

The Numerical Features of the Book of Exodus

A New Approach to its Compositional Structure

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Part VI Exod 32,1-34,35 The Golden Calf Drama at Mount Sinai

Being positioned between the two correctly delimited Tabernacle passages, the borders of 32-34 are undisputed. However, this does not hold true for its general framework. Since there is in this respect no consensus among biblical scholars, I shall cut the Gordian knot and simply follow the Masoretic indications of **P** and **S** to locate the seams in the text, as I have done in the Tabernacle passages.

As a consequence of this, the text divides into **3** main sections, which coincide with the chapter division, and **8** paragraphs (in the pattern **3 + 3 + 2**) coinciding with the material content. Most interestingly, as in Parts I, III, and V (series of **7**), and VII (stereotyped formulae), the divine speeches here also play a structuring role. They occur in the following pattern that shapes the text: **14=3+7+4** with the **7** speeches in pride of place at the centre, the intercession of Moses for the Israelites:

- Section 1 32,1-35 **The Golden Calf Drama: the Covenant Broken** 3 Divine Speeches
- §1 Aaron makes a molten calf to serve as a god to lead the people
 - §2 YHWH wants to punish them, but Moses pleads for mercy
 - §3 Moses destroys the stone tablets as well as the molten calf
- Section 2 33,1-23 **The Intercession of Moses for the Israelites** 7 Divine Speeches
- §4 YHWH's Presence with the Israelites
 - §5 Moses YHWH's spokesman and his mediator
 - §6 YHWH's Glory revealed to Moses
- Section 3 34,1-35 **New Stone Tablets: the Renewal of the Covenant** 4 Divine Speeches
- §7 New stone tablets and a new covenant
 - §8 YHWH speaks to Moses: his shining face

Overview in Terms of Words, Letters, Divine Speeches and the Divine Name

Verses highlighted by **17** and **26** are in **bold face** and the speeches are numbered 1 and 2.

	Text	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum-W	Contents
						§1 Aaron makes a molten calf to serve as a god.
1	Exod 32,1	34+	117		34 (2x17)	The people urge Aaron: Make gods for us and let us depart!
2	Exod 32,2	13+	59		47	Aaron orders them: Bring your gold rings to me.
3	Exod 32,3	11+	44		58	The people comply with his command and Aaron makes
4	Exod 32,4	16+	68		74	a molten calf. They say: "Israel, these are your gods!"
5	Exod 32,5	11=85	45	1	85 (5x17)	Aaron builds an altar for a feast for YHWH the next day.
6	Exod 32,6	12/97	54/387		97 P	The people bring offerings and engage in festive revelry.
						§2 YHWH wants to punish them; Moses pleads for mercy
7	Exod 32,7	13	43	2 1	110	
8	Exod 32,8	22	86		132	
9	Exod 32,9	13	42	3 2	145	
10	Exod 32,10	11+	43		156(6x26)	Let me put an end to them and make you a great nation!
11	Exod 32,11	20+	76	5	176	Moses: Why pour out your anger against your people?
12	Exod 32,12	20=51	82		196	Don't let the Egyptians think you want to kill them!
13	Exod 32,13	25	107		221 13x17	
14	Exod 32,14	8/132	30/509	6	229 P	

						§3 Moses destroys the tablets and the calf
15	Exod 32,15	17	63		246	Moses returns holding the two stone tablets.
16	Exod 32,16	11	45		257	
17	Exod 32,17	12	45		269	
18	Exod 32,18	13+	50		282	Moses interprets the uproar as the sound of singing.
19	Exod 32,19	20+	71		302	He sees the calf and shatters the stone tablets,
20	Exod 32,20	19=52	63		321	burns and grounds the calf, scatters it on the water.
21	Exod 32,21	14+	45		335	Moses rebukes Aaron for letting the people sin.
22	Exod 32,22	13+	40		348	Aaron holds the people responsible for their sin: they
23	Exod 32,23	21+	74		369	demanded gods, thinking Moses disappeared.
24	Exod 32,24	12+	47		381	So they gathered gold and this bull-calf appeared!
25	Exod 32,25	12+	41		393	Moses realizes that the people are out of control;
26	Exod 32,26	13=85	50	7	406	He invites pro-YHWH men: the Levites rally to him.
27	Exod 32,27	27	99	8	433	
28	Exod 32,28	13	47		446	
29	Exod 32,29	14	57	9	460	
30	Exod 32,30	18	70	10	478	
31	Exod 32,31	15+	53	11	493	Moses returns to YHWH intending to intercede:
32	Exod 32,32	11=26	38		504	"Please forgive them, or blot out my name instead!"
33	Exod 32,33	10+	34	12 3	514	
34	Exod 32,34	18+	67		532	
35	Exod 32,35	12=40/315	37/1136	13	544 S	
	32,1-35	544	2031	13x		544 words (32x17)
						§4 YHWH's Presence with the Israelites
36	Exod 33,1	23+	92	14 4	567	YHWH wants Israel to set out for the promised land.
37	Exod 33,2	11+	56		578	He will send an Angel to drive out the inhabitants.
38	Exod 33,3	17=51	51		595 ^{35x17}	He himself shall not accompany them to that land.
39	Exod 33,4	12	44		607	
40	Exod 33,5	25	90	15 2	632	
41	Exod 33,6	7	28		639	
42	Exod 33,7	26	90	16	665	Moses sets the Tent up for Communication with God.
43	Exod 33,8	18	65		683	
44	Exod 33,9	13	46		696	
45	Exod 33,10	16	54		712	
46	Exod 33,11	24/192	83/699	17	736 S	
						§5 Moses YHWH's spokesman and mediator
47	Exod 33,12	27+	93	18	763	Moses reminds YHWH of his promise to him and asks
48	Exod 33,13	20+	72		783	him to teach him his ways for the benefit of Israel.
49	Exod 33,14	5=52	20	5 2	788	YHWH shall go himself: he sets Moses' mind at rest.
50	Exod 33,15	9	33		797	
51	Exod 33,16	21/82	80/298		818 P	
						§6 YHWH's glory revealed to Moses*
52	Exod 33,17	17	57	19 4	835	Moses finds favour: YHWH knows him by name.
53	Exod 33,18	5	18		840	Moses wants to see YHWH's glory.
54	Exod 33,19	19	71	20 5	859	YHWH proclaims his name and what it stands for:
55	Exod 33,20	11+	36	6 2	870	Gracious is he to whom he shall be gracious.
56	Exod 33,21	8+	30	21 7	878	Moses must stand on a rock, from which he can
57	Exod 33,22	11+	45		889	experience YHWH's glory and see his back.
58	Exod 33,23	9=39/80	32/289		898 S	289 (17x17) 39 = 26 + 13 = YHWH-'echad.
	33,1-23	354	1640	8x		*Note the high density of the divine speeches!

						§7 New stone tablets and a new covenant
59	Exod 34,1	22	83	22 1	920	
60	Exod 34,2	14	46		934	
61	Exod 34,3	19	59		953	
62	Exod 34,4	21	80	23	974	
63	Exod 34,5	9+	35	24 25	983	YHWH appears in a cloud and proclaims his name which
64	Exod 34,6	15+	56	2 26-28	998	stands for compassion, grace, long-suffering, steadfast love,
65	Exod 34,7	22+	78		1020	truth, faithfulness, forgiveness, punishment for the guilty.
66	Exod 34,8	5=51	22		1025	Moses bows to the ground and prostrates himself.
67	Exod 34,9	20	80		1045	
68	Exod 34,10	33	113	29 3	1078	
69	Exod 34,11	17+	71		1095	YHWH urges Moses to observe the commandments,
70	Exod 34,12	15+	53		1110	not to make an alliance with the inhabitants, but to
71	Exod 34,13	10+	43		1120	destroy their altars, sacred pillars, and poles.
72	Exod 34,14	12+	36	30	1132	Do not worship any other god: YHWH is jealous!
73	Exod 34,15	14+	61		1146	Once again: avoid any alliance with the inhabitants.
74	Exod 34,16	12+	56		1158	Do not marry their children: they'll lead you astray.
75	Exod 34,17	5=85	16		1163	You shall not make yourselves gods of cast metal!
76	Exod 34,18	18	71		1181	
77	Exod 34,19	10+	30		1191	All male animal firstlings belong to YHWH.
78	Exod 34,20	16=26	58		1207	Buy back donkey firstlings and your male first-borns.
79	Exod 34,21	9	41		1216	
80	Exod 34,22	11+	43		1227	Observe the Feasts of Weeks and Ingathering.
81	Exod 34,23	12+	45	31	1239	Let all males appear 3 times a year before YHWH.
82	Exod 34,24	21+	82	32	1260	YHWH shall drive out the indigenous peoples.
83	Exod 34,25	12+	37		1272	Do not offer blood with anything leavened.
84	Exod 34,26	12=68/386	47/1442	33	1284	P Bring your firstfruits; cook no kid in its mother's milk.
						§8 YHWH speaks to Moses: his shining face
85	Exod 34,27	19	66	34 4	1303	
86	Exod 34,28	22	81	35	1325	
87	Exod 34,29	22	74		1347	
88	Exod 34,30	14+	52		1361	Aaron and the Israelites are afraid of the divine glow
89	Exod 34,31	12=26	50		1373	on Moses' face; yet he calls them and speaks to them.
90	Exod 34,32	15	50	36	1388	
91	Exod 34,33	8	28		1396	
92	Exod 34,34	19	66	37	1415	
93	Exod 34,35	21/152	67/534		1436	S
	34,1-35	538	1976	16x		1976 letters (76x26)
	32,1-34,35	1436	5294			

Observation 1 Most significantly the very first verse of Chapter 32 is made up of **34** (2x**17**) words, which sets the tone for the entire passage as a numerical composition imbued with number symbolism, particularly the use of the divine name numbers signifying YHWH's presence in the events described. This is underlined by the fact that the first five verses have **85** (5x**17**) words. Note also that the chapter is made up of precisely **544** (32x**17**) words! Number symbolism also plays a role in the use of **12** words in 32,6 to describe that **all 12 tribes** accepted the golden calf as their god and that they gave themselves up in festive revelry.

Moreover, in 32,4 where the author describes the reaction of the people to the emergence of the golden calf: "*Israel, these are your gods that brought you up from Egypt!*", he uses precisely **68** (4x**17**) letters. The symbolism of this meticulously designed formulation (repeated in 32,8) is to assert that even in a situation where YHWH is renounced and exchanged for an idol he is still present.

This idea reverberates in Ps. 106,19-20, a strophe consisting of 12 words with **51** (3x**17**) letters!

Further significant numerical features of Chapter 32 will be described below in connection with the analysis of the narrative sections and the speeches.

Observation 2 Chapter 33 stands out with its 7 divine speeches which occur in a high density with no less than four in the last seven verses (17-23). This section is designed with great skill so as to let it have exactly 289 (17x17) letters, very fittingly seeing the contents: the revelation to Moses of some of YHWH's distinct qualities for which his name stands. This happens to be a prelude to the proclamation of the meaning of God's name in 34,6-7.

When it comes to the use of a specific, intentionally designed, number of letters, note that the crucial passage in 33,17-23, the watershed in the history of Israel's idolatry, is made up of exactly 289 (17x17) letters and that Chapter 34 has 1976 (76x26) letters! Two other sections of the text are highlighted by the use of the divine name numbers: 33,1-3, YHWH's oath sworn to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give them a land of their own and to drive out the peoples living there: 51 (3x17) words, and 33,12-14, YHWH's promise to Moses that his Presence will go with him and will give him rest: 52 (2x26) words.

Observation 3 In Chapter 34 no less than five sections are numerically highlighted:

- First, 34,5-8, with 51 (3x17) words, YHWH's proclamation of his name and the revelation of the distinct qualities for which his name stands.
- Second, 34,11-17, with 85 (5x17) words, YHWH orders Moses to keep the commandments regarded as crucial for the Israelites as YHWH's covenant people, particularly those relating to the relationship between Israel and the indigenous peoples.
- Third, 34,19-20, with 26 words, the bringing of the firstlings, except that of an ass (which must be bought back with a lamb) and except the first-born sons, who must also be bought back.
- Fourth, 34,22-26, with 68 (4x17) words, the commandment to observe the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Ingathering, and to see to it that all males appear three times a year before YHWH.
- Fifth, 34, 30-31, with 26 words, about how the divine glow on Moses' face was experienced by Aaron and the Israelites.

The name Moses occurs 42x. Together with the 36 instances in Part VII, it occurs 78x (3x26) in 32-40.

Section 1 Exod 32,1-35 The Golden Calf Drama: the Covenant Broken

<p>1 וַיִּרְא הָעָם כִּי־בָשַׁשׁ מֹשֶׁה לָרֶדֶת מִן־הָהָר וַיִּקְהַל הָעָם עַל־אֶהָרֹן וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו קוּמֹם עֲשֵׂה־לָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר נִלְכְּוּ לְפָנֵינוּ כִּי־זָהוּ מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֵנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מִה־הָיָה לוֹ: 2 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אֶהָרֹן פָּרְקוּ גִזְמֵי הַזֹּהָב אֲשֶׁר בְּאָזְנֵי נְשִׁיכֶם בְּנִיכֶם וּבְנֹתֵיכֶם וְהָבִיאוּ אֵלָי: 3 וַיִּתְפָּרְקוּ כָּל־הָעָם אֶת־גִּזְמֵי הַזֹּהָב אֲשֶׁר בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם וַיָּבִיאוּ אֶל־אֶהָרֹן: 4 וַיִּקַּח מִיָּדָם וַיַּצַּר אֹתוֹ בְּהַרְשׁ וַיַּעֲשֶׂהוּ עֹגֶל מִסַּכָּה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֵנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: 5 וַיִּרְא אֶהָרֹן וַיִּבֶן מִזְבֵּחַ לְפָנָיו וַיִּקְרָא אֶהָרֹן וַיֹּאמֶר תֵּן לַיהוָה מִקְרָב: 6 וַיִּשְׁכְּמוּ מִמַּחֲרָת וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת וַיִּנְשְׂאוּ שְׁלָמִים וַיִּשֶׁב הָעָם לֶאֱכֹל וְשָׂתוּ וַיִּקְמוּ לַצַּחֲקִים: 7 וַיִּדְבַּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר כִּי־שָׁחַת עַמְּךָ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֵיתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: 8 כִּי־רָו מְהֵרָה מִן־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתָם עֲשׂוּ לָהֶם עֹגֶל מִסַּכָּה וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ־לוֹ וַיִּזְבְּחוּ־לוֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֵנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: 9 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה רְאֵיתִי אֶת־הָעָם הַזֶּה וְהִנֵּה עִם־קִשְׁת־עֶרְפָּה הוּא: 10 וַעֲתָה הִנֵּיחָה לִּי וַיַּחֲרֹאֲפֵי בָהֶם וְאָכְלִים וַאֲעֲשֶׂה אוֹתָהּ לְגֹי גְדוֹל: 11 וַיִּתַּל מֹשֶׁה אֶת־פָּנָיו יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו וַיֹּאמֶר לְמָה יְהוָה יַחֲרֶה אַפְּךָ בְּעַמְּךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּכַח גְּדוֹל וּבְגֵד חֲזָקָה: 12 לְמָה יֹאמְרוּ מִצְרַיִם לֵאמֹר בְּרַעַה הוֹצִיאָם לְהַרְגֵם אַתֶּם בְּהָרִים וְלִכְלֹתָם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה שׁוֹב מִחֲרֹן אַפְּךָ וְהִנָּחֵם עַל־הַרְעָה לְעַמְּךָ: 13 זָכֹר לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיִשְׂרָאֵל עַבְדֶּיךָ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לָהֶם בְּךָ וַתִּדְבַּר אֲלֵהֶם אַרְבָּה אֶת־זַרְעֲכֶם כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם</p>	<p>Narrative: 12 Israelites: 2 + 20 = 22 } 34 (2x17)</p> <p>Aaron: 3 + 10 = 13</p> <p>Narrative: 19 Israelites: 1 + 7 = 8</p> <p>Narrative: 5 Aaron: 3 + 3 = 6 } 17 Narrative: 12</p> <p>YHWH: 1 4 + 31 = 35 31 + 20 = 51 (3x17)</p> <p>YHWH: 2 4 + 20 = 24</p> <p>Narrative: 6 Moses: 1 + 58 = 59</p>
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וְכָל-הָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי אֵתֶן לְיָרֵעְכֶם וְנָחֳלוּ לְעַלְמִים:

14 וַיִּנָּחֶם יְהוָה עַל-הַרְעָה אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר לַעֲשׂוֹת לְעַמּוּן: **8**

15 וַיִּפֶן וַיַּרְדּוּ מֹשֶׁה מִן-הָהָר וּשְׁנֵי לַחַת הָעֵדוּת בְּיָדוֹ לַחַת כְּתָבִים מְשֻׁנֵּי עִבְרִיָּהֶם מִזֶּה וּמִזֶּה הֵם כְּתָבִים:

16 וְהַלַּחַת מַעֲשֵׂה אֱלֹהִים הַמָּזָה וְהַמְּכֻתָּב מִכְּתָב אֱלֹהִים הוּא חֲרוּת עַל-הַלַּחַת:

17 וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-קוֹל הָעָם בְּרַעֲה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-מֹשֶׁה קוֹל מִלְחָמָה בְּמַחְנֶה:

18 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵין קוֹל עֲנֹת וּבִזְרָה וְאֵין קוֹל עֲנֹת חַלוּשָׁה קוֹל עֲנֹת אֲנָכִי שְׁמַע:

19 וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר קָרַב ¹ אֶל-הַמַּחְנֶה וַיִּרְא ² אֶת-הַעֲגֹל וּמַחְלָת וַיִּחַר ³ אַף מֹשֶׁה וַיִּשְׁלַח ⁴ מִיָּדוֹ אֶת-הַלַּחַת וַיִּשְׁבֵּר ⁵ אֹתָם תַּחַת הָהָר: reaction to the shocking scene. The

20 וַיִּקְחָ ⁶ אֶת-הַעֲגֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ וַיִּשְׂרַף ⁷ בָּאֵשׁ וַיִּטְחֶן ⁸ עַד אֲשֶׁר-דָּק וַיִּזְר ⁹ עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם וַיִּשַׁק ¹⁰ אֶת-בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: 10 acts hint at the Ten Commandments:

21 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-אֶהֱרֹן מַה-עָשִׂה לָּךְ הָעָם הַזֶּה כִּי-הִבְאֵת עָלָיו חֲטָאָה גְדֹלָה:

22 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶהֱרֹן אֶל-יִחִיר אֵף אֲדִינִי אֶתְּךָ יָדַעַת אֶת-הָעָם כִּי בָרַע הוּא:

23 וַיֹּאמְרוּ לִי עֲשֵׂה-לָנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר יִלְכוּ לִפְנֵינוּ כִּי-זָהוּ מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֵנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מַה-הָיָה לוֹ:

24 וַאֲמַר לָהֶם לִמְנוּ זָהָב הַחֲפָרָקוּ וַיִּהְיוּ לִי וְאֶשְׁלַכְהוּ בָאֵשׁ וַיֵּצֵא הַעֲגֹל הַזֶּה:

25 וַיִּרְא מֹשֶׁה אֶת-הָעָם כִּי פָרַע הוּא כִּי-פָרַעַה אֶהֱרֹן לְשִׁמְצָה בְּקַמְיָהֶם:

26 וַיַּעֲמֵד מֹשֶׁה בְּשַׁעַר הַמַּחְנֶה וַיֹּאמֶר מִן לִיהוָה אֵלָי וַיִּאֲסְפוּ אֵלָיו כָּל-פְּגִי לִוִּי:

27 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שִׁמוּ אִישׁ-חַרְבּוֹ עַל-יָרְכוֹ עִבְרוּ וְשׁוּבוּ מִשַׁעַר לְשַׁעַר בְּמַחְנֶה וְהָרְגוּ אִישׁ-אֶת-אָחִיו וְאִישׁ אֶת-דֻּעָהוּ וְאִישׁ אֶת-קָרְבוֹ:

28 וַיַּעֲשׂוּ בְנֵי-לֵוִי כְּדִבְרַר מֹשֶׁה וַיַּפֵּל מִן-הָעָם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כֶּשֶׁלֶשֶׁת אֲלָפֵי אִישׁ:

29 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מֵלֹאזִי יָדְכֶם הַיּוֹם לִיהוָה כִּי אִישׁ בִּבְנֵוֹ וּבְאָחִיו וְלַתַּת עֲלֵיכֶם הַיּוֹם בְּרַכָּה:

30 וַיְהִי מִמַּחְרַת וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעָם אַתֶּם חֲטָאתֶם חֲטָאָה גְדֹלָה וְעַתָּה אֲעַלֶּה אֶל-יְהוָה אוֹלִי אֲכַפְרָה בְּעַד חֲטָאתְכֶם:

31 וַיִּשָּׁב מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי חָטָא הָעָם הַזֶּה חֲטָאָה גְדֹלָה וַיַּעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם אֱלֹהֵי זָהָב:

32 וְעַתָּה אִם-תִּשָּׂא חֲטָאתָם וְאִם-אֵין מַחְנֵי נָא מִסְפָּרָה אֲשֶׁר כְּתָבְתָ:

33 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה מִי אֲשֶׁר חֲטָא לִי אִמְחַנּוּ מִסְפָּרָי:

34 וְעַתָּה לָדָד נָתַתְּ אֶת-הָעָם אֵל אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לָךְ הִנֵּה מִלְאֲכֵי יָלָד לִפְנֶיךָ וּבְנֵים פְּקָדֵי וּפְקָדֵי עֲלֵיהֶם חֲטָאתָם:

35 וַיִּזְכֹּר יְהוָה אֶת-הָעָם עַל אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ אֶת-הַעֲגֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה אֶהֱרֹן: **8**

V. 14 Narrative: 8
Vs. 15-17a
34 (2x17)

Joshua: 3 + 3 = 6
Moses: 1 + 12 = 13
The 12 words hint at the 12 tribes.

Narrative: 39:
V. 19 **9a + 11b = 20**
V. 20 **11a + 8b = 19**
(39 = 17 + 22)
Moses: 4 + 10 = 14
Aaron: 2 + 44 = 46

Narrative: 21 (12+4+5)
Moses: 1 + 3 = 4
2 + 25 = 27

Narrative: 13
Moses: 2 + 12 = 14
Moses: 4 + 12 = 16
Narrative: 6 (2+4)
Moses: 1 + 21 = 22
YHWH: 3
4 + 24 = 28
Narrative: 12
Total vs. 1-35 **187 (11x17)**

Overview of the Narratives and the Speeches in Chapter 32

Narratives	YHWH's 3 Speeches	Speeches by Moses/Joshua	Speeches by Aaron/Israelites
12		1 + 58 = 59	2 + 20 = 22 Israelites
19		1 + 12 = 13	3 + 10 = 13 Aaron
5+		4 + 10 = 14	1 + 7 = 8 Israelites
26 { 12=17	4 + 31 = 35	1 + 3 = 4	3 + 3 = 6 Aaron
		2 + 25 = 27	2 + 44 = 46 Aaron
6	51 (3x17)	2 + 12 = 14	
8		4 + 12 = 16	
34	24	1 + 21 = 22	
39		16 + 153 = 169 (153=9x17)	
21+	52(2x26)	3 + 3 = 6 Joshua	
13=34+			
6+			
12=52			
187 (11x17)	12 + 75 = 87	19 + 156 = 175 (156=6x26)	11 + 84 = 95

Observation 4 The narrative sections stand out with their **187** (11x17) words in total, significantly divided as shown in the table. This also holds true for the **87** words devoted to YHWH's speaking and for the **153** (9x17) words spoken by Moses and the **156** (6x26) spoken by him and by Joshua.

Section 2 33,1-23 The Intercession of Moses for the Israelites

<p>1 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵךְ עִלָּה מִזֶּה אֲתָה וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר הָעֲלִיתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלַיַּעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר לְזֶרְעֶךָ אֶחְנֶנּוּ:</p> <p>2 וְשַׁלַּחְתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ מַלְאָךְ וְגִרְשָׁתִי אֶת־הַכְּנַעֲנִי הָאֹמְרִי וְהַחֲתִי וְהַפְרִזִי וְהַחֲוִי וְהַיְבוּסִי:</p> <p>3 אֶל־אֶרֶץ זִבְתַּת חֶלֶב וּדְבָשׁ כִּי לֹא אֲעִלֶּה בְּקִרְבְּךָ כִּי עִם־קִשְׁה־עֵרֶף אֲתָה פֶן־אֲכַלֶּךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ:</p> <p>4 וַיִּשְׁמַע הָעָם אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַרָע הַזֶּה וַיַּחֲאֲבֻלוּ וְלֹא־שָׁתוּ אִישׁ עֲדוּי עֲלוּי:</p> <p>5 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אֹמֵר אֶל־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אַתֶּם עִם־קִשְׁה־עֵרֶף הִנֵּע אֶתֶּךָ אֲשֶׁלֶּה בְּקִרְבְּךָ וְכִלִּיתִיךָ וְעַתָּה הוֹרֵד עֲדוּיךָ מֵעֲלִיךָ וְאֲדַעַה מָה אֲעֲשֶׂה לָּךְ:</p> <p>6 וַיַּתְנַצְּלוּ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־עֲדוּיָם מִתֵּר חוֹרֵב:</p> <p>7 וּמֹשֶׁה יָקַח אֶת־הָאֶהָל וּנְטָה לְוַי מִחוּץ לַמַּחֲנֶה הַרְחִיק מִן־הַמַּחֲנֶה וַקְרָא לוֹ אֶהָל מוֹעֵד וְהָיָה כָּל־מִבְקֵשׁ יְהוָה יֵצֵא אֶל־אֶהָל מוֹעֵד אֲשֶׁר מִחוּץ לַמַּחֲנֶה:</p> <p>8 וְהָיָה כִּצְאֹת מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָאֶהָל יָקוּמוּ כָּל־הָעָם וְנִצְבּוּ אִישׁ פֶּתַח אֶהָלוֹ וְהִבִּיטוּ אַחֲרַי מִשָּׁה עַד־בָּאוּ הָאֶהָלָה:</p> <p>9 וְהָיָה כִּבְּאֵ מֹשֶׁה הָאֶהָלָה יָרַד עִמּוֹד הָעֲנָן וְעָמַד פֶּתַח הָאֶהָל וַדַּבֵּר עִם־מֹשֶׁה:</p> <p>10 וַרְאֵה כָּל־הָעָם אֶת־עִמּוֹד הָעֲנָן עֹמֵד פֶּתַח הָאֶהָל וְקָם כָּל־הָעָם וַהֲשִׁתַּחוּוּ אִישׁ פֶּתַח אֶהָלוֹ:</p> <p>11 וַדַּבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה פָּנִים אֶל־פָּנִים כַּאֲשֶׁר יִדְבֹר אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ וְשָׁב אֶל־הַמַּחֲנֶה וּמִשְׁרָתוֹ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נוּן נָעַר לֹא יָמִישׁ מִחוּץ הָאֶהָל: ^o</p> <p>12 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־יְהוָה רְאֵה אֲתָה אֹמֵר אֵלַי הֲעַל אֶת־הָעָם הַזֶּה וְאַתָּה לֹא הוֹדַעְתָּנִי אֶת אֲשֶׁר־תִּשְׁלַח עִמִּי וְאַתָּה אֹמְרָתִי יִדְעִתִּיךָ בְּשֵׁם וְגַם־מִצְאָת חַן בְּשֵׁנִי:</p> <p>13 וְעַתָּה אִם־נָא מִצְאָתִי חַן בְּשֵׁנִיךָ הוֹדַעְנִי נָא אֶת־דְּרָכְךָ וְאֲדַעַךְ לְמַעַן אֲמַצְאֶחֶן בְּשֵׁנֶיךָ וִירָאָה כִּי עָמַד הַגּוֹי הַזֶּה:</p> <p>14 וַיֹּאמֶר פָּנֵי יִלְכוּ וְהַנַּחְתִּי לָּךְ:</p> <p>15 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אִם־אֵין פְּנִיךָ הַלְכִים אֶל־תִּשְׁלַח מִנְּהָ:</p> <p>16 וּבִמְהֵרָה יוֹדַע אֲפֹא כִּי־מִצְאָתִי חַן בְּשֵׁנֶיךָ אֲנִי וְעָמַד הַלֹּא בְּלִכְתֶּךָ עִמּוֹנוּ וְנִפְלִינֵנוּ אֲנִי וְעָמַד מִכָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה: ^o</p> <p>17 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה נָם אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ אֲעֲשֶׂה כִּי־מִצְאָת חַן בְּשֵׁנֶי וְאֲדַעַךְ בְּשֵׁם:</p> <p>18 וַיֹּאמֶר הֲרֵאֵנִי נָא אֶת־כְּבֹדְךָ:</p> <p>19 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי אֲעִבֵר כָּל־טוֹבֵי עַל־פְּנֶיךָ וְקִרְאתִי בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה לְפָנֶיךָ וְהַנַּחְתִּי אֶת־אֲשֶׁר אֲחֹן וְרַחֲמִתִּי אֶת־אֲשֶׁר אֲרַחֵם:</p> <p>20 וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא תוּכַל לְרַאֵת אֶת־פָּנַי כִּי לֹא־יִרְאֵנִי הָאָדָם וְחִי:</p> <p>21 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה הִנֵּה מְקוֹם אֲתִי וְנִצַּבְתָּ עַל־הַצּוּר:</p> <p>22 וְהָיָה בְּעֵבֶר כְּבֹדִי וְשָׁמַתִּיךָ בְּנִקְרַת הַצּוּר וְשָׁכַתִּי כַּפִּי עָלֶיךָ עַד־עֲבָרִי:</p> <p>23 וְהִסַּרְתִּי אֶת־פְּנֵי יְרֵאִת אֶת־אֲחֵרַי וּפְנֵי לֹא יִרְאוּ: ^o</p>	<p>YHWH: 4 4 + 47 = 51 (3x17)</p> <p>Narrative: 12 YHWH: 2 4 + 21 = 25 <u>Vs. 1-5</u> 47+21=68 (4x17) spoken by YHWH</p> <p><u>Vs. 6-11</u> Narrative: 104 (4x26)</p> <p>Moses: 4 + 43 = 47</p> <p>YHWH: 1 + 4 = 5 3 Moses: 2 + 28 = 30</p> <p><u>Vs. 14-17</u> YHWH speaks 17 words. YHWH: 4 4 + 13 = 17</p> <p>Moses: 1 + 4 = 5 YHWH: 5 1 + 18 = 19 6 1 + 10 = 11</p> <p>YHWH: 7 2 + 26 = 28 <u>Vs. 17-23</u> 289 (17x17) letters.</p>
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Overview of the Narratives and the Speeches in Chapter 33

Narrative	YHWH's 7 Speeches	Speeches by Moses
12	4 + 47 = 51 (3x17)	
104 (4x26)	4 + 21 = 25	
116	1 + 4 = 5	
	4 + 13 = 17	4 + 43 = 47

$1 + 18 = 19$	$2 + 28 = 30$
$1 + 10 = 11$	$1 + 4 = 5$
$2 + 26 = 28$	$7 + 75 = 82$
$17 + 139 = 156 (6 \times 26)$	$156 + 82 = 238 (14 \times 17)$

Section 3 34,1-35 New Stone Tablets: the Renewal of the Covenant

<p>1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה פֶּסַל־לֶךָ שְׁנֵי־לַחַת אֲבָנִים כְּרָאשֵׁימִים וְכָתַבְתִּי עַל־הַלַּחַת אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר הִנֵּה עַל־הַלַּחַת הַרְאשִׁימִים אֲשֶׁר שִׁבַּרְתָּ:</p> <p>2 וַהֲנִה נֶכּוֹן לִפְקֹד וְעֵלִית בַּבֶּקֶר אֶל־הַר סִינַי וְנִצַּבְתָּ לִּי שָׁם עַל־רֹאשׁ הַהָר:</p> <p>3 וְאִישׁ לֹא־יַעֲלֶה עִמָּךְ וְגַם־אִישׁ אֶל־יָרֵא בְּכָל־הַהָר גַּם־הַצֹּאֵן וְהַבֶּקֶר אֶל־יָרְעוּ אֶל־מִוֶּלֶת הַהָר הַהוּא:</p> <p>4 וַיִּפְסַל שְׁנֵי־לַחַת אֲבָנִים כְּרָאשֵׁימִים וַיִּשְׁלֶם מֹשֶׁה בַּבֶּקֶר וַיַּעַל אֶל־הַר סִינַי כְּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֹתוֹ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ שְׁנֵי לַחַת אֲבָנִים:</p> <p>5 וַיַּרְדּוּ יְהוָה בְּעָנָן וַיִּתְנַצֵּב עִמּוֹ שָׁם וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה: 6 וַיַּעֲבֹר יְהוָה עַל־פְּנֵי וַיִּקְרָא יְהוָה וַיְהוָה אֵל רַחוּם וְרַחוּן אֶרֶץ אַפִּים וְרַב־חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת:</p> <p>7 נֹצֵר הַסֶּדֶק לְאֵלִפִּים נֹשֵׂא עֹז וְפֹשֵׁעַ וְחַטָּאָה וְנִקְהָ לֹא יִנְקָה פְּקָדוֹ עֵזֶן אָבוֹת עַל־בְּנֵים וְעַל־בְּנֵי בָנִים עַל־שְׁלֹשִׁים וְעַל־רַבְעִים: 8 וַיִּמְהַר מֹשֶׁה וַיִּקַּד אֶרְצָה וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה:</p> <p>9 וַיֹּאמֶר אִם־נָא מִצְּאֵתִי חֹן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה־נָא אֲדֹנָי בְּקִרְבְּנוֹ כִּי עַם־קָשָׁה עַרְפָּה הוּא וְסָלַחְתָּ לְעוֹגְגוֹ וּלְחַטָּאתָנוּ וְנִחַלְתָּנוּ:</p> <p>10 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה אֲנִי כֹרֵת בְּרִית נֶגֶד כָּל־עַמְּךָ אֲעִשֶׂה נִפְלְאוֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־נִבְרְאוּ בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הַנְּהוּמִים וְרָאָה כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־אִתָּה בְּקִרְבּוֹ אֶת־מַעֲשֵׂה יְהוָה כִּי־נִבְרָא הוּא אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה עִמָּךְ:</p> <p>11 שְׁמַר־לֶךָ אֶת אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה מִצְוַת הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה נֹרֵשׁ מִפְּנֵיךָ אֶת־הָאֲמָרִי וְהִכְנַעְנִי וְהַחֲתִי וְהַפְרִיזִי וְהַחֲזִיזִי וְהִיבֹסִי:</p> <p>12 הִשְׁמַר לֶךָ פֶּן־תִּכְרַת בְּרִית לְיוֹשֵׁב הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אִתָּה בָּא עֲלֶיךָ פֶּן־יִהְיֶה לְמוֹקֵשׁ בְּקִרְבְּךָ:</p> <p>13 כִּי אֶת־מִזְבְּחֵיהֶם תַּחֲזִיזֶנּוּ וְאֶת־מִזְבְּחֵיהֶם תִּשְׁבְּרוּן וְאֶת־אֲשֵׁרֵיהֶם תִּכְרַתִּין: 14 כִּי לֹא תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לְאֵל אֲחֵר כִּי יְהוָה קָנָא שְׂמוֹ אֵל קָנָא הוּא: 15 פֶּן־תִּכְרַת בְּרִית לְיוֹשֵׁב הָאָרֶץ וְזָנוּ אַחֲרֵי אֱלֹהֵיהֶם וּבָחֲזוּ לְאֱלֹהֵיהֶם וַיִּקְרָא לֶךָ וְאָכַלְתָּ מִזְבְּחֵיהֶם: 16 וְלִקְחַת מִבְּנֵיהֶם לְבָנֶיךָ וְזָנוּ בְּנֵיהֶם אַחֲרַי אֱלֹהֵיהֶן וְזָנוּ אֶת־בְּנֵיךָ אַחֲרַי אֱלֹהֵיהֶן: 17 אֱלֹהֵי מִסְכָּה לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה לֶךָ:</p> <p>18 אֶת־חַג הַמִּצֹּת תִּשְׁמַר שְׁבַעַת יָמִים תֹּאכַל מִצֹּת אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתֶךָ לְמוֹעֵד תָּרֵשׁ הָאֹבִיב כִּי בַת־רֵשׁ הָאֹבִיב יֵצֵאת מִמִּצְרָיִם: 19 כָּל־פֶּטֶר רַחֵם לִי וְכָל־מִקְנֶךָ תִּזְכֹּר פֶּטֶר שׁוֹר וְשֵׂה: 20 וּפֶטֶר חֲמוֹר תִּפְדֶּה בָשָׂה וְאִם־לֹא תִפְדֶּה וְעִרְפְּתוּ כָּל בְּכוֹר בְּנֵיךָ תִּפְדֶּה וְלֹא־יָרְאוּ פְנֵי רִיקָם: 21 שֵׁשַׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי תִשְׁבַּת בְּחָרִישׁ וּבְקִצִיר תִּשְׁבַּת:</p> <p>22 וְחַג שְׁבַעַת תַּעֲשֶׂה לֶךָ בְּכוֹרֵי קִצִיר חֲטִים וְחַג הָאֲסִיף תִּקּוּפַת הַשָּׁנָה: 23 שְׁלֹשׁ פְּעָמִים בַּשָּׁנָה יִרְאָה כָּל־זְכוּרֶךָ אֶת־פְּנֵי הָאֲדֹנָי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: 24 כִּי־אוֹרִישׁ נְוִים מִפְּנֵיךָ וְהִרְתַּבְּתִי אֶת־נְבוּלֶךָ וְלֹא־יִחַמְדוּ אִישׁ אֶת־ אֶרְצְךָ בְּעֵלְתֶךָ לְרֹאוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ שְׁלֹשׁ פְּעָמִים בַּשָּׁנָה: 25 לֹא־תִשְׁחַט עַל־חֶמֶץ דָּם־זִבְחִי וְלֹא־יִלִּין לִפְקֹד זִבְחַת חַג הַפֶּסַח: 26 רֵאשִׁית בְּכוֹרֵי אֲדָמָתְךָ תָּבִיא בֵּית יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לֹא־תִבְשֵׁל גְּדִי בַחֲלֵב אֱמוֹ: פ 27 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה כָּתֹב־לֶךָ אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה כִּי עַל־פְּנֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה כָּתַבְתִּי אֶתְךָ בְּרִית וְאֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל: 28 וַיְהִי־שָׁם עִם־יְהוָה אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה לֶחֶם לֹא אָכַל וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתָה וַיִּכְתֹּב עַל־הַלַּחַת אֶת דְּבָרֵי הַבְּרִית עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרִים:</p>	<p>YHWH: 4 $4 + 51 = 55$ $51 = 3 \times 17$</p> <p>Narrative: 34 (2x17) 130 (5x26) letters</p> <p>YHWH: 1 $1 + 32 = 33$</p> <p>Narrative: 5 Moses: 1 $1 + 19 = 20$</p> <p>YHWH: 1 $1 + 238 = 239$ $238 = 14 \times 17$</p> <p><u>Vs. 11-17</u> 85 (5x17)</p> <p><u>Vs. 19-20</u> 26</p> <p><u>Vs. 22-26</u> 68 (4x17)</p> <p>YHWH: 4 $4 + 15 = 19$</p> <p>Narrative: Vs. 28-35</p>
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<p>29 וַיְהִי בְּדִבְרֵי מֹשֶׁה מִתֵּר סִינִי וְשָׁנִי לַחַת הָעֵדוּת בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה בְּרִדְתּוֹ מִן־הַהָר וּמֹשֶׁה לֹא־יָדַע כִּי קָרַן עוֹר פָּנָיו בְּדַבְּרוֹ אֹתוֹ: 30 וַיֵּרָא אֶהָרֶן וְכָל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְהִנֵּה קָרַן עוֹר פָּנָיו וַיִּירָאוּ מִגִּשְׁתֹּ אֱלֹהִים: 31 וַיִּקְרָא אֲלֵהֶם מֹשֶׁה וַיֵּשְׁבוּ אֵלָיו אֶהָרֶן וְכָל־הַנְּשָׂאִים בְּעֵדָה וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֲלֵהֶם: 32 וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן נִגְשׂוּ כָל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּצְוֶם אֶת כָּל־אִשׁוֹר דַּבֵּר יְהוָה אֹתוֹ בְּהַר סִינִי: 33 וַיְכַל מֹשֶׁה מִדַּבֵּר אֲתָם וַיִּתֵּן עַל־פָּנָיו מִסְנֶה: 34 וּבָבֹא מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ יִסִּיר אֶת־הַמִּסְנֶה עַד־צֹאתוֹ וַיִּצָּא וְדַבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת אֲשֶׁר יִצְוָה: 35 וַיֵּרָאוּ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־פָּנֵי מֹשֶׁה כִּי קָרַן עוֹר פָּנָיו וְהֵשִׁיב מֹשֶׁה אֶת־ הַמִּסְנֶה עַל־פָּנָיו עַד־בֹּאוֹ לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ: ׀</p>	133
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Overview of the Narratives and the Speeches in Chapter 34

Narratives	YHWH's 4 Speeches	Moses' Speech
34 (2x17)	1 4 + 51 = 55	
5	2 1 + 32 = 33	1 + 19 = 20
133	3 1 + 238 = 239	
172	4 4 + 15 = 19	
	10 + 336 = 346	

Observation 5 The chapter opens with a divine speech made up of **51** (3x17) words and a narrative of **34** (2x17) words. YHWH's third speech is emphasized by its **238** (14x17) words. Numerically there is nothing significant about the narratives and speeches in Part VI as a whole: there are 475 words devoted to the narrative sections, 589 to YHWH's speeches, 277 to Moses' and Joshua's speeches, and 95 to Aaron's and the Israelites' speeches (including the introductions). However, the speeches as such give the following picture:

YHWH speaks 14x	550 words
Moses (with Joshua) speaks 12x	250 words
Aaron and the Israelites speak 5x	84 words
All spoken words together	884 words (52x17 or 2x26x17 or 2x17x26).

Particularly interesting is the fact that two of YHWH's 14 speeches in 32-34, happen to be introduced by וידבר, namely the first speech in 32 (v. 7) and the first speech in 33 (v. 1). The words spoken by YHWH amount to 31 + 47 = **78** (3x26).

The words spoken in the remaining **30** speeches, of which the remaining 12 of YHWH's speeches are introduced by ויקרא (34,6-7) and ויאמר, amount to **806** (31x26) words.

YHWH's appearance in a cloud, his speech, introduced by ויקרא, in which he proclaims his name and the qualities it stands for, and Moses' reaction to it in 34,5-8 stands out by having **51** (3x17) words.

Observation 6 Klaas Eikelenboom has drawn my attention to the following astonishing fact: In 34,27 YHWH orders Moses to write 'these words' down. This finalizing statement can be considered an indication of an important seam in the text. A word count of the text from the time that YHWH enters the scene until this point (3,1-34,27) reveals that there are **13260** words in this section of the text. This number is a multiple of **17** and **26** (**780x17** or **30x26x17**).

The rest of the book, 34,28-40,38, has **2873** words, a multiple of **17** and **13** (**169x17**, or **13x13x17**), which confirms the division of the text into two parts (3,1-34,27 and 34,28-40,38), both of which have a number of words that are multiples of **17**. This means that the entire text of 3,1-40,38 has **16133** words in total (13260 + 2873): a multiple of **17** and **13** (**949x17** or **73x13x17**).

And since Chapter 2, where *Moses enters the scene*, has **340** words, the entire text of Exod 2,1-40,38 has **16473** words, which is once again a multiple of **17** (**969x17** or **57x17x17**). Keeping in mind that Exod 1,1-4,31 is made up of **1428** (84x17) words, we have to conclude that the Book as a whole is a skillfully designed numerical composition governed by the divine name number **17**.