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1 Now on the 24th day of this month(Oct) the sons of Israel assembled w/ **fasting**, in **sackcloth**, & w/ **dirt** upon them. **2** And the descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, & stood & **confessed** their sins & the **iniquities** of their **fathers**. **3** While they stood in their place, they **read** from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day(3/6hrs); & for *another* fourth(3/6hrs) they confessed & worshiped the LORD their God. **4** Now on the Levites' platform stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, & Chenani, & they cried w/ a loud voice to the LORD their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, & Pethahiah, said, "Arise, **bless** the LORD your God forever & ever! O may Your glorious name be **blessed** & **exalted** above all blessing & praise! **6** "You alone are the LORD. You have **made** the heavens, The heaven of heavens w/ all their host, The earth & all that is on it, The seas & all that is in them. You do give life to all of them & the heavenly host bows down before You.

7 "You are the LORD God, Who chose **Abram** & brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees, & gave him the name **Abraham**. **8** "And You did find his heart **faithful** before You, & did make a covenant w/ him To give *him* the land of the Canaanite, Of the Hittite & the Amorite, Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite— To give *it* to his descendants. And You have fulfilled Your promise, For You are righteous. **9** "You did see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, & did hear their cry by the **Red Sea**. **10** "Then You did perform signs & wonders against **Pharaoh**, Against all his servants & all the people of his land; For You did know that they acted arrogantly toward them, And did make a name for Yourself as *it is* this day.

11 "And You did divide the sea before them, So they passed through the midst of the sea on **dry ground**; And their pursuers You did hurl into the depths, Like a stone into raging waters. **12** "And with a pillar of cloud You did lead them by day, And with a pillar of fire by night To light for them the way In which they were to go. **13** "Then You did come down on Mount Sinai, And did speak with them from heaven; You did give to them just ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments.

14 "So You did make known to them Your holy **sabbath**, And did lay down for them commandments, statutes, and law, Through Your servant Moses
15 "You did provide bread from heaven for them for their hunger, You did

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bring forth water from a rock for them for their thirst, And You did tell them to enter in order to possess The **land** which You did swear to give them. **16** “But they, our **fathers**, acted arrogantly; They became **stubborn** and would not listen to Your commandments. **17** “And they refused to listen, And did not remember Your wondrous deeds which You had performed among them; So they became stubborn and appointed a leader to **return** to their slavery in Egypt. But You are a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness; And You did not forsake them.

18 “Even when they made for themselves A calf of molten metal And said, ‘This is your God Who brought you up from Egypt,’ And committed great blasphemies, **19** You, in your great compassion, **Did not forsake them** in the wilderness; The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, To guide them on their way, Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go. **20** “And You did give Your good **Spirit** to instruct them, Your **manna** You did not withhold from their mouth, And You did give them **water** for their thirst. **21** “Indeed, forty years You did provide for them in the wilderness *and* they were not in want; Their clothes did not wear out, nor did their feet swell. **22** “You did also give them kingdoms and peoples, And You did allot *them* to them as a boundary. And they took possession of the land of Sihon the king of Heshbon, And the land of Og the king of Bashan.

23 “And You did make their sons numerous as the stars of heaven, And You did bring them into the land Which You had told their fathers to enter and possess. **24** “So their sons entered and possessed the land. And You did subdue before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, And You did give them into their hand, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, To do with them as they desired. **25** “And they captured fortified cities and a fertile land. They took possession of **houses full of every good thing**, Hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive groves, Fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were filled, and grew fat, And reveled in Your great goodness. **26** “But they **became** disobedient and rebelled against You, And cast Your law behind their backs And killed Your prophets who had admonished them So that they might return to You And they committed great blasphemies.

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27 “Therefore You did deliver them into the hand of their oppressors who oppressed them, But when they cried to You in the time of their distress, You did hear from heaven, and according to Your great compassion You did give them deliverers who delivered them from the hand of their oppressors. **28** “But as soon as they had rest, they did evil again before You; Therefore You did abandon them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them. When they cried again to You, You did hear from heaven, And many times You did rescue them according to Your compassion, **29** And admonished them in order to turn them back to Your law. Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to Your commandments but sinned against Your ordinances, By which if a man observes them he shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.

30 “However, You did bear with them for many years, And admonished them by Your Spirit through Your prophets, Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You did give them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. **31** “Nevertheless, in Your great compassion You did not make an end of them or forsake them, For You are a gracious and compassionate God. **32** “Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who does keep covenant and lovingkindness, Do not let all the hardship seem insignificant before You, Which has come upon us, our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and on all Your people, From the days of the kings of Assyria to this day. **33** “However, You are just in all that has come upon us; For You have dealt faithfully, but we have acted wickedly. **34** “For our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Your law Or paid attention to Your commandments and Your admonitions with which You have admonished them. **35** “But they, in their own kingdom, With Your great goodness which You did give them, With the broad and rich land which You did set before them, Did not serve You or turn from their evil deeds. **36** “Behold, we are slaves today, And as to the land which You did give to our fathers to eat of its fruit and its bounty, Behold, we are slaves on it. **37** “And its abundant produce is for the kings Whom You have set over us because of our sins; They also rule over our bodies And over our cattle as they please, So we are in great distress. **38** “**Now because of all this We are making an agreement in writing; And on the sealed document are the names of our leaders, our Levites and our priests.**”