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JOSHUA

CHAPTER 1

NOW after the death of Moses the servant of YAHWAH it came to pass, that YAHWAH spoke unto YAHWASUA the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

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

From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

There shall not any man 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.

Be strong and of *a* good courage: for unto this people shall you divide for *an* inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

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

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

Have not I commanded you? Be strong and of *a* good courage; be not afraid, neither be you dismayed: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM *is* with you wheresoever you go.

Then YAHWASUA commanded the officers of the people, saying,

Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days you all shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which YAHWAH ELOHEEM gives you to possess it.

And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spoke YAHWASUA, saying, Remember the word which Moses the servant of YAHWAH commanded you, saying, YAHWAH ELOHEEM has given you rest, and has given you this land.

Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but you all shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

Until YAHWAH have given your brethren rest, as *he has given* you, and they also have possessed the land which YAHWAH ELOHEEM gives them: then you all shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses YAHWAH'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

And they answered YAHWASUA, saying, All that you command us we will do, and wheresoever you send us, we will go.

According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto you: only YAHWAH ELOHEEM be with you, as he was with Moses.

Whosoever *he be* that does rebel against your commandment, and will not hearken unto your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of *a* good courage.

CHAPTER 2

AND YAHWASUA 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* whore's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in here to night of the children of Israel to search out the land.

And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to you, which are entered into your house: for they be come to search out all the land.

And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I knew not where

they *were*:

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 wot not: pursue after them quickly; for you all shall overtake them.

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.

And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

And she said to the men, I know that YAHWAH has given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

For we have heard how YAHWAH dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when you all came out of Egypt; and what you all did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you all utterly destroyed.

And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain anymore spirit in any man, because of you: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM, he *is* the ELOHEEM in heaven above, and in land beneath.

Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by YAHWAH, since I have showed you kindness, that you all will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me *a* true token:

And *that* you all will keep alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

And the men answered her, Our person for yours, if you all utter not this our business. And it shall be, when YAHWAH has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.

Then she let them down by *a* cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

And she said to them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterwards may you all go your way.

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

Behold, *when* we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which you did let us down by: and you shall bring your father, and your mother, and your brethren, and all your father's household, home unto you.

And it shall be, *that* whosoever 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 whosoever shall be with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

And if you utter this our business, then we will be quit of your oath which you have made us to swear.

And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to YAHWASUA the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:

And they said to YAHWASUA, Truly YAHWAH has delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the land do faint because of us.

CHAPTER 3

AND YAHWASUA rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

And they commanded the people, saying, When you all see the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you all shall remove from your place, and go after it.

Yet there shall be *a* space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that you all may know the way by which you all must go: for you all have not passed *this* way heretofore.

And YAHWASUA said to the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow YAHWAH will do wonders among you.

And YAHWASUA spoke unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, This day will I 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.

And you shall command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When you all are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, you all shall stand still in Jordan.

And YAHWASUA said to the children of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And YAHWASUA said, Hereby you all shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Kanaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the land passes over before you into Jordan.

Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe *a* man.

And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of YAHWAH, the Lord of all the land, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon *a* heap.

And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (*for Jordan overflows all his banks all the time of harvest,*)

That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon *a* heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the nation was passed clean over Jordan.

CHAPTER 4

AND it came to pass, when all the nation was clean passed over Jordan, that YAHWAH spoke unto YAHWASUA, saying,

Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe *a* man,

And command you all them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and you all shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where you all shall lodge this night.

Then YAHWASUA called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe *a* man:

And YAHWASUA said to them, Pass over before the ark of YAHWAH ELOHEEM into the midst of Jordan, and take you all up every man of you *a* stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

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

Then you all shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for *a* memorial unto the children of Israel forever.

And the children of Israel did so as YAHWASUA commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as YAHWAH spoke unto YAHWASUA, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,

and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.
And YAHWASUA set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.
For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until everything was finished that YAHWAH commanded YAHWASUA to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded YAHWASUA: and the people hasted and passed over.
And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of YAHWAH passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.
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 unto them:
About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before YAHWAH unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.
On that day YAHWAH magnified YAHWASUA in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.
And YAHWAH spoke unto YAHWASUA, saying,
Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.
YAHWASUA therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come you all up out of Jordan.
And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH were come up out of the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.
And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.
And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did YAHWASUA pitch in Gilgal.
And he spoke unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?
Then you all shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.
For YAHWAH ELOHEEM dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until you all were passed over, as YAHWAH ELOHEEM did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:
That all the people of the land might know the hand of YAHWAH, that it *is* mighty: that you all might fear YAHWAH ELOHEEM forever.

CHAPTER 5

AND it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Kanaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that YAHWAH had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them anymore, because of the children of Israel.
At that time YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, Make you sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.
And YAHWASUA made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.
And this *is* the cause why YAHWASUA did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.
Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.
For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of YAHWAH: unto whom YAHWAH sware that he would not show them the land, which YAHWAH sware unto their fathers that he would give us, *a* land that flows with milk and honey.
And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them YAHWASUA circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

And they did eat of the old grain of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *grain* in the selfsame day.

And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old grain of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna anymore; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Kanaan that year.

And it came to pass, when YAHWASUA was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood *a* man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and YAHWASUA went unto him, and said to him, *Are* you for us, or for our adversaries?

And he said, Nay; but *as* captain of the host of YAHWAH am I now come. And YAHWASUA fell on his face to the land, and did worship, and said to him, What said my Lord unto his servant?

And the captain of YAHWAH'S host said to YAHWASUA, Loose your shoe from off your foot; for the place whereon you stand *is* sanctified. And YAHWASUA did so.

CHAPTER 6

NOW Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, See, I have given into your hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

And you all shall compass the city, all *you all* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shall you do six days.

And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day you all shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

And it shall come to pass, that when they make *a* long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when you all 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.

And YAHWASUA the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of YAHWAH.

And he said to the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of YAHWAH.

And it came to pass, when YAHWASUA had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before YAHWAH, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH followed them.

And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

And YAHWASUA had commanded the people, saying, You all shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall you all shout.

So the ark of YAHWAH compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

And YAHWASUA rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of YAHWAH.

And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of YAHWAH went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearward came after the ark of YAHWAH, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

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.

And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, YAHWASUA said to the people, Shout; for YAHWAH has given you the city.

And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to YAHWAH: only Rahab the whore shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

And you all, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest you all make *yourselves* accursed, when you all take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel *a* curse, and trouble it.

But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* sanctified unto YAHWAH: they shall come into the treasury of YAHWAH.

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.

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.

But YAHWASUA had said to the two men that had spied out the land, Go into the whore's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she has, as you all sware unto her.

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 outside of the camp of Israel.

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 YAHWAH.

And YAHWASUA kept Rahab the whore alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwells in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which YAHWASUA sent to spy out Jericho.

And YAHWASUA adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before YAHWAH, that rises up and builds 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.

So YAHWAH was with YAHWASUA; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the land.

CHAPTER 7

BUT the children of Israel committed *a* trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Karmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zarah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of YAHWAH was kindled against the children of Israel.

And YAHWASUA sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke unto them, saying, Go up and view the land. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

And they returned to YAHWASUA, and said to 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 labor there; for they *are but* few.

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

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.

And YAHWASUA rent his clothes, and fell to the land upon his face before the ark of YAHWAH until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

And YAHWASUA said, Alas, O Lord YAHWAH, wherefore have you at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

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

For the Kanaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the land: and what will you do unto your great name?

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, Get you up; wherefore lie you thus upon your face?

Israel has 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.

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 anymore, except you all destroy the accursed from among you.

Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, *There is an* accursed thing in the midst of you, O Israel: you cannot stand before your enemies, until you all take away the accursed thing from among you.

In the morning therefore you all shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which YAHWAH takes shall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which YAHWAH shall take shall come by households; and the household which YAHWAH shall take shall come man by man.

And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has: because he has transgressed the covenant of YAHWAH, and because he has worked folly in Israel.

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

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:

And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Karmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zarah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

And YAHWASUA said to Achan, My son, give, I pray you, glory to YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what you have done; hide *it* not from me.

And Achan answered YAHWASUA, and said, Indeed I have sinned against YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

When I saw among the spoils *a* goodly Chaldean garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and *a* wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the land in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

So YAHWASUA sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto YAHWASUA, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before YAHWAH.

And YAHWASUA, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zarah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

And YAHWASUA said, Why have you troubled us? YAHWAH shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

And they raised over him *a* great heap of stones unto this day. So YAHWAH turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

CHAPTER 8

AND YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, Fear not, neither be you dismayed: take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land: And you shall do to Ai and her king as you did unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the beasts thereof, shall you all take for *a* prey unto yourselves: lay you *an* ambush for the city behind it.

So YAHWASUA arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and YAHWASUA chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you all shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be you all ready:

And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they

come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

(For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

Then you all shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM will deliver it into your hand.

And it shall be, when you all have taken the city, *that* you all shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of YAHWAH shall you all do. See, I have commanded you.

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

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

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

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.

And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, YAHWASUA went that night into the midst of the valley.

And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hasted 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 knew not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city.

And YAHWASUA and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after YAHWASUA, and were drawn away from the city.

And there was not *a* man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, Stretch out the spear that *is* in your hand toward Ai; for I will give it into your hand. And YAHWASUA stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.

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 hasted and set the city on fire.

And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

And when YAHWASUA and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to YAHWASUA.

And it came to pass, when Israel had made *an* end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

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

For YAHWASUA drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

Only the beasts and the spoil of that city Israel took for *a* prey unto themselves, according unto the word of YAHWAH which he commanded YAHWASUA.

And YAHWASUA burnt Ai, and made it *a* heap forever, *even a* desolation unto this day.

And the king of Ai he hanged on *a* tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, YAHWASUA commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon *a* great heap of stones, *that remains* unto this day.

Then YAHWASUA built *an* altar unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel in the mountain of Ebal, As Moses the servant of YAHWAH 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 lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto YAHWAH, and sacrificed peace offerings.

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.

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, which bare the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against the mountain of Gerizim, and half of them over against the mountain of Ebal; as Moses the servant of YAHWAH had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

And afterwards he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

There was not *a* word of all that Moses commanded, which YAHWASUA read not before all the leaders of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

CHAPTER 9

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Kanaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof*;

That they gathered themselves together, to fight with YAHWASUA and with Israel, with one accord.

And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what YAHWASUA had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

And they went to YAHWASUA unto the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from *a* far land: now therefore make you all *a* league with us.

And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Peradventure you all dwell among us; and how shall we make *a* league with you?

And they said to YAHWASUA, We *are* your servants. And YAHWASUA said to them, Who *are* you all? and from where come you all?

And they said to him, From *a* very far land your servants are come because of the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which *was* at Ashtaroth.

Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our land spoke to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We *are* your servants: therefore now make you all *a* league with us.

This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

And these bottles of wine, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

And the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of YAHWAH.

And YAHWASUA made peace with them, and made *a* league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the

whole national gathering sware unto them.

And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made *a* league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them.

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

And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the whole national gathering had sworn unto them by YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel. And the whole national gathering murmured against the princes.

But all the princes said to the whole national gathering, We have sworn unto them by YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

And the princes said to them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto the whole national gathering; as the princes had promised them.

And YAHWASUA called for them, and he spoke unto them, saying, Wherefore have you all beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when you all dwell among us?

Now therefore you all *are* cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of the ELOHEEM.

And they answered YAHWASUA, and said, Because it was certainly told your servants, how that YAHWAH ELOHEEM commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

And now, behold, we *are* in your hand: as it seems good and right unto you to do unto us, do.

And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

And YAHWASUA made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole national gathering, and for the altar of YAHWAH, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

CHAPTER 10

NOW it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had heard how YAHWASUA had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

That they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was a* great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty.

Wherefore Adonizedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it has made peace with YAHWASUA and with the children of Israel.

Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

And the men of Gibeon sent unto YAHWASUA to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly, and DELIVER us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

So YAHWASUA ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into your hand; there shall not *a* man of them stand before you.

YAHWASUA therefore came unto them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night.

And YAHWAH discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with *a* great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goes up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Bethhoron, that YAHWAH cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

Then spoke YAHWASUA to YAHWAH in the day when YAHWAH delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand you still upon Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation had avenged itself upon their enemies. *Is* not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about *a* whole day.

And there was no day like that before it or after it, that YAHWAH hearkened unto the voice of *a* man: for YAHWAH fought for Israel.

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

But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in *a* cave at Makkedah.

And it was told YAHWASUA, saying, The five kings are found hid in *a* cave at Makkedah.

And YAHWASUA said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:

And stay you all not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM has delivered them into your hand.

And it came to pass, when YAHWASUA and the children of Israel had made *an* end of slaying them with *a* very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities.

And all the people returned to the camp to YAHWASUA at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

Then said YAHWASUA, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

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

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

And YAHWASUA said to them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall YAHWAH do to all your enemies against whom you all fight.

And afterwards YAHWASUA smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* YAHWASUA commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

And that day YAHWASUA took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the persons that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

Then YAHWASUA passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

And YAHWAH delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the persons that *were* therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

And YAHWASUA passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

And YAHWAH delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the persons that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

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

And from Lachish YAHWASUA passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the persons that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

And YAHWASUA went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it:

And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the persons that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the persons that *were* therein.

And YAHWASUA returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it:

And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the persons that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

So YAHWASUA smote all the land of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel commanded.

And YAHWASUA smote them from Kadeshbarnea even unto Gaza, and all the land of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

And all these kings and their land did YAHWASUA take at one time, because YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel fought for Israel.

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

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

And to the Kanaanite 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.

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

And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

And YAHWAH said to YAHWASUA, Be not afraid because of them: for tomorrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: you shall hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

So YAHWASUA came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

And YAHWAH delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

And YAHWASUA did unto them as YAHWAH bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

And YAHWASUA at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

And they smote all the persons that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them*: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did YAHWASUA take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of YAHWAH commanded.

But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, beside Hazor only; *that* did

YAHWASUA burn.

And all the spoil of these cities, and the beasts, the children of Israel took for *a* prey unto themselves; but every adamite they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

As YAHWAH commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command YAHWASUA, and so did YAHWASUA; he left nothing undone of all that YAHWAH commanded Moses.

So YAHWASUA took all that land, the hills, and all the south *land*, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

Even from the mountain of Halak, that goes up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under the mountain of Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

YAHWASUA made war *a* long time with all those kings.

There was not *a* city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *other* they took in battle.

For it was of YAHWAH to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as YAHWAH commanded Moses.

And at that time came YAHWASUA, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: YAHWASUA destroyed them utterly with their cities.

There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

So YAHWASUA took the whole land, according to all that YAHWAH said to Moses; and YAHWASUA gave it for *an* inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto the mountain of Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt 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 unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on the east, the way to Bethjeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdothpisgah:

And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the Rephaim [*Nephilim giants*], that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

And reigned in the mountain of Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

Them did Moses the servant of YAHWAH and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of YAHWAH gave it *for a* possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

And these *are* the kings of the land which YAHWASUA and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the the mountain of Halak, that goes up to Seir; which YAHWASUA gave unto the tribes of Israel *for a* possession according to their divisions;

In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south *land*; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Kanaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one;

The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;
The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;
The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;
The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;
The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;
The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;
The king of Shimronmeron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;
The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;
The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Karmel, one;
The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;
The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAPTER 13

NOW YAHWASUA was old *and* stricken in years; and YAHWAH said to him, You are old *and* stricken in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed.

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

From Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Kanaanite: five Lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:

From the south, all the land of the Kanaanites, and Mearah that *is* beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:

And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad under the mountain of Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.

All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide you it by lot unto the Israelites for *an* inheritance, as I have commanded you.

Now therefore divide this land for *an* inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of YAHWAH gave them;

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 unto Dibon;

And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all the mountain of Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah;

All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the Rephaim [*Nephilim giants*]: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said to them.

And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families.

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;

Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Bethbaalmeon,

And Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zarethshahar in the mountain of the valley,

And Bethpeor, and Ashdothpisgah, and Bethjeshimoth,

And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the land.

Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

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

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

And from Heshbon unto Ramathmizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

And in the valley, Betharam, and Bethnimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward.

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

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

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:

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

These *are the countries* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance: YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel *is* their inheritance, as he said to them.

CHAPTER 14

AND these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Kanaan, which Eleazar the priest, and YAHWASUA the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

By lot *was* their inheritance, as YAHWAH commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.

For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and *a* half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

As YAHWAH commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

Then the children of Judah came unto YAHWASUA in Gilgal: and Kaleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said to him, You know the thing that YAHWAH said to Moses the man of the ELOHEEM concerning me and you in Kadeshbarnea.

Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of YAHWAH sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in my heart.

Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And now, behold, YAHWAH has kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since YAHWAH spoke this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, behold, I *am* this

day fourscore and five years old.

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.

Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof YAHWAH spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be YAHWAH *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as YAHWAH said.

And YAHWASUA blessed him, and gave unto Kaleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for *an* inheritance.

Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Kaleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjatharba; *which Arba was a* great adamite among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

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.

And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looks southward:

And it went out to the south side to Maalehacrabbin, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadeshbarnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched *a* compass to Karkaa:

From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.

And the east border *was* the salt sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan. And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:

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:

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 the goings out thereof were at Enrogel:

And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto 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 Rephaim [*Nephilim giants*] northward:

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

And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto the mountain of Seir, and passed along unto the side of the mountain of Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Bethshemesh, and passed on to Timnah:

And the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to the mountain of Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

And the west border *was* to the great sea, and the coast *thereof*. This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

And unto Kaleb the son of Jephunneh he gave *a* part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of YAHWAH to YAHWASUA, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.

And Kaleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjathsepher.

And Kaleb said, He that smites Kirjathsepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Kaleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

And it came to pass, as she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father *a* field: and she lighted off *her* ass; and Kaleb said to her, What would you?

Who answered, Give me *a* blessing; for you have given me *a* south land; give me also springs of water. And he

gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

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

And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,

Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

And Hazargaddah, and Heshmon, and Bethpalet,

And Hazarshual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,

Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages:

And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,

And Zanoah, and Engannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

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

Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,

And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

And Kabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,

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

Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,

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

Ekron, with her towns and her villages:

From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages:

Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*:

And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

And Dannah, and Kirjathsannah, which *is* Debir,

And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,

And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:

Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

And Janum, and Bethtappuah, and Aphekah,

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

Maon, Karmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:

Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,

And Maarath, and Bethanoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:

Kirjathbaal, which *is* Kirjathyearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:

In the wilderness, Betharabah, Middin, and Secacah,

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

As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the

Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAPTER 16

AND the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho throughout the mountain of Bethel,

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

And goes down westward to the coast of Japhetic, unto the coast of Bethhoron the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

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

And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-adder, unto Bethhoron the upper;

And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanathshiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;

And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.

The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea.

This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

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

And they drave not out the Kanaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Kanaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

THERE was also *a* lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph; *to wit*, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was *a* man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

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 Hopher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

But Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, 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.

And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before YAHWASUA the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, YAHWAH commanded Moses to give us *an* inheritance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of YAHWAH he gave them *an* inheritance among the brethren of their father.

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

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

And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lies* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of Entappuah.

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

And the coast descended unto 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 the outgoings of it were at the sea:

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

And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach

and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countries.

Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Kanaanites would dwell in that land.

Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Kanaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

And the children of Joseph spoke unto YAHWASUA, saying, Why have you given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am a* great people, forasmuch as YAHWAH has blessed me so far?

And YAHWASUA answered them, If you *be a* great people, *then* get you up to the wood *land*, and cut down for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim [*Nephilim giants*], if the mountain of Ephraim be too narrow for you.

And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Kanaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they who are* of Bethshean and her towns, and *they who are* of the valley of Jezreel.

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

But the mountain shall be your; for it *is a* wood, and you shall cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be your: for you shall drive out the Kanaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAPTER 18

AND the whole national gathering of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

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

And YAHWASUA said to the children of Israel, How long *are* you all slack to go to possess the land, which YAHWAH ELOHEEM of your fathers has given you?

Give 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 the inheritance of them; and they shall come *again* to me.

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

You all shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of YAHWAH *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 YAHWAH gave them.

And the men arose, and went away: and YAHWASUA charged them that 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 YAHWAH in Shiloh.

And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in *a* book, and came *again* to YAHWASUA to the host at Shiloh.

And YAHWASUA cast lots for them in Shiloh before YAHWAH: and there YAHWASUA divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

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.

And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Bethaven.

And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which *is* Bethel, southward; and the border descended to Atarothadar, near the hill that *lies* on the south side of the nether Bethhoron.

And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lies* before

Bethhoron southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjathbaal, which *is* Kirjathjearim, *a* city of the children of Judah: this *was* the west quarter.

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:

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 Rephaim [*Nephilim giants*] on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,

And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Enshemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

And passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah:

And the border passed along to the side of Bethhoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this *was* the south coast.

And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

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

And Betharabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,

And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

And Chepharhaammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

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

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 inside of the inheritance of the children of Judah.

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

And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

And Ziklag, and Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusah,

And Bethlebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages:

Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:

And all the villages that *were* round about these cities to Baalathbeer, Ramath of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance inside of the inheritance of them.

And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:

And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that *is* before Jokneam;

And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chislothtabor, and then goes out to Daberath, and goes up to Japhia,

And from thence passes on along on the east to Gittahhepher, to Ittakazin, and goes out to Remmonmethoar to Neah;

And the border compasses it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of

Jiphthahel:

And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages.

This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.

And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

And Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath,

And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

And Remeth, and Engannim, and Enhaddah, and Bethpazzez;

And the coast reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Bethshemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.

And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reaches to Karmel westward, and to Shihorlibnath;

And turns toward the sunrising to Bethdagon, and reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goes out to Kabul on the left hand,

And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon;

And *then* the coast turns to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turns to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:

Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:

And *then* the coast turns westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goes out from thence to Hukkok, and reaches to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.

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

And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Enhazor,

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

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

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

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

And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

And Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gathrimmon,

And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

And the coast of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

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

According to the word of YAHWAH they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Timnathserah in the mountain of Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

These *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and YAHWASUA 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 YAHWAH, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made *an* end of dividing the land.

CHAPTER 20

YAHWAH also spoke unto YAHWASUA, saying,

Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spoke unto you by the hand of Moses:

That the murderer that kills *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee there: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

And when he that does flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering 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 unto them, and give him *a* place, that he may dwell among them.

And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the murderer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the whole national gathering for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the murderer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from where he fled.

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

And on the other side Jordan 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.

These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourns among them, that whosoever kills *any* person at unawares might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the whole national gathering.

CHAPTER 21

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto YAHWASUA the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

And they spoke unto them at Shiloh in the land of Kanaan, saying, YAHWAH commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our beasts.

And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of YAHWAH, these cities and their suburbs.

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.

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.

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.

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.

And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as YAHWAH

commanded by the hand of Moses.

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,

Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot.

And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *land* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Kaleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, *to be a* city of refuge for the murderer; and Libnah with her suburbs,

And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,

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

And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities.

All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

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.

For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in the mountain of Ephraim, *to be a* city of refuge for the murderer; and Gezer with her suburbs,

And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Bethhoron with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,

Aijalon with her suburbs, Gathrimmon with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities.

All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

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

And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,

Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be a* city of refuge for the murderer; and Hammothdor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,

Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs,

Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be a* city of refuge for the murderer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

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.

All the cities of the Levites inside of the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with

their suburbs.

These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities.

And YAHWAH gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

And YAHWAH gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not *a* man of all their enemies before them; YAHWAH delivered all their enemies into their hand.

There failed not ought of any good thing which YAHWAH had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

THEN YAHWASUA called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

And said to them, You all have kept all that Moses the servant of YAHWAH commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

You all have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And now YAHWAH ELOHEEM has given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return you all, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of YAHWAH gave you on the other side Jordan.

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of YAHWAH charged you, to love YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your person.

So YAHWASUA blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave YAHWASUA among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when YAHWASUA sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them,

And he spoke unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

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 Kanaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of YAHWAH by the hand of Moses.

And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Kanaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there *an* altar by Jordan, *a* great altar to see to.

And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built *an* altar over against the land of Kanaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole national gathering of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

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.

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

Thus said the whole national gathering of YAHWAH, What trespass *is* this that you all have committed against the ELOHEEM of Israel, to turn away this day from following YAHWAH, in that you all have built you *an* altar, that you all might rebel this day against YAHWAH?

Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was *a*

plague in the whole national gathering of YAHWAH,

But that you all must turn away this day from following YAHWAH? and it will be, *seeing* you all rebel today against YAHWAH, that tomorrow he will be wroth with the whole national gathering of Israel.

Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass you all over unto the land of the possession of YAHWAH, wherein YAHWAH'S tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us: but rebel not against YAHWAH, nor rebel against us, in building you *an* altar beside the altar of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Did not Achan the son of Zarah commit *a* trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the whole national gathering of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

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,

YAHWAH God of ELOHEEMS, YAHWAH God of ELOHEEMS, he knows, and Israel he shall know; if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against YAHWAH, (*DELIVER us not this day,*)

That we have built us *an* altar to turn from following YAHWAH, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let YAHWAH himself require *it*;

And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have you all to do with YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel?

For YAHWAH has made Jordan *a* border between us and you, you all children of Reuben and children of Gad; you all have no part in YAHWAH: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing YAHWAH.

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

But *that it may be a* witness between us, and you, and our gene-race-aions after us, that we might do the service of YAHWAH 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 all have no part in YAHWAH.

Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our gene-race-aions in time to come, that we may say *again*, Behold the pattern of the altar of YAHWAH, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but *it is a* witness between us and you.

God forbid that we should rebel against YAHWAH, and turn this day from following YAHWAH, to build *an* altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of YAHWAH ELOHEEM that *is* before his tabernacle.

And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the whole national gathering and heads of the thousands of Israel which *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.

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 YAHWAH *is* among us, because you all have not committed this trespass against YAHWAH: now you all have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of YAHWAH.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Kanaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed the ELOHEEM, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad named the altar: for *it is a* witness between us that YAHWAH *is* ELOHEEM.

CHAPTER 23

AND it came to pass *a* long time after that YAHWAH had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that YAHWASUA waxed old *and* stricken in age.

And YAHWASUA 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* stricken in age:

And you all have seen all that YAHWAH ELOHEEM has done unto all these nations because of you; for YAHWAH ELOHEEM *is* he that has fought for you.

Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be *an* inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

And YAHWAH ELOHEEM, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and you all shall possess their land, as YAHWAH ELOHEEM has promised unto you.

Be you all therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you all turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left;

That you all come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their eloheems, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

But cleave unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM, as you all have done unto this day.

For YAHWAH has driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man has been able to stand before you unto this day.

One man of you shall chase *a* thousand: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM, he *it is* that fights for you, as he has promised you.

Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that you all love YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

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

Know for *a* certainty that YAHWAH ELOHEEM will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you all perish from off this good land which YAHWAH ELOHEEM has given you.

And, behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the land: and you all know in all your hearts and in all your persons, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which YAHWAH ELOHEEM spoke concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing has failed thereof.

Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which YAHWAH ELOHEEM promised you; so shall YAHWAH bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which YAHWAH ELOHEEM has given you.

When you all have transgressed the covenant of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other eloheems, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of YAHWAH be kindled against you, and you all shall perish quickly from off the good land which he has given unto you.

CHAPTER 24

AND YAHWASUA 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 the ELOHEEM.

And YAHWASUA said to all the people, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other eloheems.

And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Kanaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau the mountain of Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterwards I brought you out.

And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you all came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.

And when they cried unto YAHWAH, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and you all dwelt in the wilderness *a* long season.

And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that you all might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

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:

But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

And you all went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Kanaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with your sword, nor with your bow.

And I have given you *a* land for which you all did not labor, and cities which you all built not, and you all dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which you all planted not do you all eat.

Now therefore fear YAHWAH, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the eloheems which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve you all YAHWAH.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve YAHWAH, choose you this day whom you all will serve; whether the eloheems which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the eloheems of the Amorites, in whose land you all dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve YAHWAH.

And the people answered and said, *God* forbid that we should forsake YAHWAH, to serve other eloheems; For YAHWAH ELOHEEM, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

And YAHWAH drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve YAHWAH; for he *is* the ELOHEEM.

And YAHWASUA said to the people, You all cannot serve YAHWAH; he *is* the sanctified ELOHEEM; he *is a* zealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

If you all forsake YAHWAH, and serve strange eloheems, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he has done you good.

And the people said to YAHWASUA, Nay; but we will serve YAHWAH.

And YAHWASUA said to the people, You all *are* witnesses against yourselves that you all have chosen you YAHWAH, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange eloheems which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

And the people said to YAHWASUA, YAHWAH ELOHEEM will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

So YAHWASUA made *a* covenant with the people that day, and set them *a* statute and *an* ordinance in Shechem.

And YAHWASUA wrote these words in the book of the law of the ELOHEEM, and took *a* great stone, and set it up there under *an* oak, that *was* by the sanctified place of YAHWAH.

And YAHWASUA said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be *a* witness unto us; for it has heard all the words of YAHWAH which he spoke unto us: it shall be therefore *a* witness unto you, lest you all deny the ELOHEEM.

So YAHWASUA let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

And it came to pass after these things, that YAHWASUA the son of Nun, the servant of YAHWAH, died, *being a* hundred and ten years old.

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

And Israel served YAHWAH all the days of YAHWASUA, and all the days of the elders that overlived

YAHWASUA, and which had known all the works of YAHWAH, that he had done for Israel.

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

And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in *a* hill *that pertained to* Phinehas his son, which was given him in the mountain of Ephraim.

This concludes the book of Joshua.