

about the well of water which the slaves of Aabeemelek had seized.

<sup>26</sup> And Aabeemelek said, I do not know who has done this thing, you did not tell me, nor did I hear of it but today.\*\*

<sup>27</sup> And Abraahm took sheep and oxen and gave them to Aabeemelek, and the two of them made a covenant.

<sup>28</sup> And Abraahm set . . . . . seven ewe sheep of the flock by themselves.

<sup>29</sup> And Aabeemelek said to Abraahm, What do these seven ewe sheep mean, which you have set by themselves.

<sup>30</sup> And **Abraahm** said, For **the** seven ewe sheep you shall take from my hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I dug this well.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, he called that place Beer Shaabah, because there the two of them took an oath.

<sup>32</sup> And they made a covenant at Beer Shaabah, and Aabeemelek and Feekaal, the commander of his army, returned to the land of Felishtems.

<sup>33</sup> And **Abraahm** planted a tamarisk at Beer Shaabah, and there he called on the name of Shehmaa, the Everlasting Il.

<sup>34</sup> And Abraahm sojourned in the land of Felishtems for many days.\*\*

cause of the well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

<sup>26</sup> And Abimelech said: "I know not who hath done this thing, neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to-day."

<sup>27</sup> And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech, and they two made a covenant.

<sup>28</sup> And Abraham set **the** seven ewe-sheep of the flock by themselves.

<sup>29</sup> And Abimelech said unto Abraham: "What mean these seven ewe-sheep which thou hast set by themselves?"

<sup>30</sup> And **he** said: "Verily, . . . . . seven ewe-sheep shalt thou take of my hand, that it may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well."

<sup>31</sup> Wherefore that place was called Beer-Sheba, because there they swore both of them.

<sup>32</sup> So they made a covenant at Beer-Sheba, and Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

<sup>33</sup> And **he** planted a tamarisk-tree in Beer-Sheba, and called there on the name of Adonai, the Everlasting El.

<sup>34</sup> And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

22:2 "When" — In Ancient Hebrew the word is "eshaar" usually translated to mean "which" or "that." In this case the meaning is referring to timing, just as it is in Leviticus 4:22.

22:3-4 "Had told him on the third day" — He told him first in future form (verse 2), "When I will tell you." This is fundamental in the Israelite Samaritan version that Abraahm went from the Land of Felishtem to the Land of Mooriyya and not from Beer Shaabah. At the end of the story Abraahm is living in the Land of the Felishtem and dwelled again in

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<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after these things. And Eloowwem tested Abraahm, and said to him, Abraahm. And he said, Here I am.

<sup>2</sup> And He said, Take please your son, your only son, whom you love, Yesaahq is, and go to the land of **Mooriyya**, and offer him there **as a burnt offering** on one of the mountains, when I will tell you.

<sup>3</sup> And Abraahm rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Yesaahq his son, and he split wood for **the burnt offering**, and arose and went to the place of which Eloowwem **had told him on the third day**.

<sup>4</sup> And Abraahm raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

<sup>5</sup> And Abraahm said to his young men, Stay

## 22

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after these things, that Elohim did prove Abraham, and said unto him: "Abraham," and he said: "Here am I."

<sup>2</sup> And He said: "Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of **Moriah**, and offer him there **for a burnt offering** upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

<sup>3</sup> And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and he cleaved the wood of . . . . . **burnt offering**, and rose up, and went unto the place of which Elohim **had told him**.

<sup>4</sup> **On the third day** Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

<sup>5</sup> And Abraham said unto his young men:

19 And when the sound of the ram's horn **grew** louder and much louder, Mooshe spoke and Eloowwem answered him with Voice.

20 And Shehmaa came down on Mount Sinee, to the top of the Mountain. And Shehmaa called to Mooshe to the top of the Mountain, and Mooshe went up.\*\*

21 And Shehmaa spoke to Mooshe, Go down, charge the people, that they do not break through to Shehmaa to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And also let the priests who come near to Shehmaa consecrate themselves, or else Shehmaa will break out against them.

23 And Mooshe said to Shehmaa, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinee. For You charged us, saying, Set bounds about the Mountain and consecrate it.

24 And Shehmaa said to him, Go down and come up, you and Aahrron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to Shehmaa, or He will break forth upon them.

25 And Mooshe went down **from the mountain** to the people, and told them.\*\*

## 20

1 And Eloowwem spoke all these words, saying,

2 I am Shehmaa your Eloowwem, who brought you out of the land of Misrem, out of the house of slavery.

3 You shall have no other gods besides Me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any image, of what is in heavens above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

5 You shall not worship them or serve them. For I Shehmaa your Eloowwem am a devoted Eloowwem, counting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 And showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 You shall not take the name of Shehmaa your Eloowwem in vain. For Shehmaa will

19 And when the voice of the horn **grows** louder and louder, Moses spoke, and Elohim answered him by a voice.

20 And Adonai came down upon mount Sinai, to the top of the mount; and Adonai called Moses to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And Adonai said unto Moses: "Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto Adonai to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, that come near to Adonai, sanctify themselves, lest Adonai break forth upon them."

23 And Moses said unto Adonai: "The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for thou didst charge us, saying: Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it."

24 And Adonai said unto him: "Go, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto Adonai, lest He break forth upon them."

25 So Moses went down .....  
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## 20

1 And Elohim spoke all these words, saying:

2 I am Adonai thy Elohim, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any manner of likeness, of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I Adonai thy Elohim am a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; 6 and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of Adonai thy Elohim in vain; for Adonai will not

20:2 These are the opening words (said before the Ten Commandments, in the book of Exodus only) that the worshipper says while standing: "Will be praised The Announcer Who announced the Ten Commandments."

Command 1 Ex. 20:3: "You shall have no . . ."

Command 2 Ex. 20:7: "You shall not take . . ."

Command 3 Ex. 20:8: "Keep the Sabbath Day"

Command 4 Ex. 20:12: "Honor your father . . ."



as "Aahr" with a drawn-out syllable sound; however, when all other mountains are mentioned in the Pentateuch "mountain" is pronounced in a short syllable "Ahrr." "Mount Gerizim" is pronounced "Aahrgaarizem" yet in other mountains, like Ebal, it is pronounced short: "Ahrr Ebal."

**Eloowwem.** <sup>14h</sup> **That mountain, in the other side of the Yaardaan, beyond the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Kaananee who dwell in the prairie, before the Gaalgaal, beside the Aalone moora, before Ashkem.\*\***

<sup>15</sup> **And all the people heard the voices, and the ram's horn voice, and saw the lightning flashes, and the Mountain smoking. And when all the people saw, they trembled and stood at a distance.**

<sup>16</sup> **And they said to Mooshe, Surely Shehmaa our Eloowwem has shown us His glory and His greatness.** <sup>16a</sup> **And we heard His voice from the midst of the fire.** <sup>16b</sup> **We have seen this day that Eloowwem speaks with man, yet he still lives.** <sup>16c</sup> **And now, why should we die, for this great fire will consume us.** <sup>16d</sup> **If we hear the voice of Shehmaa our Eloowwem any more, then we shall die.** <sup>16e</sup> **For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living Eloowwem speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived.** <sup>16f</sup> **You go near and hear all that Shehmaa our Eloowwem may say. And tell us all that Shehmaa our Eloowwem says to you, and we will hear and do it.** <sup>16g</sup> **And let not the Eloowwem speak with us, or we will die.**

<sup>17</sup> **And Mooshe said to the people, Do not be afraid, for Eloowwem has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may be before you, that you sin not.**

<sup>18</sup> **And the people stood at a distance, while Mooshe approached the fog where Eloowwem was.\*\***

<sup>18a</sup> **And Shehmaa spoke to Mooshe, saying.** <sup>18b</sup> **I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you.** <sup>18c</sup> **They are right in all that they have spoken. Who will wish that they had such a heart in them that they would fear me, and all the days keep my commandments.** <sup>18d</sup> **That it will be well unto them and unto their children forever.** <sup>18e</sup> **I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren and will put my words in his mouth. And he shall speak to them**

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<sup>15</sup> **And all the people see the voices and the thunderings and the lightnings and the voice of the ram's horn, and the mountain smoking; and when . . . the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.**

<sup>16</sup> **And they said unto Moses: .....**  
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..... **"You speak with us, and we will hear. .... And let not .... Elohim speak with us, lest we die."**

<sup>17</sup> **And Moses said unto the people: "Fear not; for Elohim is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before you, that ye sin not."**

<sup>18</sup> **And the people stood afar off; but Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where Elohim was.**

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all that I will command him. <sup>18f</sup> And it shall be that the man who will not hear his words which he will <sup>18g</sup> speak in my name, I will require it from him. But the prophet who will dare with malignity to speak a word on my behalf which I have not commanded him to speak, and he speaks on behalf of other gods, that prophet shall die. <sup>18h</sup> And if you say in your heart, how will it be known the word which Shehmaa has not spoken. <sup>18i</sup> That the prophet speaking on behalf of Shehmaa, the thing will not happen and will not come, this is the thing which Shehmaa has not spoken. <sup>18j</sup> The prophet has spoken it in malignity. <sup>18k</sup> You shall not be afraid of him. Go say to them, return to your tents. <sup>18l</sup> And you stand here by me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them. <sup>18m</sup> And they will do so in the land which I am giving them to inherit.\*\*

<sup>19</sup> And Shehmaa spoke to Mooshe, saying, speak to the Sons of Yishraael. You have seen that I have spoken with you from the heavens.  
<sup>20</sup> You shall not make with Me gods, gods of silver and gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.  
<sup>21</sup> You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, some of your sheep, and some of your bulls. <sup>21a</sup> In . . . the place where I have mentioned My name, there I will come to you and bless you.  
<sup>22</sup> And if you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your sword on it, you have profaned it.  
<sup>23</sup> . . . . . You shall not go up by stairs to My altar, that your nakedness will not be exposed to it.\*\*

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<sup>19</sup> And Adonai said unto Moses . . . . . : this you will say unto the children of Israel: Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.  
<sup>20</sup> Ye shall not make with Me gods — gods of silver, or gods of gold, ye shall not make unto you.  
<sup>21</sup> An altar of earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, . . . . . your sheep, and . . . . . your oxen; in all the place where I will mention My name to be mentioned. . . . I will come unto thee and bless thee.  
<sup>22</sup> And if thou make Me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones; for if thou lift up thy tool on it, you have profaned it.  
<sup>23</sup> And you shall not go up by stairs unto Mine altar, that thy nakedness be not be exposed on it.

20:21 "I have mentioned" — In Hebrew it is "Ehzaakaartee" against "Aazkeer" = I will mention. This is typical of one of the main differences between the SP and the MT in regard to the chosen place (like "has chosen" against "will choose"). We have to emphasize that it is written in the SP "Ehzaakaartee" with aleph at the beginning of the word, though it is normally without aleph. However, this verb אִזְכַּר appears in other places in the Torah, like Genesis 9:16, "to memorize" = אִזְכַּר against זָכַר in the MT (or Ex. 6:6 = אִזְכַּר).

20:22 "On it, you have profaned it" — In the Israelite Samaritan version the emphasis is upon the altar being profaned. In the Masoretic Text the emphasis is upon the sword being profaned.

<sup>39</sup> And know today, and take it to your heart, that Shehmaa, He is Eloowwem in the heavens above and on the earth below. There is no other.

<sup>40</sup> And you shall keep His statutes, and His commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days on the land which Shehmaa your Eloowwem is giving you for all the times.\*\*

<sup>41</sup> Then Mooshe set apart three cities across the Yaardaan to the sunrise in the east,

<sup>42</sup> That **the manslayer** might flee there, who unintentionally slew his brother without having enmity toward him in time past, and by fleeing to one of these cities he might live.

<sup>43</sup> **Boosaar** in the desert, on the plateau for the Reh'oobenee. And **Reemote** in Gaalahl for the Gaadee. And Goolaan in Baashaan **to . . . . . Maanaashe.**

<sup>44</sup> And this is the law which Mooshe set before the Sons of Yishraael.

<sup>45</sup> These are the testimonies, . . . . . **the statutes**, and the ordinances which Mooshe spoke to the Sons of Yishraael, when they came out from Missrem,

<sup>46</sup> Across the Yaardaan, in the valley opposite Bet Foohr, in the land of **Siyon** king of the Ehmarree, who **dwelt** at Ihshbone, whom Mooshe and the Sons of Yishraael defeated when they came out from Missrem.

<sup>47</sup> And they took possession of his land, and the land of Oog king of Baashaan, the two kings of the Ehmarree, who were across the Yaardaan to the east sunrise,

<sup>48</sup> From 'Aar'aar, which is on the edge of the brook of Aarehnaan, even as far as Mount **Sheeyyon**, that is 'Armon.

<sup>49</sup> And all the Arabah across the Yaardaan to the east, even as far as the sea of the prairie, **the salt sea**, at the foot of the waterfalls of the summit.\*\*

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<sup>1</sup> And Mooshe called all Yishraael and said to them, Hear Yishraael, the statutes and the ordinances, which I am speaking today in

<sup>39</sup> know this day, and lay it to thy heart, that Adonai, He is Elohim in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; there is none else.

<sup>40</sup> And thou shalt keep His statutes, and His commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the land, which Adonai thy Elohim giveth thee, for ever.

<sup>41</sup> Then Moses separated three cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising;

<sup>42</sup> that **a manslayer** might flee thither, that slayeth his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in time past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live:

<sup>43</sup> **Bezer** in the wilderness, in the table-land, for the Reubenites; and **Ramoth** in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, **to the Manassite.**

<sup>44</sup> And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel;

<sup>45</sup> these are the testimonies, **and the statutes**, and the ordinances, which Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, when they came forth out of Egypt;

<sup>46</sup> beyond the Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of **Sihon** king of the Amorites, who **dwells** at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, when they came forth out of Egypt;

<sup>47</sup> and they took his land in possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising;

<sup>48</sup> from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, even unto mount **Sion** — the same is Hermon —

<sup>49</sup> and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the Arabah, . . . . . under the slopes of Pisgah.

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<sup>1</sup> And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears

<i>Israelite Samaritan Text</i>	<i>Jewish Masoretic Text</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 5:2-15</i>
<p>your ears, that you may learn them, and keep them, and do them.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Shehmaa our Eloowwem made a covenant with us <b>in Ooreb</b>.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Shehmaa did not make this covenant with our forefathers, but with us, all those of us alive here today.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Shehmaa spoke to you face to face at the mountain from the midst of the fire.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> <b>And I am</b> standing between Shehmaa and you at that time, to declare to you the <b>words</b> of Shehmaa — for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain — saying.**</p> <p><sup>6</sup> I am Shehmaa your Eloowwem who brought you out of the land of Missrem, out of the house of slavery.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> You shall have no other gods before Me.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, <b>and every</b> image of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> You shall not worship them or serve them, for I, Shehmaa your Eloowwem, am a Devoted Il, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, . . . . <b>to the third</b> and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,</p> <p><sup>10</sup> And showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> You shall not take the Name of Shehmaa your Eloowwem in vain, for Shehmaa will not leave him unpunished who takes His Name in vain.**</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Keep the sabbath day to keep it holy, as Shehmaa your Eloowwem commanded you.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work.</p> <p><sup>14</sup> And on the seventh day is a sabbath of Shehmaa your Eloowwem. <b>Don't make in it</b> any labor, you and your son and your daughter, . . . <b>your male slave</b> and your female slave, . . . <b>your bull</b> and your donkey, and any of your cattle, and your proselyte who stays with you, that your male slave and your female slave may rest as well as you.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Missrem, and Shehmaa</p>	<p>this day, that ye may learn them, and observe to do them.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Adonai our Elohim made a covenant with us <b>in Horeb</b>.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Adonai made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Adonai spoke with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire —</p> <p><sup>5</sup> . . . <b>I am</b> standing between Adonai and you at that time, to declare unto you the <b>word</b> of Adonai; for ye were afraid because of the fire, and went not up into the mount — saying:</p> <p><sup>6</sup> I am Adonai thy Elohim, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, . . . . . <b>every</b> manner of likeness, of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I Adonai thy Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, <b>and to the third</b> and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me,</p> <p><sup>10</sup> and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> Thou shalt not take the name of Adonai thy Elohim in vain; for Adonai will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Adonai thy Elohim commanded thee.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work;</p> <p><sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Adonai thy Elohim, <b>don't make</b> . . . . . any labor, you and your son and your daughter, <b>and your male slave</b> and your female slave, <b>and your bull</b> and your donkey and any of your cattle and your proselyte who stays with you, so that your male slave and your female slave may rest as well as you.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and Adonai</p>	<p>5:7 Commandment 1</p> <p>5:11 Commandment 2</p> <p>5:12 Commandment 3</p>

your Eloowwem brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore, Shehmaa your Eloowwem commanded you to do the sabbath day.\*\*

thy Elohim brought thee out thence by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore Adonai thy Elohim commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

5:16 Commandment 4

<sup>16</sup> Honor your father and your mother, as Shehmaa your Eloowwem has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which Shehmaa your Eloowwem gives you.

<sup>16</sup> Honour thy father and thy mother, as Adonai thy Elohim commanded thee; that thy days may be long, and that it may go well with thee, upon the land which Adonai thy Elohim giveth thee.

5:17 Commandment 5

<sup>17</sup> You shall not murder.  
 . . . . You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>17</sup> Thou shalt not murder.  
**And** thou shalt not commit adultery.

5:17 Commandment 6

. . . . You shall **not** steal.

**And** thou shalt **not** steal.

5:17 Commandment 7

. . . . You shall **not** bear false witness against your fellow.

**And** thou shalt **not** bear false witness against thy neighbour.

5:17 Commandment 8

<sup>18</sup> . . . . You shall **not** covet the house of your fellow, and you shall not covet the wife of your fellow, his field, . . . . his male slave, and his female slave, his bull and his donkey and anything that belongs to your fellow.\*\*

<sup>18</sup> **And** you shall **not** covet the wife of your fellow, and you shall not covet the house of your fellow, his field, and his male slave and his female slave, his bull and his donkey and anything that belongs to your fellow."

5:18 Commandment 9

5:18d Commandment 10

"Aargaareezem" — The word "Aargaareezem" (Mount Gerizim) was written initially as one word in seven letters to emphasize the holiness of the place, because seven has holy significance in Samaritan tradition. The Israelite Samaritans have a pronunciation that distinguishes between their most sacred mountain, Mount Gerizim, and the other mountains mentioned in the Torah. Added to this is the fact that this is the only mountain in the Torah whose name is comprised of two words written as one word of seven letters, to emphasize its holiness with such a symbolic number. A fragment from Qumran was recently published by J. Charlesworth, from Deuteronomy 27:4-6 in part, includes the full name of the mountain in one word of seven letters. Also, in pronunciation this name is special: "Mountain" when

<sup>18a</sup> **And when Shehmaa your Eloowwem will bring you to the land of the Kaanannee, of which you are going to inherit it.** <sup>18b</sup> **And you shall set yourself up great stones and lime them with lime. And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law.** <sup>18c</sup> **And when you have passed over the Yaardaan you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, in Aargaareezem.** <sup>18d</sup> **And there you shall build an altar to Shehmaa your Eloowwem, an altar of stones. You shall lift up no iron on them. You shall build the altar of Shehmaa your Eloowwem of complete stones.** <sup>18e</sup> **And you shall offer burnt offerings thereupon to Shehmaa your Eloowwem.** <sup>18f</sup> **And you shall sacrifice offerings, and shall eat there. And you shall rejoice before Shehmaa your Eloowwem.** <sup>18g</sup> **That mountain, in the other side of the Yaardaan, beyond the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Kaanannee who dwell in the prairie, before the Gaalgaal, beside the Aalone moora. Before Ashkem.\*\***

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<sup>19</sup> These words Shehmaa spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, **darkness, a cloud and a gloom**, with a great voice, and He added no more.

<sup>19</sup> These words Adonai spoke unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, . . . . . **the cloud and the gloom**, with a great voice, and it went on no more.



And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

<sup>20</sup> And it came to pass, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.

<sup>21</sup> And you said, Behold, Shehmaa our Eloowwem has shown us His glory and His greatness. And we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen today that Eloowwem speaks with man, and he lives.

<sup>22</sup> And now why should we die, for this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of Shehmaa our Eloowwem any longer, then we will die.

<sup>23</sup> For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living Eloowwem speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived.

<sup>24</sup> You go near and hear all that Shehmaa our Eloowwem says, and you speak to us all that Shehmaa our Eloowwem speaks to you, and we will hear and do it.

<sup>25a</sup> And Shehmaa heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me.\*\*

<sup>25b</sup> And Shehmaa said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.

<sup>26</sup> Oh that they had such a heart in them, to fear Me and keep . . . . . My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their Sons forever.

<sup>27</sup> Go. Say to them, Return to your tents.

<sup>28</sup> And you, stand here by Me, that I shall speak to you all the commandments, . . . **the statutes**, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess.

<sup>29</sup> And you shall keep to do just as Shehmaa your Eloowwem has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.

<sup>30</sup> You shall walk in all the way which Shehmaa your Eloowwem has commanded you, that you shall live, and that it will be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess.\*\*

And He wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them unto me.

<sup>20</sup> And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain did burn with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

<sup>21</sup> and ye said: "Behold, Adonai our Elohim hath shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that Elohim doth speak with man, and he liveth.

<sup>22</sup> Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of Adonai our Elohim any more, then we shall die.

<sup>23</sup> For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living Elohim speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

<sup>24</sup> Go thou near, and hear all that Adonai our Elohim may say; and thou shalt speak unto us all that Adonai our Elohim may speak unto thee; and we will hear it and do it."

<sup>25a</sup> And Adonai heard the voice of your words, when ye spoke unto me;

<sup>25b</sup> And Adonai said unto me: "I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee; they have well said all that they have spoken.

<sup>26</sup> Oh that they had such a heart as this alway, to fear Me, and keep **all** My commandments, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

<sup>27</sup> Go say to them: Return ye to your tents.

<sup>28</sup> But as for thee, stand thou here by Me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, **and the statutes**, and the ordinances, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it."

<sup>29</sup> Ye shall observe to do therefore as Adonai your Elohim hath commanded you; ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

<sup>30</sup> Ye shall walk in all the way which Adonai your Elohim hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

referring to Mount Gerizim is pronounced as "Aahr" with a drawn-out syllable sound; however, when all other mountains are mentioned in the Pentateuch "mountain" is pronounced in a short syllable "Ahrr." Even "in Mount Gerizim" is pronounced "Aahrgaarizem"; yet in other mountains, like Ebal or Sinai, it is pronounced short: "Ahrr Ebal," "Ahrr Since."