

Joshua

1 The LORD's Charge to Joshua. 2:1 Spies sent to Jericho. 3:1 Crossing the Jordan River.

1 Now it came to pass after *the* death of Moses *the* servant of Jehovah, that Jehovah spake unto Joshua *the* son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even to the* children of Israel. 3 Every place that *the* sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, *the* river Euphrates, all *the* land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward *the* going down of the sun, shall be your border. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all *the* days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I swear unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to the* right *hand* or *to the* left, that thou mayest ¹have good success whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all *that* is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for Jehovah thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 Pass through *the* midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which Jehovah your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, 13 Remember the word which Moses *the* servant of Jehovah commanded you, saying, Jehovah your God giveth you rest, and will give you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but ye shall pass over before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them; 15 until Jehovah have given your brethren rest, as *he hath* given you, and they also have possessed the land which Jehovah your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto *the* land of your possession, and possess it, which

¹ Or, deal wisely. *And in* vs. 8.

Moses *the* servant of Jehovah gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising. 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go. 17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only Jehovah thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. 18 Whosoever *he be* that shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

2 And Joshua *the* son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go, view the land, and ²Jericho. And they went, and came into *the* house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lay there. 2 And it was told *the* king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither tonight of *the* children of Israel to search out the land. 3 And *the* king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men *that* are come to thee, that are entered into thy house; for they are come to search out all the land. 4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them; and she said, Yes, the men came unto me, but I knew not whence they *were*: 5 and it came to pass *about the time* of *the* shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; whither the men went I know not: pursue after them quickly; for ye will overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, *that* she had laid in order upon the roof. 7 And the men pursued after them *the* way to the Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they that pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 and she said unto the men,

² *The only perennial spring in the region induced the location of Jericho, west of Jordan. After being destroyed and rebuilt many times, the Middle Bronze Age city was 7 acres (0.03 km²) on the tel, and elongated from north to south. The Early Bronze Age inner stone wall was supplemented by two later stone walls, on the south, west, and north sides of the city; the east side is a steep slope which required no wall. The trade routes were below the city, on the east side and on the south side. The population could hardly have exceeded 10,000. There is evidence in the tombs of a hasty mass burial shortly before the city was taken and burned; if so, the defense forces were already weakened, and there may also have been a health expedient for destroying everything that lived at Jericho.*

[See K.M. Kenyon, "Jericho," 5 vols.]

I know that Jehovah hath given you the land, and that *the* fear of you is fallen upon us, and that all *the* inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto *the* two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond the Jordan, unto Sihon and to Og, whom ye ³utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard *it*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for Jehovah your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by Jehovah, since I have dealt kindly with you, that ye also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true token; 13 and *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our souls from death. 14 And the men said unto her, Our soul ⁴for yours, if ye utter not this our business; and it shall be, when Jehovah giveth us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by *a* cord through the window: ⁵for her house *was* upon a side of the wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers light upon you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. 17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* guiltless of this thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. 18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt gather unto thee into the house thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household. 19 And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of *the* doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *shall be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him. 20 But if thou utter this our business, then we shall be guiltless of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. 21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all

³ *Hb.* devoted.

⁴ *Hb.* instead of you to die,

⁵ *Rahab's house was in the northwest corner of the city, the only place where the wall still stands to its full height. It is the high part of Jericho, where the roof would not be seen from the rest of the city. The gate was in the southeast part, near the cross-roads, opposite to where the spies were let down.*

the way, but found *them* not. 23 Then the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua *the* son of Nun; and they told him all *that* had befallen them. 24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly Jehovah hath delivered into our hands all the land; and moreover all *the* inhabitants of the land do melt away before us.

3 And Joshua rose up early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all *the* children of Israel; and they lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through *the* midst of the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, ⁶about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore. 5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you. 6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in *the* sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee. 8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear *the* ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to *the* brink of *the* waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan. 9 And Joshua said unto *the* children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of Jehovah your God. 10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that *the* living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite. 11 Behold, *the* ark of the covenant of *the* Lord of all the earth passeth over before you in the Jordan. 12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of *the* tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. 13 And it shall come to pass, when *the* soles of *the* feet of the priests that bear *the* ark of Jehovah, *the* Lord of all the earth, shall rest in *the* waters of the Jordan, *that* *the* waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, *even* the waters that come down from ⁷above; and they shall stand *in* one heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, the priests that bare the ark of the covenant being before the people; 15 and when they that bare the ark were come unto the Jordan, and *the* feet of the priests that bare the ark were

⁶ *That is,* about 0.9 km.

⁷ *Or,* upstream;

dipped in *the* brink of the water (for the Jordan overfloweth all its banks ⁸all *the* time of⁹ harvest), ¹⁶that the waters that came down from above ¹⁰stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way ¹¹off, at Adam, the city that is beside ¹²Zarethan; and those that went down toward *the* sea of the Arabah, *even* the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. ¹⁷And the priests that bare the ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in *the* midst of the Jordan; and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation were passed clean over the Jordan.

⁴ And it came to pass, when all the nation were clean passed over the Jordan, that Jehovah spake unto Joshua, saying, ² Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, ³ and command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging-place, where ye shall lodge this night. ⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: ⁵ and Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of Jehovah your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; ⁶ that this may be a sign among you, *that*, when your children ask in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones? ⁷ then ye shall say unto them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

⁸ And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as Jehovah spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ⁹ And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests that bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. ¹⁰ For the priests that bare the ark stood

⁸ So Massoretic, Aram. 4QJosh^b (Vg.?) read at Sept. reads about

⁹ So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. Sept. (4QJosh^b) add wheat [otherwise, coming before Passover, barley harvest]

¹⁰ That is, were blocked, or, were dammed up, Again in 1927 just downstream of the Jabbok River mouth part of the limestone cliffs collapsed into the Jordan, blocking flow for 21 hours. E.G. Kraeling, *Historical Atlas of the Holy Land*, 1959. p. 57, #25.

¹¹ So Hb^{txt}. Hb^{mg} Vg., (Aram.) read off from Adam,

¹² West of the Jordan and east of Jezreel. Cf. 1Ki 4:12.

in *the* midst of the Jordan, until everything was finished that Jehovah commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over. ¹¹ And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that *the* ark of Jehovah passed over, and the priests, in *the* presence of the people. ¹² And *the* children of Reuben, and *the* children of Gad, and *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before *the* children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: ¹³ about forty thousand ready armed for war passed over before Jehovah unto battle, to *the* plains of Jericho. ¹⁴ On that day Jehovah magnified Joshua in *the* sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all *the* days of his life.

¹⁵ And Jehovah spake unto Joshua, saying, ¹⁶ Command the priests that bear *the* ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. ¹⁷ Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan. ¹⁸ And it came to pass, when the priests that bare *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah were come up out of *the* midst of the Jordan, and *the* soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry ground, that *the* waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, and went over all its banks, as aforetime.

¹⁹ And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on *the* east border of Jericho. ²⁰ And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, did Joshua set up in Gilgal. ²¹ And he spake unto *the* children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones? ²² then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. ²³ For Jehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as Jehovah your God did to *the* Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were passed over; ²⁴ that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Jehovah, that it *is* mighty; that ye may fear Jehovah your God all the days of *your* life.

⁵ And it came to pass, when all *the* kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond the Jordan westward, and all *the* kings of the Canaanites, that *were* by the sea, heard how that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before *the* children of Israel, ¹³ until they were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of *the* children of Israel.

² At that time Jehovah said unto Joshua, Make thee ¹⁴knives of flint, and circumcise again the children of

¹³ That is, until the Israelites had passed over,

¹⁴ Ceramic knives leave a rougher incision than do sharp metal knives, which promotes post-surgical healing.

Israel *the* second time. 3 And Joshua made him knives of flint, and circumcised the children of Israel at ¹⁵*the* hill of the foreskins. 4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: all the people that came forth out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Egypt. 5 For all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people that *were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, they had not circumcised. 6 For *the* children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation, *even* the men of war that came forth out of Egypt, were consumed, because they hearkened not unto *the* voice of Jehovah: unto whom Jehovah sware that he would not let them see the land which Jehovah sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them did Joshua circumcise: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. 9 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, *This* day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore *the* name of that place was called ¹⁶Gilgal, unto this day.

10 And *the* children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the Passover on *the* fourteenth day of the month in the evening in *the* plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of *the* produce of the land on *the* morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes and parched *grain*, in the selfsame day. 12 And the manna ceased on *the* morrow, after they had eaten of *the* produce of the land; neither had *the* children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of *the* increase of *the* land of Canaan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, No; but *as* prince of *the* host of Jehovah am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to *the* earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And *the* prince of Jehovah's host said unto Joshua, Put off thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho ¹⁷was straitly shut up because of *the* face of *the* children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. 2 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thy hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and*

¹⁵ Or, Gibeath-haaraloth.

¹⁶ That is, Rolling,

¹⁷ Hb. shut *the* gates and was shut in because of *etc.*
(Refusing to trade or negotiate was a hostile act.)

the mighty men of valor. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all the men of war, going about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven ¹⁸trumpets of rams' horns before the ark: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 And it shall be, that, when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and *the* wall of the city shall fall down ¹⁹flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him.

6 And Joshua *the* son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before *the* ark of Jehovah. 7 And ²⁰he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let the armed men pass on before *the* ark of Jehovah. 8 And it was so, that, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before Jehovah passed on, and blew the trumpets: and *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah followed them. 9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew the trumpets, and the rearward went after the ark, *the* priests blowing the trumpets as they went. 10 And Joshua *had* commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until *the* day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 11 So he caused *the* ark of Jehovah to compass the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Jehovah. 13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before *the* ark of Jehovah went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rearward came after *the* ark of Jehovah, *the* priests blowing the trumpets as they went. 14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for Jehovah hath given you the city. 17 And the city shall be devoted, *even* it and all that *is* therein, to Jehovah: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 But as for you, only keep *yourselves* from the devoted thing, lest when ye have

¹⁸ Or, jubilee trumpets before *etc.* Hb. yobel
And so elsewhere.

¹⁹ Hb. in its place,

²⁰ So Hb^{mg} Aram., Vg. Most Hb^{txt} read they

devoted *it*, ye take of the devoted thing; so would ye make the camp of Israel ²¹accursed, and trouble it. 19 But all *the* silver, and gold, and vessels of copper and iron, *are* holy unto Jehovah: they shall come *into the* treasury of Jehovah. 20 So the people shouted.

And *the* priests blew the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down ²²flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with *the* edge of *the* sword.

22 And Joshua said unto the two men that had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. 23 And the young men the spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she *had*; all her ²³kindred also they brought out; and ²⁴they set them without *the* camp of Israel. 24 And they ²⁵burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of copper and of iron, they put *into the* treasury of *the* house of Jehovah. 25 But Rahab the harlot, and her father's household, and all that she *had*, did Joshua save alive; and she dwelt in *the* midst of Israel unto this day, because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And Joshua charged *them* with an oath at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before Jehovah, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: with *the* loss of his firstborn shall he lay the foundation thereof, and with *the* loss of his youngest son shall he set up *the* gates of it. 27 So Jehovah was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

7 But *the* children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing; for Achan, *the* son of Carmi, *the* son of Zabdi, *the* son of Zerah, of *the* tribe of Judah, took of the devoted thing; and *the* anger of Jehovah was kindled against *the* children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on *the* east side of Beth-el, and spake

²¹ *Hb.* devoted,

²² *Hb.* in its place, *Only at the NE corner was there only one wall (on the N, W, and S there were three). The wall fell outward, filling in the trench in front of it. The rest of the wall remained intact, keeping the inhabitants from escaping.*

²³ *Hb.* families

²⁴ *As being temporarily unclean. Compare Lv 13:46.*

²⁵ *The Middle Bronze Age city was massively destroyed by fire (per K.M. Kenyon) and not rebuilt for more than six centuries. The grain bins were discovered full, silent evidence that the city was destroyed in the Spring, and that the seige had not been long.*

unto them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; make not all the people to toil thither; for they *are* but few. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before *the* men of Ai. 5 And *the* men of Ai smote of them about thirty-six men; and they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto ²⁶Shebarim, and smote them at the descent: and *the* hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to *the* earth upon his face before *the* ark of Jehovah until the evening, he and *the* elders of Israel; and they put dust upon their heads. 7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us into *the* hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? Would that we had been content and dwelt beyond the Jordan! 8 Oh, ²⁷Jehovah, what shall I say, after that Israel hath turned their backs before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all *the* inhabitants of the land will hear of *it*, and will compass us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy great name?

10 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore art thou thus fallen upon thy face? 11 Israel hath sinned; yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: yes, they have even taken of the devoted thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also; and they have even put *it* among their own stuff. 12 Therefore *the* children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn *their* backs before their enemies, because they are become accursed: I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy the devoted thing from among you. 13 *Get* up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, *There is* a devoted thing in *the* midst of thee, O Israel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the devoted thing from among you. 14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought near by your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which Jehovah taketh shall come near by families; and the family which Jehovah shall take shall come near by households; and the household which Jehovah shall take shall come near man by man. 15 And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of Jehovah, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and *the* tribe of

²⁶ *Or, the quarries,*

²⁷ *Sopherim changed to Lord,*

Judah was taken: 17 and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: 18 and he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, *the* son of Carmi, *the* son of Zabdi, *the* son of Zerah, of *the* tribe of Judah, was taken. 19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, and ²⁸make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me. 20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 when I saw among the spoil a goodly ²⁹Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in *the* midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it. 23 And they took them from *the* midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all *the* children of Israel; and they laid them down before Jehovah. 24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan *the* son of Zerah, and the silver, and the mantle, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them up unto *the* valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? ³⁰Jehovah shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him *with* stones; and they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones, unto this day; and Jehovah turned from *the* fierceness of his anger. Wherefore *the* name of that place was called, *The* valley of ³¹Achor, unto this day.

8 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy hand

²⁸ *Or*, give praise unto him;

²⁹ *Hb.* mantle of Shinar, *Or*, mantle of Sumer,

³⁰ Tractate Sanhedrin, Ch. 6 [43b] Mishnah, *shows by this incident that people will come back to life in the world to come.* "Joshua said unto him, My son, give I pray thee, glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and make confession unto him. And Achan answered Joshua and said, Of a truth, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done. And whence do we know that his confessions made atonement for him? - From the words, And Joshua said: Why hast thou troubled us? The LORD shall trouble thee this day. I.e., this day art thou to be troubled, but thou shalt not be troubled in the next world."

³¹ *That is*, Troubling,

the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land; 2 and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only *the* spoil thereof, and *the* cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: set thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them forth by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city; go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: 5 and I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city. And it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them; 6 and they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: so we will flee before them; 7 and ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city: for Jehovah your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire; according to *the* word of Jehovah shall ye do: see, I have commanded you. 9 And Joshua sent them forth; and they went to the ambushment, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on *the* west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua arose up early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and *the* elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. 11 And all the people, *even* the *men of* war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and encamped on *the* north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between him and Ai. 12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on *the* west side of ³²the city. 13 ³³So they set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on *the* north of the city, and their liers-in-wait that *were* on *the* west of the city; and Joshua ³⁴went that night into *the* midst of the valley. 14 And it came to pass, when *the* king of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose up early, and *the* men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, ³⁵at the time appointed, before the Arabah; but he knew not that *there was* an ambush against him behind the city. 15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by *the* way of the wilderness. 16 And all the people that *were* in the city were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

³² Eastern *Hb.* mss., Aram. *read* Ai. *Also in* vs. 16.

³³ *Or*, So the people set all the host *etc.*

³⁴ *Some mss. read* lodged that night in *the* midst *etc.*

³⁵ *Or*, to the place appointed,

18 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thy hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin that *was* in his hand toward the city. 19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they hastened and set the city on fire. 20 And when *the* men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, *the* smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no ³⁶power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. 21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that *the* smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. 22 And *the* others came forth out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all *the* inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they pursued them, and they were all fallen by *the* edge of *the* sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned unto Ai, and smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword. 25 And all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, *even* all *the* men of Ai. 26 For Joshua drew not back his hand, wherewith he stretched out the javelin, until he had ³⁷utterly destroyed all *the* inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the cattle and *the* spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto *the* word of Jehovah which he commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a ³⁸heap for ever, *even* a desolation, unto this day. 29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the eventide: and at *the* going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and cast it at *the* entrance of *the* gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap of stones, unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, in mount Ebal, 31 as Moses *the* servant of Jehovah commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in *the* book of *the* law of Moses, an altar of ³⁹unhewn stones, upon which no man had lifted up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto Jehovah, and sacrificed peace-offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of *the* law of Moses, ⁴⁰which he wrote, in *the* presence of *the* children of Israel. 33 And all Israel, and their elders and officers,

³⁶ *Hb.* hands

³⁷ *Hb.* devoted all

³⁸ *Or*, mound *Hb.* tel

³⁹ *Hb.* whole

⁴⁰ *Or*, which he wrote in *the* presence of *etc.*

and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, that bare *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, as well the sojourner as the home-born; half of them in front of mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of mount Ebal; as Moses *the* servant of Jehovah had ⁴¹commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all *the* words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in *the* book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all *the* assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners that ⁴²were among them.

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings that *were* beyond the Jordan, in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and on all *the* shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof*; 2 that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 But when *the* inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also did work wilily, and went and ⁴³made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-skins, old and rent and bound up, 5 and old and patched shoes upon their foot, and old garments upon them; and all *the* bread of their provision was dry and was become mouldy. 6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to *the* men of Israel, We are come from a far country: now therefore make ye a covenant with us. 7 And *the* men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a covenant with you? 8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* ye? And from whence come ye? 9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of *the* name of Jehovah thy God: for we have heard *the* fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to *the* two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who *was* at Ashtaroth. 11 And our elders and all *the* inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We *are* your servants: and now make ye a covenant with us. 12 This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on *the* day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and is become mouldy:

⁴¹ *Or*, commanded that they should bless the people of Israel first of all.

⁴² *Hb.* walked

⁴³ *So* Massoretic. Sept., Aram., Vg. read took provisions as if *etc.* See vs. 12.

13 and these wine-skins, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they are rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. 14 And the men took of their provision, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of Jehovah. 15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and *the* princes of the congregation sware unto them.

16 And it came to pass at *the* end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbors, and *that* they dwelt among them. 17 And *the* children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. 18 And *the* children of Israel smote them not, because *the* princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by Jehovah, *the* God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. 19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by Jehovah, *the* God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. 21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live: so they became hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation, as the princes had spoken unto them.

22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye *are* cursed! and there ⁴⁴shall never fail to be of you bondmen, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for *the* house of my God. 24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that Jehovah thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were sore afraid for our souls because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, behold, we *are* in thy hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. 26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of *the* hand of *the* children of Israel, that they slew them not. 27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for *the* altar of Jehovah, unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had ⁴⁵utterly destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king), and how *the* inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; 2 that they feared greatly, because

⁴⁴ *Hb.* shall not be cut off from you bondmen,

⁴⁵ *Hb.* devoted it

Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all *the* men thereof *were* mighty. 3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of ⁴⁶Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, and let us smite Gibeon; for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. 5 Therefore *the* five kings of the Amorites, *the* king of Jerusalem, *the* king of Hebron, *the* king of Jarmuth, *the* king of Lachish, *the* king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

6 And *the* men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all *the* kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill-country are gathered together against us. 7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thy hands; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. 9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly; *for* he went up from Gilgal all the night. 10 And Jehovah discomfited them before Israel, and he slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by *the* way of *the* ascent of Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. 11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *while* they were at *the* descent of Beth-horon, that Jehovah cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more who died with the hailstones than *they* whom *the* children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 Then spake Joshua to Jehovah in *the* day when Jehovah delivered up the Amorites before *the* children of Israel; and he said in *the* sight of Israel,

Sun, ⁴⁷stand thou still upon Gibeon;

And thou, Moon, in *the* valley of Aijalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and *the* moon stayed,

Until *the* nation had avenged themselves of their enemies.

Is not this written in *the* ⁴⁸book of ⁴⁹Jashar? And the sun stayed in *the* midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like

⁴⁶ *Probably the prime city of the southern military league.*

⁴⁷ *Hb.* be silent upon Gibeon; *Whether this means the sunshine continued abnormally long, or that it quickly became dark, is open to interpretation, though the subsequent hail might suggest the latter.*

⁴⁸ *This book is a lost writing.*

⁴⁹ *Or, The Upright*

that before it or after it, that Jehovah hearkened unto *the* voice of a man: for Jehovah fought for Israel.

15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones unto *the* mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep them: 19 but stay not ye: pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for Jehovah your God hath delivered them into your hand. 20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and *the* children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, and the remnant *which* remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none ⁵⁰ moved his tongue against any of *the* children of Israel.

22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all *the* men of Israel, and said unto *the* chiefs of the men of war that went with him, Come near, put your feet upon *the* necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon *the* necks of them. 25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage: for thus shall Jehovah do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. 26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. 27 And it came to pass at *the* time of *the* going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on *the* mouth of the cave, unto this very day.

28 And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword, and the king thereof: he ⁵¹ utterly destroyed them and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining; and he did to *the* king of Makkedah as he had done unto *the* king of Jericho.

29 And Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: 30 and Jehovah delivered it also, and the king thereof, into *the* hand of Israel; and he smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left

none remaining in it; and he did unto *the* king thereof as he had done unto *the* king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: 32 and Jehovah delivered Lachish into *the* hand of Israel; and he took it on the second day, and smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword, and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 And Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, unto Eglon; and they encamped against it, and fought against it; 35 and they took it on that day, and smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword; and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: 37 and they took it, and smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and all the souls that *were* therein.

38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it: 39 and he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with *the* edge of *the* sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to *the* king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to *the* king thereof.

40 So Joshua smote all the land, the hill-country, and the South, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but he utterly destroyed all that breathed, as Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, commanded. 41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon. 42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, fought for Israel. 43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard *thereof*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to *the* king of Shimron, and to *the* king of Achshaph, 2 and to the kings that *were* on *the* north, in the hill-country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in *the* ⁵² heights of Dor on *the* west, 3 to the Canaanite on *the* east and on *the* west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill-country, and the Hivite under

⁵⁰ *Hb.* whetted his tongue

⁵¹ *Hb.* devoted them *Similarly in vss. 35, 37, 39, 40.*

⁵² *Or,* Naphoth-dor

Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. 5 And all these kings met together; and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

6 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hock their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by *the* waters of Merom suddenly, and fell upon them. 8 And Jehovah delivered them into *the* hand of Israel, and they smote them, and chased them unto great Sidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto *the* valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 9 And Joshua did unto them as Jehovah bade him: he hocked their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for ⁵³Hazor beforetime was *the* head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with *the* edge of *the* sword, ⁵⁴utterly destroying *them*; there was none left that breathed: and he burnt Hazor with fire. 12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and he smote them with *the* edge of *the* sword, and ⁵⁵utterly destroyed them; as Moses *the* servant of Jehovah commanded. 13 But *as for* the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn. 14 And all *the* spoil of these cities and the cattle, *the* children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with *the* edge of *the* sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any that breathed. 15 As Jehovah commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua: and so did Joshua; ⁵⁶he left nothing undone of all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hill-country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the Arabah, and the hill-country of Israel, and *the* lowland of *the* same; 17 from ⁵⁷mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and *then* smote them, and put them to death.

⁵³ Covering 175 acres, or about 0.7 km², at a hill; Hazor was the largest city in Canaan at that time. Burned at the end of the Middle Bronze Age, usually assigned to the 16th century BC. See Yigael Yadin, "Hazor;" New York: Random House, 1975.

⁵⁴ Hb. devoting them;

⁵⁵ Hb. devoted them; And similarly elsewhere.

⁵⁶ Hb. he removed nothing of

⁵⁷ Or, the bare mountain, And so in ch. 12:7.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with *the* children of Israel, save the Hivites *the* inhabitants of Gibeon: they took all in battle. 20 For it was of Jehovah to ⁵⁸harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that he might utterly destroy them, that they ⁵⁹might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

21 And Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill-country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all *the* hill-country of Judah, and from all *the* hill-country of Israel: Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 There was none of *the* Anakim left in *the* land of *the* children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some remain. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that Jehovah spake unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

12 Now these *are the* kings of the land, whom *the* children of Israel smote, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising, from *the* valley of *the* Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: 2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which *is* on *the* edge of *the* valley of *the* Arnon, and *the* city that *is* in *the* middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *the* border of *the* children of Ammon; 3 and the Arabah unto *the* sea of Chinneroth, eastward, and unto *the* sea of the Arabah, *even* the Salt Sea, eastward, *the* way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on *the* south, under the slopes of Pisgah: 4 and *the* border of Og king of Bashan, of *the* remnant of the Rephaim, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 and ruled in mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, unto *the* border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half Gilead, unto *the* border of Sihon king of Heshbon. 6 Moses *the* servant of Jehovah and *the* children of Israel smote them: and Moses *the* servant of Jehovah gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

7 And these *are the* kings of the land whom Joshua and *the* children of Israel ⁶⁰smote beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir (and Joshua gave it unto *the* tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions; 8 in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes,

⁵⁸ Hb. make strong their hearts,

⁵⁹ Or, might not sue for favor,

⁶⁰ The destruction of Jericho, Hebron, Hazor, and dozens of other cities of Canaan at the end of the Middle Bronze Age is usually dated to the middle half of the 16th century BC.

and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite): 9 *the* king of Jericho, one; *the* king of Ai, which *is* beside Beth-el, one; 10 *the* king of Jerusalem, one; *the* king of Hebron, one; 11 *the* king of Jarmuth, one; *the* king of Lachish, one; 12 *the* king of Eglon, one; *the* king of Gezer, one; 13 *the* king of Debir, one; *the* king of Geder, one; 14 *the* king of Hormah, one; *the* king of Arad, one; 15 *the* king of Libnah, one; *the* king of Adullam, one; 16 *the* king of Makkedah, one; *the* king of Beth-el, one; 17 *the* king of Tappuah, one; *the* king of Hopher, one; 18 *the* king of Aphek, one; *the* king of Lass Sharon, one; 19 *the* king of Madon, one; *the* king of Hazor, one; 20 *the* king of Shimron-meron, one; *the* king of Achshaph, one; 21 *the* king of Taanach, one; *the* king of Megiddo, one; 22 *the* king of Kedesh, one; *the* king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; 23 *the* king of Dor in ⁶¹*the* height of Dor, one; *the* king of ⁶²Goiim in Gilgal, one; 24 *the* king of Tirzah, one: *all the* kings thirty-one.

13 Now Joshua was old *and* well stricken in years; and Jehovah said unto him, Thou art old *and* well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. 2 This *is* the land that yet remaineth: *all the* regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites; 3 from ⁶³the Shihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto *the* border of Ekron northward, which *is* reckoned to the Canaanites; *the* five lords of the Philistines; the Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; ⁶⁴also the Avvim, 4 on *the* south; *all the* land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that *belongeth* to the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to *the* border of the Amorites; 5 and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto *the* entrance of Hamath; 6 *all the* inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, *even all the* Sidonians; them will I drive out from before *the* children of Israel: only allot thou it unto Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. 7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

8 With him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, *even as* Moses *the* servant of Jehovah gave them: 9 from Aroer, that *is* on *the* edge of the valley of *the* Arnon, and the city that *is* in *the* middle of the valley, and all the ⁶⁵plain of Medeba unto Dibon; 10 and *all the* cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, unto *the* border of *the* children of

Ammon; 11 and Gilead, and *the* border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salecah; 12 *all the* kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (*the* same was left of *the* remnant of the Rephaim); for these did Moses smite, and drove them out. 13 Nevertheless *the* children of Israel drove not out the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites: but Geshur and Maacath dwell in *the* midst of Israel unto this day. 14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; *the* offerings of Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, made by fire *are* his inheritance, as he spake unto him.

15 And Moses gave unto *the* tribe of *the* children of Reuben according to their families. 16 And their border was from Aroer, that *is* on *the* edge of *the* valley of *the* Arnon, and the city that *is* in *the* middle of the valley, and all the ⁶⁶plain by Medeba; 17 Heshbon, and all its cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, 18 and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, 19 and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar in *the* mount of the valley, 20 and Beth-peor, and the ⁶⁷slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, 21 and *all the* cities of the plain, and *all the* kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *the* princes of Sihon, that dwelt in the land. 22 Balaam also *the* son of Beor, the soothsayer, did *the* children of Israel slay with the sword among *the* rest of their slain. 23 And *the* border of *the* children of Reuben was the Jordan, and *the* border thereof. This *was the* inheritance of *the* children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and *the* villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave unto *the* tribe of Gad, unto *the* children of Gad, according to their families. 25 And their border was Jazer, and *all the* cities of Gilead, and half *the* land of *the* children of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rabbah; 26 and from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto *the* border of ⁶⁸Debir; 27 and in the valley, Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Sukkoth, and Zaphon, *the* rest of *the* kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, ⁶⁹the Jordan and *the* border thereof, unto *the* uttermost part of *the* sea of Chinnereth beyond the Jordan eastward. 28 This *is the* inheritance of *the* children of Gad according to their families, the cities and *the* villages thereof.

29 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto *the* half-tribe of Manasseh: and it was for *the* half-tribe of *the* children of Manasseh according to their families. 30 And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, *all the* kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and *all the* towns of

⁶¹ Or, Naphath-dor,

⁶² Or, nations or, Gutium cf. Ge 14:1.

⁶³ Commonly called, the brook of Egypt. See Nu 34:5.

⁶⁴ Or, also the Avvim; 4 from *the* south, *all the* land

⁶⁵ Or, table-land

⁶⁶ Or, table-land And in vs. 17.

⁶⁷ Or, springs

⁶⁸ Or, Lidebir;

⁶⁹ Or, having the Jordan for a border,

Jair, which *are* in Bashan, sixty cities: 31 and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, *the* cities of *the* kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were* for *the* children of Machir *the* son of Manasseh, *even* for *the* half of *the* children of Machir according to their families.

32 These *are the inheritances* which Moses distributed in *the* plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho, eastward. 33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance: Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, *is* their inheritance, as he spake unto them.

14 And these *are the inheritances* which *the* children of Israel took in *the* land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua *the* son of Nun, and *the* heads of *the* fathers' *houses* of the tribes of *the* children of Israel, distributed unto them, 2 by *the* lot of their inheritance, as Jehovah commanded by Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half-tribe. 3 For Moses had given *the* inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. 4 For *the* children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: and they gave no portion unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with *the* ⁷⁰suburbs thereof for their cattle and for their substance. 5 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so *the* children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

6 Then *the* children of Judah drew nigh unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that Jehovah spake unto Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning thee in Kadesh-barnea. 7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses *the* servant of Jehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in my heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed Jehovah my God. 9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy children for ever, because thou hast wholly followed Jehovah my God. 10 And now, behold, Jehovah hath kept me alive, as he spake, these forty-five years, from *the* time that Jehovah spake this word unto Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day eighty-five years old. 11 As yet I *am* as strong *this* day as I *was* in *the* day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this hill-country, whereof Jehovah spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how *the* Anakim *were* there, and cities great *and* fortified: it may be that Jehovah *will be* with me, and I shall drive them out, as Jehovah spake.

13 And Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron unto Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

⁷⁰ Or, pasture lands thereof

14 Therefore Hebron became *the* inheritance of Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite unto this day; because that he wholly followed Jehovah *the* God of Israel. 15 Now *the* name of Hebron before time was ⁷¹Kiriath-arba; *which* Arba *was* the greatest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

15 And the lot for *the* tribe of *the* children of Judah according to their families was unto *the* border of Edom, even to *the* wilderness of Zin southward, at *the* uttermost part of *the* south. 2 And their south border was from *the* uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the ⁷²bay that looketh southward; 3 and it went out southward of *the* ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by *the* south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by Hezron, and went up to Addar, and turned about to Karka; 4 and it passed along to Azmon, and went out at *the* brook of Egypt; and *the* goings out of the border were at *the* sea: this shall be your south border. 5 And *the* east border *was* the Salt Sea, *even* unto *the* end of the Jordan. And *the* border of the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at *the* end of the Jordan; 6 and the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed along by *the* north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to *the* stone of Bohan *the* son of Reuben; 7 and the border went up to Debir from *the* valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* over against *the* ascent of Adummim, which *is* on *the* south side of the river; and the border passed along to *the* waters of En-shemesh, and *the* goings out thereof were at En-rogel; 8 and the border went up by *the* valley of the son of Hinnom unto *the* ⁷³side of the Jebusite southward (*the* same *is* Jerusalem); and the border went up to *the* top of the mountain that *lieth* before *the* valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at *the* uttermost part of *the* vale of Rephaim northward; 9 and the border extended from *the* top of the mountain unto *the* fountain of *the* waters of Nephtoah, and went out to *the* cities of mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (*the* same *is* Kiriath-jearim); 10 and the border turned about from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto *the* side of mount Jearim on *the* north (*the* same *is* Chesalon), and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed along by Timnah; 11 and the border went out unto *the* side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and *the* goings out of the border were at *the* sea. 12 And *the* west border *was* to the great sea, and *the* border *thereof*. This *is* *the* border of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

⁷¹ That is, the city of Arba;

⁷² Hb. tongue Also in vs. 5.

⁷³ Hb. shoulder

13 And unto Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh he gave a portion among *the* children of Judah, according to *the* commandment of Jehovah to Joshua, *even* ⁷⁴Kiriath-arba, *which* Arba was the father of Anak (*the* same *is* Hebron). 14 And Caleb drove out thence the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. 15 And he went up thence against *the* inhabitants of Debir: now *the* name of Debir beforetime was Kiriath-sepher. 16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. 17 And Othniel *the* son of Kenaz, *the* brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. 18 And it came to pass, when she came *unto* him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from off *her* ass; and Caleb said, What wouldest thou? 19 And she said, Give me a ⁷⁵blessing; for that thou hast ⁷⁶set me in *the* land of the South, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

20 This *is* *the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of *the* tribe of *the* children of Judah toward *the* border of Edom in the south were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, 22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23 and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 25 and Hazor-hadattah, and Kerioth-hezron (*the* same *is* Hazor), 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 27 and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet, 28 and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Biziothiah, 29 Baalah, and Iim, and Ezem, 30 and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah, 31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 32 and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all *the* cities *are* twenty-nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah, 34 and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, 36 and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, 38 and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, 40 and Cabbon, and ⁷⁷Lahmam, and Chitlish, 41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, 43 and Iphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44 and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.

⁷⁴ *That is*, The city of Arba,

⁷⁵ *Or*, present;

⁷⁶ *Or*, given me *the* land of the South,

⁷⁷ *Or*, Lahmas,

45 Ekron, with its ⁷⁸towns and its villages; 46 from Ekron even unto *the* sea, all that *were* by *the* side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; unto *the* brook of Egypt, and the great sea, and *the* border *thereof*.

48 And in the hill-country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 49 and Dannah, and Kiriath-sannah (*the* same *is* Debir), 50 and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, 51 and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshan, 53 and Janim, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, 54 and Humtah, and Kiriath-arba (*the* same *is* Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jutah, 56 and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, 57 Kain, Bibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, 59 and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

60 Kiriath-baal (*the* same *is* Kiriath-jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, 62 and Nibshan, and the City of Salt, and Engedi; six cities with their villages.

63 And as for the Jebusites, *the* inhabitants of Jerusalem, *the* children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

16 And the lot came out for *the* children of Joseph from *the* Jordan at Jericho, at *the* waters of Jericho on *the* east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill-country to Beth-el; 2 and it went out from Beth-el to Luz, and passed along unto *the* border of the Archites to Ataroth; 3 and it went down westward to *the* border of the Japhletites, unto *the* border of Beth-horon *the* nether, even unto Gezer; and *the* goings out thereof were at *the* sea. 4 And *the* children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 And *the* border of *the* children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus*: *the* border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon *the* upper; 6 and the border went out westward at Michmethath on *the* north; and the border turned about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed along it on *the* east of Janoah; 7 and it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and reached unto Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuah the border went along westward to *the* brook of Kanah; and *the* goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* *the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Ephraim according to their families; 9 together with the cities

⁷⁸ *Hb.* daughters

that were set apart for the children of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in the midst of Ephraim unto this day, and are become servants to do taskwork.

17 And this was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 So the lot was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. 3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, Jehovah commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of Jehovah he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. 5 And there fell ten⁷⁹ parts to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan; 6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. And the land of Gilead belonged unto the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

7 And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which is before Shechem; and the border went along to the right hand, unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. 8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim. 9 And the border went down unto the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook: these cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and the goings out thereof were at the sea: 10 southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east. 11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its⁸⁰ towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, even the three heights. 12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the

⁷⁹ Hb. lines

⁸⁰ Hb. daughters,

Canaanites would dwell in that land. 13 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxed strong, that they put the Canaanites to taskwork, and did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one⁸¹ part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as hitherto Jehovah hath blessed me? 15 And Joshua said unto them, If thou be a great people, get thee up to the forest, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill-country of Ephraim is too narrow for thee. 16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill-country is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and they who are in the valley of Jezreel. 17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one lot only: 18 but the hill-country shall be thine; for though it is a forest, thou shalt cut it down, and the goings out thereof shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.

18 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there: and the land was subdued before them. 2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet divided their inheritance. 3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go in to possess the land, which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, hath given you? 4 Appoint for you three men of each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come unto me. 5 And they shall divide it into seven portions: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border on the north. 6 And ye shall describe the land into seven portions, and bring the description hither to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Jehovah our God. 7 For the Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of Jehovah is their inheritance: and Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them.

8 And the men arose, and went: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Jehovah in Shiloh. 9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a

⁸¹ Hb. line

book; and they came to Joshua unto the camp at Shiloh. 10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Jehovah: and there Joshua divided the land unto *the* children of Israel according to their divisions.

11 And *the* lot of *the* tribe of *the* children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and *the* border of their lot went out between *the* children of Judah and *the* children of Joseph. 12 And their border on *the* north quarter was from the Jordan; and the border went up to *the*⁸²side of Jericho on *the* north, and went up through the hill-country westward; and *the* goings out thereof were at *the* wilderness of Beth-aven. 13 And the border passed along from thence to Luz, to *the* side of Luz (*the* same is Beth-el), southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, by the mountain that *lieth* on *the* south of Beth-horon *the* nether. 14 And the border extended *thence*, and turned about on *the* west quarter southward, from the mountain that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward; and *the* goings out thereof were at Kiriath-baal (*the* same is Kiriath-jearim), a city of *the* children of Judah: *this was the* west quarter. 15 And *the* south quarter was from *the* uttermost part of Kiriath-jearim; and the border went out westward, and went out to *the* fountain of *the* waters of Nephtoah; 16 and the border went down to *the* uttermost part of the mountain that *lieth* before *the* valley of *the* son of Hinnom, which is in *the* vale of Rephaim northward; and it went down to *the* valley of Hinnom, to *the* side of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel; 17 and it extended northward, and went out at En-shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is over against *the* ascent of Adummim; and it went down to *the* stone of Bohan *the* son of Reuben; 18 and it passed along to *the* side over against the Arabah northward, and went down unto the Arabah; 19 and the border passed along to *the* side of Beth-hoglah northward; and *the* goings out of the border were at *the* north⁸³bay of the Salt Sea, at *the* south end of the Jordan: *this was the* south border. 20 And the Jordan was *the* border of it on *the* east quarter. *This was the* inheritance of *the* children of Benjamin, by *the* borders thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of *the* tribe of *the* children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and Emek-keziz, 22 and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, 23 and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah, 24 and Chephar-ammoni, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages: 25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, 27 and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28 and Zelah, Eleph, and the Jebusite (*the* same is Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities with

⁸² *Hb.* shoulder *Also in vs. 13.*

⁸³ *Hb.* tongue

their villages. *This is the* inheritance of *the* children of Benjamin according to their families.

19 And the second lot came out for Simeon, *even for the* tribe of *the* children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was in *the* midst of *the* inheritance of *the* children of Judah. 2 And they had for their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah, 3 and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Ezem, 4 and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, 5 and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah. 6 and Beth-lebath, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities with their villages: 7 Ain, Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages: 8 and all the villages that *were* round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of *the* South. *This is the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of *the*⁸⁴part of *the* children of Judah *was the* inheritance of *the* children of Simeon; for *the* portion of *the* children of Judah was too much for them: therefore *the* children of Simeon had inheritance in *the* midst of their inheritance.

10 And the third lot came up for *the* children of Zebulun according to their families. And *the* border of their inheritance was unto Sarid; 11 and their border went up westward, even to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth; and it reached to the brook that is before Jokneam; 12 and it turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto *the* border of Chisloth-tabor; and it went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia; 13 and from thence it passed along eastward to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin; and it went out at Rimmon that stretcheth unto Neah; 14 and the border turned about it on *the* north to Hannathon; and *the* goings out thereof were at *the* valley of Iphtah-el; 15 and Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16 *This is the* inheritance of *the* children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar, *even for the* children of Issachar according to their families. 18 And their border was unto Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 19 and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath. And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez, 21 and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez, 22 and the border reached to Tabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh; and *the* goings out of their border were at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23 *This is the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 And the fifth lot came out for *the* tribe of *the* children of Asher according to their families. 25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 26 and Allammelech, and Amad, and

⁸⁴ *Hb.* line

Mishal; and it reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath; 27 and it turned toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to *the* valley of Iptah-el northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; and it went out to Cabul on *the* left *hand*, 28 and Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Sidon; 29 and the border turned to Ramah, and to ⁸⁵*the* fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah; and *the* goings out thereof were at the sea ⁸⁶*by* *the* region of Achzib; 30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages. 31 This *is* *the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot came out for *the* children of Naphtali, *even* for *the* children of Naphtali, according to their families. 33 And their border was from Heleph, from *the* ⁸⁷oak in Zaananim, and Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakkum; and *the* goings out thereof were at the Jordan; 34 and the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from thence to Hukkuk; and it reached to Zebulun on *the* south, and reached to Asher on *the* west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the sunrising. 35 And *the* fortified cities *were* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, 36 and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, 37 and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, 38 and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This *is* *the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

40 The seventh lot came out for *the* tribe of *the* children of Dan according to their families. 41 And *the* border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, 42 and Shaalabbin, and Aijalon, and Ithlah, 43 and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron, 44 and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baal-ath, 45 and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon, 46 and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border over against ⁸⁸Joppa. 47 And *the* border of *the* children of Dan went out ⁸⁹beyond them; for *the* children of Dan went up and fought against ⁹⁰Leshem, and took it, and smote it with *the* edge of *the* sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after *the* name of Dan their father. 48 This *is* *the* inheritance of *the* tribe of *the* children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

⁸⁵ Or, the city of Mibtzar-tzor, That is, the fortress of Tyre;

⁸⁶ Or, from Hebel to Achzib;

⁸⁷ Or, oak (or, terebinth) of Betzaananim,

⁸⁸ Hb. Japho.

⁸⁹ Or, from them: and the children etc.

⁹⁰ In Jg 18:29, Laish,

49 So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by *the* borders thereof; and *the* children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua *the* son of Nun in *the* midst of them: 50 according to *the* commandment of Jehovah they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Timnath-serah in *the* hill-country of Ephraim; and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua *the* son of Nun, and *the* heads of the fathers' houses of *the* tribes of *the* children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Jehovah, at *the* door of *the* tent of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

20 And Jehovah spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Speak to *the* children of Israel, saying, Assign you the cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by Moses, 3 that *the* manslayer that killeth *any* soul ⁹¹unwittingly and unawares may flee thither: and they shall be unto you for a refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And he shall flee unto one of those cities, and shall stand at *the* entrance of *the* gate of the city, and declare his cause in *the* ears of *the* elders of that city; and they shall ⁹²take him into the city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among them. 5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he smote his neighbor unawares, and hated him not before time. 6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, until *the* death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the manslayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 And they ⁹³set apart Kedesh in ⁹⁴Galilee in *the* hill-country of Naphtali, and Shechem in *the* hill-country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (*the* same is Hebron) in *the* hill-country of Judah. 8 And beyond *the* Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the ⁹⁵plain out of *the* tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of *the* tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of *the* tribe of Manasseh. 9 These were the appointed cities for all *the* children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* soul unwittingly might flee thither, and not die by *the* hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

21 Then came near *the* heads of fathers' houses of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua *the* son of Nun, and unto *the* heads of fathers' houses of the tribes of *the* children of Israel; 2 and they spake unto them at Shiloh in *the* land of Canaan, saying, Jehovah

⁹¹ Or, through error and unawares

⁹² Hb. gather

⁹³ Hb. sanctified Kedesh

⁹⁴ Hb. Galil

⁹⁵ Or, table-land

commanded by Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with *the* ⁹⁶suburbs thereof for our cattle. 3 And *the* children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, according to *the* commandment of Jehovah, these cities with their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for *the* families of the Kohathites: and *the* children of Aaron the priest, *who* were of the Levites, had by lot out of *the* tribe of Judah, and out of *the* tribe of the Simeonites, and out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of *the* children of Kohath *had* by lot out of *the* families of *the* tribe of Ephraim, and out of *the* tribe of Dan, and out of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And *the* children of Gershon *had* by lot out of *the* families of *the* tribe of Issachar, and out of *the* tribe of Asher, and out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, and out of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 *The* children of Merari according to their families *had* out of *the* tribe of Reuben, and out of *the* tribe of Gad, and out of *the* tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And *the* children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as Jehovah commanded by Moses. 9 And they gave out of *the* tribe of *the* children of Judah, and out of *the* tribe of *the* children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name: 10 and they were for *the* children of Aaron, of *the* families of the Kohathites, *who* were of *the* children of Levi; for theirs was the first lot. 11 And they gave them Kiriath-arba, *which* Arba was *the* father of ⁹⁷Anak (*the* same is Hebron), in *the* hill-country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 And unto *the* children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah with its suburbs, 14 and Jattir with its suburbs, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs, 15 and Holon with its suburbs, and Debir with its suburbs, 16 and Ain with its suburbs, and Juttah with its suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17 And out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs, 18 Anathoth with its suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs; four cities. 19 All *the* cities of *the* children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 And *the* families of *the* children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of *the* children of Kohath, they had *the* cities of their lot out of *the* tribe of Ephraim. 21 And they gave them Shechem with its suburbs in *the* hill-country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the

manslayer, and Gezer with its suburbs, 22 and Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Beth-horon with its suburbs, four cities. 23 And out of *the* tribe of Dan, Elteke with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs, 24 Aijalon with its suburbs, Gath-rimmon with its suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with its suburbs; two cities. 26 All *the* cities of *the* families of the rest of *the* children of Kohath *were* ten with their suburbs.

27 And unto *the* children of Gershon, of *the* families of the Levites, out of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh *they* gave Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Be-eshterah with its suburbs; two cities. 28 And out of *the* tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, 29 Jarmuth with its suburbs, En-gannim with its suburbs; four cities. 30 And out of *the* tribe of Asher, Mishal with its suburbs, Abdon with its suburbs, 31 Helkath with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; four cities. 32 And out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor with its suburbs, and Kartan with its suburbs; three cities. 33 All *the* cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto *the* families of *the* children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of *the* tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs, and Kartah with its suburbs, 35 Dimnah with its suburbs, Nahalal with its suburbs; four cities. 36 And out of *the* tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its suburbs, and Jahaz with its suburbs, 37 Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; four cities. 38 And out of *the* tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, 39 Heshbon with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all. 40 All *these* were the cities of *the* children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of *the* families of the Levites; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 All *the* cities of the Levites in *the* midst of *the* possession of *the* children of Israel *were* forty-eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *it* was with all these cities.

43 So Jehovah gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And Jehovah gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not aught of any good thing which Jehovah had spoken unto *the* house of Israel; all came to pass.

⁹⁶ Or, pasture lands Also in vs. 3, and elsewhere.

⁹⁷ Hb. the Anaq

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses *the* servant of Jehovah commanded you, and have hearkened unto my voice in all that I commanded you: 3 ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of *the* commandment of Jehovah your God. 4 And now Jehovah your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he spake unto them: therefore now turn ye, and get you unto your tents, unto *the* land of your possession, which Moses *the* servant of Jehovah gave you beyond the Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses *the* servant of Jehovah commanded you, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. 6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went unto their tents.

7 Now to the *one* half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *inheritance* in Bashan; but unto *the other* half gave Joshua among their brethren beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away unto their tents, he blessed them, 8 and spake unto them, saying, Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with copper, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide *the* spoil of your enemies with your brethren. 9 And *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in *the* land of Canaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to *the* land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to *the* commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

10 And when they came unto *the* region about the Jordan, that *is* in *the* land of Canaan, *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look upon. 11 And *the* children of Israel heard say, Behold, *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built *an* altar in *the* forefront of *the* land of Canaan, in *the* region about the Jordan, on the side that pertaineth to *the* children of Israel. 12 And when *the* children of Israel heard of it, *the* whole congregation of *the* children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

13 And *the* children of Israel sent unto *the* children of Reuben, and to *the* children of Gad, and to *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas *the* son of Eleazar the priest, 14 and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each of *the* tribes of Israel; and they *were* every one of them head of their

fathers' houses among *the* ⁹⁸thousands of Israel. 15 And they came unto *the* children of Reuben, and to *the* children of Gad, and to *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, 16 Thus saith *the* whole congregation of Jehovah, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against *the* God of Israel, to turn away this day from following Jehovah, in that ye have builded you an altar, to rebel *this* day against Jehovah? 17 *Is* the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day, although there came a plague upon *the* congregation of Jehovah, 18 that ye must turn away *this* day from following Jehovah? And it will be, *seeing* ye rebel today against Jehovah, that tomorrow he will be wroth with *the* whole congregation of Israel. 19 Howbeit, if *the* land of your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass ye over unto *the* land of *the* possession of Jehovah, wherein Jehovah's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against Jehovah, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides *the* altar of Jehovah our God. 20 Did not Achan *the* son of Zerah commit a trespass in *the* devoted thing, and wrath fell upon all *the* congregation of Israel? And that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spake unto the heads of *the* thousands of Israel, 22 *The* Mighty One, God, Jehovah, *the* Mighty One, God, Jehovah, he knoweth; and Israel he shall know: if *it be* in rebellion, or if in trespass against Jehovah (save thou us not this day), 23 that we have built us an altar to turn away from following Jehovah; or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace-offerings thereon, let Jehovah himself require *it*; 24 and if we have not *rather* out of carefulness done this, *and* of purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with Jehovah, *the* God of Israel? 25 for Jehovah hath made the Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no portion in Jehovah: so might your children make our children cease from fearing Jehovah. 26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us *an* altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice: 27 but it *shall be* a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of Jehovah before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no portion in Jehovah. 28 Therefore said we, It shall be, when they *so* say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of *the* altar of Jehovah,

⁹⁸ Or, families Also in vs. 21.

which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but it *is* a witness between us and you. 29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against Jehovah, and turn away *this* day from following Jehovah, to build an altar for burnt-offering, for meal-offering, or for sacrifice, besides *the* altar of Jehovah our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

30 And when Phinehas the priest, and *the* princes of the congregation, even *the* heads of *the* thousands of Israel that *were* with him, heard the words that *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad and *the* children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them well. 31 And Phinehas *the* son of Eleazar the priest said unto *the* children of Reuben, and to *the* children of Gad, and to *the* children of Manasseh, *This* day we know that Jehovah *is* in *the* midst of us, because ye have not committed this trespass against Jehovah: now have ye delivered the children of Israel out of *the* hand of Jehovah. 32 And Phinehas *the* son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from *the* children of Reuben, and from *the* children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto *the* land of Canaan, to *the* children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33 And the thing pleased *the* children of Israel; and *the* children of Israel blessed God, and spake no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad dwelt. 34 And *the* children of Reuben and *the* children of Gad called the altar ⁹⁹*Ed*: For, *say they*, it *is* a witness between us that Jehovah *is* God.

23 And it came to pass after many days, when Jehovah had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old *and* well stricken in years; 2 that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* well stricken in years: 3 and ye have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for Jehovah your God, he *it is that* hath fought for you. 4 Behold, I have allotted unto you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea toward *the* going down of the sun. 5 And Jehovah your God, he will thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as Jehovah your God spake unto you. 6 Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in *the* book of *the* law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to *the* right hand or to *the* left; 7 that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of *the* name of their gods, nor cause to swear by *them*, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves unto them; 8 but cleave unto Jehovah your God, as ye

⁹⁹ *That is, Witness:*

have done unto this day. 9 For Jehovah hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath stood before you unto this day. 10 One man of you ¹⁰⁰shall chase a thousand; for Jehovah your God, he *it is that* fighteth for you, as he spake unto you. 11 Take good heed therefore unto your souls, that ye love Jehovah your God. 12 Else if ye do at all go back, and cleave unto *the* remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you; 13 know for a certainty that Jehovah your God will no more drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap unto you, and a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which Jehovah your God hath given you.

14 And, behold, *this* day I *am* going *the* way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which Jehovah your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, not one thing hath failed thereof. 15 And it shall come to pass, *that* as all the good things are come upon you of which Jehovah your God spake unto you, so will Jehovah bring upon you all the evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which Jehovah your God hath given you. 16 When ye transgress the covenant of Jehovah your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them: then will *the* anger of Jehovah be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

24 And Joshua gathered all *the* tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for *the* elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond ¹⁰¹*the* River, *even* Terah, *the* father of Abraham, and *the* father of Nahor: and they served other gods. 3 And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all *the* land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. 4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; and Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in *the* midst thereof: and afterward I brought you out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and *the* Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen unto *the* Red Sea. 7 And when they cried out unto Jehovah, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought

¹⁰⁰ *Or, hath chased a thousand;*

¹⁰¹ *That is, the Euphrates, And elsewhere in ch. 24.*

the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days. 8 And I brought you into *the* land of the Amorites, *that* dwelt beyond the Jordan: and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak *the* son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel: and he sent and called Balaam *the* son of Beor to curse you; 10 but I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And ye went over the Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and *the* men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 And I gave you a land whereon thou hadst not labored, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell therein; of vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye Jehovah. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you *this* day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.

16 And the people answered and said, Far be it from us that we should forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods; 17 for Jehovah our God, he it is *that* brought us and our fathers up out of *the* land of Egypt, from *the* house of ¹⁰²bondage, and that did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the peoples through *the* midst of whom we passed; 18 and Jehovah drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites that dwelt in the land: *therefore* we also will serve Jehovah; for he is our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve Jehovah; for he *is* a holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. 20 If you forsake Jehovah, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Joshua, No; but we will serve Jehovah. 22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you Jehovah, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses. 23 Now therefore put away, *said* he, the foreign gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto Jehovah, *the* God of Israel. 24 And the people said unto Joshua,

¹⁰² *Hb.* bondmen,

Jehovah our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we hearken. 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in *the* book of *the* law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that *was* ¹⁰³by *the* sanctuary of Jehovah. 27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it hath heard all the words of Jehovah which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness against you, lest ye deny your God. 28 So Joshua sent the people away, every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua *the* son of Nun, *the* servant of Jehovah, died, *being* a hundred ten years old. 30 And they buried him in *the* border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which *is* in *the* hill-country of Ephraim, on the north of *the* mountain of Gaash. 31 And Israel served Jehovah all *the* days of Joshua, and all *the* days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of Jehovah, that he had wrought for Israel.

32 And *the* bones of Joseph, which *the* children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in the parcel of ground which ¹⁰⁴Jacob bought of *the* sons of Hamor *the* father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money: and they became *the* inheritance of *the* children of Joseph. 33 And Eleazar *the* son of Aaron died; and they buried him in ¹⁰⁵*the* hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in *the* hill-country of Ephraim.

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¹⁰³ *Or,* in

¹⁰⁴ Ge 33:19.

¹⁰⁵ *Or,* Gibeah of Phinehas