

# Mishpatim, Torah, February 22, 2025

Exodus 23:20-24:18

(20) I am sending a messenger before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have made ready. (21) Pay heed to him and obey him. Do not defy him, for he will not pardon your offenses, since My Name is in him; (22) but if you obey him and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes. (23) When My messenger goes before you and brings you to the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I annihilate them, (24) you shall not bow down to their gods in worship or follow their practices, but shall tear them down and smash their pillars to bits. (25) You shall serve your God יהוה, who will bless your

שמות כ"ג-כ"ד:י"ח

(כ) הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי שֹׁלֵחַ מַלְאָךְ לְפָנֶיךָ  
לְשַׁמְרֶךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וְלִהְבִּיאֲךָ  
אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הִכַּנְתִּי: (כא)  
הִשְׁמַר מִפְּנֵיו וּשְׁמַע בְּקוֹלוֹ  
אֶל־תִּמְרַבּוּ בּוֹ כִּי לֹא יִשָּׂא לְפִשְׁעֵכֶם  
כִּי שָׁמִי בְּקִרְבּוֹ: (כב) כִּי אִם־שָׁמַעַתֶּם  
תִּשְׁמַעוּ בְּקוֹלוֹ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם כֹּל אֲשֶׁר  
אֲדַבֵּר וְאִבִּיתִי אֶת־אֵיבֵיכֶם וְצָרְתִי  
אֶת־צָרְרֵיכֶם: (כג) כִּי־יֵלֶךְ מַלְאָכִי  
לְפָנֶיךָ וְהִבִּיאֲךָ אֶל־הָאֱמֹרִי וְהַחִתִּי  
וְהַפְּרִזִּי וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי הַחִוִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי  
וְהַכְּחַדְדִּיתִי: (כד) לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה  
לְאֱלֹהֵיהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם וְלֹא  
תַעֲשֶׂה כַּמַּעֲשִׂיהֶם כִּי הָרַס  
תְּהַרְסֵם וְשִׁבַר תִּשְׁבַּר מִצַּבְתֵיהֶם:  
(כה) וַעֲבַדְתֶּם אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם  
וַיְבָרֶךְ אֶת־לַחְמְךָ וְאֶת־מִימֶיךָ

bread and your water. And I will remove sickness from your midst. (26) No woman in your land shall miscarry or be barren. I will let you enjoy the full count of your days. (27) I will send forth My terror before you, and I will throw into panic all the people among whom you come, and I will make all your enemies turn tail before you. (28) I will send a plague ahead of you, and it shall drive out before you the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites. (29) I will not drive them out before you in a single year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply to your hurt. (30) I will drive them out before you little by little, until you have increased and possess the land. (31) I will set your borders from the Sea of Reeds to the Sea of Philistia, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hands, and you will drive them out

וְהִסְרֹתִי מִחֶלְהָ מִקְרָבְךָ: {ס} (כו)  
 לֹא תִהְיֶה מִשְׁכָּלָה וְעִקְרָה בְּאֶרֶץְךָ  
 אֶת־מִסְפַּר יְמֶיךָ אִמְלֵא: (כז)  
 אֶת־אִימָתִי אֲשַׁלַּח לְפָנֶיךָ וְהִמַּתִּי  
 אֶת־כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר תָּבֹא בֵּהֶם  
 וְנָתַתִּי אֶת־כָּל־אִיבֶיךָ אֵלַיךָ עֶרְפָּה:  
 (כח) וְשָׁלַחְתִּי אֶת־הַצָּרְעָה לְפָנֶיךָ  
 וְגִרְשָׁה אֶת־הַחוּי אֶת־הַכְּנַעֲנִי  
 וְאֶת־הַחִתִּי מִלְּפָנֶיךָ: (כט) לֹא  
 אֲגִרְשֶׁנּוּ מִפְּנֶיךָ בְּשָׁנָה אַחַת  
 פֹּתִתִיָּהּ הָאָרֶץ שְׁמָמָה וְרַבָּה  
 עֲלֶיךָ חַיִּית הַשָּׂדֶה: (ל) מְעַט מְעַט  
 אֲגִרְשֶׁנּוּ מִפְּנֶיךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר תִּפְּרָה  
 וְנַחֲלַת אֶת־הָאָרֶץ: (לא) וְשַׁתִּי  
 אֶת־גְּבֻלְךָ מִיַּם־סוּף וְעַד־יָם  
 פְּלִשְׁתִּים וּמִמְדְּבָר עַד־הַנָּהָר כִּי |  
 אֲתֵּן בְּיַדְכֶם אֶת יְשֵׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ  
 וְגִרְשַׁתְּמוּ מִפְּנֶיךָ: (לב) לֹא־תִכְרַת  
 לָהֶם וְלֹא־לִהְיֵהֶם בְּרִית: (לג) לֹא  
 יֵשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץְךָ פֹּו־יַחַטִּיאוּ אֹתְךָ לֵי  
 כִּי תַעֲבֹד אֶת־אֱלֹהֵיהֶם כִּי־יִהְיֶה לְךָ

before you. (32) You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. (33) They shall not remain in your land, lest they cause you to sin against Me; for you will serve their gods—and it will prove a snare to you. (1) Then [God] said to Moses, “Come up to יהוה, with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel, and bow low from afar. (2) Moses alone shall come near יהוה; but the others shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him.” (3) Moses went and repeated to the people all the commands of יהוה and all the rules; and all the people answered with one voice, saying, “All the things that יהוה has commanded we will do!” (4) Moses then wrote down all the commands of יהוה. Early in the morning, he set up an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. (5) He designated some assistants among the Israelites, and they

לְמוֹקֵשׁ: {פ} (א) וְאֶל־מִלְשָׁה אָמַר  
עֲלֵה אֶל־יְהוָה אֲתָה וְאַהֲרֹן נָדָב  
וְאַבִּיהוּא וְשִׁבְעִים מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתֶם מֵרָחֵק: (ב) וְנִגַּשׁ  
מִלְשָׁה לְבַדּוֹ אֶל־יְהוָה וְהֵם לֹא  
יִגָּשׁוּ וְהָעָם לֹא יַעֲלוּ עִמּוֹ: (ג) וַיָּבֵא  
מֹשֶׁה וַיְסַפֵּר לָעָם אֵת כָּל־דִּבְרֵי  
יְהוָה וְאֵת כָּל־הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים וַיַּעַן  
כָּל־הָעָם קוֹל אֶחָד וַיֹּאמְרוּ  
כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר יְהוָה  
נַעֲשֶׂה: (ד) וַיִּכְתֹּב מֹשֶׁה אֵת  
כָּל־דִּבְרֵי יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁכַּם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיָּבִן  
מִזְבֵּחַ תַּחַת הָהָר וּשְׁתֵּים עָשָׂר  
מִצְבֵּה לְשָׁנִים עָשָׂר שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:  
(ה) וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת־נְעָרֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת וַיִּזְבְּחוּ זִבְחִים שְׁלָמִים  
לַיהוָה פָּרִים: (ו) וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה חֲצִי  
הַדָּם וַיִּשֶׂם בְּאֹגְנֹת וְחֲצִי הַדָּם זָרַק  
עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ: (ז) וַיִּקַּח סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית  
וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל  
אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע:

offered burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as offerings of well-being to (6). יהוה Moses took one part of the blood and put it in basins, and the other part of the blood he dashed against the altar. (7) Then he took the record of the covenant and read it aloud to the people. And they said, “All that יהוה has spoken we will faithfully do!” (8) Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that יהוה now makes with you concerning all these commands.” (9) Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel ascended; (10) and they saw the God of Israel—under whose feet was the likeness of a pavement of sapphire, like the very sky for purity. (11) Yet [God] did not raise a hand against the leaders of the Israelites; they beheld God, and they ate and drank. (12) יהוה said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the

(ח) וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַדָּם וַיִּזְרֹק  
עַל־הָעַם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה דַם־הַבְּרִית  
אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם עַל  
כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה: (ט) וַיַּעַל  
מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן נָדָב וַאֲבִיהוּא  
וְשִׁבְעִים מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (י) וַיִּרְאוּ  
אֶת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַתַּחַת רַגְלָיו  
כַּמַּעֲשֵׂה לְבַנֵּת הַסַּפִּיר וּכְעָצֵם  
הַשָּׁמַיִם לְטֹהַר: (יא) וְאֶל־אַצְיֵלִי  
בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא שָׁלַח יָדוֹ וַיַּיְחִזּוּ  
אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאכְלוּ וַיִּשְׁתּוּ: (ס)  
(יב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עֲלֶה  
אֵלַי הִהָרָה וְהִיֵּה־שָׁם וְאֶתְנֶה לְךָ  
אֶת־לֶחֶת הָאֲבֹן וְהַתּוֹרָה וְהַמִּצְוָה  
אֲשֶׁר כָּתַבְתִּי לְהוֹרָתָם: (יג) וַיִּקָּם  
מֹשֶׁה וַיְהוֹשֻׁעַ מִשָּׂרְתוֹ וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה  
אֶל־הָר הָאֱלֹהִים: (יד) וְאֶל־הַזִּקְנִים  
אָמַר שְׁבוּ־לָנוּ בָּזֶה עַד אֲשֶׁר־נָשׁוּב  
אֵלֵיכֶם וְהִנֵּה אֶהְרֹן וְחֹר עִמָּכֶם  
מִי־בַעַל דְּבָרִים יִגַּשׁ אֲלֵהֶם: (טו)  
וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָהָר וַיִּכַּס הָעָנָן

mountain and wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the teachings and commandments which I have inscribed to instruct them.” (13) So Moses and his attendant Joshua arose, and Moses ascended the mountain of God. (14) To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us until we return to you. You have Aaron and Hur with you; let anyone who has a legal matter approach them.” (15) When Moses had ascended the mountain, the cloud covered the mountain. (16) The Presence of יהוה abode on Mount Sinai, and the cloud hid it for six days. On the seventh day [God] called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. (17) Now the Presence of יהוה appeared in the sight of the Israelites as a consuming fire on the top of the mountain. (18) Moses went inside the cloud and ascended the mountain; and Moses remained on

אֶת־הָהָר: (טז) וַיִּשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹד־יְהוָה  
עַל־הָר סִינַי וַיִּכְסֶהוּ הָעָנָן שֵׁשֶׁת  
יָמִים וַיִּקְרָא אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בַּיּוֹם  
הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִתּוֹךְ הָעָנָן: (יז) וַמְרֵאֵה  
כְּבוֹד יְהוָה פָּאֵשׁ אֲכָלֶת בְּרֵאשׁ  
הָהָר לְעֵינַי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (יח) וַיָּבֹא  
מֹשֶׁה בְּתוֹךְ הָעָנָן וַיַּעַל אֶל־הָהָר  
וַיְהִי מֹשֶׁה בְּהָר אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם  
וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה: {פ}

the mountain forty days and forty  
nights.