1. Then [God] said to Moses, “Come up to the Eternal, with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel, and bow low from afar.  

2. Moses alone shall come near the Eternal; but the others shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him.”  

3. Moses went and repeated to the people all the commands of the Eternal and all the rules; and all the people answered with one voice saying, “All the things that the Eternal has commanded we will do!”  

4. Moses then wrote down all the commands of the Eternal. Early in the morning, he set up an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.  

5. He designated some young men among the Israelites, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as offerings of well-being to the Eternal.  

6. Moses took one part of the blood and put it in basins, and the other part of the blood he dashed against the altar.  

7. Then he took the record of the covenant and read it aloud to the people. And they said, “All that the Eternal has spoken we will faithfully do!”  

8. Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Eternal now makes with you concerning all these commands.”  

9. Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel ascended;
The word of the Eternal that came to Jeremiah after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with the people of Jerusalem to proclaim liberty there:  

9. They were to set free their Hebrew slaves, both men and women; no fellow Judean would serve as a slave to another.  

10. The people and their officials who had made this covenant, agreeing to set free their male and female slaves and never again to enslave them, carried it out and freed them;  

11. but afterward they turned around and took the people whom they had set free and forced them once again into bondage.  

12. Then the word of the Eternal came to Jeremiah:  

13. Thus says the Eternal One, the God of Israel: When I brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage, I made this covenant with them: