

וְכָל-הָעָם רָאִים אֶת-הַקּוֹלֹת וְאֶת-הַלַּפִּידִם וְאֵת קוֹל הַשֹּׁפָר וְאֶת-
הַהָר עָשָׁן וַיֵּרָא הָעָם וַיִּנָּעוּ וַיַּעֲמָדוּ מֵרָחֵק:

15) All the people **saw the thunder** and lightning, **and the blare of the horn** and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance.

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר-אַתָּה עִמָּנוּ וְנִשְׁמָעָה וְאַל-יְדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים
פֶּן-נָמוּת:

16) “You speak to us,” they said to Moses, “and we will obey; but let not God speak to us, lest we die.”

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעָם אֶל-תִּירְאוּ כִּי לִבְעֹבוֹר נִסּוּת אֶתְכֶם בָּא
הָאֱלֹהִים וּבְעֹבוֹר תִּהְיֶה יְרֹאתוֹ עַל-פְּנֵיכֶם לְבַלְתִּי תִחַטָּאוּ:

17) Moses answered the people, “Be not afraid; for God has come only in order to test you, and in order that the fear of God may be ever with you, so that you do not go astray.”

וַיַּעֲמֵד הָעָם מֵרָחֵק וּמֹשֶׁה נִגַּשׁ אֶל-הָעֶרְפֹּל אֲשֶׁר-שָׁם הָאֱלֹהִים:

18) So the people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was.