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A powerful message was given to a king who ruled the entire world in the days of the Babylonian Empire that served as a notice that would live and lie dormant for centuries of man's rule of the earth. The message from the Living Creator Yah was told hundreds of years in advance so no one could say that it was not foretold. Better still this message had at least a dual purpose, one that would have a connection to a race of forgotten people in the end times. These people are the saints of the Most High, the Children of Israel. The message serves as a reminder that the Creator of heaven and earth has the final say in who will run the planet, and how it will conduct its business matters to Him. So let us discover the ancient prophesy of the end times and how things will settle down for eternity, beginning with;

Daniel 2 (New Living Translation)

Daniel 2

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

¹ One night during the second year of his reign, ^[a] Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep. ² He called in his magicians, enchanter, sorcerers, and astrologers, ^[b] and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, ³ he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

⁴ Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, ^[c] "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

⁵ But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble!" ⁶ But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!"

⁷ They said again, "Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

⁸ The king replied, "I know what you are doing! You're stalling for time because you know I am serious when I say, ⁹ 'If you don't tell me the dream, you are doomed.' So you have conspired to tell me lies, hoping I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I'll know that you can tell me what it means."

¹⁰ The astrologers replied to the king, "No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing

of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer!" ¹¹ The king's demand is impossible. No one except the Yahs can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people."

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¹² The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. ¹³ And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. ¹⁵ He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. ¹⁶ Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.

¹⁷ Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. ¹⁸ He urged them to ask the Yah of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the Yah of heaven. ²⁰ He said,

"Praise the name of Yah forever and ever,
for he has all wisdom and power.

²¹ He controls the course of world events;
he removes kings and sets up other kings.
He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the scholars.

²² He reveals deep and mysterious things
and knows what lies hidden in darkness,
though he is surrounded by light.

²³ I thank and praise you, Yah of my ancestors,
for you have given me wisdom and strength.
You have told me what we asked of you
and revealed to us what the king demanded."

Daniel Interprets the Dream

²⁴ Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to him, "Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him the meaning of his dream."

²⁵ Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king and said, "I have found one of the captives from Judah who will tell the king the meaning of his dream!"

²⁶ The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?"

²⁷ Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. ²⁸ But there is a Yah in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed.

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²⁹ "While Your Majesty was sleeping, you dreamed about coming events. He who reveals secrets has shown you what is going to happen. ³⁰ And it is not because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because Yah wants you to understand what was in your heart.

³¹ "In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. ³² The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, ³³ its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay. ³⁴ As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. ³⁵ The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.

³⁶ "That was the dream. Now we will tell the king what it means. ³⁷ Your Majesty, you are the greatest of kings. The Yah of heaven has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and honor. ³⁸ He has made you the ruler over all the inhabited world and has put even the wild animals and birds under your control. You are the head of gold.

³⁹ "But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours, will rise to take your place. After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise to rule the world. ⁴⁰ Following that kingdom, there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires, just as iron smashes and crushes everything it strikes. ⁴¹ The feet and toes you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixed with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron. ⁴² But while some parts of it will be as strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay. ⁴³ This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves

by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix.

⁴⁴ "During the reigns of those kings, the Yah of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. ⁴⁵ That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great Yah was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain."

Nebuchadnezzar Rewards Daniel

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar threw himself down before Daniel and worshiped him, and he commanded his people to offer sacrifices and burn sweet incense before him.

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⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, “Truly, your Yah is the greatest of Yahs, Yah over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret.”

⁴⁸ Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men. ⁴⁹ At Daniel’s request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be in charge of all the affairs of the province of Babylon, while Daniel remained in the king’s court.

Footnotes:

- a. [Daniel 2:1](#) The second year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign was 603 b.c.
- b. [Daniel 2:2](#) Or *Chaldeans*; also in 2: 4, 5, 10.
- c. [Daniel 2:4](#) The original text from this point through chapter 7 is in Aramaic.

Daniel 7

Daniel’s Vision of Four Beasts

¹ Earlier, during the first year of King Belshazzar’s reign in Babylon, ^[a] Daniel had a dream and saw visions as he lay in his bed. He wrote down the dream, and this is what he saw.

² In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction. ³ Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the others.

⁴ The first beast was like a lion with eagles’ wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off, and it was left standing with its two hind feet on the ground, like a human being. And it was given a human mind.

⁵ Then I saw a second beast, and it looked like a bear. It was rearing up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And I heard a voice saying to it, “Get up! Devour the flesh of many people!”

⁶ Then the third of these strange beasts appeared, and it looked like a leopard. It had four bird’s wings on its back, and it had four heads. Great authority was given to this beast.

⁷ Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast—terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns.

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⁸ As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.

⁹ I watched as thrones were put in place
and the Ancient One^[b] sat down to judge.
His clothing was as white as snow,
his hair like purest wool.
He sat on a fiery throne
with wheels of blazing fire,
¹⁰ and a river of fire was pouring out,
flowing from his presence.
Millions of angels ministered to him;
many millions stood to attend him.
Then the court began its session,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. ¹² The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer.^[c]

¹³ As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man^[d] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

The Vision Is Explained

¹⁵ I, Daniel, was troubled by all I had seen, and my visions terrified me. ¹⁶ So I approached one of those standing beside the throne and asked him what it all meant. He explained it to me like this: ¹⁷ "These four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will arise from the earth. ¹⁸ But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever."

¹⁹ Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, the one so different from the others and so terrifying. It had devoured and crushed its victims with iron teeth and bronze claws, trampling their remains beneath its feet. ²⁰ I also asked about the ten horns on the fourth beast's head and the little horn that came up afterward and destroyed three of the other horns. This horn had seemed greater than the others, and it had human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. ²¹ As I watched, this horn was waging war against Yah's holy people and was defeating them, ²² until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom.

²³ Then he said to me, "This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path. ²⁴ Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that

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empire. Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them.²⁵ He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time.

²⁶ "But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed.²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him."

²⁸ That was the end of the vision. I, Daniel, was terrified by my thoughts and my face was pale with fear, but I kept these things to myself.

Footnotes:

- a. [Daniel 7:1](#) The first year of Belshazzar's reign (who was co-regent with his father, Nabonidus) was 556 b.c. (or perhaps as late as 553 b.c.).
- b. [Daniel 7:9](#) Aramaic *an Ancient of Days*; also in 7:13, 22.
- c. [Daniel 7:12](#) Aramaic *for a season and a time*.
- d. [Daniel 7:13](#) Or *like a Son of Man*.

Revelation 5

The Lamb Opens the Scroll

¹ Then I saw a scroll^[a] in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals.² And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?"³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.

⁴ Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it.⁵ But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne,^[b] has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit^[c] of Yah that is sent out into every part of the earth.⁷ He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.⁸ And when he took the

scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of Yah's people.⁹ And they sang a new song with these words:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and break its seals and open it.

For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for Yah

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from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ And you have caused them to become
a Kingdom of priests for our Yah.
And they will reign^[d] on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. ¹² And they sang in a mighty chorus:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing."

¹³ And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

"Blessing and honor and glory and power
belong to the one sitting on the throne
and to the Lamb forever and ever."

¹⁴ And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

Footnotes:

- a. [Revelation 5:1](#) Or *book*; also in 5:2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.
- b. [Revelation 5:5](#) Greek *the root of David*. See Isa 11:10.
- c. [Revelation 5:6](#) Greek *which are the seven spirits*.
- d. [Revelation 5:10](#) Some manuscripts read *they are reigning*.

Zechariah 3

Cleansing for the High Priest

¹ Then the angel showed me Jeshua^[a] the high priest standing before the angel of Yah. The Accuser, Satan,^[b] was there at the angel's right hand, making accusations against Jeshua. ² And Yah said to Satan, "I, Yah, reject your accusations, Satan. Yes, Yah, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you. This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from the fire."

³ Jeshua's clothing was filthy as he stood there before the angel. ⁴ So the angel said to the others standing there, "Take off his filthy clothes." And turning to Jeshua he said, "See, I have taken away your sins, and now I am giving you these fine new clothes."

⁵ Then I said, "They should also place a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean priestly turban on his head and dressed him in new clothes while the angel of Yah stood by.

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⁶ Then the angel of Yah spoke very solemnly to Jeshua and said, ⁷ "This is what Yah of Heaven's Armies says: If you follow my ways and carefully serve me, then you will be given authority over my Temple and its courtyards. I will let you walk among these others standing here.

⁸ "Listen to me, O Jeshua the high priest, and all you other priests. You are symbols of things to come. Soon I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. ⁹ Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets.^[c] I will engrave an inscription on it, says Yah of Heaven's Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day.

¹⁰ "And on that day, says Yah of Heaven's Armies, each of you will invite your neighbor to sit with you peacefully under your own grapevine and fig tree."

Footnotes:

- a. [Zechariah 3:1](#) Hebrew *Joshua*, a variant spelling of Jeshua; also in 3:3, 4, 6, 8, 9.
- b. [Zechariah 3:1](#) Hebrew *The satan*; similarly in 3:2.
- c. [Zechariah 3:9](#) Hebrew *seven eyes*.

Zechariah 4

A Lampstand and Two Olive Trees

¹ Then the angel who had been talking with me returned and woke me, as though I had been asleep. ² "What do you see now?" he asked. I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl of oil on top of it. Around the bowl are seven lamps, each having seven spouts with wicks. ³ And I see two olive trees, one on each side of the bowl." ⁴ Then I asked the angel, "What are these, my lord? What do they mean?"

⁵ "Don't you know?" the angel asked. "No, " I replied.

⁶ Then he said to me, "This is what Yah says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says Yah of Heaven's Armies. ⁷ Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May Yah bless it! May Yah bless it!'^[a]"

⁸ Then another message came to me from Yah: ⁹ "Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that Yah of Heaven's Armies has sent me. ¹⁰ Do not despise these small beginnings, for Yah rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

The name Zerubbabel's meaning is found in the Strong's Concordance of the Bible at 2216 "A leader of a group of exiles" (from 2215 and 894; descended of (i.e. from Babylon, i.e. born there; an Israelite

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Definition for exile

1. **absence from own country:** unwilling absence from a home country or place of residence, whether enforced by a government or court as a punishment, or self-imposed for political or religious reasons
 - *living in exile*
2. **somebody living outside their own country:** a citizen of one country who is forced or chooses to live in another
3. **banishment:** official expulsion from a home, country, or area, sometimes to a particular place, **as a punishment**

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(The seven lamps^[b] represent the eyes of Yah that search all around the world.)

¹¹ Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on each side of the lamp stand, ¹² and what are the two olive branches that pour out golden oil through two gold tubes?"

¹³ "Don't you know?" he asked. "No, messenger," I replied.

¹⁴ Then he said to me, "They represent the two heavenly beings who stand in the court of Yah of all the earth."

Footnotes:

- a. [Zechariah 4:7](#) Hebrew '*Grace, grace to it.*'
- b. [Zechariah 4:10](#) Or *The seven facets* (see 3:9); Hebrew reads *These seven*.

Malachi 3

¹ "I will send my messenger, **who will prepare the way before me**. Then suddenly Yah you are seeking will come to his temple; the **messenger of the covenant**, whom you desire, will come," says Yah Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and

silver. Then Yah will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to Yah, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says Yah Almighty.

Breaking Covenant by Withholding Tithes

⁶ "I Yah do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says Yah Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

⁸ "Will a mere mortal rob Yah? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says Yah Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says Yah Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says Yah Almighty.

Israel Speaks Arrogantly Against Yah

¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says Yah. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve Yah. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before Yah Almighty? ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put Yah to the test, they get away with it.' "

The Faithful Remnant

¹⁶ Then those who feared Yah talked with each other, and Yah listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared Yah and honored his name.

¹⁷ "On the day when I act," says Yah Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve Yah and those who do not.

Exodus 23

A Call for Justice

"You must not pass along false rumors. You must not cooperate with evil people by lying on the witness stand.

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² "You must not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you are called to testify in a dispute, do not be swayed by the crowd to twist justice. ³ And do not slant your testimony in favor of a person just because that person is poor.

⁴ "If you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey that has strayed away, take it back to its owner. ⁵ If you see that the donkey of someone who hates you has collapsed under its load, do not walk by. Instead, stop and help.

⁶ "In a lawsuit, you must not deny justice to the poor.

⁷ "Be sure never to charge anyone falsely with evil. Never sentence an innocent or blameless person to death, for I never declare a guilty person to be innocent.

⁸ "Take no bribes, for a bribe makes you ignore something that you clearly see. A bribe makes even a righteous person twist the truth.

⁹ "You must not oppress foreigners. You know what it's like to be a foreigner, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ "Plant and harvest your crops for six years, ¹¹ but let the land be renewed and lie uncultivated during the seventh year. Then let the poor among you harvest whatever grows on its own. Leave the rest for wild animals to eat. The same applies to your vineyards and olive groves.

¹² "You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working. This gives your ox and your donkey a chance to rest. It also allows your slaves and the foreigners living among you to be refreshed.

¹³ "Pay close attention to all my instructions. You must not call on the name of any other gods. Do not even speak their names.

Three Annual Festivals

¹⁴ "Each year you must celebrate three festivals in my honor. ¹⁵ First, celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread. For seven days the bread you eat must be made without yeast, just as I commanded you. Celebrate this festival annually at the appointed time in early spring, in the month of Abib, ^[a] for that is the anniversary of your departure from Egypt. No one may appear before me without an offering.

¹⁶ "Second, celebrate the Festival of Harvest, ^[b] when you bring me the first crops of your harvest. "Finally, celebrate the Festival of the Final Harvest^[c] at the end of the harvest season, when you have harvested all the crops from your fields. ¹⁷ At these three times each year, every man in Israel must appear before the Sovereign, Yah.

¹⁸ "You must not offer the blood of my sacrificial offerings together with any baked goods containing yeast. And do not leave the fat from the festival offerings until the next morning.

¹⁹ "As you harvest your crops, bring the very best of the first harvest to the house of Yah your Yah. "You must not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.

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A Promise of Yah's Presence

²⁰ "See, I am sending an angel before you to protect you on your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you. ²¹ Pay close attention to him, and obey his instructions. Do not rebel against him, for he is my representative, and he will not forgive your rebellion. ²² But if you are careful to obey him, following all my instructions, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will oppose those who oppose you. ²³ For my angel will go before you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, and Jebusites, so you may live there. And I will destroy them completely. ²⁴ You must not worship the Yahs of these nations or serve them in any way or imitate their evil practices. Instead, you must utterly destroy them and smash their sacred pillars.

²⁵ "You must serve only Yah your Yah. If you do, I^[d] will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness. ²⁶ There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives.

²⁷ "I will send my terror ahead of you and create panic among all the people whose lands you invade. I will make all your enemies turn and run. ²⁸ I will send terror^[e] ahead of you to drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites. ²⁹ But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you. ³⁰ I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land.

³¹ And I will fix your boundaries from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea,^[f] and from the eastern wilderness to the Euphrates River.^[g] I will hand over to you the people now living in the land, and you will drive them out ahead of you.

³² "Make no treaties with them or their gods. ³³ They must not live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me. If you serve their gods, you will be caught in the trap of idolatry."

Footnotes:

- a. [Exodus 23:15](#) Hebrew *appointed time in the month of Abib*. This first month of the ancient Hebrew lunar calendar usually occurs within the months of March and April.
- b. [Exodus 23:16](#) Or *Festival of Weeks*. This was later called the Festival of Pentecost (see Acts 2:1). It is celebrated today as Shavuot (or Shabuoth).
- c. [Exodus 23:16](#) Or *Festival of Ingathering*. This was later called the Festival of Shelters or Festival of Tabernacles (see Lev 23:33-36). It is celebrated today as Sukkot (or Succoth).
- d. [Exodus 23:25](#) As in Greek and Latin versions; Hebrew reads *he*.
- e. [Exodus 23:28](#) Often rendered *the hornet*. The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain.
- f. [Exodus 23:31](#) Hebrew *from the sea of reeds to the sea of the Philistines*.
- g. [Exodus 23:31](#) Hebrew *from the wilderness to the river*.