# The book of Numbers



It is the 34th weekly Torah portion in the annual cycle of Torah reading and the first in the Book of Numbers. The parashah tells of the census and the priests' duties. It constitutes Numbers 1:1–4:20.

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In the second month of the second year following the Exodus from Egypt, God directed Moses to take a census of the Israelite men age 20 years and up, "all those in Israel who are able to bear arms." In verses 5 to 15 the heads of each of the tribes or army divisions are named.

Chapter: 8

- 1. וַיִּדֶבֶר יִהוָה אֶלֹ–בוֹשָׂה כֵּאבִור:
- 1. And YHVH spoke unto Moses, saying:

2. דַּבֶּר אֶל–אַהָּרֹן וְאֶבַּיְרִהְ אֵלֵיו בְּהַאַלְּלְּהְרֹּ אֶת–הַגַּּרֹת אֶל–בוּל פְּגִי הַבִּּגוֹרָה יַאִירוּ שִּׂבְעָת הַבַּּרִות:

2. 'Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him: When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the candlestick.'

3. וַיּעַשׁ כַּן אְהַרֹן אֶל-בוּל פָנִי הַבְּוֹנוֹרָה הָעֶׂלֶה גַּרֹתְיָה כַּאֲשֶׂר צַּוָה יהוֹה את-בוּשֹׁה:

- 3. And Aaron did so: he lighted the lamps thereof so as to give light in front of the candlestick, as YHVH commanded Moses.
- ַּנְלְשֵׁלְּה הַבְּעְּשָׁה הַבְּעָשׁה חָבְּב עַר בְיִבְכָה עַר בְּנְשָׁה הַנְשָׁה הֵוֹא בִּנְשָׁה הַנְשָׁה הַנְשָׁה בְּנְעַה בְּנְשָׁה בִּנְיָה אָת בּנְשָׁה בְּנְעַה בִּנְיַה אָת בּנְעַה (פ)
- 4. And this was the work of the candlestick, beaten work of gold; unto the base thereof, and unto the flowers thereof, it was beaten work; according unto the pattern which YHVH had shown Moses, so he made the candlestick.
  - 5. וַיְדַבֶּר יְהֹוָה אֶכֹּ–בוּשֶּׂה כֵּאבְוֹר:
- 5. And YHVH spoke unto Moses, saying:
  - .6 ַבַּוֹז אֶת–הַלְוֹיִם בּוּהַוֹך בְּנֵי יִשְּׂרָאֵל וְטְּהַרְה, אִתְם:
- **6.** 'Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7. וְכָה–תַּעַּׁשֶּׂה כְּהֶם כְּטְּהֲרָם הַנִּה עַבׁיהֶם בִיי ווֹשֵּׂאת וְהֶעֶּבִירוּ הַעַּׁר עַבֹּל–בָּבל–בִּשָּׂרָם וִכִּבְּסִוּ בִגָּדִיהֵם וִהְשֵּׁהַרוּ:

- 7. And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of purification upon them, and let them cause a razor to pass over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves.
- שִּבּוּת לְתַוֹפַּאִת: 8. וֹבְלְּנִתוּ פַּר בִּוֶּ–בְּבָּנְת וּבִּינְּתָתְוּ סִכֶּת בִּכְוּלָה בַּאַבֶּוּ וּפַּר–הֵּיָנִּי בִּוְ–בִּבְּר

- 8. Then let them take a young bullock, and its meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering.
- פ. וְהֹקְרַבְהָי׳ אֶת-הַלְוֹיִם לְפָּגִּי אֲהֶל מוֹעֻׂד וְהַקְהַלְהָׁ אֶת-כָּל-עַׂדֵת בְּנִי ישראַל:
- 9. And thou shalt present the Levites before the tent of meeting; and thou shalt assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel.
  - 10. וְהֹקְּרֵבְה, אֶת-הַלְוַיִּם לִפָּנִי יְהֹוֶה וְסֵבְּיכִּי בְנִי-יִשְּׂרָאֶל אֶת-יְדִיהֶם עַ֫֫ל-הַלְוֵים:
- 10. And thou shalt present the Levites before YHVH; and the children of Israel shall lay their hands upon the Levites.
  - 11. וְהַנִּיף אָהַרֹן אֶת–הַלְוֵים הְנֹוּפָה לִפְנִי יְהֹוֶה בוּאֵת בְּנִי יִשְּׂרָאֵל וְהִיּוּ כַּעֵּבִר אֶת–עַבֹּרָת יִהַוֹה:
- 11. And Aaron shall offer the Levites before YHVH for a wave-offering from the children of Israel, that they may be to do the service of YHVH.
  - 12. וְבַּלְוִיִם יִסְבְּוֹכְוּ אֶת-יְבִיהֶּם עַּׂל רַאִשׁ בַּפְּרֵים וְעַׂשֵּׂה אֶת-הֱאֶוֹיִר וֹשִּׁאת וְאֶת-הֱאֶוֹיִר עַּלְהֹ לִיהוָה לְכַפָּר עַׁלֹּ–הַלְוֵים:
- 12. And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks; and offer thou the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, unto YHVH, to make atonement for the Levites.
  - 13. וְהַּעֲבַרְדִיהָ' אֶת–הַלְוֹּיִּם לְפָגָי אֲהַרָן וְלְפָגַי בְגָיו וְהַגַּפְה, אִתְם הְנוּפֵה ליהוה:
- 13. And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for a wave-offering unto YHVH.
  - 14. וְהַבְּדֵּלְהָי אֶת–הַלְוִּיִּם בִיהָוֹךְ בְגִּי יִשִּׂרָאֵל וְהָיוּ כֻיִּי הַלְוִים:
- 14. Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be Mine.



*The census showed the following populations by tribe:* 

Reuben: 46,500 - Simeon: 59,300 - Gad: 45,650 - Judah: 74,600 - Issachar: 54,400 - Zebulun: 57,400 - Ephraim: 40,500 - Manasseh: 32,200 - Benjamin:

35,400 - Dan: 62,700 - Asher: 41,500 - Naphtali: 53,400

### 15. וְאַזְזֵבִי–בּן יָבְאוּ הַלְוֹיִם לְעַבְּדׁ אֶת–אֲהֶל בוֹעֻּׁדְ וְטְּהַרְתּ אֹהָם

- 15. And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tent of meeting; and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for a wave-offering.
  - 16. כֵּי נְּתַנְּׁים נְּתֻנִּים הֲבִּיה לִי בִּיתְּוֹך בְּנִי יִשְּׂרָאֵל הַּוֹזִת פַּטְרַת כָּל– בּ'נִי בִּרָוֹר כּל בִּוּבְנִּי יִשִּׂרָאֵל לַקְּוֹזִהִי אִתְם לִי:
- 16. For they are wholly given unto Me from among the children of Israel; instead of all that openeth the womb, even the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto Me.
- 17. כִּי כְּל כָל-בְּכוֹר בִּבְנְיִ יִשְּׂרָאֵׁל בְּאָדֶם וּבַבְּהֵבְוֹה בְּיוֹם הַכּהִי כָל-בכור בָאָרִין מִצָּרִים הִקּהֵישִׂהִי אֹתַם כִּי:
- 17. For all the first-born among the children of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself.
  - 18. ואָפָּוו אָת–בּלְוֹגִּם תַנַות כָּל–בְּכִוּר בִּבְנָּי יִשְּׂרָאְלּי:
- 18. And I have taken the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel.
- וֹלָא יִהֹיָה בִּבִּגִּי יִשִּׂרָאַלְ זְּיֵּנִה בִּנְּיִהְיִשְׁרָאַלְ אֵלְ–בִּלְּנִי יִשְּׂרָאַלְ לַאַבָּר אָת–תַּבְרָת בִּגִּיהִישְּׁרָאֵלְ בִּאָבׁלְ מוּתָּד וּלְכַפָּר תַּלְ–בִּגְּיִ יִשְּׂרָאֵלְ לַאַבְּרָאִ יִּהְיָּה אָת–בִּלְוִיִּם נְּתַנִּים וּ לְאַבְּרְן וּלְבְּנְיוֹ בּוּתוּבְּ בְּנִּי יִשְּׂרָאֵלְ
- 19. And I have given the Levites--they are given to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel, through the children of Israel coming nigh unto the sanctuary.'
- 20. וַיַּעַשׁ בוּשָּׂה וְאַהְרְוֹ וְכָל-עֲדָת בְּגִּי-יִשְּׂרָאֵל לַלְוֹיִם כְּכֵּל אֲשֶׂר-צִּוְּהֹ יִהוֹה אָת-בוּשִׁה לַלְוִיִּם בּוֹ-עַשִּׁוֹ לָהָם בּגִּי יִשְּׂרָאֵל:
- 20. Thus did Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the Levites; according unto all that YHVH commanded Moses touching the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.
  - ביקוֹיִם זִיְכַבְּסוֹ בּגְּנֵדִיהֶם וַיְּנֶּף אֲהַרָן אַתְם הְנֹוּפָה לְפְנִי יְהֹוֶה וַיִּכַפַר עַׂכֵּיהָם אֲהַרָן לְטַהַבְם:
- 21. And the Levites purified themselves, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them for a sacred gift before YHVH; and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them.

- 22. And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons; as YHVH had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.
  - 23. וַיִּדַבֶּר יִהוָה אֶל–בוֹשֶׁיָה כֵּאבִור:
- 23. And YHVH spoke unto Moses, saying:
  - 24. זָאת אֲשֶׂר כַּלְוֹיֶם בִּוּבֶּ'ן וְזְבֵּוֹשׁ וְעֻּשְּׂרִים שִׁנָּהֹ וְבַּוּעְּלָה יְבוֹא לִצְּבְא צַּבָּא בַעַבֹּרָת אָהָל מוֹעַד:
- 24. 'This is that which pertaineth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to perform the service in the work of the tent of meeting;
  - 25. ובִּבֶּן ווַבִּשִּׁים שָּׁנָּה יָשִּׁוּב בִּוּצְּבָא הָעַבֹּרָה וְכָּא יָעַבְּד עְוֹד:
- 25. and from the age of fifty years they shall return from the service of the work, and shall serve no more;
- 26. וְשֵׂנֵרת אֶת-אֶנִיו בְּאָהֶל בוּוֹעֵד ׁ לִשְּׁבְּוֹר בִישְׁבֶּׁהֶרת וְעַבְּדָה לְאֹיִינְבְּדְּה כְּאֹיֵינ בָּבָה תַעַּשִׂה כַּלְנֵיָם בִּבִּישִּׂבִּוּרתִם: (פ)
- 26. but shall minister with their brethren in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, but they shall do no manner of service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charges.'

#### → Aliva: Third-Tiferet-Jacob ♦

God told Moses that the Israelites were to encamp by tribe as follows:

around the Tabernacle: Levi

on the front, or east side: Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun

on the south: Reuben, Simeon, and Gad

on the west: Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin

on the north: Dan, Asher, and Naphtali.

Chapter: 9

- וַיְדַבֶּר יְהֹוֹה אֶלֹ–בוּשָׂה בְּבִּיךְבַּר–פיינִי בַּשִּׂנְה הַשֵּׁנִית לְצֵּאֹהָם
   בואָריוֹ בוּצְּרִים בַּוֹדֶדִשׁ הָרִאשְׁוֹן לֵאבְוֹר:
- 1. And YHVH spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying:
  - 2. וַיעַשָּׁוּ בִגִּי-יִשִּּרָאֶל אֶת-הַפָּסִוז בִּנְיי-יִשִּרָאֶל .2
- 2. 'Let the children of Israel keep the passover in its appointed season.
- 3. בְאַרְבָּעָה עָּשָּׂרְ בּיוֹם בַּוֹזֹדֶשׁ הַנֶּּה בְּיןֹ הְעַרְבְּיִם תְּעָשׁוּ אֹתָוֹ בְּרְעַּׁרְוֹ בָּכֵל-וַוֹּהָתִיו וּכָכֵל-בִוּשִּׁפַטִּיו תַעַשׁוּ אֹתִוֹ:
- 3. In the fourteenth day of this month, at dusk, ye shall keep it in its appointed season; according to all the statutes of it, and according to all the ordinances thereof, shall ye keep it.'
  - 4. וַיִּדְבֶּר בוֹשֵׂה אֶלּ–בִגָּי יִשִּׂרָאֶל לְעִּשְׂה הַבְּסַוֹז:
- 4. And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.
  - 5. וַיּעַשׁׁוּ אֶת–הַפֶּׂסַוו בֶּרָאשׁוֹן בְּאַרְבָּעָה עָשָׁר יִוֹם כַּוְוֶדֶשׁ בֵּין הַעַּרְבַיִם בְּמִדְבָּר סִינֵּי בְּכֵּל אֲשֶׁר צִּוָּה יְהוָה אֶת–משָׁה כֵּן עָשִׁוּ בְּנִי יִשִּׂרָאֵל:
- 5. And they kept the passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at dusk, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that YHVH commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.
  - הַיְּהָי אֲנְשִׁים אֲשֶׁר הָיִוּ טְבוּאִים ׁ לְנַפֶּשׁ אָדֶם וְלְאַ-יִּכְלוּ לַעֲשׁׁת.
     הַפָּסִוז בַּיִּוֹם הַהְּוּא וַיִּלְּרַבֵּוּ לִפְנָי מּשֶׁה וְלְפַנָּי אְהַרָן בַּיִּוֹם הַהְּוּא:
- 6. But there were certain men, who were unclean by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day; and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day.
  - ר. וַיְּאַבְוֹרוּ הַאֲנָּשִׁיִם הָהֵבִּוּה אֵלִיו אֲנַוֹוְנוּ טְבוּאִים כְנַנְּפָשׁ אָהֶם כְלבִּוה . נֹגָּבִיעֹ לְבֹלְהִׁי הַקְּרִיב אֶת–קּרְבְּן יְהֹוְה בְּבִּוּעֲהוֹ בְּתִּוֹךְ בְּנִי יִשְּׂרָאְלּי:
- 7. And those men said unto him: 'We are unclean by the dead body of a man; wherefore are we to be kept back, so as not to bring the offering of YHVH in its appointed season among the children of Israel?'
  - 8. וַיָּאבֶור אֲכַהֶב בוּשָּׁהָ עִּבְּוּרוּ וְאֶשְּׁבְוֹעָה בַוּה-יְצַּוָה יְהֹוָה כְּכֶב: (פ)
- **8.** And Moses said unto them: 'Stay ye, that I may hear what YHVH will command concerning you.'
  - 9. וַיְדַבֶּר יְהָוָה אֶל–בוּשֶּׁה כֵּאבְוּר:
- 9. And YHVH spoke unto Moses, saying:

- 10. דַבֶּר אֶל–בְגָּי יִשְּׂרָאֶל לֵאבִר אִישׁ אִישׁ כִּי–יִהֶּיה–טָבְוּא וּ לְגֶּׁפֶשׁ אוֹ בִדֵּרַך רַזוֹלָה לָבָם אָוֹ לִדֹרְהֵיבִם וְעַּשָׁה פַסִוז לֵיהוָה:
- 10. 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying: If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto YHVH;
  - 11. בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשֵּׁנִּׁי בְּאַרְבְּעָׁה עָשָּׂרְ יָוֹם בֵּיןֹ הֶעַּרְבַיִם יְעַשׁׁוּ אֹתְוֹ עַנְׁרֹּ בוּצִּוֹת וּבִוּרֹהֵים יאכִלְהוּ:
- 11. in the second month on the fourteenth day at dusk they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs;
  - 12. לא-יַשְּׂאָירוּ בּוּבֶּׁוֹנוֹ עַדְּ-בְּבֶּרוּ וְעָגָבׁם לְא יִשְׂבְּרוּ-בְּוֹ כְּכָל-וַזְּבְּת הַפַּסִוֹזַיעַשִּׁוֹ אָהִוֹ:
- 12. they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break a bone thereof; according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep it.
  - וְהָאִישֵּׁ אֲשֶׂר-הֹוּא טְהֹוֹר וּבְרֶבֶּן יְהֹוָה כְּא הִקְּרִיב בְּבִּוֹעֲדׁוֹ הַפֶּסֵוֹז וְנִבְּרְתְּה הַצָּפְשׁ הַהַּוֹא בְּעַבְּוֹיה כְּי וּ בְּרְבְּן יְהֹוָה כְּא הִקְּרִיב בְּבִּוֹעֲדׁוֹ הַבְּּסֵוֹז וְנִבְּרְתְּה הַאָּישׁ הַהְּוּא:
- 13. But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he brought not the offering of YHVH in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.
  - 14. וְכִי–יָגוֹּיר אִהְכֶּם גִֹּר וְעָשָּׂה פֶּׁסִווֹ לִיהֹוָה פְּוֻתַּתְ הַבְּּסֵווֹ וּכְבִּשְּׁפְּטְוֹ בָּוֹ,יִעֲשֶׂה וֹזִקָּה אַוֹזת ִיִהֵיה לָכֶּם וְלַגָּר וּלְאָוְׁרַווֹ הָאֶרִיןֹ: (ס)
- 14. And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto YHVH: according to the statute of the passover, and according to the ordinance thereof, so shall he do; ye shall have one statute, both for the stranger, and for him that is born in the land.'



God instructed Moses to place the Levites in attendance upon Aaron to serve him and the priests. God took the Levites in place of all the firstborn among the Israelites, whom God consecrated when God smote the firstborn in Egypt

- 15. וְבְיוֹם הָקִים אֶת–הַבִּיִּשְׂבָּן בִּסְה הֻעַּגָּן אֶת–הַבִּישְׂבָּן לְאָהֶל הְעַבֶּת וּבָעַרב יִהֵיה עַל–הַבִּיִּשִׂבָן בִּבַּיִראֵה–אָשׁ עַד–בְּהַר:
- 15. And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tent of the testimony; and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning.
  - 16. כַּן יהֵיה תָבִּיר הֶעָנוֹ יְכַסֶנוּ ובַיְרְאֵה–אָשׁ כְּיְכְּה:
- 16. So it was alway: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night.
  - 17. וּלְפָּי הִעָּלוֹת הֻעָּנָּן בִּעָּל הָאִהֶּל וְאַזְזֵבִי–בֵּן יִסְעַוּ בְּנִּי יִשְּׂרָאֵל: וּבִבְּוּקוֹם אֲשֶׂר יִשִּׂבָן–שָּׁם הֶעָנָן שָׁם יִזְזַנִּי בְּנִי יִשְּׂרָאֵל:
- 17. And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the children of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel encamped.
  - 18. עַלּ-פֵי יְהוָה יִסְעוּ בְּגִּי יִשְּׂרָאֵׁל וְעַלֹּ-פֵי יְהוָה יִיְוַזְגִּוּ כָּלֹ-יְבִיי אֲשֶׁׁר יִשִׂבָּוֹ הַעַגוֹן עַלֹּ-הַבִּּוּשִׂבּן יִוֹזְנִוּ:
- 18. At the commandment of YHVH the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of YHVH they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped.
  - 19. וּבְּהַאֲרָיךְ הֶעָנוֹן עַכֹּלְ–הַבִּּוּשְּׂבָּן יָבְים רַבֵּים וְשִּׂבְיְרִוּ בְגִּי–יִשְּׂרָאֶכ<sup>ּן</sup> אָת–בִּישִּׂבֵנֶרת יִהֹּוָה וִכְּא יִפֶעוּ:
- 19. And when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of YHVH, and journeyed not.
  - 20. וְנֵّשׁ אֲשֶּׁר ְיהֵיָה הֻעָּגֹּוֹ יָבִים בִּיסְפֶר עַכֹּ–הַבִּישְׂבֶן עַכֹּ–פֵי יְהֹוְהֹ יְיְוַגֹּׁוּ וְעַכֹּ–פִי יִהֹוָה יִפַעוּ:
- **20**. And sometimes the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of YHVH they remained encamped, and according to the commandment of YHVH they journeyed.
- 21. וְנֵשׁ אֲשֶּׁר–ִיהֵיה הֻעָּנָּוֹ בִּעַנֶרב עַד–בּּקֶּר וְנִּעֲכָה הֻעָּנֵוֹ בַּבְּקֶּר וְנָּמְעֹוּ אָוֹ יוֹבִים וְלַיְּלָה וְנִּעֲבָה הֻעָּנָוֹ וְנָּסְעוּ:
- 21. And sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they journeyed; or if it continued by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.
  - 22. אוֹ–יבַּיִים אוֹ–וֹזֶדֶשׁ אוֹ–יָבִּיִם בְּהַאֲרִיךְ הֻעָּגֹוֹ עַבַּׁ–הַבִּישְׂבָּן כִּשְּׁבְּן כִּשְּׁבְּן עַבַּיוֹיַיווָגִּוּ בְּגִּי–יִשָּׂרָאֵל וִלָּא יִפַעוּ וּבְהָעַלֹּתוּ יִפַעוּ:
- 22. Whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Israel

remained encamped, and journeyed not; but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23. At the commandment of YHVH they encamped, and at the commandment of YHVH they journeyed; they kept the charge of YHVH, at the commandment of YHVH by the hand of Moses.

Chapter: 10

1. And YHVH spoke unto Moses, saying:

2. 'Make thee two trumpets of silver; of beaten work shalt thou make them; and they shall be unto thee for the calling of the congregation, and for causing the camps to set forward.

3. And when they shall blow with them, all the congregation shall gather themselves unto thee at the door of the tent of meeting.

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

5. And when ye blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall take their journey.

6. And when ye blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall set forward; they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7. But when the assembly 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 a statute for ever throughout your generations.

### וְכִי-תָבֵאוּ בִּלְּזֶוּבְּׁוֹה בְּאַרְצְּבֶׁם עַבֹּל-הַצַּר הַצַּרְר אֶתְבֶּם וַהָּרַעְּתֶם וְכִי-תָבֹאוּ בִּלְּזֶבְרְתָּם כִּלְּבֵּוֹי יְהַוֹּה אֱלְבֵּיכֶם וְנְּוֹשַׂיְעְתֶם בֵּוּאִיְבִיכֶם:

9. And when ye go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresseth you, then ye shall sound an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before YHVH your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

וּבְיוֹם שִּׂבְּחוֹזְהֶכֶם וְבְבוֹעֲבִיכֶם וּבְרָאשֵׁי וְזְדְשַׂיֶּכֶם וְהְלֹּתְם בַּוֹוְצְצְׂרָה, עַבֹּל עִּלְהֵיכֶם וְעָבֹל וִּבְוֹיִי שַׂלְבֵּיכֶם וְהָיֹּוּ לְכֶם לְוֹּכְּרוֹן לְפְנִי בַּוֹוְצִיּצְיֹרה, עַבֹל עֹלְהֵיכֶם וְעָבֹל וִּבְוֹיִי שַׂלְבֵּיכֶם וְהָיֹּוּ לְכֶם לְוֹּכְּרוֹן לְפְנִי בַּוֹח אֵלְהֵיכֵם: (פ)

10. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your appointed seasons, and in your new moons, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am YHVH your God.'



God then told Moses to record by ancestral house and by clan the Levite men from the age of one month up, and he did so. The Levites divided by their ancestral houses, based on the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

The Gershonites, numbered 7,500, camped behind the Tabernacle, to the west, and had charge of the Tabernacle, the tent, its covering, the screen for the entrance of the tent, the hangings of the enclosure, the screen for the entrance of the enclosure that surrounded the Tabernacle, and the altar.

The Kohathites, numbered 8,600, camped along the south side of the Tabernacle, and had charge of the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the sacred utensils, and the screen.

The Merarites, numbered 6,200, camped along the north side of the Tabernacle, and had charge of the planks of the Tabernacle, its bars, posts, sockets, and furnishings, and the posts around the enclosure and their sockets, pegs, and cords.

Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons (who were also descended from Kohath) camped in front of the Tabernacle, on the east.

*The total number of the Levites came to 22,000.* 

11. וַיְהָי בַשְּׁנָה הַשִּׁנִית בַּווּדֶשׁ הַשֵּׁנִי בְעָשְּׂרִים בַּוּוֶדֶשׁ נְעַבְּהׁ הֶעָבְּׁוֹ בִּעַבִּל בִּשִּׂבַן הַעַרָה:

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

12. וַיִּסְעַׂוּ בְגִּי-יִשְּׂרָאֶל לְבַּוּסְעֵּיהֶם בִּבּּוּדְבְּר סִינֵּי וַיִּשְּׂכָן הֶּעָּנָוֹ בְּבִּיְדְבַּר פארוֹ:

12. And the children of Israel set forward by their stages out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud abode in the wilderness of Paran.--

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

14. And in the first place the standard of the camp of the children of Judah set forward according to their hosts; and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel 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, who bore the tabernacle, set forward.

18. And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their hosts; 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 the bearers of the sanctuary set forward, that the tabernacle might be set up against their coming.
- 22. וְנָּסַׁעֹ דֶּגֶּׁל בִּוְזַגָּה בְגִּי–אֶפְרֵיִם לְצִּבְאתֵם וְעַׁלֹ–צְּבָאוֹ אֱלִישִּׂבְוּעׁ בֶּוְ– עַבִּוּיהִוּד:
- 22. And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their hosts; 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. וְעַׁ֫לֹּ–צְּבֶּׁא בַּוּטָּה בְּגִּי בִּנְיָבֵוֹן אֲבִידָן בֶּוֹ
- **24**. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.
  - 25. וְגָּפַׁעֹּ, דֶּגָּׁל בִּוְזֵגָּה בְנִּי–דָּן בְּאַפֵּף לְכָל–הָבַּוּזְזָּה לְצִּבְאוֹתֵם וְעַׁל– צִּבָּאוֹ אֵזִזִיעָוֹר בּוֹ–עַבִּוּשִׂדִּי:
- 25. And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to 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 Ochran.
  - 27. וְעַׁ֫לֹ-צְּבָּא בִּעַּוָה בְּנִי נַּפְהָכֶּי אֲוֹזִירַע בֶּוֹ–עִינְוֹן:
- 27. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.
  - (ס) אֶכֶּלה בַּיִּסְעֵּי בְגִּי-יִשְּׂרָאָל לְצִּבְאַתְם וַיִּפְעוֹי: (ס)
- **28**. Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their hosts. --And they set forward.
- 29. וַיָּאבֶּוֹר בוּשָּׁה 'קְּוֹזְבֶּב בֶּןְ–ְרְעוּאָל הַבִּוּדְיָנִיּ ווֹהַןְ בוּשְּׁה נְּסְעִים וּ אֲנַּוֹזְנּ אֶל–הַבִּּנִקּוֹם אֲשָׂר אָבִּוּר יְהֹוָה אִהָּוֹ אֶהְןֹ לְכֶם לְכֶה אִהְנֹּוֹ וְהַטְּבְנֹּוּ לְךְ בִּי–יְהָנָה דִבֶּר–טָּוֹב עַל–יִשְּׂרָאָל:
- 29. And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law: 'We are journeying unto the place of which YHVH said: I will give it you; come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for YHVH hath spoken good concerning Israel.'
- 30. וַיָּאבֶור אֵבֶּיו לָא אֵבֶלְה בִּי אִם-אֶל-אַרְצִּי וְאֶל-בְּוֹכַלְדְהַיָּ אֵבֶלְה:
- **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 shalt be to us instead of eyes.

**32**. And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what good soever YHVH shall do unto us. the same will we do unto thee.'

33. And they set forward from the mount of YHVH three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of YHVH went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting-place for them.

**34**. And the cloud of YHVH was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp.



God instructed Moses to record every firstborn male of the Israelites aged one month old and upwards, and they came to 22,273. God told Moses to take the 22,000 Levites for God in exchange for all the firstborn among the Israelites, and the Levites' cattle in exchange for the Israelites' cattle. To redeem the 273 Israelite firstborn over and above the number of the Levites, God instructed Moses to take five shekels a head and to give the money to the priests.

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

**36.** And when it rested, he said: 'Return, O LORD, unto the ten thousands of the families of Israel.'

Chapter: 11

- וִיְהְי הָעָׂם ׁ כְּבִּתְאַנְגְּיֹם רֻעֹ בְּאָוְגִי יְהֹוֶה וַיִּשְׂבְעֹ יְהֹוֶה וַיִּעִּבׁ אַפִּוֹ וַתְּבְעַרְ–בָּם אֲשׁ יְהֹוֶה וַתָּאכֵל בִּקְצָה הְבַּוּוְזֻנְּה:
- 1. And the people were as murmurers, speaking evil in the ears of YHVH; and when YHVH heard it, His anger was kindled; and the fire of YHVH burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp.
  - 2. וַיִּצִּעַׂלְ הָעָׂם אֶל–בוּשָּׂהָ וַיִּתִּפַּלְל בוּשָּׂה אֶל–יִהוָּה וַתִּשִּׂקַע הָאָשֹּי:
- 2. And the people cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto YHVH, and the fire abated.
  - : וַיִּקְרָא שַּׂם–הַבְּּקּוֹם הַהָּוֹא תַּבְעַׂרֶה כִּי–בְעַׂרֶה בָם אָשׁ יְהוֹה:
- 3. And the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of YHVH burnt among them.
- 4. וְהֵאסַפְּסֵף אֲשֶּׂר בְּהָּרְבוֹ הֹתְאַוּ הַאֲנֵת וַיִּשֵּׁבוּ וַיִּבְכֹּוּ גַּּם בְּנִּי יִשְּׂרָאֵׁל וַיִּאִבִּוּרוּ בִּייַיִאָּכִבֵּנִּוּ בַּשָּׂר:
- 4. And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept on their part, and said: 'Would that we were given flesh to eat!
  - 5. זָּבַּרְנוֹי אֶת–הַדָּגָּה אֲשֶּׁר–נֹאכֵל בְּנִאְרֵיִם וּזְגָּם אֶת הַקְּשֵּׂאִים וְאֵת<sup>י</sup> הַאָּבַטְּוֹיִים וָאֵת–הַוֹּצִיר וָאֶת–הַבְּצַּכִּים וָאָת–הָשׁוּבִּים:
- 5. We remember the fish, which we were wont to eat in Egypt for nought; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;
  - 6. וְעַׂתְּה גַּפָשׁנָוּ יְבַשָּׂיָה אָיוֹ כְּל בִּלְתִי אֶלֹ–הַבְּוֹן עֵינִינוּ:
- 6. but now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all; we have nought save this manna to look to.'--
  - 7. וָהַבֶּּוֹ בָּוֹרֵעֹ –וָּרִ הָּוֹא וְעֵיגִוֹ בְּעִין הַבְּרְכַּוֹז:
- 7. Now the manna was like coriander seed, and the appearance thereof as the appearance of bdellium.
  - שֶׁׁטוֹ הָעָוֹם וְבֵּיְהֹ טִיְעְבוֹ בְבִינִים אָוֹ דְכוֹ בַּבְּיִדֹּכָה וּבִשְּׂכוֹ בַּבְּרוֹר
     שָׂטוֹ הָעָוֹם וְבֵיְהֹ טִיְעְבׁוֹ בְּטַעֵּם לְשֵּׂדְ הַשְּׁבֶּוֹן:
- 8. The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and seethed it in pots, and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was as the taste of a cake baked with oil.
  - 9. וּבְרֶדֶת הַפָּל עַנֶל–הְבַּוּוְזָגָה כֵּיְיְכָה וֵרֵד הַבָּוּן עָבֵיו:
- 9. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.--
  - 10. וַיִּשְׂבַׁעֹ בוּשָּׁה אֶת–הָעָם בֹּכֶה לְבִּישְׂפְּװֹהָיו אִישׁ לְפַתַּוּז אֲהָלְוּ וַיִּוֹר–אָף יִהֹוָה בִּוֹאָד וִבְעַנְיִּי בוּשַּׂהְ רַעַ:

- 10. And Moses heard the people weeping, family by family, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of YHVH was kindled greatly; and Moses was displeased.
  - 11. וַיֹּאבֶּוֹר בוּשֶּׁה אֶכּר-יְהֹוָה כְּבִּוֹה הֲרֵעַׂהְ לְעַבְּהְ וְרֲבְּנִיה לְאַ-בִּיצְּׁתִי וֹוֹן בִּעִינֶּיֵךְ כְשׁוֹּם אֶת-בִּישָּׂא כָּר-הָעָָם הַיָּוֹה עָבֵיי:
- 11. And Moses said unto YHVH: 'Wherefore hast Thou dealt ill with Thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in Thy sight, that Thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?
  - 12. הֶאֶנֹכִי הָרִיתִּי אָת כָּל–הָעָם הַּיֶּה אָם–אֲנֹכִי יְלִּדְתִּהוּ כִּי–תֹאבִוּר אַלַי שָּׂאָהוּ בְּוַזִיקֶּךְ כִּאֲשָּׂר יִשָּׂא הָאבוּן אֶת–הַיֹּנֵלְּי, עַל הַאָּדְבְּוֹה אֲשֶׂרְ נִשֹּׁבִעִת לאבתיו:
- 12. Have I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that Thou shouldest say unto me: Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing-father carrieth the sucking child, unto the land which Thou didst swear unto their fathers?
  - 13. בּוּאָיִן לִי בִּשָּׁר לָתַת לְכָל-הָעָם הַוָּה כִּי-יִבְכְּוּ עָּלַי לֵאבּוּר הְנָה-כֵּנוּ בִשָּׂר וִנֹאכֵלָה:
- 14. I am not able to bear all this people myself alone, because it is too heavy for me.
  - 15. וְאָם-כָּכָה וּ אַתְּ-עַשֶּׁה כִּיֹּי הָרְגָּנִיּי נָא הָרֹגֹּ אָם-בָּיצָאתִי מַּוֹן בְּעַיֹּנְיְרְ וִאַכֹּ-אָרִאֵה בִּרֶעַתִי: (פ)
- 15. And if Thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray Thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in Thy sight; and let me not look upon my wretchedness.'
- 16. וַיּאֹבֶּוֹר יְהֹוָהֹ אֶלֶּ–בּוֹשֶׁהֹ אֶסְפָּהֹ–כִּיֹּ שִּׂבְעִים אִישׁׁ בִּוּוְּקְנֵּי יִשְּׂרָאֵלֹּ אֲשֶׂר יַדַּעְׂהָ כִּי–הֶם וִּקְנִּי הָאָם וְשִּׂטְּרֵיו וְכֵּלַקְוְזִהְ אִהָם אֶלֵּ–אֲהֶל בּוֹעֵׁדֹ וִהְתִיִּצִּּבְוּ שָּׂם עִּבֵּוּרִ:
- 16. And YHVH 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 tent of meeting, that they may stand there with thee.
- 17. וְיַרַדְהִּי וְדִבַּרְהִּי עִבְּוּךְּ שָׁם ְ וְאֲצַּלְהִׁי בִוּןְ–הָרְוּזֵז אֲשֶׁרְ עָנֶלִיךְ וְשַּׂבְּוּהִי עַבֵּיהֶב וְגַשְּׂאִ אִהְדָּ בְּבִּישָּׂא הָעָם וְלְא–תִשָּׂא אַתִּהְ לְבַּדֶּך:

- 17. And I will come down and speak with thee there; and I will take of the spirit 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. וְאֶלֹּבְּיִנְם הֹאבַּוֹר הֹתְקַּדְּשׁוֹּ לְבְּוֹזְוֹר וְאֲכַלְתַּם בְּשְּׂר בִּי בְּכִיתֶם בְּשְׂר בִּי בְּכִיתֶם בְּשְׂר בִּי יְהַנְהַ בְּאָר בִי יְאֲכַלֹנוֹ בְּשְׁר בִי -טְוֹב כָנֹוּ בְּבִיצְּרָיִם וְנְּהַוֹן יְהֹוְהְ בְּאַוֹּנִי יְהֹנְהַ בַּשְּׂר בִי יְאֲכַלְתֵּם:
     בַּפֵּם בַשַּׂר וַאֲכַלְתֵּם:
- 18. And say thou unto the people: Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for ye have wept in the ears of YHVH, saying: Would that we were given flesh to eat! for it was well with us in Egypt; therefore YHVH will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.
  - 19. לָא יִוֹם אֶזֶזְדֹ תִּאכְלֻוּן וְלָא יוֹבְוִיִם וְלָא וֹ וְזָבִוּשְּׁה יָבִּוּים וְלֹא עֲשְּׂרִה יוֹם: יבוים ולא עשרים יוֹם:
- 19. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;
- 20. עַּדׁ ו זַזֶּדֶשׁ יָבִּיִּים עָדׁ אֲשֶׁר-יֵצֵאׁ בְּאַפְּכֶּם וְהֵיָהֹ כְּכֶם כְּזְּרֵא יַעַוֹּ כִּי-בְּאַסְתֶּם אֶת-יְהֹוָהֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּהָרְבְּכֶּם וַתִּבְכָּוּ לְפָנִיוֹ כֵאבּוֹר כְּבְּוֹה זָּהׁ יַצֵּאנֹוּ בִוּבִּוֹצִרִים:
- 20. but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that ye have rejected YHVH who is among you, and have troubled Him with weeping, saying: Why, now, came we forth out of Egypt?'
  - 21. וַיֹּאבֶוֹר בוֹשֶּׂה שִׁישׁ-בוּאָוֹת אֶׁכֶּף רַגְּּלִי הָעָּׂם אֲשֶׂר אֲנֹכֵי בְּקּרְבֵּוֹ וִאַהִּה אָבִּוֹרִתּ בַּשָּׂר אָתָּוֹ כְּהֵּם וְאָכִּלִּי וְזִדֵּשׁ יָבִיים:
- 21. And Moses said: 'The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand men on foot; and yet Thou hast said: I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month!
- 22. הַצְּאוֹ וּבָקָר יִשְּׁתֵט לָהֶם וּבִיצָּא לְהֶם אֶם אֶת-כְּל-דְגִּי הַיִּם יִאָסֵף לֹהָם וּבִיצָּא לֹהָם: (פַ)
- 22. If flocks and herds be slain for them, will they suffice them? or if all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, will they suffice them?'
  - 23. וַיָּאבֶּור יְהֹוָהֹ אֶכ<sup>ּ</sup>–בוּשֶּׁה הַיִּד יְהֹוָה תִּקְצֵּר עַׂתְּה תִרְאֲה הַיִּקְּרְרָ, דְּבָּרָי אִם–לְא:
- 23. And YHVH said unto Moses: 'Is YHVH'S hand waxed short? now shalt thou see whether My word shall come to pass unto thee or not.'

- 24. וַיֵּצְא בוּשָּׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶל–הָעָּׁם אֶת דִּבְרָי יְהֹוֶה וֵיּאֶסֶׁף שִּּבְעַים אִישׁ` בּוּּהָנֵּי הָעָּׁם וַיַּעַבׁוִר אִתָּם סִבִּיבִת הָאְהֵל:
- 24. And Moses went out, and told the people the words of YHVH; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the Tent.

25. וַיֵּבֶרֵד יְהֹּנָה וּ בֻּעָּגָּוְה וַיִּהִי כִּנְּוֹזֵז עֻבֵּיהִם הָרְוּזֵז אֲשֵׂרְ עָּלְיוּ וַיִּבֵּּרְ עַבִּיבִם הָרִוּזֵז אֲשֵׂרָר עָּלִיוּ וַיִּבִּרְר אֵלִיוּ וַיִּאְצֶּׁל בִּוֹן–הָרְוּזֵז אֲשֵׂרְר עָּלְיוּ וַיִּבֵּוֹ

25. And YHVH came down in the cloud, and spoke unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy elders; and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did so no more.

26. וַיִּשְּׂאָרִוּ שְׂנִּי–אֲנָּשִׂים וּ בְּבַּוּוְזֶנֶּה שֵׁם הָאֶוְזְד וּ אֶלְדְּׁד וְשֵׂם הַשֵּׁנִּי בֵּיידָׂד וַתְּנַּוֹז עֲׂכַהָּם הָרוּוֹז וְהֵבְּּוֹה בַּבְּתַבִּים וְלָא ִיצְּאִוּ הָאְהֶּלְה וַיִּתְנַבְּאִוּ בַּבּּוּזוֹנָה:

26. But there remained two men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad; and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were recorded, but had not gone out unto the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp.

27. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said: 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'

- 28. וַיַּעַן יְהוֹשָׁוֶעַ בּוֹן בְוּשְּׂרָת בוּשֶּׂה בִּוּבְוֹזְרָיו וַיֹּאַבַּוֶר אֲדֹנָי בוּשֶּׂה פראם:
- **28**. And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his youth up, answered and said: 'My lord Moses, shut them in.'
  - 29. וַיָּאבֶּוֹר לוֹ בּוֹשֶּׁה הַבְּוְהַנָּגָּא אַתְּה כֵּי וּבִּיי יִתֵּוֹ כְּכֹּ–עָׂם יְהֹוָה נְּבִיאִׁים בִּי–יִתּוֹ יִהֹוָה אָת–רוּוּוִוֹ עַבִּיהָם:
- 29. And Moses said unto him: 'Art thou jealous for my sake? would that all YHVH'S people were prophets, that YHVH would put His spirit upon them!'



God then directed Moses and Aaron to take a separate census of the Kohathites between the ages of 30 and 50, who were to perform tasks for the Tent of Meeting. The Kohathites had responsibility for the most sacred objects. (Parashat Naso states the number of working age Kohathites who were counted.)

At the breaking of camp, Aaron and his sons were to take down the Ark, the table of display, the lampstand, and the service vessels, and cover them all with cloths and skins. Only when Aaron and his sons had finished covering the sacred objects would the Kohathites come and lift them. Aaron's son Eleazar had responsibility for the lighting oil, the aromatic incense, the regular meal offering, the anointing oil, and all the consecrated things in the Tabernacle. God charged Moses and Aaron to take care not to let the Kohathites die because they went inside and witnessed the dismantling of the sanctuary.

30. וַיּאָסָף בוּשֶּׂהָ אֶלֹ–הְבַּיּוְזֵגֶוֹה הָוּא וְוֹּהְגַיִּי יִשְּׂרָאְלֹּ:

- 30. And Moses withdrew into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.
  31. וְרֹוּזֵוֹ נְּסְעֹ ו בֵּוּאֲת יְהֹוֹה וְיּגִּוֹ שַׂרְוִים בֹּוֹן בִּיְם וֹ וִיִּטֹשׁ עַבֹּל הְבַּוּוְזֵגֶּה וּרְאַבְּוּתַיִם עַבֹּל בְּבָּוּוְזֵגֶּה וּרְאַבְּוּתַיִם עַבֹּל בְּבָּוּוְזֵגֶה וּרְאַבְּוּתַיִם עַבֹּל בְּבָּוּוְזֵגֶה וּרְאַבְּוּתַיִם עַבֹּל בְּבָּוּוֹ בִּבּוּוְזֵגֵּה וּרְאַבְּוּתַיִם עַבֹּל בְּבָּוֹיִ וֹם כֹּה וּרְדֶּרֶך יוֹם כֹּה וּרְדֶּרֶך יוֹם כֹה וּרְדֶּרֶר יוֹם כֹּה בְּבִּוֹיִ בְּבוֹים בַּבּוֹיְזֵגֵּה וּרְאַבְּיתַיִם עַבֹּל בְּבָּוֹיִ בְּבוֹים בּבּוּוְזֵגֵּה וּרְאַבִּיוֹים בֹּבוֹ בִּבְּוֹת בְּבוּוֹזְנֵגְה וּרְאַבְּיוֹם בַּבוֹים בּבוּוֹים בֹּבוֹ בִּבְּיתוֹם בּבוּוֹים בּבוּוֹים בּבוּוֹים בּיוֹם בֹבוֹים בּבוּוֹים בּבוּוֹים בּוֹים בּבוּוֹים בּבוּים בּבוּוֹים בּבוּים בּבוּוֹים בּבוּים בּיבוּים בּבוּים בּיוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוֹים בּיים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיוֹים בּיבוֹים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיוֹים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּיבוּים בּבוּים בּיבוֹים בּיבוּים בּיבוּבוּים בּיבוֹים בּיבוֹים בּיבוֹים בּיבוּים בּיבוֹים בּיבוֹים בּי
- 31. And there went forth a wind from YHVH, and brought across quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth.

32. זַּיּאָסְפּיּ אֶת–בִּשְּׂלָו בַּבִּילְתָּים אָסַף עֲשָׁרָה וְזְבִירֵים וַיִּשְּׁסְוֹזִי לְבֶּם ׁ וַיִּאַסְפּיּ אֶת–בִּשְּלָו בַּבִּילְתִּים אָסַף עֲשָּׁרָה וְזְבִירֵים וַיִּשְּׁסְוֹזִי לְבֶּם שִּׁשִׁלִּינִה סְבִּיבִוּת בְּבִּיּוְזֵגָה:

- **32.** And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails; he that gathered least gathered ten heaps; and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.
  - 33. הַבְּשָּׂר עוֹדֶגוֹּ בְּיֹן שִׁנֵּיהֶם טָּרֶם יִכְּרֶת וְאָף יְהֹוְהֹ וְזְרָה בְּעָּׁם וַיִּךְ יְהֹוָהֹ בְּעָׂם מַכָּה רַבָּה בִיאָר:
- 33. While the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the anger of YHVH was kindled against the people, and YHVH smote the people with a very great plague.
  - 34. וַיִּלְרָא אֶת-שֵּׁם-הַבְּּוּלִּוֹם הַהָּוּא לְּבְרָוֹת הַתַּאֲוֶה כִּי-שָׁם קַבְּרֹוּ אֶת-הָעָש הַבִּּוּתְאַוִּים:
- **34.** And the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people that lusted.

- 35. בִּקּבְרוֹת הַתַּאֲוֹה גַּסְעוֹי הַעָּם ווֹצָּרוֹת וַיּהִייִּ בַּוֹצַרוֹת: (פ)
- 35. From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.

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- וַהְדַבֵּר בִּוְרָים וְאַבָּרן בְּבוּשֶׁה עַנֹל-אַדְוֹת הֵאִשְּׂה הַכַּשִּׂיִת אֲשֶׂר בַּלְּהִית בְּשָׁיִת לַהָּוֹז:
- 1. And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman.
  - 2. וַיְּאִבְּוֹרוּ הֲרֶקֹ אֲךְ–בְּבוֹשֶׁהֹ דְבֶּר יְהֹוֶה הֲכַּא גַּבּבְבְנוּ דְבֵּרְ וַיִּשְּׂבוֻעֹּ יִהֹוָה:
- 2. And they said: 'Hath YHVH indeed spoken only with Moses? hath He not spoken also with us?' And YHVH heard it.--
- 3. וְהָאִישׁ בוּשֶּׂהָ (ענוֹ) עָנְנִיו בְוּאָד בִּכּכֹל הַאָדְׂם אֲשֶׂרְ עַבֹּל-פְנָי הַאְּדְבְּה: (ס)
- 3. Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.--
  - וֹיאֶבֶּור יְהֹוֶה פַּתְאֹם אֶלֹבנִי וְאֶלֹבוּיְלֵם יְאָלֵב יְאָבֶּוֹר וְאֶלֹבבוֹ וְאֶלֹבבוֹ וְאֶלֹבבוֹ בּוֹעֵדֹ וֵיצִּאוֹ שִׁלְשִׁתַם:
- 4. And YHVH spoke suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam: 'Come out ye three unto the tent of meeting.' And they three came out.
  - זַיּלָה יְהֹוָה בְּעַבְּוּוּד עָנָּוֹ וַיַּעֲבוֹד פַּתוֹז הָאֶהֶל וַיִּלְּרָא אַהְרָן וּבִּוְרְיָם
     זַיּלְאָר שִׂנִּיהֵם:
- 5. And YHVH came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth.
  - 6. וַיֻּאבֶּור שִּׂבְּעֹוּ בְּנַא דְבָרֶי אִם -יִהְיֶהֹ נְּבְיאֲבֶבׁם יְהֹוָה בַּבַּוּרְאָהֹ אֵלַיוּ
     אַתוַדְּעֹ בְּוַזְלְוֹם אֲדַבֶּר -בְּוֹ:
- 6. And He said: 'Hear now My words: if there be a prophet among you, I YHVH do make Myself known unto him in a vision, I do speak with him in a dream.
  - 7. לא-כַן עַבְרָי בוּשָּׁתִ בְּכָל-בֵּיתוּ גַּאֲבָוּן הְוּא:
- 7. My servant Moses is not so; he is trusted in all My house;
  - 8. פה אֶל-פֶּה אֲדַבֶּר-בוֹ ובַּיְרְאֶה וְלְא בְּוֹזִידֹת וּתְבֻנַנְת יְהֹוָה יַבֵּיְטֹּ
    וּבַוֹדִיעַ לְא יֵרַאֹבֶם לְדַבֵּר בְּעַבְּדֵי בְבוֹשֵּׂה:

- 8. with him do I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of YHVH doth he behold; wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?'
  - 9. וַיּזֵור אָף יְהֹוֶה בֶּם וַיֵּכְרְּ:
- 9. And the anger of YHVH was kindled against them; and He departed.

10. וְבֻּעָּגָּן ְסָר בִּעַּרֶעָת הָאָבֶר וְהִנָּה בִּירָיִם בְּעַבְעַת כַּאֲּבֶרְוֹ נִיפֶּן אְהַרְיֹ

10. And when the cloud was removed from over the Tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam; and, behold, she was leprous.

11. וַיָּאבֶּור אֲהָרָן אֶל–בוּשֶּׂוֶה בְּי אֲדֹנִי אַל–נָּא תְשֵּׂת עָבׁינוּ װַפְּׂאת אֵשֵּׂר נוֹאַלְנוּ וַאֲשֵּׂר װַפַּאנוּ:

- 11. And Aaron said unto Moses: 'Oh my lord, lay not, I pray thee, sin upon us, for that we have done foolishly, and for that we have sinned.
  - 12. אַלּ–נָגֹא תְהֹיֻ כַּבּוֶת אֲשֶׁרְ בְּצֵּאתוֹ בֵוּרֶוָזֶם אָבֹּוֹ וַיִּאָכֵל וְזַצִּי בְשָּׂרוֹ:
- 12. Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.'
  - 13. וַיִּצְּעָׂה בּוֹשֶּׁה אֶל-יִהוָה כֵּאבִור אֵל נָא רְפַא נָא כְה: (פ)
- 13. And Moses cried unto YHVH, saying: 'Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee.'

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- 14. וַיֹּאבֶּוֹר יְהֹוָה אֶכ<sup>ּ</sup>–בּיּשָּׁה וְאָבִּיהָ יָרָקֹ יְרַקֹּ בְּפְּנֶּיהָ הַכְּאֵ תִּבְּבֵּם שִּׂבְעָת יָבִיִּם תִּפָּגֵּר שִּׂבְעָת יָבִים בִּוֹזוּץ כְּבַּוֹזַנֶּה וְאַזַּיִר תְּאֶפֶף:
- 14. And YHVH said unto Moses: 'If her father had but spit in her face, should she not hide in shame seven days? let her be shut up without the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again.'
  - 15. וַתִּפָגָּר בִּיְרְיִם בִּיּוֹזִיץְ כַּבַּיּוְזֵגָּה שִּדְעַּת יָבִיִּים וְהָעָבוֹ כְּאֹ נָּסֵׁע עַדֹּ– הֹאָפֵף בִּיְרָיִם:
- 15. And Miriam was shut up without the camp seven days; and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.
  - 16. וְאַנֹוֶר נֶּסְעַׂנ הָעָׂם בְּנְוַזֵּצֶּרוֹת וַיַּזְוֹנָּוּ בְּבִּיְרְבַּׁר פּארֶן: (פּפּפ)
- **16**. And afterward the people journeyed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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