



1 Then he brought me back^{H7725} the way^{H1870} of the gate^{H8179} of the outward^{H2435} sanctuary^{H4720} which looketh^{H6437} toward the east^{H6921}; and it was shut^{H5462}. 2 Then said^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} unto me; This gate^{H8179} shall be shut^{H5462}, it shall not be opened^{H6605}, and no man^{H376} shall enter^{H935} in by it; because the LORD^{H3068}, the God^{H430} of Israel^{H3478}, hath entered^{H935} in by it, therefore it shall be shut^{H5462}. 3 It is for the prince^{H5387}; the prince^{H5387}, he shall sit^{H3427} in it to eat^{H398} bread^{H3899} before^{H6440} the LORD^{H3068}; he shall enter^{H935} by the way^{H1870} of the porch^{H197} of that gate^{H8179}, and shall go out^{H3318} by the way^{H1870} of the same.

4 Then brought^{H935} he me the way^{H1870} of the north^{H6828} gate^{H8179} before^{H6440} the house^{H1004}: and I looked^{H7200}, and, behold, the glory^{H3519} of the LORD^{H3068} filled^{H4390} the house^{H1004} of the LORD^{H3068}: and I fell^{H5307} upon my face^{H6440}. 5 And the LORD^{H3068} said^{H559} unto me, Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, mark^{H7760} well^{H3820}, and behold^{H7200} with thine eyes^{H5869}, and hear^{H8085} with thine ears^{H241} all that I say^{H1696} unto thee concerning all the ordinances^{H2708} of the house^{H1004} of the LORD^{H3068}, and all the laws^{H8451} thereof; and mark^{H7760} well^{H3820} the entering in^{H3996} of the house^{H1004}, with every going forth^{H4161} of the sanctuary^{H4720}. 6 And thou shalt say^{H559} to the rebellious^{H4805}, even to the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; O ye house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, let it suffice^{H7227} you of all your abominations^{H8441}. 7 In that ye have brought^{H935} into my sanctuary strangers^{H1121} H5236, uncircumcised^{H6189} in heart^{H3820}, and uncircumcised^{H6189} in flesh^{H1320}, to be in my sanctuary^{H4720}, to pollute^{H2490} it, even my house^{H1004}, when ye offer^{H7126} my bread^{H3899}, the fat^{H2459} and the blood^{H1818}, and they have broken^{H6565} my covenant^{H1285} because^{H413} of all your abominations^{H8441}. 8 And ye have not kept^{H8104} the charge^{H4931} of mine holy things^{H6944}: but ye have set^{H7760} keepers^{H8104} of my charge^{H4931} in my sanctuary^{H4720} for yourselves. 9 Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; No stranger^{H1121} H5236, uncircumcised^{H6189} in heart^{H3820}, nor uncircumcised^{H6189} in flesh^{H1320}, shall enter^{H935} into my sanctuary^{H4720}, of any stranger that is among^{H8432} the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478}.

10 And the Levites^{H3881} that are gone away far^{H7368} from me, when Israel^{H3478} went astray^{H8582}, which went astray^{H8582} from me after^{H310} their idols^{H1544}; they shall even bear^{H5375} their iniquity^{H5771}. 11 Yet they shall be ministers^{H8334} in my sanctuary^{H4720}, having charge^{H6486} at the gates^{H8179} of the house^{H1004}, and ministering^{H8334} to the house^{H1004}: they shall slay^{H7819} the burnt offering^{H5930} and the sacrifice^{H2077} for the people^{H5971}, and they shall stand^{H5975} before^{H6440} them to minister^{H8334} unto them. 12 Because they ministered^{H8334} unto them before^{H6440} their idols^{H1544}, and caused the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478} to fall^{H4383} into iniquity^{H5771}; therefore have I lifted up^{H5375} mine hand^{H3027} against them, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, and they shall bear^{H5375} their iniquity^{H5771}. 13 And they shall not come near^{H5066} unto me, to do the office of a priest^{H3547} unto me, nor to come near^{H5066} to any of my holy things^{H6944}, in the most holy^{H6944} place: but they shall bear^{H5375} their shame^{H3639}, and their abominations^{H8441} which they have committed^{H6213}. 14 But I will make^{H5414} them keepers^{H8104} of the charge^{H4931} of the house^{H1004}, for all the service^{H5656} thereof, and for all that shall be done^{H6213} therein. 15 But the priests^{H3548} the Levites^{H3881}, the sons^{H1121} of Zadok^{H6659}, that kept^{H8104} the charge^{H4931} of my sanctuary^{H4720} when the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} went astray^{H8582} from me, they shall come near^{H7126} to me to minister^{H8334} unto me, and they shall stand^{H5975} before^{H6440} me to offer^{H7126} unto me the fat^{H2459} and the blood^{H1818}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}. 16 They shall enter^{H935} into my sanctuary^{H4720}, and they shall come near^{H7126} to my table^{H7979}, to minister^{H8334} unto me, and they shall keep^{H8104} my charge^{H4931}.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter^{H935} in at the gates^{H8179} of the inner^{H6442} court^{H2691}, they shall be clothed^{H3847} with linen^{H6593} garments^{H899}; and no wool^{H6785} shall come^{H5927} upon them, whiles they minister^{H8334} in the gates^{H8179} of the inner^{H6442} court^{H2691}, and within^{H1004}. 18 They shall have linen^{H6593} bonnets^{H6287} upon their heads^{H7218},

and shall have linen^{H6593} breeches^{H4370} upon their loins^{H4975}; they shall not gird^{H2296} themselves with any thing that causeth sweat^{H3154}.⁶ **19** And when they go forth^{H3318} into the utter^{H2435} court^{H2691}, even into the utter^{H2435} court^{H2691} to the people^{H5971}, they shall put off^{H6584} their garments^{H899} wherein they ministered^{H8334}, and lay^{H3240} them in the holy^{H6944} chambers^{H3957}, and they shall put^{H3847} on other^{H312} garments^{H899}; and they shall not sanctify^{H6942} the people^{H5971} with their garments^{H899}. **20** Neither shall they shave^{H1548} their heads^{H7218}, nor suffer their locks^{H6545} to grow long^{H7971}; they shall only^{H3697} poll^{H3697} their heads^{H7218}. **21** Neither shall any priest^{H3548} drink^{H8354} wine^{H3196}, when they enter^{H935} into the inner^{H6442} court^{H2691}. **22** Neither shall they take^{H3947} for their wives^{H802} a widow^{H490}, nor her that is put away^{H1644}: but they shall take^{H3947} maidens^{H1330} of the seed^{H2233} of the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, or a widow^{H490} that had a priest^{H3548} before.⁷ **23** And they shall teach^{H3384} my people^{H5971} the difference between the holy^{H6944} and profane^{H2455}, and cause them to discern^{H3045} between the unclean^{H2931} and the clean^{H2889}. **24** And in controversy^{H7379} they shall stand^{H5975} in judgment^{H8199}; and they shall judge^{H8199} it according to my judgments^{H4941}: and they shall keep^{H8104} my laws^{H8451} and my statutes^{H2708} in all mine assemblies^{H4150}; and they shall hallow^{H6942} my sabbaths^{H7676}. **25** And they shall come^{H935} at no dead^{H4191} person^{H120} to defile^{H2930} themselves: but for father^{H1}, or for mother^{H517}, or for son^{H1121}, or for daughter^{H1323}, for brother^{H251}, or for sister^{H269} that hath had no husband^{H376}, they may defile^{H2930} themselves. **26** And after^{H310} he is cleansed^{H2893}, they shall reckon^{H5608} unto him seven^{H7651} days^{H3117}. **27** And in the day^{H3117} that he goeth^{H935} into the sanctuary^{H6944}, unto the inner^{H6442} court^{H2691}, to minister^{H8334} in the sanctuary^{H6944}, he shall offer^{H7126} his sin offering^{H2403}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}. **28** And it shall be unto them for an inheritance^{H5159}: I am their inheritance^{H5159}: and ye shall give^{H5414} them no possession^{H272} in Israel^{H3478}: I am their possession^{H272}. **29** They shall eat^{H398} the meat offering^{H4503}, and the sin offering^{H2403}, and the trespass offering^{H817}; and every dedicated thing^{H2764} in Israel^{H3478} shall be theirs.⁹ **30** And the first^{H7225} of all the firstfruits^{H1061} of all things, and every oblation^{H8641} of all, of every sort of your oblations^{H8641}, shall be the priest's^{H3548}: ye shall also give^{H5414} unto the priest^{H3548} the first^{H7225} of your dough^{H6182}, that he may cause the blessing^{H1293} to rest^{H5117} in thine house^{H1004}.¹⁰ **31** The priests^{H3548} shall not eat^{H398} of any thing that is dead of itself^{H5038}, or torn^{H2966}, whether it be fowl^{H5775} or beast^{H929}.

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1. mark well: Heb. set thine heart
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3. strangers: Heb. children of a stranger
4. my charge: or, my ward, or, ordinance
5. caused...: Heb. were for a stumblingblock of iniquity unto, etc
6. with...: or, in sweating places: Heb. in, or, with sweat
7. put...: Heb. thrust forth
8. that had...: Heb. from a priest
9. dedicated: or, devoted
10. And the first: or, And the chief