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Sunday - 9-Jan-2011; (4-Shevat-5771). Day 1 before Shabbat - Parasha Beshalach - When He Sent.

Exodus 13:17-to-end.

17 . The Wilderness Way. .

It happened, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that ELOHIM didn't lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for ELOHIM said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt;"

18 but ELOHIM led the people around by the way of the wilderness by the Sea of Suf; and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the children of Israel swear, saying, "ELOHIM will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones away from here with you."

20 They took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 YHWH went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them on their way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, that they might go by day and by night:

22 the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, didn't depart from before the people.

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Exodus 14.

1 . The Red Sea Crossing. .

YHWH spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal Zephon. You shall encamp opposite it by the sea.

3 Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, “They are entangled in the land. The wilderness has shut them in.’

4 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will follow after them; and I will get honor over Pharaoh, and over all his armies; and the Egyptians shall know that I am YHWH!” They did so.

5 It was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed towards the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?”

6 He prepared his chariot, and took his army with him;

7 and he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over all of them.

8 YHWH hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel; for the children of Israel went out with a high hand.

9 The Egyptians pursued after them: all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen, and his army; and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were very afraid. The children of Israel cried out to YHWH!

11 They said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us this way, to bring us out of Egypt?”

12 Isn’t this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, ‘Leave us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?’ For it were better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.”

13 Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of YHWH, which he will work for you today: for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see them again.

14 YHWH will fight for you, and you shall be still.”

15 YHWH said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward.

16 Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

17 I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them: and I will get myself honor over Pharaoh, and over all his armies, over his chariots, and over his horsemen.

18 The Egyptians shall know that I am YHWH, when I have gotten myself honor over Pharaoh, over his chariots, and over his horsemen.”

19 The angel of ELOHIM, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them, and stood behind them.

20 It came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness, yet gave it light by night: and the one didn’t come near the other all the

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night.

21 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and YHWH caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 The children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea: all of Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 It happened in the morning watch, that YHWH looked out on the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and confused the Egyptian army.

25 He took off their chariot wheels, and they drove them heavily; so that the Egyptians said, "Let's flee from the face of Israel, for YHWH fights for them against the Egyptians!"

26 YHWH said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it. YHWH overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 The waters returned, and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even all Pharaoh's army that went in after them into the sea. There remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus YHWH saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great work which YHWH did to the Egyptians, and the people feared YHWH; and they believed in YHWH, and in his servant Moses.

Acts 19.

1 . Paul at Ephesus. .

It happened that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper country, came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples.

2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They said to him, "No, we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3 He said, "Into what then were you immersed?" They said, "Into John's immersion."

4 Paul said, "John indeed immersed with the immersion of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in YESHUA!"

5 When they heard this, they were immersed in the name of ADONAI YESHUA!

6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with other languages and prophesied.

7 They were about twelve men in all.

8 He entered into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for a period of three months, reasoning and persuading about the things concerning the Kingdom of ELOHIM!

9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 This continued for two years, so that all those who lived in Asia heard the word of ADONAI YESHUA, both Jews and Greeks.

11 . Miracles Glorify Messiah. .

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ELOHIM worked special miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and the evil spirits went out.

13 But some of the itinerant Jews, exorcists, took on themselves to invoke over those who had the evil spirits the name of ADONAI YESHUA, saying, "We adjure you by YESHUA whom Paul preaches."

14 There were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did this.

15 The evil spirit answered, "YESHUA I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?"

16 The man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived at Ephesus. Fear fell on them all, and the name of ADONAI YESHUA was magnified.

18 Many also of those who had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds.

19 Many of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. They counted their price, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So the word of ADONAI was growing and becoming mighty.

21 . The Riot at Ephesus. .

Now after these things had ended, Paul determined in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

22 Having sent into Macedonia two of those who served him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 About that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen,

25 whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, "Sirs, you know that by this business we have our wealth.

26 You see and hear, that not at Ephesus alone, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are no idol_gods, that are made with hands.

27 Not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be counted as nothing, and her majesty destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships."

28 When they heard this they were filled with anger, and cried out, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

29 The whole city was filled with confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel.

30 When Paul wanted to enter in to the people, the disciples didn't allow him.

31 Certain also of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sent to him and begged him not to venture into the theater.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another, for the assembly was in confusion. Most of them didn't know why they had come together.

33 They brought Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward.

Alexander beckoned with his hand, and would have made a defense to the people.

34 But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice for a time of about two hours cried out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

35 When the town clerk had quieted the multitude, he said, "You men of Ephesus, what man is there who doesn't know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the

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great goddess Artemis, and of the image which fell down from Zeus?

36 Seeing then that these things can't be denied, you ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash.

37 For you have brought these men here, who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your goddess.

38 If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a matter against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them press charges against one another.

39 But if you seek anything about other matters, it will be settled in the regular assembly.

40 For indeed we are in danger of being accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause. Concerning it, we wouldn't be able to give an account of this commotion."

41 When he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

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Tuesday - 11-Jan-2011; (6-Shevat-5771). Day 3 before Shabbat - Parasha Beshalach - When He Sent.

Exodus 15.

1 . The Song of Moses. .

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to YHWH, and said, "I will sing to YHWH, for he has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

2 YHWH is my strength and song. He has become my salvation [yeshu`ah]. This is my ELOHIM, and I will praise him; my father's ELOHIM, and I will exalt him.

3 YHWH is a man of war. YHWH is his name.

4 He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea. His chosen captains are sunk in the Sea of Suf.

5 The deeps cover them. They went down into the depths like a stone.

6 Your right hand, YHWH, is glorious in power. Your right hand, YHWH, dashes the enemy in pieces.

7 In the greatness of your excellency, you overthrow those who rise up against you. You send forth your wrath. It consumes them as stubble.

8 With the blast of your nostrils, the waters were piled up. The floods stood upright as a heap. The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the spoil. My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'

10 You blew with your wind. The sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like you, YHWH, among the idol_gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out your right hand. The earth swallowed them.

13 "You, in your loving kindness, have led the people that you have redeemed. You have guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.

14 The peoples have heard. They tremble. Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed. Trembling takes hold of the mighty men of Moab. All the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away.

16 Terror and dread falls on them. By the greatness of your arm they are as still as a stone until your people pass over, YHWH, until the people pass over who you have purchased.

17 You shall bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance, the place, YHWH, which you have made for yourself to dwell in; the sanctuary, ADONAI, which your hands have established.

18 YHWH shall reign forever and ever."

19 For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and YHWH brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea.

20 . The Song of Miriam. .

Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dances.

21 Miriam answered them, "Sing to YHWH, for he has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

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22 . Bitter Waters Made Sweet. .

Moses led Israel onward from the Sea of Suf, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 When they came to Marah, they couldn't drink from the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore its name was called Marah.

24 The people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

25 Then he cried to YHWH! YHWH showed him a tree, and he threw it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there he tested them;

26 and he said, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of YHWH your ELOHIM, and will do that which is right in his eyes, and will pay attention to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you, which I have put on the Egyptians; for I am YHWH who heals you."

27 They came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Acts 20.

1 . Journeys in Greece. .

After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, took leave of them, and departed to go into Macedonia.

2 When he had gone through those parts, and had encouraged them with many words, he came into Greece.

3 When he had spent three months there, and a plot was made against him by Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia.

4 These accompanied him as far as Asia: Sopater of Beroea; Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; Gaius of Derbe; Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

5 But these had gone ahead, and were waiting for us at Troas.

6 We sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

7 . Ministering at Troas. .

On the first day of the week, when the disciples were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and continued his speech until midnight.

8 There were many lights in the upper room where we were gathered together.

9 A certain young man named Eutychus sat in the window, weighed down with deep sleep. As Paul spoke still longer, being weighed down by his sleep, he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead.

10 Paul went down, and fell upon him, and embracing him said, "Don't be troubled, for his life is in him."

11 When he had gone up, and had broken bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even until break of day, he departed.

12 They brought the boy in alive, and were greatly comforted.

13 . From Troas to Miletus. .

But we who went ahead to the ship set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for he had so arranged, intending himself to go by land.

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14 When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard, and came to Mitylene.

15 Sailing from there, we came the following day opposite Chios. The next day we touched at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium, and the day after we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be in Jerusalem on the day of Shavuot.

17 **. The Ephesian Elders Exhorted. .**

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to himself the elders of the assembly.

18 When they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you all the time,

19 serving ADONAI with all humility, with many tears, and with trials which happened to me by the plots of the Jews;

20 how I didn't shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, teaching you publicly and from house to house,

21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward ELOHIM, and faith toward our ADONAI YESHUA!

22 Now, behold, I go bound by the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there;

23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions wait for me.

24 But these things don't count; nor do I hold my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from ADONAI YESHUA, to fully testify to the Good News of the grace of ELOHIM!

25 "Now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about proclaiming the Kingdom of ELOHIM, will see my face no more.

26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am clean from the blood of all men,

27 for I didn't shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of ELOHIM!

28 Take heed, therefore, to yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the assembly of ADONAI and ELOHIM which he purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know that after my departure, vicious wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Men will arise from among your own selves, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, remembering that for a period of three years I didn't cease to admonish everyone night and day with tears.

32 Now, brothers, I entrust you to ELOHIM, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build up, and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 I coveted no one's silver, or gold, or clothing.

34 You yourselves know that these hands served my necessities, and those who were with me.

35 In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring you ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of ADONAI YESHUA, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

36 When he had spoken these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

37 They all wept a lot, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him,

38 sorrowing most of all because of the word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

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Exodus 16.

1 . Bread from Heaven. .

They took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 The whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness;

3 and the children of Israel said to them, "We wish that we had died by the hand of YHWH in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots, when we ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then YHWH said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from the sky for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my Torah (teaching and instruction), or not.

5 It shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening, then you shall know that YHWH has brought you out from the land of Egypt;

7 and in the morning, then you shall see the glory of YHWH; because he hears your murmurings against YHWH! Who are we, that you murmur against us?"

8 Moses said, "Now YHWH shall give you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to satisfy you; because YHWH hears your murmurings which you murmur against him. And who are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against YHWH!"

9 Moses said to Aaron, "Tell all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before YHWH, for he has heard your murmurings.'"

10 It happened, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of YHWH appeared in the cloud.

11 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At evening you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread: and you shall know that I am YHWH your ELOHIM!'"

13 It happened at evening that quail came up and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay around the camp.

14 When the dew that lay had gone, behold, on the surface of the wilderness was a small round thing, small as the frost on the ground.

15 When the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, "What is it?" For they didn't know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread which YHWH has given you to eat."

16 This is the thing which YHWH has commanded: "Gather of it everyone according to his eating; an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, you shall take it, every man for those who are in his tent."

17 The children of Israel did so, and gathered some more, some less.

18 When they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack. They gathered every man according to his eating.

19 Moses said to them, "Let no one leave of it until the morning."

20 Notwithstanding they didn't listen to Moses, but some of them left of it until the

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morning, and it bred worms, and became foul: and Moses was angry with them.

21 They gathered it morning by morning, everyone according to his eating. When the sun grew hot, it melted.

22 It happened that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one, and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 He said to them, "This is that which YHWH has spoken, 'Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to YHWH! Bake that which you want to bake, and boil that which you want to boil; and all that remains over lay up for yourselves to be kept until the morning.'"

24 They laid it up until the morning, as Moses asked, and it didn't become foul, neither was there any worm in it.

25 Moses said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to YHWH! Today you shall not find it in the field.

26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day is the Sabbath. In it there shall be none."

27 It happened on the seventh day, that some of the people went out to gather, and they found none.

28 YHWH said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep my commandments and my Torah (teachings and instructions)?"

29 Behold, because YHWH has given you the Sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days. Everyone stay in his place. Let no one go out of his place on the seventh day."

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 The house of Israel called its name Manna, and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers with honey.

32 Moses said, "This is the thing which YHWH has commanded, 'Let an omer-full of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.'"

33 Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot, and put an omer-full of manna in it, and lay it up before YHWH, to be kept throughout your generations."

34 As YHWH commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 The children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land. They ate the manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

Acts 21.

1 . Warnings on the Journey to Jerusalem. .

When it happened that we had parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

2 Having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set sail.

3 When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload her cargo.

4 Having found disciples, we stayed there seven days. These said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 When it happened that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey. They all, with wives and children, brought us on our way until we were out of the city. Kneeling down on the beach, we prayed.

6 After saying goodbye to each other, we went on board the ship, and they returned home again.

7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. We greeted the brothers, and stayed with them one day.

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8 On the next day, we, who were Paul's companions, departed, and came to Caesarea. We entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.

10 As we stayed there some days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

11 Coming to us, and taking Paul's belt, he bound his own feet and hands, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit: 'So will the Judeans at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and will deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

12 When we heard these things, both we and they of that place begged him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of ADONAI YESHUA!"

14 When he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "ADONAI's will be done."

15 . Paul Urged to Make Peace. .

After these days we took up our baggage and went up to Jerusalem.

16 Some of the disciples from Caesarea also went with us, bringing one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we would stay.

17 When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly.

18 The day following, Paul went in with us to Jacob; and all the elders were present.

19 When he had greeted them, he reported one by one the things which ELOHIM had worked among the Gentiles through his ministry.

20 They, when they heard it, glorified ELOHIM! They said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Judeans of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Torah.

21 They have been informed about you, that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children neither to walk after the customs.

22 What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come.

23 Therefore do what we tell you. We have four men who have taken a vow.

24 Take them, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses for them, that they may shave their heads. Then all will know that there is no truth in the things that they have been informed about you, but that you yourself also walk keeping the Torah.

25 But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written our decision that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from food offered to idols, from blood, from strangled things, and from sexual immorality."

26 . Arrested in the Temple. .

Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purified himself and went with them into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.

27 When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude and laid hands on him,

28 crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, and the Torah, and this place. Moreover, he also brought Greeks into the temple, and has defiled this holy place!"

29 For they had seen Trophimus, the Ephesian, with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.

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30 All the city was moved, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple. Immediately the doors were shut.

31 As they were trying to kill him, news came up to the commanding officer of the regiment that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Immediately he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. They, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, stopped beating Paul.

33 Then the commanding officer came near, arrested him, commanded him to be bound with two chains, and inquired who he was and what he had done.

34 Some shouted one thing, and some another, among the crowd. When he couldn't find out the truth because of the noise, he commanded him to be brought into the barracks.

35 When he came to the stairs, it happened that he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd;

36 for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!"

37 .Addressing the Jerusalem Mob..

As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he asked the commanding officer, "May I speak to you?" He said, "Do you know Greek?"

38 Aren't you then the Egyptian, who before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins?"

39 But Paul said, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city. I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."

40 When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with his hand to the people. When there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

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Exodus 17:1-16.

1 . Water from the Rock. .

All the congregation of the children of Israel traveled from the wilderness of Sin, by their journeys, according to YHWH's commandment, and encamped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test YHWH?"

3 The people were thirsty for water there; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

4 Moses cried to YHWH, saying, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 YHWH said to Moses, "Walk on before the people, and take the elders of Israel with you, and take the rod in your hand with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. You shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because the children of Israel quarreled, and because they tested YHWH, saying, "Is YHWH among us, or not?"

8 . Victory over the Amalekites. .

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with ELOHIM's rod in my hand."

10 So Joshua did as Moses had told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 It happened, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side. His hands were steady until sunset.

13 Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 YHWH said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under the sky."

15 Moses built an altar, and called its name YHWH our Banner.

16 He said, "YAH has sworn: 'YHWH will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.'"

Acts 22.

1 "Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense which I now make to you."

2 When they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they were even more quiet. He said,

3 "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict tradition of the Torah (teaching and instruction) of our fathers, being zealous for ELOHIM, even as you all are this day.

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- 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
- 5 As also the high priest and all the council of the elders testify, from whom also I received letters to the brothers, and traveled to Damascus to bring them also who were there to Jerusalem in bonds to be punished.
- 6 It happened that, as I made my journey, and came close to Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from the sky a great light around me.
- 7 I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'
- 8 I answered, 'Who are you, ADONAI?' He said to me, 'I am YESHUA of Nazareth, whom you persecute.'
- 9 "Those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they didn't understand the voice of him who spoke to me.
- 10 I said, 'What shall I do, ADONAI?' ADONAI said to me, 'Arise, and go into Damascus. There you will be told about all things which are appointed for you to do.'
- 11 When I couldn't see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.
- 12 One Hananiah, a devout man according to the Torah, well reported of by all the Jews who lived in Damascus,
- 13 came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' In that very hour I looked up at him.
- 14 He said, 'The ELOHIM of our fathers has appointed you to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth.
- 15 For you will be a witness for him to all men of what you have seen and heard.
- 16 Now why do you wait? Arise, be immersed, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of ADONAI.'
- 17 "It happened that, when I had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple, I fell into a trance,
- 18 and saw him saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not receive testimony concerning me from you.'
- 19 I said, 'ADONAI, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue those who believed in you.
- 20 When the blood of Stephen, your witness, was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting to his death, and guarding the cloaks of those who killed him.'
- 21 "He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you out far from here to the Gentiles.'"

22 **. Paul's Roman Citizenship. .**

- They listened to him until he said that; then they lifted up their voice, and said, "Rid the earth of this fellow, for he isn't fit to live!"
- 23 As they cried out, and threw off their cloaks, and threw dust into the air,
- 24 the commanding officer commanded him to be brought into the barracks, ordering him to be examined by scourging, that he might know for what crime they shouted against him like that.
- 25 When they had tied him up with thongs, Paul asked the centurion who stood by, "Is it legal for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and not found guilty?"
- 26 When the centurion heard it, he went to the commanding officer and told him, "Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman!"
- 27 The commanding officer came and asked him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes."
- 28 The commanding officer answered, "I bought my citizenship for a great price." Paul said, "But I was born a Roman."

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29 Immediately those who were about to examine him departed from him, and the commanding officer also was afraid when he realized that he was a Roman, because he had bound him.

30 **. The Sanhedrin Divided. .**

But on the next day, desiring to know the truth about why he was accused by the Judeans, he freed him from the bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

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Haftarah:

Judges 5:1-31.

1 . The Song of Deborah. .

Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying,

2 “Because the leaders took the lead in Israel, because the people offered themselves willingly, be blessed, YHWH!

3 “Hear, you kings! Give ear, you princes! I, even I, will sing to YHWH! I will sing praise to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

4 “YHWH, when you went forth out of Seir, when you marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, the sky also dropped. Yes, the clouds dropped water.

5 The mountains quaked at the presence of YHWH, even Sinai, at the presence of YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

6 “In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied. The travelers walked through byways.

7 The rulers ceased in Israel. They ceased until I, Deborah, arose; Until I arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new idol_gods. Then war was in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless YHWH!

10 “Speak, you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets, and you who walk by the way.

11 Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water, there they will rehearse the righteous acts of YHWH, the righteous acts of his rule in Israel. “Then the people of YHWH went down to the gates.

12 ‘Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, and lead away your captives, you son of Abinoam.’

13 “Then a remnant of the nobles and the people came down. YHWH came down for me against the mighty.

14 Those whose root is in Amalek came out of Ephraim, after you, Benjamin, among your peoples. Governors come down out of Machir. Those who handle the marshal’s staff came out of Zebulun.

15 The princes of Issachar were with Deborah. As was Issachar, so was Barak. They rushed into the valley at his feet. By the watercourses of Reuben, there were great resolves of heart.

16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, To hear the whistling for the flocks? At the watercourses of Reuben There were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead lived beyond the Jordan. Why did Dan remain in ships? Asher sat still at the haven of the sea, and lived by his creeks.

18 Zebulun was a people that jeopardized their lives to the deaths; Naphtali also, on the high places of the field.

19 “The kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan fought at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. They took no plunder of silver.

20 From the sky the stars fought. From their courses, they fought against Sisera.

21 The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. My soul, march on with strength.

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22 Then the horse hoofs stamped because of the prancings, the prancings of their strong ones.

23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of YHWH! 'Curse bitterly its inhabitants, because they didn't come to help YHWH, to help YHWH against the mighty.'

24 "Jael shall be blessed above women, the wife of Heber the Kenite; blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked for water. She gave him milk. She brought him butter in a noble dish.

26 She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer. With the hammer she struck Sisera. She struck through his head. Yes, she pierced and struck through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay. At her feet he bowed, he fell. Where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

28 "Through the window she looked out, and cried: Sisera's mother looked through the lattice. 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of his chariots wait?'

29 Her wise ladies answered her, Yes, she returned answer to herself,

30 'Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil? A lady, two ladies to every man; to Sisera a spoil of dyed garments, a spoil of dyed garments embroidered, of dyed garments embroidered on both sides, on the necks of the spoil?'

31 "So let all your enemies perish, YHWH, but let those who love him be as the sun when it rises forth in its strength." Then the land had rest forty years.

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Acts 23.

- 1 Paul, looking steadfastly at the council, said, "Brothers, I have lived before ELOHIM in all good conscience until this day."
- 2 The high priest, Ananias, commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.
- 3 Then Paul said to him, "ELOHIM will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit to judge me according to the Torah, and command me to be struck contrary to the Torah?"
- 4 Those who stood by said, "Do you malign ELOHIM's high priest?"
- 5 Paul said, "I didn't know, brothers, that he was high priest. For it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"
- 6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. Concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"
- 7 When he had said this, an argument arose between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.
- 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess all of these.
- 9 A great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees part stood up, and contended, saying, "We find no evil in this man. But if a spirit or angel has spoken to him, let's not fight against ELOHIM!"
- 10 When a great argument arose, the commanding officer, fearing that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks.

11 **. The Plot Against Paul . .**

- The following night, ADONAI stood by him, and said, "Cheer up, Paul, for as you have testified about me at Jerusalem, so you must testify also at Rome."
- 12 When it was day, some of the Judeans banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.
 - 13 There were more than forty people who had made this conspiracy.
 - 14 They came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.
 - 15 Now therefore, you with the council inform the commanding officer that he should bring him down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to judge his case more exactly. We are ready to kill him before he comes near."
 - 16 But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, and he came and entered into the barracks and told Paul.
 - 17 Paul summoned one of the centurions, and said, "Bring this young man to the commanding officer, for he has something to tell him."
 - 18 So he took him, and brought him to the commanding officer, and said, "Paul, the prisoner, summoned me and asked me to bring this young man to you, who has something to tell you."
 - 19 The commanding officer took him by the hand, and going aside, asked him privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?"
 - 20 He said, "The Judeans have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though intending to inquire somewhat more accurately concerning him.
 - 21 Therefore don't yield to them, for more than forty men lie in wait for him, who have

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bound themselves under a curse neither to eat nor to drink until they have killed him. Now they are ready, looking for the promise from you.”

22 So the commanding officer let the young man go, charging him, “Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me.”

23 . Sent to Felix . .

He called to himself two of the centurions, and said, “Prepare two hundred soldiers to go as far as Caesarea, with seventy horsemen, and two hundred men armed with spears, at the third hour of the night.”

24 He asked them to provide animals, that they might set Paul on one, and bring him safely to Felix the governor.

25 He wrote a letter like this:

26 “Claudius Lysias to the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings.

27 “This man was seized by the Judeans, and was about to be killed by them, when I came with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.

28 Desiring to know the cause why they accused him, I brought him down to their council.

29 I found him to be accused about questions of their law, but not to be charged with anything worthy of death or of imprisonment.

30 When I was told that the Judeans lay in wait for the man, I sent him to you immediately, charging his accusers also to bring their accusations against him before you. Farewell.”

31 So the soldiers, carrying out their orders, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 But on the next day they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the barracks.

33 When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.

34 When the governor had read it, he asked what province he was from. When he understood that he was from Cilicia, he said,

35 “I will hear you fully when your accusers also arrive.” He commanded that he be kept in Herod’s palace.

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