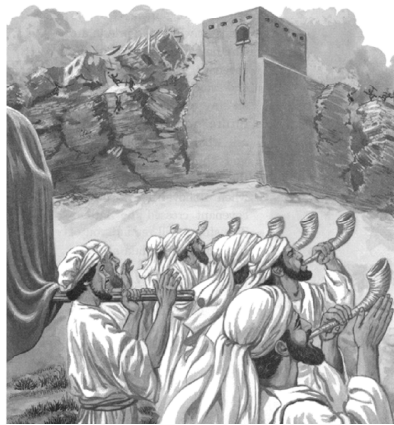


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## Chapter 1

1. And it was after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2. Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross over the Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I give to them, to the people of Israel.

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

4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

5. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you, nor forsake you.

6. Be strong and courageous; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land, which I swore to their

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fathers to give them.

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

8. This Book of the Torah shall not depart from your mouth; but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written on it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous; be not afraid, nor be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

10. Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11. Pass through the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare provisions; for within three days you shall cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God gives you to possess.

12. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to

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the half tribe of Manasseh, spoke Joshua, saying,

13. Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God has given you rest, and has given you this land.

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

15. When the Lord should give your brothers rest, as he has given you, and when they also shall possess the land which the Lord your God gives them; then you shall return to the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.

16. And they answered Joshua, saying, All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us, we will go.

17. As we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you; only the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses.

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18. If any rebels against your commandment, and will not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous.

## Chapter 2

1. And Joshua the son of Nun sent from Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, Jericho. And they went, and came to an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men came here tonight of the people of Israel to search out the country.

3. And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house; for they have come to search out all the country.

4. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men to me, but I know not from where they were;

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5. And it came to pass about the time of the closing of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; where the men went I know not; pursue after them quickly; for you 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 on the way to the Jordan, to the fords; and as soon as those who pursued after them were gone out, they closed the gate.

8. And before they lay down, she came up to them upon the roof;

9. And she said to the men, I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that your terror has 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 you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were on the other side of the Jordan,

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Sihon and Og, whom you completely destroyed.

11. And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted, nor did courage remain in any man, because of you; for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth below.

12. Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you will also show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true sign;

13. (K) And that you will keep alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and save our lives from death.

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

15. Then she let them down by a rope through the window; for her house was upon the town wall, and she lived upon the wall.

16. And she said to them, Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three



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days, until the pursuers return; and afterwards may you go your way.

17. And the men said to her, We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours which you have made us swear.

18. Behold, when we come to the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window from which you let us down; and you shall bring your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you.

19. And it shall be, that whoever shall go out of the doors of your house to the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless; and whoever shall be with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

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

21. And she said, According to 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 to the mountain, and

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stayed there three days, until the pursuers 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 Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that had befallen them;

24. And they said to Joshua, Truly the Lord has delivered to our hands all the land; for all the inhabitants of the country faint because of us.

## Chapter 3

1. And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they left Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

2. And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the camp;

3. And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your

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God, and the priests, the Levites, carrying it, then you shall leave your place, and go after it.

4. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure; do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before.

5. And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

6. And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take the ark of the covenant, and cross over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7. And the Lord said to Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

8. And you shall command the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant, saying, When you have come to the brink of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.

9. And Joshua said to the people of Israel, Come

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here, and hear the words of the Lord your God.

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

11. Behold, the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you to the Jordan.

12. Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from every tribe a man.

13. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap.

14. And it came to pass, when the people moved from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, with the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant before the people;

15. And when those who carried the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who carried the

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ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest,)

16. (K) That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan; and those who came down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right opposite Jericho.

17. And the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all the people of Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the people had passed over the Jordan.

## Chapter 4

1. And it came to pass, when all the people had passed over the Jordan, that the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

2. Take twelve men from the people, from every tribe

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a man,

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

4. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the people of Israel, from every tribe a man;

5. And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the Ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take every one of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

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

7. Then you shall answer them, That the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off; and these stones

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shall be for a memorial to the people of Israel forever.

8. And the people of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

10. For the priests who carried the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until every thing was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and passed over.

11. And it came to pass, when all the people had passed over, that the Ark of the Lord passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

12. And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and

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the half tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses spoke to them;

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

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

15. And the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

16. Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan.

17. Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come up out of the Jordan.

18. (K) And it came to pass, when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord came up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and flowed over all its banks, as they did before.

19. And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal,



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in the east border of Jericho.

20. And those twelve stones, which they took from the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

21. And he spoke to the people of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22. Then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over the Jordan on dry land.

23. For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until you had 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 you might fear the Lord your God forever.

## Chapter 5

1. (K) And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were on the west side of the Jordan,

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and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel, until they had passed over, so that their heart melted, nor was there any spirit left in them any more, because of the people of Israel.

2. At that time the Lord said to Joshua, Make sharp knives, and circumcise again the people of Israel a second time.

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

4. And this is the cause why Joshua circumcised: All the people who came out of Egypt, who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness on the road, after they came out of Egypt.

5. Now all the people who came out were circumcised; but all the people who were born in the wilderness on the road as they came forth out of Egypt, those were not circumcised.

6. For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war,

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who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord; to whom the Lord swore that he would not show them the land, which the Lord swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

7. And their children, whom he raised up in their place, them Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them on the road.

8. And it came to pass, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp, till they had recovered.

9. And the Lord said to Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

10. And the people of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening in the plains of Jericho.

11. And they ate of the old grain of the land on the next day after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched grain in the same day.

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12. And the manna ceased on the next day after they had eaten of the old grain of the land; nor had the people of Israel manna any more; but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13. And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man before him with his sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua went to him, and said to him, Are you for us, or for our adversaries?

14. And he said, No; but as captain of the army of the Lord I am now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshipped, and said to him, What does my lord say to his servant?

15. And the captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua, Take your shoe from off your foot; for the place on which you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.

## Chapter 6

1. Now Jericho was completely closed up because of the people of Israel; none went out, and none came

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in.

2. And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given to your hand Jericho, and its king, and the mighty men of valor.

3. And you shall surround the city, all you men of war, and go around the city once. Thus shall you do six days.

4. And seven priests shall carry before the ark seven shofarot of rams' horns; and the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the shofarot.

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

6. And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take the Ark of the Covenant, and let seven priests carry seven shofarot of rams' horns before the Ark of the Lord.

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7.(K) And he said to the people, Pass on, and surround the city, and let those who are armed pass on before the Ark of the Lord.

8.And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests carrying the seven shofarot of rams' horns passed before the Lord, and blew with the shofarot; and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

9.(K) And the armed men went before the priests who blew with the shofarot, and the rear guard came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the shofarot.

10.And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, nor shall any word proceed from your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall you shout.

11.So the Ark of the Lord went around the city, going about it once; and they came to the camp, and lodged in the camp.

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

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13. (K) And seven priests carrying seven shofarot of rams' horns before the Ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the shofarot; and the armed men went before them; but the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, the priests going on, and blowing with the shofarot.

14. And the second day they went around the city once, and returned to the camp; six days they did so.

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

16. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the shofarot, Joshua said to the people, Shout; for the Lord has given you the city.

17. And the city shall be accursed, it and all who are in it, to the Lord; only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

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18. And you, keep yourselves from the devoted things, lest you make yourselves accursed, when you take of the devoted thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19. But all the silver, and gold, and utensils of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come to the treasury of the Lord.

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

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

22. But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, Go to the harlot's house, and bring out from there the woman, and all that she has, as you swore to her.

23. And the young men who were spies went in, and



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brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had; and they brought out all her family, and left them outside the camp of Israel.

24. And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it; only the silver, and the gold, and the utensils of bronze and of iron, they put in the treasury of the house of the Lord.

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

26. And Joshua charged them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the Lord, that rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest son shall he set up its gates.

27. So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame spread throughout the country.

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1. But the people of Israel committed a trespass in regard to the devoted property, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the devoted things; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people of Israel.

2. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-Aven, to the east of Beth-El, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the country. And the men went up and spied out Ai.

3. And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai; and make not all the people to labor there; for they are but few.

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

5. And the men of Ai struck of them about thirty six men; for they chased them from before the gate to Shebarim, and struck them in the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as

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water.

6. And Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the Ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

7. And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us to the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

8. O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turns its back before its enemies!

9. For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall surround us, and cut off our name from the earth; and what will you do to your great name?

10. And the Lord said to Joshua, Get up; why have you fallen upon your face?

11. Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them; for they have taken of the devoted things, and

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have also stolen, and also lied, and they have put it among their own stuff.

12. Therefore the people of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed; nor will I be with you any more, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.

13. Arise, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow; for thus said the Lord God of Israel, There is devoted property in the midst of you, O Israel; you can not stand before your enemies, until you take away the devoted thing from among you.

14. In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes; and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord takes shall come according to its families; 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 who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burned with fire, he and all

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that he has; because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done a shameful thing in Israel.

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

17. And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken;

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

19. And Joshua said to Achan, My son, give, I pray you, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession to him; and tell me now what you have done; hide it not from me.

20. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done;

21. (K) When I saw among the booty a good garment of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a

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wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

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

23. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the people of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

24. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

25. And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? the Lord shall trouble you this day. And all Israel 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 to

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this day. So the Lord turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, to this day.

## Chapter 8

1.And the Lord said to Joshua, Fear not, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given to your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land; and his land;

2.And you shall do to Ai and to her king as you did to Jericho and her king; only its plunder, and its cattle, shall you take as booty for yourselves; lay an ambush against the city behind it.

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

4.And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you shall lie in wait against the city, behind the city; do not go very far from the city, but be ready;

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5. And I, and all the people who are with me, will approach 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 you shall rise up from the ambush, and seize the city; for the Lord your God will deliver it to your hand.

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

9. Joshua therefore sent them forth; and they went to the place of ambush, and stayed between Beth-El and Ai, on the west of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

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



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11. And all the people, the people of war who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and camped on the north side of Ai; and there was a valley between them and Ai.

12. (K) And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Beth-El and Ai, on the west side of the city.

13. And when they had set the people, all the encampment that was on the north of the city, and their ambush party on the west of the city, Joshua went that night to the midst of the valley.

14. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the Arabah; but he knew not that there were men in ambush against him behind the city.

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

16. (K) And all the people who were in Ai were called

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together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

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

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

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

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

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

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the men of Ai.

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

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

24. And it came to pass, when Israel had finished slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the people of Israel returned to Ai, and struck it with the edge of the sword.

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

26. For Joshua drew not his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had completely destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27. Only the cattle and the plunder of that city Israel took for a booty for themselves, according to the

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word of the Lord which he commanded Joshua.

28. And Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day.

29. And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until evening; and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and throw it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise on it a great heap of stones, that remains to this day.

30. Then Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal,

31. As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Torah of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man has lifted up any iron; and they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32. And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the Torah of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the people of Israel.

33. And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and

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their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests, the Levites, who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, the foreigner as well as he who was born among them; half of them over opposite Mount Gerizim, and half of them over opposite Mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34. And afterwards he read all the words of the Torah, the blessings and curses, according to all that is written in the Book of the Torah.

35. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the foreigners who lived among them.

## Chapter 9

1. And it came to pass, when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the Great Sea

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opposite Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it;

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

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

4. They acted with cunning, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wineskins, old, and torn, and bound up;

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

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

7. (K) And the man of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you live among us; and how shall we make a pact with you?

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8. And they said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? and from where do you come?

9. And they said to him, From a very far country your servants have come because of the name of the Lord your God; for we have heard his fame, and all that he did in Egypt,

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

11. And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants; therefore now make a covenant with us.

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

13. And these wineskins, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they have split; and these our garments

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and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey.

14. And the men took of their provisions, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.

15. And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the princes of the congregation swore to them.

16. And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them.

17. And the people of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Kephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-Jearim.

18. And the people of Israel did not strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19. But all the princes said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel; now



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therefore we may not touch them.

20. This we will do to them; we will let them live, lest anger be upon us, because of the oath which we swore to them.

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

22. And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We are very far from you; when you live among us?

23. Now therefore you are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being slaves, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

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

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

26. And so did he to them, and saved them from the hand of the people of Israel, that they slew them not.

27. And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord, even to this day, in the place which he should choose.

## Chapter 10

1. Now it came to pass, when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had completely destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

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

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3. And Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4. Come to me, and help me, that we may strike Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.

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

6. And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Do not withdraw your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites who live in the mountains are gathered together against us.

7. So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

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8. And the Lord said to Joshua, Fear them not; for I have delivered them to your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.

9. Joshua therefore came to them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10. And the Lord struck them with confusion before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that ascends to Beth-Horon, and struck them as far as Azekah, and Makkedah.

11. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the descent to Beth-Horon, that the Lord threw down great stones from heaven upon them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from hailstones than there were killed with the sword by the people of Israel.

12. Then spoke Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered the Amorites before the people of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand still upon Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ayalon.

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13. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day.

14. And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

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

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

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

18. And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them;

19. And do not stay, but pursue after your enemies, and strike their rear; do not allow them to enter into their cities; for the Lord your God has delivered them to your hand.

20. And it came to pass, when Joshua and the people

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of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest who remained of them entered into fortified cities.

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

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

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

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

25. And Joshua said to them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage; for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom

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you fight.

26. And afterwards Joshua struck them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees; and they hanged upon the trees until the evening.

27. And it came to pass at the time of the sunset, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and threw them into the cave where they had been hiding, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

28. And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king he completely destroyed, them, and all the souls who were in it; he let none remain; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

29. Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah;

30. And the Lord delivered it also, and its king, to the hand of Israel; and he struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it; he let none remain in it; but did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.

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31. And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it;

32. And the Lord delivered Lachish to the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

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

34. And from Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it;

35. And they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it he completely destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36. And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it;

37. And they took it, and struck it with the edge of the



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sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it completely, and all the souls who were in it.

38. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it;

39. And he took it, and its king, and all its cities; and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and completely destroyed all the souls who were in it; he left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

40. So Joshua struck all the country of the hills, and the Negev, and of the valley, and of the springs, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but completely destroyed all who breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

41. And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-Barnea to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

42. And all these kings and their land did Joshua take

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at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

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

## Chapter 11

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

2. And to the kings who were on the north of the mountains, and of the Arabah south of the Kinnereth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

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

4. And they went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, as the sand that is upon the sea

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shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

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

6. And the Lord said to Joshua, Be not afraid because of them; for tomorrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel; you shall lame their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

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

8. And the Lord delivered them to the hand of Israel, who struck them, and chased them as far as great Sidon, and to Misrephothmaim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they struck them, until they left them none remaining.

9. And Joshua did to them as the Lord bade him; he lamed their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10. And Joshua at that time turned back, and took

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Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor before was the head of all those kingdoms.

11. And they struck all the souls who were in it with the edge of the sword, completely destroying them; there was not any left to breathe; and he burned Hazor with fire.

12. And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and struck them with the edge of the sword, and he completely destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded.

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

14. And all the plunder of these cities, and the cattle, the people of Israel took for a booty to themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, and did not leave any to breathe.

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

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Moses.

16. So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the Negev, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the Arabah, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

17. From the Mount Halak, that ascends to Seir, to Baal-Gad in the valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon; and all their kings he took, and struck them, and slew them.

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

19. There was not a city that made peace with the people of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon; all others they took in battle.

20. For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them completely, and that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

21. And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakim from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of

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Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua destroyed them completely with their cities.

22. There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

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

## Chapter 12

1. Now these are the kings of the land, whom the people of Israel struck, and possessed their land on the other side of the Jordan towards the sunrise, from the brook Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah in the east;

2. Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the brook Arnon, and from the middle of the brook, and from half Gilead, to the brook Jabbok, which is the

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border of the Ammonites;

3. And from the Arabah to the Sea of Kinnereth in the east, and to the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt in the east, the way to Beth-HaJeshimoth; and from the south, under the slopes of Pisgah;

4. And the border of Og king of Bashan, who was of the remnant of the Refaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5. And reigned in Mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6. Them did Moses the servant of the Lord and the people of Israel strike; and Moses the servant of the Lord gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.

7. And these are the kings of the country whom Joshua and the children of Israel struck on this side of the Jordan on the west, from Baal-Gad in the valley of Lebanon to the Mount Halak, that ascends to Seir; which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel for

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a possession according to their divisions;

8. In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the Arabah, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the Negev; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites;

9. The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-El, one;

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

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

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

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

14. The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15. The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16. The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-El, one;

17. The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

18. The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;



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19. The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;
20. The king of Shimron-Meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;
21. The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;
22. The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;
23. The king of Dor in the district of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;
24. The king of Tirzah, one; all the kings being thirty and one.

## Chapter 13

1. And Joshua was old and advanced in age; and the Lord said to him, You are old and advanced in age, and there remains still very much land to be possessed.
2. This is the land that still remains; all the borders of the Philistines, and all the Geshurite,

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3. From Sihor, which is before Egypt, to the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite; five lords of the Philistines; the Gazatites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites;
4. From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians to Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites;
5. And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-Gad under Mount Hermon to the entrance to Hamath.
6. All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephothmaim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the people of Israel; only divide you it by lot to the people of Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.
7. Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and half the tribe of Manasseh,
8. With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant

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of the Lord gave them;

9. From Aroer, that is upon the bank of the brook Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the brook, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon;

10. And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the Ammonites;

11. And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah;

12. All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the Refaim; for these did Moses strike, and cast them out.

13. And the people of Israel did not expel the Geshurites, nor the Maachites; but the Geshurites and the Maachites live among the people of Israel until this day.

14. Only to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacrifices of the Lord God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said to them.

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

16. And their border was from Aroer, that is on the bank of the brook Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the brook, and all the plain by Medeba;

17. Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-Baal, and Beth-Baal-Meon,

18. And Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19. And Kiriatayim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-HaShahar in the mount of the valley,

20. And Beth-Peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-HaJeshimoth,

21. And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, who were chiefs of Sihon, living in the country.

22. Also Balaam, the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the people of Israel slay with the sword among those who were slain by them.

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23. And the border of the sons of Reuben was the Jordan, and its border. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, the cities and its villages.

24. And Moses gave inheritance to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad according to their families.

25. And their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites, to Aroer that is before Rabbah;

26. And from Heshbon to Ramath-Mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir;

27. And in the valley, Beth-Aram, and Beth-Nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan and his border, to the edge of the Sea of Kinnereth on the other side of the Jordan eastward.

28. This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, the cities, and their villages.

29. And Moses gave inheritance to half the tribe of Manasseh; and this was the possession of half the

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tribe of Manasseh by their families.

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

31. And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, belonged to the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, to the one half of the sons of Machir by their families.

32. These are what Moses distributed for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

33. But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance; the Lord God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said to them.

## Chapter 14

1. And these are the places which the people of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the people of Israel,

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distributed for inheritance to them.

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

3. For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

4. For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim; therefore they gave no part to the Levites in the land, save cities to live in, with their pasture lands for their cattle and for their possessions.

5. As the Lord commanded Moses, so the people of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6. Then the sons of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal; and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite said to him, You know the thing that the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadesh-Barnea.

7. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to spy out the

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land; and I brought him back word as it was in my heart.

8. And my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9. And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.

10. And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as he said, these forty five years, since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, behold, I am this day eighty five years old.

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

12. Now therefore give me this mountain, about which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were



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great and fortified; if the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

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

14. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite to this day, because he fully followed the Lord God of Israel.

15. And the name of Hebron before was Kiriath-Arba; this Arba was the biggest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

## Chapter 15

1. This then was the lot of the tribe of Judah by their families; to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin towards the Negev in the far south.

2. And their south border was from the shore of the Sea of Salt, from the bay that looks southward;

3. And it went out to the south side to Maaleh-Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and

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ascended up on the south side to Kadesh-Barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and turned about to Karkaa;

4. (K) From there it passed toward Azmon, and went out to the brook of Egypt; and the limits of that border were at the sea; this shall be your south border.

5. And the east border was the Sea of Salt, to the end of the Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the farthest part of the Jordan;

6. And the border went up to Beth-Hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-Arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben;

7. And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, which is opposite the ascent to Adummim, which is on the south side of the brook; and the border passed toward the waters of Ein-Shemesh, and the limits of it were at Ein-Rogel;

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8. And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the south side of the Jebusite; that is Jerusalem; and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the Refaim northward;

9. And the border was drawn from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kiriath-Jearim;

10. And the border went around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim, which is Kesalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-Shemesh, and passed on to Timnah;

11. And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel; and the limits of the border were at the sea.

12. And the west border was the Great Sea. These are the borders of the sons of Judah according to

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their families.

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

14. And Caleb drove from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

15. And he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir before was Kiriath-Sepher.

16. And Caleb said, He who strikes Kiriath-Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter for a wife.

17. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife.

18. And it came to pass, as she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field; and she alighted off her ass; and Caleb said to her, What do you want?

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19. And she answered, Give me a blessing; for you have given me the land of the Negev; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the lower springs.

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

21. And the farthest cities of the tribe of Judah toward the border of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22. And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23. And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24. Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25. And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerieth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

26. Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27. And Hazar-Gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-Palet,

28. And Hazar-Shual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,

29. Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30. And Eltolad, and Kesil, and Hormah,

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- 31. And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
- 32. And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon;  
all the cities are twenty nine, with their villages;
- 33. And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah,
- 34. And Zanoah, and Ein-Gannim, Tappuah, and  
Enam,
- 35. Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
- 36. And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and  
Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages;
- 37. Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-Gad,
- 38. And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Jokyoul,
- 39. Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
- 40. And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,
- 41. And Gederoth, Beth-Dagon, and Naamah, and  
Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages;
- 42. Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,
- 43. And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
- 44. And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities  
with their villages;

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45. Ekron, with its towns and its villages;
46. From Ekron to the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages;
47. (K) Ashdod with its hamlets and its villages, Gaza with its hamlets and its villages, to the brook of Egypt, and the Great Sea, being its border;
48. And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,
49. And Dannah, and Kiriath-Sannah, which is Debir,
50. And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,
51. And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages;
52. Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,
53. (K) And Janum, and Beth-Tappuah, and Aphekah,
54. And Humtah, and Kiriath-Arba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages;
55. Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,
56. And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,
57. Cain, Geba, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages;

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<sup>58</sup>. Halhul, Beth-Zur, and Gedor,

<sup>59</sup>. And Maarath, and Beth-Anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages;

<sup>60</sup>. Kiriath-Baal, which is Kiriath-Jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages;

<sup>61</sup>. In the wilderness, Beth-Arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

<sup>62</sup>. And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Ein-Gedi; six cities with their villages.

<sup>63</sup>. (K) As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah in Jerusalem to this day.

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<sup>1</sup>. And the lot of the sons of Joseph fell from the Jordan by Jericho, to the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that ascends from Jericho throughout Mount Beth-El.



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2. And goes out from Beth-El to Luz, and passes along to the borders of Arki to Ataroth,
3. And descends westward to the border of Japhleti, to the border of lower Beth-Horon, and to Gezer; and its limits are at the sea.
4. So the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5. And the border of the sons of Ephraim according to their families was thus; the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-Addar, to upper Beth-Horon;
6. And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward to Taanath-Shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;
7. And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan.
8. The border went out from Tappuah westward to the brook Kanah; and its limits were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Ephraim by their

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families.

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

10. And they drove not out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites live among the sons of Ephraim to this day, and serve under tribute.

## Chapter 17

1. Then came the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead; because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

2. There was also a lot for the rest of the sons of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

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

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

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

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

7. And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lies before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand to the

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inhabitants of Ein-Tappuah.

8. Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the sons of Ephraim;

9. And the border descended to the brook Kanah, southward of the brook; these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh; the border of Manasseh also was on the north side of the brook, and the limits of it were at the sea;

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

11. And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-Shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Ein-Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, three districts in all.

12. Yet the sons of Manasseh could not drive out the

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inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would live in that land.

13. Yet it came to pass, when the people of Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not completely drive them out.

14. And the sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, because the Lord has blessed me so much?

15. And Joshua answered them, If you are a great people, then go to the forest country, and cut down a space for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Refaim, if Mount Ephraim is too narrow for you.

16. And the sons of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who live in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Beth-Shean and its towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

17. And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You are a great

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people, and have great power; you shall not have one lot only;

18. But the mountain shall be yours; for it is a forest, and you shall cut it down; and the limits of it shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they are strong.

## Chapter 18

1. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

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

3. And Joshua said to the people of Israel, How long will you be remiss in going to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?

4. Assign from among you three men from each tribe; and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go

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through the land, and mark it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come back to me.

5. And they shall divide it into seven parts; Judah shall remain in their border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their borders on the north.

6. You shall therefore mark the land into seven parts, and bring the description here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God.

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

8. And the men arose, and went away; and Joshua charged those who went to mark the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come back to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh.

9. And the men went and passed through the land,

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and wrote it down by cities into seven parts in a book, and came back to Joshua, to the camp at Shiloh.

10. And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord; and there Joshua divided the land to the people of Israel according to their divisions.

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

12. (K) And their border on the north side was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and its limits were at the wilderness of Beth-Aven.

13. And the border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-El, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-Addar, near the hill that lies on the south side of the lower Beth-Horon.

14. (K) And the border was drawn from there, and turned the corner of the sea southward, from the hill



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that lies before Beth-Horon southward; and its limits were at Kiriath-Baal, which is Kiriath-Jearim, a city of the sons of Judah; this was the west quarter.

15. And the south quarter was from the end of Kiriath-Jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah;

16. And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lies before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the Refaim on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusites on the south, and descended to Ein-Rogel,

17. And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Ein-Shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

18. And passed along toward the slope over against Arabah northward, and went down to Arabah;

19. (K) And the border passed along the slope of Beth-Hoglah northward; and the limits of the border were at the north bay of the Sea of Salt at the south

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end of the Jordan; this was the south border.

20. And the Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, by its border around, according to their families.

21. Now the cities of the tribe of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-Hoglah, and the valley of Keziz.

22. And Beth-Arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-El,

23. And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24. (K) And Kfar-Haammona, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages;

25. Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26. And Mizpeh, and Kephirah, and Mozah,

27. And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28. And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.

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## Chapter 19

1. And the second lot came to Simeon, for the tribe of Simeon, according to their families; and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the sons of Judah.
2. And they had in their inheritance Beersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,
3. And Hazar-Shual, and Balah, and Azem,
4. And Eltolad, and Betul, and Hormah,
5. And Ziklag, and Beth-Marcaboth, and Hazar-Susah,
6. And Beth-Lebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages;
7. Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages;
8. And all the villages that were around these cities to Baalath-Beer, Ramath of the Negev. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Simeon according to their families.

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9. Out of the portion of the sons of Judah was the inheritance of the sons of Simeon; for the part of the sons of Judah was too much for them; therefore the sons of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10. And the third lot came to the sons of Zebulun according to their families; and the border of their inheritance was to Sarid;

11. And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the brook that is before Jokneam;

12. And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Kisloth-Tabor, and then goes out to Daberath, and ascends to Japhia.

13. And from there passes on along on the east to Gittah-Hepher, to Ittahkazin, and goes out to Remmonmethoar to Neah;

14. And the border turns around it on the north side to Hannathon; and its limits are in the valley of Jiphthahel;

15. And Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and

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Idalah, and Beth-Lehem; twelve cities with their villages.

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

17. And the fourth lot came to Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18. And their border was toward Jezreel, and Kesulloth, and Shunem,

19. And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20. And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21. And Remeth, and Ein-Gannim, and Ein-Haddah, and Beth-Pazzez;

22. (K) And the border reached as far as Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-Shemesh; and the limits of their border were at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

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

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24. And the fifth lot came to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

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

26. And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihorlibnath;

27. And turns toward the sunrise to Beth-Dagon, and reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthahel toward the north side of Beth-Emek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand,

28. And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, to great Sidon;

29. (K) And then the border turned to Ramah, and to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turns to Hosah; and its limits were at the sea from Hevel to Achzib;

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

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

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32. The sixth lot came to the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

33. And their border was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum; and its limits were at the Jordan;

34. And then the border turns westward to Aznoth-Tabor, and goes out from there to Hukkok, and reaches to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon the Jordan toward the sunrise.

35. And the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hamath, Rakkath, and Kinnereth,

36. And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37. And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Ein-Hazor,

38. And Iron, and Migdal-El, Horem, and Beth-Anath, and Beth-Shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

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

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

41. And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-Shemesh,

42. And Shaalabbin, and Ayalon, and Jethlah,

43. And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44. And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45. And Yehud, and Bnei-Barak, and Gath-Rimmon,

46. And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Jaffa.

47. And the borders of the sons of Dan were too small for them; therefore the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived in it, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

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

49. When they had finished dividing the land for



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inheritance by their borders, the people of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them;

<sup>50</sup>.According to the word of the Lord they gave him the city which he asked, Timnath-Serah in Mount Ephraim; and he built the city, and lived there.

<sup>51</sup>.These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they finished dividing the country.

## Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup>.The Lord also spoke to Joshua, saying,

<sup>2</sup>.Speak to the people of Israel, saying, Assign for yourself cities of refuge, about which I spoke to you by the hand of Moses;

<sup>3</sup>.That the slayer who kills any person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be

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your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4. And when he who flees to one of those cities shall stand at the entrance 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 to them, and give him a place, that he may live among them.

5. And if the avenger of blood pursues after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer to his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and did not previously hate him.

6. And he shall live in that city, until he stands 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 to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from where he fled.

7. And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in Mount Naphtali, and Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and Kiriath-Arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

8. (K) And on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness

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upon the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.

9. These were the cities appointed for all the people of Israel, and for the foreigner who lives among them, that whoever kills any person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands before the congregation.

## Chapter 21

1. Then came near the chiefs of the fathers of the Levites to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the people of Israel;

2. And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to live in, with the pasture lands for our cattle.

3. And the people of Israel gave to the Levites from

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their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their pasture lands.

4. And the lot came to the families of the Kohasites; and the descendants of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had by lot from the tribe of Judah, and from the tribe of Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5. And the rest of the descendants of Kohas had by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and from the tribe of Dan, and from half the tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

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

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

8. And the people of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands, as the Lord

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commanded by the hand of Moses.

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

10. Which the descendants of Aaron, being of the families of the Kohasites, who were of the descendants of Levi, had; for theirs was the first lot.

11. And they gave them the city of Arba, the father of Anak, this city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with its pasture lands around it.

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

13. Thus they gave to the descendants of Aaron the priest Hebron with its pasture lands, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with its pasture lands,

14. And Jattir with its pasture lands, and Eshtemoah with its pasture lands,

15. And Holon with its pasture lands, and Debir with its pasture lands,

16. And Ain with its pasture lands, and Juttah with its

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pasture lands, and Beth-Shemesh with its pasture lands; nine cities from those two tribes.

17. And from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasture lands, Geba with its pasture lands,

18. Anathoth with its pasture lands, and Almon with its pasture lands; four cities.

19. All the cities of the descendants of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

20. And the families of the descendants of Kohas, the Levites who remained of the descendants of Kohas, they had the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim.

21. For they gave them Shechem with its pasture lands in Mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with its pasture lands,

22. And Kibzaim with its pasture lands, and Beth-Horon with its pasture lands; four cities.

23. And from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its pasture lands, Gibbethon with its pasture lands,

24. Ayalon with its pasture lands, Gath-Rimmon with its pasture lands; four cities.

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25. And from half the tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasture lands, and Gath-Rimmon with its pasture lands; two cities.

26. All the cities were ten with their pasture lands for the families of the descendants of Kohas that remained.

27. (K) And to the descendants of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the other half tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands, to be a city of refuge for the man slayer; and Beeshterah with its pasture lands; two cities.

28. And from the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with its pasture lands, Dabareh with its pasture lands,

29. Jarmuth with its pasture lands, Ein-Gannim with its pasture lands; four cities.

30. And from the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

31. Helkath with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands; four cities.

32. And from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee

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with its pasture lands, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-Dor with her pasture lands, and Kartan with its pasture lands; three cities.

33. All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

34. And to the families of the descendants of Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands, and Kartah with its pasture lands,

35. Dimnah with its pasture lands, Nahalal with its pasture lands; four cities.

36. And from the tribe of Gad, Ramot in Gilad with its pasture lands, a city of refuge for the man slayer; and Mahanaim with its pasture lands;

37. Heshbon with its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands; four cities in all.

38. So all the cities for the descendants of Merari by their families, who remained of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

39. All the cities of the Levites within the domain of the people of Israel were forty eight cities with their



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pasture lands.

40. These cities were every one with their pasture lands around them; thus were all these cities.

41. And the Lord gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers, and they possessed it, and lived in it.

42. And the Lord gave them rest on every side, according to all that he swore to their fathers; and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord delivered all their enemies to their hand.

43. Nothing failed of all the good things which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

## Chapter 22

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

2. And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have

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obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you;

3. You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the Lord your God.

4. And now the Lord your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them; therefore now return, and go to your tents, and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan.

5. But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the Torah, which Moses 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 to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6. So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their tents.

7. (K) Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan; but to its other half gave Joshua among their brothers on this side of the Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent

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them away also to their tents, then he blessed them,

8. And he spoke to them, saying, Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with many garments; divide the plunder of your enemies with your brothers.

9. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the people of Israel from Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they possessed, according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

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

11. And the people of Israel heard say, Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar opposite the

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land of Canaan, in the borders of the Jordan, on the side of the people of Israel.

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

13. And the people of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

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

15. And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

16. Thus said the whole congregation of the Lord, What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from

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following the Lord, in that you have built an altar, that you might rebel this day against the Lord?

17. Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord,

18. But that you must turn away this day from following the Lord? and it will be, seeing you rebel today against the Lord, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

19. However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of the Lord, where the Lord's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us; but rebel not against the Lord, nor rebel against us, in building an altar beside the altar of the Lord our God.

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

21. Then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said to the

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chiefs of the thousands of Israel,

22. The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, he knows, and let Israel know. If it is in rebellion, or if it is in transgression against the Lord, save us not this day,

23. For building an altar to turn away from following the Lord, or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or meal offerings, or peace offerings on it, let the Lord himself take vengeance;

24. And if we did not do it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with the Lord God of Israel?

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

26. Therefore we said, Let us now build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice;

27. But that it may be a witness between us, and you,

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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, You 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 meal offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the Lord our God that is before his tabernacle.

30. And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and chiefs of the thousands of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

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31. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the sons of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, because you have not committed this trespass against the Lord; now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the Lord.

32. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the sons of Reuben, and from the sons of Gad, from the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought them word again.

33. And the thing pleased the people of Israel; and the people of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land where the sons of Reuben and Gad lived.

34. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad called the altar Ed; for it shall be a witness between us that the Lord is God.

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1. And it came to pass a long time after the Lord had given rest to Israel from all their enemies on every side, that Joshua became old and stricken in age.
2. And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their chiefs, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old and advanced in age;
3. And you have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations because of you; for the Lord your God is he who has fought for you.
4. Behold, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, to the Great Sea westward.
5. And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God has promised to you.
6. Be you therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Torah of

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Moses, that you should not turn aside from the right hand or from the left;

7. That you come not among these nations, these who remain among you; nor make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, nor serve them, nor bow yourselves to them;

8. But cleave to the Lord your God, as you have done till this day.

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

10. One man of you shall chase a thousand; for the Lord your God, he is who fights for you, as he has promised you.

11. Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God.

12. Else if you should at all turn back to attach yourselves to the remnant of these nations, these who remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you;

13. Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no

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more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the Lord your God has given you.

14. And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth; and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you; all have come to pass to you, and not one thing has failed of it.

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

16. When you 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 you shall perish quickly from off the

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good land which he has given to you.

## Chapter 24

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

2.And Joshua said to all the people, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers lived on the other side of the river in old time, Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor; and they served other gods.

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

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

5.I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt,

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according to that which I did among them; and afterwards I brought you out.

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

7. And when they cried to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt; and you lived in the wilderness a long season.

8. (K) And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who live on the other side of the Jordan; and they fought with you; and I gave them to your hand, that you might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

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

10. But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I saved you from his hand.

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

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

13. And I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you live in them; and you eat of the vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant.

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 river, and in Egypt; and serve you the Lord.

15. (K) And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the

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other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live; 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 is who brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way where we went, and among all the people through whom we passed;

18. And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, the Amorites who live in the land; therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.

19. And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the Lord; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20. If you forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and hurt you, and consume you, after he has done you good.

21. And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will

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serve the Lord.

22. And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen 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 to the Lord God of Israel.

24. And the people said to Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

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

26. And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Torah of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under a terebinth, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord.

27. And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord which he spoke to us; it shall be therefore a witness to you, lest you deny your God.

28. So Joshua let the people depart, every man to his



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inheritance.

29. And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

30. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-Serah, which is in Mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

31. And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and who had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel.

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

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