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**Chapter 1**

(1) Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} {2553 A.H./C- 1489 B.C.} it came to pass, that the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Joshua {Jehovah saves} the son of Nun,<sup>a</sup> Moses' minister, saying,

(2) Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan River, you, and all this people, to the land which I give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

(3) Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given to you, as I said to Moses.

(4) From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great {Mediterranean} sea towards the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

(5) No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with you: I will not fail you, nor forsake you.

(6) Be strong and of a good courage: because to this people you shall divide the land for an inheritance, which I swore to their forefathers to give them.

(7) Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded you: do not turn from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

(8) This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it: because then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

(9) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of a good courage; do not be afraid, neither be dismayed: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* with you wherever you go.

(10) Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

(11) Pass through the host {multitude}, and command the people, saying, Prepare for yourselves food; because within three days you shall pass over this Jordan River, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess.

(12) And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, Joshua spoke, saying,

(13) Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded you, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you rest, and has given you this land {east of the Jordan River}.

(14) Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side {east} of the Jordan River; but you shall pass before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and help them;

1:1a - Joshua {יהושע} - Jehovah saves – see note on Mat. 1:21 - 41 years after exodus from Egypt - See: [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(15) Until the LORD {Jehovah} has given your brothers rest, as *He has given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives them: then you shall return to the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's {Jehovah's} servant gave you on this side {east} of the Jordan River towards the sunrise.

(16) And they answered Joshua, saying, All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us, we will go.

(17) Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so we will listen to you: only may the LORD {Jehovah} your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

(18) Whoever *he may be* who rebels against your commandment, and will not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

**Chapter 2**

(1) And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into a prostitute's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

(2) And it was told to the king of Jericho, saying, There came men in here tonight of the children of Israel to search out the country.

(3) And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house: because they have come to search out all the country.

(4) And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said this, There came men to me, but I did not know where they *were from*:

(5) And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: where the men went I do not know: pursue after them quickly; because you shall overtake them.

(6) But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

(7) And the men pursued after them all the way to the Jordan River to the fords: and as soon as those who pursued after them had left, they shut the gate.

(8) And before they had laid down for the night, she came up to them upon the roof;

(9) And she said to the men, I know that the LORD {Jehovah} has given you the land, and that your terror has fallen upon us, and that all those who live in the land faint because of you.

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(10) Because we have heard how the LORD {Jehovah} dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side {east} of the Jordan River, Sihon and Og, whom you completely destroyed.

(11) And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts melted, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God, He *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

(12) Now therefore, I ask you, swear to me by the LORD {Jehovah}, since I have shown you kindness, that you will also show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token:

(13) And *that* you will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

(14) And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if you do not tell our business. And it shall be, when the LORD {Jehovah} has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.

(15) Then she let them down by a rope through the window: because her house *was* upon the town wall, and she lived upon the wall.

(16) And she said to them, Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned: and afterward you may go your way.

(17) And the men said to her, We *will be* blameless of this your oath which you have made us swear.

(18) *When* we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window by which you let us down: and you shall bring your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you.

(19) And it shall be, *that* whoever shall go out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whoever shall be with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand is put upon him.

(20) And if you tell this our business, then we will cancel your oath which you have made us swear.

(21) And she said, Let it be according to your words. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

(22) And they went, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned: and the pursuers sought *them* all along the road, but did not find *them*.

(23) So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that happened to them:

(24) And they said to Joshua, Truly the LORD {Jehovah} has delivered into our hands all the land; because even all those who live in the country are faint because of us.

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**Chapter 3**

(1) And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to the Jordan River, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

(2) And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host {multitude};

(3) And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and the priests the Levites carrying it, then you shall remove from your place, and follow after it.

(4) Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits {about 3000 ft; 914 m.}<sup>a</sup> by measure: do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go: because you have not passed *this* way before.

(5) And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify {cleanse; make holy} yourselves: because tomorrow the LORD {Jehovah} will do wonders among you.

(6) And Joshua spoke to 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 the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.**

(8) **And you shall command the priests who carry the ark of the covenant, saying, When you have come to the banks of the water of the Jordan River, you shall stand still in the Jordan River.**

(9) And Joshua said to the children of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(10) And Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

(11) See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan River.

(12) Now therefore choose for yourselves twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

(13) And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan River, *that* the waters of the Jordan River shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand up as a hill.

(14) And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan River, and the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people;

3:4a – cubit – about 1.5 feet; 0.46 meters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(15) And as those who carried the ark had come to the Jordan River, and the feet of the priests who carried the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, (because the Jordan River overflows all its banks all the time of harvest,)<sup>b</sup>

(16) That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up as a hill very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those who came down towards the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea {Dead Sea}, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over opposite Jericho.

(17) And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan River, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people had completely passed over the Jordan.

**Chapter 4**

(1) And it came to pass, when all the people had completely passed over the Jordan River, that the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Joshua, saying,

(2) Choose for yourself twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

(3) And command them, saying, Take from out of the midst of the Jordan River, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones,<sup>a</sup> and you shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the place where you shall lodge for the 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 to them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} your God into the midst of the Jordan River, and each of you take up a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

(6) That this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What do you *mean* by these stones?

(7) Then you shall answer them, That the waters of the Jordan River were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}; when it passed over the Jordan River, the waters of the Jordan River were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.

(8) And the children of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan River, as the LORD {Jehovah} had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

(9) And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan River, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there to this day.

3:15b - spring harvest - month of Nisan [March-April] - month of the Passover  
- see Josh. 5:10

4:3a - take up twelve stones - see Deut. 27:2f

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(10) Because the priests who carried the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan River, until everything was finished that the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people quickly passed over.

(11) And it came to pass, when all the people had completely passed over, that the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

(12) And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them:

(13) About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD {Jehovah} to battle, to the plains of Jericho.

(14) On that day the LORD {Jehovah} magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared {revered; honored} him, as they feared {revered; honored} Moses, all the days of his life.

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Joshua, saying,

(16) **Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony {covenant}, that they come up out of the Jordan River.**

(17) Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come up out of the Jordan River.

(18) And it came to pass, when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} had come up out of the midst of the Jordan River, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up onto the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan River returned to their place, and flowed over all its banks, as *they did* before.

(19) And the people came up out of the Jordan River on the tenth *day* of the first month {Nisan 10 [March-April]} {2553 A.H./C- 1489 B.C.},<sup>b</sup> and encamped in Gilgal {rolled away},<sup>c</sup> in the east border of Jericho.

(20) And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan River, Joshua stacked up in Gilgal.

(21) And he spoke to the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do these stones *mean*?

(22) Then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan River on dry land.

(23) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God dried up the waters of the Jordan River from before you, until you were passed over, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up from before us, until we had passed over:

(24) That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD {Jehovah}, that it is mighty: that you might fear {revere; honor} the LORD {Jehovah} your God forever.

4:19b - tenth day of the first month Nisan [March-April] - 41 years after exodus from Egypt {2553 A.H./C- 1489 B.C.} - See Josh. 5:10; Ex. 12:2-3;  
- see note on Jn. 12:12

4:19c - Gilgal {גִּלְגָל} - rolled away - see Josh. 5:9

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**Chapter 5**

(1) And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, who *were* on the west side of the Jordan River, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who *were* by the sea {Dead Sea}, heard that the LORD {Jehovah} had dried up the waters of the Jordan River from before the children of Israel, until we had passed over, that their hearts melted, neither was there spirit in them anymore, because of the children of Israel.

(2) At that time the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Make for yourselves sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.**

(3) And Joshua made for himself sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

(4) And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised {all the males}: All the people who came out of Egypt, who *were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way, after they came out of Egypt.

(5) Now all the people who came out were circumcised: but all the people who *were* born in the wilderness along the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *these* had not been circumcised.

(6) Because the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the people who *were* men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}: to whom the LORD {Jehovah} swore that He would not show them the land, which the LORD {Jehovah} swore to their fathers that He would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

(7) And their children, *whom* He raised up in their place, these Joshua circumcised: because they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way.

(8) And it came to pass, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp, until they were healed.

(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you.** Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal {rolled away}<sup>a</sup> to this day.

(10) And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month {Nisan 14 [March-April]} {2553 A.H./C- 1489 B.C.} at evening,<sup>b</sup> in the plains of Jericho.

5:9a - Gilgal {גִּלְגָל} - rolled away

5:10b - evening of the fourteenth day of the first month {Nisan [March-April]} is the Passover Lev. 23:5 - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#). See also [Appendix K: What Day of The Week Was Jesus Crucified?](#) And [Appendix N: Fulfilled Holy Days](#).

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(11) And they ate of the old corn of the land on the morning after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the very same day.

(12) And the manna ceased in the morning after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither did the children of Israel have manna anymore; but they ate of the fruit 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, he saw, there stood a Man opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand: and Joshua went to Him, and said to Him, *Are you for us, or for our adversaries?*

(14) And He said, *Neither, but as captain of the host {army} of the LORD {Jehovah} I have now come.*<sup>c</sup> And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshiped, and said to Him, What does my Lord say to His servant?

(15) And the captain of the LORD's {Jehovah's} host {army} said to Joshua, *Loosen your shoe from off your foot; because the place on which you stand is holy.* And Joshua did so.<sup>d</sup>

**Chapter 6**

(1) Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel: no one went out, and no one came in.

(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, *See, I have given into your hand Jericho, and its king, and its mighty men of valor.*

(3) *And you shall go around the city, all your men of war, and go around the city once. This you shall do six days.*

(4) *And seven priests shall carry before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.*

(5) *And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.*

(6) And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) And he said to the people, Pass on, and go around the city, and let those who *are* armed pass on ahead of the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}.<sup>a</sup>

(8) And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on ahead of the LORD {Jehovah}, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} followed them.

5:14c – captain of the host – according to Stephen in Acts 7:38 this is Who appeared in the burning bush in Ex. 3:2

5:15d – see Ex. 3:5

6:7a – about 40,000 armed men – Josh. 4:13



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(9) And the armed men went before the priests who blew with the trumpets, and the rear guard followed after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

(10) And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day that I tell you to shout; then you shall shout.

(11) So the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} circled the city, going around *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 the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

(14) And the second day they circled the city once, and returned into the camp: they did so six days.

(15) And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and circled the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they circled the city seven times.

(16) And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout; because the LORD {Jehovah} has given you the city.

(17) And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all who *are* in it, to the LORD {Jehovah}: only Rahab the prostitute shall live, she and all who *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.<sup>b</sup>

(18) And you, keep *yourselves* from the cursed things, lest you make *yourselves* cursed, when you take of the cursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

(19) But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated {set apart as holy} to the LORD {Jehovah}: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

(21) And they completely destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

(22) But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, Go into the prostitute's house, and bring out from there the woman, and all that she has, as you swore to her.

(23) And the young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had; and they brought out all her relatives, and left them outside the camp of Israel.

6:17b – Josh. 2

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(24) And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* in it: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) And Joshua saved Rahab the prostitute alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she lives in Israel *even* to this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

(26) And Joshua prophesied to *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *is* the man before the LORD {Jehovah}, who rises up and builds this city Jericho: he shall lay its foundation at the cost of his firstborn, and at the cost of his youngest *son* he shall set up its gates.<sup>d</sup>

(27) So the LORD {Jehovah} was with Joshua; and his fame was *spoken of* throughout all the country.

**Chapter 7**

(1) But the children of Israel committed a sin in the cursed things: because Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the cursed things:<sup>a</sup> and the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against the children of Israel.

(2) And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

(3) And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Do not send all the people; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai; *and* do not cause all the people to labor there; because they *are but* few in number.

(4) So there went up to there of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

(5) And the men of Ai struck of them about thirty-six men: because they chased them *from* before the gate *even* to Shebarim, and struck them in the going down: therefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

(6) And Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

(7) And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, why have You brought this people over the Jordan River, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and lived on the other side {east} of the Jordan River!

(8) O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turns their backs before their enemies!

(9) Because the Canaanites and all those who live in the land shall hear *of it*, and everyone all around us, and cut off our name from the earth: and what will You do to Your great Name?

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Get yourself up; why do you lie down upon your face?**

6:25c – Rahab – great grandmother of king David – Mat. 1:5-6

6:26d – cost of his first born - fulfilled I Ki. 16:34

7:1a – cursed thing – Achan took clothes, silver, and gold that the Lord had Forbidden [Josh. 6:18-19] – see Josh. 7:20-21

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(11) Israel has sinned, and they have also rebelled against My covenant which I commanded them: because they have even taken of the cursed things, and have also stolen, and deceived, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.

(12) Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, unless you destroy the cursed from among you.

(13) Get up, sanctify the people {make the people holy}, and say, Sanctify yourselves {make yourselves holy} for tomorrow: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *There is* a cursed thing in your midst, O Israel: you cannot stand before your enemies, until you take away the cursed thing from among you.

(14) In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD {Jehovah} selects shall come according to its families; and the family which the LORD {Jehovah} shall select shall come by households; and the household which the LORD {Jehovah} shall select shall come man by man.

(15) And it shall be, *that* he who is found with the cursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has: because he has rebelled against the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, and because he has committed folly in Israel.

(16) So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was selected:

(17) And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was selected:

(18) And he brought 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 selected.

(19) And Joshua said to Achan, I ask you my son, give, glory to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, and make confession to Him; and tell me now what you have done; do not hide *it* from me.

(20) And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

(21) When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian robe, and two hundred shekels of silver {about 5.0 lbs; 228 kg},<sup>b</sup> and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight {about 1.25 lbs; 0.57 kg}, then I coveted them, and took them; and, indeed, they *are* hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

(22) So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and, indeed, *it was* hidden in his tent, and the silver under it.

7:21b – shekel – 0.4 ounces; 11.4 grams – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(23) And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(24) And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the robe, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his donkeys, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

(25) And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? the LORD {Jehovah} shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

(26) And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. So the LORD {Jehovah} turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor {trouble},<sup>c</sup> to this day.

**Chapter 8**

(1) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed: take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai: indeed, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:**

(2) **And you shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king: only its spoil, and its cattle, you shall take for a prey to yourselves: lay an ambush for the city behind it.**

(3) So Joshua, and all the people of war arose, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night.

(4) And he commanded them, saying, You shall lie in wait {ambush} against the city, *even* behind the city: do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready:

(5) And I, and all the people who *are* with me, will approach 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) (Because they will come out after us) until we have drawn them from the city; because they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

(7) Then you shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God will deliver it into your hand.

(8) And it shall be, when you have taken the city, *that* you shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} you shall do. See, I have commanded you.

(9) Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

(10) And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

7:26c - Achor {עכור} - trouble

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(11) And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and camped on the north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai.

(12) And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

(13) And when they had set the people, *even* all the host {army} that *was* on the north of the city, and those who lay in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

(14) And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they went quickly and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he did not know that *there were* those who lay in ambush against him behind the city.

(15) And Joshua and all Israel acted as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

(16) And all the people that *were* in Ai 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, who did not go out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

(18) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai; because I will give it into your hand.** And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand towards 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 they entered into the city, and took it, and went quickly and set the city on fire.

(20) And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, indeed, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people who 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 killed the men of Ai.

(22) And the others came 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 struck 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.

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(24) And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of killing all those who lived in Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they chased them, and when they had all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned to Ai, and struck it with the edge of the sword.

(25) And so it was, *that* all who fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai.

(26) Because Joshua did not draw his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had completely destroyed all those who lived in Ai.

(27) Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey to themselves, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which He commanded Joshua.

(28) And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a pile of rubble forever, *even* a desolation to this day.

(29) And he hung the king of Ai on a tree until evening: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his dead body down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise on it a great pile of stones, *that remains* to this day.

(30) Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel in mount Ebal,

(31) As Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man has lifted up *any* iron: and they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD {Jehovah}, and sacrificed peace offerings.

(32) And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

(33) And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, as well the stranger, as he who was born among them; half of them opposite mount Gerizim, and half of them opposite mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

(34) And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and curses, 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 did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were literate among them.

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**Chapter 9**

(1) And it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side {west} of the Jordan River, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great {Mediterranean} sea opposite Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *of it*;

(2) That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

(3) And when those who lived in Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

(4) They worked deceitfully, and went and acted as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their donkeys, and wine bottles, old, and torn, and bound up;

(5) And old shoes with patches on their feet, and old clothes upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* moldy.

(6) And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We have come from a far country: now therefore make a league {alliance} with us.

(7) And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you live among us; and how shall we make a league {alliance} with you?

(8) And they said to Joshua, We *are* your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who *are* you? and from where have you come?

(9) And they said to him, From a very far country your servants have come because of the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} your God: because we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt,

(10) And all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites, who *were* beyond the Jordan River, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who *was* at Ashtaroath.

(11) Therefore our elders and all those who live in our country spoke to us, saying, Take food with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We *are* your servants: therefore now make a league {alliance} with us.

(12) This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to come to you; but now, look, it is dry, and it is moldy:

(13) And these bottles of wine, which we filled, *were* new; and, look, they are torn: and these our clothes and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey.

(14) And the men took of their food, but did not ask *counsel* at the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league {alliance} with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore to them.

(16) And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league {alliance} with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbors, and *that* they lived among them.

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(17) And the children of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.

(18) And the children of Israel did not strike, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

(19) But all the princes said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

(20) This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath {anger; judgment} be upon us, because of the oath which we swore to them.

(21) And the princes said to them, Let them live; but let them be wood cutters and water drawers to all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

(22) And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when you live among us?

(23) Now therefore you *are* cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being bondmen, and wood cutters and water drawers for the house of my God.

(24) And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told your servants, how the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all those who live in the land from before you, therefore we were greatly afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

(25) And now, see, we *are* in your hand: do to us as it seems good and right to you.

(26) And so he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they did not kill them.

(27) And Joshua that day made them wood cutters and water drawers for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, even to this day, in the place which He should choose.

**Chapter 10**

(1) Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had completely destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how those who live in Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

(2) That they were greatly afraid, because Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all its men *were* mighty.



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(3) Therefore Adonizedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

(4) Come up to me, and help me, that we may strike Gibeon: because it has 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 {armies}, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

(6) And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Do not withhold your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: because all the kings of the Amorites who live in the mountains are gathered together against us.

(7) So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

(8) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Do not be afraid of them: because I have delivered them into your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.**

(9) Joshua therefore came to them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} destroyed them before Israel, and killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goes up to Bethhoron, and struck them to Azekah, and to Makkedah.

(11) And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD {Jehovah} cast down great stones from heaven upon them to Azekah, and they died: *those who died from the* hailstones were more than *those* whom the children of Israel killed with the sword.

(12) Then Joshua spoke to the LORD {Jehovah} in the day when the LORD {Jehovah} delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand still upon Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

(13) And the sun stood still,<sup>a</sup> and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is this not written in the book of Jasher?*<sup>b</sup> So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down about a whole day.

(14) And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD {Jehovah} listened to the voice of a man: because the LORD {Jehovah} fought for Israel.

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

10:13a – sun stands still

10:13b – book of Jasher – book unknown to us today

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(16) But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

(17) And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings have been found hidden in a cave at Makkedah.

(18) And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep them:

(19) And do not stay, *but* pursue after your enemies, and strike their rear guard; do not allow them to enter into their cities: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God has delivered them into your hand.

(20) And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of killing them with a very great slaughter, until they were consumed, that the rest *who* remained of them entered into fenced cities.

(21) And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: no one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

(22) Then Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me out of the cave.

(23) And they did so, and brought forth those five kings to him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

(24) And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon their necks.

(25) And Joshua said to them, Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} shall do to all your enemies against whom you fight.

(26) And afterward Joshua struck them, and killed them, and hung 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 in which they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remains* until this very day.

(28) And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king he completely destroyed, them, and all the souls who *were* in it; he let no one remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

(29) Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

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(30) And the LORD {Jehovah} delivered it also, and its king, into the hand of Israel; and he struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who *were* in it; he let no one remain in it; but did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.

(31) And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

(32) And the LORD {Jehovah} delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who *were* in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

(33) Then Horem king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him no one remaining.

(34) And from Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

(35) And they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who *were* in it he completely destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

(36) And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it:

(37) And they took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls who *were* in them; he left no one remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it completely, and all the souls who *were* in it.

(38) And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it:

(39) And he took it, and its king, and all its cities; and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and completely destroyed all the souls who *were* in them; he left no one remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

(40) So Joshua struck all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the valley, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left no one remaining, but completely destroyed all who breathed, as the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel commanded.

(41) And Joshua struck them from Kadeshbarnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

(42) And all these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel fought for Israel.

(43) And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

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**Chapter 11**

(1) And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *these things*, 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 who *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth {Sea of Galilee}, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

(3) *And to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

(4) And they went out, they and all their hosts {armies} with them, many people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and very many chariots.

(5) And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

(6) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Joshua, **Do not be afraid because of them: because tomorrow about this time I will deliver them up all killed before Israel: you shall hamstring 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 they fell upon them.

(8) And the LORD {Jehovah} delivered them into the hand of Israel, who struck them, and chased them to great Zidon, and to Misrephothmaim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they struck them, until they left them no one remaining.

(9) And Joshua did to them as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded him: he hamstrung their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

(10) And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword: because Hazor was at one time the head of all those kingdoms.

(11) And they struck all the souls who *were* in it with the edge of the sword, completely destroying *them*: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

(12) And all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took, and struck them with the edge of the sword, *and* he completely destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded.

(13) But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only; *which* Joshua burned.

(14) And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey to themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither did they leave any to breathe.

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(15) As the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses.

(16) So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and its valley;

(17) *Even* from the mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and struck them, and killed them.

(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, except the Hivites, those who lived in Gibeon: all *others* they took in battle.

(20) Because it was of the LORD {Jehovah} to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them completely, *and* that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses.

(21) And at that time Joshua came, and cut off the Anakims {giants} from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them completely with their cities.

(22) There was no one of the Anakims {giants} left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

(23) So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD {Jehovah} said to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

**Chapter 12**

(1) Now these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel struck, and possessed their land on the other side {east} of the Jordan River toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon to mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

(2) Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even to the Jabbok River, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

(3) And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth {Sea of Galilee} on the east, and to the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea {Dead Sea} on the east, the way to Bethjeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdothpishgah:

(4) And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

(5) And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

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(6) These Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} and the children of Israel struck: and Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} gave it *for* a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

(7) And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel struck on this side Jordan on the west, from Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon even to the mount Halak, that goes up to Seir; which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions;

(8) In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

(9) The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, 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 Bethel, one;

(17) The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

(18) The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

(19) The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

(20) The king of Shimronmeron, 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 of Carmel, one;

(23) The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

(24) The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one in all.

**Chapter 13**

(1) Now Joshua was old *and* feeble in years;<sup>a</sup> and the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, *You are old and feeble in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed.*

(2) *This is the land that yet remains: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri,*

(3) *From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even to the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:*

(4) *From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:*

13:1a – Joshua was old and feeble – we are not told how old Joshua was but we know from Joshua 14:10 that he was older than Caleb. Since Joshua died at the age of 110 [Josh. 24:29] sometime after Caleb received his allotment of land, we can estimate that Joshua was somewhere between 11 years and 25 years older than Caleb who was 85 when he received his allotment.

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(5) And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, towards the sunrising {east}, from Baalgad under mount Hermon to the entering into Hamath.

(6) All those who live in the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephothmaim, *and* all the Sidonians, I will drive them out from before the children of Israel: only you divide it by lot to the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

(7) Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

(8) With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} gave them;

(9) From Aroer, that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon;

(10) And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the children of Ammon;

(11) And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah;

(12) All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: because these Moses struck, and cast them out.

(13) Nevertheless the children of Israel did not expell the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites live among the Israelites until this day.

(14) Only to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as He said to them.

(15) And Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families.

(16) And their coast was from Aroer, that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba;

(17) Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and Bamothbaal, and Bethbaalmeon,

(18) And Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

(19) And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zarethshahar in the mount of the valley,

(20) And Bethpeor, and Ashdothpisgah, and Bethjeshimoth,

(21) And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *who were* dukes of Sihon, living in the country.

(22) Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, the children of Israel killed with the sword among those who were killed by them.

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(23) And the border of the children of Reuben was the Jordan River, and its border. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and its villages.

(24) And Moses gave *inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, *even* to the children of Gad according to their families.

(25) And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, to Aroer that *is* before Rabbah;

(26) And from Heshbon to Ramathmizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir;

(27) And in the valley, Betharam, and Bethnimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan River and *its* border, *even* to the edge of the sea of Chinnereth {Sea of Galilee} on the other side of the Jordan River eastward.

(28) This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

(29) And Moses gave *inheritance* to the half tribe of Manasseh: and *this* was *the possession* of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families.

(30) And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, sixty cities:

(31) And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were belonging* to the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

(32) These *are the countries* which Moses distributed for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side of the Jordan River, by Jericho, eastward.

(33) But to the tribe of Levi Moses did not give *any* inheritance: the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel *was* their inheritance, as He said to them.

**Chapter 14**

(1) And these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

(2) Their inheritance *was* by lot, as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.

(3) Because Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side {east} of the Jordan River: but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

(4) Because the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to live *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.



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(5) As the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

(6) Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said to him, You know what the LORD {Jehovah} said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadeshbarnea.<sup>a</sup>

(7) I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} sent me from Kadeshbarnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in my heart.

(8) Nevertheless my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD {Jehovah} my God.

(9) And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your feet have walked shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD {Jehovah} my God.

(10) And now, look, the LORD {Jehovah} has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, even since the LORD {Jehovah} spoke this word to Moses, while *the children of Israel* wandered in the wilderness: and now, look, I *am* this day eighty-five years old {2559 A.H./C- 1483 B.C.}.<sup>b</sup>

(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, both to go out, and to come in.

(12) Now therefore give me this mountain, of which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke in that day; because you heard in that day how the Anakims {giants} *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if it shall be that the LORD {Jehovah} *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD {Jehovah} said.

(13) And Joshua blessed him, and gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

(14) Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

(15) And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjatharba;<sup>c</sup> *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims {giants}. And the land had rest from war.

### Chapter 15

(1) *This* then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; *even* to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward *was* the uttermost part of the south coast.

(2) And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea {Dead Sea}, from the bay that faces southward:

14:6a – Num. 14:24

14:10b – Caleb is 85 years old – 46 years after exodus from Egypt; 6 years after Joshua led Israel across the Jordan River {2559 A.H./C- 1483 B.C.}

14:15c - Kirjatharba - Hebron - Gen. 23:2 - place where Sarah died - See Josh 20:7; 21:12 In Josh. 20:7 we are told that Hebron was a city of refuge, but the area surrounding Hebron was given to Caleb as we are told in Josh. 21:12.

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(3) And it went out to the south side to Maalehacrabim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side to Kadeshbarnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and turned towards Karkaa:

(4) *From there* it passed toward Azmon, and went out to the river of Egypt; and the boundaries of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.

(5) And the east border *was* the salt sea {Dead Sea}, *even* to the end of the Jordan River. And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan River:

(6) And the border went up to Bethhogla, and passed along by the north of Betharabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:

(7) And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of Enshemesh, and its boundaries were at Enrogel:

(8) And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the south side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lies* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants northward:

(9) And the border was drawn from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which *is* Kirjathjearim:

(10) And the border turned from Baalah westward to mount Seir, and passed along to the side of mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Bethshemesh, and passed on to Timnah:

(11) And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel; and the boundaries of the border were at the sea.

(12) And the west border *was* to the great {Mediterranean} sea, and its coast. This *is* the coast of the children of Judah all around according to their families.

(13) And to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.

(14) And Caleb drove from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

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(15) And he went up from there to those who lived in Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjathsepher.

(16) And Caleb said, He who strikes Kirjathsepher, and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter to be his wife.

(17) And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to be his wife.

(18) And it came to pass, as she came *to him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off *her* donkey; and Caleb said to her, What is it you want?

(19) Who answered, Give me a blessing; because you have given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the lower springs.

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

(21) And the farthermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward 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, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,

(26) Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

(27) And Hazargaddah, and Heshmon, and Bethpalet,

(28) And Hazarshual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,

(29) Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

(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) *And* in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,

(34) And Zanoah, and Engannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

(35) Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

(36) And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:

(37) Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdalgad,

(38) And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

(39) Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

(40) And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,

(41) And Gederoth, Bethdagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:

(42) Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

(43) And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,

(44) And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages:

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(45) Ekron, with her towns and her villages:

(46) From Ekron even to the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages:

(47) Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, to the river of Egypt, and the great {Mediterranean} sea, and *its* border:

(48) And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

(49) And Dannah, and Kirjathsannah, which *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 Eshean,

(53) And Janum, and Bethtappuah, and Aphekah,

(54) And Humtah, and Kirjatharba, which *is* Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:

(55) Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

(56) And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

(57) Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:

(58) Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,

(59) And Maarath, and Bethanath, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:

(60) Kirjathbaal, which *is* Kirjathjearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:

(61) In the wilderness, Betharabah, Middin, and Secacah,

(62) And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi; six cities with their villages.

(63) As for the Jebusites those who lived in Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites live with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

**Chapter 16**

(1) And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from the Jordan River by Jericho, to the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho throughout mount Bethel,

(2) And goes out from Bethel to Luz, and passes along to the borders of Archi to Ataroth,

(3) And goes down westward to the coast of Japhleti, to the coast of Bethhoron the lower, and to Gezer: and its boundaries are at the sea.

(4) So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

(5) And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *this*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Atarothaddar, to Bethhoron the upper;

(6) And the border went out towards the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went around eastward to Taanathshiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;

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(7) And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan River.

(8) The border went out from Tappuah westward to the river Kanah; and its boundaries were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

(9) And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

(10) And they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer: but the Canaanites live among the Ephraimites to this day, and serve under taxation.

**Chapter 17**

(1) There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; because he *was* the firstborn of Joseph; *being*, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

(2) There was also *a lot* for the rest of the children of Manasseh by 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 Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

(3) But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, 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, The LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers.<sup>a</sup> Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

(5) And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side of the Jordan River;

(6) Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

(7) And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lies* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand to those who lived in Entappuah.

(8) *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the children of Ephraim;

(9) And the coast descended to the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and its boundaries were at the sea:

17:4a - Num. 27:7

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(10) Southward *it was* Ephraim's, and northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is its border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

(11) And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and those who lived in Dor and her towns, and those who lived in Endor and her towns, and those who lived in Taanach and her towns, and those who lived in Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countries.

(12) Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *those who lived in* those cities; but the Canaanites would live in that land.

(13) Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites under taxation; but did not completely drive them out.

(14) And the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me *only* one lot and one portion to inherit, since I *am* a great people, inasmuch as the LORD {Jehovah} has blessed me until now?

(15) And Joshua answered them, If you *are* a great people, *then* get yourself up to the wood *country*, and cut down for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim is too narrow for you.

(16) And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites who live in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both those who are* of Bethshean and her towns, and *those who are* of the valley of Jezreel.

(17) And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You *are* a great people, and have great power: you shall not have *only* one lot:

(18) But the mountain shall be yours; because it *is* a woodland, and you shall cut it down: and its boundaries shall be yours: because you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *are* strong.

**Chapter 18**

(1) And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh,<sup>a</sup> and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

(2) And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

(3) And Joshua said to the children of Israel, How long *are* you slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD {Jehovah} God of your fathers has given you?

(4) Choose out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come *again* to me.

18:1a – Shiloh – First home of the tabernacle – Jg. 18:31; Jn. 4:20

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(5) And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall remain in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their coasts on the north.

(6) You shall therefore divide the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

(7) But the Levites have no part among you; because the priesthood of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} gave them.

(8) And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged those who went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD {Jehovah} in Shiloh.

(9) And the men went and passed through the land, and divided it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host {multitude} at Shiloh.

(10) And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD {Jehovah}: and there Joshua divided the land to 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 coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

(12) And their border on the north side was from the Jordan River; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and its boundaries were at the wilderness of Bethaven.

(13) And the border went over from there towards Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Bethel,<sup>b</sup> southward; and the border descended to Atarothadar, near the hill that *lies* on the south side of the bottom of Bethhoron.

(14) And the border was drawn *there*, and encircled the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lies* before Bethhoron southward; and its boundaries were at Kirjathbaal, which is Kirjathjearim, a city of the children of Judah: this *was* the west quarter.

(15) And the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjathjearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah:

(16) And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lies* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,

18:13b – Luz is Bethel – Gen. 28:19; Gen. 35:1,6

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(17) And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Enshemesh, and went forth towards Gelliloth, which is opposite the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

(18) And passed along towards the side opposite Arabah northward, and went down to Arabah:

(19) And the border passed along to the side of Bethhoglah northward: and the boundaries of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea {Dead Sea} at the south end of the Jordan River: this *was* the south coast.

(20) And the Jordan River was its border on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by their coasts all around, according to their families.

(21) Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Bethhoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

(22) And Betharabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,

(23) And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

(24) And Chepharhaammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; 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 Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

**Chapter 19**

(1) And the second lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

(2) And they had in their inheritance Beersheba, or Sheba, and Moladah,

(3) And Hazarshual, and Balah, and Azem,

(4) And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

(5) And Ziklag, and Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusah,

(6) And Bethlebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages:

(9) Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: because the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within 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 to Sarid:

(11) And their border went up towards the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam;



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(12) And turned from Sarid eastward towards the sunrise {east} to the border of Chislothtabor, and then goes out to Daberath, and goes up to Japhia,

(13) And from there passes on along on the east to Gittahhepher, to Ittahkazin, and goes out to Remmonmethoar to Neah;

(14) And the border encircles it on the north side to Hannathon: and its boundaries are in the valley of Jiphthahel:

(15) And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: 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) *And* the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.

(18) And their border was towards Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

(19) And Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath,

(20) And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

(21) And Remeth, and Engannim, and Enhaddah, and Bethpazzez;

(22) And the coast reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Bethshemesh; and the boundaries of their border were at the Jordan River: sixteen cities with their villages.

(23) This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and 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 Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihorlibnath;

(27) And turns toward the sunrise {east} to Bethdagon, and reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthahel towards the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand,

(28) And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* to great Zidon;

(29) *And then* the coast turns to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turns to Hosah; and its boundaries are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:

(30) Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and 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 to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

(33) And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum; and its boundaries were at the Jordan River:

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(34) And *then* the coast turns westward to Aznohtabor, and goes out from there to Hukkok, and reaches to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon the Jordan River towards the sunrise {east}.

(35) And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

(36) And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

(37) And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Enhazor,

(38) And Iron, and Migdalel, Horem, and Bethanath, and Bethshemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

(39) This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

(40) *And* the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

(41) And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Irshemesh,

(42) And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

(43) And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

(44) And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

(45) And Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gathrimmon,

(46) And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

(47) And the coast of the children of Dan went out *too small* for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived there, 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.

(49) When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

(50) According to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Timnathserah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and lived in it.

(51) These *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD {Jehovah}, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

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(1) The LORD {Jehovah} also spoke to Joshua, saying,

(2) *Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Choose for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by the hand of Moses:*

(3) *That the killer who kills any person unknowingly and unintentionally may flee there: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.*

(4) *And when he who flees to one of those cities shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city to themselves, and give him a place, that he may live among them.*

(5) *And if the avenger of blood pursues after him, then they shall not deliver the killer up into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and did not hate him previously.*

(6) *And he shall live in that city, until he stands before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest who shall be in those days: then shall the killer return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from where he fled.*

(7) *And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.*

(8) *And on the other side of the Jordan River by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain 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 cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger who lives among them, that whoever kills any person unknowingly might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands before the congregation.<sup>a</sup>*

**Chapter 21**

(1) *Then the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;*

(2) *And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to live in, with its suburbs for our cattle.*

(3) *And the children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah}, these cities and their suburbs.*

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

20:9a - six cities of refuge where a person could flee if he killed someone accidentally (20:5) - see Ex. 21:13; Deut. 4:41-42

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(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 by 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 to the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded by the hand of 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) Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: because theirs was the first lot.

(11) And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah, with its suburbs all around it.

(12) But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

(13) So they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with its suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the killer; and Libnah with her suburbs,

(14) And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

(15) And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,

(16) And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* Bethshemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

(17) And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with her 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 which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

(21) Because they gave them Shechem with its suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the killer; and Gezer with its suburbs,

(22) And Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Bethhoron with its suburbs; four cities.

(23) And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs,

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(24) Aijalon with its suburbs, Gathrimmon with its suburbs; four cities.

(25) And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with its suburbs, and Gathrimmon with its suburbs; two cities.

(26) All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath who remained.

(27) And to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the killer; and Beeshterah with its suburbs; two cities.

(28) And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with its suburbs, Dabareh with its suburbs,

(29) Jarmuth with its suburbs, Engannim 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, *to be* a city of refuge for the killer; and Hammothdor 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 to 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 Jahazah 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, *to be* a city of refuge for the killer; and Mahanaim with its suburbs,

(39) Heshbon with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all.

(40) So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.

(41) All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty-eight cities with their suburbs.

(42) These cities were every one with their suburbs all around them: so *were* all these cities.

(43) And the LORD {Jehovah} gave to Israel all the land which He swore to give to their forefathers; and they possessed it, and lived in it.

(44) And the LORD {Jehovah} gave them rest all around, according to all that He swore to their forefathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD {Jehovah} delivered all their enemies into their hand.

(45) Nothing failed of any good thing which the LORD {Jehovah} had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

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**Chapter 22**

(1) Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

(2) And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

(3) You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(4) And now the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given rest to your brothers, as He promised them: therefore return now, and go to your own tents, *and* to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} gave you on the other side {east} of the Jordan River.

(5) But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} charged you, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cling to 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 to their tents.

(7) Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but to the *other* half Joshua gave among their brothers on this side of the Jordan River westward. And when Joshua sent them away also to their tents, then he blessed them,

(8) And he spoke to them, saying, Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much clothing: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.

(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 to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, of which they were given possession according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by the hand of Moses.

(10) And when they came to the borders of the Jordan River, that *are* 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 River, a great altar to look upon.

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(11) And the children of Israel heard saying, Look, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar opposite the land of Canaan, in the borders of the Jordan river, at the passage of 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 to war against them.<sup>a</sup>

(13) And the children of Israel sent to 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, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

(15) And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

(16) The whole congregation of the LORD {Jehovah} is asking, What sin is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD {Jehovah}, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, that you might rebel this day against the LORD {Jehovah}?

(17) *Is* the sin of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah},

(18) But that you must turn away this day from following the LORD {Jehovah}? and it will be, *since* you rebel today against the LORD {Jehovah}, that tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

(19) Nevertheless, if the land of your possession *is* unclean, *then* pass over to the land of the possession of the LORD, in which the LORD's {Jehovah's} tabernacle stays, and take possession among us: but do not rebel against the LORD {Jehovah}, nor rebel against us, in building for yourselves an altar besides the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

(20) Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a sin in the cursed thing,<sup>b</sup> and anger fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man did not perish alone in his sin.

(21) Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel,

(22) The LORD {Jehovah} God of gods, the LORD {Jehovah} God of gods, He knows, and Israel shall know; if *it is* in rebellion, or if in sin against the LORD {Jehovah}, (do not save us this day,)

22:12a – go up to war against them – the Lord had specifically forbidden alters of sacrifice to be built anywhere except where He chose [Deut. 12:3-5].  
The other tribes did not want to be punished for sin of these tribes as a repeat of what happened at Ai [Josh. 7] - see Josh. 22:20, 26  
22:20b - Josh. 7:19f

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(23) That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD {Jehovah}, or if to offer on it burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD {Jehovah} Himself require *it*;

(24) And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* very thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel?

(25) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has made the Jordan River a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad; you have no part in the LORD {Jehovah}: so shall your children cause our children to cease from fearing the LORD {Jehovah}.

(26) Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

(27) But *that it may be* a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD {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, You have no part in the LORD {Jehovah}.

(28) Therefore we said, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, Look the pattern of the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between us and you.

(29) God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD {Jehovah}, and turn this day from following the LORD {Jehovah}, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} our God that *is* before His tabernacle.

(30) And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel who *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

(31) And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD {Jehovah} *is* among us, because you have not committed this sin against the LORD {Jehovah}: now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD {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, to 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 did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and Gad lived.



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(34) And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar *Ed* {a witness}:<sup>c</sup> because it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD {Jehovah} is God.

**Chapter 23**

(1) And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD {Jehovah} had given rest to Israel from all their enemies all around, that Joshua had grown old *and* feeble with age.

(2) And Joshua called for all Israel, *and* for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old *and* feeble with age:

(3) And you have seen all that the LORD {Jehovah} your God has done to all these nations because of you; because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* He Who has fought for you.

(4) Indeed, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan River, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great {Mediterranean} sea westward.

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} your God, He shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has promised to you.

(6) You therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you not turn aside from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left;

(7) That you not come 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 yourselves to them:

(8) But cling to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, as you have done to this day.

(9) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has driven out from before you great and strong nations: but *as for* you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day.

(10) One man of you shall chase a thousand: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God, He *it is* Who fights for you, as He has promised you.

(11) Therefore take good heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(12) Else if you do in any wise go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you:

(13) Know for certain that the LORD {Jehovah} your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you.

22:34c - Ed {עֵד} - a witness

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(14) And, indeed, today I *am* going the way of all the earth: and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD {Jehovah} your God spoke concerning you; all have come to pass to you, *and* not one thing has failed.

(15) Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things come upon you, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has promised you; so shall the LORD {Jehovah} bring upon you all evil things, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you.

(16) When you have sinned against the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} shall be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given to you.

**Chapter 24**

(1) 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 to all the people, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *Your forefathers lived after the flood in old times, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.*

(3) *And I took your father Abraham from after the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants, and gave him Isaac.*

(4) *And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.*

(5) *I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagues Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.*

(6) *And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came to the {Red} Sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your forefathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.*

(7) *And when they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the {Red} Sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and you lived in the wilderness a long season.*

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(8) And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side {east} of the Jordan River; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

(9) Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

(10) But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

(11) And you went over the Jordan River, and came to Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; 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; *but* not with your sword, nor with your bow.

(13) And I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you live in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.

(14) Now therefore fear the LORD {Jehovah}, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your forefathers served after the flood, and in Egypt; and serve the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD {Jehovah}, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your forefathers served that *were* after the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD {Jehovah}, to serve other gods;

(17) Because the LORD {Jehovah} our God, He *it is* Who brought us up and our forefathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and Who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

(18) And the LORD {Jehovah} drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who lived in the land: *therefore* we will also serve the LORD {Jehovah}; because He *is* our God.

(19) And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the LORD {Jehovah}: because He *is* a holy God; He *is* a jealous God; He will not forgive your rebellious deeds nor your sins.

(20) If you forsake the LORD {Jehovah}, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after He has done you good.

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(21) And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will serve the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) And Joshua said to the people, You *are* witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourselves the LORD {Jehovah}, to serve Him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

(23) *He said*, Now therefore put away the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

(24) And the people said to Joshua, The LORD {Jehovah} our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.

(25) So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a law and an ordinance in Shechem.

(26) And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) And Joshua said to all the people, See, this stone shall be a witness to us; because it has heard all the words of the LORD {Jehovah} which He spoke to us: therefore it shall be a witness to you, lest you deny your God.

(28) So Joshua let the people depart, every man to his inheritance.

(29) And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD {Jehovah}, died, *being* one hundred ten years old.

(30) And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

(31) And Israel served the LORD {Jehovah} all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who out lived Joshua, and who had known all the works of the LORD {Jehovah}, that He had done for Israel.

(32) And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

(33) And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill *that belonged to* Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.