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שמות כ'

(יט) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה כֹּה תֹאמַר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אַתֶּם רִאִיתֶם כִּי מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם דִּבַּרְתִּי עִמָּכֶם: (כ) לֹא תַעֲשׂוּן אֵתֵי אֱלֹהֵי כֶסֶף וְאֵתֵי זָהָב לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם: (כא) מִזְבַּח אֲדָמָה תַעֲשֶׂה־לִּי וְזִבְחֹתַי עָלָיו אֶת־עֹלֹתַי וְאֶת־שְׁלֹמֵי אֶת־צֹאנֶיךָ וְאֶת־בְּקָרֶיךָ בְּכָל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אֶזְכֹּר אֶת־שְׁמִי אָבוֹא אֵלֶיךָ וּבִרְכִיתִי: (כב) וְאִם־מִזְבַּח אֲבָנִים תַעֲשֶׂה־לִּי לֹא־תִבְנֶה אֹתָהּן גִּזְיֹת כִּי חָרֵפוּ הַנֶּפֶת עָלֶיהָ וְתִחַלְלָהּ: (כג) וְלֹא־תַעֲלֶה בְּמַעֲלֹת עַל־מִזְבְּחִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹתַי עָלָיו: (פ)

Exodus 20

(19) The LORD said to Moses: Thus shall you say to the Israelites: You yourselves saw that I spoke to you from the very heavens: (20) With Me, therefore, you shall not make any gods of silver, nor shall you make for yourselves any gods of gold. (21) Make for Me an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your sacrifices of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you. (22) And if you make for Me an altar of stones, do not build it of hewn stones; for by wielding your tool upon them you have profaned them. (23) Do not ascend My altar by steps, that your nakedness may not be exposed upon it.

דברים ד'

(ט) רָק הַשָּׁמַר לָךְ וְשָׁמַר לְךָ וּשְׁמֵר נְפִשְׁךָ מֵאֵד פְּו־תִשְׁכַּח אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־רָאוּ עֵינֶיךָ וּפְו־יִסּוּרוּ מִלְּבָבְךָ כֹּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ וְהוֹדַעְתֶּם לְבְנֵיךָ וּלְבְנֵי בְנֵיךָ: (י) יוֹם אֲשֶׁר עֲמַדְתָּ לְפָנַי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּחַרְבֵּי בְּאֵמַר יְהוָה אֵלַי הַקְּהֵל־לִי אֶת־הָעָם וְאֶשְׁמַעֵם אֶת־דְּבָרֵי אֲשֶׁר יִלְמְדוּן לִירְאָה אֹתִי כִּלְ־הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר הֵם חַיִּים עַל־הָאָדָמָה וְאֶת־בְּנֵיהֶם יִלְמְדוּן: (יא) וְתִקְרְבוּן וְתַעֲמְדוּן תַּחַת הַהָר וְהִרְרָ בְּעַר בְּאֵשׁ עַד־לֵב הַשָּׁמַיִם חֲשֹׁף עָנָן וְעָרְפֶל: (יב) וַיִּדְבֹר יְהוָה אֲלֵיכֶם מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ קוֹל דְּבָרִים אַתֶּם שָׁמְעִים וְתִמּוּנָה אֵינְכֶם רֹאִים זוֹלַתִּי קוֹל: (יג) וַיִּגַּד לָכֶם אֶת־בְּרִיתוֹ אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת עֲשֵׂרֹת הַדְּבָרִים וַיִּכְתְּבֶם עַל־שְׁנֵי לְחֹת אֲבָנִים: (יד) וְאֵתִי צִוָּה יְהוָה בְּעַת הַהוּא לְלַמֵּד אֶתְכֶם חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים לַעֲשׂוֹתְכֶם אֹתָם בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרַשְׁתָּהּ: (טו) וּנְשַׁמְרֶתֶם מֵאֵד לִנְפְשֵׁיכֶם כִּי לֹא רִאִיתֶם כִּלְ־תִמּוּנָה בַּיּוֹם דְּבָר יְהוָה אֲלֵיכֶם בְּחַרְבֵי מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ: (טז) פְּו־תִשְׁחַתּוּן וְעֲשִׂיתֶם לָכֶם פֶּסֶל תִּמּוּנָת כִּלְ־סֶמֶל תִּבְנִית זָכָר אֹו נִקְבָה: (יז) תִּבְנִית כִּלְ־בַהֲמָה אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ תִּבְנִית כִּלְ־צִפּוֹר כְּנֶף אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲוֹף בְּשָׁמַיִם: (יח) תִּבְנִית כִּלְ־רֶמֶשׂ בְּאֲדָמָה תִּבְנִית כִּלְ־דָגָה אֲשֶׁר־בַּמַּיִם מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ: (יט) וּפְו־תִשָּׂא עֵינֶיךָ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְרִאִיתָ אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת־הַיָּרֵחַ וְאֶת־הַכּוֹכָבִים כֹּל צָבָא הַשָּׁמַיִם וְגִדַּחְתָּ וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתָ לָהֶם וַעֲבַדְתֶּם אֲשֶׁר חָלַק יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֹתָם לְכֹל הָעַמִּים תַּחַת כִּלְ־הַשָּׁמַיִם:

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(9) But take utmost care and watch yourselves scrupulously, so that you do not forget the things that you saw with your own eyes and so that they do not fade from your mind as long as you live. And make them known to your children and to your children's children: (10) The day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to Me, "Gather the people to Me that I may let them hear My words, in order that they may learn to revere Me as long as they live on earth, and may so teach their children." (11) You came forward and stood at the foot of the mountain. The mountain was ablaze with flames to the very skies, dark with densest clouds. (12) The LORD spoke to you out of the fire; you heard the sound of words but perceived no shape—nothing but a voice. (13) He declared to you the covenant that He commanded you to observe, the Ten Commandments; and He inscribed them on two tablets of stone. (14) At the same time the LORD commanded me to impart to you laws and rules for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy. (15) For your own sake, therefore, be most careful—since you saw no shape when the LORD your God spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire— (16) not to act wickedly and make for yourselves a sculptured image in any likeness whatever: the form of a man or a woman, (17) the form of any beast on earth, the form of any winged bird that flies in the sky, (18) the form

of anything that creeps on the ground, the form of any fish that is in the waters below the earth. (19) And when you look up to the sky and behold the sun and the moon and the stars, the whole heavenly host, you must not be lured into bowing down to them or serving them.

Rashi on Exodus 20:22

(1) **וְאִם מִזְבֵּחַ אֲבָנִים** AND IF (according to Rashi, AND WHEN) [THOU WILT MAKE ME] AN ALTAR OF STONES — Rabbi Ishmael said: Every time the word **אִם** it used in the Torah it refer to some action the doing of which is optional, except in three instances. **ח** (4) **וְתַהֲלֵלָהּ** THEN THOU HAST PROFANED IT — Thus you may learn that if thou liftest up thy iron tool above it thou profanest it. The reason of this it, because the altar is created (its purpose is) to lengthen man's days and iron has been created (one of its purposes is) to shorten man's days, it is not right that an object which shortens man's life should be lifted up above that which lengthens it (Mekhilta, Middoth 3:4). And a further reason it: because the altar makes peace between Israel and their Father in Heaven, and therefore there should not come upon it anything that cuts and destroys. Now, the following statement follows logically, à fortiori: How is it in the case of stones which cannot see nor hear nor speak? Because that they promote peace Scripture ordains, "Thou shalt not lift up against them any iron tool!" Then in the case of one who makes peace between a man and his wife, between family and family, between a man and his fellow, how much more certain is it that punishment will not come upon him (Mekhilta d'Rabbi Yishmael 20:22:2).

