

## Chapter 18

God's words to Aaron:

"You and your sons will be priests.

You will lead the liturgy

and carry out the duties of your priesthood.

You will have no portion of the land as your own.

I myself will be your portion.

When your sons receive the people's tithes,

they must give you for a special offering a tithe of the tithes."

Dear God, please help priests to be good and not greedy

## Chapter 19

God's words to Moses:

"Burn a red heifer and mix its ashes with water

to make holy water

for special blessings in cases of uncleanness."

Dear God, thank you for holy water.

May it protect and cleanse us

## Chapter 20

The Israelites arrived at Kadesh in the desert of Zin.

They had no water,

and complained bitterly to Moses and Aaron.

Moses and Aaron pleaded with God for help.

God told Moses to hit a rock with a branch

and in this way order the rock to give water.

Water did in fact flow when Moses hit the rock,

but through lack of faith Moses hit it twice.