

PARSHA POSTERS VERSE REFERENCE GUIDE

These posters were designed based on a close reading of the biblical text, using its imagery as inspiration. I encourage you to read the text yourself to elucidate the content of the posters, and discover the power of the language unadulterated by memory.

—Hillel Smith



בראשית • BERESHIT

And God said: “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night; and there was evening and there was morning, one day.

—Gen. 1:3-5

And God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

—Gen. 1:16-19

And God created Man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.... And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

—Gen. 1:27-31

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which God had made ...

—Gen. 3:1



נח • NOACH

And the flood was on the earth for forty days, and the waters increased and lifted the ark and raised it from the ground. And the waters strengthened and greatly increased, and the ark drifted on the surface of the water. And the waters prevailed and increased tremendously on the land, and it covered all the high mountains under the entirety of the heavens.

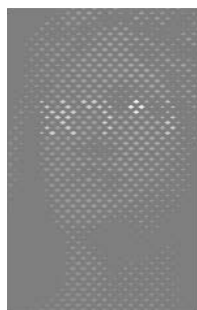
—Gen. 7:17-19



לך לך • LECH LECHA

And Avram said to Lot, “Please let there not be fighting between me and you, and between my shepherds and your shepherds, because we are brothers. All the land is before you; please separate from me. If you go left I will go right, and if you go right I will go left.”

—Gen. 13:8-9



וירא • VAYERA

And [Lot’s] wife looked behind him and she became a pillar of salt.

—Gen. 19:26



חיי שרה • CHAYEI SARA

And it was before he had finished speaking that Rivka had come out—who was born to Betuel, son of Milkah, wife of Nahor, Avraham’s brother—and her jug was on her shoulder. And the girl was very good looking, a virgin untouched by man, and she went down, filled her jug and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, “Please let me sip a little water from your jug.” “Drink, my lord,” she said, and she hurried to lower her jug to her hand and gave him a drink. And when he had finished drinking, she said, “I will also draw water for your camels until they finish drinking.” And she hurried and emptied her jug into the trough and ran to the well again to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

—Gen. 24:15-20



תולדות • TOLDOT

When her days to give birth grew full, it happened that there were twins in her womb. And the first came out reddish and hairy as a coat, and they named him Esav. And after him his brother came out, and his hand was grasping Esav's heel, and he called [the brother's] name Yaakov.

— Gen. 25:24-26



ויצא • VAYETZE

And [Yaakov] dreamt that before him was a ladder standing on the ground, and its top reached the heavens, and there were angels of God climbing up and down on it.

— Gen. 28:12



וישלח • VAYISHLACH

And it happened on the third day, when the people were in agony, two of Yaakov's sons, Shimon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, each took up their swords, and they came to the city confidently and killed every male. And they also killed Chamor and his son Shechem by the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and left.

— Gen. 34:25-26



וישב • VAYESHEV

And Yisrael loved Yosef more than all of his sons since he was a child of his old age, and he made him a colorful coat. And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all the brothers, and they hated him and they were not able to speak to him peacefully.

— Gen. 37:3-4

And Yosef's master took him and placed him in the dungeon where the king's prisoners were kept, and he remained in the dungeon.

— Gen. 39:20



מקץ • MIKETZ

And [Yosef] commanded the overseer of his house, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of each sack. And my goblet—the silver goblet—put it in the mouth of the youngest one's pack, along with the money for his food." And he did exactly as Yosef's word.

— Gen. 44:1-2



ויגש • VAYIGASH

And Yosef was not able to restrain himself in front of everyone who stood over him, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" and no one was with him when he revealed himself to his brothers. And his voice was full of sobbing, and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Yosef said to his brothers, "I am Yosef. Is my father still alive?" but his brothers were unable to answer him because they were startled before him.

— Gen. 45:1-3



ויחי • VAYECHI

And Yosef took the two of them—Efraim in his right hand to Yisrael's left, and Menasheh in his left hand to Yisrael's right—and he came close to him. And Yisrael reached out his right hand and placed it on Efraim's head though he was the younger, and his left hand on Menasheh's head; he crossed his hands since Menasheh was the firstborn.... And when Yosef saw that his father was laying his right hand on Efraim's head, it was wrong in his eyes, and he held up his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Menasheh's head. And Yosef said to his father, "Not this way, my father, for this is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head." And his father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also will become a nation, and he also will be great; but his younger brother will be greater than him, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations." And he blessed them that day, saying, "By you will Yisrael bless, saying: 'May God make you like Efraim and like Menasheh,'" and he put Efraim before Menasheh.

— Gen. 48:13-20



שמות • SHEMOT

And Moshe was shepherding the sheep of Yitro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian; and he led the sheep past the desert, and he came to the mountain of God toward Chorev. And an angel of God appeared to him in the heart of a fire from inside a thorn-bush; and he looked, and here the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

—Ex. 3:1-2



וארא • VA'ERA

And Moshe and Aharon did as God commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and struck the water in the river in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants; and all the water in the river turned to blood. And the fish that were in the river died; and the river became foul, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the river; and the blood was everywhere in Egypt.

—Ex. 7:20-21



בא • BO

And it came to pass at midnight, that God smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon; and every firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where no one died.

—Ex. 12:29-30



בשלח • BESHALACH

And Moshe stretched out his hand over the sea, and God moved the sea with a strong east wind the whole night, and He turned the sea to damp land, and the water split. And the members of Israel came into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground; and the water was a wall for them on their right and on their left.

—Ex. 14:21-22



יתרו • YITRO

And it happened on the third day when it was morning that there was thunder and lightning and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and the voice of the shofar was very powerful; and all the people in the camp trembled.

—Ex. 19:16



משפטים • MISHPATIM

And if [a man] knocks out his slave's tooth or his maidservant's tooth, he shall send him free because of the tooth.

—Ex. 21:27



תרומה • TERUMAH

And you shall make a menorah out of pure gold; the menorah shall be formed by hammering it; its base, stem, and cups, spheres, and flowers should be hammered out one piece. And six branches shall extend from its sides, three branches on one side of the menorah and three branches on the other side.

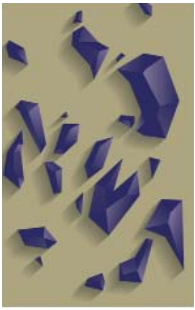
—Ex. 25:31-32



תצוה • TETZAVEH

And you shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skillful workman; like the work of the *ephod* you shall make it: of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, shall you make it... And you shall set in it stone settings, four rows of stones: a carnelian, emerald, and topaz on the first row; and the second row a carbuncle, a sapphire, and an beryl; and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row a chrysolite, and an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be enclosed in gold in their settings.

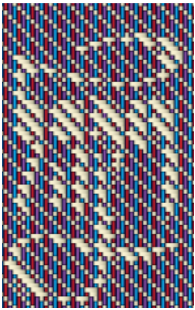
—Ex. 28:15-20



כִּי תִשָּׂא • KI TISA

And Moshe turned and descended the mountain, and the two tablets of testimony were in his hands.... And it happened that when he came close to the camp, he saw the [golden] calf and the dancing; and Moshe's anger flared, and he threw the tablets from his hands, and smashed them beneath the mountain.

—Ex. 32:15-19



וַיַּאכְהֵל • VAYAKHEL

And he made the curtain (*parochet*) of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; skillfully he made it with cherubim.... And he made a screen for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of an embroiderer.

—Ex. 36:35-37



פְּקוּדֵי • PEKUDEI

And the silver census money from the community was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels by the sanctuary standard. A *beka* per head, which was half a shekel by sanctuary standards, for every census participant of the 603,550 men over 20. And the 100 silver talents were to cast the bases for the sanctuary and the *parochet*, 100 bases for 100 talents, a talent per base. And from the 1,775 were made the hooks, caps, and inlaid hoops for the pillars, and covered their tops and banded them.

—Ex. 38:25-28



וַיִּקְרָא • VAYIKRA

And the sons of Aharon the priest shall put fire on the altar, and arrange wood on the fire.

—Lev. 1:7



צו • TZAV

And [Moshe] put the tunic on [Aharon], and wrapped him with the sash, and dressed him in the robe, and put the *ephod* on him, and he wrapped him with the band of the *ephod*, and bound him with it. And he placed the breastplate on him; and in the breastplate he put the *Urim* and the *Tumim*. And he set the turban on his head; and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as God commanded Moshe.

—Lev. 8:7-9



שְׁמִינִי • SHEMINI

And Aharon's sons Nadav and Avihu each took their fire pans, and put fire in it, and placed incense on it, and brought strange fire before God which He had not commanded them. And fire came forth from before God and devoured them, and they died before God.

—Lev. 10:1-2



תִּזְרִיעַ • TAZRIA

If a person has a white blotch, discoloration, or spot on the skin of their body, that may be *tzara'at* on his skin, he shall be brought to Aharon or to one of his descendants who are the priests. The priest shall examine the mark on the skin, and if the hair on the mark has turned white, and the mark appears to have penetrated the skin, then it is *tzara'at*, and when the priest sees it he shall declare it impure.

—Lev. 13:2-3



מצרע • METZORA

When you come to the land of Canaan, which I am giving you as a possession, and I place a lesion of *tzara'at* on a house in the land of your possession; and the one to whom the house belongs comes and tells the priest, saying, "Something like a lesion has appeared to me in the house." The priest shall order that they clear out the house, before the priest comes to look at the lesion, so that everything in the house should not become impure; after this, the priest shall come to look at the house. And he shall look at the lesion, and behold, if the lesion in the walls of the house consists of dark green or dark red sunken looking stains, appearing as if deeper than the wall, then the priest shall go out of the house to the entrance of the house, and he shall quarantine the house for seven days.

—Lev. 14:34-38



אמר • EMOR

Speak to the members of Israel saying: the 15th day of this seventh month shall be the festival of Sukkot, seven days for God... And you shall take for yourself on the first day a fruit from the beautiful tree, an unopened palm frond, and myrtle branches, and willows from the stream, and you shall rejoice before God for seven days.

—Lev. 23:34, 40



בהר • BEHAR

Speak to the members of Israel and say to them: When you come to the land that I am giving you, the land will rest, a sabbath to God. For six years you will plant your fields, and for six years you will prune your vineyards, and harvest your crops. And on the seventh year the land will have a sabbath of rest, a sabbath to God; your fields you will not plant and your vineyards you will not prune.

—Lev. 25:2-4



אחרי מות • ACHAREI MOT

And [Aharon] shall take two goats and stand them before God at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. And Aharon shall place lots upon the two goats, one lot for God, and the other lot for Azazel. And Aharon shall bring forward the goat whose lot fell for God, which he is to make into a sin offering. And the goat whose lot fell for Azazel shall be stood alive before God, to bring forgiveness with it and to send it off to the wilderness for Azazel.

—Lev. 16:7-10



בחוקתי • BECHUKOTAI

If you follow in my laws and keep my commandments; I will provide you with rain at the right time, so that the land will provide its crops and the trees of the field will give fruit... I will grant peace in the land and you will sleep without fear ... And I will walk among you, and I will be a God to you and you will be a nation to me.

—Lev. 26:3-4, 6, 12



קדשים • KEDOSHIM

And the man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. And the man who lies with his father's wife—he has uncovered his father's nakedness—both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death ...

—Lev. 20:10-12
(and continuing through 20:21)

But if you do not listen to me and do not follow my commandments ... then I will do the same to you, I will bring upon you feelings of anxiety, and also fever, destroying your vision, and making life hopeless; you will plant your crops in vain because your enemies will eat it... I will break your powerful pride, making your skies like iron and your land like brass.

—Lev. 26:14, 16, 19



במדבר • BAMIDBAR

The members of Israel shall camp by banner with the insignia of their ancestors' houses, they shall camp a specified distance from the Tent of Meeting. And those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise are the divisions of the banner of the camp Yehudah; the prince of the children of Yehudah being Nachshon the son of Aminadav.

—Num. 2:2-3



שלח • SHELACH

And Moshe sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them: "Go up here into the south, and go up into the mountains; and see the land, how it is; and the people who live there, if they are strong or weak, if they are few or many; and how the land that they dwell in is, if it is good or bad; and what are the cities that they dwell in, if in camps, or in strongholds. And how the land is, if it is fat or lean, if there is wood there or not. And be strong, and bring from the fruit of the land." ... And they came to the valley of Eshkol, and cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes from there, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; and also from the pomegranates, and from the figs.

—Num. 13:17-20, 23



נשא • NASO

Speak to the Israelites and say to them: If any man's wife is suspected of committing adultery and being false to her husband ... And the priest shall administer an oath to the woman, saying to her, "If a man has not laid with you, and you have not defiled impurity under your husband, you will be free from this bitter cursed water. But if you have become defiled ... God will make you into a curse and an oath among your people, causing your organs to rupture and your belly to distend." ... And the priest will write these curses on a document and dissolve them in the bitter waters. And he shall make the woman drink the bitter cursed waters, and the cursed waters shall begin to act.

—Num. 5:12, 19-21, 23-24



קרח • KORACH

And they assembled themselves together against Moshe and against Aharon, and said to them: "It is too much for you; because the whole congregation is holy, and God is among them; so why do you lift up yourselves above the community of God?" ... And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who were with Korach, and all their possessions. And they and all their possessions went down alive into the pit; and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the community.

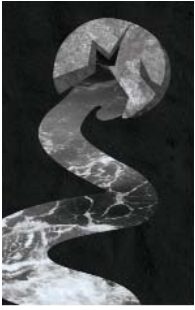
—Num. 16:3, 32-33



בהעלתך • BEHA'ALOTECHA

And on the day that the Mishkan was erected, the cloud covered the Mishkan, which was a tent for the Testimony; and at evening there was over the Mishkan the appearance of fire, until morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. And whenever the cloud went up from over the Tent, then after that the members of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the members of Israel camped.

—Num. 9:15-17



חֻקַּת • CHUKAT

And God spoke to Moshe, saying: “Take the staff, and assemble the community, you, and Aharon your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes and it will give its water; and you will bring water to them out of the rock; so you will give the community and their cattle drink.” And Moshe took the staff from before God, as He commanded him. And Moshe and Aharon gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them: “Listen, you rebels, are we to bring you water out of this rock?” And Moshe lifted up his hand, and struck the rock with his staff twice; and much water came out, and the community drank, and their cattle. And God said to Moshe and Aharon: “Because you didn’t believe in Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the members of Israel, therefore you will not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”

— Num. 20:7-12



פִּינְחָס • PINCHAS

And the daughters of Tzelafchad came close ... Machlah, Noah, and Choglah, and Milcah, and Tirtzah. And they stood before Moshe, and before Elazar the priest, and before the princes and the whole community, at the door of the Tent of Meeting, saying: “Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the group of those who gathered themselves together against God in the company of Korach, but he died of his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father disappear from among his family because he had no son? Give unto us a possession among the brethren of our father.” And Moshe brought their cause before God. And God spoke to Moshe, saying: “The daughters of Tzelafchad speak correctly: you shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father’s brethren; and you will cause their father’s inheritance to pass to them. And you will speak to the members of Israel, saying: If a man dies and has no son, then you will cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.”

— Num. 27:1-8



בַּלָּק • BALAK

And the donkey saw the angel of God, and she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam’s anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. And God opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam: “What have I done to you that you struck me these three times?” And Balaam said to the donkey: “Because you mocked me; if there were a sword in my hand, I would have killed you.” And the donkey said to Balaam: “Am not I your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I ever done this to you?” And he said: “No.” And God uncovered Balaam’s eyes, and he saw the angel of God standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face.

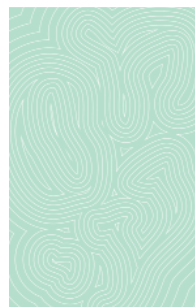
— Num. 22:27-31



מַטּוֹת • MATOT

And the members of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their children, and all their cattle and flocks and all their wealth they took as spoils.... And Moshe said to them, “Did you let every female live? Behold! It was they who caused the members of Israel, by the word of Balaam, to commit betrayal against God in the matter of Pe’or, and the plague happened in the community of God. So now kill every male among the children, and every woman fit to know a man by lying with a male, you shall kill.

— Num. 31:9, 15-17



מַסְעֵי • MASEI

These are the journeys of the members of Israel who went out from the land of Egypt by their divisions under the hand of Moshe and Aharon.

— Num. 33:1



דברים • DEVARIM

On the other side of the Jordan, Moshe began explaining this Torah, saying: The Lord our God spoke to us in Chorev, saying, enough of your dwelling by this mountain. Turn yourselves around and journey and come to the Amorite mountain and all its neighbors, in the Aravah, on the mountain, and in the lowland, and in the south, and at the coast; the Canaanite land and the Lebanon until the great river, the Euphrates River. See, I have given the land before you; come and possess the land that God swore to your forefathers, to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, to give to them and to their descendants after them.

—Deu. 1:5-8



ואתחנן • VA'ETCHANAN

And you approached and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire up to the heart of heaven, darkness, clouds, and thick gloom. And God spoke to you from within the fire; you were hearing the sound of words but you were not seeing a likeness, only a sound. He told you of His covenant that He commanded you to observe, the Ten Declarations, and He inscribed them on two stone tablets.

—Deu. 4:11-13



עקב • EKEV

And I saw and here you had sinned to the Lord your God, you made yourselves a molten calf, you strayed quickly from the way that God commanded you. And I held the two tablets and threw them from my two hands, and I smashed them before your eyes.... And I prayed to God and said, "My Lord, God, do not destroy Your people and Your heritage that You redeemed in Your greatness, that You took out of Egypt with a strong hand.

—Deu. 9:16-17, 26



ראה • RE'EH

These are the beasts that you may eat: ox, sheep, and goat; deer, and gazelle, and hartebeest, and ibex, and oryx, and aurochs, and wild sheep. And every beast with a split hoof, and has the hoof wholly split in two, and chews its cud, among the beasts, these you may eat.... These you may eat of everything that is in the water: everything that has fins and scales may you eat ... All clean birds you may eat ...

—Deu. 14:4-6, 9, 11



שפטים • SHOFTIM

One witness shall not stand against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinned; according to two witnesses, or according to three witnesses, shall a matter be established.

—Deu. 19:15



כי תצא • KI TEITZE

If a bird's nest happens to be before you, in the road, in any tree, or on the ground, fledglings or eggs, and with the mother roosting on the fledglings or on the eggs, you will not to take the mother along with the children. Send away the mother, and the children you may take for yourself, so that it will be good for you and will prolong your days.

—Deu. 22:6-7



כי תבוא • KI TAVO

And on the day that you cross the Jordan to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you will erect large stones and plaster them with plaster... And when you cross the Jordan, set up these stones that I instruct you today on Mount Ebal, and plaster them with plaster... And write on the stones all the words of this Torah in a clear script... And Moshe instructed the people on that day, saying: The ones who will stand on Mount Gerizim for the blessing of the people when you cross the Jordan will be Shimon, Levi, Yehudah, Yissachar, Yosef, and Binyamin. And these will stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuven, Gad, Asher, Zevulun, Dan, and Naftali. And the Levi'im will answer and say the following to every person of Israel in a loud voice: "Cursed is the person who ..."

—Deu. 27:2, 4, 8, 11-15



נצבים • NETZAVIM

And then the Lord your God will return your captivity and have mercy on you, and He will gather you in from all the peoples to which the Lord your God has scattered you. If your dispersed will be at the ends of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you in and from there He will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you to the land that your ancestors possessed and you shall possess it; He will do good to you and make you more numerous than your ancestors.

—Deu. 30:3-5



וילך • VAYELECH

And Moshe commanded them saying, "At the end of seven years, at the time of the *shemita* year, in the holiday of Sukkot; when all of Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place that He will choose, you shall read this Torah before all of Israel in their ears. Gather together the nation—the men, and the women, and the children, and the stranger in your gates—so that you will hear and that you will learn and be in awe of the Lord your God, and be careful to perform all of the words of this Torah. And their children who do not know, they will hear and learn to be in awe of the Lord your God all the days that you live on the ground that you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

—Deu. 31:10-13



האזינו • HA'AZINU

"Listen, heaven, and I will speak; and the land will hear the words of my mouth. My teaching will drop like rain, my speech flow like dew; like a shower on vegetation, and raindrops on grass."

—Deu. 32:1-2

And Moshe came and spoke all the words to this song in the ears of the nation, him and Hoshea son of Nun. And Moshe finished speaking all of these words to all of Israel. And he said to them, "Pay attention to these words that I warn you with today so that you will instruct your children to be careful to perform all the words of this Torah. Because it is not an empty teaching for you—it is your life—and with this word you will prolong your days on the land to which you cross the Jordan to possess.

—Deu. 32:44-47



וזאת הברכה • V'ZOT HA-B'RACHA

And Yehoshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moshe had laid his hands on him; and the members of Israel listened to him, and did as God commanded Moshe.

—Deu. 34:9