

Yitro - Torah

Exodus 18:1-20:23

(1) Jethro priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how the LORD had brought Israel out from Egypt. (2) So Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after she had been sent home, (3) and her two sons—of whom one was named Gershom, that is to say, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land"; (4) and the other was named Eliezer, meaning, "The God of my father was my help, and He delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh." (5) Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought Moses' sons and wife to him in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of God. (6) He sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, with your wife and her two sons." (7) Moses went out to meet his father-in-law; he bowed low and kissed him; each asked after the other's welfare, and they went into the tent. (8) Moses then recounted to his father-in-law everything that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardships that had befallen them on the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. (9) And Jethro rejoiced over all the kindness that the LORD had shown Israel when He delivered them from the Egyptians. (10) "Blessed be the LORD," Jethro said, "who delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. (11) Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, yes, by the result of their very schemes against [the people]." (12) And Jethro, Moses' father-

שמות י"ח-כ"ג

(א) וישמע יתרו כהן מדן חתן משה את כל אשר עשה אלהים למשה ולישראל עמו כיהוציא יהוה את ישראל ממצרים: (ב) ויקח יתרו חתן משה את-צפורה אשת משה אחר שלוחיה: (ג) ואת שני בניה אשר שם האחד גרשם כי אמר גר הייתי בארץ נכריה: (ד) ושם האחד אליעזר כיהוציא אבי בעזרי ויצלני מתרב פרעה: (ה) ויבא יתרו חתן משה ובגיו ואשתו אל-משה אל-המדבר אשר-הוא הגה ושם הר האלהים: (ו) ויאמר אל-משה אני חתנך יתרו בן אלוי ואשתך ושני בניה עמך: (ז) ויצא משה לקראת חתנו וישתחו וישקלו וישאלו איש-לרעהו לשלום ויבאו האלה: (ח) ויספר משה לחתנו את כל אשר עשה יהוה לפרעה ולמצרים על אודת ישראל את כל-התלאה אשר מצאתם בדבר ויצלם יהוה: (ט) ויחם יתרו על כל-הטובה אשר-עשה יהוה לישראל ויבא יתרו חתן משה ויבא אשתו ויבא אלהים ויבא אהרן וכל זקני ישראל לאכל-לחם עם-חתן משה לפני האלהים: (י) ויהי ממחרת וישב משה ליפוט את-העם ויעמד העם על-משה מוהבקר עדה-הערב: (יא) וירא חתן משה את

in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices for God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to partake of the meal before God with Moses' father-in-law. (13) Next day, Moses sat as magistrate among the people, while the people stood about Moses from morning until evening. (14) But when Moses' father-in-law saw how much he had to do for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing to the people? Why do you act alone, while all the people stand about you from morning until evening?" (15) Moses replied to his father-in-law, "It is because the people come to me to inquire of God. (16) When they have a dispute, it comes before me, and I decide between one person and another, and I make known the laws and teachings of God." (17) But Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing you are doing is not right; (18) you will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. (19) Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You represent the people before God: you bring the disputes before God, (20) and enjoin upon them the laws and the teachings, and make known to them the way they are to go and the practices they are to follow. (21) You shall also seek out from among all the people capable men who fear God, trustworthy men who spurn ill-gotten gain. Set these over them as chiefs of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, (22) and let them judge the people at all times. Have them bring every major dispute to you, but let them decide every minor dispute themselves. Make it easier for yourself by letting them share the burden with you. (23) If you do this—and God so commands you—you will be able to bear up; and all these people too will go home unwearied." (24) Moses heeded his father-in-law and did just as he had said. (25) Moses chose capable men out of all Israel, and appointed them heads over the people—

כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־הוּא עֹשֶׂה לְעַם וַיֹּאמֶר מֹדֶה־הַדָּבָר
הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עֹשֶׂה לְעַם מְדוּעַ אַתָּה יוֹשֵׁב
לְבַדְּךָ וְכָל־הָעָם נֹצֵב עֲלֶיךָ מִן־כָּפָר
עַד־עָרֶב: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה לְחַתָּנוּ כִּי־יָבֹא
אֵלַי הָעָם לְדַרְשׁ אֱלֹהִים: (י) כִּי־יִהְיֶה לָּהֶם
דָּבָר בָּא אֵלַי וְשִׁפְטֹתַי בֵּין אִישׁ וּבֵין רֵעֵהוּ
וְהוֹדַעְתִּי אֶת־תִּקְי הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֶת־תּוֹרֹתַיו:
(י) וַיֹּאמֶר חַתָּן מֹשֶׁה אֵלָיו לֹא־טוֹב הַדָּבָר
אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עֹשֶׂה: (י) נָכַל תִּבְל גַּם־אַתָּה
גַּם־הָעָם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר עִמָּךְ כִּי־כִבַּד מִמֶּךָ
הַדָּבָר לֹא־תִקַּל עֲשֵׂהוּ לְבַדְּךָ: (ט) עֲתִיָּה
שָׁמַע בְּקוֹלִי אֵינְצִיךָ וַיְהִי אֱלֹהִים עִמָּךְ הִנֵּה
אַתָּה לְעַם מוֹל הָאֱלֹהִים וְהִבֵּאתָ אֶתָּה
אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים: (כ) וְהִזְהַרְתָּ
אֶתְהֶם אֶת־הַחֻקִּים וְאֶת־הַתּוֹרֹת וְהוֹדַעְתָּ
לָהֶם אֶת־הַדְּרֹךְ יִלְכוּ בָּהּ וְאֶת־הַמַּעֲשֵׂה
אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשׂוּ: (כ) וְאַתָּה תִּחְזַק מִכָּל־הָעַם
אֲנָשִׁי־חַיִל יֵרָאִי אֱלֹהִים אֲנָשִׁי אַמַּת שְׂנְאִי
בְּצַע וְשָׁמַת עֲלֵהֶם שְׂרִי אֶלְפִים שְׂרִי מְאוֹת
שְׂרִי חֲמִשִּׁים וְשְׂרִי עֶשְׂרֹת: (כ) וְשִׁפְטוּ
אֶת־הָעָם בְּכָל־עֵת וְהָיָה כָּל־הַדָּבָר הַגָּדוֹל
יָבִיאוּ אֵלֶיךָ וְכָל־הַדָּבָר הַקָּטָן יִשְׁפְּטוּ־הֶם
וְהַקָּל מֵעֲלֶיךָ וְנִשְׂאוּ אִתָּךְ: (כ) אָם
אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה תַּעֲשֶׂה וְצִוָּה אֱלֹהִים וַיִּכְלַת
עִמָּךְ וְגַם כָּל־הָעָם הַזֶּה עַל־מְקוֹמוֹ יָבֹא
בְּשָׁלוֹם: (כ) וַיִּשְׁמַע מֹשֶׁה לְקוֹל חַתָּנוּ
וַיַּעַשׂ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר אָמַר: (כ) וַיִּבְחַר מֹשֶׁה
אֲנָשִׁי־חַיִל מִכָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָם רָאשִׁים
עַל־הָעָם שְׂרִי אֶלְפִים שְׂרִי מְאוֹת שְׂרִי
חֲמִשִּׁים וְשְׂרִי עֶשְׂרֹת: (כ) וְשִׁפְטוּ אֶת־הָעָם
בְּכָל־עֵת אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַקָּטָן יִשְׁפְּטוּ
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וְכָל־הַדָּבָר הַקָּטָן יִשְׁפְּטוּ הֶם:
(כ) וַיִּשְׁלַח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־חַתָּנוּ בְּיָדוֹ לוֹ
אֶל־אַרְצוֹ: (פ) (א) בַּחֲדָשׁ הַשְּׁלִישִׁי לָצֵאת
בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה בָּאוּ
מִדְבַר סִינַי: (ב) וַיִּסְעוּ מִרְפִּידִים וַיָּבֹאוּ
מִדְבַר סִינַי וַיִּחַנוּ בְּמִדְבַר וַיִּסְּוּ־שָׁם יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּיַד הַהָר: (ג) וּמֹשֶׁה עָלָה אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים

chiefs of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens; (26) and they judged the people at all times: the difficult matters they would bring to Moses, and all the minor matters they would decide themselves. (27) Then Moses bade his father-in-law farewell, and he went his way to his own land. (1) On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone forth from the land of Egypt, on that very day, they entered the wilderness of Sinai. (2) Having journeyed from Rephidim, they entered the wilderness of Sinai and encamped in the wilderness. Israel encamped there in front of the mountain, (3) and Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob and declare to the children of Israel: (4) 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Me. (5) Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is Mine, (6) but you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel." (7) Moses came and summoned the elders of the people and put before them all that the LORD had commanded him. (8) All the people answered as one, saying, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the people's words to the LORD. (9) And the LORD said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after." Then Moses reported the people's words to the LORD, (10) and the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and warn them to stay pure today and tomorrow. Let them wash their clothes. (11) Let them be ready for the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down, in the sight of all the people, on Mount Sinai. (12) You shall set bounds for the people round about, saying,

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה מִן־הַהָרָה לֵאמֹר כֹּה תֹאמַר
לְבֵית יִעֲקֹב וְתֹאמַר לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ד) אַתֶּם
רְאִיתֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי לְמִצְרַיִם וְאֲשָׂא אֶתְכֶם
עַל־כַּנְּפֵי נְשָׁרִים וְאָבָא אֶתְכֶם אֵלַי: (ה)
וְעַתָּה אִם־שָׁמוּעַ תִּשְׁמָעוּ בְּקוֹלִי וְשָׁמַרְתֶּם
אֶת־בְּרִיתִי וְהִיִּיתֶם לִי סִגְלָה מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים
כִּי־לִי כָל־הָאָרֶץ: (ו) וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ־לִי
מִמְלַכֶּת כֹּהֲנִים וְגוֹי קְדוֹשׁ אֲלֵה הַדְּבָרִים
אֲשֶׁר תְּדַבֵּר אֶל־בָּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ז) וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה
וַיִּקְרָא לְזֻקְנֵי הָעָם וַיֵּשֶׁם לִפְנֵיהֶם אֵת
כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר צִוְּהוּ יְהוָה: (ח)
וַיַּעֲנוּ כָל־הָעָם יַחְדָּו וַיֹּאמְרוּ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר
יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע מִנְּשֵׂה אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הָעָם
אֶל־יְהוָה: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה הֲנִה
אֲנֹכִי בָּא אֵלֶיךָ בְּעָב הָעֲנָן בְּעַבֹּר יִשְׁמַע
הָעָם בְּדַבְּרֵי עֲמֹד וְגַם־כִּי יֹאמְרוּ לְעוֹלָם
וַיִּגַּד מֹשֶׁה אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הָעָם אֶל־יְהוָה: (י)
וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵךְ אֶל־הָעָם
וְקַדְּשָׂתֶם הַיּוֹם וּמָחָר וְכַבְּסוּ שְׂמֹלֹתֶם: (יא)
וְהָיוּ נֹכְחִים לְיְוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי כִּי אֲנִי
הַשְּׁלִישִׁי יֵרַד יְהוָה לְעִינֵי כָל־הָעָם עַל־הָרַ
סִינַי: (יב) וְהִגַּבְלֹת אֶת־הָעָם סָבִיב לֵאמֹר
הִשְׁמְרוּ לָכֶם עֲלוֹת בְּהָר וּנְגַע בְּקַצְהוּ
כָּל־הַנֶּגַע בְּהָר מוֹת יוּמָת: (יג) לֹא־תִגַּע בְּוֹ
זֶד כִּי־סָקוֹל יִסְקַל אוֹ־יִרְה יִירָה אִם־בְּהֶמָה
אִם־אִישׁ לֹא יִחַיֶּה בְּמִשְׁחָה הַיִּבֹּל הַמָּה יַעֲלוּ
בְּהָר: (יד) וַיֵּרַד מֹשֶׁה מִן־הַהָרָה אֶל־הָעָם
וַיִּקְדַּשׁ אֶת־הָעָם וַיְכַבְּסוּ שְׂמֹלֹתֶם: (טו)
וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָעָם הָיוּ נֹכְחִים לְשִׁלְשַׁת יָמִים
אֶל־תִּגְשׁוּ אֶל־אֲשֶׁה: (טז) וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם
הַשְּׁלִישִׁי בִּהְיוֹת הַבֶּקָר וַיְהִי קוֹלֵת וּבְרָקִים
וַעֲנָן כָּבֵד עַל־הָהָר וְקוֹל שֹׁפָר תִּזְקַמְּאֵד
וַיִּתְרַד כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר בְּמִתְּנָה: (יז) וַיֹּצֵא
מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הָעָם לְקִרְבַּת הָאֱלֹהִים מִן־הַמִּתְּנָה
וַיִּתְיַצְבוּ בַּמַּחֲתִית הָהָר: (יח) וְהָרַ סִינַי עָשָׂן
כִּלּוֹ מִפְּנֵי אֲשֶׁר יֵרַד עָלָיו יְהוָה בְּאֵשׁ וַיַּעַל
עֲשָׂנוּ כַּעֲשׂוֹן הַכֹּהֲנִים וַיִּתְרַד כָּל־הָהָר מְאֹד:
(יט) וַיְהִי קוֹל הַשּׁוֹפָר הוֹלֵךְ וְתִזְקַמְּאֵד

‘Beware of going up the mountain or touching the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death: (13) no hand shall touch him, but he shall be either stoned or shot; beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the ram’s horn sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain.” (14) Moses came down from the mountain to the people and warned the people to stay pure, and they washed their clothes. (15) And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day: do not go near a woman.” (16) On the third day, as morning dawned, there was thunder, and lightning, and a dense cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud blast of the horn; and all the people who were in the camp trembled. (17) Moses led the people out of the camp toward God, and they took their places at the foot of the mountain. (18) Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke, for the LORD had come down upon it in fire; the smoke rose like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled violently. (19) The blare of the horn grew louder and louder. As Moses spoke, God answered him in thunder. (20) The LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain, and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain and Moses went up. (21) The LORD said to Moses, “Go down, warn the people not to break through to the LORD to gaze, lest many of them perish. (22) The priests also, who come near the LORD, must stay pure, lest the LORD break out against them.” (23) But Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us saying, ‘Set bounds about the mountain and sanctify it.’” (24) So the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come back together with Aaron; but let not the priests or the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them.” (25) And Moses went down to the people and spoke to them. (1) God spoke all these words, saying: (2) I the LORD am your God who brought you out of the land of

מִצְרָיִם יִדְבָר וְהָאֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֶנּוּ בְקוֹל: (כ) בִּיְרֵד
 יְהוָה עַל-הַר סִינַי אֶל-רֹאשׁ הַהָר וַיִּקְרָא
 יְהוָה לְמִשְׁעָה אֶל-רֹאשׁ הַהָר וַיַּעַל מִשְׁעָה:
 (כא) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה רַד הָעֵד בְּעֵינַי
 פְּוִי-יְהִרְסוּ אֶל-יְהוָה לְרֹאוֹת וְנִפְל מִמֶּנּוּ רַב:
 (כב) וְגַם הַכֹּהֲנִים הַנֹּגְשִׁים אֶל-יְהוָה
 יִתְקַדְּשׁוּ פְוִי-יִפְרֹץ בָּהֶם יְהוָה: (כג) וַיֹּאמֶר
 מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוָה לֹא-יִוָּכַל הָעָם לַעֲלֹת
 אֶל-הָר סִינַי כִּי-אַתָּה הַעֲדַתָּה בְּנֹו לְאֹמֶר
 הַגִּבְלֵ אֶת-הָהָר וּקְדַשְׁתּוּ: (כד) וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים
 יְהוָה לְדָ-רֵד וְעֲלִיתָ אִתָּה וְאַהֲרֹן עִמָּךְ
 וְהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהָעָם אֶל-יְהִרְסוּ לַעֲלֹת אֶל-יְהוָה
 פְּוִי-יִפְרֹץ-שָׁבָם: (כה) בִּיְרֵד מִשְׁעָה אֶל-הָעָם
 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם: (ס) (א) וַיַּדְבֵר אֱלֹהִים אֵת
 כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לְאֹמֶר: (ס) (ב) אָנֹכִי
 יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם
 מִיַּת עֶבֶד יָם: (ג) לֹא יְהִי-לְךָ אֱלֹהִים
 אֲחֵרִים עַל-פְּנֵי (ד) לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה-לְךָ פֶסֶל
 וְכָל-תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וְאֲשֶׁר
 בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּיָּם מִתַּחַת
 לְאָרֶץ (ה) לֹא-תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם
 כִּי אָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵל קַדָּשׁ וְעֹוֹן
 אֲבֹת עַל-בְּנֵי עַל-שִׁלְשִׁים וְעַל-רַבְעִים
 לְשָׁנָא י: (ו) וְעִשָׂה חֹסֵד לְאֵלֹהִים לְאֹהֲבֵי
 וְלִשְׂמֵרֵי מִצְוֹתַי: (ז) (ח) לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
 אֶת-שֵׁם-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשָׁוֵא כִּי לֹא יִנְקֶה
 יְהוָה אֵת אֲשֶׁר-יִשָּׂא אֶת-שֵׁמוֹ לְשָׁוֵא: (ט) (י)
 זְכוֹר אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ (יא) וְעַשְׂתָּ
 יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וְעַשְׂתָּ יָת כָּל-מְלַאכְתֶּךָ (יב) וַיּוֹם
 הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבָּת | לִיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לֹא-תַעֲשֶׂה
 כָּל-מְלַאכָה אַתָּה | וּבְנֵה-וּבְתֹךְ עֲבָדְךָ
 וְאֹמְתֹךְ וּבְהִמְתֹךְ וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעֲרֶיךָ (יג)
 כִּי שֵׁשַׁת-יָמִים עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֶת-הַשָּׁמַיִם
 וְאֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֶת-הַיָּם וְאֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-בָּם
 וַיָּנַח בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי עַל-כֵּן בֵּרַךְ יְהוָה
 אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת וַיְקַדְּשֶׁהוּ: (יד) (טו) כִּבְדֹ
 אֶת-אָבִיךָ וְאֶת-אִמְךָ לְמַעַן יֵאָרְכוּ יְמֵיךָ עַל
 הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ: (טז)

Egypt, the house of bondage: (3) You shall have no other gods besides Me. (4) You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. (5) You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I the LORD your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generations of those who reject Me, (6) but showing kindness to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments. (7) You shall not swear falsely by the name of the LORD your God; for the LORD will not clear one who swears falsely by His name. (8) Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God: you shall not do any work—you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, or your cattle, or the stranger who is within your settlements. (11) For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. (12) Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that the LORD your God is assigning to you. (13) You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (14) You shall not covet your neighbor's house: you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female slave, or his ox or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's. (15) All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance. (16) "You speak to us," they said to Moses, "and we will obey; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." (17) Moses answered the people, "Be not afraid; for God has come only in

(יג) לֹא תִרְצָח: (ס) לֹא תִנְאָף: (ס) לֹא תִגְזֹב: (ס) לֹא-תַעֲבֹד בְּרֵעֶךָ עַד שָׂקָר: (ס) (יד) לֹא תִחַמֵּד בַּיִת רֵעֶךָ לֹא-תִחַמֵּד אִשָּׁת רֵעֶךָ וְעַבְדּוֹ וְאִמָּתוֹ וְשׁוֹרׇךְ וְחִמְרוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר לְרֵעֶךָ: (פ) (טו) וְכָל-הָעַם רָאִים אֶת-הַקּוֹלֹת וְאֶת-הַלַּפִּידִם וְאֵת קוֹל הַשֹּׁפָר וְאֶת-הַהֲרָרָה עָשָׂן בִּימֵי הָעָם וַיִּגְעוּ וַיַּעֲמְדוּ מִרְחֹק: (טז) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר-אַתָּה עִמָּנוּ וְנִשְׁמָעָה וְאַל-יְדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים פֶּן-נָמוּת: (יז) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעַם אֶל-תִּירְאוּ כִּי לִבְעֹבוֹר נַסוּת אֶתְכֶם בָּא הָאֱלֹהִים וּבְעֹבוֹר תִּהְיֶה יְרֵאתוֹ עַל-פְּנֵיכֶם לְבַלְתִּי תִחַטְּאוּ: (יח) וַיַּעֲמֵד הָעָם מִרְחֹק וּמֹשֶׁה נִגַּשׁ אֶל-הָעֶרְשֶׁל אֲשֶׁר-נָשָׂם הָאֱלֹהִים: (יט) (י) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה כֹּה תֹאמַר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אַתֶּם רְאִיתֶם כִּי מוֹדֵשִׁמִּים דַּבַּרְתִּי עִמָּכֶם: (כ) לֹא תַעֲשׂוּן אִתִּי אֱלֹהִים לְסוֹף וְאֱלֹהִי זָהָב לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם: (כא) מִזִּבְחַת אֲדָמָה תַעֲשֶׂה-לִּי וְזִבְחַת עֲלִיוֹ אֶת-עֹלֹתֶיךָ וְאֶת-שְׁלָמֶיךָ אֶת-צֹאנֶךָ וְאֶת-בְּקָרֶךָ בְּכָל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אֲזַכִּיר אֶת-שְׁמִי אָבוֹא אֵלֶיךָ וּבִרְכִיתֶךָ: (כב) וְאִם-מִזִּבְחַת אֲבָנִים תַעֲשֶׂה-לִּי לֹא-תִבְנֶה אֶתְהוּ גִזִּית כִּי סָרְבַּת הַנֶּפֶת עָלֶיךָ וַתִּחַלְלֶנָּה: (כג) וְלֹא-תַעֲלֶה בְּמַעֲלֹת עַל-מִזְבְּחִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא-תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹתֶךָ עָלָיו: (פ)

order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may be ever with you, so that you do not go astray.” (18) So the people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was. (19) The LORD said to Moses: Thus shall you say to the Israelites: You yourselves saw that I spoke to you from the very heavens: (20) With Me, therefore, you shall not make any gods of silver, nor shall you make for yourselves any gods of gold. (21) Make for Me an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your sacrifices of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you. (22) And if you make for Me an altar of stones, do not build it of hewn stones; for by wielding your tool upon them you have profaned them. (23) Do not ascend My altar by steps, that your nakedness may not be exposed upon it.

