

THE BOOK OF JŌSH'Ū-Ă

CHAPTER 1

NOW after the death of Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Jōsh'ū-ă the son of Nūn, Mō-šēs' minister, saying,

2 Mō-šēs my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jôr-dăn, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Īs-rā-ěl.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Mō-šēs.

4 From the wilderness and this Lēb-ă-*nōn* even unto the great river, the river Êu-phrā-tēs, all the land of the Hīt-tites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Mō-šēs, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

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

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Mō-šēs my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever

thou goest.

8 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.

9 Have not I 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.

10 ¶ Then Jōsh'ū-ă commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jôr-dăn, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 ¶ And to the Reu-bēn-ites, and to the Găd-ites, and to half the tribe of Mă-năs-sēh, spake Jōsh'ū-ă, saying,

13 Remember the word which Mō-šēs 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 Mō-šēs gave you on this side Jôr-dăn; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given you*, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Mō'sēs the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jôr'dān toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ And they answered Jösh'û-ă, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Mō'sēs in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Mō'sēs.

18 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: only be strong and of a good courage.

CHAPTER 2

AND Jösh'û-ă the son of Nün sent out of Shît'tim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jër-ÿ-chō. And they went, and came into ān harlot's house, named Rā'hāb, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jër-ÿ-chō, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Īś-rā-ěl to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jër-ÿ-chō sent unto Rā'hāb, 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*:

5 And it came to pass *about the time of* shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: 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 Jôr'dān 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 Ē-gÿpt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Ām-ō-rītes, that *were* on the other side Jôr'dān, Sī'hōn and Ōg, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage

in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* 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 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 by a cord 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 line of scarlet thread in the window which 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: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Jōsh-û-ā the son of Nūn, and told him all *things* that befell them:

24 And they said unto Jōsh-û-ā, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

CHAPTER 3

AND Jōsh-û-ā rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shīt-tīm, and came to Jōr-dān, he and all the children of Īś-rā-ēl, 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 Lē'-vītes 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 Jōsh'û-ă said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to-morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Jōsh'û-ă 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 Jōsh'û-ă, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Īś'rā-ēl, that they may know that, as I was with Mō-šēs, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jōr'dān, ye shall stand still in Jōr'dān.

9 ¶ And Jōsh'û-ă said unto the children of Īś'rā-ēl, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Jōsh'û-ă said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and *that* he will without fail

drive out from before you the Cā'-nā-ān-ītes, and the Hīt'-tītes, and the Hī'-vītes, and the Pē-rīz'-zītes, and the Gīr'-gā-shītes, and the Ām-ō-rītes, and the Jēb'-û-sītes.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jōr'dān.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Īś'rā-ēl, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jōr'dān, *that* the waters of Jōr'dān shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jōr'dān, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jōr'dān, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jōr'dān 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 Ād-ām, that is beside Zār-ē-tān: 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 Jēr-ī-chō.

17 And the priests that bare the ark

of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jôr'dän, and all the Īś-rā-ēl-ītes passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jôr'dän.

CHAPTER 4

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jôr'dän, that the LORD spake unto Jösh-û-ä, saying,

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

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

4 Then Jösh-û-ä called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Īś-rā-ēl, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Jösh-û-ä said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jôr'dän, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Īś-rā-ēl:

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 Jôr'dän were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the

LORD; when it passed over Jôr'dän, the waters of Jôr'dän were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Īś-rā-ēl for ever.

8 And the children of Īś-rā-ēl did so as Jösh-û-ä commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jôr'dän, as the LORD spake unto Jösh-û-ä, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Īś-rā-ēl, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Jösh-û-ä set up twelve stones in the midst of Jôr'dän, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jôr'dän, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Jösh-û-ä to speak unto the people, according to all that Mō-šēs commanded Jösh-û-ä: and the people hastened and passed over.

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

12 And the children of Rēu-bēn, and the children of Gäd, and half the tribe of Mă-nās-sēh, passed over armed before the children of Īś-rā-ēl, as Mō-šēs spake unto them:

13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD

unto battle, to the plains of Jēr'ÿ-chō.
 14 ¶ On that day the LORD magnified Jōsh'û-ă in the sight of all Īś-rā-ēl; and they feared him, as they feared Mō-šēs, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Jōsh'û-ă, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jôr'dān.

17 Jōsh'û-ă therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jôr'dān.

18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jôr'dān, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jôr'dān returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jôr'dān on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gīl-gāl, in the east border of Jēr'ÿ-chō.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jôr'dān, did Jōsh'û-ă pitch in Gīl-gāl.

21 And he spake unto the children of Īś-rā-ēl, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Īś-rā-ēl came over this Jôr'dān on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jôr'dān from before

you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

CHAPTER 5

AND it came to pass, when all the Kings of the Ām-ō-rites, which *were* on the side of Jôr'dān westward, and all the kings of the Cā-nā-ān-ites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jôr'dān from before the children of Īś-rā-ēl, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Īś-rā-ēl.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said unto Jōsh'û-ă, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Īś-rā-ēl the second time.

3 And Jōsh'û-ă made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Īś-rā-ēl at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Jōsh'û-ă did circumcise: All the people that came out of Ē-gÿpt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Ē-gÿpt.

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 Ē-gÿpt, *them* they had not

circumcised.

6 For the children of Īś-rā-ēl walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Ē-g̃ypt, 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, them Jösh'û-ă circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

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

9 And the LORD said unto Jösh'û-ă, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Ē-g̃ypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gĭl-gäl unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Īś-rā-ēl encamped in Gĭl-gäl, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jër-ĭ-chō.

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 măn-nă ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Īś-rā-ēl măn-nă any

more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Cā-nă-ăn that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Jösh'û-ă was by Jër-ĭ-chō, that he lifted up his eyes and Looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Jösh'û-ă went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, *Nay*; but *as* captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Jösh'û-ă 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 LORD's host said unto Jösh'û-ă, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Jösh'û-ă did so.

CHAPTER 6

NOW Jër-ĭ-chō was straitly shut up because of the children of Īś-rā-ēl: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said unto Jösh'û-ă, See, I have given into thine hand Jër-ĭ-chō, 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 Jösh'û-ă the son of Nũn 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 Jösh'û-ă 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 rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Jösh'û-ă 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, going about *it* once: and they

came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 ¶ And Jösh'û-ă rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

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

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

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

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Jösh'û-ă said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rā'hăb the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of ĩś-ră-ěl a curse, and trouble

it.

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

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

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

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

23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rā-hāb, 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 Īś-rā-ēl.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Jösh-û-ä saved Rā-hāb the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she

dwelleth in Īś-rā-ēl *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Jösh-û-ä sent to spy out Jēr-ī-chō.

26 ¶ And Jösh-û-ä adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jēr-ī-chō: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Jösh-û-ä; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

CHAPTER 7

BUT the children of Īś-rā-ēl committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Ā-chăn, the son of Cär-mī, the son of Zāb-dī, the son of Zē-rāh, of the tribe of Jûd-āh, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Īś-rā-ēl.

2 And Jösh-û-ä sent men from Jēr-ī-chō to Ā-ī, which is beside Bēth-ā-vēn, on the east side of Bēth-ēl, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ā-ī.

3 And they returned to Jösh-û-ä, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ā-ī; *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 Ā-ī.

5 And the men of Ā-ī smote of them

about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shëb'ă-rîm, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 ¶ And Jösh'û-ă rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Īś-rā-ěl, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Jösh'û-ă said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jôr'dän, to deliver us into the hand of the Ām'ō-rîtes, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jôr'dän!

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Īś-rā-ěl turneth their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Cā'nă-ăn-îtes and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of *it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Jösh'û-ă, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Īś-rā-ěl hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Īś-rā-ěl

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

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

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

16 ¶ So Jösh'û-ă rose up early in the morning, and brought Īś-rā-ěl by their tribes; and the tribe of Jûd'ăh was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Jûd'ăh; and he took the family of the Zär'hîtes: and he brought the family of the Zär'hîtes man by man; and Zăb'dî was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Ā'chăn, the son of Căr'mī, the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Zē'răh, of the tribe of Jûd'ăh, was taken.

19 And Jösh'û-ă said unto Ā'chăn, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Īś'ră-ěl, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me.

20 And Ā'chăn answered Jösh'û-ă, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Īś'ră-ěl, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Băb-ÿ-lō'nîsh garment, and two hundred shē'kěls of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shē'kěls 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 Jösh'û-ă 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 Jösh'û-ă, and unto all the children of Īś'ră-ěl, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Jösh'û-ă, and all Īś'ră-ěl with him, took Ā'chăn the son of Zē'răh, 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 Ā'chôr.

25 And Jösh'û-ă said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Īś'ră-ěl stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Ā'chôr, unto this day.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD said unto Jösh'û-ă, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ā'î: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ā'î, and his people, and his city, and his land:

2 And thou shalt do to Ā'î and her king as thou didst unto Jēr-î-chô and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 ¶ So Jösh'û-ă arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ā'î: and Jösh'û-ă chose out 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 I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city:

and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

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

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for 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 ¶ Jösh'û-ä therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Bëth'ël and Ä'î, on the west side of Ä'î: but Jösh'û-ä lodged that night among the people.

10 And Jösh'û-ä rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of İś-rā-ël, before the people to Ä'î.

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 Ä'î: now *there was* a valley between them and Ä'î.

12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bëth'ël and Ä'î, 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, Jösh'û-ä went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king of Ä'î saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against İś-rā-ël 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 Jösh'û-ä and all İś-rā-ël made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that *were* in Ä'î were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Jösh'û-ä, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ä'î or Bëth'ël, that went not out after İś-rā-ël: and they left the city open, and pursued after İś-rā-ël.

18 And the LORD said unto Jösh'û-ä, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ä'î; for I will give it into thine hand. And Jösh'û-ä stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ä'î looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to

heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 And when Jösh-û-ä and all Īś-rā-ěl 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 Ā-ī.

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

23 And the king of Ā-ī they took alive, and brought him to Jösh-û-ä.

24 And it came to pass, when Īś-rā-ěl had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ā-ī in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Īś-rā-ěl-ites returned unto Ā-ī, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

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

26 For Jösh-û-ä drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ā-ī.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Īś-rā-ěl took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Jösh-û-ä.

28 And Jösh-û-ä burnt Ā-ī, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation unto this day.

29 And the king of Ā-ī he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Jösh-û-ä commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

30 ¶ Then Jösh-û-ä built an altar unto the LORD God of Īś-rā-ěl in mount Ē-bäl,

31 As Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Īś-rā-ěl, as it is written in the book of the law of Mō-šēs, 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.

32 ¶ And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Mō-šēs, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Īś-rā-ěl.

33 And all Īś-rā-ěl, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Lē-vītes, 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 Gě-rī-zīm, and half of them over against mount Ē-bäl; as Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of

Īś-rā-ēl.

34 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.

35 There was not a word of all that Mō-šēs commanded, which Jösh'û-ă read not before all the congregation of Īś-rā-ēl, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

CHAPTER 9

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jôr-dān, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lēb-ă-nōn, the Hīt-tīte, and the Ām-ō-rīte, the Cā-nă-ăn-īte, the Pě-rīz-zīte, the Hī-vīte, and the Jēb-û-sīte, heard *thereof*;

2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Jösh'û-ă and with Īś-rā-ēl, with one accord.

3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Gīb-ē-on heard what Jösh'û-ă had done unto Jēr-ĭ-chō and to Ā-ĭ,

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

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 Jösh'û-ă unto the camp at Gīl-gāl, and said unto him, and to the men of Īś-rā-ēl, We be

come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Īś-rā-ēl said unto the Hī-vītes, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Jösh'û-ă, We *are* thy servants. And Jösh'û-ă 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 Ē-gŷpt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Ām-ō-rītes, that *were* beyond Jôr-dān, to Sī-hōn king of Hēsh-bōn, and to Őg king of Bā-shān, which was at Āsh-tă-rōth.

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, We *are* your servants: 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 Jösh'û-ă made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

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

17 And the children of Īś'rā-ěl journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gĭb'ĕ-ōn, and Chĕ-phĭ'rāh, and Beer'ōth, and Kĭr'jāth-jĕ'ă-rĭm.

18 And the children of Īś'rā-ěl smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Īś'rā-ěl. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Īś'rā-ěl: now therefore we may not touch them.

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

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

22 ¶ And Jösh'û-ă called for them, and he spake unto them, saying,

Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and there 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 Jösh'û-ă, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Mō'sĕš to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Īś'rā-ěl, that they slew them not.

27 And Jösh'û-ă 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.

CHAPTER 10

NOW it came to pass, when Ād-ō-nĭ-zĕ-dĕk king of Jĕ-rû-sā-lĕm had heard how Jösh'û-ă had taken Ā-ĭ, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jĕr'ĭ-chō and her king, so he had done to Ā-ĭ and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gĭb'ĕ-ōn had made peace with Īś'rā-ěl, and were

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among them;

2 That they feared greatly, because Gĭb-ĕ-ōn was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ā-ī, and all the men thereof were mighty.

3 Wherefore Ād-ō-nī-zē-dĕk king of Jĕ-rû-să-lĕm sent unto Hō-hăm king of Hĕ-brōn, and unto Pī-răm king of Jăr-mûth, and unto Jă-phī-ă king of Lă-chĭsh, and unto Dĕ-bĭr king of Ĕg-lōn, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gĭb-ĕ-ōn: for it hath made peace with Jōsh-ū-ă and with the children of Īś-rā-ĕl.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Ām-ō-rĭtes, the king of Jĕ-rû-să-lĕm, the king of Hĕ-brōn, the king of Jăr-mûth, the king of Lă-chĭsh, the king of Ĕg-lōn, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gĭb-ĕ-ōn, and made war against it.

6 ¶ And the men of Gĭb-ĕ-ōn sent unto Jōsh-ū-ă to the camp to Gĭl-găl, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Ām-ō-rĭtes that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

7 So Jōsh-ū-ă ascended from Gĭl-găl, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Jōsh-ū-ă, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not

a man of them stand before thee.

9 Jōsh-ū-ă therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gĭl-găl all night.

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Īś-rā-ĕl, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gĭb-ĕ-ōn, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bĕth-hôr-ōn, and smote them to Ā-zē-kăh, and unto Măk-kĕ-dăh.

11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Īś-rā-ĕl, and were in the going down to Bĕth-hôr-ōn, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Ā-zē-kăh, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than *they* whom the children of Īś-rā-ĕl slew with the sword.

12 ¶ Then spake Jōsh-ū-ă to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Ām-ō-rĭtes before the children of Īś-rā-ĕl, and he said in the sight of Īś-rā-ĕl, Sun, stand thou still upon Gĭb-ĕ-ōn; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Āj-ă-lōn.

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 Jăsh-ĕr? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

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

15 ¶ And Jōsh-ū-ă returned, and all

İs'-rā-ël with him, unto the camp to Gil'-gäl.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Mäk-kē'däh.

17 And it was told Jösh'-û-ä, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Mäk-kē'däh.

18 And Jösh'-û-ä 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 their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pass, when Jösh'-û-ä and the children of İs'-rā-ël 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 Jösh'-û-ä at Mäk-kē'däh in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of İs'-rā-ël.

22 Then said Jösh'-û-ä, 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 Jē-rû-sä-lēm, the king of Hē-brön, the king of Jär-mûth, the king of Lā-chish, *and* the king of Ėg-lön.

24 And it came to pass, when they

brought out those kings unto Jösh'-û-ä, that Jösh'-û-ä called for all the men of İs'-rā-ël, 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 Jösh'-û-ä 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 Jösh'-û-ä smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Jösh'-û-ä 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.

28 ¶ And that day Jösh'-û-ä took Mäk-kē'däh, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Mäk-kē'däh as he did unto the king of Jēr-ı-chō.

29 Then Jösh'-û-ä passed from Mäk-kē'däh, and all İs'-rā-ël with him, unto Lib'näh, and fought against Lib'näh:

30 And the LORD delivered it also,

and the king thereof, into the hand of Īś-rā-ēl; 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 Jēr'-ī-chō.

31 ¶ And Jōsh'û-ä passed from Līb-nāh, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him, unto Lā-chīsh, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

32 And the LORD delivered Lā-chīsh into the hand of Īś-rā-ēl, 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 Līb-nāh.

33 ¶ Then Hôr-ām king of Gē-zēr came up to help Lā-chīsh; and Jōsh'û-ä smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lā-chīsh Jōsh'û-ä passed unto Ĕg-lōn, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lā-chīsh.

36 And Jōsh'û-ä went up from Ĕg-lōn, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him, unto Hē-brōn; and they fought against it:

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Ĕg-lōn; but

destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.

38 ¶ And Jōsh'û-ä returned, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him, to Dē-bīr; and fought against it:

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hē-brōn, so he did to Dē-bīr, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Līb-nāh, and to her king.

40 ¶ So Jōsh'û-ä smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Īś-rā-ēl commanded.

41 And Jōsh'û-ä smote them from Kā-dēsh-bār-nē-ä even unto Gā-zā, and all the country of Gō-shēn, even unto Gīb-ē-on.

42 And all these kings and their land did Jōsh'û-ä take at one time, because the LORD God of Īś-rā-ēl fought for Īś-rā-ēl.

43 And Jōsh'û-ä returned, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him, unto the camp to Gīl-gāl.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Jā-bīn King of Hā-zōr had heard *those things*, that he sent to Jō-bāb king of Mā-dōn, and to the king of Shīm-rōn, and to the king of Āch-shāph,

2 And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chīn'ně-rōth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dōr on the west,

3 *And* to the Cā'nă-ān-īte on the east and on the west, and to the Ām'ō-rīte, and the Hīt'tīte, and the Pě-rīz-zīte, and the Jěb'ū-sīte in the mountains, and to the Hī'vīte under Hēr'mōn in the land of Mīz'pēh.

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

5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Mē'rōm, to fight against Īs'rā-ěl.

6 ¶ And the LORD said unto Jōsh'ū-ā, Be not afraid because of them: for to-morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Īs'rā-ěl: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Jōsh'ū-ā came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Mē'rōm suddenly; and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Īs'rā-ěl, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zī'dōn, and unto Mīs'rě-phōth-mā'īm, and unto the valley of Mīz'pēh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

9 And Jōsh'ū-ā did unto them as the

LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Jōsh'ū-ā at that time turned back, and took Hā'zōr, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hā'zōr beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 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 Hā'zōr with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Jōsh'ū-ā take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, as Mō'sšēs the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Īs'rā-ěl burned none of them, save Hā'zōr only; *that* did Jōsh'ū-ā burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Īs'rā-ěl 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 breathe.

15 ¶ As the LORD commanded Mō'sšēs his servant, so did Mō'sšēs command Jōsh'ū-ā, and so did Jōsh'ū-ā; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Mō'sšēs.

16 So Jōsh'ū-ā took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Gō-shēn, and the valley, and the plain, and the

mountain of Īś-rā-ēl, and the valley of the same;

17 *Even* from the mount Hā-lāk, that goeth up to Sē-īr, even unto Bā-āl-gād in the valley of Lēb-ā-nōn under mount Hēr-mōn: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

18 Jōsh-ū-ā made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Īś-rā-ēl, save the Hī-vītes the inhabitants of Gīb-ē-ōn: all *other* they took in battle.

20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Īś-rā-ēl 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 Mō-šēs.

21 ¶ And at that time came Jōsh-ū-ā, and cut off the Ān-ā-kīmś from the mountains, from Hē-brōn, from Dē-bīr, from Ā-nāb, and from all the mountains of Jūd-āh, and from all the mountains of Īś-rā-ēl: Jōsh-ū-ā destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Ān-ā-kīmś left in the land of the children of Īś-rā-ēl: only in Gā-zā, in Gāth, and in Āsh-dōd, there remained.

23 So Jōsh-ū-ā took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Mō-šēs; and Jōsh-ū-ā gave it for an inheritance unto Īś-rā-ēl according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Īś-rā-ēl smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jōr-dān toward the rising of the sun, from the river Ār-nōn unto mount Hēr-mōn, and all the plain on the east:

2 Sī-hōn king of the Ām-ō-rītes, who dwelt in Hēsh-bōn, *and* ruled from Ā-rō-ēr, which is upon the bank of the river Ār-nōn, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gīl-ē-ād, even unto the river Jāb-bōk, *which* is the border of the children of Ām-mōn;

3 And from the plain to the sea of Chīn-nē-rōth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on the east, the way to Bēth-jēsh-ī-mōth; and from the south, under Āsh-dōth-pīs-gāh:

4 ¶ And the coast of Ōg king of Bā-shān, *which* was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Āsh-tā-rōth and at Ēd-rē-ī,

5 And reigned in mount Hēr-mōn, and in Sāl-cāh, and in all Bā-shān, unto the border of the Gē-shū-rītes and the Mā-āch-ā-thītes, and half Gīl-ē-ād, the border of Sī-hōn king of Hēsh-bōn.

6 Them did Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD and the children of Īś-rā-ēl smite: and Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession unto the Reu-bēn-ītes, and the Gād-ītes, and the half tribe of Mā-nās-sēh.

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the country which Jösh'û-ā and the children of Īś-rā-ēl smote on this side Jôr'dān on the west, from Bā'āl-gād in the valley of Lēb'ā-ṇon even unto the mount Hā'lāk, that goeth up to Sē'ir; which Jösh'û-ā gave unto the tribes of Īś-rā-ēl *for* a possession according to their divisions;

8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hīt'tites, the Ām'ō-rītes, and the Cā'nā-ān-ītes, the Pē-rīz-zītes, the Hī'vītes, and the Jēb'û-sītes:

9 ¶ The king of Jēr'ī-chō, one; the king of Ā'ī, which *is* beside Bēth'ēl, one;

10 The king of Jē-rû-sā-lēm, one; the king of Hē-brōn, one;

11 The king of Jār-mûth, one; the king of Lā-chīsh, one;

12 The king of Ēg'lōn, one; the king of Gē-zēr, one;

13 The king of Dē'bīr, one; the king of Gē-dēr, one;

14 The king of Hôr-māh, one; the king of Ār'ād, one;

15 The king of Līb-nāh, one; the king of Ā-dūl'lām, one;

16 The king of Māk-kē-dāh, one; the king of Bēth'ēl, one;

17 The king of Tāp-pū-āh, one; the king of Hē-phēr, one;

18 The king of Ā-phēk, one; the king of Lā-shâr'ōn, one;

19 The king of Mā'dōn, one; the king of Hā-zōr, one;

20 The king of Shīm'rōn-mē'rōn, one; the king of Āch-shāph, one;

21 The king of Tā'ā-nāch, one; the king of Mē-gīd-dō, one;

22 The king of Kē-dēsh, one; the king of Jök-nē-ām of Cār-mēl, one;

23 The king of Dōr in the coast of Dōr, one; the king of the nations of Gīl-gāl, one;

24 The king of Tīr-zāh, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAPTER 13

NOW Jösh'û-ā was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

2 This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Phīl'īs-tīneš, and all Gē-shū-rī,

3 From Sī'hôr, which *is* before Ē'gypt, even unto the borders of Ēk'rōn northward, *which* *is* counted to the Cā'nā-ān-īte: five lords of the Phīl'īs-tīneš; the Gā-zā-thītes, and the Āsh-dō-thītes, the Ēsh-kā-ḷon-ītes, the Gīt'tītes, and the Ēk'rōn-ītes; also the Ā'vītes:

4 From the south, all the land of the Cā'nā-ān-ītes, and Mē-ār'āh that *is* beside the Ši-dō-nī-āns, unto Ā-phēk, to the borders of the Ām'ō-rītes:

5 And the land of the Gīb'lītes, and all Lēb'ā-ṇon, toward the sunrising, from Bā'āl-gād under mount Hēr'mōn unto the entering into Hā'māth.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill

country from Lěb-ă-nõn unto Mĭš-rě-phōth-mā-ĭm, and all the Sĭ-dō-nĭ-ăns, them will I drive out from before the children of Ĭš-rā-ěl: only divide thou it by lot unto the Ĭš-rā-ěl-ĭtes 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 Mă-năs-sēh,

8 With whom the Reu-bĕn-ĭtes and the Găd-ĭtes have received their inheritance, which Mō-sĕš gave them, beyond Jôr-dăn eastward, even as Mō-sĕš the servant of the LORD gave them;

9 From Ā-rō-ĕr, that is upon the bank of the river Ār-nõn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Mē-dě-bă unto Dĭ-bõn;

10 And all the cities of Sĭ-hõn king of the Ām-ō-rĭtes, which reigned in Hĕsh-bõn, unto the border of the children of Ām-mõn;

11 And Gĭl-ĕ-ăd, and the border of the Gĕ-shū-rĭtes and Mă-ăch-ă-thĭtes, and all mount Hĕr-mõn, and all Bă-shăn unto Săl-căh;

12 All the kingdom of Őg in Bă-shăn, which reigned in Āsh-tă-rõth and in Ēd-rĕ-ĭ, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Mō-sĕš smite, and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless the children of Ĭš-rā-ěl expelled not the Gĕ-shū-rĭtes, nor the Mă-ăch-ă-thĭtes: but the Gĕ-shū-rĭtes and the Mă-ăch-ă-thĭtes dwell

among the Ĭš-rā-ěl-ĭtes until this day. 14 Only unto the tribe of Lĕ-vĭ he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Ĭš-rā-ěl made by fire are their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 ¶ And Mō-sĕš gave unto the tribe of the children of Reu-bĕn inheritance according to their families.

16 And their coast was from Ā-rō-ĕr, that is on the bank of the river Ār-nõn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Mē-dě-bă;

17 Hĕsh-bõn, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dĭ-bõn, and Bă-mõth-bă-ăl, and Bĕth-bă-ăl-mē-õn,

18 And Jă-hă-zăh, and Kĕ-dĕ-mõth, and Mĕph-ă-ăth,

19 And Kĭr-jă-thă-ĭm, and Sĭb-măh, and Zăr-ĕth-shă-hăr in the mount of the valley,

20 And Bĕth-pĕ-ôr, and Āsh-dõth-pĭš-găh, and Bĕth-jĕsh-ĭ-mõth,

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sĭ-hõn king of the Ām-ō-rĭtes, which reigned in Hĕsh-bõn, whom Mō-sĕš smote with the princes of Mĭd-ĭ-ăn, Ē-vĭ, and Rĕ-kĕm, and Zŭr, and Hŭr, and Rĕ-bă, which were dukes of Sĭ-hõn, dwelling in the country.

22 ¶ Bă-lăăm also the son of Bĕ-ôr, the soothsayer, did the children of Ĭš-rā-ěl slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reu-bĕn was Jôr-dăn, and the border

thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reu¹bēn after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Mō'sēs gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gād, *even* unto the children of Gād according to their families.

25 And their coast was Jā-zēr, and all the cities of Gīl'ē-ād, and half the land of the children of Ām'mon, unto Ā-rō'ēr that is before Rāb'bāh;

26 And from Hēsh'bōn unto Rā-māth-mīz'pēh, and Bēt'ō-nīm; and from Mā-hā-nā'im unto the border of Dē'bīr;

27 And in the valley, Bēth-ār'ām, and Bēth-nīm'rāh, and Sūc'cōth, and Zā-phōn, the rest of the kingdom of Sī'hōn king of Hēsh'bōn, Jōr'dān and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chīn'nē-rēth on the other side Jōr'dān eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gād after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 ¶ And Mō'sēs gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Mā-nās'sēh; and *this* was *the* possession of the half tribe of the children of Mā-nās'sēh by their families.

30 And their coast was from Mā-hā-nā'im, all Bā'shān, all the kingdom of Ōg king of Bā'shān, and all the towns of Jā'īr, which are in Bā'shān, threescore cities:

31 And half Gīl'ē-ād, and Āsh'tā-rōth, and Ēd'rē-ī, cities of the kingdom of Ōg in Bā'shān, were pertaining unto

the children of Mā'chīr the son of Mā-nās'sēh, *even* to the one half of the children of Mā'chīr by their families.

32 These are the countries which Mō'sēs did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Mō'āb, on the other side Jōr'dān, by Jēr'ī-chō, eastward.

33 But unto the tribe of Lē'vī Mō'sēs gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Īs'rā-ēl was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

CHAPTER 14

AND these are the countries which the children of Īs'rā-ēl inherited in the land of Cā'nā-ān, which Ēl-ē-ā-zār the priest, and Jōsh-ū-ā the son of Nūn, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs'rā-ēl, distributed for inheritance to them.

2 By lot was their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Mō'sēs, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

3 For Mō'sēs had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jōr'dān: but unto the Lē'vītes he gave none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Jō'sēph were two tribes, Mā-nās'sēh and Ē'phrā-īm: therefore they gave no part unto the Lē'vītes in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

5 As the LORD commanded Mō'sēs, so the children of Īs'rā-ēl did, and they

divided the land.

6 ¶ Then the children of Jûd-âh came unto Jösh-û-ä in Gil-gäl: and Cälëb the son of Jë-phün-nëh the Kë-nëz-ite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Mō-šëš the man of God concerning me and thee in Kā-dësh-bär-në-ä.

7 Forty years old was I when Mō-šëš the servant of the LORD sent me from Kā-dësh-bär-në-ä to espy 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 Mō-šëš sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Mō-šëš, while the children of Īś-rā-ël 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 Mō-šëš 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 in that day; for thou heardest in that

day how the Ān-ä-kims 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 Jösh-û-ä blessed him, and gave unto Cälëb the son of Jë-phün-nëh Hë-brön for an inheritance.

14 Hë-brön therefore became the inheritance of Cälëb the son of Jë-phün-nëh the Kë-nëz-ite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Īś-rā-ël.

15 And the name of Hë-brön before was Kīr-jäth-är-bä; which Är-bä was a great man among the Ān-ä-kims. And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Jûd-âh by their families; even to the border of Ē-döm the wilderness of Zīn 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 Mā-ä-lëh-äc-räb-bīm, and passed along to Zīn, and ascended up on the south side unto Kā-dësh-bär-në-ä, and passed along to Hëz-rön, and went up to Ā-där, and fetched a compass to Kär-kä-ä:

4 From thence it passed toward Äz-mön, and went out unto the river of Ē-gÿpt; 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 Jôr'dän. And *their* border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jôr'dän:

6 And the border went up to Bëth-hög-lä, and passed along by the north of Bëth-är'ä-bäh; and the border went up to the stone of Bō'hän the son of Reu'bën:

7 And the border went up toward Dē'bīr from the valley of Ā'chôr, and so northward, looking toward Gil'gäl, that is before the going up to Ā-düm'mīm, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of Ĕn-shē-mësh, and the goings out thereof were at Ĕn-rō'gël:

8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hīn'nom unto the south side of the Jëb-ū-sīte; the same is Jë-rû-sä-lëm: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hīn'nom 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 Nëph-tō'äh, and went out to the cities of mount Ē'phrōn; and the border was drawn to Bā'ä-läh, which is Kīr-jäth-jē'ä-rīm:

10 And the border compassed from Bā'ä-läh westward unto mount Sē'īr, and passed along unto the side of mount Jē'ä-rīm, which is Chës'ä-lōn, on the north side, and went down to

Bëth-shē-mësh, and passed on to Tīm'näh:

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ĕk'rōn northward: and the border was drawn to Shīc'rōn, and passed along to mount Bā'ä-läh, and went out unto Jāb'neel; 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 Jûd'äh round about according to their families.

13 ¶ And unto Cā'lëb the son of Jë-phün'nëh he gave a part among the children of Jûd'äh, according to the commandment of the LORD to Jösh'û-ä, *even* the city of Ār'bä the father of Ā'näk, which city is Hē'brōn.

14 And Cā'lëb drove thence the three sons of Ā'näk, Shē'shāi, and Ā-hī-män, and Täl'māi, the children of Ā'näk.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Dē'bīr: and the name of Dē'bīr before was Kīr-jäth-sē'phër.

16 ¶ And Cā'lëb said, He that smiteth Kīr-jäth-sē'phër, and taketh it, to him will I give Āch'säh my daughter to wife.

17 And Öth'nī-ël the son of Kē'näz, the brother of Cā'lëb, took it: and he gave him Āch'säh 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 Cā-lēb said unto her, 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 Jûd'âh according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Jûd'âh toward the coast of Ê'dom southward were Kâb-zeel, and Ê'dēr, and Jā'gûr,

22 And Kī'nâh, and Dī-mō'nâh, and Ā-dā-dâh,

23 And Kē'dēsh, and Hā-zôr, and Īth-nân,

24 Zīph, and Tē'lēm, and Bē-ā'lōth,

25 And Hā-zôr, Hā-dât'tâh, and Kēr-ī'ōth, and Hēz'rōn, which is Hā-zôr,

26 Ā-mām, and Shē-mă, and Mō-lā-dâh,

27 And Hā-zâr-gäd-dâh, and Hēsh-mōn, and Bēth-pā-lēt,

28 And Hā-zâr-shû'âl, and Beer-shē-bă, and Bīz-jōth-jâh,

29 Bā'â-lâh, and Ī'im, and Ā-zēm,

30 And Ēl-tō-lād, and Chēs-îl, and Hôr-mâh,

31 And Zīk-läg, and Mād-mân-nâh, and Sän-sän-nâh,

32 And Lē-bā'ōth, and Shīl'hīm, and Ā'in, and Rīm'mon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:

33 And in the valley, Ĕsh-tā-öl, and Zôr-ē-âh, and Āsh-nâh,

34 And Ză-nō'âh, and Ĕn-gän'nīm, Tăp-pū-âh, and Ê'nām,

35 Jâr-mûth, and Ā-dül-lâm, Sō-cōh, and Ā-zē-kâh,

36 And Shă-ră'im, and Ād-ÿ-thă'im, and Gē-dē-râh, and Gē-dē-rō-thă'im; fourteen cities with their villages:

37 Zē'nân, and Hă-dâsh'âh, and Mīg-däl-gäd,

38 And Dī-lē-ân, and Mīz-pēh, and Jök-thēel,

39 Lā'chīsh, and Böz-kâth, and Ĕg-lōn,

40 And Căb-bōn, and Lăh-mām, and Kīth-līsh,

41 And Gē-dē-rōth, Bēth-dā-gōn, and Nā'â-mâh, and Măk-kē-dâh; sixteen cities with their villages:

42 Līb-nâh, and Ê'thēr, and Āsh-ân,

43 And Jīph-tâh, and Āsh-nâh, and Nēz-îb,

44 And Kē-ī-lâh, and Āch-zīb, and Mă-rē-shâh; nine cities with their villages:

45 Ĕk-rōn, with her towns and her villages:

46 From Ĕk-rōn even unto the sea, all that lay near Āsh-död, with their villages:

47 Āsh-död with her towns and her villages, Gă-ză with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Ê-gÿpt, and the great sea, and the border thereof:

48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shă-mīr, and Jăt-tīr, and Sō-cōh,

49 And Dän-nâh, and Kīr-jăth-sän-nâh, which is Dē-bīr,

50 And Ā-năb, and Ĕsh-tē-mōh, and

Ä-nim,

51 And Gō-shēn, and Hō-lōn, and Gī-lōh; eleven cities with their villages:

52 Ār-āb, and Du-māh, and Ēsh-ē-ān,

53 And Jā-nūm, and Bēth-tāp-pū-āh, and Ä-phē-kāh,

54 And Hūm-tāh, and Kīr-jāth-ār-bā, which is Hē-brōn, and Zī-ōr; nine cities with their villages:

55 Mā-ōn, Cār-mēl, and Zīph, and Jūt-tāh,

56 And Jēz-reēl, and Jök-dē-ām, and Zā-nō-āh,

57 Cain, Gīb-ē-āh, and Tīm-nāh; ten cities with their villages:

58 Hāl-hūl, Bēth-zūr, and Gē-dōr,

59 And Mā-ā-rāth, and Bēth-ā-nōth, and Ēl-tē-kōn; six cities with their villages:

60 Kīr-jāth-bā-āl, which is Kīr-jāth-jē-ā-rīm, and Rāb-bāh; two cities with their villages:

61 In the wilderness, Bēth-ār-ā-bāh, Mīd-dīn, and Sē-cā-cāh,

62 And Nīb-shān, and the city of Salt, and Ēn-gē-dī; six cities with their villages.

63 ¶ As for the Jēb-ū-sītes the inhabitants of Jē-rū-sā-lēm, the children of Jūd-āh could not drive them out: but the Jēb-ū-sītes dwell with the children of Jūd-āh at Jē-rū-sā-lēm unto this day.

CHAPTER 16

AND the lot of the children of Jōšēph fell from Jōr-dān by Jēr-ī-chō, unto the water of Jēr-ī-chō on the east, to the wilderness that

goeth up from Jēr-ī-chō throughout mount Bēth-ēl,

2 And goeth out from Bēth-ēl to Lüz, and passeth along unto the borders of Ār-chī to Āt-ā-rōth,

3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Jāph-lē-tī, unto the coast of Bēth-hōr-ōn the nether, and to Gē-zēr: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

4 So the children of Jōšēph, Mā-nās-sēh and Ē-phrā-īm, took their inheritance.

5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ē-phrā-īm according to their families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Āt-ā-rōth-ād-dār, unto Bēth-hōr-ōn the upper;

6 And the border went out toward the sea to Mīch-mē-thāh on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Tā-ā-nāth-shī-lōh, and passed by it on the east to Jā-nō-hāh;

7 And it went down from Jā-nō-hāh to Āt-ā-rōth, and to Nā-ā-rāth, and came to Jēr-ī-chō, and went out at Jōr-dān.

8 The border went out from Tāp-pū-āh westward unto the river Kā-nāh; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ē-phrā-īm by their families.

9 And the separate cities for the children of Ē-phrā-īm were among the inheritance of the children of

Mă-năs-sēh, all the cities with their villages.

10 And they drave not out the Cā-nă-ăn-ītes that dwelt in Gē-zēr: but the Cā-nă-ăn-ītes dwell among the Ē-phră-īm-ītes unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Mă-năs-sēh; for he was the firstborn of Jō-sēph; *to wit*, for Mā-chīr the firstborn of Mă-năs-sēh, the father of Gīl-ē-ād: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gīl-ē-ād and Bā-shăn.

2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Mă-năs-sēh by their families; for the children of Ā-bī-ē-zēr, and for the children of Hē-lēk, and for the children of Ās-rī-ēl, and for the children of Shē-chēm, and for the children of Hē-phēr, and for the children of Shē-mī-dā: these were the male children of Mă-năs-sēh the son of Jō-sēph by their families.

3 ¶ But Zē-lōph-ē-hād, the son of Hē-phēr, the son of Gīl-ē-ād, the son of Mā-chīr, the son of Mă-năs-sēh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Māh-lāh, and Nō-āh, Hōg-lāh, Mīl-cāh, and Tīr-zāh.

4 And they came near before Ēl-ē-ā-zār the priest, and before Jōsh-ū-ā the son of Nūn, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Mō-sēs 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 Mă-năs-sēh, beside the land of Gīl-ē-ād and Bā-shăn, which were on the other side Jōr-dān;

6 Because the daughters of Mă-năs-sēh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Mă-năs-sēh's sons had the land of Gīl-ē-ād.

7 ¶ And the coast of Mă-năs-sēh was from Āsh-ēr to Mīch-mē-thāh, that lieth before Shē-chēm; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of Ēn-tāp-pū-āh.

8 Now Mă-năs-sēh had the land of Tāp-pū-āh: but Tāp-pū-āh on the border of Mă-năs-sēh belonged to the children of Ē-phră-īm;

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kā-nāh, southward of the river: these cities of Ē-phră-īm are among the cities of Mă-năs-sēh: the coast of Mă-năs-sēh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea:

10 Southward it was Ē-phră-īm's, and northward it was Mă-năs-sēh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Āsh-ēr on the north, and in Īs-sā-chār on the east.

11 And Mă-năs-sēh had in Īs-sā-chār and in Āsh-ēr Bēth-shē-ān and her towns, and Īb-lē-ām and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dōr and her

towns, and the inhabitants of Ĕn'dôr and her towns, and the inhabitants of Tā'ă-näch and her towns, and the inhabitants of Mě-gid'dō and her towns, *even* three countries.

12 Yet the children of Mă-năs'sēh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Cā'nă-ăn-ītes would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Īs'rā-ēl were waxen strong, that they put the Cā'nă-ăn-ītes to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Jō'sšēph spake unto Jōsh'ū-ă, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing *I am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Jōsh'ū-ă answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood *country*, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Pě-riz-zītes and of the giants, if mount Ē-phră-īm be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Jō'sšēph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Cā'nă-ăn-ītes that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they who are* of Běth-shē-ăn and her towns, and *they who are* of the valley of Jěz-rēel.

17 And Jōsh'ū-ă spake unto the house of Jō'sšēph, *even* to Ē-phră-īm and to Mă-năs-sēh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only*:

18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Cā'nă-ăn-ītes, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAPTER 18

AND the whole congregation of the children of Īs'rā-ēl assembled together at Shī-lōh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Īs'rā-ēl seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Jōsh'ū-ă said unto the children of Īs'rā-ēl, How long *are* ye slack to go to 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: Jūd-ăh shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Jō'sšēph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

6 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 Lē-vītes have no part

among you; for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gäd, and Reu-bên, and half the tribe of Mă-năs-sēh, have received their inheritance beyond Jôr-dăn on the east, which Mō-sēs the servant of the LORD gave them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Jösh-û-ä 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 Shī-lōh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Jösh-û-ä to the host at Shī-lōh.

10 ¶ And Jösh-û-ä cast lots for them in Shī-lōh before the LORD: and there Jösh-û-ä divided the land unto the children of İś-rā-ël according to their divisions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Bën-jă-mîn came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Jûd-äh and the children of Jō-sēph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jôr-dăn; and the border went up to the side of Jēr-ı̄-chō on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Bēth-ā-vên.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Lüz, to the side of Lüz,

which is Bēth-ël, southward; and the border descended to Ät-ä-rōth-ä-där, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the nether Bēth-hôr-ön.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Bēth-hôr-ön southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kır-jäth-bā-äl, which is Kır-jäth-jē-ä-rım, a city of the children of Jûd-äh: this was the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kır-jäth-jē-ä-rım, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nēph-tō-äh:

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hın-nom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hın-nom, to the side of Jēb-û-sī on the south, and descended to Ĕn-rō-gěl,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Ĕn-shē-mēsh, and went forth toward Gē-lı̄-lōth, which is over against the going up of Ä-düm-mım, and descended to the stone of Bō-hăn the son of Reu-bên,

18 And passed along toward the side over against Är-ä-bäh northward, and went down unto Är-ä-bäh:

19 And the border passed along to the side of Bēth-hög-läh northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the

south end of Jŏr'dān: this was the south coast.

20 And Jŏr'dān was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Bĕn-jā-mĭn, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Bĕn-jā-mĭn according to their families were Jĕr'ī-chŏ, and Bĕth-hŏg'lāh, and the vālley of Kĕ-zĭz,

22 And Bĕth-ār'ā-bāh, and Zĕm-ā-rā'ĭm, and Bĕth-ĕl,

23 And Ā'vĭm, and Pār'āh, and Őph-rāh,

24 And Chĕ-phār-hā-ām'mŏ-nāi, and Őph-nī, and Gā-bā; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gĭb-ĕ-ŏn, and Rā-māh, and Bĕer-ŏth,

26 And Mĭz-pĕh, and Chĕ-phĭ-rāh, and Mŏ-zāh,

27 And Rĕ-kĕm, and Īr-pĕel, and Tār-ā-lāh,

28 And Zĕ-lāh, Ē-lĕph, and Jĕb-ū-sĭ, which is Jĕ-rŭ-sā-lĕm, Gĭb-ĕ-āth, and Kĭr-jāth; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Bĕn-jā-mĭn according to their families.

CHAPTER 19

AND the second lot came forth to Sĭm-ĕ-ŏn, *even* for the tribe of the children of Sĭm-ĕ-ŏn according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of

Jŭd'āh.

2 And they had in their inheritance Bĕer-shĕ-bā, or Shĕ-bā, and Mŏ-lā-dāh,

3 And Hā-zār-shŭ-āl, and Bā-lāh, and Ā-zĕm,

4 And Ēl-tŏ-lād, and Bĕth-ŭl, and Hŏr-māh,

5 And Zĭk-lāg, and Bĕth-mār-cā-bŏth, and Hā-zār-sŭ-sāh,

6 And Bĕth-lĕ-bā-ŏth, and Shā-rŭ-hĕn; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ā'ĭn, Rĕm-mŏn, and Ē-thĕr, and Āsh-ān; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that *were* round about these cities to Bā-ā-lāth-bĕer, Rā-māth of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Sĭm-ĕ-ŏn according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Jŭd'āh was the inheritance of the children of Sĭm-ĕ-ŏn: for the part of the children of Jŭd'āh was too much for them: therefore the children of Sĭm-ĕ-ŏn had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zĕ-bŭ-lŭn according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sār'ĭd:

11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Mār-ā-lāh, and reached to Dāb-bā-shĕth, and reached to the river that is before Jŏk-nĕ-ām;

12 And turned from Sār'ĭd eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chĭs-lŏth-tā-bŏr, and then goeth

out to Dăb-ě-răth, and goeth up to Jă-phí-ă,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gít-tăh-hě-phěr, to ĭt-tăh-kă-zĭn, and goeth out to Rēm-mön-mě-thō-är to Nē-ăh;

14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hăn-nă-thön: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jĭph-thăh-ěl:

15 And Kăt-tăth, and Nă-hăl-lăl, and Shĭm-rön, and ĭ-dă-lăh, and Běth-lě-hēm: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zě-bū-lün according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to ĭs-să-chăr, for the children of ĭs-să-chăr according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jěz-reel, and Chě-sұл-löth, and Shû-nēm,

19 And Hăph-ă-ră-ĭm, and Shĭ-ön, and Ā-nă-hă-răth,

20 And Răb-bĭth, and Kĭsh-ĭjon, and Ā-běz,

21 And Rēm-ěth, and Ĕn-găn-nĭm, and Ĕn-hăd-dăh, and Běth-păz-zěz;

22 And the coast reacheth to Tă-bôb, and Shă-hă-zĭ-măh, and Běth-shē-měsh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jôr-dăn: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of ĭs-să-chăr according to their families, the cities

and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Āsh-ěr according to their families.

25 And their border was Hěl-kăth, and Hă-lĭ, and Bě-těn, and Āch-shăph,

26 And Ā-lăm-mě-lěch, and Ā-măd, and Mĭ-shě-ăl; and reacheth to Căr-měl westward, and to Shĭ-hôr-lib-năth;

27 And turneth toward the sunrising to Běth-dă-gön, and reacheth to Zě-bū-lün, and to the valley of Jĭph-thăh-ěl toward the north side of Běth-ě-měk, and Nēĭ-ěl, and goeth out to Că-bûl on the left hand,

28 And Hĕ-brön, and Rĕ-höb, and Hăm-mön, and Kă-năh, even unto great Zĭ-dön;

29 And then the coast turneth to Ră-măh, and to the strong city Tÿre; and the coast turneth to Hō-săh; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Āch-zĭb:

30 Ŭm-măh also, and Ā-phĕk, and Rĕ-höb: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Āsh-ěr according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The sixth lot came out to the children of Năph-tă-lĭ, even for the children of Năph-tă-lĭ according to their families.

33 And their coast was from Hĕ-lĕph, from Āl-lön to Ză-ă-năn-nĭm, and Ād-ă-mĭ, Nĕ-kĕb, and Jăb-neel, unto

Lā-kūm; and the outgoings thereof were at Jôr'dän:

34 And *then* the coast turneth westward to Äz-nôth-tā-bôr, and goeth out from thence to Hük-kök, and reacheth to Zë-bû-lün on the south side, and reacheth to Äsh-ër on the west side, and to Jûd-äh upon Jôr'dän toward the sunrising.

35 And the fenced cities *are* Zîd-dîm, Zër, and Häm-mäth, Räk-käth, and Chîn-në-rëth,

36 And Äd-ä-mäh, and Rā-mäh, and Hā-zôr,

37 And Kē-dësh, and Ēd-rë-î, and Ĕn-hā-zôr,

38 And Ī-rôn, and Mîg-däl-ël, Hôr-ëm, and Bëth-ä-näth, and Bëth-shë-mësh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Nāph-tā-lî according to their families, the cities and their villages.

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

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zôr-äh, and Ĕsh-tä-öl, and Īr-shë-mësh,

42 And Shā-ä-läb-bîn, and Äj-ä-lôn, and Jëth-läh,

43 And Ē-lôn, and Thîm-nä-thäh, and Ĕk-rôn,

44 And Ĕl-të-këh, and Gîb-bë-thôn, and Bā-ä-läth,

45 And Jë-hüd, and Bën-ë-bë-räk, and Gäth-rîm-môn,

46 And Më-jär-kôn, and Räk-kôn,

with the border before Jā-phō.

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

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

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Īs-rā-ël gave an inheritance to Jösh-û-ä the son of Nün among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Tîm-näth-së-räh in mount Ē-phră-îm: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These *are* the inheritances, which Ĕl-ë-ä-zär the priest, and Jösh-û-ä the son of Nün, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs-rā-ël, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shî-lôh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAPTER 20

THE LORD also spake unto Jösh-û-ä, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Īs-rā-ël, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Mō-sës:

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 beforetime.

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.

7 ¶ And they appointed Kē-dēsh in Gāl-ī-lēe in mount Nāph-tā-lī, and Shē-chēm in mount Ē-phrā-īm, and Kīr-jāth-ār-bā, which is Hē-brōn, in the mountain of Jūd-āh.

8 And on the other side Jōr-dān by Jēr-ī-chō eastward, they assigned Bē-zēr in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Rēu-bēn, and Rā-mōth in Gīl-ē-ād out of the tribe of Gād, and Gō-lān in Bā-shān out of the tribe of Mā-nās-sēh.

9 These were the cities appointed for

all the children of Īs-rā-ēl, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAPTER 21

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Lē-vītes unto Ēl-ē-ā-zār the priest, and unto Jōsh-ū-ā the son of Nūn, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs-rā-ēl;

2 And they spake unto them at Shī-lōh in the land of Cā-nā-ān, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Mō-šēs to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Īs-rā-ēl gave unto the Lē-vītes 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 Kō-hāth-ītes: and the children of Āa-rōn the priest, *which were* of the Lē-vītes, had by lot out of the tribe of Jūd-āh, and out of the tribe of Sīm-ē-ōn, and out of the tribe of Bēn-jā-mīn, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kō-hāth had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ē-phrā-īm, and out of the tribe of Dān, and out of the half tribe of Mā-nās-sēh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gēr-shōn had by lot out of the families of the tribe

of Īs'-sä-chär, and out of the tribe of Āsh-ēr, and out of the tribe of Nāph-tā-lī, and out of the half tribe of Mā-nās-sēh in Bā-shān, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Mě-râr-ī by their families had out of the tribe of Rēu-bēn, and out of the tribe of Gäd, and out of the tribe of Zě-bū-lūn, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Īs'-rā-ēl gave by lot unto the Lē'-vītes these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Mō'-šēs.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Jūd-āh, and out of the tribe of the children of Sīm-ē-ōn, these cities which are here mentioned by name,

10 Which the children of Āa'-ron, being of the families of the Kō-hāth-ites, who were of the children of Lē'-vī, had: for theirs was the first lot.

11 And they gave them the city of Ār-bā the father of Ā'-nāk, which city is Hē-brōn, in the hill country of Jūd-āh, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Cā'lēb the son of Jě-phūn-nēh for his possession.

13 ¶ Thus they gave to the children of Āa'-ron the priest Hē-brōn with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Līb-nāh with her suburbs,

14 And Jāt-tīr with her suburbs, and Ēsh-tě-mō-ā with her suburbs,

15 And Hō-lōn with her suburbs, and Dē-bīr with her suburbs,

16 And Ā'-īn with her suburbs, and Jūt-tāh with her suburbs, and Bēth-shē-mēsh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Bēn-jā-mīn, Gīb-ē-ōn with her suburbs, Gē-bā with her suburbs,

18 Ān-ā-thōth with her suburbs, and Āl-mōn with her suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Āa'-ron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 ¶ And the families of the children of Kō-hāth, the Lē'-vītes which remained of the children of Kō-hāth, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ē'-phrā-īm.

21 For they gave them Shē-chēm with her suburbs in mōunt Ē'-phrā-īm, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gē-zēr with her suburbs,

22 And Kīb-zā-īm with her suburbs, and Bēth-hôr-ōn with her suburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dān, Ēl-tě-kēh with her suburbs, Gīb-bě-thōn with her suburbs,

24 Āi-jā-lōn with her suburbs, Gāth-rīm-mōn with her suburbs; four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Mā-nās-sēh, Tā-nāch with her suburbs, and Gāth-rīm-mōn with her suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities were ten with their suburbs for the families of the

children of Kō-hāth that remained.
 27 ¶ And unto the children of Gēr-shōn, of the families of the Lē-vītes, out of the *other* half tribe of Mā-nās-sēh *they gave* Gō-lān in Bā-shān with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Bē-ēsh-tē-rāh with her suburbs; two cities.
 28 And out of the tribe of Īs-sā-chār, Kī-shōn with her suburbs, Dāb-ā-rēh with her suburbs,
 29 Jār-mūth with her suburbs, Ĕngān-nīm with her suburbs; four cities.
 30 And out of the tribe of Āsh-ēr, Mī-shāl with her suburbs, Āb-dōn with her suburbs,
 31 Hēl-kāth with her suburbs, and Rē-hōb with her suburbs; four cities.
 32 And out of the tribe of Nāph-tā-lī, Kē-dēsh in Gāl-ī-lēe with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hām-mōth-dōr with her suburbs, and Kār-tān with her suburbs; three cities.
 33 All the cities of the Gēr-shōn-ītes according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.
 34 ¶ And unto the families of the children of Mē-rār-ī, the rest of the Lē-vītes, out of the tribe of Zē-bū-lūn, Jōk-nē-ām with her suburbs, and Kār-tāh with her suburbs,
 35 Dīm-nāh with her suburbs, Nā-hā-lāl with her suburbs; four cities.
 36 And out of the tribe of Reū-bēn, Bē-zēr with her suburbs, and

Jā-hā-zāh with her suburbs,
 37 Kē-dē-mōth with her suburbs, and Mēph-ā-āth with her suburbs; four cities.
 38 And out of the tribe of Gād, Rā-mōth in Gil-ē-ād with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mā-hā-nā-īm with her suburbs,
 39 Hēsh-bōn with her suburbs, Jā-zēr with her suburbs; four cities in all.
 40 So all the cities for the children of Mē-rār-ī by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Lē-vītes, were by their lot twelve cities.
 41 All the cities of the Lē-vītes within the possession of the children of Īs-rā-ēl *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs.
 42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities.
 43 ¶ And the LORD gave unto Īs-rā-ēl all the land which he sware 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 sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.
 45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Īs-rā-ēl; all came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

THEN Jŏsh'ŭ-ă called the Rēu'běn-ites, and the Găd'ītes, and the half tribe of Mă-năs'sēh,

2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Mō'sēs 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 God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your possession, which Mō'sēs the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jŏr'dăn.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Mō'sēs the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Jŏsh'ŭ-ă blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

7 ¶ Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Mă-năs'sēh Mō'sēs had given possession in Bă-shăn: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Jŏsh'ŭ-ă among their brethren on this side

Jŏr'dăn westward. And when Jŏsh'ŭ-ă 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 Rēu'běn and the children of Găd and the half tribe of Mă-năs'sēh returned, and departed from the children of Īś'rā-ěl out of Shī'lŏh, which is in the land of Că-nă-ăn, to go unto the country of Gīl'ě-ăd, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of Jŏr'dăn, that *are* in the land of Că-nă-ăn, the children of Rēu'běn and the children of Găd and the half tribe of Mă-năs'sēh built there an altar by Jŏr'dăn, a great altar to see to.

11 ¶ And the children of Īś'rā-ěl heard say, Behold, the children of Rēu'běn and the children of Găd and the half tribe of Mă-năs'sēh have built an altar over against the land of Că-nă-ăn, in the borders of Jŏr'dăn, at the passage of the children of Īś'rā-ěl.

12 And when the children of Īś'rā-ěl heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Īś'rā-ěl gathered themselves together at Shī'lŏh, to go

up to war against them.

13 And the children of Īś-rā-ēl sent unto the children of Reu-bēn, and to the children of Gād, and to the half tribe of Mă-nās-sēh, into the land of Gīl-ē-ād, Phīn-ē-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā-zār the priest,

14 And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Īś-rā-ēl; and each one was an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Īś-rā-ēl.

15 ¶ And they came unto the children of Reu-bēn, and to the children of Gād, and to the half tribe of Mă-nās-sēh, unto the land of Gīl-ē-ād, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Īś-rā-ēl, 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 Pē-ôr 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 he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Īś-rā-ēl.

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 Ā-chān the son of Zē-rāh commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Īś-rā-ēl? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reu-bēn and the children of Gād and the half tribe of Mă-nās-sēh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Īś-rā-ēl,

22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Īś-rā-ēl he 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 Īś-rā-ēl?

25 For the LORD hath made Jôr-dān a border between us and you, ye children of Reu-bēn and children of

Găd; 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 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, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phîn-ě-hăs the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Īś-rā-ěl which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Rēu-bĕn and the children of Găd and the children of Mă-năs-sĕh spake, it pleased them.

31 And Phîn-ě-hăs the son of Īl-ē-ā-zăr the priest said unto the children of Rēu-bĕn, and to the children of Găd, and to the children of Mă-năs-sĕh, 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 Īś-rā-ěl out of the hand of the LORD.

32 ¶ And Phîn-ě-hăs the son of Īl-ē-ā-zăr the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Rēu-bĕn, and from the children of Găd, out of the land of Gĭl-ě-ăd, unto the land of Că-nă-ăn, to the children of Īś-rā-ěl, and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Īś-rā-ěl; and the children of Īś-rā-ěl blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Rēu-bĕn and Găd dwelt.

34 And the children of Rēu-bĕn and the children of Găd called the altar Ĕd: for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.

CHAPTER 23

AND it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Īś-rā-ěl from all their enemies round about, that Jösh-Û-ă waxed old *and* stricken in age.

2 And Jösh-Û-ă called for all Īś-rā-ěl, *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* he that hath fought for you.

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

5 And the LORD your God, he 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.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Mō-šēš, 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, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, 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 they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until 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: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.

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.

CHAPTER 24

AND Jösh'û-ä gathered all the tribes of Īś-rā-ěl to Shē'chēm, and called for the elders of Īś-rā-ěl, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Jösh'û-ä said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Īś-rā-ěl, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Tē-räh, the father of Ā-brä-häm, and the father of Nā-chô: and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Ā-brä-häm from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Cā-nä-än, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Ī-sāac.

4 And I gave unto Ī-sāac Jā'cöb and Ē-sau: and I gave unto Ē-sau mount Sē-ir, to possess it; but Jā'cöb and his children went down into Ē-gÿpt.

5 I sent Mō'sēs also and Āa-rön, and I plagued Ē-gÿpt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out of Ē-gÿpt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Ē-gÿp-tiāns 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 Ē-gÿp-tiāns, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Ē-gÿpt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Ām-ō-rītes, which dwelt on the other side Jôr-dän; 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 Bā-lāk the son of Zīp-pô, king of Mō-äb, arose and warred against Īś-rā-ěl, and sent and called Bā-lāam the son of Bē-ôr to curse you:

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

11 And ye went over Jôr-dän, and came unto Jēr-ī-chō: and the men of Jēr-ī-chō fought against you, the Ām-ō-rītes, and the Pě-rīz-zītes, and the Cā-nä-än-ītes, and the Hīt-tītes, and the Gīr-gä-shītes, the Hī-vītes, and the Jēb-ū-sītes; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Ām-ō-rītes; *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 on the other side of the flood, and in Ē'gypt; 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 the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Ām-ō-rītes, in whose land ye dwell: but 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 Ē'gypt, 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 drave out from before us all the people, even the Ām-ō-rītes which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

19 And Jōsh-û-ä said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an 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 Jōsh-û-ä, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Jōsh-û-ä said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Īś-rā-ēl.

24 And the people said unto Jōsh-û-ä, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Jōsh-û-ä made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shē-chēm.

26 ¶ And Jōsh-û-ä wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Jōsh-û-ä said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So Jōsh-û-ä let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that Jōsh-û-ä the son of Nūn, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tīm-nāth-sē-rāh, which is in mount Ē-phrā-īm,

on the north side of the hill of Gā-āsh.

31 And Īś-rā-ēl served the LORD all the days of Jösh'û-ā, and all the days of the elders that overlived Jösh'û-ā, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Īś-rā-ēl.

32 ¶ And the bones of Jō-šēph, which the children of Īś-rā-ēl brought up out of Ē-gŷpt, buried they in

Shē-chēm, in a parcel of ground which Jā-cōb bought of the sons of Hā-môr the father of Shē-chēm for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Jō-šēph.

33 And Ĕl-ē-ā-zär the son of Āa-rōn died; and they buried him in a hill *that pertained to* Phīn-ě-hās his son, which was given him in mount Ē-phrā-īm.