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THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

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

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto 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 thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers; to thee I give it.

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

Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

Pass through the host, and command the People, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan.

TITLE. Joshua, Heb. 'Jôshûâ' = "Jehovah the Saviour". In Greek "Jesus". See Acts 7.55. Heb. 4.8, and Matt. 1.18. The great subject is the Land, as that of the Pentateuch was the People.

1. 1-18 (A, p. 289). JOSHUA ENTERING ON HIS WORK. (Introversion, Double)

   B a 2-4. History rehearsed. (Jehovah's Promises.)
   B b 5-9. Admonition (Jehovah to Joshua).
   B a 10-11. Admonition (Joshua to People).
   B b 12-16. History rehearsed. (Reubenites' Promises.)


1 Now. Heb. "And". Linked on to Pentateuch as the books of Pentateuch are thus linked on to each other; and as the four books of Joshua are linked on to Joshua. See Ap. 1. Joshua not necessarily the author, but doubtless is so, as asserted by Talmud. Book referred to in Old and New Testament: Judg. 18.31. 1 Sam. 1.3, 8, 24; 3.21. Ps. 44.5, 3; 68.12, 19; 78.14, 22; 114.1-9. Isa. 29.1. Hab. 3.11-15. Acts 7.55; 13.19. Heb. 11.32. Jas. 2.25.

No MS. of the five books yet found with Joshua bound up with them, making a sixth (or a so-called and hitherto unheard of "Hexateuch").


Moses the servant of the Lord. See note on Deut. 34.5, and cp. Heb. 3.5.


the Lord spake = Jehovah spake. When Moses is dead, Moses is a type of Law, Joshua of the Messiah. The Law is "until Christ". Gal. 3.24.

Joshua spake at four sunrises and, in three divers manners:

1. To Joshua. 1.1; 4.1.
2. To Joshua to command the priests, 4.15.
3. To Joshua to speak to the sons of Israel, 20.1.
4. To speak to the people generally, 24.13.
   d. as = according as. Cp. Deut. 11.24.
   3. From. For these boundaries, cp. Gen. 15.18. Ex 28.31. Num. 34.3-12. Deut. 11.24. coast = border or boundary.

I will be. Heb. 'âsh. Cp. Ex. 3.14, part of title Jehovah. not fail thee. This promise first made to Jacob, Gen. 28.15. Passed on by Moses, Deut. 31.6. See note on Deut. 4.31.

thou. Emphatic. This is the great subject of the book.

observe = take heed. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "observe and do". prosper = deal wisely. This book of the law: i.e. the five books referred to as such throughout the Old Testament. See Ap. 47. mouth. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), for what is spoken by it meditating = talk to thyself. Cp. Ps. 1.2 = audible musing.

way. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "ways".

Have not I? Fig. Protereos (Ap. 6), for emphasis. God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. with thee. Cp. Ex. 3.12. 11 within three days = after three days. Spoken 6th or 7th of Abib. Cp. 4.10. Spies probably already sent (2.16, 22; 3.1, 2).
1451 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,
18 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, "The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;
16 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as He hath given you, and the LORD also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth you rest.
11 Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death:
2 And Joshua said unto them, "Go and view the land, even Jericho.
2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.
3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, "Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.
4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, "There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: wot not wherefore, pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.
6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.
7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.
8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;
9 And she said unto the men, "I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.
10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt: and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.
11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for I the LORD your God, I am God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.
12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father’s house, and give me a true token:
13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."
14 And the men answered her, "Our life is for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee."

15 Then she let them down through the window: for her house was upon the town wall; and she dwelt upon the wall.

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

17 And the men said unto her, "We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.
18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this scarlet thread in the window wherewith thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father’s household, home unto thee.
19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head; and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.
20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear."
21 And she said, "According unto your words, so be it."

And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

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

9 I know. Faith’s conclusion, from what she had heard, vv. 16, 17. Corresponds with Sarah’s "she judged" in Gen. 16. 14.
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
faint. Heb. —= have melted. Cp. v. 11.
10 heard. This is the "ground" (Gen. 11. 1) of faith.
remained. Heb. —= rise up.
12 and. And. See Ap. 15.
14 ye. Some codices, with one early printed edition, and Vulg., read "thou", kindly and truly — in lovingkindness and faithfulness. Perhaps Fig. Hendadys (Ap. 6), "in true lovingkindness."
16 upon the town wall.—= built into the ḫōmah; i.e. the outer or lower wall.
17 Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.
18 line. Heb. "hope", put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the line which was the token of it.
by. —= referring to the window. Cp. v. 11.
19 bring. —= gather.
home. —= unto the house. The "line" was outside, for Joshua to see: not for the inmates. Ap. Ex. 19. 13. "When I see, &c." So the ground of our assurance is not experience within, but the token without.

3. 1—5. 12 (p. 292). JORDAN. THE PASSAGE OF IT. (Division.)
3. 1—4. 24 (p. 293). EVENT. THE PASSAGE. (Extended Alternate.)

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun,
24 and told him all things that befell them:
25 And they said unto Joshua, "Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us."

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

7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, "This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." 8 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD shall pass over Jordan, then shall the waters of Jordan be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap." 10 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;

15 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 overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zarethan: 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.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until 18 (t, above.) THE CUTTING OFF. 

4. 9-10 (r, p. 298.) CUTTING OFF, AND MEMORIAL. (Alteration.) 10 living. This title always has a latent reference to idol. Here, to the gods of the idolatrous nations named. GOD, Heb. 'el. Ap. 4 IV. and. Note the Fig. Polyonymia (Ap. 6), to emphasize the seven nations.

12 twelve. The number of government perfection. See Ap. 10. men. Heb. 'ebh. See Ap. 14. II. harvest = barley harvest. Cp. note on 2. 6. 10 Adam. The waters were divided at (or near) the city "Adam", and they were heaped up at (or near) "Zaretan", another city far off from "Adam". Zaretan: in the land of Manasseh. Called Zartanah in 1 Kings 4. 12. The brazen vessels of the temple were cast there in the plain of Jordan (1 Kings 7. 46). sea of the plain: i.e. the Dead Sea. salt sea. Fig. Polyonymia. Ap. 8. The People passed over. A way cleat through the sea (Ex. 14), through the river (Josh. 3), and in the future through the air (Phil. 3. 14, 1 Thess. 4. 17). 17 all the Israelites: better all Israel. were passed clean over — finished passing over.

1 were clean passed over — were finished passing over. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4 II. spake. See note on 1. 1. all the People — were passed clean over Jordan.

And it came to pass, when all the People were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
2 "Take you twelve men out of the People, out of every tribe a man, and command ye them, saying,

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

5 And Joshua said unto them, "Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

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

7 Then ye shall answer them, 'That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; 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 for ever.'

8 And the children of Israel did so, as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua,

9 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.

10 For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the People, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the People hasted and passed over.

11 And it came to pass, when all the People were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the People.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:

13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
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 Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD 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 any spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, “Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.”

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Joshua 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.

5 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, they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the People that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD; unto whom the LORD sware that He would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that He would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, whom He raised up in their stead, 11th-13th Abib 11th-13th Abib 11th-13th Abib they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

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

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, “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.

10 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.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

C 18 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there stood a Man over against him with His sword drawn in His hand:

14 And He said, “Nay; but as Captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.”


2 See note on 2. 9.


5 People = nation. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read “generation”, obeyed not = hearkened not unto.

6 abode. 11th to 13th Abib.

7 rolled away = Heb. gallāth. Hence Gilgal = rolling.

8 kept the passover. Some codices, with two early printed editions, and MS of Aramaic, add “in the first [month]”. The second of the ten Passovers recorded. See note on Ex. 12. 28.

9 the morrow. Feast of unleavened bread ended 21st Abib at even, exactly forty years from Ex. 12. 41.

10 fruit = produce.

11-13 (C, p. 299). JEHOVAH’S ONE CAPTAIN. (Repeated Alternation.)


14 Loose thy shoe. Cp. Ex. 3. 5. The origin of a solemn Eastern custom of reverence observed to this day. Cp. Ex. 3. 5. is holy. Heb. “it [is] holy”. See note on Ex. 3. 5.

6. 1-7. 26 (D, p. 299). JERICHO: THE TAKING OF IT. (Division.)


6. 1-27 (G, above). THE TAKING OF JERICHO. (Division.)

G1 H1 | 1-19. The City Given.
    | H2 | 20-27. The City Taken.

6. 1-19 (For Structure see next page).

1 was straitly shut up. Heb. “was shutting up and was shut up.” Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6) for emphasis, thus beautifully rendered. See note on Gen. 29. 28. children = sons.

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did “worship, and said unto Him, “What saith my Lord unto His servant?”

15 And the Captain of the host said unto Joshua, “Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy.”

And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.
2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, "I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once, Thus shalt thou do six days.

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

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

6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 And he said unto the People, "Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD."

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

9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rewarde went on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Joshua had commanded the People, saying, "Ye 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 ye shout."

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city once, went about it, and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

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

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

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

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the People, "Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city."
People went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

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

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, “Go into the harlot’s house, and bring out hence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye swear unto her.”

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

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein:

25 and the silver, the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

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

27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was noise through all the country.

7. 1-26 (G., p. 294), THE TREPASS OF ACHAN.

(Proposition.)

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

2. 9. CONSEQUENCE. DEFEAT AT AI.

(Proposition.)

2. 9 (K., above). Consequence. Defeat at Ai.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-el, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, “Go up and view the country.” And the men went up and viewed Ai.

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

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

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

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

7 And Joshua said, “Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast Thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!”
8 O LORD, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt Thou do unto Thy great name?"

And the LORD said unto Joshua, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dispersed also, and 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 any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

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

In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes; and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof, and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come 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 hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel."'

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

And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarithites: and he brought the family of the Zarithites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

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

And Joshua said unto Achan, "My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto Him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me."

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, "Indeed 3 have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish 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 earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under "it.""

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

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, 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.
8 And the Lord said unto Joshua, "Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the People of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: for I have given it thee for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it."

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

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

5 And 3, 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, at the first, that we will flee before them,

6 (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 will we flee before them.

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for I the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the Lord shall ye do. "See, I have commanded you."

9 Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the People.

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

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

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

13 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, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

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

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

16 And all the People that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

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

18 And the Lord said unto Joshua, "Stretch out the "spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand."
And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hastened and set the city on fire.

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

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 Joshua.

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 upon 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 the that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

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

Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which He commanded Joshua.

And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, even a desolacion unto this day.

And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua 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 great heaps of stones, that remaineth unto this day.

Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

As Moses the servant of the LORD 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 hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, 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 the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal: as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the People of Israel.

And afterward 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 Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.
That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

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

4 did they make as if they had ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

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

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, 'Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you ?'

8 And they said unto Joshua, 'Are ye servants to our countrymen?' And Joshua said unto them, 'Who are ye, and from whence come ye ?'

9 And they said unto him, 'From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of Him, and all that He did in Egypt,

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

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, 'Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, 'Ye are servants to our countrymen.'

therefore now make ye a league with us.

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

13 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.'

14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore unto them.
23 Now therefore ye 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 my God."
24 And they answered Joshua, and said, "Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LOrd thy God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you, therefore we were sore afraid of "our lives because of you, and have done this thing.
25 And now, 'behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, so.
26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the 'children of Israel, that they slew them not.
27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LOrd, even unto this day, in the place which He should choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua 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;
2 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.
3 Wherefore Adoni-zedec 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,
4 "Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon:
5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.
6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, "Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us:
7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.
8 And the LOrd said unto Joshua, "Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; "there shall not a man of them stand before thee."
9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LOrd discomfited them before Israel; and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to 'Beth-horon, and smote them to 'Azekah, and unto Makkedah.
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11 And it came to pass, as they fled before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD 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.

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

"Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon."

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the People had avenged themselves upon their enemies.

Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hast not gone down to pass over Jordan, as the sun and the moon, until we come and have avenged our enemies. Is this not written in the book of Jasher? And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day long, until the vengeance was accomplished against Midian. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, and Israel smote him on every side. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, and therefore is it said, The sun stood still in the valley of Ajalon. That great day shall the sun stand still, and the moon stand still, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day long, until the vengeance was accomplished against Midian. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, and Israel smote him on every side. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, until the vengeance was accomplished against Midian. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, and Israel smote him on every side. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, until the vengeance was accomplished against Midian. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, until the vengeance was accomplished against Midian. And the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down to the earth all the day, until the vengeance was accomplished against Midian.

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

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

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

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah."

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

19 And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into your cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand."

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

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

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

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

24 And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the 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.

25 And Joshua said unto them, "Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."

26 And afterward Joshua 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 Joshua 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 Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, him, and all the souls that were therein; he let..."
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1451 none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah 1 as he did unto the king of Jericho.

s1 29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto 2 Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

r5 30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

s7 31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto 3 Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

r5 32 And the LORD delivered 3 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 souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

s7 33 And from Lachish Joshua passed unto 4 Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

r5 34 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

s7 35 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto 5 Hebron; and they fought against it:

r5 37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed utterly, and all the souls that were therein.

s8 38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to 6 Debir; and they fought against it:

r8 39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the 7 souls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

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40 So Joshua smote all the 7 country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and of all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD 10 God of Israel commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from 8 Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD 10 God of Israel fought for Israel.

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

28-39 (V, p. 303). CITIES OF THE KINGS. (Repeated Alternation.)

V r5 28. Makkedah taken.

s5 29. Advance to Libnah.

r5 30. Libnah taken.

s5 31. Advance to Lachish.

r5 32, 33. Lachish taken.

s5 34. Advance to Eglon.

r5 35. Eglon taken.

s4 36. Advance to Hebron.

r5 37. Hebron taken.

s5 38. Advance to Debir.

r5 38. Debir taken.

ss = according as.


30 edge=mouth. Fig. Pleonasms. Ap. 6.

31 Lachish. Destroyed and rebuilt seven times. A strong city, as shown by recent explorations.

32 on the second day. A most significant statement. In 2 Kings 18. 17: 2 Chron. 32. 9, Sennacherib besieged it: yet when Rabshakeh returned from Jerusalem he found the siege raised (2 Kings 19. 8). Similar proof of its strength given in Jer. 34. 7.

33 Gezer. See note on 1 Kings 9. 16. 17.

34 Eglon, about two miles east of Lachish, now Aflan.

36 Hebron, before called Kirjath-arba, Judg. 1. 10. Some Canaanites afterwards returned here, Judg. 1. 9-11.

38 Debir = Oracle; south of Hebron. Called Kirjath-sepher = Book Town (15. 15. Judg. 1. 16), and Kirjath-semonah = Peepot Town (15. 42).

40 country of the hills = the land of the hill country.


41 Kades-barnea. This verse describes Joshua’s conquests west, south and north.

42 fought for Israel. For the reason, see Ap. 23 and 25.

11. -1-9 (U, p. 303). KINGS. (Extended Alternation.)

U t u [ | ] - s. Kings’ assembling. 1 v w | v. Promise of Jehovah. Given.

w | w. Command to Joshua.


w | 8. Obedience of Joshua.

1 when Jabim...heard. Note the stages: (1) Jericho, unresisting; (2) Ai, a sortie; (3) Gibeon, confederacy; (4) Jabim, aggressive.

Hazor. Celebrated in Judg. 4. 2. 17.

2 of the mountains = in the hill country, of the plains = in the low country.


west = sea, or coast.

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of 1 Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of 2 Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph.

2 And to the kings that were on the north 3 of the mountains, and to the plains south of 3 Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west.

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

And *the Lord said unto Joshua, "Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel.

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

And *the Lord said unto Joshua, "Thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire."

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

And *the Lord 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 none remaining.

And Joshua did unto them as *the Lord bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

And Joshua 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 *souls 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 Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as *Moses the servant of *the Lord commanded.

But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.

And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, *the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves:

but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to 11 breathe.

As *the Lord commanded Moses his servant, 12 so did Moses command Joshua, and 13 so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.

So Joshua took all that land, *the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same:

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

3 Mizpeh = Watch-tower.
4 they went out, &c. 5 with Rev. 20, 8, 9.
6 = according as.
7 Mount Mizar(?) = Mount Mizar(?) = Mount Carmel.
8 Misrephoth-maim. Salt, or glass, works.
9 as = according as.
10-15 (V. p. 303). CITIES. (Involved Introversion and Alternation.)

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11. 3. JOSHUA. 11. 22.

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22 a long time = many days.
21 Anakims = the descendants of the second incursion of evil angels (Gen. 6, 4) through one, Anak. See Ap. 23
and 25, and notes on Num. 13, 21 and Deut. 1, 28.

18 Joshua made war *a long time with all those kings.

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

For it was *of *the Lord 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 *the Lord commanded Moses.

21 And at that time came Joshua, 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: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 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.
23 So Joshua took the whole Land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the Land rested from war.

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 mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

2 ° Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aror, 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;

3 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 Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdoth-pisgah:

4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan (who was the remnant of the giants) that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei.

5 And reigned in mount 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.

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

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

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

9 The king of ° Jericho,
The king of ° Ai, which is beside Beth-el,
The king of ° Jerusalem,
The king of ° Hebron,
The king of ° Jarmuth,
The king of ° Lachish,
The king of ° Eglon,
The king of ° Gezer,
The king of ° Debir,
The king of ° Geder,
The king of ° Hormah,
The king of ° Arad,
The king of ° Libnah,
The king of ° Adullam,
The king of ° Makkedah,
The king of ° Beth-el,
The king of ° Taaphah,
The king of ° Hepher,
The king of ° Aphek,
The king of ° Lasharon,
The king of ° Madon,
The king of ° Hazor,
3 Sihor. Heb. "the Sihor".

3 From o Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gathites, and the Ashdodites, the Eshkalonites, o the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:

4 o From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, unto Aphik, to the borders of the Amorites:

5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon toward the rising sun, from Baal-gad under mount Lebanon unto the entering into Hamath.

6 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 thou by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

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

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh received their inheritance, which Moses gave them beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them; from Ar aer, 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;

9 All and the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

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

11 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, the remnant of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

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

13 b 14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said unto them.

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

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

17 Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 And Jabaza, and Kidemoth, and Meaphath,

19 And Kirjathaim, and Siham, and Zareh-shahar in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth-peor, and Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 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 country.

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

23 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.

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

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

26 c And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Dibor;

27 And in the valley, Beth-arabah, and Beth-nimrah, 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.

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

30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities;

31 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.

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

33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: for the LORD their God Israel was their inheritance, as He said unto them.

14. 1 children = sons.

Eleazar the priest now acts with Joshua, because the land is to be divided by lot (p. 2); and he alone has the lot, i.e. the Urim and Thummim by which the lots were drawn from the breastplate. See notes on Ex. 28. 30. Num. 26. 25.

2 By lot. See note on u. 1, as according as, but a special various reading called Sevir, reads which the LORD, Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

4 For. Instead of it for, some codices, with one early printed edition, and Syr., read to be given to

5 As = according as, Cp. Num. 35. 2. Josh. 14. 2-5. divided = divided by lot. Fig. Ellipsis. Ap. 6.

14. 6-17. 18 (6, p. 507). BY JOSUA. (Division.)

6-17. 18 (6, above). JUDAH. (Alternation.)

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezeite said unto him,

d "Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espout out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the People melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses spake on that day, saying, Surely the Land whereon thou hast trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children’s for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD thy God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as He said, these forty and five years, even as the time whereof the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake that day; for thou hearestest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

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

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezeite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD his God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.
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.

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

3 And it went out to the south side to Maalah-accbibim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa:

4 From thence it passed toward Amzon, 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.

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

6 And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:

7 And the border went up 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 En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel:

8 And the border went up by the valley of the sons 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 lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephthoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron, and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjath-jearim:

10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which is Chechalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah:

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

12 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.

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

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

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher.

16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Acsah my daughter to wife.'

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

18 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 Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?" "What wouldest thou?"

19 Who answered, "Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water." And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

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

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

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 And Ziph, and Tela, and Bealoth,

25 And Hebron, and Haaraloth, and Kerioth, and

26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,

28 And Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Eljoziah,

29 Baalah, and Im, and Azem,

30 And Eltoad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

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

33 And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Asnah,

34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Soco, and Azekah,
16. And the lot of the children of Joseph east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-boron the upper; 6 And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethath on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janoah; 7 And it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan. 8 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. 9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.
Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Asher, and for the children of Zabulon, and for the children of Naphtali; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

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

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

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons:

7 And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath that lieth before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah:

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

9 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:

10 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.

11 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 En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

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

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

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, 'Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing 3 are the sons of Joseph? For they are many, the LORD hath given them as lords; but thou gavest them as inheritance unto them as the lot which thou gavest them; and they have waxen strong; and they make war against me.'

15 And Joshua answered them, 'If they be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.'

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

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, 'Ye shall give a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only; the mountain shall be thine; for the mountain shall be thine, and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots, and though they be strong.'

18 And the whole congregation 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.
18. 2. JOSHUA.

Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, "How long will ye slack to go and possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?"

4 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.

5 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.

6 And ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

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

8 And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, "Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD 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 Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

9 Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD; and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families; and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from 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 Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Bethel, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that lieth on the south side of the nether Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn thence, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-simei, which is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah:

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebus on the south, and descended to En-rogel, and was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Rebah,

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

19 And the border passed along to the south of the south border of the sea of the nether Beth-horon, and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah; this was the west quarter.

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

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz.
18. 22. JOSHUA. 19. 38.

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, 19 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the 2 children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the 3 children of Judah.
23 And Avim, and Paraz, and Ophrah, 2 And they had in their inheritance Bersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, and 2 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.
24 And Chephar-haamonai, and Ophni, and Gabaa; twelve cities with their villages: 25 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, and 25 And Zikaia, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazard-susah, and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities with their villages, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages: 26 And Remnah, and Hazor, and Hebron, 27 And Rehob, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeah, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the 1 children of Benjamin according to their families.
29 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the 2 children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the 3 children of Judah.
30 And they had in their inheritance Bersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, and 31 And Zikaia, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazard-susah, and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities with their villages, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages: 32 And the border was round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the 2 children of Simeon according to their families, and all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the 2 children of Simeon: for the part of the 1 children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the 1 children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.
33 And the third lot came up for the 1 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;
34 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia,
35 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittath-hepher, to Itlah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-mothoir to Neah; 36 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el;
37 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the 1 children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.
38 And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the 1 children of Issachar according to their families.
39 And their border was toward Jezeel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,
Joshua.

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

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

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh.

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah.

43 And Elon, and Thimnah, and Ekron.

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalah.

45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon.

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

47 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.

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

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

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

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

20 Then the LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,

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

3 That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither, and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth 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.

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

6 And he shall dwell in that city, ‘until he stand before the congregation for judgment; and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.’"

21 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;
21. 2. JOSHUA. 21. 31

2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with suburbs thereof for our cattle."

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

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

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

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

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

8 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 And they gave out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name,

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

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

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

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

20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs, in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs.

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

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbon with her suburbs, Aijalon with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

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

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

26 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 slayer; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities.

27 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabares with her suburbs,

28 And Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities.

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

30 And out of the tribe of Naphthali, Jefterah with her suburbs; three cities.

31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.
21. 32. And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her 3 suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her 2 suburbs, and Kartan with her 2 suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their 2 suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her 2 suburbs, and 2 Kartah with her 2 suburbs,

35 Dimnah with her 2 suburbs, Nahalal with her 2 suburbs; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, 2 Bezer with her 2 suburbs, 2 and Jahazah with her 2 suburbs

37 Kedemoth with her 2 suburbs, and Meaphath with her 2 suburbs; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her 2 suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her 2 suburbs,

39 Heshbon with her 2 suburbs, Jazer with her 2 suburbs; four cities in all.

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

41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their 2 suburbs.

42 These cities were every one with their 2 suburbs round about them: thus were all these cities.

43 And the LORD gave unto Israel all the Land which He swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD 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; so the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

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

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

2 And said unto them, “Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your 2 God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as He promised 2 them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the Land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the Law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your 2 God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

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

7 Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan: but unto the other half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward.

And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them.

8 And he spake 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.”

9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of
Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the Land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

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

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

12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

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

14 And with him ten princes, of each tribe a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one was an head of the house of his fathers among the thousands of Israel.

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

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of Israel to the LORD, "What trespass is this that ye have committed against the Lord God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?"

17 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 congregation of the Lord,

18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the Lord, and it will be, seeing ye rebel to day against the Lord, that to morrow ye will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel?

19 Notwithstanding, if the Land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the Lord, wherein the Lord's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the Lord, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the Lord our God.

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity."

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

22 "The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, yea knowest, and Israel shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the Lord, (save us not this day,)

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the Lord, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the Lord Himself require it;"

24 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 ye to do with the Lord God of Israel?"

25 For the Lord hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the Lord: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the Lord.

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

27 But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the Lord before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, "Ye have no part in the Lord.

28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when
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1442 they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, "Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you."

29 God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD,

m to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, beside the altar of the LORD our God that is before His tabernacle."

c 30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation 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 spake, "I will please them."

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, "This day we perceive that the LORD is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD."

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

d 33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the Land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

e 34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar "Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that the LORD is our God.

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28 And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

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2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, "I am old and stricken in age:

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is a holy God."

p 4. 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.

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5 And the LORD your God, shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

28 Behold = behold ye. Not the Fig. Asterisms. pattern = construction, and you. Note Fig. Ellipsis, and [between] you." Ap. 6. 29 God forbid = far be it from us. 30 it pleased them. Heb. "was good in their eyes". 34 Ed. Heb. Ed., "a witness." This, and the verb "shall be", not in the received Hebrew text. (Some codices have it.) Lit. "called the altar. A witness it is, &c." God = the God. Heb. הָאֵל. Ap. 4. I.


8 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you;

neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, as it is that fought for you, as He hath promised you.
23. 11. JOSHUA. 24. 10.

11 Take good heed therefore unto your selves, that ye love the LORD your God.

12 Else if ye 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 ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth:

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until He have destroyed you from off this good land, which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which He hath given unto you.

24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said unto all the People, Thus saith the LORD God 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 gods.

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

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

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

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

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, 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 ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 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 ye might possess their Land; and I destroyed them from before you.

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

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

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

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

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

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served, which were on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether it be the gods which your fathers served, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the People answered and said, "God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;"

17 "For the LORD our God, 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;"

18 "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God."

19 And Joshua said unto the People, "Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you after that he hath done you good."

21 And the People said unto Joshua, "Nay; but we will serve the LORD."

22 And Joshua said unto the People, "Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him."

23 And they said, "We are witnesses."

24 "Now therefore put away," said he, "the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel."

25 And the People said unto Joshua, "The LORD our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey."

26 So Joshua made a covenant with the People that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

32 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 an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

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

But the sons of Israel departed every one to their place, and to their own city. And the sons of Israel worshipped Astarte (i.e. the Asherah; see Ap. 42) and Astaroth, and the gods of the nations round about them; and the Lord delivered them into the hands of Eglom king of Moab, and he ruled over them eighteen years."