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(11) So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.  
 (12) And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.  
 (13) And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.  
 (14) And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.  
 (15) And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.  
 (16) And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.  
 (17) And the city shall be accursed, *even it*, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

(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>a</sup>.

6:17a – Josh. 2

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(18) And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, 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 unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

(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 utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

(22) But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.

(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 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.

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(23) And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

(24) And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: 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.

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

(26) And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

(27) So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

(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.

(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>a</sup>.

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

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

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**Chapter 7**

(1) But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD 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 spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

(3) And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

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

(5) And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

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

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(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.

7:1a – 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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(7) And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

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

(9) For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

(10) And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

(11) Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, 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, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

(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 the inhabitants of 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?*

(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.*

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(13) Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

(14) In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.

(15) And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

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

(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 taken:

(13) Get up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves 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: