

1. The Exodus from Egypt according to the Documentary Hypothesis

J Exodus Account

- 14:5-7 5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had escaped, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds concerning the people. They said, "What have we done, letting Israel abandon our work?" 6 So he got his chariot ready and took his army with him: 7 six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers commanding all of them.
- 14:9a 9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his charioteers and his army.
- 14:10 10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back. The Egyptians were catching up to them. Being terribly afraid they cried out to YHWH.
- 14:13-14 13 Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Have faith. Witness the deliverance that YHWH will accomplish for you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 YHWH will fight for you. You don't have to do anything."
- 14:19b The pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them.
- 14:20b The cloud and the darkness were there. It lit up the night. Neither came near the other all night.
- 14:21b YHWH drove back the sea with a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land.
- 14:24-25 24 At the morning watch YHWH looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud upon the Egyptian army. He threw the Egyptian army into a panic. 25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they maneuvered clumsily. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites, for YHWH is fighting for them against Egypt."
- 14:27b The sea returned to its normal depth by dawn. The Egyptians fled from it, but YHWH tossed the Egyptians into the sea.
- 14:30-31 30 Thus YHWH saved Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the marvelous work that YHWH did against the Egyptians. The people feared YHWH, and put their faith in YHWH and in his servant Moses.
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E Exodus Account

- 13:17-19 13:17 When Pharaoh sent the people away, Elohim did not lead them by way of the Philistine's land, though that was near. For Elohim said, "The people might change their mind when they meet opposition, and return to Egypt." 18 So Elohim brought the people around via the wilderness Red Sea route. The sons of Israel went up from the land of Egypt in battle formation. 19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him. He had made the Israelites swear, "When Elohim visits you, take my bones with you from there."
- 14:11-12 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there weren't enough graves in Egypt that you took us out to die in the wilderness? What are you trying to do to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn't we tell you this back in Egypt, 'Leave us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."
- 14:19 19 The angel of Elohim who was going ahead of the Israelite army moved and went behind them.
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P Exodus Account

- 13:21-14:4 21 And YHWH was going ahead of them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them in the right direction, and at night by a pillar of fire to illumine them, so they could travel day and night. 22 The pillar of cloud did not disappear during the day, nor the pillar of fire at night. 14:1 And YHWH spoke to Moses, 2 "Tell the sons of Israel to return and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdal and the sea, in front of Baalzephon; you shall camp facing it, by the sea. 3 And Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the area. The wilderness has shut them in.' 4. I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and

he will chase them. In that way I will get glory for myself over Pharaoh and his entire army. The Egyptians will know that I am YHWH." They did so.

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- 14:9b They overtook them where they were encamped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.
- 14:15-18 15 YHWH said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. 16 Lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it so that the Israelites can go into the sea on dry ground. 17 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. In that way I will get glory for myself over Pharaoh and his entire army, his chariots and his charioteers. 18 Then the Egyptians will know that I am YHWH, after I have gotten glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots and his charioteers.
- 14:21c-23 And the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued them, going into the sea right after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots and charioteers.
- 14:26-27 26 YHWH said to Moses, "Stretch your hand out over the sea so that the water will come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and charioteers." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.
- 14:28-29 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the charioteers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them survived. 29 But the Israelites had walked through the sea on dry ground. The waters had formed a wall on their right and on their left.

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2. The Giving of the Law at Sinai according to the Documentary Hypothesis

Giving of the Law: J Source

- 19:9b- 10 Then Moses told the words of the people to YHWH. 10 And YHWH said to Moses, "Go to the people and
16a consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, 11 and be ready by the third day; for on the third day YHWH will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12 And you shall set bounds for the people round about, saying, 'Take heed that you do not go up into the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death; 13 no hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain." 14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. 15 And he said to the people, "Be ready by the third day; do not go near a woman." 16 On the morning of the third day
- 19:18 18 Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because YHWH descended upon it in fire; and the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.
- 19:20- 20 And YHWH came down upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and YHWH called Moses to the
25 top of the mountain, and Moses went up. 21 And YHWH said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to YHWH to gaze and many of them perish. 22 And also let the priests who come near to YHWH consecrate themselves, lest YHWH break out upon them." 23 And Moses said to YHWH, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for thou thyself didst charge us, saying, 'Set bounds about the mountain, and consecrate it.'" 24 And YHWH said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to YHWH, lest he break out against them." 25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.
- 24:1-2 1 And he said to Moses, "Come up to YHWH, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship afar off. 2 Moses alone shall come near to YHWH; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."
- 24:9- 9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they
11 saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

- 33:1- 1 YHWH said to Moses, "Depart, go up hence, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the
23 land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' 2 And I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you in the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." 4 When the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned; and no man put on his ornaments. 5 For YHWH had said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do with you.'" 6 Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward. 7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; and he called it the tent of meeting. And every one who sought YHWH would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. 8 Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose up, and every man stood at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he had gone into the tent. 9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the door of the tent, and YHWH would speak with Moses. 10 And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the door of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, every man at his tent door. 11 Thus YHWH used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tent. 12 Moses said to YHWH, "See, thou sayest to me, 'Bring up this people'; but thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'" 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee and find favor in thy sight. Consider too that this nation is thy people." 14 And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to him, "If thy presence will not go with me, do not carry us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight, I and thy people? Is it not in thy going with us, so that we are distinct, I and thy people, from all other people that are upon the face of the earth?" 17 And YHWH said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "I pray thee, show me thy glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name 'YHWH'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live." 21 And YHWH said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand upon the rock; 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."
- 34:2-3 2 Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. 3 No man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let no flocks or herds feed before that mountain."
- 34:5- 5 And YHWH descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of YHWH. 6
27 YHWH passed before him, and proclaimed, "YHWH, YHWH, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." 8 And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9 And he said, "If now I have found favor in thy sight, O LORD, let YHWH, I pray thee, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thy inheritance." 10 And he said, "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been wrought in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of YHWH; for it is a terrible thing that I will do with you. 11 "Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither you go, lest it become a snare in the midst of you. 13 You shall tear down their altars, and break their pillars, and cut down their Asherim 14 (for you shall worship no other god, for YHWH, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), 15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they play the harlot after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and one invites you, you eat of his sacrifice, 16 and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters play the harlot after their gods and make your sons play the harlot after their gods. 17 "You shall make for yourself no molten gods. 18 "The feast of unleavened bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib; for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. 19 All that opens the womb is mine, all your male cattle, the firstlings of cow and sheep. 20 The firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb, or if

you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. All the first-born of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty. 21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. 22 And you shall observe the feast of weeks, the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. 23 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before YHWH God, the God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out nations before you, and enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire your land, when you go up to appear before YHWH your God three times in the year. 25 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left until the morning. 26 The first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of YHWH your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk." 27 And YHWH said to Moses, "Write these words; in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

Giving of the Law: E Source

- 19:2b-9a And there Israel encamped before the mountain. 3 And Moses went up to God, and YHWH called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." 7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which YHWH had commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together and said, "All that YHWH has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to YHWH. 9 And YHWH said to Moses, "Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you for ever."
- 19:16b-17 There were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God; and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.
- 19:19 19 And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.
- 20:1-23:33 1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I YHWH your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of YHWH your God in vain; for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to YHWH your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; 11 for in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore YHWH blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which YHWH your God gives you. 13 "You shall not kill. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's." 18 Now when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." 20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin." 21 And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. 22 And YHWH said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. 24 An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to

be remembered I will come to you and bless you. 25 And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you wield your tool upon it you profane it. 26 And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.' ...[until 23:33]

- 24:3-8 3 Moses came and told the people all the words of YHWH and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which YHWH has spoken we will do." 4 And Moses wrote all the words of YHWH. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to YHWH. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that YHWH has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant which YHWH has made with you in accordance with all these words."
- 24:12-15a 12 YHWH said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." 13 So Moses rose with his servant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, "Tarry here for us, until we come to you again; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them." 15 Then Moses went up on the mountain,
- 24:18b And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
- 31:18-32:24 18 And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. 32:1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Up, make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 And Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off the rings of gold which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4 And he received the gold at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made a molten calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to YHWH." 6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 7 And YHWH said to Moses, "Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; 8 they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" 9 And YHWH said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; 10 now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation." 11 But Moses besought YHWH his God, and said, "O LORD, why does thy wrath burn hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" 14 And YHWH repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people. 15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mountain with the two tables of the testimony in his hands, tables that were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. 17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." 18 But he said, "It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear." 19 And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tables out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. 20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink it. 21 And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought a great sin upon them?" 22 And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my LORD burn hot; you know the people, that they are set on evil. 23 For they said to me, 'Make us gods, who shall go before us; as

for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 24 And I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off'; so they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and there came out this calf."

- 32:30-35 30 On the morrow Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to YHWH; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." 31 So Moses returned to YHWH and said, "Alas, this people have sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of gold. 32 But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin -- and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." 33 But YHWH said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. 34 But now go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them." 35 And YHWH sent a plague upon the people, because they made the calf which Aaron made.
- 34:1 1 YHWH said to Moses, "Cut two tables of stone like the first; and I will write upon the tables the words that were on the first tables, which you broke.
- 34:4 4 So Moses cut two tables of stone like the first; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as YHWH had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone.
- 34:28 28 And he was there with YHWH forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Giving of the Law: P Source

- 19:1-2a 1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 And when they set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness;
- 24:15b-18a and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of YHWH settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of YHWH was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
- 25:1-31:18 1 YHWH said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me an offering; from every man whose heart makes him willing you shall receive the offering for me..."[until 31:17] 18 And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.
- 34:29-40:38 29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. 32 And afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that YHWH had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before YHWH to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, 35 the people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses would put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him. 35:1 Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel, and said to them, "These are the things which YHWH has commanded you to do. 2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy sabbath of solemn rest to YHWH; whoever does any work on it shall be put to death; 3 you shall kindle no fire in all your habitations on the sabbath day." 4 Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing which YHWH has commanded. 5 Take from among you an offering to YHWH; whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring YHWH's offering: gold, silver, and bronze; 6 blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; goats' hair, 7 tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, 8 oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, 9 and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece..."[until 40:33] 34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of YHWH filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode upon it, and the glory of YHWH filled the tabernacle. 36 Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was

taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would go onward; 37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not go onward till the day that it was taken up. 38 For throughout all their journeys the cloud of YHWH was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

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Exodus 19

1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 And when they set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mountain. 3 And Moses went up to God, and YHWH called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." 7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which YHWH had commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together and said, "All that YHWH has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to YHWH.

9 And YHWH said to Moses, "Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you for ever." **Then Moses told the words of the people to YHWH. 10 And YHWH said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, 11 and be ready by the third day; for on the third day YHWH will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12 And you shall set bounds for the people round about, saying, 'Take heed that you do not go up into the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death; 13 no hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.'** When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain." **14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. 15 And he said to the people, "Be ready by the third day; do not go near a woman."** **16 On the morning of the third day** there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God; and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. **18 And Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because YHWH descended upon it in fire; and the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.** 19 And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. **20 And YHWH came down upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and YHWH called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. 21 And YHWH said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to YHWH to gaze and many of them perish. 22 And also let the priests who come near to YHWH consecrate themselves, lest YHWH break out upon them."** **23 And Moses said to YHWH, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for thou thyself didst charge us, saying, 'Set bounds about the mountain, and consecrate it.'**" **24 And YHWH said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to YHWH, lest he break out against them."** **25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.**

Exodus 20

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I YHWH your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of YHWH your God in vain; for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to YHWH your God; in

it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; 11 for in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore YHWH blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which YHWH your God gives you. 13 "You shall not kill. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's."

18 Now when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." 20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin." 21 And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

22 And YHWH said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. 24 An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. 25 And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you wield your tool upon it you profane it. 26 And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.'