



Leadership - The Next Generation

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1. Crossing a body of water

שמות פרק י"ד, פסוק כ"א

כא וַיֹּט מֹשֶׁה אֶת-יָדוֹ, עַל-הַיָּם, וַיּוֹלֶךְ ה' אֶת-הַיָּם בְּרוּחַ קְדִים עֶזֶה כָּל-הַלַּיְלָה, וַיִּשָּׂם אֶת-הַיָּם לַחֲרֹבָה; וַיִּבָּקְעוּ, הַמַּיִם.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

יהושע פרק ג' פסוק ט"ז

ט וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: גִּשּׁוּ הֵנָּה--וְשָׁמְעוּ, אֶת-דְּבָרֵי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם. י וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ--בְּזֹאת תִּדְעוּן, כִּי אֵל חַי בְּקִרְבְּכֶם; וְהוֹרֵשׁ יוֹרֵשׁ מִפְּנֵיכֶם אֶת-הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְאֶת-הַחִתִּי וְאֶת-הַחִוִּי, וְאֶת-הַפְּרִזִּי וְאֶת-הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי, וְהָאֱמֹרִי, וְהַיְבוֹסִי. יא הִנֵּה אֲרוֹן הַבְּרִית, אֲדוֹן כָּל-הָאָרֶץ, עֹבֵר לִפְנֵיכֶם, בַּיַּרְדֵּן. יב וְעַתָּה, קַחוּ לָכֶם שְׁנֵי עֶשֶׂר אִישׁ, מִשִּׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל--אִישׁ-אֶחָד אִישׁ-אֶחָד, לָשֶׁבֶט. יג וְהָיָה כְּנֹחַ כַּפּוֹת רַגְלֵי הַכֹּהֲנִים נֹשְׂאֵי אֲרוֹן ה' אֲדוֹן כָּל-הָאָרֶץ, בְּמִי הַיַּרְדֵּן, מִי הַיַּרְדֵּן יִכְרֹתוּן, הַמַּיִם הַיַּרְדִּים מִלְּמַעְלָה; וַיַּעֲמְדוּ, נֹד אֶחָד. יד וְהָיָה, בְּנִסְעַ הָעָם מֵאֶהְלֵיהֶם, לַעֲבֹר, אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן; וְהַכֹּהֲנִים, נֹשְׂאֵי הָאֲרוֹן הַבְּרִית--לִפְנֵי הָעָם. טו וְכַבּוֹא נֹשְׂאֵי הָאֲרוֹן, עַד-הַיַּרְדֵּן, וְרַגְלֵי הַכֹּהֲנִים נֹשְׂאֵי הָאֲרוֹן, נִטְבְּלוּ בַקֶּצֶה הַמַּיִם; וְהַיַּרְדֵּן, מָלָא עַל-כָּל-גְּדֻלָּתוֹ, כֹּל, יְמֵי קִצְרֵי. טז וַיַּעֲמְדוּ הַמַּיִם הַיַּרְדִּים מִלְּמַעְלָה קִמּוּ נֹד-אֶחָד, הָרֹחַק מֵאֵד בָּאֵדָם (מֵאֵדָם) הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר מֵצֵד צֹרְתָן, וְהַיַּרְדִּים עַל יָם הָעֲרֻבָה יָם-הַמֶּלַח, תָּמּוּ נִכְרְתוּ; וְהָעָם עָבְרוּ, נֹגֵד יָרִיחוֹ. יז וַיַּעֲמְדוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים נֹשְׂאֵי הָאֲרוֹן בְּרִית-יְהוָה בְּחֲרֹבָה, בְּתוֹךְ הַיַּרְדֵּן--הַכֵּן; וְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, עֹבְרִים בְּחֲרֹבָה, עַד אֲשֶׁר-תָּמּוּ כָל-הַגּוֹי, לַעֲבֹר אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן.

And Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come closer and listen to the words of the LORD your God. By this," Joshua continued, "you shall know that a living God is among you, and that He will dispossess for you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashite Amorites, and Jebusites: The Ark of the Covenant of the Sovereign of all the earth is advancing before you into the Jordan. Now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from each tribe. When the feet of the priests bearing the Ark of the LORD, the Sovereign of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan—the water coming from upstream—will be cut off and will stand in a single heap." When the people set out from their encampment to cross the Jordan, the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant were at the head of the people. Now the Jordan keeps flowing over its entire bed throughout the harvest season. But as soon as the bearers of the Ark reached the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the Ark dipped into the water at its edge, the waters coming down from upstream piled up in a single heap a great way off, at Adam, the town next to Zarethan; and those flowing away downstream to the Sea of the Arabah (the Dead Sea) ran out completely. So the people crossed near Jericho. The priests who bore the Ark of the LORD's Covenant stood on dry land exactly in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel crossed over on dry land, until the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

2. Appointment of a Leader

שמות פרק ג' פסוק ה'

ה ויאמר, אל-תקרב ה'לם; של-נעליך, מעל רגליך--כי המקום אשר אתה עומד עליו, אדמת-קדש הוא.

And He said, "Do not come closer. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

יהושע פרק ה' פסוק ט"ו

טו ויאמר שר-צבא ה' אל-יהושע, של-נעלך מעל רגלך, כי המקום אשר אתה עומד עליו, קדש הוא; יעש יהושע, כן.

The captain of the LORD's host answered Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

3. Scribing a Covenant

יהושע פרק כ"ד

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-כָּל-שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁכֻמָּה וַיִּקְרָא לְזִקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּלְרָאשֵׁיו וּלְשֹׁפְטָיו וּלְשִׁטְרֵיו וַיִּתְּצוּם לִפְנֵי ה': וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-כָּל-הָעָם כֹּה-אָמַר ה' אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֶבֶר הַנָּהָר יֹשְׁבוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מֵעוֹלָם תָּרוּחַ אֲבִי אֲבִרְהָם וְאֲבִי נָחוֹר וַיַּעֲבְדוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים: וְאֶקַּח אֶת-אֲבִיכֶם אֶת-אֲבִרְהָם מֵעֶבֶר הַנָּהָר וְאוֹלָךְ אוֹתוֹ בְּכָל-אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְאֲרַב [וְאַרְבֶּה] אֶת-זָרְעוֹ וְאֶתְנָלוּ אֶת-יִצְחָק: וְאֶתְנָן לִיִּצְחָק אֶת-יַעֲקֹב וְאֶת-עֵשָׂו וְאֶתְנָן לְעֵשָׂו אֶת-הָר שְׁעִיר לָרֶשֶׁת אוֹתוֹ וַיַּעֲקֹב וּבְנָיו יָרְדוּ מִצְרָיִם: וְאֶשְׁלַח אֶת-מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת-אַהֲרֹן וְאֶגְּף אֶת-מִצְרָיִם כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי בְּקִרְבּוֹ וְאַחֲרַי הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם: וְאוֹצִיא אֶת-אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מִמִּצְרָיִם וַתָּבֹאוּ הַיָּמָה וַיִּרְדְּפוּ מִצְרָיִם אַחֲרֵי אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם בְּרֶכֶב וּבַפָּרָשִׁים יַם-סוּף: וַיַּעֲזְבוּ אֶת-ה' וַיִּשְׁמַע מֶמֶלֶךְ מִצְרָיִם וַיִּבְרֶן בְּיַדְכֶם וַיִּבְרֶן הַמִּצְרָיִם וַיָּבֵאוּ עָלֵינוּ אֶת-הַיָּם וַיִּכְסְהוּ וַתִּרְאִינָה עֵינֵיכֶם אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂיתִי בְּמִצְרָיִם וַתִּשָּׁבוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר יָמִים רַבִּים: וְאַבְרָהָ [וְאַבְרָהָ] אֶתְכֶם אֶל-אֶרֶץ הָאֱמֹרִי הַיּוֹשֵׁב בְּעֶבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן וַיִּלְחֲמוּ אֶתְכֶם וְאֶתְנָן אוֹתָם בְּיַדְכֶם וַתִּירָשׁוּ אֶת-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: וַיִּקַּם בָּלָק בֶּן-צִפּוֹר מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב וַיִּלְחַם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשְׁלַח וַיִּקְרָא לְבָלָעַם בֶּן-בְּעוֹר לְקַלֵּל אֶתְכֶם: וְלֹא אָבִיתִי לְשִׁמְעַ לְבָלָעַם וַיִּבְרַךְ בְּרוּךְ אֶתְכֶם וְאַצֵּל אֶתְכֶם מִיָּדוֹ: וַתַּעֲבְרוּ אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן וַתָּבֹאוּ אֶל-יְרִיחוֹ וַיִּלְחֲמוּ בָכֶם בַּעֲלֵי-יְרִיחוֹ הָאֱמֹרִי וְהַפְּרָזִי וְהַכְנַעֲנִי וְהַחִתִּי וְהַגִּרְגָּשִׁי הַחִי וְהַיְבוֹסִי וְאֶתְנָן אוֹתָם בְּיַדְכֶם: וְאֶשְׁלַח לִפְנֵיכֶם אֶת-הַצִּרְעָה וַתִּגְרָשׁ אוֹתָם מִפְּנֵיכֶם שְׁנֵי מַלְכֵי הָאֱמֹרִי לֹא בָחַרְבָּן וְלֹא בַקֶּשֶׁת: וְאֶתְנָן לָכֶם אֶרֶץ | אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִגְעַת בָּהּ וְעֵרִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא-בְנִיתָם וַתִּשָּׁבוּ בָהֶם כְּרָמִים וְזִיתִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא-נִטְעַתָּם אֶתְכֶם אֲכָלִים: וְעֵתָה יִרְאוּ אֶת-ה' וְעֲבָדוּ אוֹתוֹ בַּתְּמִים וּבְאֵמֶת וְהִסִּירוּ אֶת-אֱלֹהֵים אֲשֶׁר עֲבָדוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם בְּעֶבֶר הַנָּהָר וּבְמִצְרָיִם וְעֲבָדוּ אֶת-ה': וְאַם רַע בְּעֵינֵיכֶם לַעֲבֹד אֶת-ה' בְּחֵירוֹ לָכֶם הַיּוֹם אֶת-מִי תַעֲבֹדוּן אִם אֶת-אֱלֹקִים אֲשֶׁר-עֲבָדוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר בְּעֶבֶר [מֵעֶבֶר] הַנָּהָר וְאַם אֶת-אֱלֹהֵי הָאֱמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר אֶתְכֶם יֹשְׁבִים בְּאֶרֶץ וְאֶנֶּכִי וּבִיתִי נַעֲבֹד אֶת-ה': (פ) וַיַּעַן הָעָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ חֲלִילָה לָנוּ מֵעֲזָב אֶת-ה' לַעֲבֹד אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים: כִּי ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ הוּא הַמַּעֲלָה אֶתְנוּ וְאֶת-אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם מִבֵּית עֲבָדִים וְאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְעֵינֵינוּ אֶת-הַחֲסִדִּים הַגְּדוֹלוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וַיִּשְׁמְרֵנוּ בְּכָל-הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר הִלְכֵנוּ בָּהּ וּבְכָל הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר עָבְרָנוּ בְּקִרְבָּם: וַיִּגְרַשׁ ה' אֶת-כָּל-הָעַמִּים וְאֶת-הָאֱמֹרִי יֹשֵׁב הָאֶרֶץ מִפְּנֵינוּ גַם-אֲנַחְנוּ נַעֲבֹד אֶת-ה' כִּי-הוּא אֱלֹקֵינוּ: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-הָעָם לֹא תוֹכְלוּ לַעֲבֹד אֶת-ה' כִּי-אֱלֹקִים קְדָשִׁים הוּא אֶל-קְנוֹא הוּא לֹא-יֵשָׁא לְפִשְׁעֵכֶם וּלְחַטֹּאוֹתֵיכֶם: כִּי תַעֲזְבוּ אֶת-ה' וְעֲבַדְתֶּם אֱלֹהִי נֹכֵר וְשָׁב וְהִרְעֵ לָכֶם וְכָלְהָ אֶתְכֶם אַחֲרֵי אֲשֶׁר-הֵיטִיב לָכֶם: וַיֹּאמֶר הָעָם אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ לֹא כִי אֶת-ה' נַעֲבֹד: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-הָעָם עַדִּים אֶתְכֶם בָּכֶם כִּי-אַתֶּם בְּחִרְתֶּם לָכֶם אֶת-ה' לַעֲבֹד אוֹתוֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ עַדִּים: וְעֵתָה הִסִּירוּ אֶת-אֱלֹהֵי הַנֹּכֵר אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבְּכֶם וְהִטּוּ אֶת-לְבָבְכֶם אֶל-ה' אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיֹּאמְרוּ הָעָם אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ נַעֲבֹד וּבִקְוֹלֵנוּ נִשְׁמָע: וַיִּכְרַת יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בְּרִית לָעָם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּשָּׂם לוֹ חֹק וּמִשְׁפָּט בְּשִׁכְמָם: וַיִּכְתֹּב יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה בְּסֵפֶר תּוֹרַת אֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְחָ אֶבֶן גְּדוֹלָה וַיִּקְיֶמָה שָׁם תַּחַת הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר בְּמִקְדָּשׁ ה': וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-כָּל-הָעָם הִנֵּה הָאֵבֶן

הַזֹּאת תִּהְיֶה-לָּנוּ לְעֵדָה כִּי-יֵא שְׁמָעָה אֶת כָּל-אֲמָרֵי ה' אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר עִמָּנוּ וְהִיְתָה בָּכֶם לְעֵדָה פֶּן-תִּכְחַשּׁוּן
בְּאֱלֹקֵיכֶם:

1 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said unto all the people: 'Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor; and they served other gods. 3 And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. 4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau; and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; and Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in the midst thereof; and afterward I brought you out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen unto the Red Sea. 7 And when they cried out unto the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt; and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days. 8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, that dwelt beyond the Jordan; and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel; and he sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. 10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he even blessed you; so I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And ye went over the Jordan, and came unto Jericho; and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 And I gave you a land whereon thou hadst not laboured, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell therein; of vineyards and olive-yards which ye planted not do ye eat. 14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. 16 And the people answered and said: Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods. 17 for the Lord our God, He it is that brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and that did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed. 18 and the Lord drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites that dwelt in the land; therefore we also will serve the Lord; for He is our God. 19 And Joshua said unto the people: 'Ye cannot serve the Lord; for He is a holy God; He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. 20 If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after that He hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Joshua: 'Nay; but we will serve the Lord. 22 And Joshua said unto the people: 'Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve Him, And they said: We are witnesses. 23 Now therefore put away the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord, the God of Israel. 24 And the people said unto Joshua: The Lord our God will we serve, and unto His voice will we hearken. 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. 27 And Joshua said unto all the people: 'Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which He spoke unto us; it shall be therefore a witness against you, lest ye deny your God.

4. Agony in the Garden is an early painting by the Italian Renaissance master Giovanni Bellini, who painted it around 1459–65. It is in the National Gallery, London. (partial painting)



5. Constitution Bye Laws Chevra Chanoch Nearim 1825

