

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. <sup>3</sup>And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. <sup>4</sup>And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. <sup>5</sup>And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. <sup>6</sup>And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. <sup>7</sup>And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. <sup>8</sup>And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds. <sup>9</sup>And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not. <sup>11</sup>And Moses did so : as the LORD

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commanded him, so did he.<sup>12</sup> And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.<sup>13</sup> Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?