

Torah Reading for Shavuot

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First Day of Shavuot



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Friday, 6 Sivan, 5786
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Complete: (Exodus 19:1 - 20:23; Numbers
28:26-31; Ezekiel 1:1-28; Ezekiel 3:12)

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First Portion

Shemot (Exodus) Chapter 19

- In the third month after the Israelites had left Egypt, they came to the Sinai Desert, on this day.**
- They left Refidim and arrived in the Sinai Desert, camping in the wilderness. Israel camped there facing the mountain.**
- Moses ascended Mount Sinai to God. God called out to him from the mountain and said, "You must say as follows to the House of Jacob and relate to the**

Israelites:

- 4. 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. I carried you on the wings of griffon vultures, and brought you to Me.**
- 5. So now, provided you vigilantly heed My voice and keep My covenant, you will be for Me a treasure cherished above all nations, for the entire world is Mine.**
- 6. You will be unto Me a kingdom of nobles and a holy nation.' These are the words that you must say to the Israelites."**

Second Portion**Shemot (Exodus) Chapter 19**

- 7. Moses came and summoned the elders of the people, and presented before them all these words that God had commanded him.**
- 8. All the people responded together and said, "All that God has spoken, we will do." Moses conveyed the people's words back to God.**
- 9. God said to Moses, "I am about to come to you in the thickness of the cloud, so that all the people will hear when I speak to you, and also believe in you forever." Moses reported the people's response to God.**
- 10. God then said to Moses, "Go to the people and prepare them today and tomorrow: They must wash their clothes.**
- 11. Let them be prepared for the third day, for on the third day God will descend on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.**
- 12. You must make a boundary for the people all around that will proclaim, 'Beware of ascending the mountain or touching its edge. Whoever touches the mountain will surely be put to death.**
- 13. No hand may touch it, for whoever does will be stoned, having first been cast down from an elevation twice his height. Whether animal or man, if he crosses the**

boundary around the mountain **he will not** be allowed to **live.** **When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they may ascend the mountain.**"

Third Portion

Shemot (Exodus) Chapter 19

14. Moses came down from the mountain and went to the people. He prepared the people by having them first wash their clothes.

15. He said to the people, "Keep yourselves in readiness for a three-day period; do not approach a woman, i.e., engage in marital relations."

16. On the third day, as morning dawned, there was thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud on the mountain. There was an extremely loud blast of a shofar, and all the people in the camp trembled.

17. Moses led the people out of the camp toward the Divine Presence, and they took their places at the foot of the mountain.

18. The whole of Mount Sinai was smoking because God had descended upon it in fire. Its smoke rose up like the smoke of a limekiln, and the entire mountain quaked violently.

19. The sound of the shofar grew increasingly louder. When Moses spoke, God responded to the weakness of his mortal voice by amplifying his voice.

Fourth Portion

Shemot (Exodus) Chapter 19

20. God descended upon Mount Sinai, onto the peak of the mountain. God then summoned Moses to the mountain peak, and Moses ascended.

21. God said to Moses, "Go down; warn the people not to break ranks and move toward God to gaze better upon Me, lest many of them perish.

22. The priests who come near to God must also ready themselves, lest God cause a breach among them by killing those who venture too close.”

23. Moses replied to God, “The people cannot ascend Mount Sinai, for You have warned us, saying, ‘Make a boundary around the mountain and sanctify it.’”

24. God said to him, “Go, descend. Then you must ascend, Aaron with you. The priests and the people must not break their ranks at all to ascend to God, lest He cause a breach among them.”

25. Moses went down to the people and conveyed this instruction to them.

Shemot (Exodus) Chapter 20

1. God then spoke all these words saying,

2. “I am God, your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slaves.

3. You must not possess any idols of other peoples’ deities as long as I exist.

4. You must not make yourself a sculpted image or any other type of likeness of anything that is in heaven above, on earth below, or in the water lower than the earth.

5. You must neither prostrate yourself before them nor worship them, for I, God, your God, am a zealous God in this regard. For those who hate Me and worship idols, I am a God who remembers the premeditated sins of the fathers, adding their demerits to those of their descendants, up to the third and fourth generation.

6. But, in contrast, I am a God who shows kindness for at least 2000 generations to the descendants of those who love Me and of those who observe My commandments.

7. You must not swear by the Name of God, your God, in vain, for God will not absolve anyone who swears by His Name in vain.

- 8. Remember the Sabbath day, keeping it holy.**
- 9. Six days must you labor and do all your work.**
- 10. The seventh day is a sabbath dedicated to God, your God. You must not do any work—neither you nor your son, your daughter, your bondman, your bondwoman, your animal, or the resident alien, who is permitted to live within your gates—**
- 11. for in six days God made heaven, the earth, the sea, and all that is within them, and He rested on the seventh day. God therefore blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.**
- 12. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days be lengthened in the land that God, your God, is giving you.**
- 13. You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal people, i.e., kidnap. You must not bear false witness against your fellow.**
- 14. You must not desire your fellow's house. You must not desire your fellow's wife, bondman, bondwoman, work-bull, donkey, or anything else belonging to your fellow."**

Fifth Portion

Shemot (Exodus) Chapter 20

- 15. All the people witnessed God's voices and the flames, the blast of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. The people saw God's voices and shuddered, and stood at a distance.**
- 16. They said to Moses, "From now on, you speak to us, and we will hear God's words from you, but let God not speak with us directly, lest we die."**
- 17. Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come in order to raise you up in the esteem of all other nations, and in order that you be imbued**

with the awe of Him, so that you not sin.”

18. The people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick cloud where God was present.

19. God said to Moses, “This is what you must tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen that I spoke with you from heaven.

20. You must not make a physical representation of any of the angels that you saw **with Me** in heaven. If you make the two gold cherubs of the Tabernacle out of silver, I will consider them **idols of silver**. If you make more than two, I will consider the additional ones **idols of gold**. **You must not make for yourselves** cherub-figurines for your houses of prayer or study.

21. You must make an Altar for Me upon the earth. Next to it, you must sacrifice your ascent-offerings and your peace-offerings from your flocks and your cattle. Wherever I allow My Name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you.

22. When you make Me an altar of stones, you must not build it with **hewn** stones, **for if you lift your sword over** a stone intended for the altar to cut it, **you will profane it.**

23. You must not ascend My Altar on steps, so that your nakedness not be exposed over it.”

Maftir Portion

Bamidbar (Numbers) Chapter 28

26. The day of the first fruits—when you offer up a new grain-offering to God celebrating your weeks—you must celebrate as a holy occasion; you must not perform any mundane work.

27. You must offer up an ascent-offering pleasing to God: two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old lambs.

28. Their grain-offerings: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths of an ephah for the ram,

29. and one-tenth of an ephah for each lamb, for all seven lambs.

30. One young he-goat to atone for you.

31. You must offer this up besides the continual ascent-offering and its grain-offering; they must be unblemished for you, as well as their libations.

Haftarah

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) Chapter 1

1. Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year in the fourth [month] on the fifth day of the month, as I was in the midst of the exile by the river Chebar-the heavens opened up, and I saw visions of God.

2. "On the fifth of the month"-that is the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile.

3. The word of the Lord was [revealed] to Ezekiel the son of Buzi, the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar, and the hand of the Lord came upon him there.

4. And I saw, and behold, a tempest was coming from the north, a huge cloud and a flaming fire with a brightness around it; and from its midst, it was like the color of the chashmal from the midst of the fire.

5. And from its midst was the likeness of four living beings, and this is their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

6. And [each] one had four faces, and [each] one had four wings.

7. And their legs were a straight leg, and the soles of their feet were like a round foot, and they sparkled like the color of burnished copper.

8. And human hands were beneath their wings on their four sides, and their faces and their wings were [the same] to all four of them.

9. Their wings joined one to the other; they did not turn when they walked; each one would go toward the direction of his face.

10. And the likeness of their faces was the face of a man, and the face of a lion was on their right, to the four of them, and the face of an ox to their left, to the four of them, and the face of an eagle [was] to the four of them.

11. And so were their faces. And their wings were extended upward; each one had two wings joined to each other, and two covering their bodies.

12. Now each one would go toward the direction of his face; wherever would be the will to go, they would go; they did not turn as they walked.

13. And the likeness of the living beings; their appearance was like fiery coals, burning like the appearance of firebrands; it was going among the living beings; and there was a brightness to the fire and from the fire came forth lightning.

14. And the living beings would run and return, like the appearance of the sparks.

15. And I saw the living beings, and behold, one wheel [was] on the ground beside the living beings for its four faces.

16. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like the appearance of crystal, and the four of them had one likeness, and their appearance and their workings were as a wheel would be within a wheel.

17. When they went, they went toward their four sides; they did not turn when they went.

18. And they had backs, and they were very high, and they were dreadful, and their eyebrows were full of eyes round about-[so it was] to the four of them.

19. And when the living beings would go, the wheels would go beside them; and when the living beings would lift themselves off the ground, the wheels would lift themselves.

20. Wherever there was the will to go, they would go; there was the will to go, and the wheels would lift themselves correspondingly to them, for the will of the living being was in the wheels.

21. When they [the living beings] would go, they [the wheels] would go, and when they would stand, they would stand, and when they would lift themselves up from the ground, the wheels would lift themselves correspondingly to them, for the will of the living being was in the wheels.

22. And there was a likeness over the heads of the living beings, of an expanse like the color of the severe frost extended over their heads above.

23. And beneath the expanse, their wings were straight, one [pointed] toward the other; this one had two that covered, to here, and that one had two that covered, to here, their bodies.

24. And I heard the sound of their wings, like the sound of many waters like the voice of the Almighty-when they went; the sound of stirring, like the sound of a camp; when they would stand, they would let down their wings.

25. And there was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads; when they stood still, they would let down their wings.

26. And above the expanse that was over their heads, like the appearance of a sapphire stone, was the likeness of a throne, and on the likeness of the throne, was a likeness like the appearance of a man upon it above.

27. And I saw like the color of chashmal like the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and above; and from the appearance of his loins and below, I saw [a thing] like the appearance of fire, and there was a brightness round about it.

28. Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness round about; that was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord, and when I saw, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice

speaking.

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) Chapter 3

12. And a wind lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a great uproar:

"Blessed is the glory of the Lord from His place."

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