

The Numerical Features of the Book of Exodus

A New Approach to its Compositional Structure

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Part III Exod 19,1-20,26 The Theophany at Mount Sinai

	Text	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum-W	Sum-L	Contents Highlighted
							§1 Moses commissioned as mediator
1	Exod 19,1	12	49		12	49	
2	Exod 19,2	12	52		24	101	
3	Exod 19,3	17	65	1 1	41	166	Moses meets God on Mount Sinai.
4	Exod 19,4	13	52		54	218	
5	Exod 19,5	17	62		71	280	He must tell the people to listen to God.
6	Exod 19,6	14	54		85	334	
6	19,1-6	85 (5x17)	334		(5x17)		
							§2 The Israelites prepare to meet God
7	Exod 19,7	14	55	2	99	389	
8	Exod 19,8	17	58	3 4	116	447	The people will do whatever YHWH will.
9	Exod 19,9	26	92	2 5 6	142	539	YHWH will appear and speak to Moses.
10	Exod 19,10	12	45	3 7	154	584	
11	Exod 19,11	15+	56	8	169	640	The people must be ready the third day
12	Exod 19,12	16+	59		185	699	But they must not go up the mountain
13	Exod 19,13	21=52(2x26)	63		206	762	under penalty of feath.
14	Exod 19,14	11	38		217	800	
15	Exod 19,15	11	38		228	838	
16	Exod 19,16	21	77		249	915	
17	Exod 19,17	11	47		260	962	Until this point: 260 (10x26) words
11	19,7-17	175	628		(10x26)		
							§3 The visible manifestation of YHWH:
18	Exod 19,18	18	64	9	278	1026	The people hear God answering Moses.
19	Exod 19,19	11	46		289	1072	They are afraid and ask Moses to speak.
							Until this point: 289 (17x17) words
20	Exod 19,20	16	52	10 11	305	1124	
21	Exod 19,21	15	50	4 12 13	320	1174	
22	Exod 19,22	10	40	14 15	330	1214	
23	Exod 19,23	20	67	16	350	1281	
24	Exod 19,24	19	69	5 17 18	369	1350	
25	Exod 19,25	6	21		375	1371 S	
8	19,20-25	115	409				
							§4 YHWH promulgates the Decalogue
26	Exod 20,1	7+	28	6	382	1399 S	Introduction
27	Exod 20,2	9+	41	19	391	1440	I, YHWH, am your God who freed you,
28	Exod 20,3	7+	23		398	1463	so you shall have no other god!
29	Exod 20,4	16=39	59		414	1522	You shall not make carved images, nor
30	Exod 20,5	21	74	20	435	1596	worship them, for I am a jealous god,
31	Exod 20,6	6+	29		441	1625	but I keep faith with all who love me!
32	Exod 20,7	17+	51=3x17	21 22	458	1676 P	Do not make wrong use of my Name!
7	20,1-7	83	305				
							§5 The Sabbath law and 6 other laws
33	Exod 20,8	5+	18		463	1694	Remember to keep the Sabbath holy.
34	Exod 20,9	6+	24		469	1718	You have 6 days to do all your work, but
35	Exod 20,10	18=52+	75	23	487	1793	the 7 th day is a Sabbath of YHWH:
36	Exod 20,11	26=78	86	24 25	513	1879 S	Then nobody shall do any work!
37	Exod 20,12	15+	53	26	528	1932 S	Honour your father and your mother!
38	Exod 20,13	2=17+	6		530	1938 S	Do not commit murder!
39	Exod 20,14	2+	6		532	1944 S	Do not commit adultery!
40	Exod 20,15	2+	6		534	1950 S	Do not steal!
41	Exod 20,16	5=26	15		539	1965 S	Do not give false evidence!
42	Exod 20,17	15	54		554	2019 P	Do not covet what is your neighbour's!
10	20,8-17	96	343				The name יהוה occurs 26x in 19,1-20,17.

43	Exod 20,18	18	67		572	2086	§6 Moses is recognized as mediator
44	Exod 20,19	13	49		585	2135	
45	Exod 20,20	19	76		604	2211	
46	Exod 20,21	10	37		614	2248	P
4	20,18-21	60	229				
							§7 The law of the Altar, a cliffhanger:
47	Exodus 20,22	16+	56	7 27	630	2304	You know that God has spoken to Moses.
48	Exodus 20,23	10=26	34		640	2338	Do not worship other gods besides me!
49	Exodus 20,24	23	87		663	2425	
50	Exodus 20,25	14	52		677	2477	
51	Exodus 20,26	10	37		687	2514	P
5	20,22-26	73	266				20,1-26 312 (12x26) words
51	19,1-20,26	687	2514	27	687	2514	

Observation 1 The present delimitation is the result of weighing different options in answering the question where does the text end: at the **Petuchah** after 20,17, that is to say, at the end of the Decalogue, or at the **Petuchah** after 20,21, just before the Law of the Altar, or at 20,26 at the **Petuchah** just before the Book of the Covenant in 21-24? The logotechnical analysis of the three options did not bring to light a total number of words that are a multiple of one of the divine name numbers as in the case of **Part II**, Exod 15,22-18,16 (see there Observation 1). Therefore, I had to look for other characteristics and came to the conclusion that the present delimitation, 19,1-20,26, is correct.

The first significant feature that meets the eye in the present delimitation is the fact that the text is made up of **51** (3x17) verses, with 20,1, the introduction to the Promulgation of the Decalogue, at the mathematical centre as the most crucial statement (**51=25+1+25**)!

The decisive factor that tipped the scales in favour of the present delimitation is the fact that something new starts in 21,1, the Book of the Covenant and its Ratification, which is a distinct literary entity in its own right: Part IV Exod 21,1-24,18. This is underscored by its significant total number of words, **1462**, which is a multiple of the divine name number **17** (86x17). This definitely settles the question of the delimitation of both Part III and Part IV.

Observation 2 The Masoretic use of open spaces to demarcate subsections of the text and to draw attention to certain passages appears to be a great help in determining the general framework. In the table above I have highlighted the five **Petuchahs** and **Setumahs** that have a demarcating function; the remaining seven **Setumahs** only serve to draw attention to the relevant passages.

The divine name numbers appear to have been used to indicate certain subsections, namely 19,1-6 with **85** (5x17) words, 19,1-17 with **260** (10x26) words and **17** verses, and 19,1-19 with **289** (17x17) words. The last little passage, 19,18-19, stands out as being of crucial importance: the visible manifestation of YHWH in fire and thunder on the mountain.

Observation 3 Exodus 20, the Decalogue chapter, has **26** verses and altogether **312** (12x26) words. Here, the divine name numbers and their multiples are used to focus on certain aspects of the text, as shown by the numbers in **bold face** in the table above. The first 4 verses (20,1-4) containing the preamble to the Decalogue (1-2) and the first and second commandments (3-4) dealing with Israel's monotheistic faith, are made up of **39** words. This is certainly not simply a matter of coincidence but consciously designed to signify YHWH's *uniqueness* by means of the YHWH-*'èchad* formula **26 + 13**. In vs. 6-17 the entire text is highlighted by multiples of the divine name numbers, with special emphasis on the third commandment (with regard to God's name) which has **17** words made up of **51** (3x17) letters. This special emphasis also applies to v. 11 which stands out by having **26** words. It deals with the reason for the Sabbath commandment according to the book of Exodus: it was incorporated into the cosmic order at the creation of the world (Genesis 1). In Deuteronomy it is rooted in the Exodus event.

Observation 4 On the basis of these observations the text of Part III divides into **7** paragraphs:

- §1 19,1-6 Moses commissioned by YHWH as mediator
- §2 19,7-17 The Israelites prepare to meet God on Mount Sinai
- §3 19,18-25 The visible manifestation of YHWH in fire and thunder
- §4 20,1-7 YHWH promulgates the Decalogue: the first **3** commandments
- §5 20,8-17 The **7** remaining commandments, to begin with the Sabbath law
- §6 20,18-21 Moses recognized by the people as mediator
- §7 20,22-26 The law of the Altar.

The promulgation of the Decalogue and the first 3 commandments (§4) are positioned in pride of place at the centre. The Sabbath commandment ushers in a separate paragraph dealing with the remaining 7 commandments. By doing so, it was given prominence. Note the many references to the Sabbath in the book: 16,23.26.29; 20,8.10.11; 31,14.15.16.17; 35,2.3. The Law of the Altar in §7, 20,22-26 has clearly the function of a cliffhanger: it anticipates the Book of the Covenant in 21-24.

§§1-3 Exod 19,1-25 YHWH Appears on Mount Sinai and Communicates with Moses

1 בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁלִישִׁי לְצֵאת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה בָּאוּ מִדְבַּר סִינַי:	Narrative: 28
2 וַיִּסְעוּ מִרְפִּידִים וַיָּבֹאוּ מִדְבַּר סִינַי וַיַּחֲנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר וַיַּחֲשֹׁם יִשְׂרָאֵל נֶגֶד הַהָר:	
3 וּמוֹשֶׁה עָלָה אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו וַיְהוָה ¹ מִן־הַתֵּהוֹמֹת לֵאמֹר:	YHWH 1: 6 + 51 = 57
4 כֹּה תֹאמַר לְבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: אַתֶּם רְאִיתֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי לְמִצְרָיִם וְאֶשָּׂא אֶתְכֶם עַל־כַּנְּפֵי נְשָׁרִים וְאָבָא אֶתְכֶם אֵלָי:	
5 וְעַתָּה אִם־שָׁמַעַתְּ תִשְׁמַעוּ בְּקוֹלִי וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־בְּרִיתִי וְהָיִיתֶם לִי סֻגְלָה מִכָּל־תְּעֻמֹּת כִּי־לִי כָל־הָאָרֶץ:	
6 וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ־לִי מַמְלַכַת כֹּהֲנִים וְגוֹי קָדוֹשׁ אֱלֹהֵי הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר תְּדַבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:	
7 וַיָּבֹא מוֹשֶׁה וַיִּקְרָא לְזַקְנֵי הָעָם וַיִּשְׁם לִפְנֵיהֶם אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר צִוָּהוּ וַיְהוָה ² :	Narrative: 18
8 וַיַּעֲנוּ כָל־הָעָם וַיִּחַדּוּ וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר וַיְהוָה ³ נַעֲשֶׂה וַיִּשָּׁב מוֹשֶׁה אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הָעָם אֶל־וַיְהוָה ⁴ :	The Israelites: 1 + 5 = 6 Narrative: 7
9 וַיֹּאמֶר וַיְהוָה ⁵ אֶל־מוֹשֶׁה הֲנִי אֲנֹכִי כִּי אֵלֶיךָ בָּעֵבֶר תִּשְׁעֶן בְּעַבְדִּי וַיִּשְׁמַע הָעָם בְּדַבְרֵי עַמּוּד וְגַם־בָּרָךְ וַאֲמִינוּ לְעוֹלָם וַיַּגִּד מוֹשֶׁה אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הָעָם אֶל־וַיְהוָה ⁶ :	YHWH 2: 4 + 15 = 19 Narrative: 7
10 וַיֹּאמֶר וַיְהוָה ⁷ אֶל־מוֹשֶׁה לֵךְ אֶל־הָעָם וְקִדְשְׁתֶּם הַיּוֹם וּמָחָר וּכְבַסוּ שְׂמֹלֹתֶיךָ: וְהָיוּ נֹכְחִים לַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי	YHWH 3: 4 + 60 = 64
11 כִּי בַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי יִרְדַּ וַיְהוָה ⁸ לְעֵינֵי כָל־הָעָם עַל־הַר סִינַי: וְהִנְבִּלְתָּ אֶת־הָעָם סָבִיב לֵאמֹר	
12 הַשְּׁמַרוּ לְכֶם עֲלוֹת בְּהָר וּנְזַע בְּקִצְחוֹ כֹּל־הַנִּנְזַע בְּהָר מוֹת וּיָמָת: לֹא־תֵנַע בּוֹ יָד כִּי־סָקוֹל יִסָּקֵל אוֹ־יָרֵחַ יִיָּרֵחַ אִם־בְּהִמָּה אִם־אִישׁ לֹא יִחַדּוּ בַּמִּשְׁחָה הַיָּבֵל הַמָּה יַעֲלוּ בְּהָר:	Narrative: 11
14 וַיִּרְדַּ מוֹשֶׁה מִן־הַהָר אֶל־הָעָם וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֶת־הָעָם וַיְכַבְּסוּ שְׂמֹלֹתֶיךָ: וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָעָם הָיוּ נֹכְחִים לְשִׁלְשֶׁת יָמִים אֶל־תִּנְשׂוּ אֶל־אִשָּׁה:	Moses: 3 + 8 = 11
16 וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי בְּהִינֵת הַבְּקָר וַיְהִי קֹלֵת וּבְרָקִים וַעֲנָן כְּבֹד עַל־הַהָר וְקוֹל שִׁפָּר חֲזַק מְאֹד וַיַּחֲרֹד כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר בְּמַחֲנֵה:	Narrative: vs. 16-20
17 וַיּוֹצֵא מוֹשֶׁה אֶת־הָעָם לְקִרְיַת הָאֱלֹהִים מִן־מַחֲנֵה וַיַּתְּצֵבּוּ בְּתַחֲתֵית הַהָר:	77
18 וְהָרַסוּ סִינַי עֲשָׂן כְּלוֹ מִפְּנֵי אֲשֶׁר יָרַד עָלָיו וַיְהוָה ⁹ בְּאֵשׁ וַיַּעַל עֲשָׂנוּ כְּעֵשֶׂן הַכִּבְשָׁן וַיַּחֲרֹד כָּל־הַהָר מְאֹד:	
19 וַיְהִי קוֹל הַשּׁוֹפָר הוֹלֵךְ וְחֲזַק מְאֹד מוֹשֶׁה יִדְבֹּר וְהָאֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֵנוּ בְּקוֹל:	
20 וַיִּרְדַּ וַיְהוָה ¹⁰ עַל־הַר סִינַי אֶל־רֹאשׁ הַהָר וַיִּקְרָא וַיְהוָה ¹¹ לְמוֹשֶׁה אֶל־רֹאשׁ הַהָר וַיַּעַל מוֹשֶׁה:	YHWH 4: 4 + 21 = 25
21 וַיֹּאמֶר וַיְהוָה ¹² אֶל־מוֹשֶׁה רֵד הַעֲד בְּעָם פֶּן־יִהְרָסוּ אֶל־וַיְהוָה ¹³ לְרֹאוֹת וַנִּפְל מִפְּנֵי רֹב:	
22 וְגַם הַכֹּהֲנִים הַנִּנְשָׂים אֶל־וַיְהוָה ¹⁴ וַיִּתְקַדְּשׁוּ פֶּן־יִפְרָץ בֵּיהֶם וַיְהוָה ¹⁵ :	Moses: 4 + 16 = 20
23 וַיֹּאמֶר מוֹשֶׁה אֶל־וַיְהוָה ¹⁶ לֹא־יִכָּל הָעָם לַעֲלֹת אֶל־הַר סִינַי כִּי־אִתָּה הַעֲדָתָה בְּנֵי לֵאמֹר תִּנְבֵּל אֶת־הַהָר וְקִדְשְׁתָּו:	YHWH 5: 3 + 16 = 19
24 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו וַיְהוָה ¹⁷ לֵךְ־רֵד וְעֲלֵת אִתָּה וְאַחֲרָי עַמּוּד וְהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהָעָם אֶל־יְהִרְסוּ לַעֲלֹת אֶל־וַיְהוָה ¹⁸ פֶּן־יִפְרָץ־בָּם:	Narrative: 6
25 וַיִּרְדַּ מוֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם: ○	

§§4-7 Exod 20,1-26 The Promulgation of the Decalogue and its Impact on the People

1 וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לְאָמֹר: ׀	YHWH 6:
2 אֲנֹכִי וַהֲנִי ¹⁹ אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבְּיַת עַבְדִּים:	7 + 172 = 179
3 לֹא יִהְיֶה־לְּךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים עַל־פָּנָי:	
4 לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה־לְּךָ פֶסֶל וְכָל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בְּשָׁמַיִמוֹ מִמֶּעַל וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת	
וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ:	
5 לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי אֲנֹכִי וַהֲנִי ²⁰ אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵל קַנָּא	
פֶּקֶד עֵינַי אֶבֶת עַל־בָּנָיִם עַל־שֹׁלְשִׁים וְעַל־רַבְעִים לְשֹׁנָי:	
6 וַעֲשֵׂה חֶסֶד לְאֻלְפִים לְאֹהְבֵי וּלְשֹׁמְרֵי מִצְוֹתַי: ׀	
7 לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת־שֵׁם־וַהֲנִי ²¹ אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשׂוֹא	
כִּי לֹא יִנְקֶה וַהֲנִי ²² אֶת אֲשֶׁר־יִשָּׂא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ לְשׂוֹא: ׀	
8 זְכוֹר אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקֹדֶשׁ:	
9 שֵׁשֶׁת־יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וַעֲשִׂיתָ כָּל־מְלַאכְתֶּיךָ:	
10 וְיוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבָּתוֹ לַיהוָה ²³ אֱלֹהֶיךָ	
לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה כָּל־מְלָאכָה אַתָּה וּבִנְךָ וּבִתְּךָ	
עַבְדְּךָ וַאֲמָתְךָ וְבוֹקֶרְךָ וְגַמְלֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ:	
11 כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת־יָמִים עָשָׂה וַהֲנִי ²⁴ אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֶת־הַיָּם	
וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־בָּם וַיָּנַח בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי	
עַל־כֵּן בִּרְךָ וַהֲנִי ²⁵ אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת וַיְקַדְּשׁוּהוּ: ׀	
12 כַּבֵּד אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְךָ	
לְמַעַן יָרַכְוּךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִתֶּן לְךָ: ׀	
13 לֹא תִרְצַח: ׀	
14 לֹא תִנְאַף: ׀	
15 לֹא תִגְנֹב: ׀	
16 לֹא תַעֲנֶה בְרַעְיָךְ עַד שֹׁקֶר: ׀	
17 לֹא־תַחֲמֹד בֵּית רַעִיךָ	
לֹא תַחֲמֹד אֶשֶׁת רַעִיךָ וְעַבְדּוֹ וַאֲמָתוֹ וְשׂוֹרְוֹ	
וְחִמְלוֹ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר לְרַעִיךָ: ׀	
18 וְכָל־הָעַם רֵאִים אֶת־תְּקוּלוֹת וְאֶת־חֲלֻפֵּי־דָם וְאֶת־קוֹל	
הַשֹּׁפָר וְאֶת־הַקָּהָר עָשָׂן וַיֵּרָא הָעָם וַיִּנְעֻזוּ וַיַּעֲמִדוּ מִרְחָק:	
19 וַיֹּאמְרוּ־אֶל־מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר־אַתָּה עִמָּנוּ וְנִשְׁמָעָה וְאַל־יְדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים פֶּן־נָמוּת:	
20 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם אַל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי לִבְעֹבוֹר גִּסְוֹת	
אַתֶּם בָּא הָאֱלֹהִים וּבַעֲבוּר תִּהְיֶה וַיֵּרָא וְיִרְאתוּ עַל־פְּנֵיכֶם לְבַלְתִּי תַחֲטְאוּ:	
21 וַיַּעֲמֵד הָעָם מִרְחָק וּמֹשֶׁה נָגַשׁ אֶל־הָעַרְפֶּל אֲשֶׁר־שָׁם הָאֱלֹהִים: ׀	
22 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה כֹּה תֹאמַר אֶל־בְּנֵי	
יִשְׂרָאֵל אַתֶּם רֵאִיתֶם כִּי מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם דִּבַּרְתִּי עִמָּכֶם:	
23 לֹא תַעֲשׂוּן אֵתִי אֱלֹהֵי כֶסֶף וְאֵתִי זָהָב לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם:	
24 מִזְבַּח אֲדָמָה תַעֲשֶׂה־לִּי וְזִבְחֶתָּ עָלָיו אֶת־עֹלֹתֶיךָ	
וְאֶת־שְׁלֵמֶיךָ אֶת־בָּאֲנֶה וְאֶת־בְּקָרְךָ	
בְּכָל־הַמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אֲזַכִּיר אֶת־שְׁמִי אָבֹא אֵלֶיךָ וּבִרְכִיתֶיךָ:	
25 וְאִם־מִזְבַּח אֲבָנִים תַעֲשֶׂה־לִּי לֹא־תִבְנֶה אֶתְּהֵן גֹּזֵית	
כִּי חֲרַבְתָּ הַנֶּפֶת עָלֶיהָ וְתַחֲלִלָה:	
26 וְלֹא־תַעֲלֶה בְּמַעֲלַת עַל־מִזְבְּחִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹתֶיךָ עָלָיו: ׀	
	Narrative:
	18
	The Israelites: 3 + 10 = 13
	Moses:
	4 + 15 = 19
	Narrative: 10
	YHWH 7:
	4 + 69 = 73

Observation 5 The 26 verses of Chapter 20 are made up of 312 (12x26) words. In both chapters taken together, there are 51 (3x17) verses and 7 divine speeches. The name יהוה occurs, most significantly, in the following way: 26x in the section dealing with the theophany on Mount Sinai (19,1-20,17) where it 'seals' these events and signifies the presence of YHWH symbolically, and 1x in the Law

of the Altar (20,22-26), where it is the prelude to the presence of YHWH in the Book of the Covenant. This single instance together with the **16** instances of the divine name in Part IV, brings the total to **17x**, linking Part III, 19,1-20,26, and Part IV, 21,1-24,18 inextricably together.

Overview of the Narratives and the Speeches by YHWH, Moses, and the Israelites

Chapters	Narratives	YHWH	Moses	Israelites
19,1-25	28 18 7 7 11 77 <u>6</u> 154	$6 + 51 = 57$ $4 + 15 = 19$ $4 + 60 = 64$ $4 + 21 = 25$ $3 + 16 = 19$ $21 + 163 = 184$	$3 + 8 = 11$ $4 + 16 = 20$ $7 + 24 = 31$	$1 + 5 = 6$
20,1-26	18 <u>10</u> 28	$7 + 172 = 179$ $4 + 69 = 73$ $11 + 241 = 252$	$4 + 15 = 19$	$3 + 10 = 13$
51 verses	182 (7x26)	$32 + 404 = 436$	$11 + 39 = 50$	$4 + 15 = 19$

Observation 6 In Chapter 19, YHWH's first speech consists of **51** (3×17) words. Moreover, YHWH and Moses speak altogether **187** (11×17) words ($163 + 24$), which demonstrates the strong focus on the *communication* between YHWH and Moses during the events of the theophany. On the other hand, the *events themselves* are specifically focussed on by the fact that the author/editor used altogether **182** (7×26) words in the narrative sections of the text as a whole. In Chapter 20, there is, remarkably enough, nothing significant about the dialogues.