

THE BOOK OF JŎSH-Ū-Ă

CHAPTER 1

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

2 Mō-šēs̄ my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jōr-dān, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Īś-rā-ēl.

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

4 From the wilderness and this Lēb-ă-nōn *even* unto the great river, the river Ēu-phrā-tēs̄, all the land of the Hīt-tītes, 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-šēs̄, 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-šēs̄ 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 Jōr-dān, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 ¶ And to the Rēu-bēn-ītes, and to the Gād-ītes, and to half the tribe of Mă-nās-sēh, spake Jōsh-ū-ă, saying,

13 Remember the word which

Mō'sēs 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'sēs gave you on this side Jôr'dān; 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 Jōsh'ū-ā, 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 Jōsh'ū-ā the son of Nūn sent out of Shīt'tīm two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jēr-ī-chō. And they went, and came intō an harlot's house, named Rā'hāb, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jēr-ī-chō, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Īs'rā-ēl to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jēr-ī-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 Jösh'ū-ă the son of Nün, and told him all *things* that befell them:

24 And they said unto Jösh'ū-ă, 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 Jösh'ū-ă rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shīt'tim, and came to Jôr'dän, he and all the children of Īś-rā-ěl, 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-vites 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 Jösh'ū-ă said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to-morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Jösh'ū-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 Jösh'ū-ă, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Īś-rā-ěl, 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 Jôr'dän, ye shall stand still in

Jôr'dän.

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

10 And Jösh'û-ä 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-än-ītes, and the Hīt'tītes, and the Hī'vītes, and the Pě-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 Jôr'dän.

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 Jôr'dän, *that* the waters of Jôr'dän 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 Jôr'dän, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark

were come unto Jôr'dän, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jôr'dän 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-tän: 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'ū-ā called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Īś-rā-ēl, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Jösh'ū-ā said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jôr'dān, 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'dān were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jôr'dān, the waters of Jôr'dān 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'ū-ā commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jôr'dān, as the LORD spake unto Jösh'ū-ā, 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'ū-ā set up twelve stones in the midst of Jôr'dān, 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'dān, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Jösh'ū-ā to speak unto the people, according to all that Mō'sēs commanded Jösh'ū-ā: 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 Reū'bēn, and the children of Gād, and half the tribe of Mă-nās'sēh, passed over armed before the children of Īś-rā-ēl, as Mō'sēs spake unto them:

13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jēr-î-chō.

14 ¶ Ōñ that day the LORD magnified Jösh'ū-ā in the sight of all Īś-rā-ēl; and they feared him, as they feared Mō'sēs, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Jösh'ū-ā, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear

the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jôr'dăn.

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

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'dăn, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jôr'dăn returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jôr'dăn on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gil'gäl, in the east border of Jër'î-chō.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jôr'dăn, did Jösh'û-ă pitch in Gil'gäl.

21 And he spake unto the children of İś'rā-ěl, 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, İś'rā-ěl came over this Jôr'dăn on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jôr'dăn 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 Äm'ō-rites, which *were* on the side of Jôr'dăn westward, and all the kings of the Cā'nă-än-ites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jôr'dăn from before the children of İś'rā-ěl, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of İś'rā-ěl.

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

3 And Jösh'û-ă made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of İś'rā-ěl at the hill of the foreskins.

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

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'ğÿpt, *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'ğÿpt, 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-ä 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-ä, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Ē'ğÿpt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gıl-gäl unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Īś-rā-ēl encamped in Gıl-gäl, and kept the

passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jër-ÿ-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 män-nä ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Īś-rā-ēl män-nä any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Cā-nä-än that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Jösh'û-ä was by Jër-ÿ-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-ä 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-ä 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-ä, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Jösh'û-ä did so.

CHAPTER 6

Now Jēr-ī-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 Jōsh-ū-ā, See, I have given into thine hand Jēr-ī-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 Jōsh-ū-ā the son of Nūn 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 Jōsh-ū-ā 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 Jōsh-ū-ā 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 Jōsh-ū-ā 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, Jōsh'ū-ā 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'hāb 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 Īś'rā-ēl 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 Jōsh'ū-ā 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'hăb the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in ĩś-rā-ěl *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Jösh'û-ä sent to spy out Jër-ĭ-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 Jër-ĭ-chō: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, 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* through-out all the country.

CHAPTER 7

BUT the children of ĩś-rā-ěl committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Ā'chăn, the son of Căr'mī, the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Zē-răh, of the tribe of Jûd-ăh, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of ĩś-rā-ěl.

2 And Jösh'û-ä sent men from Jër-ĭ-chō to Ā'ĭ, which *is* beside Běth-ā-věn, on the east side of Běth-ěl, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ā'ĭ.

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'ĭ; *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'ĭ.

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

6 ¶ And Jösh'û-ä 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 ĩś-rā-ěl, and put dust upon their heads.

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

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

9 For the Că-nă-ăn-ĭtes 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'ū-ā, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Īś-rā-ēl 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-ēl 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-ēl, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Īś-rā-ēl: 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-ēl.

16 ¶ So Jösh'ū-ā rose up early in the morning, and brought Īś-rā-ēl by their tribes; and the tribe of Jûd'āh was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Jûd'āh; and he took the family of the Zär'hītes: and he brought the family of the Zär'hītes man by man; and Zāb'dī was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Ā'chăn, the son of Cär'mī, the son of Zāb'dī, the son of Zē'rāh, of the tribe of Jûd'āh, was taken.

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

20 And Ā'chăn answered Jösh'ū-ā, and said, Indeed I have sinned

against the LORD God of Īś-rā-ēl, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Bāb-ÿ-lō-nīsh garment, and two hundred shē-kēls of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shē-kēls 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 Jōsh'û-ä 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 Jōsh'û-ä, and unto all the children of Īś-rā-ēl, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Jōsh'û-ä, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him, took Ā'chān the son of Zē-rāh, 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'chōr.

25 And Jōsh'û-ä said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Īś-rā-ēl 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'chōr, unto this day.

CHAPTER 8

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

2 And thou shalt do to Ā'ī and her king as thou didst unto Jēr-ÿ-chō 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 Jōsh'û-ä arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ā'ī: and Jōsh'û-ä 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'ū-ā therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Bēth'ēl and Ā'ī, on the west side of Ā'ī: but Jösh'ū-ā lodged that night among the people.

10 And Jösh'ū-ā rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Īś'rā-ēl, before the people to Ā'ī.

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 Ā'ī: now *there* was a valley between them and Ā'ī.

12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bēth'ēl and Ā'ī, 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'ū-ā went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king of Ā'ī saw *it*, that they hastened and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Īś'rā-ēl 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'ū-ā and all Īś'rā-ēl made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that *were* in Ā'ī were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Jösh'ū-ā, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ā'ī or Bēth'ēl, that went not out after Īś'rā-ēl: and they left the city open, and pursued after Īś'rā-ēl.

18 And the LORD said unto Jösh'ū-ā, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ā'ī; for

I will give it into thine hand. And Jösh'ū-ā 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 Ā'ī 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'ū-ā and all Īś'rā-ēl 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-ēl, 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'ū-ā.

24 And it came to pass, when Īś'rā-ēl 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-ēl-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'ū-ā 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-ēl took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Jösh'ū-ā.

28 And Jösh'ū-ā 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'ū-ā 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'ū-ā built an altar

unto the LORD God of Īś-rā-ēl in mount Ē-bāl,

31 As Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Īś-rā-ēl, 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-ēl.

33 And all Īś-rā-ēl, 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-bāl; 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-ä 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-dän, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lēb'-ä-noon, the Hīt-tīte, and the Ām'-ō-rīte, the Cā-nā-än-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-ä and with Īś-rā-ēl, with one accord.

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

4 They did work wilyly, 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-ä unto the camp at Gīl-gäl, 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-gÿpt,

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-tā-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-ēl journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gĭb-ĕ-on, and Chě-phī-rāh, and Beer-ōth, and Kĭr-jāth-jē-ă-rĭm.

18 And the children of Īś-rā-ēl smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Īś-rā-ēl. 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-ēl: 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-ä 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-ä, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Mō'sēs 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-ēl, that they

slew them not.

27 And Jösh'û-ä 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-nī-zē-dēk king of Jē-rû-sā-lēm had heard how Jösh'û-ä had taken Ā'ī, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jēr-ī-chō and her king, so he had done tō Ā'ī and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gīb'ē-ōn had made peace with Īś-rā-ēl, and were among them;

2 That they feared greatly, because Gīb'ē-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-dēk king of Jē-rû-sā-lēm sent unto Hō'hām king of Hē-brōn, and unto Pī-rām king of Jār-mūth, and unto Jā-phī-ä king of Lā-chīsh, and unto Dē-bīr king of Ēg-lōn, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gīb'ē-ōn: for it hath made peace with Jösh'û-ä and with the children of Īś-rā-ēl.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Ām-ō-rītes, the king of

Jě-rû-să-lēm, the king of Hĕ-brōn, the king of Jār-mûth, the king of Lā-chîsh, 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-zĕ-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-zĕ-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 hastened 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 Īś-rā-ĕl with him, unto the camp to Gĭl-găl.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Măk-kĕ-dăh.

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

18 And Jösh'ū-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'ū-ä and the children of İś-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'ū-ä at Mäk-kē'däh in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of İś-rā-ël.

22 Then said Jösh'ū-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 Jë-rû-sä-lëm, the king of Hë-brön, the king of Jär'mûth, the king of Lā-chîsh, *and* the king of Ėg'lön.

24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Jösh'ū-ä, that Jösh'ū-ä called for all the men of İś-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'ū-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'ū-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'ū-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'ū-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-ī-chō.

29 Thēn Jōsh-ū-ā passed from Māk-kē-dāh, and all Īs-rā-ēl with him, unto Līb-nāh, and fought against Līb-nāh:

30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Īs-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-ū-ā passed from Līb-nāh, and all Īs-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 Īs-rā-ēl, whīch 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 Hōr-ām king of Gē-zēr came up to help Lā-chīsh; and Jōsh-ū-ā smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lā-chīsh Jōsh-ū-ā passed unto Ĕg-lōn, and all Īs-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-ū-ā went up from Ĕg-lōn, and all Īs-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-ū-ā returned, and all Īs-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-ū-ā 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 Īs-rā-ēl commanded.

41 And Jösh'ū-ā smote them from Kā'dēsh-bār'nē-ā even unto Gā-zā, and all the country of Gō-shēn, even unto Gīb'ē-ōn.

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

43 And Jösh'ū-ā returned, and all Īś-rā-ēl with him, unto the camp to Gil'gāl.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Ajā-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'nē-rōth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dōr on the west,

3 And to the Cā-nā-ān-īte on the east and on the west, and to the Ām-ō-rīte, and the Hīt-tīte, and the Pē-rīz-zīte, and the Jēb-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 Īś-rā-ēl.

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

7 So Jösh'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 Īś-rā-ēl, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zī-dōn, and unto Mīś-rē-phōth-mā-īm, and unto the valley of Mīz-pēh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

9 And Jösh'ū-ā did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Jösh'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'sēs the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Īs'rā-ēl 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-ēl 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'sēs his servant, so did Mō'sēs command Jōsh'ū-ā, and so did Jōsh'ū-ā; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Mō'sēs.

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 Īs'rā-ēl, and the valley of the same;

17 *Even* from the mount Hā'lāk,

that goeth up to Sē'ir, even unto Bā'āl-gād in the valley of Lēb'ā-ṇōn 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 Īs'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 Īs'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'sēs.

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 Jûd'āh, and from all the mountains of Īs'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 Īs'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'-û-ä gave it for an inheritance unto Īs'-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 Īs'-rā-ēl smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jōr'-dān toward the rising of the sun, from the river Är'-nōn unto mount Hēr'-mōn, and all the plain on the east:

2 Sī'-hōn king of the Äm'-ō-rītes, who dwelt in Hēsh'-böñ, *and* ruled from Ä-rō-ēr, which *is* upon the bank of the river Är'-nōn, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gīl'-ē-äd, even unto the river Jāb'-böq, *which is* the border of the children of Äm'-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 Äsh'-dōth-pīs'-gäh:

4 ¶ And the coast of Ög king of Bā'-shān, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Äsh'-tä-rōth and at Ēd'-rē-ī,

5 And reigned in mount Hēr'-mōn, and in Sāl'-cäh, and in all Bā'-shān, unto the border of the

Gē-shū'-rītes and the Mā'-äch'-ä-thītes, and half Gīl'-ē-äd, the border of Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-böñ.

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

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the country which Jōsh'-û-ä and the children of Īs'-rā-ēl smote on this side Jōr'-dān on the west, from Bā'-äl-gäd in the valley of Lēb'-ä-nōn even unto the mount Hā'-lāk, that goeth up to Sē'-īr; which Jōsh'-û-ä gave unto the tribes of Īs'-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'-tītes, the Äm'-ō-rītes, and the Cā'-nä-än'-ītes, the Pē-rīz'-zītes, the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-û-sītes:

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

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

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

- 12 The king of Ęg'łön, 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-măh, one; the king of Âr-ăd, one;
 15 The king of Līb-năh, one; the king of Ă-dŭl-lăm, one;
 16 The king of Măk-kē-dăh, one; the king of Bēth-ěl, one;
 17 The king of Tăp-pŭ-ăh, one; the king of Hē-phēr, one;
 18 The king of Ā-phĕk, one; the king of Lă-shâr-ŏn, one;
 19 The king of Mă-dŏn, one; the king of Hă-zôr, one;
 20 The king of Shīm-rŏn-mē-rŏn, one; the king of Āch-shăph, one;
 21 The king of Tă-ă-năch, one; the king of Mě-gīd-dŏ, one;
 22 The king of Kē-dĕsh, one; the king of Jŏk-nĕ-ăm of Căr-mĕl, one;
 23 The king of Dôr in the coast of Dôr, one; the king of the nations of Gīl-găl, one;
 24 The king of Tīr-zăh, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAPTER 13

Now Jösh'û-ă 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-tīneś, and all Gĕ-shŭ-rī,
 3 From Sī'hôr, which is before Ę-gŷpt, even unto the borders of Ęk-rŏn northward, which is counted to the Că-nă-ăn-īte: five lords of the Phīl'īs-tīneś; the Gă-ză-thītes, and the Āsh-dŏ-thītes, the Ęsh-kă-lŏn-ītes, the Gīt-tītes, and the Ęk-rŏn-ītes; also the Ā-vītes:

4 From the south, all the land of the Că-nă-ăn-ītes, and Mĕ-âr-ăh that is beside the Sī-dŏ-nĭ-ăns, unto Ā-phĕk, to the borders of the Ām-ŏ-rītes:

5 And the land of the Gīb-lītes, and all Lĕb-ă-nŏn, toward the sunrising, from Bă-ăl-găd under mount Hĕr-mŏn unto the entering into Hă-măth.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lĕb-ă-nŏn unto Mīs-rĕ-phŏth-mă-ĭm, and all the Sī-dŏ-nĭ-ăns, them will I drive out from before the children of Ĭś-ră-ĕl: only divide thou it by lot unto the Ĭś-ră-ĕl-ītes 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-sĕh,

8 With whom the Rĕu-bĕn-ītes and the Găd-ītes have received

their inheritance, which Mō'sēsš gave them, beyond Jôr'dān eastward, *even* as Mō'sēsš the servant of the LORD gave them;

9 From Ä-rō'ēr, that is upon the bank of the river Är'nōn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Mē-dē-bā unto Dī'bōn;

10 And all the cities of Sī'hōn king of the Äm'ō-rītes, which reigned in Hēsh'bōn, unto the border of the children of Äm'mōn;

11 And Gīl'ē-äd, and the border of the Gē-shū-rītes and Mā-äch'ä-thītes, and all mount Hēr'mōn, and all Bā'shān unto Sāl'cāh;

12 All the kingdom of Ög in Bā'shān, which reigned in Äsh'tā-rōth and in Ēd'rē-ī, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Mō'sēsš smite, and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless the children of Īs'rā-ēl expelled not the Gē-shū-rītes, nor the Mā-äch'ä-thītes: but the Gē-shū-rītes and the Mā-äch'ä-thītes dwell among the Īs'rā-ēl-ītes until this day.

14 Only unto the tribe of Lē'vī he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Īs'rā-ēl made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 ¶ And Mō'sēsš gave unto the tribe of the children of Reu'bēn *inheritance* according to their families.

16 And their coast was from Ä-rō'ēr, that is on the bank of the river Är'nōn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Mē-dē-bā;

17 Hēsh'bōn, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dī'bōn, and Bā'mōth-bā'äl, and Bēth-bā'äl-mē'on,

18 And Jā-hā-zāh, and Kē-dē-mōth, and Mēph'ā-äth,

19 And Kīr-jā-thā'īm, and Sīb'māh, and Zār'ēth-shā'hār in the mount of the valley,

20 And Bēth-pē'ôr, and Äsh'dōth-piš'gāh, and Bēth-jēsh'ī-mōth,

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sī'hōn king of the Äm'ō-rītes, which reigned in Hēsh'bōn, whom Mō'sēsš smote with the princes of Mīd'ī-än, Ē'vī, and Rē'kēm, and Zūr, and Hūr, and Rē'bā, *which were* dukes of Sī'hōn, dwelling in the country.

22 ¶ Bā'lāām also the son of Bē'ôr, the soothsayer, did the children of Īs'rā-ēl slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the children

of Reū'běn was Jôr'dän, and the border *thereof*. This was the inheritance of the children of Reū'běn after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Mō'sēs gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gäd, *even* unto the children of Gäd 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'mōn, 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'īm 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, Jôr'dän and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chīn'nē-rēth on the other side Jôr'dän eastward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gäd 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'īm, all Bā'shän, all the kingdom of Ög king of Bā'shän, and all the towns of Jā'īr, which *are* in Bā'shän, threescore cities:

31 And half Gīl'ē-ād, and Āsh'tā-rōth, and Ēd'rē-ī, cities of the kingdom of Ög in Bā'shän, *were pertaining* unto the children of Mā'chīr the son of Mā-nās'sēh, *even tō* 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 Jôr'dän, 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-än, 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-šēs 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-šēph were two tribes, Mă-nās-sēh and Ē-phră-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-šēs, so the children of Īs-rā-ēl did, and they divided the land.

6 ¶ Then the children of Jūd-ăh came unto Jōsh-ū-ă in Gīl-gāl: and Că-lēb the son of Jē-phūn-nēh the Kē-něz-īte said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Mō-šēs the man of God concerning me and thee in Kă-dēsh-băr-ně-ă.

7 Forty years old was I when Mō-šēs the servant of the LORD sent me from Kă-dēsh-băr-ně-ă 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-šēs 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-šēs, while *the children of* Īs-rā-ēl 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-šēs 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-ă-kīms 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 Jōsh-ū-ă blessed him, and gave unto Că-lēb the son of Jē-phūn-nēh Hē-brōn for an inheritance.

14 Hē-brōn therefore became the inheritance of Că-lēb the son of Jē-phūn-nēh the Kē-něz-īte unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Īs-rā-ēl.

15 And the name of Hē-brōn before was Kīr-jāth-ār-bā; *which Ār-bā was a great man among the Ān-ā-kīms. And the land had rest from war.*

CHAPTER 15

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Jūd-āh by their families; *even to the border of Ē-dōm 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-ā-lēh-āc-rāb-bīm, and passed along to Zīn, and ascended up on the south side unto Kā-dēsh-bār-nē-ā, and passed along to Hēz-rōn, and went up to Ā-dār, and fetched a compass to Kār-kā-ā:

4 *From thence* it passed toward Āz-mōn, and went out unto the river of Ē-gypt; 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 Jōr-dān. And *their* border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jōr-dān:

6 And the border went up to

Bēth-hōg-lā, and passed along by the north of Bēth-ār-ā-bāh; and the border went up to the stone of Bō-hān the son of Reu-bēn:

7 And the border went up toward Dē-bīr from the valley of Ā-chōr, and so northward, looking toward Gīl-gāl, that is before the going up to Ā-dūm-mīm, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of Ēn-shē-mēsh, and the goings out thereof were at Ēn-rō-gēl:

8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hīn-nōm unto the south side of the Jēb-ū-sīte; the same is Jē-rū-sā-lēm: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hīn-nōm 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 Nēph-tō-āh, and went out to the cities of mount Ē-phrōn; and the border was drawn to Bā-ā-lāh, which is Kīr-jāth-jē-ā-rīm:

10 And the border compassed from Bā-ā-lāh westward unto mount Sē-īr, and passed along unto the side of mount Jē-ā-rīm, which is Chēs-ā-lōn, on the north side, and went down to Bēth-shē-mēsh, and passed on to

Tĭm'-näh:

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ĕk-rön northward: and the border was drawn to Shĭc-rön, and passed along to mount Bā-ā-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 Är-bä the father of Ä-näk, which *city is* Hë-brön.

14 And Cā-lëb drove thence the three sons of Ä-näk, Shë-shai, and Ä-hi-män, and Täl-mai, the children of Ä-näk.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Dë-bir: and the name of Dë-bir before was Kĭr-jäth-së-phër.

16 ¶ And Cā-lëb said, He that smiteth Kĭr-jäth-së-phër, and taketh it, to him will I give Äch-säh my daughter to wife.

17 And Öth-ni-ël the son of Kë-náz, the brother of Cā-lëb, took it: and he gave him Äch-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-lëb 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-äh according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Jûd-äh toward the coast of Ĕ-döm southward were Kāb-zeel, and Ĕ-dër, and Jā-gür,

22 And Kĭ-näh, and Dĭ-mō-näh, and Ä-dā-däh,

23 And Kë-dësh, and Hā-zôr, and İth-nän,

24 Zĭph, and Të-lëm, and Bë-ā-lōth,

25 And Hā-zôr, Hā-dät-täh, and Kër-ĭ-ōth, and Hëz-rön, which is Hā-zôr,

26 Ä-mäm, and Shë-mä, and Mō-lā-däh,

27 And Hā-zär-gäd-däh, and Hësh-mön, and Bëth-pā-lët,

28 And Hā-zär-shû-äl, and Beer-shë-bä, and Bĭz-jöth-jäh,

29 Bā-ä-läh, and İ-im, and Ä-zëm,

30 And Ēl-tō-lād, and Chēs-īl, and Hôr-māh,

31 And Zīk-lāg, and Mād-mān-nāh, and Sān-sān-nāh,

32 And Lē-bā-ōth, and Shīl-hīm, and Ā-īn, and Rīm-mōn: all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages:

33 And in the valley, Ĕsh-tā-ōl, and Zōr-ē-āh, and Āsh-nāh,

34 And Zā-nō-āh, and Ĕn-gān-nīm, Tāp-pū-āh, and Ē-nām,

35 Jār-mūth, and Ā-dūl-lām, Sō-cōh, and Ā-zē-kāh,

36 And Shā-rā-īm, and Ād-ī-thā-īm, and Gē-dē-rāh, and Gē-dē-rō-thā-īm; fourteen cities with their villages:

37 Zē-nān, and Hā-dāsh-āh, and Mīg-dāl-gād,

38 And Dī-lē-ān, and Mīz-pēh, and Jōk-theel,

39 Lā-chīsh, and Bōz-kāth, and Ĕg-lōn,

40 And Cāb-bōn, and Lāh-mām, and Kīth-līsh,

41 And Gē-dē-rōth, Bēth-dā-gōn, and Nā-ā-māh, and Māk-kē-dāh; sixteen cities with their villages:

42 Līb-nāh, and Ē-thēr, and Āsh-ān,

43 And Jīph-tāh, and Āsh-nāh, and Nēz-īb,

44 And Kē-ī-lāh, and Āch-zīb, and Mā-rē-shāh; 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-dōd, with their villages:

47 Āsh-dōd with her towns and her villages, Gā-zā with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Ē-gypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*:

48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shā-mīr, and Jāt-tīr, and Sō-cōh,

49 And Dān-nāh, and Kīr-jāth-sān-nāh, which is Dē-bīr,

50 And Ā-nāb, and Ĕsh-tē-mōh, and Ā-nīm,

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

52 Ār-āb, and Du-māh, and Ĕsh-ē-ān,

53 And Jā-nūm, and Bēth-tāp-pū-āh, and Ā-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-reel, and Jōk-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 Ĕl-tē-kōn; six cities

with their villages:

60 Kîr-jäth-bā-äl, which is Kîr-jäth-jē-ä-rîm, and Rāb-bāh; two cities with their villages:

61 In the wilderness, Bēth-ār-ä-bāh, Mîd-dîn, and Sē-cā-cāh,

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

63 ¶ As for the Jēb-ū-sîtes the inhabitants of Jē-rû-sā-lēm, the children of Jûd-äh could not drive them out: but the Jēb-ū-sîtes dwell with the children of Jûd-äh at Jē-rû-sā-lēm unto this day.

CHAPTER 16

AND the lot of the children of Jō-sēph fell from Jôr-dän by Jēr-î-chō, unto the water of Jēr-î-chō on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jēr-î-chō throughout mount Bēth-ēl,

2 And goeth out from Bēth-ēl to Lüz, and passeth along unto the borders of Är-chî to Ät-ä-rōth,

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

4 So the children of Jō-sēph, Mā-nās-sēh and Ē-phrā-îm, took their inheritance.

5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ē-phrā-îm according to their

families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ät-ä-rōth-äd-där, unto Bēth-hôr-ön the upper;

6 And the border went out toward the sea to Mîch-mē-thāh on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Tā-ä-nāth-shî-lōh, and passed by it on the east to Jā-nō-häh;

7 And it went down from Jā-nō-häh to Ät-ä-rōth, and to Nā-ä-rāth, and came to Jēr-î-chō, and went out at Jôr-dän.

8 The border went out from Tāp-pū-äh 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-îm by their families.

9 And the separate cities for the children of Ē-phrā-îm were among the inheritance of the children of Mā-nās-sēh, all the cities with their villages.

10 And they drave not out the Cā-nā-än-îtes that dwelt in Gē-zēr: but the Cā-nā-än-îtes dwell among the Ē-phrā-îm-îtes unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Mā-nās-sēh; for he was the firstborn of Jō-sēph; to

wit, for Mā-chīr the firstborn of Mă-nās-sēh, the father of Gīl-ě-ād: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gīl-ě-ād and Bā-shān.

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

3 ¶ But Zē-lōph-ě-hād, the son of Hē-phēr, the son of Gīl-ě-ād, the son of Mā-chīr, the son of Mă-nās-sēh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mäh-lāh, and Nō-āh, Hög-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-nās-sēh, beside the land of

Gīl-ě-ād and Bā-shān, which were on the other side Jōr-dān;

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

7 ¶ And the coast of Mă-nās-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-nās-sēh had the land of Tāp-pū-āh: but Tāp-pū-āh on the border of Mă-nās-sēh belonged to the children of Ē-phrā-īm;

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

10 Southward it was Ē-phrā-īm's, and northward it was Mă-nās-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-nās-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'-dŏr and her towns, and the inhabitants of Tā'-ă-năch and her towns, and the inhabitants of Mě-gĭd'-dŏ 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-ĭtes would dwell in that land.

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

14 And the children of Jŏ'-šĕph spake unto Jŏsh'-ŭ-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 Jŏsh'-ŭ-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-rĭz'-zĭtes and of the giants, if mount Ĕ'-phră-ĭm be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Jŏ'-šĕph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Cā'-nă-ăn-ĭtes that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Bĕth'-shĕ-ăn and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the

valley of Jĕz'-reĕl.

17 And Jŏsh'-ŭ-ă spake unto the house of Jŏ'-šĕph, *even* to Ĕ'-phră-ĭm 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-ĭtes, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAPTER 18

AND the whole congregation of the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl assembled together at Shĭ-lŏh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

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

3 And Jŏsh'-ŭ-ă said unto the children of Ĭs'-rā-ĕl, 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: Jûd'ăh shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Jō'sěph 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 the inheritance: and Găd, and Rēu'bĕn, 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 Jōsh'ū-ă 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 Jōsh'ū-ă to the host at Shī'lōh.

10 ¶ And Jōsh'ū-ă cast lots for them in Shī'lōh before the LORD:

and there Jōsh'ū-ă divided the land unto the children of Īś'rā-ĕl according to their divisions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Bĕn-jă-mĭn came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Jûd'ăh and the children of Jō'sěph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jôr'dăn; and the border went up to the side of Jĕr'ĭ-chō on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Bĕth-ă'vĕn.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Lüz, to the side of Lüz, which is Bĕth'ĕl, southward; and the border descended to Ăt'ă-rōth-ă'dăr, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the nether Bĕth-hôr'ōn.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Bĕth-hôr'ōn southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kĭr-jăth-bă'ăl, which is Kĭr-jăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm, a city of the children of Jûd'ăh: this was the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kĭr-jăth-jĕ'ă-rĭm, and the border went out on the

west, and went out to the well of waters of Nēph-tō'āh:

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hīn'nom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hīn'nom, to the side of Jēb-ū-sī on the south, and descended to Ēn-rō'gēl,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Ēn-shē'mēsh, and went forth toward Gē-lī'lōth, which is over against the going up of Ā-dūm'mīm, and descended to the stone of Bō'hān the son of Reu'bēn,

18 And passed along toward the side over against Ār'ā-bāh northward, and went down unto Ār'ā-bāh:

19 And the border passed along to the side of Bēth-hög'lāh northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jōr'dān: this was the south coast.

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

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Bēn'jā-mīn

according to their families were Jēr-ī-chō, and Bēth-hög'lāh, and the valley of Kē'ziz,

22 And Bēth-ār'ā-bāh, and Zēm-ā-rā'im, and Bēth'ēl,

23 And Ā'vīm, and Pār'āh, and Öph'rāh,

24 And Chē'phär-hä-ām'mō-nāi, and Öph'nī, and Gā'bā; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gīb'ē-ōn, and Rā'māh, and Beer'ōth,

26 And Mīz'pēh, and Chē-phī'rāh, and Mō'zāh,

27 And Rē'kēm, and Īr'pēel, and Tār'ā-lāh,

28 And Zē'lāh, Ē'lēph, and Jēb-ū-sī, which is Jē-rū'sā-lēm, Gīb'ē-āth, and Kīr'jāth; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Bēn'jā-mīn according to their families.

CHAPTER 19

AND the second lot came forth to Sīm'ē-ōn, even for the tribe of the children of Sīm'ē-ōn according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Jūd'āh.

2 And they had in their inheritance Beer-shē'bā, or Shē'bā, and Mō-lā-dāh,

3 And Hā'zār-shū'al, and Bā'lāh, and Ā'zēm,

4 And Ēl-tō'lád, and Bēth'ūl, and Hôr'māh,

5 And Zīk'lāg, and Bēth-mār-cā-bōth, and Hā'zār-sû'sāh,

6 And Bēth-lě-bā'ōth, and Shā-rû'hěn; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ā'in, Rēm'mōn, and Ē'thēr, and Āsh'ān; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to Bā'ā-lāth-beer, Rā'māth of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Sīm'ē-ōn according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Jûd'āh was the inheritance of the children of Sīm'ē-ōn: for the part of the children of Jûd'āh was too much for them: therefore the children of Sīm'ē-ōn had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zē-bū'lūn according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sār'id:

11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Mār'ā-lāh, and reached to Dāb'bā-shēth, and reached to the river that is before Jōk'ně-ām;

12 And turned from Sār'id east-

ward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chīs'lōth-tā'bōr, and then goeth out to Dāb'ē-rāth, and goeth up to Jā-phī'ā,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gīt'tāh-hē-phēr, to Īt'tāh-kā'zīn, and goeth out to Rēm'mōn-mě-thō'ār to Nē'āh;

14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hān'nā-thōn: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jīph'thāh-ěl:

15 And Kāt'tāth, and Nā-hāl'lāl, and Shīm'rōn, and Ī'dā-lāh, and Bēth'lě-hēm: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zē-bū'lūn according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to Īs'sā-chār, for the children of Īs'sā-chār according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jēz'reel, and Chě-sul'lōth, and Shū'nēm,

19 And Hāph'ā-rā'im, and Shī'ōn, and Ā-nā'hā-rāth,

20 And Rāb'bīth, and Kīsh'jōn, and Ā'běz,

21 And Rēm'ēth, and Ēn-gān'nīm, and Ēn-hād'dāh, and Bēth-pāz-zēz;

22 And the coast reacheth to

Tā-bôr, and Shā-hă-zī-măh, and Bēth-shē-mësh; 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 Īs-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-ēr according to their families.

25 And their border was Hēl-kăth, and Hā-lī, and Bē-tēn, and Āch-shăph,

26 And Ā-lăm-mě-lěch, and Ā-măd, and Mī-shē-āl; and reacheth to Căr-měl westward, and to Shī-hôr-līb-năth;

27 And turneth toward the sunrising to Bēth-dā-gôn, and reacheth to Zē-bū-lūn, and to the valley of Jīph-thăh-ěl toward the north side of Bēth-ē-měk, and Neī-ěl, and goeth out to Cā-bûl on the left hand,

28 And Hē-brôn, and Rē-hôb, and Hăm-môn, and Kā-năh, even unto great Zī-dôn;

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

30 Ūm-măh also, and Ā-phěk, and

Rē-hôb: twenty and two cities with their villages.

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

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

33 And their coast was from Hē-lěph, from Āl-lôn to Zā-ă-năn-nim, and Ād-ă-mī, Nē-kěb, and Jăb-neel, unto Lā-kūm; and the outgoings thereof were at Jôr-dăn:

34 And then the coast turneth westward to Āz-nōth-tā-bôr, and goeth out from thence to Hūk-kök, and reacheth to Zē-bū-lūn on the south side, and reacheth to Āsh-ēr on the west side, and to Jûd-ăh upon Jôr-dăn toward the sunrising.

35 And the fenced cities are Zīd-dim, Zēr, and Hăm-măth, Răk-kăth, and Chîn-ně-rěth,

36 And Ād-ă-măh, and Rā-măh, and Hā-zôr,

37 And Kē-děsh, and Ĕd-rě-ī, and Ĕn-hă-zôr,

38 And Ī-rôn, and Mīg-dăl-ěl, Hôr-ēm, and Bēth-ă-năth, and Bēth-shē-mësh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the

tribe of the children of Năph'tă-lî according to their families, the cities and their villages.

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

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zôr'ăh, and Ĕsh'tă-öl, and Īr-shē'mësh,

42 And Shā-ă-lăb'bîn, and Āj-ă-lôn, and Jĕth'lăh,

43 And Ē'lôn, and Thĭm'nă-thăh, and Ĕk'rôn,

44 And Ĕl'tĕ-kĕh, and Gĭb'bĕ-thôn, and Bă-ă-lăth,

45 And Jĕ'hŭd, and Bĕn'ĕ-bĕ-răk, and Găth-rĭm'mon,

46 And Mĕ-jăr'kôn, and Răk'kôn, with the border before Jă-phō.

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

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dăn 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'ră-ĕl gave an

inheritance to Jōsh'û-ă the son of Nŭn among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Tĭm'năth-sĕ-răh in mount Ē'phră-ĭm: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These *are* the inheritances, which Ĕl-ĕ-ă-zăr the priest, and Jōsh'û-ă the son of Nŭn, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs'ră-ĕl, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shĭ'lōh 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 Jōsh'û-ă, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Īs'ră-ĕl, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Mō'sĕs:

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 Jûd-āh.

8 And on the other side Jôr-dān by Jēr-ī-chō eastward, they assigned Bē-zēr in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reu-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 Īś-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 Īś-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 Īś-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 Jûd-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

Mă-nās'sēh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gēr'shōn *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Īs-sā-chār, and out of the tribe of Āsh-ēr, and out of the tribe of Nāph-tā-lī, and out of the half tribe of Mă-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 Gād, and out of the tribe of Zē-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'sēs.

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-rōn, *being* of the families of the Kō'hāth-ītes, *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 Jē-phūn-nēh for

his possession.

13 ¶ Thus they gave to the children of Āa-rōn 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-tir with her suburbs, and Ēsh-tē-mō-ā with her suburbs,

15 And Hō-lōn with her suburbs, and Dē-bir 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-rōn, 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 mount 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-tē-kēh with her suburbs, Gīb-bē-thōn with her suburbs, 24 Ai-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, Ēn-gān-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-lee 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 Gīl-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 Mě-râr-î 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 Īś-rā-ěl *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 Īś-rā-ěl all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; 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 Īś-rā-ěl; all came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

THEN Jösh'û-ă called the Reu'bēn-ītes, and the Găd-ītes, and the half tribe of Mă-năs-sēh,

2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Mō-šēs 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-šēs the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jôr-dăn.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Mō-šēs 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 Jösh'û-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-šēs had given *possession* in Bă-shăn: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Jösh'û-ă among their brethren on this side Jôr-dăn westward. And when Jösh'û-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 Reu'-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-lōh, 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'-šēs.

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

11 ¶ And the children of Īś-rā-ěl heard say, Behold, the children of Reu'-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 Jôr'-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-lōh, to go up to war against them.

13 And the children of Īś-rā-ěl sent unto the children of Reu'-běn, and to the children of Găd, and to the half tribe of Mă-năs'-sēh, into the land of Gīl'-ě-ăd, Phīn'-ě-hăs the son of Ēl-ē-ā-zăr the priest,

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

15 ¶ And they came unto the children of Reu'-běn, and to the children of Găd, and to the half tribe of Mă-năs'-sēh, unto the land of Gīl'-ě-ăd, 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-ěl, 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 Rēu-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 Rēu-bēn and children of Gād; 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 Phĩn'-ě-hās the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of ĩs'-rā-ěl which were with him, heard the words that the children of Rēu'-bēn and the children of Gād and the children of Mā-nās'-sēh spake, it pleased them.

31 And Phĩn'-ě-hās the son of Ĕl-ē-ā-zār the priest said unto the children of Rēu'-bēn, and to the children of Gād, and to the children of Mā-nās'-sēh, 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 ĩs'-rā-ěl out of the hand of the LORD.

32 ¶ And Phĩn'-ě-hās the son of Ĕl-ē-ā-zār the priest, and the princes, returned from the

children of Rēu'-bēn, and from the children of Gād, out of the land of Gĩl'-ě-ād, unto the land of Cā-nā-ān, to the children of ĩs'-rā-ěl, and brought them word again.

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

34 And the children of Rēu'-bēn and the children of Gād 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 ĩs'-rā-ěl from all their enemies round about, that Jösh'-ũ-ä waxed old and stricken in age.

2 And Jösh'-ũ-ä called for all ĩs'-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'sēs, 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-ēl to Shē'chēm, and called for the elders of Īś-rā-ēl, 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-ēl, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Tē'räh, the father of Ā'brā-hām, and the father of Nā-chôr: and they served other gods.

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

4 And I gave unto Ī'sāac Jā'cōb and Ē'sau: and I gave unto Ē'sau

mount Sē'ir, to possess it; but Jā'cōb and his children went down into Ē'gypt.

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

6 And I brought your fathers out of Ē'gypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Ē'gypt-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'gypt-tiāns, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Ē'gypt: 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 Jōr'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-pōr, king of Mō'āb, arose and warred against Īś-rā-ēl, 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-dān, and came unto Jēr-ī-chō; and the men of Jēr-ī-chō fought against you, the Ām-ō-rītes, and the Pē-rīz-zītes, and the Cā-nā-ān-ītes, and the Hīt-tītes, and the Gīr-gā-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-ū-ā 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-ū-ā, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Jōsh-ū-ā 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'ū-ā, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

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

26 ¶ And Jōsh'ū-ā 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'ū-ā 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'ū-ā let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that Jōsh'ū-ā 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 Jōsh'ū-ā, and all the days of the elders that overlived Jōsh'ū-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'sēph, which the children of Īś-rā-ēl brought up out of Ē'gypt, buried they in Shē'chēm, in a parcel of ground which Jā'cōb bought of the sons of Hā'mōr the father of Shē'chēm for an hundred pieces of sīlver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Jō'sēph.

33 And Ēl-ē-ā-zār the son of Aa'rōn died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phīn'ē-hās his son, which was given him in mount Ē'phrā-īm.