

with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

|16| And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of Elohim.

|17| And thou shalt take this matteh in thine yad, wherewith thou shalt do haOtot.

|18| And Moshe went and returned to Yitro his khoten (father-in-law), and said unto him, Let me go, now, and return unto my achim which are in Mitzrayim, and see whether they be yet alive. And Yitro said to Moshe, Lech l'shalom (go in peace).

|19| And Hashem said unto Moshe in Midyan, Go, shuv (return) into Mitzrayim; for all the anashim are dead which sought thy life.

|20| And Moshe took his isha and his banim, and set them upon a donkey, and he returned to Eretz Mitzrayim; and matteh HaElohim in his yad.

|21| And Hashem said unto Moshe, When thou goest to return into Mitzrayim, see that thou do all those mofetim before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine yad: but I will harden his lev, that he shall not let HaAm go.

|22| And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Hashem, Yisroel is beni (My son), even My bechor (first-born):

|23| And I say unto thee, Let beni (My son) go, that he may serve Me: and if thou refuse to let him go, hinei, I will slay thy ben, even thy bechor.

|24| And it came to pass on the derech at the malon, that Hashem met him, and sought to kill him.

|25| Then Tzipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the arlat ben (foreskin of son) of

her, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a choson damim (a bridegroom of blood) art thou to me.

|26| So He let him go; then she said, A choson damim thou art, because of the circumcision (*i.e.*, [brist] milah).

|27| And Hashem said to Aharon, Go into the midbar to meet Moshe. And he went, and met him in the Har HaElohim, and kissed him.

|28| And Moshe told Aharon kol divrei Hashem who had sent him, and all haOtot He had commanded him.

|29| And Moshe and Aharon went and assembled together kol Ziknei Bnei Yisroel;

|30| And Aharon spoke all hadevarim which Hashem had spoken unto Moshe; and he did haOtot before the eyes of HaAm.

|31| And HaAm believed; and when they heard that Hashem had visited the Bnei Yisroel, and that He had looked upon their oni, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

5 And afterward Moshe and Aharon went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Let My people go, that they may hold a chag (feast) unto Me in the midbar.

|2| And Pharaoh said, Who is Hashem, that I should obey His voice to let Yisroel go? I know not Hashem, neither will I let Yisroel go.

|3| And they said, Elohei HaIvrim hath met with us; let us go, now, derech shloshet yamim into the midbar, and sacrifice unto Hashem Eloheinu; lest He fall upon us with dever (cattle disease), or with the cherev.

|4| And Melech Mitzrayim said unto them, Why do ye, Moshe and Aharon, disturb the people from their works? Get you back unto your own sivlot (burdens).

|5| And Pharaoh said, Hinei, the Am HaAretz now are many, and ye make them rest from their sivlot.

|6| And Pharaoh commanded the same day the nogesim of the people, and their foremen, saying,

|7| Ye shall no more give HaAm straw to make brick, as heretofore; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

|8| And the matkonet (quota) of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof; for they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to Eloheinu.

|9| Let there more avodah be laid upon the anashim, that they may labor therein; and let them not regard divrei sheker.

|10| And the nogesim of HaAm went out, and their foremen; they spoke to HaAm, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

|11| Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it; yet not ought of your avodah shall be diminished.

|12| So HaAm were scattered abroad throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim to gather stubble instead of straw.

|13| And the nogesim pressed them, saying, Fulfil your ma'asim, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

|14| And the foremen of the Bnei Yisroel, which Pharaoh's nogesim had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, Why have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as heretofore?

|15| Then the foremen of the Bnei Yisroel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Why dealest thou thus with thy avadim?