

## Shavuot

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### Complete Jewish Bible

#### Exodus 19

**1** In the third month after the people of Isra'el had left the land of Egypt, the same day they came to the Sinai Desert. **2** After setting out from Refidim and arriving at the Sinai Desert, they set up camp in the desert; there in front of the mountain, Isra'el set up camp. **3** Moshe went up to God, and ADONAI called to him from the mountain: "Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya'akov, to tell the people of Isra'el: **4** 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; **6** and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el." **7** Moshe came, summoned the leaders of the people and presented them with all these words which ADONAI had ordered him to say. **8** All the people answered as one, "Everything ADONAI has said, we will do." Moshe reported the words of the people to ADONAI. **9** ADONAI said to Moshe, "See, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will be able to hear when I speak with you and also to trust in you forever." Moshe had told ADONAI what the people had said; **10** so ADONAI said to Moshe, "Go to the people; today and tomorrow separate them for me by having them wash their clothing; **11** and prepare for the third day. For on the third day, ADONAI will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people. **12** You are to set limits for the people all around; and say, 'Be careful not to go up on the mountain or even touch its base; whoever touches the mountain will surely be put to death. **13** No hand is to touch him; for he must be stoned or shot by arrows; neither animal nor human will be allowed to live.' When the shofar sounds, they may go up on the mountain." **14** Moshe went down from the mountain to the people and separated the people for God, and they washed their clothing. **15** He said to the people, "Prepare for the third day; don't approach a woman." **16** On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then a shofar blast sounded so loudly that all the people in the camp trembled. **17** Moshe brought the people out of the camp to meet God; they stood near the base of the mountain. **18** Mount Sinai was enveloped in smoke, because ADONAI descended onto it in fire -its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain shook violently. **19** As the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moshe spoke; and God answered him with a voice. **20** ADONAI came down onto Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; then ADONAI called Moshe to the top of the mountain; and Moshe went up. **21** ADONAI said to Moshe, "Go down and warn the people not to force their way through to ADONAI to see him; if they do, many of them will perish. **22** Even the cohanim, who are allowed to approach ADONAI, must keep themselves holy; otherwise, ADONAI may break out against them." **23** Moshe said to ADONAI, "The people can't come up to Mount Sinai, because you ordered us to set limits around the mountain and separate it." **24** But ADONAI answered him, "Go, get down! Then come back up, you and Aharon with you. But don't let the cohanim and the people force their way through to come up to ADONAI, or he will break out against them." **25** So Moshe went down to the people and told them.

#### Exodus 20

**1** Then God said all these words: t **2** "I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery. c **3** "You are to have no other gods before me. **4** You are not to make for

yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline. **5** You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **6** but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot. **d 7** "You are not to use lightly the name of ADONAI your God, because ADONAI will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly. **s 8** "Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God. **9** You have six days to labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day is a Shabbat for ADONAI your God. On it, you are not to do any kind of work -not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your livestock, and not the for eigner staying with you inside the gates to your property. **11** For in six days, ADONAI made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. This is why ADONAI blessed the day, Shabbat, and separated it for himself. **v 12** "Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which ADONAI your God is giving you. **u 13** "Do not murder. **14** "Do not commit adultery. **15** "Do not steal. **16** "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor. **17** "Do not covet your neighbor's house; do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox, his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor." **18** All the people experienced the thunder, the lightning, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled. Standing at a distance, **19** they said to Moshe, "You, speak with us; and we will listen. But don't let God speak with us, or we will die." **20** Moshe answered the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and make you fear him, so that you won't commit sins." **21** So the people stood at a distance, but Moshe approached the thick darkness where God was. (A: Maftir) **22** ADONAI said to Moshe, "Here is what you are to say to the people of Isra'el: 'You yourselves have seen that I spoke with you from heaven. **23** You are not to make with me gods of silver, nor are you to make gods of gold for yourselves. (S: Maftir) **24** For me you need make only an altar of earth; on it you will sacrifice your burnt offerings, peace offerings, sheep, goats and cattle. In every place where I cause my name to be mentioned, I will come to you and bless you. **25** If you do make me an altar of stone, you are not to build it of cut stones; for if you use a tool on it, you profane it. **26** Likewise, you are not to use steps to go up to my altar; so that you won't be indecently uncovered."

### **Numbers 28:26-31**

**26** "On the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new grain offering to ADONAI in your feast of Shavu'ot, you are to have a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; **27** but present a burnt offering as a fragrant aroma for ADONAI, consisting of two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs in their first year, **28** and their grain offering - fine flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts for each bull, four quarts for the one ram, **29** and two quarts for each of the seven lambs - **30** plus a male goat to make atonement for you. **31** You are to offer these in addition to the regular burnt offering and its grain offering (they are to be without defect for you), with their drink offerings.

### **Deuteronomy 15:19-23**

**19** "All the firstborn males in your herd of cattle and in your flock you are to set aside for ADONAI your God; you are not to do any work with a firstborn from your herd or shear a firstborn sheep. **20** Each year you and your household are to eat it in the presence of ADONAI your God in the place which ADONAI will choose. **21** But if it has a defect, is lame or blind, or has some other kind of fault, you are not to sacrifice it to ADONAI your God; **22** rather, eat it on your own property; the unclean and the clean alike may eat it, like the gazelle or the deer. **23** Just don't eat its blood, but pour it out on the ground like water.

### **Deuteronomy 16:1-17**

**1** "Observe the month of Aviv, and keep Pesach to ADONAI your God; for in the month of Aviv, ADONAI your God brought you out of Egypt at night. **2** You are to sacrifice the Pesach offering from flock and herd to ADONAI your God in the place where ADONAI will choose to have his name live. **3** You are not to eat any hametz with it; for seven days you are to eat with it matzah, the bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste. Thus you will remember the day you left the land of Egypt as long as you live. **4** No leaven is to be seen with you anywhere in your territory for seven days. None of the meat from your sacrifice on the first day in the evening is to remain all night until morning. **5** You may not sacrifice the Pesach offering in just any of the towns that ADONAI your God is giving you; **6** but at the place where ADONAI your God will choose to have his name live - there is where you are to sacrifice the Pesach offering, in the evening, when the sun sets, at the time of year that you came out of Egypt. **7** You are to roast it and eat it in the place ADONAI your God will choose; in the morning you will return and go to your tents. **8** For six days you are to eat matzah; on the seventh day there is to be a festive assembly for ADONAI your God; do not do any kind of work. **9** "You are to count seven weeks; you are to begin counting seven weeks from the time you first put your sickle to the standing grain. **10** You are to observe the festival of Shavu'ot [weeks] for ADONAI your God with a voluntary offering, which you are to give in accordance with the degree to which ADONAI your God has prospered you. **11** You are to rejoice in the presence of ADONAI your God - you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im living in your towns, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you - in the place where ADONAI your God will choose to have his name live. **12** Remember that you were a slave in Egypt; then you will keep and obey these laws. **13** "You are to keep the festival of Sukkot for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and winepress. **14** Rejoice at your festival - you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you. **15** Seven days you are to keep the festival for ADONAI your God in the place ADONAI your God choose, because ADONAI your God will bless you in all your crops and in all your work, so you are to be full of joy! **16** "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of ADONAI your God in the place which he will choose - at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu'ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before ADONAI empty-handed, **17** but every man is to give what he can, in accordance with the blessing ADONAI your God has given you.

## **Ezekiel 1**

**1** In the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was among the exiles by the K'var River, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. **2** On the fifth day of the month, which was during the fifth year of King Y'hoyakhin's exile, **3** the word of ADONAI came to the cohen Yechezk'el son of Buzi, in the land of the Kasdim by the K'var River; there the hand of ADONAI was on him. **4** I looked and saw a windy storm approaching from the north and a huge cloud with flashing fire, glowing brightly all around with the color of gleaming amber from within the fire. **5** Inside, there appeared to be four living creatures that looked like human beings; **6** but each one had four faces and four wings. **7** Their legs were straight, with feet like calves' hoofs. They glittered like burnished bronze. **8** Beneath their wings they had human hands on their four sides. The four of them had faces and wings as follows: **9** they touched one another with their wings; they did not turn when they moved, but each one moved straight forward; **10** as for the appearance of their faces, they had human faces [in front], each of the four had a lion's face on the right, each of the four had a bull's face on the left, and each of the four had an eagle's face [toward the rear] - **11** thus their faces. As for their wings, each had two that stretched upward and joined those of others, and two more that covered their bodies. **12** Each [living creature] moved in the direction of any of its faces; in whichever direction the spirit wanted to go, they went, without turning as they moved - **13** thus the appearance of the living creatures. With them was something that looked like fiery coals burning the way torches do, with the fire flashing here and there between the living creatures; the fire had a brilliance, and out of the fire went lightning. **14** The living creatures kept speeding here and there like flashes of

lightning. **15** As I gazed at the living creatures, I saw wheels on the ground, one next to each of the four-faced living creatures. **16** All four wheels looked the same: their inner parts gleamed like beryl, and their structure seemed to be that of a wheel inside a wheel. **17** When they moved, they could go in any of the four directions without turning as they moved. **18** Their rims were tall and fearsome, because the rims of all four were full of eyes all around. **19** When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved along with them; and when the creatures were lifted off the ground, the wheels went with them. **20** Wherever the spirit was to go, they went, in the direction the spirit wanted to go. The wheels were lifted up next to them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. **21** When [the living creatures] moved, [the wheels] moved; when the former stood still, the latter stood still; and when the former were lifted off the ground, the wheels were lifted up next to them; because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. **22** Over the heads of the living creatures was what appeared to be a dome glittering like ice; it was awesome, spread out over their heads, above them. **23** Under the dome each had a pair of wings spread out straight toward those of others, and each had a pair which covered his body. **24** I heard the sound of their wings when they moved; it was like the sound of rushing water, like the voice of Shaddai, like the noise of a tumultuous crowd or army. When they stopped, they lowered their wings. **25** Whenever there was a sound from above the dome over their heads, they stopped and lowered their wings. **26** Above the dome that was over their heads was something like a throne that looked like a sapphire. On it, above it, was what appeared to be a person. **27** I saw what looked like gleaming, amber-colored fire radiating from what appeared to be his waist upward. Downward from what appeared to be his waist, I saw what looked like fire, giving a brilliant light all around him. **28** This brilliance around him looked like a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day. This was how the appearance of the glory of ADONAI looked. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

### **Ezekiel 3:12**

**12** A spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a very loud sound - blessed be the glory of ADONAI from his place!

### **Habbakkuk 3:1-19**

**1** This is a prayer of Havakuk the prophet about mistakes: **2** ADONAI, I have heard the report about you. ADONAI, I am awed by your deeds. Bring your work to life in our own age, make it known in our own time; but in anger, remember compassion. **3** God comes from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Pa'ran. His splendor covers the sky, and his praise fills the earth. **4** His brightness is like the sun, rays come forth from his hand - that is where his power is concealed. **5** Before him goes pestilence, and close behind, the plague. **6** When he stands up, the earth shakes; when he looks, the nations tremble, (Selah) the eternal mountains are smashed to pieces, the ancient hills sink down; the ancient paths are his. **7** I saw trouble in the tents of Kushan and the tent hangings shaking in the land of Midyan. **8** ADONAI, is it against the rivers, against the rivers that your anger is inflamed? Is your fury directed at the sea? Is that why you ride on your horses, and drive your chariots to victory? **9** You brandish your naked bow and order it filled with arrows. (Selah) You split the earth with rivers. **10** The mountains see you and tremble; a torrent of water streams by; the deep thunders forth, as it raises enormous waves. **11** The sun and moon stand still in the sky at the light of your arrows speeding by, at the gleam of your glittering spear. **12** In fury you stride across the land, in anger you trample the nations. **13** You come out to save your people, to save your anointed one; you crush the head of the house of the wicked, uncovering its foundation all the way to the neck. **14** With their own rods you pierce the head of their warriors, who come like a whirlwind to scatter us, who rejoice at the prospect of devouring the poor in secret. **15** You tread down the sea with your horses, churning up the mighty waters. **16** When I heard, my whole body trembled, my lips shook at the sound; weakness overcame my limbs, my legs gave way beneath me. But I wait calmly for the day of trouble, when it comes upon our assailants. **17** For even if the fig tree doesn't blossom, and no fruit is on

the vines, even if the olive tree fails to produce, and the fields yield no food at all, even if the sheep vanish from the sheep pen, and there are no cows in the stalls; **18** still, I will rejoice in ADONAI, I will take joy in the God of my salvation. **19** ELOHIM Adonai is my strength! He makes me swift and sure-footed as a deer and enables me to stride over my high places. For the leader. With my stringed instruments.

## **Acts 1**

**1** Dear Theophilos: In the first book, I wrote about everything Yeshua set out to do and teach, **2** until the day when, after giving instructions through the Ruach HaKodesh to the emissaries whom he had chosen, he was taken up into heaven. **3** After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God. **4** At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to wait for "what the Father promised, which you heard about from me. **5** For Yochanan used to immerse people in water; but in a few days, you will be immersed in the Ruach HaKodesh!" **6** When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?" **7** He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!" **9** After saying this, he was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight. **10** As they were staring into the sky after him, suddenly they saw two men dressed in white standing next to them. **11** The men said, "You Galileans! Why are you standing, staring into space? This Yeshua, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven." **12** Then they returned the Shabbat-walk distance from the Mount of Olives to Yerushalayim. **13** After entering the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. The names of the emissaries were Kefa, Ya'akov, Yochanan, Andrew, Philip, T'oma, Bar-Talmi, Mattiyahu, Ya'akov Ben-Halfai, Shim'on "the Zealot," and Y'hudah Ben-Ya'akov. **14** These all devoted themselves single-mindedly to prayer, along with some women, including Miryam (Yeshua's mother), and his brothers. **15** During this period, when the group of believers numbered about 120, Kefa stood up and addressed his fellow-believers: **16** "Brothers, the Ruach HaKodesh spoke in advance through David about Y'hudah, and these words of the Tanakh had to be fulfilled. He was guide for those who arrested Yeshua - **17** he was one of us and had been assigned a part in our work." **18** (With the money Y'hudah received for his evil deed, he bought a field; and there he fell to his death. His body swelled up and burst open, and all his insides spilled out. **19** This became known to everyone in Yerushalayim, so they called that field Hakal-D'ma - which in their language means "Field of Blood"). **20** "Now," said Kefa, "it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his estate become desolate, let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let someone else take his place as a supervisor.'" **21** Therefore, one of the men who have been with us continuously throughout the time the Lord Yeshua traveled around among us, **22** from the time Yochanan was immersing people until the day Yeshua was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." **23** They nominated two men - Yosef Bar-Sabba, surnamed Justus, and Mattiyahu. **24** Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen **25** to take over the work and the office of emissary that Y'hudah abandoned to go where he belongs." **26** Then they drew lots to decide between the two, and the lot fell to Mattiyahu. So he was added to the eleven emissaries.

## **Acts 2:1-13**

**1** The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. **2** Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. **4** They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the

Spirit enabled them to speak. **5** Now there were staying in Yerushalayim religious Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused, because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language. **7** Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil?" **8** How is it that we hear them speaking in our native languages? **9** We are Parthians, Medes, Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Y'hudah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, **10** Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome; **11** Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews from Crete and from Arabia. . . ! How is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done?" **12** Amazed and confused, they all went on asking each other, "What can this mean?" **13** But others made fun of them and said, "They've just had too much wine!"