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Book of Numbers



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The book of Numbers is named for the Lord's instruction to Moses to number, or count, all the Israelite males "from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war" (Numbers 1:3). Moses counted the Israelite males twice, once at Mount Sinai and later in the plains of Moab near Jericho (see Numbers 26). This book also records the Israelites' faithful experiences and rebellions as they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. As [you] study the book of Numbers, [you] will learn the importance of trusting and obeying the Lord and sustaining His chosen leaders.

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The title of the book of Numbers in the King James Version comes from the Latin Vulgate *Numeri* ("Numbers"), which is descriptive of the census given in the first three chapters of the book rather than of its content in general. Therefore, *Numbers* is strictly the Christian name for this section of the Torah, or first five books of Moses.

The Hebrews most often chose from among the first words of the text for a title for each of the books in the Bible. Thus, the Jews have called this book either *Vayedabber* ("And He Spoke"), which is the first Hebrew word of the book, or, more commonly, *Bemidbar* ("In the Wilderness"), which is the fifth word in the first verse.

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Moses was the main author and witnessed most of the events recorded in the book of Numbers. He may have relied on other witnesses, written sources, or revelation for information concerning events he did not see, such as the interactions between Balaam and Balak (see Numbers 22–24). In addition, subsequent editors and scribes may have altered the text of this book...

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Numbers 1:1-46 -A Census of Israel's Warriors

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“The first census of Israel after the Exodus numbered 603,550 men over twenty years of age who could go to war (see v. 3). This included none of the Levites (see v. 47) who numbered 22,000 (see Numbers 3:39). It also excluded all females, old men, boys under twenty years of age, and men unable to bear arms. This record has caused some scholars to estimate the total number of the children of Israel to be over two million souls (see Keil and Delitzsch, Commentary, 1:3:4–5). Other scholars believe that there have been textual errors in the transmission of numbers down through the centuries and that the total number of Israelites would be closer to half a million (see Enrichment Section E, “The Problem of Large Numbers in the Old Testament” [Old Testament Student Manual: Genesis–2 Samuel, 3rd ed. (Church Educational System manual, 2003), 193]).

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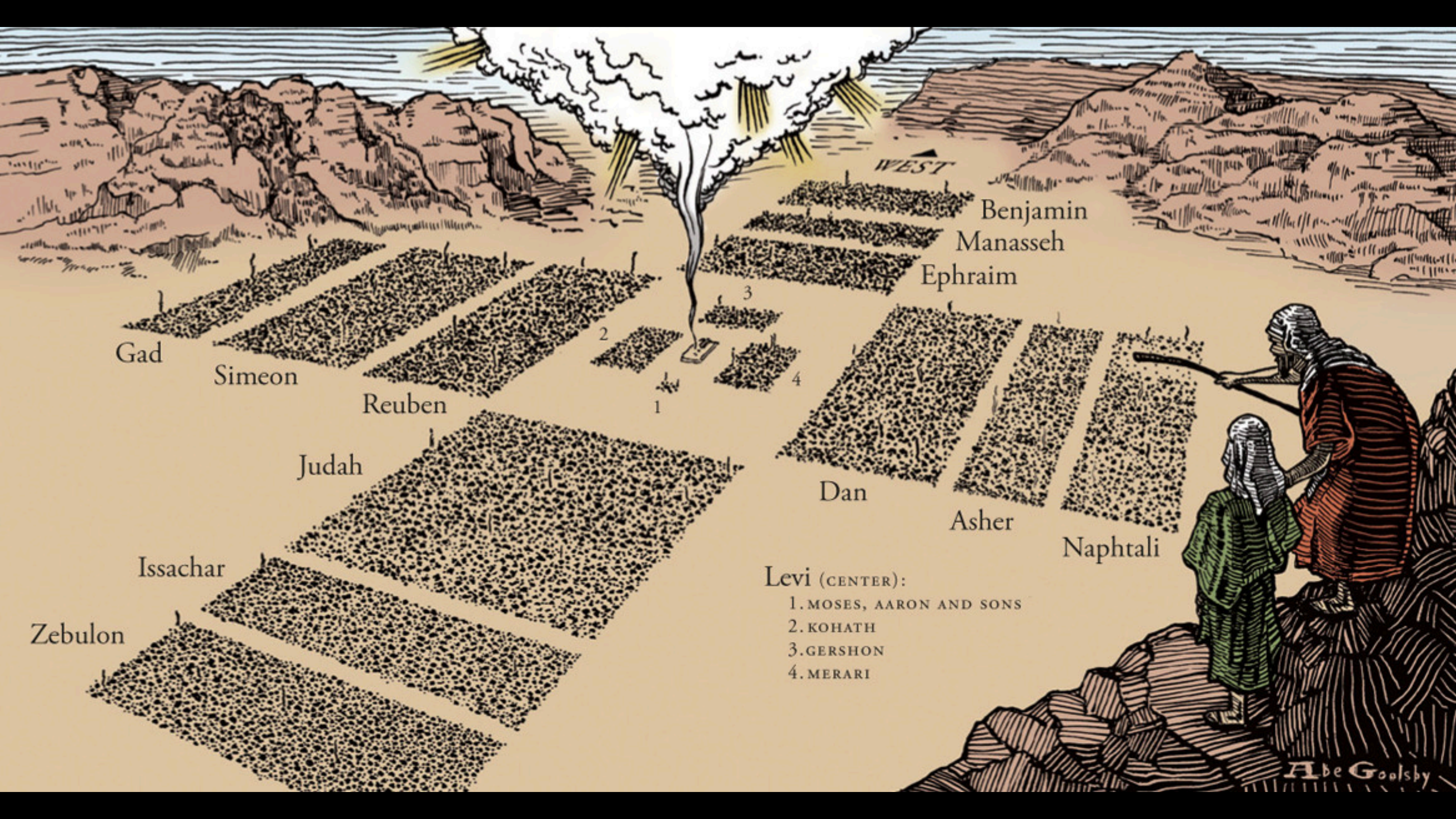
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Numbers 2 - Arrangement of the Camp

Numbers 2:1-2

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.



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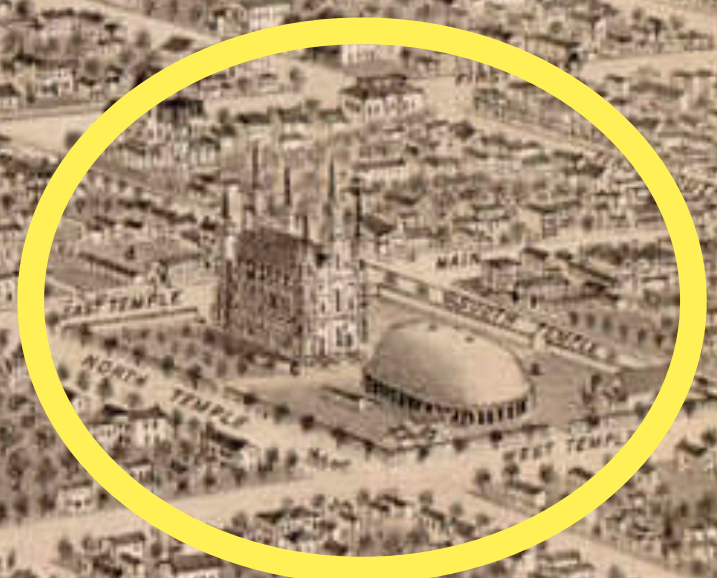
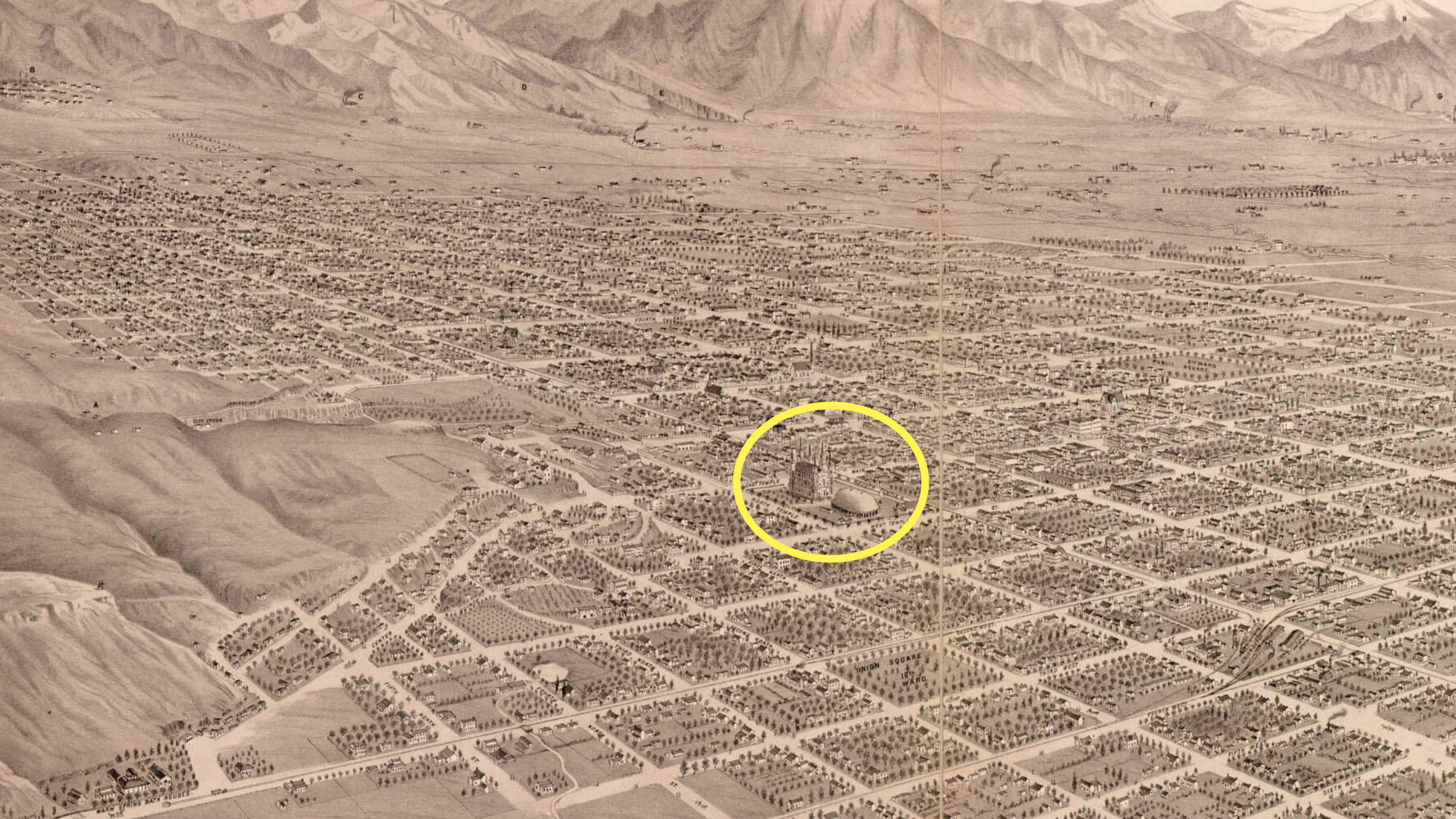
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"Jehovah and the World of the Old Testament," 2009, p. 124-125

"The arrangement of the camp of Israel as outlined in Numbers 2 is highly symbolic as well as functional. The Tabernacle was to be set up in the center of the camp, emphasizing the significance of God's presence among the Israelites and the restriction on Outsiders access. The Israelites pitched their tents by tribe, three on each side of the Tabernacle and at some distance away. The placement of Judah in front of the Tabernacle on the east and the Joseph tribes Ephraim and Manasseh behind the Tabernacle foreshadows the significance these tribes would have after the Israelites settled in Canaan.

"The Levites camped between the Tabernacle and the tent of the other Israelite tribes, with the tents of Moses and Aaron and their families in front of the Tabernacle on the east. This arrangement symbolized the leading role of Moses and the Aaronic priests, as well as the institutional mediation of the priests and Levites, whose service made it possible for "regular" Israelites to approach God and the symbols of his presence."

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Numbers 3:5-39 - Duties of the Levites

Numbers 3:40-51 - Redemption of the Firstborn

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Numbers 5:1-4 -Unclean People

Numbers 5:5-10 - Confession and Restitution

Numbers 5:11-31 - A Test for Adultery

Numbers 6:1-21 - The Nazirite Vow

Numbers 6:22-27 - Aaron's Blessing

Numbers 7 - Offerings at the Tabernacle's Consecration

Numbers 8:1-4 - The Seven Lamps

Numbers 8:5-22 - Cleansing of the Levites

Numbers 8:23-26 - Retirement of the Levites

Numbers 9:1-14 - The Passover Celebrated

Numbers 9:15-23 - The Cloud Covering the Tabernacle

Numbers 10:1-10 - The Silver Trumpets

Numbers 10:11-36 - Israel Leaves Sinai



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the children of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan.

28 Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

29 ¶ And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of ^aRaguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us ^ainstead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 ¶ And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ^aark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34 And the ^acloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be ^ascattered; and let them that ^bhate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

CHAPTER 11

Fire from the Lord consumes the rebels in Israel—Israel murmurs and lusts for meat instead of manna—Moses complains that he cannot bear the burden alone—He is commanded to choose seventy elders to assist him—The Lord promises meat until it becomes loathsome to the Israelites—The seventy elders are chosen, they prophesy, the Lord comes down, and Eldad and Medad prophesy in the camp—Israel is provided with quail—The people lust, a great plague follows, and many die.

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6 But now our soul *is* dried away: *there is* nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes.

7 And the ^amanna *was* as ^bcoriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 And the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

The People Complain

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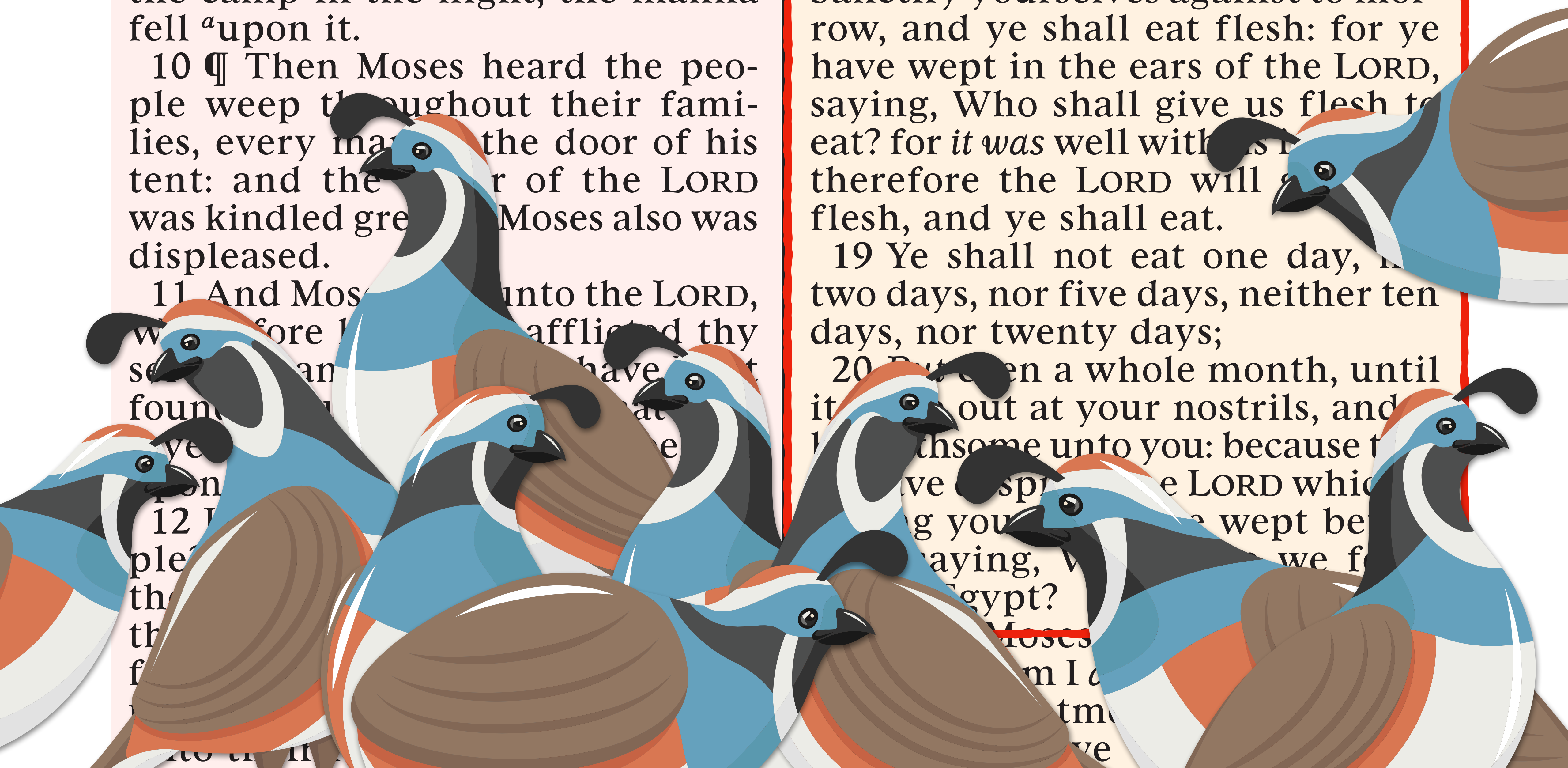
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12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, ^aHeal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

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15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in *again*.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAPTER 13

Moses sends twelve spies to search the land of Canaan—Ten of them bring an evil report, telling only of the strength of the inhabitants.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

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23a Num. 32:11 (11–12);

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c Heb. 3:8 (7–11, 15).

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29 The ^aAmalekites dwell in the land of the ^bsouth: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

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Moses Intercedes for the People

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35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall ^adie.

36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, ^adied by the ^bplague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still*.

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people ^amourned greatly.

40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *be here*, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have ^asinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the LORD *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

43 For the ^aAmalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

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CHAPTER 15

Various sacrificial ordinances bring forgiveness to repentant Israel—Those who sin willfully are cut off from among the people—A man is stoned for gathering sticks on the Sabbath day—The Israelites are to look on the fringes of their garments and remember the commandments.

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(Russell M. Nelson, “Face the Future with Faith,” GC Apr. 2011, Ensign or Liahona, May 2011, 34).

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Numbers 15-19

Numbers 15:1-21 - Laws About Sacrifices

Numbers 15:22-31 - Laws About Unintentional Sins

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“To stone a man for violation of the Sabbath seems a harsh punishment. But in its historical context, two things are significant. Moses had just given the law for willful rebellion against God. Did this man know the law of the Sabbath? Moses had clearly taught earlier that one who violated the Sabbath was to be put to death (see Exodus 31:14–15; 35:2). Obviously, here is an example of one who “despised the word of the Lord” (Numbers 15:31).

Numbers 15:38–41

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the **fringe of the borders** a ribband of blue:

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.

Matthew 9:20 ESV

And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and **touched the fringe of his garment**

Luke 8:44 KJV

Came behind him, and **touched the border of his garment:** and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.



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Numbers 15:37-41 - Tassels on Garments

Numbers 16 - Korah's Rebellion

Numbers 17 - Aaron's Staff Buds

Numbers 18 - Duties of Priests and Levites

Numbers 19 - Laws for Purification



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15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of ^apurification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

18 And a clean person shall take ^ahyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.

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CHAPTER 20

Miriam dies—Moses smites a rock at Meribah and brings forth water—The king of Edom refuses to let Israel pass

peacefully through his land—Aaron dies, and Eleazar becomes the high priest.

THEN came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in ^aKadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people ^achode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? *it is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the ^atabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the ^arod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and ^bspeak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, ^aHear now, ye rebels; must ^bwe fetch you water out of this rock?

The Waters of Meribah

The Death of Miriam

Edom Refuses Passage

Moses Strikes the Rock

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he ^asmote the ^brock twice: and the ^cwater came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye ^abelieved me not, to ^bsanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not ^cbring this congregation into the ^dland which I have given them.

13 This is the water of ^aMeribah; because the children of Israel ^bstrove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Moses ^asent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us:

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:

16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an ^aangel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's *high* way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass ^aby me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink

of thy water, then I will ^apay for it: I will only, without *doing* any thing *else*, go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the ^acoast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye ^arebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and ^aAaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

The Death of Aaron

11a Ps. 78:15 (15–16, 20).

b 1 Ne. 17:29; 20:21;
2 Ne. 25:20.

c Isa. 48:21.

12a IE in not speaking to the rock, striking it instead.

d Deut. 4:26 (24–28); 32:51.

13a IE Quarrel, Strife, Contention.

Ex. 17:7;
Deut. 33:8;
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19a Deut. 2:28.

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Deuteronomy 32:51-52

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Doctrine and Covenants 84:23–25

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Alma 45:19

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21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

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27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

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The Death of Aaron

11a Ps. 78:15 (15–16, 20).

b 1 Ne. 17:29; 20:21;
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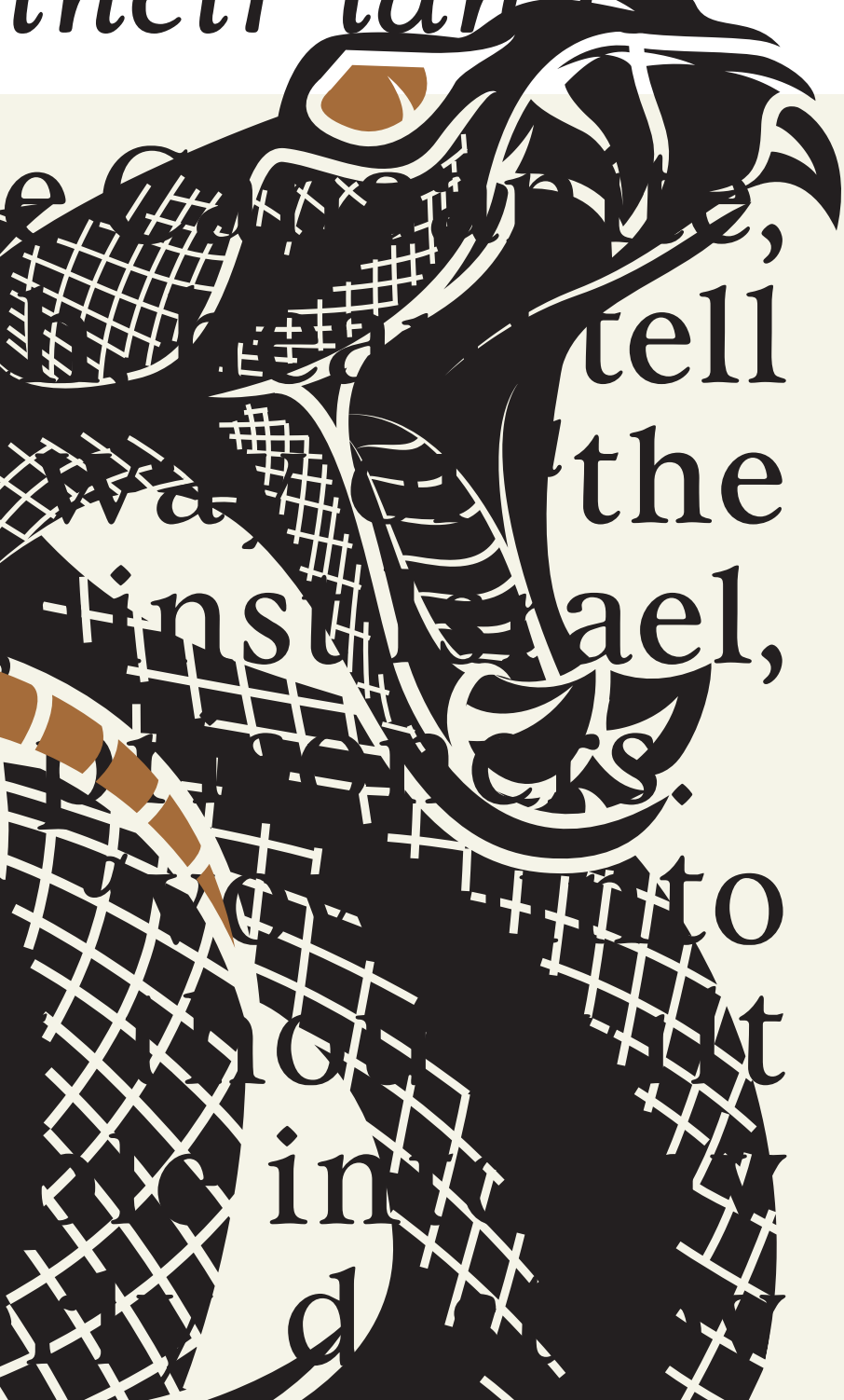
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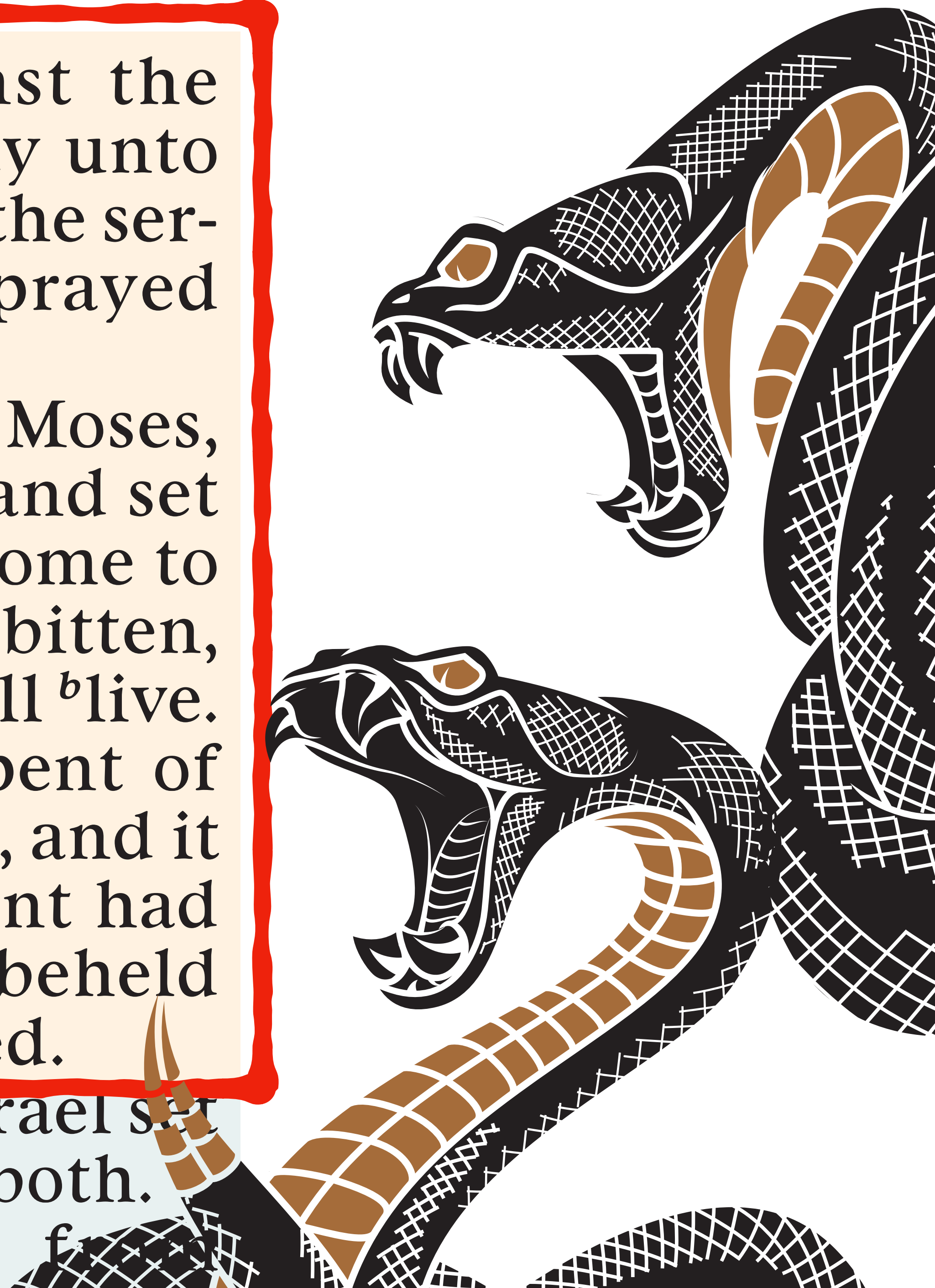
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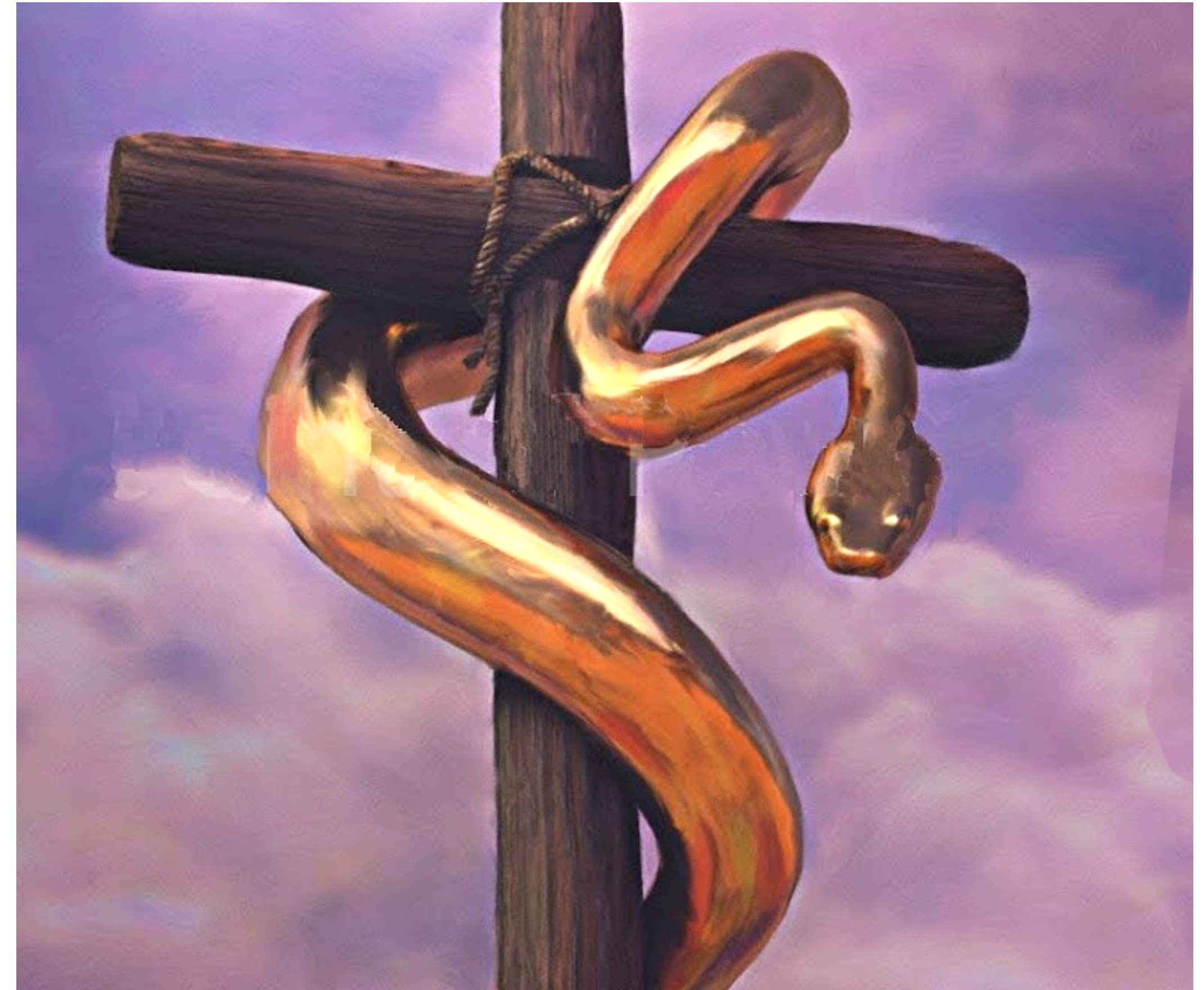
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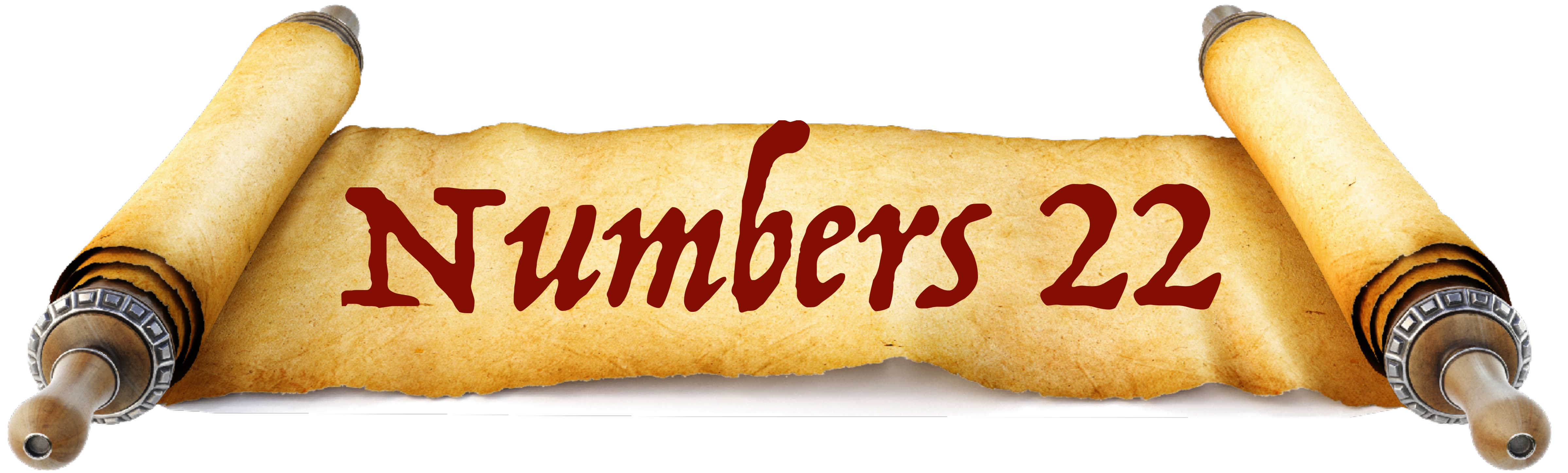
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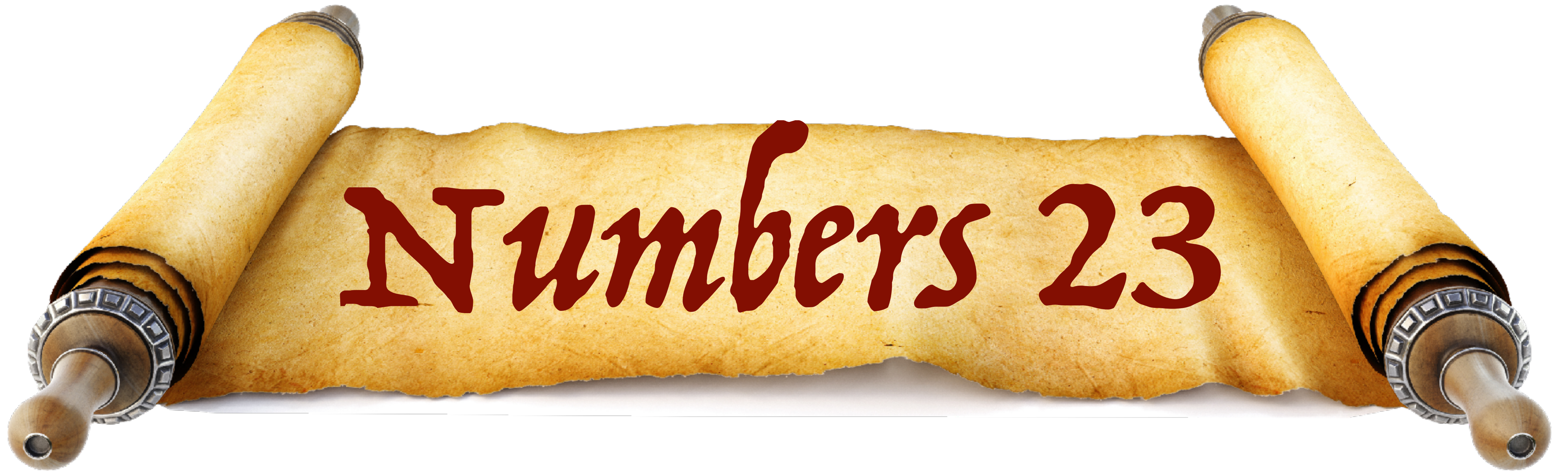
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34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost ^acoast.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

CHAPTER 23

The Lord commands Balaam to bless Israel—He does so, saying, Who can count the dust of Jacob? and, What hath God wrought!

AND Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here ^aseven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak,

Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to ^aan high place.

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, ^adefy Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, *whom* the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let me die the ^adeath of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said unto ^aBalaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to ^bcurse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

14 ¶ And he brought him into ^athe field of Zophim, to ^bthe top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet *the* LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God is not a man, that he should ^alie; neither the son of man, that he should ^brepent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he ^cspoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of ^aan unicorn.

23 Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

27 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that ^alooketh toward Jeshimon.

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30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

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3 And he took up his ^aparable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the ^avision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy ^atabernacles, O Israel!

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7 ^aHe shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than ^bAgag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall ^abreak their bones, and ^bpierce *them* through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a ^alion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

10 ¶ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own ^amind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I ^bspeak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore*, *and* I will ^aadvertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

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words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but ^anot now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a ^bStar out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of ^cMoab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And ^aEdom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 ¶ And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, ^aAmalek *was* the first of the nations; but his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of ^aChittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

CHAPTER 25

The Israelites who worship false gods are slain—Phinehas slays the adulterers and stays the plague—Israel is commanded to vex the Midianites who beguiled them.

AND Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit ^awhoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they ^acalled the people unto the ^bsacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto ^aBaal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the ^aheads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD ^bagainst the sun, that the ^cfierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, ^aSlay ye every one his men that were joined unto ^bBaal-peor.

6 ¶ And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping *before* the door of the ^atabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when ^aPhinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I

28a HEB overlooks the desert

5a OR dwellings.
6a Ps. 104:16 (16, 17)

b Jer. 50:9.
9a Gen. 49:9

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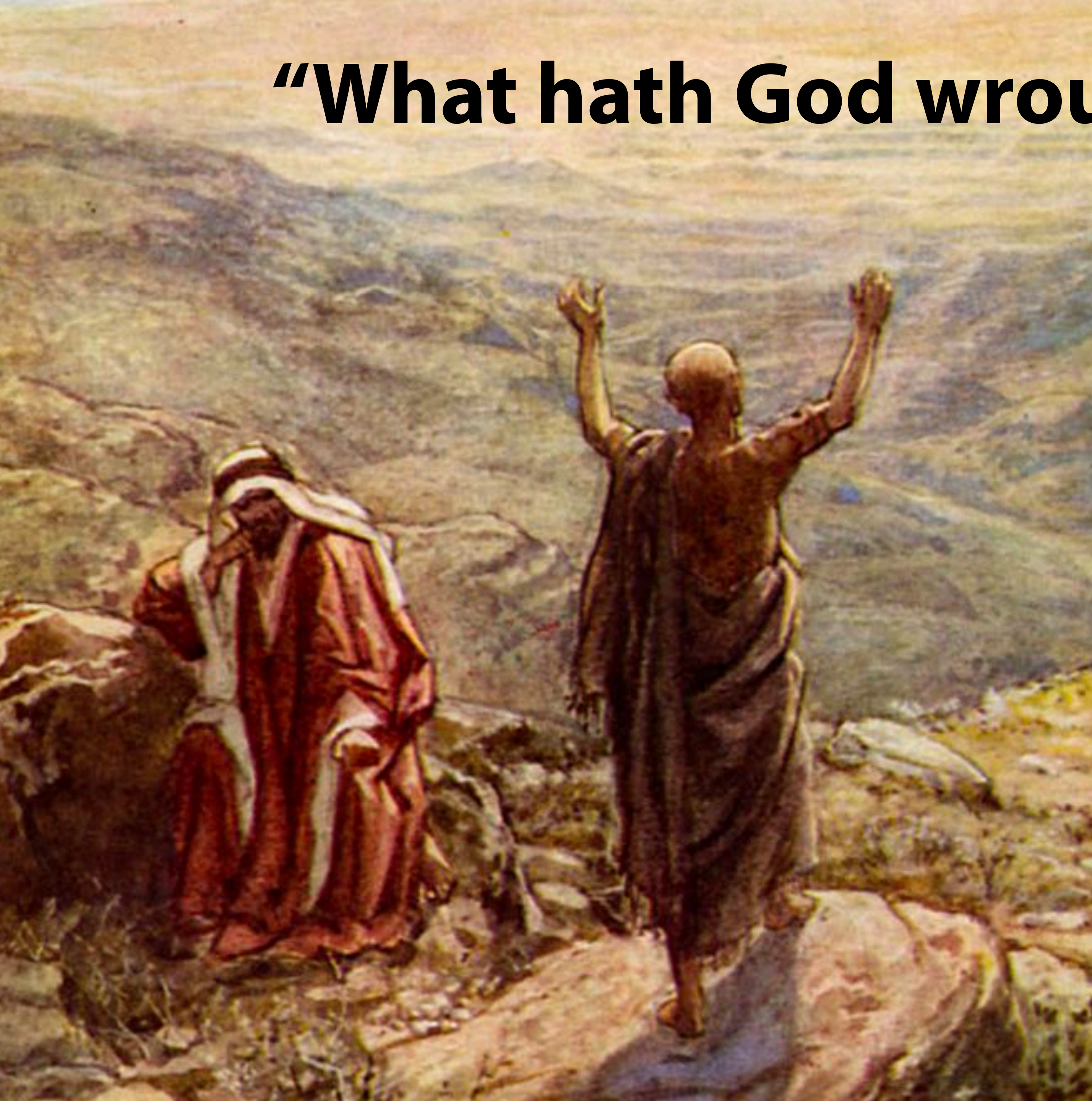
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IE The idol at Peor (a mountain in Moab). Hosea 9:10.

Revelation 2:14

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Numbers 25:1-9 - Baal Worship at Peor

Numbers 25:10-18 - The Zeal of Phinehas

Numbers 26 - Census of the New Generation

Numbers 27:1-11 - The Daughters of Zelophehad

Numbers 27:12-23 - Joshua to Succeed Moses

Numbers 28:1-8 - Daily Offerings

Numbers 28:9-10 - Sabbath Offerings

Numbers 28:11-15 - Monthly Offerings

Numbers 28:16-25 - Passover Offerings

Numbers 28:26-31 - Offerings for the Feast of Weeks

Numbers 29:1-6 - Offerings for the Feast of Trumpets

Numbers 29:7-11 - Offerings for the Day of Atonement

Numbers 29:12-40 - Offerings for the Feast of Booths

Numbers 30:1-2 - Men and Vows

Numbers 30:3-16 - Women and Vows

Numbers 31 - Vengeance on Midian

Numbers 32 - Reuben and Gad Settle in Gilead

Numbers 33:1-49 - Recounting Israel's Journey

Numbers 33:50-56 - Drive Out the Inhabitants

Numbers 34:1-15 - Boundaries of the Land

Numbers 34:16-29 - List of Tribal Chiefs

Numbers 35:1-8 - Cities for the Levites

Numbers 35:9-34 - Cities of Refuge

Numbers 36 - Marriage of Female Heirs