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Deuteronomy 5:1-7:11

(1) Moses summoned all the Israelites and said to them: Hear, O Israel, the laws and rules that I proclaim to you this day! Study them and observe them faithfully! (2) Our God יהוה made a covenant with us at Horeb. (3) It was not with our ancestors that יהוה made this covenant, but with us, the living, every one of us who is here today. (4) Face to face יהוה spoke to you on the mountain out of the fire — (5) I stood between יהוה and you at that time to convey יהוה's words to you, for you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain—saying: (6) I יהוה am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage: (7) You shall have no

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(א) וַיִּקְרָא מֹשֶׁה אֶל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-הַחֻקִּים וְאֶת-הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי דֹבֵר בְּאָזְנוֹכֶם הַיּוֹם וּלְמַדְתֶּם אֹתָם וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם לַעֲשֹׂתָם: (ב) יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ כָּרַת עִמָּנוּ בְרִית בְּחֶרֶב: (ג) לֹא אֶת-אֲבוֹתֵינוּ כָּרַת יְהוָה אֶת-הַבְּרִית הַזֹּאת כִּי אֲתָנוּ אֲנִיחֶנוּ אֵלָּה פָּה הַיּוֹם כָּלָנוּ חַיִּים: (ד) פָּנִים | בְּפָנִים דִּבֶּר יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ: (ה) אֲנֹכִי עֹמֵד בֵּין-יְהוָה וּבֵינֵיכֶם בָּעֵת הַהִוא לְהַגִּיד לָכֶם אֶת-דִּבְרֵי יְהוָה כִּי יֵרְאוּכֶם מִפְּנֵי הָאֵשׁ וְלֹא-עָלִיתֶם בְּהָר לֵאמֹר: {ס}(ו) אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים: (ז)

other gods beside Me. (8) You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters below the earth. (9) You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I your God יהוה 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, (10) but showing kindness to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments. (11) You shall not swear falsely by the name of your God יהוה; for יהוה will not clear one who swears falsely by God's name. (12) Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as your God יהוה has commanded you. (13) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (14) but the seventh day is a sabbath of your God יהוה; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your

לֹא־יִהְיֶה־לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים
עַל־פָּנַי: (ח) לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה־לְךָ פֶסֶל |
כָּל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם | מִמֶּעַל
וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם
| מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ: (ט) לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה
לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵל קַנָּא פֹקֵד עֲוֹן אָבוֹת
עַל־בָּנִים וְעַל־שְׂלֵשִׁים וְעַל־רִבְעִים
לְשָׁנָאִי: (י) וַעֲשֵׂה חֹסֶד לְאֲלֹפִים
לֹא־הָבִי וּלְשֹׁמְרֵי (מִצְוֹתוֹ) [מִצְוֹתַי]:
{ס} (יא) לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת־שֵׁם־יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשׁוּא כִּי לֹא יִנָּקֶה יְהוָה
אֶת אֲשֶׁר־יִשָּׂא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ לְשׁוּא:
{ס} (יב) שָׁמֹר אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת
לְקֹדֶשׁוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר צֻוֶּה | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ:
(יג) שִׁשַּׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וַעֲשִׂיתָ
כָּל־מְלָאכָתְךָ: (יד) וְיוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי
שַׁבָּת | לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
כָּל־מְלָאכָה אַתָּה וּבִנְךָ־וּבִתְךָ
וְעַבְדְּךָ־וְאֻמָּתְךָ וְשׁוֹרְךָ וַחֲמֹרְךָ
וְכָל־בְּהֶמְתְּךָ וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בִּשְׁעָרֶיךָ

daughter, your male or female slave, your ox or your ass, or any of your cattle, or the stranger in your settlements, so that your male and female slave may rest as you do. (15) Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and your God יהוה freed you from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore your God יהוה has commanded you to observe the sabbath day. (16) Honor your father and your mother, as your God יהוה has commanded you, that you may long endure, and that you may fare well, in the land that your God יהוה is assigning to you. (17) You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (18) You [men] shall not covet your neighbor's wife. Likewise, none of you shall crave your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

לִמְעַן יָנוּחַ עַבְדְּךָ וְאִמָּתְךָ כָּמוֹךָ:
 (טו) וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי־עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ | בְּאֶרֶץ
 מִצְרַיִם וַיֹּצֵאֲךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִשָּׁם
 בְּיָד חֲזָקָה וּבְזֶרַע נְטוּיָה עַל־כֵּן
 צִוְּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־יוֹם
 הַשַּׁבָּת: {ס} {טז} כִּבֵּד אֶת־אָבִיךָ
 וְאֶת־אִמְךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוְּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
 לִמְעַן | יֵאָרִיכוּ יָמֶיךָ וְלִמְעַן יֵיטֵב
 לָךְ עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
 נָתַן לָךְ: {ס} {יז} לֹא תִרְצַח: {ס}
 וְלֹא תִנָּאֵף: {ס} וְלֹא תִגְנוֹב: {ס}
 וְלֹא־תַעֲנֶה בְרֵעֶךָ עַד שְׁוֹא: {ס} {יח}
 וְלֹא תִחְמֹד אִשְׁתִּי בְרֵעֶךָ וְלֹא
 תִּתְאָוֶה בֵּית רֵעֶךָ שְׂדֵהוּ וְעַבְדּוֹ
 וְאִמָּתוֹ שׁוֹרוֹ וְחֲמֹרוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר
 לְרֵעֶךָ: {ס} {יט} אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה
 דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֶל־כָּל־קְהֵלְכֶם בְּהָר
 מִתֹּךְ הָאֵשׁ הָעֲנָן וְהָעֶרְפֶּל קוֹל
 גָּדוֹל וְלֹא יָסַף וַיִּכְתְּבֵם עַל־שְׁנֵי
 לְחֹת אֲבָנִים וַיִּתֵּן אֵלַי: {כ} וַיְהִי
 כַּשֶּׁמַּעֲכֶם אֶת־הַקּוֹל מִתֹּךְ הַחֹשֶׁךְ

(19) יהוה spoke those words—those and no more—to your whole congregation at the mountain, with a mighty voice out of the fire and the dense clouds. [God] inscribed them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. (20) When you heard the voice out of the darkness, while the mountain was ablaze with fire, you came up to me, all your tribal heads and elders, (21) and said, “Our God יהוה has just shown us a majestic Presence, and we have heard God’s voice out of the fire; we have seen this day that humankind may live though addressed by God. (22) Let us not die, then, for this fearsome fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of our God יהוה any longer, we shall die. (23) For what mortal ever heard the voice of the living God speak out of the fire, as we did, and lived? (24) You go closer and hear all that our God יהוה says, and then you tell us everything that our God יהוה

וַהֲהָרַ בְּעֵר בָּאֵשׁ וַתִּקְרְבוּן אֵלַי
כָּל־רָאשֵׁי שְׁבִטֵיכֶם וְזַקְנֵיכֶם: (כא)
וַתֹּאמְרוּ הֵן הָרָאנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
אֶת־כְּבוֹדוֹ וְאֶת־גְּדֻלּוֹ וְאֶת־קוֹל
שִׁמְעָנוּ מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה
רָאִינוּ כִּי־יִדְבֹר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם
וַחֲזִי: (כב) וַעֲתָה לָמָּה נָמוּת כִּי
תֹאכְלֵנוּ הָאֵשׁ הַגְּדֹלָה הַזֹּאת
אִם־יִסְכְּפִים | אֲנִיחֵנוּ לְשִׁמְעַ
אֶת־קוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ עוֹד וּמִתְּנוּ:
(כג) כִּי מִי כָל־בָּשָׂר אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַע
קוֹל אֱלֹהִים חַיִּים מִדְּבַר
מִתּוֹךְ־הָאֵשׁ כָּמֵנוּ וַיַּחֲזִי: (כד) קָרַב
אֶתָּה וְשִׁמְעָה אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר יֹאמַר
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאַתָּה | תִּדְבֹר אֵלֵינוּ
אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר יִדְבֹר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
אֵלֶיךָ וְשִׁמְעָנוּ וְעָשִׂינוּ: (כה) וַיִּשְׁמַע
יְהוָה אֶת־קוֹל דְּבָרֵיכֶם בְּדִבְרֵיכֶם
אֵלַי וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי שְׁמַעְתִּי
אֶת־קוֹל דְּבָרֵי הָעָם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר
דִּבְּרוּ אֵלֶיךָ הִיטִיבוּ כָל־אֲשֶׁר

tells you, and we will willingly do it.” (25) יהוה heard the plea that you made to me, and יהוה said to me, “I have heard the plea that this people made to you; they did well to speak thus. (26) May they always be of such mind, to revere Me and follow all My commandments, that it may go well with them and with their children forever! (27) Go, say to them, ‘Return to your tents.’ (28) But you remain here with Me, and I will give you the whole Instruction—the laws and the rules—that you shall impart to them, for them to observe in the land that I am giving them to possess.” (29) Be careful, then, to do as your God יהוה has commanded you. Do not turn aside to the right or to the left: (30) follow only the path that your God יהוה has enjoined upon you, so that you may thrive and that it may go well with you, and that you may long endure in the land you are to possess. (1) And this is the

דִּבְרוּ: (כו) מִי־יִתֵּן וְהָיָה לְבַבְכֶּם זֶה
לָהֶם לִירְאָה אֹתִי וְלִשְׁמֹר
אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹתַי כָּל־הַיָּמִים לְמַעַן
יִיטֵב לָהֶם וּלְבָנֵיהֶם לְעֹלָם: (כז) לֵךְ
אָמַר לָהֶם שׁוּבוּ לָכֶם לְאָהֳלֵיכֶם:
(כח) וְאַתָּה פֹה עֹמֵד עֹמְדִי
וְאִדְבַּרְהָ אֵלֶיךָ אֵת כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה
וְהַחֲקִים וְהַמְשַׁפְּטִים אֲשֶׁר תִּלְמָדֵם
וַעֲשׂוּ בָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי נֹתֵן לָהֶם
לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: (כט) וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם לַעֲשׂוֹת
כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֹתְכֶם
לֹא תִסְרוּ יָמִין וּשְׂמָאל: (ל)
בְּכָל־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֹתְכֶם תֵּלְכוּ לְמַעַן תַּחֲיוּן
וְטוֹב לָכֶם וְהֶאֱרַכְתֶּם יָמִים בָּאָרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר תִּירָשׁוּן: (א) וְזֹאת הַמִּצְוָה
הַחֲקִים וְהַמְשַׁפְּטִים אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לְלַמֵּד אֹתְכֶם
לַעֲשׂוֹת בָּאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֶתֶם עֹבְרִים
שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: (ב) לְמַעַן תִּירָא
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר

Instruction—the laws and the rules—that your God יהוה has commanded [me] to impart to you, to be observed in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, (2) so that you, your children, and your children's children may revere your God יהוה and follow, as long as you live, all the divine laws and commandments that I enjoin upon you, to the end that you may long endure. (3) Obey, O Israel, willingly and faithfully, that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly [in] a land flowing with milk and honey, as יהוה, the God of your ancestors, spoke to you. (4) Hear, O Israel! יהוה is our God, יהוה alone. (5) You shall love your God יהוה with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (6) Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. (7) Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are

את-כל-חקתיו ומצותיו אשר אנכי מצוה אתה ובנך ובן-בנך כל ימי חיך ולמען יארכו ימיה: (ג) ושמעת ישראל ושמרת לעשות אשר יטב לך ואשר תרבון מאד כאשר דבר יהוה אלהי אבותיך לך ארץ זבת חלב ודבש: (פ){ד} שמע ישראל יהוה אלהינו יהוה אחד: (ה) ואהבת את יהוה אלהיך בכל-לבבך ובכל-נפשך ובכל-מאדך: (ו) והיו הדברים האלה אשר אנכי מצוה היום על-לבבך: (ז) ושמנתם לבניך ודברתם בהם בשבתך בביתך ובלכתך בדרך ובשכבך ובקומך: (ח) וקשרתם לאות על-ידך והיו לטטפת בין עיניך: (ט) וכתבתם על-מזוזות ביתך ובשעריך: (ס){י} והיה כי יביאך | יהוה אלהיך אלה-ארץ אשר נשבע לאבותיך לאברהם ליצחק וליעקב לתת לך

away, when you lie down and when you get up. (8) Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead; (9) inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (10) When your God יהוה brings you into the land that was sworn to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to be assigned to you—great and flourishing cities that you did not build, (11) houses full of all good things that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and you eat your fill, (12) take heed that you do not forget יהוה who freed you from the land of Egypt, the house of bondage. (13) Revere only your God יהוה and worship [God] alone, and swear only by God's name. (14) Do not follow other gods, any gods of the peoples about you— (15) for your God יהוה in your midst is an impassioned God—lest the anger of

עַרְמִים גְּדֹלָת וְטָבַת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־בָנִיתָ:
(יא) וּבָתִּים מְלֵאִים כָּל־טוֹב אֲשֶׁר
לֹא־מְלֵאתָ וּבָרֶת חֲצוּבִים אֲשֶׁר
לֹא־חָצַבְתָּ כְּרָמִים וְיִתִּים אֲשֶׁר
לֹא־נִטְעַתָּ וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ: (יב)
הַשָּׂמֶר לְךָ פֶּן־תִּשְׁכַּח אֶת־יְהוָה
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיאָךְ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית
עַבְדִּים: (יג) אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִירָא
וְאֹתוֹ תַעֲבֹד וּבִשְׁמוֹ תִשָּׁבַע: (יד)
לֹא תִלְכּוּן אַחֲרֵי אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים
מֵאֱלֹהֵי הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר סְבִיבוֹתֶיכֶם:
(טו) כִּי אֵל קָנָא יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בְּקִרְבֶּךָ פֶּן־יִחַרָּה אַף־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בָּךְ וְהִשְׁמִידְךָ מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה:
{ס}(טז) לֹא תִנְסֹו אֶת־יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם כַּאֲשֶׁר נִסִּיתֶם בַּמִּסָּה: (יז)
שָׁמֹר תִּשְׁמְרוּן אֶת־מִצְוֹת יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְעֲדֹתָיו וְחֻקָּיו אֲשֶׁר צֻוֶּךָ:
(יח) וְעָשִׂיתָ הַיֵּשֶׁר וְהַטּוֹב בְּעֵינֶי
יְהוָה לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב לְךָ וּבָאתָ וִירָשְׁתָּ
אֶת־הָאֶרֶץ הַטֹּבָה אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע

your God יהוה blaze forth against you, wiping you off the face of the earth. (16) Do not try your God יהוה, as you did at Massah. (17) Be sure to keep the commandments, decrees, and laws that your God יהוה has enjoined upon you. (18) Do what is right and good in the sight of יהוה, that it may go well with you and that you may be able to possess the good land that your God יהוה promised on oath to your fathers, (19) and that all your enemies may be driven out before you, as יהוה has spoken. (20) When, in time to come, your children ask you, "What mean the decrees, laws, and rules that our God יהוה has enjoined upon you?" (21) you shall say to your children, "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt and יהוה freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand. (22) יהוה wrought before our eyes marvelous and destructive signs and portents in Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household; (23)

יהוה לִאֲבֹתֶיךָ: (יט) לְהִלָּחֵף
אֶת־כָּל־אֲבֹתֶיךָ מִפְּנֵיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר
יהוה: {ס}(כ) כִּי־יִשְׁאַלְךָ בְּנֶךָ מָחָר
לֵאמֹר מָה הָעֲדֹת וְהַחֻקִּים
וְהַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יהוה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֹתְכֶם: (כא) וְאָמַרְתָּ לְבְנֶךָ
עֲבָדִים הָיינוּ לְפַרְעֹה בְּמִצְרַיִם
וַיֹּצִיאֵנוּ יהוה מִמִּצְרַיִם בְּיַד חֲזָקָה:
(כב) וַיֵּתֶן יהוה אוֹתוֹת וּמִפְתֹּיִם
גְּדֹלִים וְרָעִים | בְּמִצְרַיִם בְּפַרְעֹה
וּבְכָל־בֵּיתוֹ לְעֵינֵינוּ: (כג) וְאוֹתָנוּ
הוֹצִיא מִשָּׁם לְמַעַן הָבִיא אֹתָנוּ
לָתֵת לָנוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע
לִאֲבֹתֵינוּ: (כד) וַיִּצְוֵנוּ יהוה לַעֲשׂוֹת
אֶת־כָּל־הַחֻקִּים הָאֵלֶּה לִירְאָה
אֶת־יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְטוֹב לָנוּ
כָּל־הַיָּמִים לְחֵיתָנוּ כְּהַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:
(כה) וּצִדְקָה תִּהְיֶה־לָנוּ כִּי־נִשְׁמָר
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה הַזֹּאת
לִפְנֵי יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּנוּ:
{ס}(א) כִּי יִבְיָאֵךְ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךָ

and us [God] freed from there, in order to take us and give us the land promised on oath to our fathers. (24) Then יהוה commanded us to observe all these laws, to revere our God יהוה, for our lasting good and for our survival, as is now the case. (25) It will be therefore to our merit before our God יהוה to observe faithfully this whole Instruction, as [God] has commanded us.” (1) When your God יהוה brings you to the land that you are about to enter and possess, and [God] dislodges many nations before you—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations much larger than you — (2) and your God יהוה delivers them to you and you defeat them, you must doom them to destruction: grant them no terms and give them no quarter. (3) You shall not intermarry with them: do not give your daughters to their

אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה בָּא־שָׁמָּה
לְרִשְׁתָּהּ וְנָשַׁל גּוֹיִם־רַבִּים | מִפְּנֵיךָ
הַחֲתִי וְהַגִּרְגָּשִׁי וְהָאֹמֹרִי וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי
וְהַפְּרִזִּי וְהַחִוִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי שְׁבַע־עָרָה גּוֹיִם
רַבִּים וְעַצוּמִים מִמֶּנִּי: (ב) וְנָתַתָּם
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפָנֶיךָ וְהִכִּיתָם הַחֲרָם
תַּחֲרִים אֹתָם לֹא־תַכְרֹת לָהֶם בְּרִית
וְלֹא תִחַנֵּם: (ג) וְלֹא תִתְחַתֵּן בָּם
בְּתֹךְ לֹא־תִתֵּן לְבָנְךָ וּבִתּוֹ לֹא־תִקַּח
לְבָנֶיךָ: (ד) כִּי־יִסֹּר אֶת־בְּנֶיךָ מֵאַחֲרַי
וְעָבְדוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים וְחָרָה
אִפִּי־יְהוָה בָּכֶם וְהִשְׁמִידֶךָ מִהָרָ: (ה)
כִּי־אִם־כָּה תַעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם מִזְבַּחַתֵּיהֶם
תִּתְּצוּ וּמִצִּבָּתָם תִּשְׁבְּרוּ וְאֲשִׁירָהֶם
תַּגִּידֵלֵנוּ וּפְסִילֵיהֶם תִּשְׂרָפוּן בָּאֵשׁ:
(ו) כִּי עַם קָדוֹשׁ אַתָּה לַיהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ בָּךְ בָּחַר | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
לְהָיֹת לוֹ לְעַם סֻגָּלָה מִכָּל הָעַמִּים
אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה: (ז) לֹא
מִרְבָּכֶם מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים חָשַׁק יְהוָה
בָּכֶם וַיִּבְחַר בָּכֶם כִּי־אַתֶּם הַמְּעֻט

sons or take their daughters for your sons. (4) For they will turn your children away from Me to worship other gods, and יהוה's anger will blaze forth against you, promptly wiping you out. (5) Instead, this is what you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, smash their pillars, cut down their sacred posts, and consign their images to the fire. (6) For you are a people consecrated to your God יהוה: of all the peoples on earth your God יהוה chose you to be God's treasured people. (7) It is not because you are the most numerous of peoples that יהוה grew attached to you and chose you—indeed, you are the smallest of peoples; (8) but it was because יהוה favored you and kept the oath made to your fathers that יהוה freed you with a mighty hand and rescued you from the house of bondage, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (9) Know, therefore, that only your

מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים: (ח) כִּי מֵאַהֲבַת יְהוָה
 אֶתְכֶם וּמִשְׁמְרוּ אֶת־הַשְּׁבָעָה אֲשֶׁר
 נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם הוֹצִיא יְהוָה
 אֶתְכֶם בְּיַד חֲזָקָה וַיַּפְדֶּךָ מִבֵּית
 עַבָדִים מִיַּד פְּרָעָה מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרָיִם:
 (ט) וַיֵּדְעָתָּ כִּי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הוּא
 הָאֱלֹהִים הָאֵל הַנָּאֻמָּן שֹׁמֵר
 הַבְרִית וְהַחֹסֵד לְאַהֲבָיו וּלְשִׁמְרֵי
 מִצְוָתוֹ לְאַלְף דָּוָר: (י) וּמִשְׁלָם
 לְשִׁנְאוֹ אֶל־פָּנָיו לְהַאֲבִידוֹ לֹא
 יֹאחֵז לְשִׁנְאוֹ אֶל־פָּנָיו יִשְׁלַם־לוֹ:
 (יא) וְשִׁמְרָתָּ אֶת־הַמִּצְוָה
 וְאֶת־הַחֻקִּים וְאֶת־הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר
 אָנֹכִי מְצִוֶּה הַיּוֹם לַעֲשׂוֹתָם: {פ}

God יהוה is God, the steadfast God
who keeps the divine covenant
faithfully to the thousandth
generation of those who love [God]
and keep the divine
commandments, (10) but who
instantly requites with destruction
those who reject [God]—never
slow with those who reject, but
requiting them instantly. (11)
Therefore, observe faithfully the
Instruction—the laws and the rules
—with which I charge you today.