

Torah, Passover Day 7

Exodus 13:17-15:26

Now when Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearer; for God said, “The people may have a change of heart when they see war, and return to Egypt.”

So God led the people round about, by way of the wilderness at the Sea of Reeds. Now the Israelites went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph, who had exacted an oath from the children of Israel, saying, “God will be sure to take notice of you: then you shall carry up my bones from here with you.” They set out from Succoth, and encamped at Etham, at the edge of the wilderness.

שמות י"ג:יז-ט"ו:כ"ו
וַיְהִי בְשַׁלַּח פְּרַעֲהוֹ אֶת־הָעָם
וְלֹא־נָחַם אֱלֹהִים דֶּרֶךְ אֶרֶץ
פְּלִשְׁתִּים כִּי קָרוֹב הוּא כִּי | אָמַר
אֱלֹהִים פֶּן־יִנָּחַם הָעָם בְּרֹאֲתָם
מִלְחָמָה וְשָׁבוּ מִצְרַיִם:
וַיִּסַּב אֱלֹהִים | אֶת־הָעָם דֶּרֶךְ
הַמִּדְבָּר יַם־סוּף וַחֲמֹשִׁים עָלוּ
בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:
וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־עֲצָמוֹת יוֹסֵף עִמּוֹ
כִּי הִשְׁבַּע הַשָּׁבִיעַ אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
לֵאמֹר פֶּקֶד יִפְקֹד אֱלֹהִים אֶתְכֶם
וְהֶעֱלִיתֶם אֶת־עֲצָמֹתַי מִזֶּה אִתְּכֶם:
וַיִּסְעוּ מִסֹּפֶת וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּאֶתְמֹת בְּקִצְיָה
הַמִּדְבָּר:
וַיְהוּה הַלֵּךְ לְפָנֵיהֶם יוֹמָם בְּעַמֻּד
עָנָן לְנַחֲתָם הַדֶּרֶךְ וְלַיְלָה בְּעַמֻּד

went before them in a pillar of יהוה cloud by day, to guide them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, that they might travel day and night

The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

יהוה said to Moses

Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.

Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, “They are astray in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them.”

Then I will stiffen Pharaoh’s heart and he will pursue them, that I may gain glory through Pharaoh and all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I am יהוה. And they did so.

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his courtiers had a change of

אֵשׁ לְהָאִיר לָהֶם לְלַכֵּת יוֹמָם
וּלְלַיְלָה:

לֹא־יָמִישׁ עַמּוּד הָעָנָן יוֹמָם וְעַמּוּד
הָאֵשׁ לַיְלָה לְפָנֵי הָעָם: {פ}
וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:
דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיָשׁוּבוּ וַיַּחֲנוּ
לְפָנַי פִּי הַחִירֹת בֵּין מִגְדֹּל וּבֵין
הַיָּם לְפָנַי בַּעַל צְפּוֹן נֶכְחוּ תַחְנוּ
עַל־הַיָּם:

וְאָמַר פַּרְעֹה לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל נֹבְכִים
הֵם בְּאֶרֶץ סֹגֵר עָלֵיהֶם הַמְדַבֵּר:
וַחֲזַקְתִּי אֶת־לֵב־פַּרְעֹה וְרָדַף
אֲחֲרֵיהֶם וְאֶכְבְּדָהּ בַּפַּרְעֹה
וּבְכָל־חִילוֹ וַיִּדְעוּ מִצְרַיִם כִּי־אֲנִי
יְהוָה וַיַּעֲשׂוּ־כֵן:

וַיִּגְדַּל לְמַלְכוּת מִצְרַיִם כִּי בָרַח הָעָם
וַיִּהְיֶה לְלֵב פַּרְעֹה וְעַבְדָּיו
אֶל־הָעָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ מִה־זֹּאת עָשִׂינוּ
כִּי־שָׁלַחְנוּ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵעַבְדָּנוּ:
וַיֹּאסֶר אֶת־רֶכֶבוּ וְאֶת־עַמּוֹ לָקַח
עִמּוֹ:

heart about the people and said,
 “What is this we have done,
 releasing Israel from our service?”
 He ordered his chariot and took his
 force with him;
 he took six hundred of his picked
 chariots, and the rest of the
 chariots of Egypt, with officers in
 all of them.
 יהוה stiffened the heart of Pharaoh
 king of Egypt, and he gave chase to
 the Israelites. As the Israelites were
 ,departing defiantly
 the Egyptians gave chase to them,
 and all the chariot horses of
 Pharaoh, his riders, and his
 warriors overtook them encamped
 by the sea, near Pi-hahiroth, before
 Baal-zephon.
 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites
 caught sight of the Egyptians
 advancing upon them. Greatly
 frightened, the Israelites cried out
 to יהוה.
 And they said to Moses, “Was it for
 want of graves in Egypt that you

וַיִּקַּח שֵׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת רֶכֶב בַּחֹר וְכָל
 רֶכֶב מִצְרַיִם וְשָׁלְשָׁם עַל־כָּלָו׃
 וַיַּחַזֵּק יְהוָה אֶת־לֵב פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ
 מִצְרַיִם וַיִּרְדֹּף אַחֲרַי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
 וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יִצְאִים בְּיַד רָמָה׃
 וַיִּרְדְּפוּ מִצְרַיִם אַחֲרֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁיִגּוּ
 אוֹתָם חַנְיָם עַל־הַיָּם כָּל־סוּס רֶכֶב
 פַּרְעֹה וּפָרָשָׁיו וַחִילוּ עַל־פִּי
 הַחַיִּית לִפְנֵי בָּעַל צָפֹן׃
 וּפַרְעֹה הִקְרִיב וַיִּשְׂאוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל
 אֶת־עֵינֵיהֶם וְהִנֵּה מִצְרַיִם ׀ נֹסְעִ
 אַחֲרֵיהֶם וַיִּירָאוּ מְאֹד וַיִּצְעֲקוּ
 בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה׃
 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה הַמִּבְּלִי
 אֵינֶן־קֹבְרִים בְּמִצְרַיִם לְקַחְתָּנוּ
 לְמוֹת בַּמִּדְבָּר מֵה־זֹּאת עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ
 לְהוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם׃
 הֲלֹא־זֶה הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְנוּ אֵלֶיךָ
 בְּמִצְרַיִם לֵאמֹר חָדַל מִמֶּנּוּ
 וְנַעֲבֹדָה אֶת־מִצְרַיִם כִּי טוֹב לָנוּ
 עֲבֹד אֶת־מִצְרַיִם מִמָּתְנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר׃

brought us to die in the wilderness?
 What have you done to us, taking
 us out of Egypt?
 Is this not the very thing we told
 you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us be,
 and we will serve the Egyptians, for
 it is better for us to serve the
 Egyptians than to die in the
 wilderness?’”
 But Moses said to the people,
 “Have no fear! Stand by, and
 witness the deliverance which יהוה
 will work for you today; for the
 Egyptians whom you see today you
 will never see again.
 יהוה will battle for you; you hold
 your peace!”
 Then יהוה said to Moses, “Why do
 you cry out to Me? Tell the
 Israelites to go forward.
 And you lift up your rod and hold
 out your arm over the sea and split
 it, so that the Israelites may march
 into the sea on dry ground.
 And I will stiffen the hearts of the
 Egyptians so that they go in after

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעָם אֶל-תִּירְאוּ
 הַתִּיצְבוּ וּרְאוּ אֶת-יְשׁוּעַת יְהוָה
 אֲשֶׁר-יַעֲשֶׂה לָכֶם הַיּוֹם כִּי אֲשֶׁר
 רְאִיתֶם אֶת-מִצְרַיִם הַיּוֹם לֹא תִסָּפּוּ
 לִרְאֹתָם עוֹד עַד-עוֹלָם:
 יְהוָה יִלָּחֶם לָכֶם וְאַתֶּם תַּחֲרִשׁוּן:
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וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה מִה-תִּצְעַק
 אֵלַי דְּבַר אֶל-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִסְעוּ:
 וְאַתָּה הָרֵם אֶת-מִטְּוֶה וְנִטָּה
 אֶת-יָדְךָ עַל-הַיָּם וּבִקְעָהּ וַיִּבְאוּ
 בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם בַּיַּבָּשָׁה:
 וְאַנִּי הִנְנִי מְחַזֵּק אֶת-לֵב מִצְרַיִם
 וַיִּבְאוּ אַחֲרֵיהֶם וְאֶכְבְּדָהּ בַּפְּרֹעָה
 וּבְכָל-חֵילוֹ בְּרִכְבוֹ וּבַפָּרָשָׁיו:
 וַיִּדְעוּ מִצְרַיִם כִּי-אַנִּי יְהוָה
 בְּהַכְּבֹדִי בַּפְּרֹעָה בְּרִכְבוֹ וּבַפָּרָשָׁיו:
 וַיִּסַּע מִלֶּאדָּה הָאֱלֹהִים הַהַלֵּל לְפָנָי
 מִחֲנֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּלְךְ מֵאַחֲרֵיהֶם
 וַיִּסַּע עִמּוֹד הָעַנּוֹן מִפְּנֵיהֶם וַיַּעֲמֵד
 מֵאַחֲרֵיהֶם:

them; and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his warriors, his chariots, and his riders.

Let the Egyptians know that I am יהוה, when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his riders.”

The messenger of God, who had been going ahead of the Israelite army, now moved and followed behind them; and the pillar of cloud shifted from in front of them and took up a place behind them, and it came between the army of the Egyptians and the army of Israel. Thus there was the cloud with the darkness, and it cast a spell upon the night, so that the one could not come near the other all through the night.

Then Moses held out his arm over the sea and יהוה drove back the sea with a strong east wind all that night, and turned the sea into dry ground. The waters were split,

וַיָּבֹא בֵּין | מַחְנֵה מִצְרַיִם וּבֵין
מַחְנֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיְהִי הָעָנָן וְהַחֹשֶׁךְ
וַיֹּאֲר אֶת־הַלַּיְלָה וְלֹא־קָרַב זֶה
אֶל־זֶה כָּל־הַלַּיְלָה:
וַיֹּט מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יָדוֹ עַל־הַיָּם וַיִּנְלֶךְ
יְהוָה | אֶת־הַיָּם בְּרוּחַ קָדִים עֲזוּה
כָּל־הַלַּיְלָה וַיִּשָּׂם אֶת־הַיָּם לְחָרְבָה
וַיִּבְקְעוּ הַמַּיִם:
וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם
בֵּיבֶשֶׁה וְהַמַּיִם לָהֶם חוֹמָה
מִיַּמִּינָם וּמִשְׂמָאלָם:
וַיִּרְדְּפוּ מִצְרַיִם וַיָּבֹאוּ אַחֲרֵיהֶם כָּל
סוּס פָּרְעֹה רֹכְבוֹ וּפָרָשָׁיו אֶל־תּוֹךְ
הַיָּם:
וַיְהִי בְּאַשְׁמֶרֶת הַבֶּקֶר וַיִּשְׁקֹף
יְהוָה אֶל־מַחְנֵה מִצְרַיִם בְּעַמּוּד
אֵשׁ וָעָנָן וַיִּהְיֶה אֵת מַחְנֵה מִצְרַיִם:
וַיִּסַּר אֵת אַפְּן מִרְכַּבְתּוֹ וַיִּנְהַגְהוּ
בְּכַבֵּדַת וַיֹּאמֶר מִצְרַיִם אָנוּסָה
מִפְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי יְהוָה גָּלָחַם לָהֶם
בְּמִצְרַיִם: {פ}

and the Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians came in pursuit after them into the sea, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and riders.

At the morning watch, יהוה looked down upon the Egyptian army from a pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

[God] locked the wheels of their chariots so that they moved forward with difficulty. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for יהוה is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then יהוה said to Moses, "Hold out your arm over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians and upon their chariots and upon their riders."

Moses held out his arm over the sea, and at daybreak the sea

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה נָטֵה
אֶת־יָדְךָ עַל־הַיָּם וַיָּשֹׁבוּ הַיָּם
עַל־מִצְרַיִם עַל־רֶכְבּוֹ וְעַל־פָּרָשָׁיו:
וַיֹּט מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יָדוֹ עַל־הַיָּם וַיָּשָׁב
הַיָּם לַפְּנוֹת בְּקֶרֶךְ לְאַיְתָנוּ וּמִצְרַיִם
נָסִים לְקִרְאָתוֹ וַיִּנְעַר יְהוָה
אֶת־מִצְרַיִם בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם:
וַיָּשֹׁבוּ הַיָּם וַיַּכְּסוּ אֶת־הָרֶכֶב
וְאֶת־הַפָּרָשִׁים לְכָל חֵיל פְּרֹעֹה
הַבָּאִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם בַּיָּם לֹא־נִשְׂאָר
בָּהֶם עַד־אַחַד:
וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הִלְכוּ בַיַּבָּשָׁה בְּתוֹךְ
הַיָּם וְהַיָּם לָהֶם חֹמָה מִיַּמִּינָם
וּמִשְׂמָאלָם:
וַיֹּשַׁע יְהוָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא
אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם וַיֵּרָא
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־מִצְרַיִם מֵת עַל־שַׁפְּת
הַיָּם:
וַיֵּרָא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַיָּד הַגְּדֹלָה
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה בְּמִצְרַיִם וַיֵּירָאוּ

returned to its normal state, and the Egyptians fled at its approach. But יהוה hurled the Egyptians into the sea.

The waters turned back and covered the chariots and the riders —Pharaoh's entire army that followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

But the Israelites had marched through the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus יהוה delivered Israel that day from the Egyptians. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the shore of the sea.

And when Israel saw the wondrous power which יהוה had wielded against the Egyptians, the people feared יהוה; they had faith in יהוה and in God's servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to יהוה. They said: I will sing to יהוה, for He has triumphed

הָעַם אֶת־יְהוָה וַיֵּאֱמִינוּ בַיהוָה
וּבַמֶּשֶׁה עֲבָדוֹ: {פ}
אֲזַי יִשְׁרַח־מֹשֶׁה וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת לַיהוָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ
לֵאמֹר אֲשִׁירָה לַיהוָה כִּי־גָאָה
גָּאָה סוּס וְרוֹכְבוֹ רָמָה בַיָּם:
עָזַי וְזַמְרַת לִי וַיְהִי־לִי לִישׁוּעָה זֶה
אֱלֹהֵי וְאֱנוֹהוּ אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי וְאַרְמְמָנָהוּ:
יְהוָה אֵישׁ מִלְחָמָה יְהוָה שְׁמוֹ:
מִרְכַּבַת פָּרָעָה וַחֲלוֹ יָרָה בַיָּם
וּמִבְחַר שְׁלֹשׁוֹ טַבְעוּ בַיָּם־סוּף:
תִּהְיֶה יְכַסִּימוּ יִרְדּוּ בַמַּצּוֹלֹת
כְּמוֹ־אֲבֹן:
יְמִינֶךָ יְהוָה נֶאֱדָרִי בַפֶּתַח יְמִינֶךָ
יְהוָה תִּרְעֵץ אוֹיְבִי:
וּבָרַב גְּאוּנֶךָ תִּהְיֶה־רֹס קַמִּיךָ תִּשְׁלַח
חַרְוֶנְךָ יֹאכְלֵמוּ פִקְשׁ:
וּבְרוּחַ אֲפִיךָ נִעְרְמוּ מַיִם נִצְבּוּ
כְּמוֹ־גַד נִזְלָיִם קִפְאוּ תִהְיֶה־תִּהְיֶה
בְּלִבַיָּם:

gloriously;Horse and driver He has
hurled into the sea.

is my strength and might; He יהוה
is become my deliverance.This is
my God and I will enshrine
Him;The God of my father's
.[house], and I will exalt Him
is His יהוה —the Warrior ,יהוה
!name

Pharaoh's chariots and his armyHe
has cast into the sea;And the pick
of his officersAre drowned in the
Sea of Reeds.

The deeps covered them;They
went down into the depths like a
stone.

Your right hand, יהוה, glorious in
power,Your right hand, יהוה,
shatters the foe!

In Your great triumph You break
Your opponents;You send forth
Your fury, it consumes them like
straw.

At the blast of Your nostrils the
waters piled up,The floods stood

אָמַר אֹיִב אֶרְדָּף אֲשִׁיג אֲחַלֶּק
שָׁלַל תַּמְלֵאמוּ נִפְשֵׁי אַרְיֵק חֲרָבִי
תּוֹרִישְׁמוּ יְדֵי:
נִשְׁפָּת בְּרוּחֲךָ כִּסְמוּ יָם צָלְלוּ
כַּעֲוֹפֹת בְּמַיִם אֲדִירִים:
מִי־כַמְכָה בְּאֵלֶם יְהוָה מִי כַמְכָה
נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ נֹרָא תְהִלַּת עֲשֵׂה
פְּלֵא:
נִטִּית יְמִינְךָ תִבְלַעְמוּ אֶרֶץ:
נִחִית בְּחִסְדֶּךָ עִם־נֹי גְאֻלַּת נְהִלַּת
בְּעִזָּךָ אֶל־נֹה קֹדֶשְׁךָ:
שָׁמְעוּ עַמִּים יִרְגָזוּן חֵיל אַחֲזוּ יִשְׁבִּי
פְּלִשְׁתִּי:
אֲז נִבְהָלוּ אֱלֹפֵי אֱלֹהִים
מוֹאָב יֶאֱחֲזְמוּ רַעַד נִמְגּוּ כָּל יִשְׁבִּי
כְּנַעַן:
תִּפְּל עֲלֵיהֶם אֵימָתָה וּפָחַד בְּגִדְל
זְרוּעֶךָ יִדְמוּ כַּאֲבֹן עַד־יַעֲבֹר עִמָּךָ
יְהוָה עַד־יַעֲבֹר עִם־נֹי קִנְיִת:
תִּבְאֲמוּ וְתִטְעֲמוּ בְהָר נִחְלַתְךָ מְכוֹן
לְשִׁבְתֶּךָ פָּעֲלַת יְהוָה מִקְדָּשׁ אֲדָנִי

straight like a wall;The deeps froze
in the heart of the sea.

The foe said,“I will pursue, I will
overtake,I will divide the spoil;My
desire shall have its fill of them.I
will bare my sword—My hand
shall subdue them.”

You made Your wind blow, the sea
covered them;They sank like lead
in the majestic waters.

Who is like You, יהוה, among the
celestials; Who is like You, majestic
in holiness,Awesome in splendor,
working wonders!

You put out Your right hand,The
earth swallowed them.

In Your love You lead the people
You redeemed;In Your strength You
guide them to Your holy abode.

The peoples hear, they
tremble;Agony grips the dwellers in
Philistia.

Now are the clans of Edom
dismayed;The tribes of Moab—
trembling grips them;All the
dwellers in Canaan are aghast.

כּוֹנְנוּ יְדֵיךָ:

יהוה | יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד:

כִּי בָא סוֹס פָּרְעֹה בְּרֹכְבוֹ

וּבְפָרְשָׁיו בָּיָם וַיֵּשֶׁב יְהוה עֲלֵהֶם

אֶת־מֵי הַיָּם וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הִלְכוּ

בִּיבְשָׁה בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם: {פ}

וַתִּקַּח מַרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה אֲחֹת אֶהֱרֹן

אֶת־הַתָּף בְּיָדָהּ וַתִּצְאֵן כָּל־הַנְּשִׂיִם

אֲחֵרֶיהָ בְּתַפִּים וּבְמַחְלָת:

וַתַּעַן לָהֶם מַרְיָם שִׁירוּ לַיהוה

כִּי־גָאָה גָאָה סוֹס וְרֹכְבוֹ רָמָה

בָּיָם: {ס}

וַיֹּסַע מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵיַם־סוּף

וַיֵּצְאוּ אֶל־מִדְבַר־שׁוּר וַיִּלְכוּ

שְׁלֹשַׁת־יָמִים בַּמִּדְבָּר וְלֹא־מָצְאוּ

מַיִם:

וַיָּבֹאוּ מִרְתָּה וְלֹא יָכְלוּ לְשִׁתּוֹת

מַיִם מִמִּרְהָ כִּי מַרְיָם הֵם עַל־כֵּן

קָרָא־שְׁמָהּ מִרָה:

וַיִּלְנוּ הָעָם עַל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר

מַה־נַּשְׁתָּה:

Terror and dread descend upon them; Through the might of Your arm they are still as stone—Till Your people cross over, יהוה, Till Your people cross whom You have ransomed.

You will bring them and plant them in Your own mountain, The place You made to dwell in, יהוה, The sanctuary, O my lord, which Your hands established.

יהוה will reign for ever and ever
For the horses of Pharaoh, with his chariots and riders, went into the sea; and יהוה turned back on them the waters of the sea; but the Israelites marched on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, picked up a hand-drum, and all the women went out after her in dance with hand-drums.

And Miriam chanted for them: Sing to יהוה, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea.

וַיִּצְעַק אֱלֹהֵי הַיָּם וַיִּוְרְהוּ יְהוָה לְעֵץ
וַיִּשְׁלַךְ אֱלֹהֵי הַיָּם וַיִּמְתְּקוּ הַיָּם
שָׁם שָׁם לֹא חָק וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשָׁם
נִסָּהוּ:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱמֹתֵי שָׁמוּעַ תִּשְׁמַע לְקוֹל
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ וְהַיָּשָׁר בְּעֵינָיו תַּעֲשֶׂה
וְהָאֲזָנָתָ לְמִצּוֹתָיו וְשָׁמְרָתָ כָּל-חֻקָּיו
כָּל-הַמַּחֲלָה אֲשֶׁר-שָׁמְתִי בְּמִצְרַיִם
לֹא-אֲשִׁים עָלֶיךָ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה
רַפְּאֵךְ: {ס}

Then Moses caused Israel to set out from the Sea of Reeds. They went on into the wilderness of Shur; they traveled three days in the wilderness and found no water. They came to Marah, but they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; that is why it was named Marah.

And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”

So he cried out to יהוה, and יהוה showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There [God] made for them a fixed rule; there they were put to the test.

[God] said, “If you will heed your God יהוה diligently, doing what is upright in God’s sight, giving ear to God’s commandments and keeping all God’s laws, then I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the

Egyptians, for I יהוה am your
healer.”

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