he had brought trouble on his people. Why had he sent Moses, only for Pharaoh to do evil to the people without saving them?

God said to Moses that he would see how he dealt with Pharaoh. Despite Pharaoh's strength he would release and send them away. He reminded them that he'd made a deal with their ancestors and knew they were struggling, trapped.

He said to let the Israelites know that he would release them from their burdens. They would be released from traps, when God paid to get them back and used big judgements. They would be his people and he, their God.

Moses told the Israelites this, but they didn't listen because they were completely distressed.

God told Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. Moses said the Israelites hadn't listened to him, so why should Pharaoh.

God spoke to Moses and Aaron. He told them to tell the Israelites and Pharaoh to get the Israelites out of Egypt. The head of each house went with Moses and Aaron to speak with Pharaoh.
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Pharaoh asked them to show a miracle to back this up. Aaron threw down his stick and it became a serpent. Pharaoh called those of wisdom and witchcraft. They did the same with enchantments. They threw down sticks and they became serpents. Pharaoh didn't listen.

Pharaoh's hard hearted, refusing to let people go. In the morning they meet him by the river. Tell him because he didn't listen to the Lord God of the Hebrews he would strike the river. Tell him to watch as you strike the river with your stick and it turns to blood. The fish will die, it will stink and the Egyptians will hate drinking from it.

Moses and Aaron did this in front of Pharaoh and his servants. The river turned to blood. There was blood everywhere in Egypt. The Egyptian occultists did the same, so Pharaoh turned and went back into his house. All the Egyptians dug around the water for water to drink and seven days went by.

God told Moses to let Pharaoh know if he refused to let them go the territory would be struck with frogs everywhere. Eventually Moses asked Aaron to hold his stick over the waters. Aaron did and frogs came and covered the land of Egypt. This was replicated with enchantments.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron to request of God that he take the frogs off him and his people. Then he would let them go and sacrifice to God.

They told Pharaoh that it would happen as he had asked, so he would know it was God. Moses called on God concerning the frogs and God did so. All the frogs on the land died and were made into stinky heaps.

But then there was relief. Pharaoh stopped listening. Then God asked Moses to hit the dust with his stick. Aaron did and it became lice on human and beast. This could not be done with enchantments and they told Pharaoh it was God's doing.

God told Moses when Pharaoh went to wash early next morning, to let him know that there would be swarms if he did not listen. The land of Goshen would be free of the swarm, as God made a difference between his people and Pharaoh's.

God did so and swarms filled the house of Pharaoh, his people and their land. Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron. He told them to sacrifice to God in the land.

Moses said that wasn't right, if they did that, the Egyptians would stone them. They would go three days journey as God commanded. Pharaoh said it was okay to go into the wilderness but not too far. Now make my request. Moses said he would go and ask. God removed the swarms.

Then God told Moses, to tell Pharaoh, to let the God of the Hebrew's people go and serve. If he refused God would strike the Egyptians animals. God would differentiate so nothing of the Israelites died.

God then announced that he would do this the next day. The next day all the Egyptian livestock died, but none of the Israelite livestock died. But Pharaoh's heart became hard.

Moses and Aaron were told to scatter furnace ash in front of Pharaoh. It became fine dust through all of Egypt that caused boils and sores. They were on people and animals. The occultists could not do anything because of the boils. Pharaoh still did not listen.

Early in the morning Moses got up and told Pharaoh the next plagues would cut to the heart. They would be sent on Pharaoh's people and servants. If God had wanted, he could have just removed the Egyptians. But God had raised them up to show his power and establish his name in the world.

Pharaoh was still holding up his own importance and not letting the Israelites go. So God let him know around this time tomorrow there was going to be hail unlike anything the Egyptians had seen before. He was to get every person and beast out of the fields. Anything in the field would die. Those who feared what God said, brought their animals and servants in. Those who didn't left them out.

God told Moses to stretch his hand towards heaven so that hail would get any person, animal or plant in Egypt's fields. Moses lifted his rod to the heavens and heavy hail mixed with fire rained down. The Israelites in Goshen had no hail.

Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron. He said that he had not done right, he or his people. God had. Ask God to stop the thunder and hail. Then he would let them go.

Moses said he would raise his hands to God when he left the city. The thunder and hail would stop so that Pharaoh knew the world was God's. But he knew that Pharaoh and his servants still did not fear God.

Once out of the city, Moses did as he had said. When the thunder and hail stopped, Pharaoh failed to do right. He and his servants hardened their hearts.

God told Moses that he had hardened Pharaoh and his servant's hearts to do these signs. Then he could tell his children and grandchildren about them. Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They said God wanted to know how long he would refuse to humble himself. God wanted his people released.

If not locusts would cover the ground tomorrow. They would eat whatever the hail had left behind and fill the houses in Egypt.

Moses left. Pharaoh's servants asked how long that man would trap them. Let the men go to serve their God. Hadn't he figured out that Egypt was destroyed?

Moses and Aaron were called back. Pharaoh told them to go and serve their God. Then he asked who they would take with them. Moses answered the whole tribe and all the animals would go so they could hold their feast for God.

Pharaoh said they would definitely need God with them if they took their little ones with them, it would only lead to evil. It would not be so, the men there now could serve God as they desired. They were kicked out of Pharaoh's place.

God told Moses to raise his stick over Egypt. So Moses did and God brought an east wind to the land for the day. The next morning the wind brought locusts. They were everywhere in Egyptian territory. Nothing green remained in Egypt.

Pharaoh quickly got Moses and Aaron brought to him. Pharaoh told them that he had not done right for God or them. He asked to be forgiven so that this death could be taken away. Moses left and asked God. God turned a west wind which blew the locusts into the Red Sea. But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart and he didn't let the Israelites go.

God told Moses to stretch his hand toward heaven, that a darkness that could be felt would be over the land. Moses did and there was a thick darkness in Egypt for three days. They did not see anyone or go anywhere. But the Israelites had light in their dwellings.

Then Pharaoh called Moses. He told him to go and serve the Lord, let only your flocks and herds remain. Their little ones could go too.

Moses said they needed to sacrifice to God. Not one hoof would be left behind. They still didn't know what they would need, till they arrived.

God hardened Pharaoh's heart and he told Moses to go away. He told him to think about what he'd said and never come before him again. If he did, he would die.

Moses said Pharaoh had spoken well, he would never see him again. There was one more plague God was going to bring on Egypt. Then they would surely be driven out. He told Moses to announce that the Israelites would be asking their neighbours for gold and silver items. God had made it so the Egyptians thought well of the Israelites. They also considered Moses a great man.

So Moses reported that around midnight God was going to go through Egypt. All of the firstborns from Pharaoh's family, through to a mill maid's family, would die. Likewise with their animals. Then there will be a cry so great that it had never been, or would never be heard again. But a dog would not even growl at the Israelites and their animals.

He told them that Pharaoh's servants would come and bow down. They would tell him to get out with all who followed him and he would go. He stormed out of Pharaoh's place.

God told Moses and Aaron it would be the first month of their year. On the tenth, each Israelite house (or a couple of small houses) would get an unblemished, one year old lamb (or goat). On the fourteenth, everyone will kill it at twilight. They would put the blood on the doorposts and lintel where they ate.

The animal would be roasted whole and the meat eaten with bitter yeast-less bread. Any leftovers were to be burnt before morning. They would eat God's Passover as a quick meal, dressed ready to journey.

God would pass through Egypt that night and strike the firstborn of each person and animal. Seeing the blood on the door meant the destruction would pass by them.

Their descendants would remember this day. It would always be a feast for God. For seven days you would eat bread without yeast. On the first day any yeast will be removed from the house. Anyone eating bread with yeast, during this, would cut from the Israelites.

On the first and seventh day they would come together to observe that God brought their armies out of Egypt. For the next seven days they would also eat bread without yeast and still no yeast would be in their homes. Whoever had yeast before the twenty first would be cut from the Israelites.

Moses told the Israelite elders about dipping a bunch of hyssop in the blood of the lamb. Then hitting the lintel and doorposts with it. God would pass through and hit the Egyptians. They would stay inside till morning. Then when God saw the blood around the door he would not allow the destroyer in. They would observe this forever. The people praised God and did as he commanded.

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Foreigners were not to eat Passover. Circumcised servants could. Travellers and temp workers could not. It will be eaten in the house, no meat will leave the house and none of the bones will be broken. All Israelites will do this. If a stranger dwells with you, all their males may be circumcised if they want to keep Passover. They will become natives. Other than this the law will be the same for native or stranger.

Firstborns were to be dedicated to God, both human and animal. If they wanted to keep them they would have to be redeemed by sacrifice. It would be a reminder to their children of what happened to get them out of Egypt.

At midnight, God hit Egypt. From Pharaoh's firstborn, to prisoners children and the livestock. The Egyptians got up and there was a great cry. No house, did not have a death.

God told Moses and Aaron to get up the Israelites with their animals, then to get out. The Egyptians told them to hurry before they were all dead. So the Israelites took the kneading bowls of yeast-less dough and wrapped it in their clothes. They carried this on their shoulders along with silver, gold and clothes from the Egyptians.

About six hundred men, their families and lots of livestock went through Egypt. The Israelites had been in Egypt four hundred and thirty years. Celebrating this night was to be carried out seriously through all generations.

God led them around the wilderness of the Red Sea. Moses took the bones of Joseph to keep the oath. By day they were led by a pillar of cloud and by night they were led by a pillar of fire.

God told Moses that they should camp by the sea at Pi Hahiroth. Then Pharaoh will think the wilderness had gotten to them. So they did.

Pharaoh and his servants questioned letting the Israelites go from serving them. Pharaoh readied his chariot. With his captains he took six hundred chariots to chase the Israelites. They got ahead of the Israelites.

As Pharaoh came near the Israelites were afraid. They cried out to God and asked Moses if he had brought them to die in the wilderness because there was no graveyard for them in Egypt. They reminded him that they told him to leave them alone to serve the Egyptians.

Moses told the people not to be afraid. They would stay still and see how God would save them. The Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. God will fight for you and that will shut you up.

God asked Moses what he wanted from him. Moses was to tell the Israelites to move forward. But he would lift up his stick and divide the sea. The Israelites would go through the sea on dry ground. God would make the Egyptians hard hearted. They would follow, so God would gain honour over Pharaoh's army. Then the Egyptians would know he was God.

God's angel, that led them, moved behind the Israelites. So the Egyptians had a cloud of darkness and the Israelites were given light. So one did not come near the other that night. Moses reached out over the sea and God used a wind from the east to divide the water. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on either side.

The Egyptian chariots all chased. In the first watch of the morning God gave them wheel trouble and it was difficult to drive. They talked amongst themselves that God was fighting for the Israelites against them, the Egyptians fled.

God told Moses to reach out his hand over the sea. In the morning the sea returned to its full depth covering the chariots and horses. No one in the army survived. The dead were seen on the shore and the Israelites feared God believing Him and Moses.

They all sung and spoke of God's victory. Miriam, Aaron's sister was a prophetess. She took her tambourine and sung a chorus. All the women joined with tambourines and dancing.

They went into the wilderness of Shur and could not find water. They came to a place with bitter water and named it Marah. They complained that because of Moses, they had nothing to drink. Moses called to God and was shown a tree. When he threw it in the water it became sweet.

There God made social rules and judgements. He tested them. He let them know if they diligently listened, did what was right and followed the rules they would not get the disease that the Egyptians got. He was God that heals.

They came to Elim with twelve wells and seventy palm trees. They camped by the waters there.

The Israelites left Elim and entered the wilderness of Sin on the way to Sinai. One month and fifteen days after leaving, they were out of Egypt. They complained wishing Moses and Aaron had left them in Egypt to die. They had eaten their fill of meat and bread there. They said they had been brought to the wilderness to die of hunger.

God told Moses that he would rain bread from heaven. People would gather a quota every morning to test if they would follow God's law. On the sixth day they would gather double quota. Also in the evening you will be given meat. Moses explained God heard the complaints that were against Moses and Aaron, but really against him.

Moses told Aaron to tell all Israel that God had heard their complaints. When he did this the glory of God appeared in a cloud. God told Moses at twilight they would have meat and in the morning they would have bread. That evening quails covered the camp and in the morning dew lay around the camp.

When the dew lifted the wilderness was covered with a small round substance like fine frost. The Israelites didn't know what it was. Moses said it was the bread from God. They would get about three and a half litres for each person in their tent. The Israelites did this taking what they needed and no-one lacked.

Moses said none was to be left till morning. But some was and it got worms and stank. Moses got angry with them. So every morning they gathered, then when the sun got hot it melted.

Every sixth day they gathered double. When the rulers of Israel asked Moses explained the next day was the sabbath. Bake what you will and boil what you will keep for the morning. They did as Moses said and in the morning it did not stink or have worms.

Some people went to gather on the seventh day but found none. God asked Moses how long they would refuse to keep his commands and law. God had given the sabbath and two days bread on the sixth. Everyone was to remain in their place. So the people rested on the seventh day.

The Israelites called it manna. It was white like coriander seed, tasting of honey wafers. God told them to keep three and a half litres. Then future generations could see what they were fed in the wilderness, when they were brought out of Egypt. Aaron put some in a pot.

They left the wilderness of Sin and camped at Rephidim. The people urged Moses to do something about the lack of water there. Moses asked why they would test God. The people were thirsty, complaining that Moses had brought them and their livestock out of Egypt to die of thirst.

Moses called on God, asking what to do, as the people were almost ready to stone him. God told him to go to the people gather the Elders and go to the rock at Horeb. I will stand there and when you hit the rock with your stick, water will come out.

Moses did this with the elders watching. He named the place Massah and Meribah. This was because the people had been pushy and tested God by questioning if he was even there.

Amalek came to fight with Israel in Rephidim. Moses told Joshua to choose some men to fight him the next day. He would stand on the top of the hill with God's stick. So Joshua did so. Moses, Aaron and Hur went up the top of the hill.

When Moses held his hands up Israel prevailed and when he let them down Amalek prevailed. So they found a stone for him to sit on. Aaron supported one hand and Hur the other. So Joshua defeated Amalek. God told Moses to note this down, that he would wipe out Amalek. Moses built an altar there.

Moses had sent his wife back home when God took them out of Egypt. Jethro his father-in-law heard what God had done for Moses and Israel. He brought her and their two sons to the wilderness.

When Moses heard that Jethro was bringing his family he went out to meet them. He bowed down, kissed him and then they asked each other how things were going. Moses told of all God had done to Pharaoh, for the sake of Israel's hardship and how God had delivered them from the Egyptians.

Jethro rejoiced for all the good God had done for Israel. Now he knew God was greater than all others. He made burnt offerings and sacrifices to God. Aaron brought the elders to eat with Moses and Jethro.

The next day Moses sat to judge the people. It went from morning till evening. When Jethro saw this he asked why he was doing all this for the people by himself. Moses explained that when people had difficulty, they came to him for judgement between them. He would explain God's rules and law.

Jethro said it was no good. The people and he would wear themselves out. It is fine to bring the people's difficulties before God and teach his law. Also select able men that fear God. Put them in charge of groups of a thousand, a hundred, fifty and ten. They will judge the people themselves, but bring the hard cases to you. Jethro left for his own land.

Three months after leaving Egypt they came to the wilderness of Sinai. They camped in front of the mountain. Moses went up the mountain. God said if they obeyed his voice and kept the covenant they would be a holy nation of priests, that he would treasure. Tell that to the Israelites.

So Moses gathered the elders and told them what God had said. Then all the people said they would do what God had said.

Moses reported back to God what the people had said.

God told Moses to pay attention. He was going to appear in a dense cloud and have them hear me speaking so they will always believe. What he needed to pass on to the people was that for the next two days they were to wash themselves and their clothes in preparation. God was going to come down onto the mountain on the third day.

They would set up a boundary so no one touched the base of the mountain. If they did they would die. They were to be stoned or shot, so that they were not touched. Also on the third day they were not to go near their wives.

On the third morning there was lots of thunder and lightning. A dense cloud settled on the mountain and there was a sound of a trumpet that scared the people. Moses brought them to the foot of the mountain.

When the trumpet blasts grew longer and sounded louder Moses spoke and God answered. God settled on top of the mountain and called Moses up. God told Moses to go back down and warn the people to keep their distance, so that they didn't perish. Make sure the priests that come near the boundary cleanse themselves, in-case God broke through against them.

Moses said the people knew, not to break the boundary, that cleansed the mountain. He was told to get away and to get Aaron. So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

Then God spoke to the people. He was God that brought them out of Egypt, the house of traps. They were to put nothing before him.

They were not to make idols to bow down to. If they got this wrong, up to four generations of children would suffer. Otherwise he would be merciful, to those who loved him and kept his commandments.

God's name was not to be used in an empty way. People will be guilty if they make empty talk with God's name.

Remember the Sabbath. Six days you work, but the seventh, God's Sabbath. No person or animal in your house will labour on this day.

Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not be jealous of your neighbour.

The people were terrified as thunder, lightning, trumpets and smoke had continued. They told Moses they were happy to talk to him. They didn't want God talking to them any more, in case they died.

Moses told the people not to be afraid. It was God testing and making sure his fear was before them. Then they would not stray. So the people kept their distance while Moses drew near.

God gave the Moses a message for the people. They had been talked to from heaven. They would not make gods of gold or silver. Make altars of earth for sacrifices, burnt offerings and peace offerings.

Each place God recorded his name, he would come to bless them. If they made him an altar of stones, they were to be used as they were, they were not to have been shaped with tools.

The altars would not have steps leading to them, so you did not flash people.

These are the judgements Moses was to set before the people.

If you buy a countryman as a servant he will serve six years and in the seventh he will go free, paying nothing.

If he comes alone, he leaves alone. If he comes married, his wife leaves with him.

His master may give him a wife and if she has children, if he leaves the wife and children stay.

He may say he loves his master, wife and children, so he will not go free.

They will go to a judge and his ear will be pierced with an awl against a doorpost. He will serve him forever.

If a man sells his daughter to be a servant, she can be redeemed if she does not please her master in marriage. She cannot be on-sold to foreigners, since he has lied. If married to her son, she will be treated as a daughter. If he takes another, he will not diminish her food, clothing or marriage rights. If this is not done for her she goes free, without any cost.

Someone who hit another causing death, will be put to death. However if it was not premeditated, there will be a place appointed where they can flee. If it was planned, take them from my altar to die.

He who hits his father or mother will be put to death.

He who kidnaps or sells will be put to death.

He who curses his father or mother will be put to death.

If there is a fight and someone is confined to bed without dying. The one who hit will be released. He will only pay for the loss of time and provide for their healing.

If men fight and hurt a woman so she gives birth prematurely, the woman's husband and the judges will decide the punishment.

If any harm follows there will be a life for a life, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, hand for a hand, foot for a foot, burn for a burn, wound for a wound and stripe for a stripe.

If someone gives a servant a fatal stick beating they will be punished. If they live for a day or two they will not be punished.

If a man hits their servants eye and destroys it, they will go free.

If a man knocks out a servants tooth, they will go free

If an ox gores someone fatally they will be stoned.

If the ox was known for this and not confined the owner will be stoned as well.

There may be a chance to redeem their life for money.

If an ox gores a servant, their master will get thirty shekels of silver and the ox shall be stoned.

If a pit is dug and left uncovered, money will be paid if it kills a donkey or ox. The corpse is then the pit diggers.

If one man ox kills another they will sell the live one and divide the money.

If the ox was know to gore and not confined, he will pay ox for ox. The corpse will be his.
If someone steals a sheep or ox, and slaughters or sells it. For an ox they will restore five oxen. For a sheep four sheep

If a thief is found breaking in at night and dies, there will be no guilt. If it happens while the sun is up there will be guilt.

A thief will make full restoration, if they have nothing they will be sold.

If a thief is caught in the act, stealing animals they will restore double.

If someone's animals graze another's field or vineyard, they will repay from the best of their field or vineyard.

If fire breaks out and consumes grain or field. The one who kindled it will repay.

If something is stolen while in a neighbours care, if the thief is found they will pay double. If not the neighbour will be taken to the judges.

<Less straight forward ox, donkey, sheep and clothing judge process omitted>

If a man entices a virgin who he is not engaged to and is intimate with her, he will pay the bride price to marry her. If her father outright refuses, he will pay the bride price for virgins.

A sorceress will be put to death.

Sacrificing to anything but God calls for the total destruction of a person.

You will not mistreat strangers or oppress them, you were strangers in Egypt.

You shall not afflict any widow or their children. If you do God will hear their cry and become furious. The sword will make your wives, widows and children, fatherless.

If you lend to the poor do not charge interest.

If you take a neighbours coat as a pledge, return it before sun-down so that he will not cry out to me.

Do not bad-mouth God or a ruler of your people.

You shall not delay your first ripe produce or juice. Your firstborns will be God's. Same with your animals they will be with their mother seven days. On the eighth you will give it to God.

You shall be holy people and not eat mauled animals. Throw them to the dogs.

You shall not spread false reports. Do not join the wicked, using testimony to destroy. Do not follow the crowd to set out evil and testify to turn aside.

Do not favour the poor in a dispute.

If you meet your enemies ox or donkey wandering off, take it back to them. If you see their donkey lying pinned under it's burden, help it.

You shall not pervert the judgement of the poor in a dispute.
Keep away from fabrications. Do not kill the innocent and righteous.

You will not take a bribe as it blinds discernment and prevents righteous words.

You shall not oppress the stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Sow and gather from your land for six years. On the seventh leave it to rest, that your poor may eat. What they leave the creatures of the field can have. Same for your vineyard, your olive grove.

Six days you will work and on the seventh you will rest. So your ox, donkey, servants and strangers will be refreshed.

Hold on to all I said. Do not think of, or be heard talking about other spirits.

You'll have three feasts for me in the year. Seven days of yeast free bread, the first harvest feast and the all gathered feast at the end of the year. Three times a year all your males will appear before me.
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Pay attention to the angel that guides you. Obey and beware of him. Do not provoke him, because my name is in him and he will not pardon wrong. If you do what he says and what I have said, I will be the enemy of your enemy.

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Moses told the people all God had said. The people all said, that they would do all that God had said. Moses wrote down all that God had said. He got up early and built an alter at the foot of the mountain and a pillar for each tribe of Israel. He got young men to sacrifice oxen for peace offerings. He put half the blood in basins and half on the alter.

He took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They said they would do as he had said and be obedient. Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people saying it was the blood of the covenant that God had made.

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and seventy of the elders headed up. They saw God at a distance, standing on what was like sapphire paving. They saw God and he let them live. They ate and drank as Moses was called up to see God. He would get stone tablets, for teaching the law and commandments.

He told the elders to wait there and went up the mountain. The glory of God and cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh God called Moses from the cloud. The glory of God looked like a consuming fire. Moses was there for forty days and nights.

God asked Moses to talk to the Israelites about an offering. From anyone that was willing he would take gold, silver, bronze, thread, fine linen, goat, ram skin, badger skin, acacia wood, oil, spices, incense and precious stones.

They would make him a sanctuary and he would live with the people. He explained a very detailed plan for the tabernacle and it's furnishings <which have been drastically culled down to the following details>. It will have an acacia wood chest, on poles, that is about one and a quarter metres long and covered in gold. A seat with two cherubim of gold. A table and lampstand would also be made of gold. The curtains for the tabernacle would be made of blue and purple linen, with scarlet thread. Also pillars, boards, bars, a veil, hooks, a screen, sockets, an altar, poles, hangings, rings, a basin, utensils, pans, fire-pans, a gate and pegs were needed.

<Priest related clothing and instructions omitted>

God spoke once again of the Sabbath, that it was a sign between him and generations. Anyone working on the Sabbath was to be cut off from Israel, by death. Then he finally stopped talking and gave Moses two testimony tablets that he carved by Godly finger power.

Moses was slow coming back and the people were nervous, not knowing what was going on. They asked that they be made a god. Aaron said to bring the golden earrings from their wives and children. He got an engraving tool and made them into a calf. It was said that this was the god that brought them out of Egypt. So Aaron made an altar and said it would have it's feast tomorrow. They got up early, offered burnt offering and peace offerings. Then they ate, drank and were merry.

Moses was told to get down the mountain quickly, the people he'd brought out of Egypt hadn't wasted any time putting aside what God had commanded. They have shown themselves to be callous. Leave me alone and my wrath will burn. I will consume them and make you a great nation.

Moses pleaded with God that if his wrath took out the people, it would leave talk of God saving with a mighty hand, only to kill them in a desert. He asked him to remember his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Israel. So God relented and Moses took the tablets down the hill.

Joshua told Moses it was the noise of war in the camp. Moses said he heard singing not, cries of victory or defeat. He got near the camp and saw dancing around the calf. Moses was pissed. He threw down the tablets and broke them. Then he took the calf, put it in the fire and ground it. He scattered the powder on water and made the Israelites drink it.

Moses asked Aaron what the people had done to him, that he set them so far astray. Aaron asked him not to be angry and blamed it on the people, recalling events. Aaron had not restrained the people, so Moses stood at the entrance of the camp and said, whoever was on God's side should come.

All the sons of Levi gathered. He told them to get their swords and kill everyone else. Three thousand men fell that day. Then Moses told them to cleanse themselves so God could bestow a blessing on them, having gone against their family. The next day Moses told them they had gone badly astray. He was going back up to see if things could be made right, after they had gone astray against God.

Moses returned to God. He said the people had gone badly astray and made something of gold to worship. It seemed God might be willing to forgive them. If not Moses wanted him to erase him from the plan.

God said whoever had gone astray would be erased from the plan. So go lead the people to where I spoke. My angel will go before you, but I will bring a punishment on them for going astray. So God plagued them because of the calf.

Moses told the people that they were leaving to keep the promise God had made. God would not go in their midst though so that they weren't consumed for being callous. The people mourned when they heard and no one wore jewellery.

So Moses took his tent and pitched it far from the camp letting them know it was now the holy tent of meeting. So when people sought God they would head out of the camp to the tent. When Moses went into the tent the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door talking to Moses. The people would worship from the door of their tents. Moses spoke to God face to face and would then head back to camp. His servant Joshua didn't leave the tent.

Moses pointed out that he'd been told to travel with the people, but he didn't know who God would okay to go with him. He'd was on first name basis with God and had his favour, but it didn't matter unless God was with the people. If you are not going to be with the people, please don't move us from here. So God said he would do as Moses had asked.

Moses wanted to see God in his glory. Then God said he would pass before him and have his name proclaimed. He would be gracious and compassionate to whom he chose. But he couldn't see his face if he wanted to live. So there was a rock Moses could be in the cleft of. God would cover it til he had passed by and Moses could see his back. He told him to come up Mt. Sinai in the morning.

So Moses cut two stone tablets like the first, got up early and went up the mountain alone. God descended and was announced. It description the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands. Forgiver of wrong, offences and going astray. Yet leaving wrong to affect three or four generations till it should be cleared.

Moses quickly bowed and worshipped. He said if he had God's grace could he ask that he dwelt with the people again, pardoning their wrong and going astray. He wanted them all taken as inheritance.

God told him to pay attention, he was going to do such wonders that the world and lands afar had never seen. I'll do something awesome with you. Carry out what I command. I'm driving out other tribes. Watch yourself so you don't make agreements that will trap you with them.

Destroy their alters, pillars and idols, so you don't make any agreements with them or sacrifice to their spirits. God went over everything with Moses again and he wrote everything in the agreement down. He was there for forty day without bread or water. The ten things he spoke God rewrote on the tablets.

When Moses came back down the mountain he didn't realise his face was shining. Aaron and the people were afraid to go near him. Then Moses called Aaron and the leaders over. He talked with them. Then the people came near and he let them know what he had talked with God about.

He got a veil to cover his face when he talked to the people, but he took it off when he went to speak to God.

Moses gathered the people. He explained about gathering an offering for the tabernacle and priests supplies. He talked about those that were gifted doing the work. So the people went away and gathered what they were willing. Men, women and even kids gave what they had. Bezalel and Aholiab worked with the gifted to make the sanctuary as God had commanded.

When it was completed the cloud covered the Sanctuary Tent. Moses could not enter because the glory of God filled it. When ever the cloud lifted the people would journey onwards. If not they did not journey. The cloud was above the tent by day and fire by night, for all the Israelites to see as they journeyed.

<Comprehensive details for sacrificing omitted>

God asked Moses to grab Aaron, his children, the robes and anointing oil. A bull, two rams and a basket of yeast free bread would be an offering for going astray. The people would assemble at the sanctuary tent door. Moses did so.

Aaron and his sons washed. He tied on his tunic with a sash, then his robe, the ephod and the breastplate. He put on a turban with a golden plate on the front. Moses took the anointing oil, sprinkling the tent and all that was in it.

He poured some on Aaron's head. Then Aaron's sons put on their tunics, robes and hats. They laid their hands on the head of the bull. Moses killed, putting the bull's blood on the horns of the altar and cleansed it, he poured the blood at the base of the altar.

Then Moses burned the fat from the guts on the altar. The rest of the bull he burned outside the camp. Then there was the ram burnt offering. Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head. Then he cut it up and burned the head. Then the entrails and legs were washed. Then Moses burned everything on the altar. It smelled nice as it burned and they had done as God had asked.

For the second ram, Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head. Moses killed putting some of the blood on the tip of their right ears, on the thumb of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. Then he sprinkled blood around the altar.

Then he combined specific fat, with yeast-less bread, oil, a wafer and the right thigh. He gave all this to Aaron and his sons to hold. They swung it back and forth, for the wave offering. Moses took it back and burnt it. Then he did a wave offering.

Moses took some anointing oil and blood from the altar. He sprinkled it on Aaron, his sons and their clothes. He told them to boil the leftover meat and have the yeast-less bread. Whatever they did not eat they would burn. They would stay in the tent for the next seven days and things would be made right. If they didn't do so they would die.

On the eighth day Moses told them to offer another bull and ram. For the people they were to offer a goat, calf, lamb, bull, ram, grain and oil. They did so. Then he went into the sanctuary. They came out and blessed the people. The glory of God appeared before everyone and fire of God consumed what was still on the altar. When the people saw it they shouted and bowed.

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took incense burners and had fire in them. The burnt strange incense before God, that he had not asked for. So fire came from God and consumed them, they died. Moses told Aaron that God said people had to be regarded as holy to approach. He would be glorified before all people. So Aaron held his peace

Mishael and Elzaphan carried their family out by the tunics. They were told not to show signs of grieving to avoid death by God's wrath. But the people could mourn if they needed. They had to stay in the tent because of the anointing oil.

<More instructions for priests omitted>

God talked with Moses and Aaron about which animals people should be eating. They could eat animals that feet split into several bits and regurgitated as they ate. This meant they would not eat, camel, rock hyrax, hare and pigs.

If something lived in the water with scales and fins it could be eaten. For birds they were not to eat eagle, vulture, buzzard, kite, falcon, raven, ostrich, short-eared owl, sea gull, hawk, little owl, fisher owl, screech owl, white owl, jackdaw, carrion vulture, stork, heron, hoopoe or bat. They could only eat flying insects with jointed legs. These were the locust, destroying locust, cricket and grasshopper.

Whoever touched the carcass of an animal that should not be eaten, was contaminated till evening. Whoever carries part of the carcass, will wash their clothes and be unclean till evening. The corpse of anything that went on four paws would contaminate.

Moles, mice, large lizards, geckos, monitor lizards, sand reptiles, sand lizards and chameleons would contaminate someone till evening.

If any of these corpses touch wood, clothing, skin or sack it must be put in water. It will be unclean till evening. If these fall into earthen vessels, you will break them and anything in them is contaminated. Oven and stoves will be contaminated.

Springs and cisterns with lots of water shall be healthy. If it falls on sown seed they are healthy. Anyone moving and butchering allowed animals, will wash their clothes and be contaminated till evening.

<More health rules omitted>

<Sacrifices to make things right after the two sons died omitted>

<More priestly procedure omitted><Moral rules omitted><Penalties omitted>

<Another breakdown of holy days, feasts, priestly duties and laws omitted>

On the first, two years and two months after they had left Egypt, God told them to take a census. It would be done with the father of each house and number of war aged males. They were to appoint a man to be the head of each tribe. God had asked that the Levites were not counted.

<Lists of men omitted>

God also wanted the Israelites to each camp in their own area, by the emblem of their house. They did so and each house's army was counted. They camped and moved in family groups.

<Priest recap omitted>

The Levites were to be presented to God. Their duty was to care for the sanctuary, the needs of the Israelites and the work of the sanctuary. Aaron's family could do the duties of priests and anyone else trying would be put to death.

God said he had taken the Levites from among the Israelites instead of the firstborns. Therefore the Levites were his. Because of how he hit person and animal in Egypt. God asked that the Levites were counted. He wanted every male one month or older counted.

< List of Levites omitted >

Next God wanted all the firstborn Israelite children, a month or older, counted. The Levites instead of the Israelite firstborns. Their livestock instead of the firstborn Israelite livestock. There were twenty two thousand, two hundred and seventy three firstborn Israelites.

There was two hundred and seventy three more firstborn Israelites than Levites. So at five shekels a head, Moses collected one thousand, three hundred and sixty five as redemption.

God also wanted the Levite children of Kohath, from thirty to fifty years of age counted. They would handle the most holy things of the sanctuary and moving it when they journeyed.

<More priestly instructions omitted.>

The Israelites set up camp again. The sanctuary was anointed and cleaned again. A huge offering was gathered, to set the priests up to live well and do the work of the sanctuary.

<The details of a huge offering, repeated for each of the tribes, has been omitted>

Moses went into the sanctuary and heard God speaking from above the Mercy seat. He asked Moses to make the lamps so that they gave light forwards. The stands were planned to be hammered gold, with flower decoration and so Aaron got them made.

The Levites were brought from among the people. They were sprinkled with purifying water. They shaved their bodies, washed their clothes and made themselves clean. A young bull, grain and oil, will be a going astray offering. Then you will bring them to the sanctuary and assemble the people.

The Israelites put their hands on the Levites. Aaron would wave offer the Levites to God and so the Levites would be set apart from the Israelites. Wholly given to God from among the Israelites. Those serving at the sanctuary would be between twenty five and fifty years of age. After fifty they could minister to the people but they would not work.

It was two years since they had left Egypt and it was coming up to Passover again. Some men were contaminated, because they had moved a person's corpse. They went to Moses and Aaron to see if they could still keep Passover. They were told to stay where they were while Moses checked with God.

God told Moses to let people know that if they were contaminated or away on a journey they could still have Passover. It is the person who can keep Passover and does not, that has gone astray. They will be removed from among you. The rules for strangers to be part of Passover still stood.

There was still the guiding cloud by day and fire by night. When it settled they would set up camp. When it lifted up and moved they would journey. When the chest set out Moses would say, "Arise God, let your enemies be scattered and the haters flee before you. When it rested he would say, God of Israelite thousands, return.

God told Moses to have two silver trumpets made. They would be used for calling the leaders or people to the Sanctuary Tent. Also for having the Israelites advance in groups when they started to journey. They would be sounded in war, at feasts, at the start of the year and at offerings.

Twenty days into the second month, they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai toward the wilderness of Paran.

People complained and God was not pleased. His fire consumed in the outskirts of the camp. The people cried out to Moses and he prayed to God. The fire was quenched. The place was named Taberah.

The Israelites craved meat. They reminisced about plentiful fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic in Egypt. Now they were withering, eating nothing except manna. The people were weeping at the doors of their tents and God was pissed.

Moses asked why God had brought such trouble upon him. Did God not think well of him, if he had been burdened with all these people? He hadn't given birth to them all, so couldn't be expected to carry them like babies. They were crying for meat. Where would he get meat for all these people? If things were going to be this difficult God should kill him now.

God told Moses to gather seventy of the elders and bring them to the meeting area of the sanctuary. Tell them to cleanse themselves for they would eat meat the next day. If they were going to cry, wondering about meat and talk of Egypt well, then God will give you meat. Not for a day, or five or twenty, but for a whole month.

They would eat meat till it comes out their noses, because they hated God and being brought out of Egypt.

Moses said there was at least six hundred, thousand of them now. Would the flocks and herds be slaughtered or the ocean be emptied of fish.

God asked Moses if they were suddenly out of reach for his help. He would see if what he said, would happen or not.

So Moses gathered the elders and told them what God had said. God came down in the cloud and put the same spirit on them. When the spirit rested on them this one time they all prophesied. Two elders that stayed in the camp also prophesied.

When a messenger came back and told them, Joshua wanted Moses to give them a talking to. Moses checked if he was getting rilled up for his sake. He wished God would put his spirit on all the people. Moses went back to camp, so the elders did too.

God made a wind leave quail fluttering all around the camp, for a days journey in all directions. People stayed up for two days, including the night in-between, gathering the quail. Some people were so desperate, that God got angry and killed them as they chewed. They buried the people of craving and named the place Kiborth Hattaavah. They moved and camped at Hazeroth.

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because his wife was Ethiopian. Was there any need for God to rely on him. They had passed on what God had said as well.

Suddenly Moses, Aaron and Miriam were called to the meeting area of the sanctuary. God told them to listen carefully. If he had prophets he would communicate with visions and dreams. This was not the case with Moses. Faithful, able to speak face to face, able to communicate about mysteries and he has seen my form. Why had they not been afraid to speak against Moses?

God left angry and when the cloud lifted, Miriam became leprous.

Aaron was suddenly talked with more respect to Moses and asked that their foolishly going astray did not rest on them. He asked that she was not be one as dead, with flesh half consumed in the womb. So Moses asked God to heal her.

God pointed out if a father spat in a daughters face, they would be shamed for seven days. So Miriam was shut out of camp for seven days and they did not journey again till she was brought in.

God told Moses to send spies into Canaan and to pick them from the leaders of each tribe. They would head in through the mountains in the south. Checking what the land, peoples strength, peoples numbers were and whether the land was good. What were their cities, camps and strongholds like? Whether they were rich and had forests.

So they checked out from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob. They came to the valley of Eshcol and cut a branch with a cluster of grapes. It was carried back on a pole between two people. Pomegranates and figs were taken. It took forty days.

They returned to the people in Paran and showed them the fruit of the land. They reported back that it was a land of milk and honey, but the people were strong. They had large fortified cities and some of them looked to be the descendants of giants.

Caleb quietened the peoples talk before Moses and said they should go and take the land. Those who had spied said the people were stronger than them. The land devours it's inhabitants and some of the people were huge. They reported they would be like grasshoppers against some of them.

The people wept that night, complaining against Moses and Aaron. The people would have rather died in Egypt or the wilderness. Instead the men would be slaughtered, the women and children victims. They started to figure out who should lead them back to Egypt.

Moses and Aaron bowed before the people, but Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes. They told them that the land they had passed through had been exceedingly good. If God delighted in them he would lead them into the land.

Don't rebel against God or fear the people in the land. They would instead devour them, their protection is gone and God was with the people. They were not to fear them.

The people decided to stone them.

God's glory appeared in the meeting area of the sanctuary, for all of Israel to see. God asked Moses how long the people would reject him and not believe the signs performed? I'll hit them with trouble and disown them. Then make a greater and mightier nation from you.

Moses said the Egyptians know you took the people out of the land, talk face to face, travel with people, are in the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. Now if you kill them they will think you were unable to bring the people to the land you swore.

Are you still the Lord God, long-suffering, abounding in mercy. Forgiving of wrong, offences and going astray. Yet leaving wrong to affect three or four generations till it should be cleared. Please pardon the people with your great mercy as you have done since they left Egypt.

God pardoned as Moses had said, but still wanted to fill the earth with his glory. The people had seen his glory, the signs done in Egypt and the signs in the wilderness. They had put God to the test ten times not listening and so none who had rejected him would see the land. Because Caleb has a different spirit, following God fully, he will be brought into the land to inherit it.

For now they would leave the inhabitants to live in the valley. Tomorrow they would head back into the wilderness by the Red Sea.

God spoke to Moses and Aaron wondering how long the evil people would complain against him. God wanted them to let the people know that they would have their complaint acknowledged. Those over twenty that complained and would have their corpses fall in the wilderness.

The people's sons would be shepherds in the wilderness for forty years. They would bear the brunt of their unfaithfulness, till the wilderness consumed their corpses. The guilt was one year for each day they spied in the land. The men that brought a bad report died in a plague, except for Joshua and Caleb

When Moses told the people this they mourned. They got up early in the morning and thought they would fix going astray, heading to the mountain. Moses asked why they would go against God's command. If God was not with them, they would be defeated. But they headed up anyway, without the chest or Moses. The Amalekites and Canaanites in the mountain came down and attacked. They drove them as far as Hormah.

<Updates on giving offerings for when they make it to the land they will inhabit are omitted>

While they were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath, so they took him to where Moses, Aaron and the people were gathered. They kept him guarded till they found out what should be done with him. God said he would need death by stoning, done outside the camp. So they took him outside the camp, stoned him and he died.

God spoke to Moses again. The people were to put tassels with blue thread on the corners of their garments. It would remind them to follow God's commands, to stay faithful despite their hearts or eyes and be holy for their God.

Korah faced Moses with two hundred and fifty leaders, representatives and respected members of the Israelites. He questioned why Moses kept a higher position than the rest of the people. Moses fell on his face before Korah and his company saying tomorrow God will show who is his and who is holy.

The next day they would take incense burners and burn incense before God. God would choose. Moses told these Levites that they were the ones raising their position too much. Was it too little that God raised you from the people to his work at the sanctuary tent? You're gathering against God and showing that you are not satisfied with Aaron.

Moses sent for Dathan and Abiram, but they would not come. They thought he couldn't go on acting like a prince, if he had brought them out of a land of milk and honey, only to die in the wilderness. Worse than that you didn't take us into the land of milk, honey, fields and vineyards. You probably just want support to gouge their eyes out, we aren't coming.

Moses was pissed and asked God not to respect their offerings as he hadn't taken a donkey from them or hurt anyone. He told them that all two hundred and fifty of them would bring their incense burners and Aaron would bring one as well.

They all burnt incense and put it at the door of the sanctuary meeting room. God told Moses to step away from everyone and he would consume them in a second. The people bowed down and asked God if one man going astray should mean that anger would extend to all the people.

God wanted Moses to let people know to get away from the tents of Korah. They were to leave the tents of the evil and touch nothing unless they were consumed with those that had gone astray. People got away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, who stood at the door of their tents with their families.

Moses let the people know that if they died naturally, he was not sent by God. But if the God did something new by having the earth swallow them, they were to understand it was because they had rejected God.

As soon as he had finished speaking the earth split apart and swallowed all the people with Korah including their possessions. Anyone with them went as well and the earth closed over them. All of Israel fled at their cry, worried they would be swallowed. Those still offering incense were consumed by God's fire.

God wanted Eleazar to take the incense burners and scatter the fire in the distance. The incense burners would be hammered into an altar covering, because they were holy once offered to God. It would be a reminder that people outside of Aaron's family should not make offerings like the priests.

The next day the people complained that Moses and Aaron were killing everyone off. The cloud covered the sanctuary. Moses and Aaron rushed back to the meeting area. God said to separate themselves so that he could consume the people.

Moses told Aaron to put a burner on the altar with incense beneath it. God was pissed and another plague was underway. Aaron did and things were made right for the people. This was what separated the people that died from those that remained. The plague stopped after leaving fourteen thousand, seven hundred dead, on top of those that died because of Korah.

God said to get a stick from the father of each of the twelve houses of Israel. They would write their names on their stick. Aaron's name would be written for the house of Levi. They would go in the meeting area of the sanctuary. One of these would blossom to show who God had chosen and stop the Israelite complaints. So Moses placed them in the area of witness.

The next day Aaron's stick had sprouted buds, grown blossoms and almonds. Moses took them to the people and gave each man his stick. The Israelites thought that they were doomed, that it was a sign that they would all die.

God told Aaron his family would bear the wrong at the sanctuary and how they served there. They could help, but they had to stay away from the altar unless they wanted to die. The same with outsiders. They were to stay away from the altar to avoid the consequences of God getting pissed again.

The Levites and the work they do, are what God has taken from the people as a gift for them. So for the work at the altar and behind the veil it is only for the Levites. Outsiders trying to get involved will be put to death.

<God reminding Aaron of his privilege and responsibility omitted>

From then on the people were not to come near the meeting area of the sanctuary.

God talked to Moses. From what they offered at the sanctuary, a tenth would be offered as a heave offering. Offered to God it would be the best of what was set aside. The rest would be for the Levites and they could have it without going astray. But they would not tarnish the holy gifts of the Israelites, otherwise they would die.

<More sacrifice details and health related rules omitted>

All of Israel arrived in the wilderness of Zin. In the first month they stayed there Kadesh and Miriam died. They were buried there. There was no water there so the people gathered against Moses and Aaron.

Speakers for the people said they wished they had been wiped out by God in earlier events. Why had they brought the people and their animals into the wilderness? Why did they take them from Egypt to this evil place? It had no grain, figs, vines or pomegranates. It didn't even have water.

Moses and Aaron headed to the door of the meeting area. The glory of God appeared. He told the two to take the stick and gather the people. They would tell the rock to give it's water while the people watched.

Moses and Aaron gathered the people at the rock. He called them rebels. He asked them to pay attention, did they have to bring water out of a rock? Moses hit the rock twice with his stick and water gushed out. The people and their animals drank.

Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom. He reminded him that their relatives had had it tough in Egypt. God had heard them and guided them. They were now close to his border and wanted to pass through. They would not cut through any fields of vineyards. They would stick to the kings highway until they had gone through his territory.

The king said not to travel through, otherwise he would face them with the sword. The people put in a request to, that they would stick to the highway and pay for any water. He came against them with many strong men, so Israel turned away.

They journeyed from Kadesh to Mount Hor. God told Moses and Aaron, that Aaron would be gathered to his ancestors. He would not enter the land given to the Israelites. With the people watching, the went up the mountain with Eleazar.

So Moses took the garments off Aaron and put them on Eleazar. Aaron died there. They went down the mountain. When the people saw that Aaron was dead they mourned him for thirty days.

The king of Arad heard that Israel was on the road to Atharim. He fought them and took prisoners. So the Israelites made a vow, that if God made it happen, they would destroy the cities. God listened and made it happen. Those Canaanites and their cities were destroyed. The place was called Hormah.

They left Mount Hor, heading past the Red Sea, as they journeyed toward Edom. The people spoke against God and Moses. They wanted to know why they had been brought out of Egypt, to die in the wilderness. No food or water was not helping them, as they were sick of the manna.

So God sent fiery serpents among the people. They bit the people and many died. So the people came to Moses acknowledging they had gone astray by speaking against God. They wanted him to pray to have the serpents taken away. So Moses prayed for the people.

God said to make a fiery and put it on a pole. Those that had been bitten when they saw this, they would live. So a bronze serpent was made. Anyone that had been bitten, when they looked at the bronze serpent, they lived.

Th Israelites moved on and camped in Oboth. Then they camped at Ije Abarim east of Moab. Then the Valley of Zered and Arnon. Then they went to Beer, where the people were so grateful for the water, that they sang. Then they went to Mattanah, Nahaliel, Bamoth and then Pisgah.

Israel sent messengers to Sihon, the Amorite king, asking to pass through their land on the King's Highway. Sihon gathered his people and fought. Israel defeated them and took possession from the Arnon to the Jabbok. They took those Amorite cities and dwelt there.

That was how Israel came to dwell in the land of the Amorites. Next Moses sent spies to Jazer. They took those villages and drove out those Amorites. Thet went up to Bashan. King Og went out with his people, to battle. God said not to fear them. So they defeated the Amorites there, leaving no survivors.

<Story of Balak's requests of Balaam omitted>

Israel stayed in Acacia Grove. People began to have improper relations with the women of Moab. They ate and bowed at their sacrifices. So Israel was joined with the Spirit of Opening. God was angry with Israel.

God told Moses to get the leaders and hang offenders, so that God's anger would turn from Israel. So he told them to kill any of their men involved with the Spirit of Opening. An Israelite came to show off one of these women in the sight of Moses and the people weeping at the sanctuary tent.

Phinehas, Eleazar's son saw this and grabbed a javelin. He went after them, into their tent. He thrust the javelin through both of them. This stopped the plague in which twenty four thousand had died. God told Moses, that Phinehas' zealous action had turned away his wrath. Therefore he will have peace and ongoing priesthood for his descendants.

The Israelite Zimri and the Midianite Cozbi were the names of the ones killed. God told them to harass and attack the Midianites, because this harassment was their scheme. The plague was about the seduction related to Opening and Cozbi, the Midianite leaders daughter.

After the plague God told Moses and Eleazar to take a census of Israelites able to go to war, that were over the age of twenty. God told Moses that land to be inherited would be divided according to the number of names. The large would be given a large inheritance and the small, a small inheritance. The inheritance would be divided by lot.

<A statue created because of a family with only daughters omitted>

God told Moses to go up the mountain to see the land he had given to Israel and then be gathered to his ancestors like Aaron. Moses wanted God to set someone to lead them. God told Moses to take Joshua with him and lay hands on him before Eleazar. Then he gave a final blessing to the Israelites

<A lot of law revisits and a land agreement omitted>

<A hugely enormous recap omitted>

He headed to the top of Pisgah, looked at all the land and died. He was buried in Moab. Despite being a hundred and twenty, his eyes had not gone dim nor had his vigour diminished. The people now listened to Joshua.