Joshua

Joshua 1

¶1. And it came to pass after the death of Moses, the slave of Jehovah, that Jehovah spoke to Joshua ben-Nun, Moses 'minister, saying,

2. "Moses my servant is dead. So, arise now. Go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel.
3. Every place that the sole of *y*our foot treads upon, I have given to *y*ou, just as I said to Moses.
4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be *y*our territory.
5. No man will *be able* to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will neither 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 fathers to give to them.
7. Only be strong and very courageous to take care to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it, right or left, so that you may have success everywhere you go.
8. The book of this law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you will take care to do according to all that is written in it. For then, you will make your way prosperous and have success.
9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble, nor be dismayed, for Jehovah your God will be with you everywhere you go."

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

11. "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for *y*ourselves, for after three days, *y*ou are crossing over this Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah *y*our God is giving *y*ou to possess.'"
12. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, Joshua spoke, saying,
13. "Remember the thing that Moses, the slave of Jehovah, commanded *y*ou, saying, 'Jehovah *y*our God has given *y*ou rest and has given this land to *y*ou.
14. *Y*our wives, *y*our little ones, and *y*our livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave to *y*ou on this side of the Jordan, but *y*ou, all the mighty men of war, shall pass over armed before *y*our brethren and help them,
15. until Jehovah gives rest to *y*our brethren as to *y*ou, and they also take possession of the land which Jehovah *y*our God is giving them. Then *y*ou shall return to the land of *y*our inheritance and possess that which Moses, the slave of Jehovah, gave to *y*ou on the side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."
16. And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us, we will do, and wherever you send us, we will go.
17. As we obeyed Moses in all things, so shall we obey you. Only, Jehovah your God be with you as He was with Moses!
18. Any man who rebels against your command and does not obey your words, in whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only, be strong and courageous!"

Joshua 2

¶1. Then Joshua ben-Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go! View the land, especially Jericho!" So, they went and entered the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and they lodged there.

2. But it was told to the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men of the children of Israel came here tonight to search out the land."

3. And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who came to you, who came to your house, for they have come to search out all the land."

4. Then the woman took the two men and hid them, and she said, "True, the men came to me, but I didn't know where they were from.

5. And it came to pass at dark when the gate was to be shut that the men went out. I don't know where the men went. Pursue after them quickly; you will certainly overtake them."

6. But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the flax stalks which had been laid out on the roof for her.

7. And the men pursued after them on the road to the Jordan, to the fords, and they shut the gate after the pursuers had gone out after them.

8. But before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

9. and she said to the men, "I know that Jehovah has given *y*ou the land, and that terror of *y*ou has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are faint before *y*ou.

10. For we have heard that Jehovah dried up the waters of the Red Sea before *y*ou when *y*ou came out of Egypt, and what *y*ou did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom *y*ou devoted.

11. And when we heard, our heart melted, and no spirit remained in any man because of *y*ou, for Jehovah *y*our God, He is God, in the heavens above and on the earth below.

12. And I pray *y*ou now, swear to me by Jehovah, since I have dealt kindly with *y*ou, that *y*ou will also deal kindly with my father's house and give me a sure sign

13. that *y*ou will spare the lives of my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that are theirs, and deliver our souls from death."

14. And the men said to her, "Our life for *y*ours, on penalty of death. If *y*ou do not make this business of ours known, then it shall be that when Jehovah has given us the land, we shall deal kindly and faithfully with you."

15. Then she let them down with a rope through the window, for her house was in the outer part of the wall, and she dwelt in the wall.

16. And she said to them, "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers come upon *y*ou, and hide *y*ourselves there three days, until the pursuers return. And afterward, *y*ou may go on *y*our way."

17. And the men said to her, "We will be free from this oath of yours which you made us swear, *unless*,

18. behold, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down. And you must gather with you in the house your father, and your mother, and your brethren, and all the house of your father.

19. And it shall be that whoever goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be innocent. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood will be upon our head if a hand comes upon him.

20. And if you tell this business of ours, we will also be free of your oath which you made us swear."

21. And she said, "According to *y*our words, so be it." And she sent them away, and they departed. Then she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

¶22. And they went away and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned. And the pursuers had sought them all along the way, but they did not find them.
23. Then the two men returned. They descended from the mountain, and crossed over, and came to Joshua ben-Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them.
24. And they said to Joshua, "Jehovah has certainly delivered the whole land into our hand, for indeed, all the inhabitants of the land are faint before us."

Joshua 3

¶1. And Joshua rose early in the morning, and they set out from Shittim, and he and all the children of Israel came to the Jordan. And they lodged there before they crossed over.
2. And it came to pass at the end of three days that the officers passed through the midst of the camp,
3. and they commanded the people, saying, "When *y*ou see the ark of the covenant of Jehovah *y*our God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then *y*ou shall set out from *y*our place and follow it
4. (yet, there shall be a space between *y*ou and it, about two thousand cubits by measure; *y*ou shall not come near to it), so that *y*ou will know the way by which *y*ou must go, for *y*ou have not passed this way before."
5. And Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate *y*ourselves, for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders in *y*our midst."
6. And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on before the people." And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.
7. And Jehovah said to Joshua, "This day will I begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel so that they will know that just as I was with Moses, I will be with you.
8. And you shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When *y*ou come to the brink of the waters of Jordan, *y*ou shall stand still in Jordan.'"
9. And Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of Jehovah *y*our God."
10. And Joshua said, "By this *y*ou shall know that the living God is in *y*our midst, and that He will certainly dispossess before *y*ou the Canaanites, even 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 is passing on before *y*ou into the Jordan.
12. But now, take for *y*ourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from each tribe.
13. And it shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of Jehovah, Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of Jordan, the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters coming from upstream, and they will stand up in one heap."
14. And it came to pass, when the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, that the priests bore the ark of the covenant before the people.
15. And as those bearing the ark came to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped into the brink of the water (and the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout harvest time),

16. then the waters coming from upstream stood up. They rose up in a heap a great distance to Adam, the city which is beside Zaretan. And those going down toward the sea of the plain, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people crossed over opposite Jericho.
17. And the priests who were bearing the ark of the covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel crossed over on dry ground until the whole nation had completely crossed the Jordan.

Joshua 4

¶1. And it came to pass, when all the nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, that Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,
2. "Take for *y*ourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe,
3. and command them, saying, 'Take up twelve stones for *y*ourselves from here, from the midst of the Jordan, from where the priest's feet stood firm, and take them over with *y*ou and put them in the place where *y*ou lodge tonight."
4. Then Joshua called for the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe.
5. And Joshua said to them, "Go on before the ark of Jehovah *y*our God into the midst of the Jordan, and each of *y*ou lift up a stone onto his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,
6. that this may be a sign among *y*ou, so that when *y*our children ask in the future, saying, 'What do these stones mean to *y*ou?',
7. then *y*ou will say to them, 'The waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah. When it passed over Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off, and these stones are for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.'"
8. And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and they took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as Jehovah had said to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and they took them over with them to the lodging-place, and they laid them down there.
9. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood, and they are there to this day.
10. And the priests stood in the midst of the Jordan bearing the ark until everything had been completed that Jehovah had commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over.
11. And it came to pass, when all the people had completely passed over, that the ark of Jehovah and the priests passed over before the people.
12. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the children of Israel, just as Moses had said to them,
13. about forty thousand equipped for battle passed over before Jehovah for battle, to the plains of Jericho.
14. On that day, Jehovah magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they feared him, just as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

¶15. Now, Jehovah had spoken to Joshua, saying,

16. "Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony that they come up out of the Jordan."
17. So Joshua commanded the priests, saying, "Come up out of the Jordan."
18. And it came to pass when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah had come up from the midst of the Jordan, the soles of the priest's feet being lifted up onto dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as before.
19. And the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal, on the east side of Jericho.
20. And those twelve stones, which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.
21. And he spoke to the children of Israel, saying, "In the future, when *y*our children ask their fathers, saying, 'What are these stones?',
22. then *y*ou shall instruct *y*our children, saying, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry land.
23. For Jehovah *y*our God dried up the waters of the Jordan before *y*ou, until *y*ou had passed over (just as Jehovah *y*our God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us, until we had passed over
24. so that all the peoples of the earth might know the hand of Jehovah, that it is mighty), that *y*ou may fear Jehovah *y*our God forever.'"

Joshua 5

¶1. And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the westward side of the Jordan and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea heard that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the children of Israel while we crossed over, that their heart melted, and there was no longer *any* spirit in them because of the children of Israel.

¶2. At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint knives, and circumcise the children of Israel again, a second time."
3. So Joshua made for himself flint knives, and he circumcised the children of Israel at Gibeah-haaraloth.[1]
4. And this is the reason that Joshua circumcised *them*: all the people who came out of Egypt, the males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness along the way after they came out from Egypt,
5. and all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out from Egypt had not been circumcised.
6. For the children of Israel had walked in the wilderness forty years, until all the nation's men of war who came out of Egypt had been consumed, because they did not obey the voice of Jehovah. For Jehovah swore to them that He would not show them the land which Jehovah had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
7. But He raised up their sons in their stead, whom Joshua circumcised, for they were uncircumcised because they had not circumcised them along the way.
8. And it came to pass, when all the nation was finished being circumcised, that they remained in their places in the camp until they were whole.
9. And Jehovah said to Joshua, "Today, I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off *y*ou." So, the name of that place has been called Gilgal[2] to this day.

[1] That is, "the hill of foreskins".
[2] That is, "a rolling".

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

11. And they ate of the land's produce on the morrow after the Passover, on that very day, unleavened bread and crushed grain.

12. And the manna ceased on the morrow when they ate of the land's produce, and there was no longer manna for the children of Israel. And they ate of the produce of the land of Canaan that year.

¶13.And it came to pass, when Joshua was at Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, a man was standing in front of him, with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?"

14. But he said, "No. But I, the prince of Jehovah's host, am now come." And Joshua fell down on his face to the ground and did obeisance. And he said to him, "What would my lord say to his servant?"

15. And the prince of Jehovah's host said to Joshua, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy!" And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6

¶1. Now Jericho was shut up, and it was shut up because of the children of Israel. There was no one going out, and no one was coming in.

2. And Jehovah said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, and its king, and the mighty men of war.

3. Now, *y*ou shall go around the city, all the men of war, circling the city once. Thus shall you do six days.

4. And seven priests shall bear seven shofars of rams 'horns before the ark. But on the seventh day, *y*ou shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the shofars.

5. And it shall come to pass when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when *y*ou hear the sound of the shofar, that all the people will shout a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, each man straight before him."

6. And Joshua ben-Nun called the priests, and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and seven priests shall bear seven shofars of rams 'horns before the ark of Jehovah."

7. And they said to the people, "Go forward, and go around the city! And he who is armed shall pass on before the ark of Jehovah."

8. And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven shofars of rams 'horns passed on before Jehovah, and they blew with the shofars. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed after them.

9. And the armed men went before the priests who blew the shofars, and the rearguard came after the ark, *the priests* blowing with the shofars as they went.

10. And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "*Y*ou shall not shout, nor make a sound with *y*our voice, neither shall a word come from *y*our mouth, until the day that I tell *y*ou, 'Shout!' Then, *y*ou shall shout."

11. So the ark of the LORD went around the city, going about it one time, and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

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

13. And seven priests bearing seven shofars of rams 'horns before the ark of the LORD went on, going on and blowing with the shofars, and the armed men went before them, and the rearguard came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* blowing with the shofars as they went.

14. So, on the second day, they went around the city one time, and they returned to the camp. They did so for six days.

¶15. And it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose up early at the break of dawn, and they went around the city in the same manner seven times; on that day only did they go around the city seven times.

16. And it came to pass the seventh time, the priests blowing with the shofars, that Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For Jehovah has given the city to *y*ou!

17. And the city, and all that is in it, shall be devoted to Jehovah. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

18. Only, keep *y*ourselves from what is devoted, lest *y*ou make *y*ourselves devoted when *y*ou take the devoted thing, and *y*ou make the camp of Israel devoted, and trouble it!

19. But all the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, are holy to Jehovah. They shall go into Jehovah's treasury."

20. Then the people shouted, and they blew with the shofars. And it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the shofar, that the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, and the people went up into the city, each man straight before him, and they took the city.

21. And they devoted everything that was in the city, both men and women, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22. And Joshua said to the two men who spied out the land, "Go to the house of the woman, the harlot, and bring out from there the woman and all who are hers, just as *y*ou swore to her!"

23. And the young men who were the spies went, and they brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all who were hers. They brought out all her relatives and put them outside of the camp of Israel.

24. And they burned up the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only, the silver and the gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25. And Joshua saved alive Rahab the harlot, and her father's house, and all who were hers. And she dwells in the midst of Israel to this day because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

¶26. And Joshua charged *them* with an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed before Jehovah be the man who raises up and rebuilds this city Jericho. He shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest will he set up its gates."

¶27. And Jehovah was with Joshua, and his fame was throughout the land.

¶1. But the children of Israel committed a trespass concerning the devoted thing, for Achan ben-Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah took something devoted, and Jehovah's anger was kindled against the children of Israel.

¶2. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east of Bethel. And he spoke to them, saying, "Go up, and spy out the land!" So, the men went up, and they spied out Ai.

3. And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up. Let about two thousand or three thousand men go up, and strike Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for they are few."

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

5. And the men of Ai struck down of them about thirty-six men. And they pursued them from before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them down in the descent. And the heart of the people melted and became as water.

6. And Joshua tore his garments and fell to the ground on his face before the ark of the LORD until evening, he and the elders of Israel, and they put dust on their heads.

7. And Joshua said, "Alas, my Lord Jehovah, why have you at all brought this people over the Jordan to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been content, and remained on the other side of the Jordan!

8. Oh, my Lord, what shall I say when Israel has turned his back before his enemies?

9. For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do concerning your great name?"

10. But Jehovah said to Joshua, "Get yourself up! Why are you falling on your face like this?

11. Israel has sinned, and moreover, they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them. And they have even taken from what was devoted, and have both stolen and deceived, and have also put it among their stuff.

12. Therefore, the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies. They turned the back before their enemies because they were devoted. I will not continue to be with *y*ou unless *y*ou destroy the devoted thing from *y*our midst.

13. Get up! Sanctify the people! And say, 'Sanctify *y*ourselves for tomorrow, for thus says Jehovah, God of Israel: "A devoted thing is in your midst, O Israel. You will not be able to stand before your enemies until *y*ou remove the devoted thing from *y*our midst."'

14. Therefore, in the morning, *y*ou shall be brought near by *y*our tribes, and it shall be that the tribe which Jehovah takes shall come near by families, and the family which Jehovah takes will come near by their houses. And the house which Jehovah takes shall come near man by man.

15. And he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burned up with fire, he and all that is his, because he has transgressed Jehovah's covenant, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel."

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

17. Then he brought the family of Judah near, and the family of the Zarhites was taken. And he brought the family of the Zarhites near, man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

18. And he brought his house near, man by man, and Achan ben-Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19. And Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give, I pray you, glory to Jehovah, the God of Israel, and give Him praise, and tell me now what you did. Do not conceal it from me."
20. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, "Truly, I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done.
21. For I saw among the spoil a goodly cloak from Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold, fifty shekels in weight, and I wanted them, and took them, and behold, they are hidden in the ground in the midst of my tent, with the silver beneath it."
22. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and behold, it was hidden in his tent, with the silver beneath it.
23. And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before Jehovah.
24. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan ben-Zerah, and the silver, and the cloak, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his ox, and his donkey, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that was his, and they brought them up to the Valley of Achor.
25. And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? Jehovah will trouble you this day." And all Israel stoned him with stones. And they burned them up with fire when they had stoned them with stones.
26. And they raised a great heap of stones over him *that remains* to this day. And Jehovah turned from His burning anger. Therefore, the name of that place was called, "Valley of Achor"[3], as it is to this day.

Joshua 8

¶1. And Jehovah said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and get up! Go up to Ai! Behold, I have delivered into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.
2. And you shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king. Only, its spoil and its livestock, *y*ou may take as plunder for *y*ourselves. Lay yourself an ambush against the city behind it."
3. So Joshua arose, with all the people of war, to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose thirty thousand men, mighty men of war. And he sent *some of* them away at night.
4. And he commanded them, saying, "Behold, *y*ou shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, and all of *y*ou be ready.
5. And I, and all the people who are with me, will approach the city. And it shall be that when they come out to meet us as before, we will flee before them.
6. And they will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city, for they will say, 'They are fleeing before us as before.' So we will flee before them.
7. Then *y*ou shall arise from the ambush and take possession of the city, for Jehovah *y*our God will deliver it into *y*our hand.
8. And it shall be that when *y*ou have taken the city, *y*ou shall set the city on fire. *Y*ou shall do according to Jehovah's commandment. Behold, I have commanded *y*ou."
9. So Joshua sent them away, and they went to the ambush, and they stayed between Bethel and Ai, to the west of Ai, but Joshua himself spent the night among the people.

[3] Or, "Valley of Trouble".

¶10. And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and he mustered the people, and he went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.
11. And all the people of war who were with him went up, and they drew near and came before the city, and they camped to the north of Ai. And the valley was between him and Ai.
12. But he had taken about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, to the west of the city.
13. And they stationed the people, all the camp that was to the north of the city, and those in wait to the west of the city. And during the night, Joshua himself went into the midst of the valley.
14. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried and rose up early, he and all his people, and they went out to meet Israel for battle at the chosen place before the plain, but he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city.
15. And Joshua and all Israel feigned defeat before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.
16. And all the people who were in the city were called to pursue after them, and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.
17. And not a man remained in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel, and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

¶18. Then Jehovah said to Joshua, "Stretch out with the spear that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will deliver it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out with the spear that was in his hand toward the city.
19. And the ambush arose quickly from its place, and they ran when he stretched out his hand, and they entered the city and took it, and they hurried and set the city on fire.
20. And the men of Ai turned and looked behind them, and behold, the smoke of the city was going up to heaven. And there was nowhere for them to flee, this way or that, for the people who were fleeing to the wilderness had turned themselves back against the pursuers.
21. For Joshua and all Israel had seen that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city was going up. So, they turned back and struck down the men of Ai.
22. And the others came out from the city against them, and they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side, and they struck them down until there was not one of them left who survived or escaped.
23. And they took the king of Ai alive, and they brought him to Joshua.

¶24. And it came to pass that when Israel finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness in which they pursued them, and when the last of them had fallen by the edge of the sword, all 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 men and women, were twelve thousand, all the people of Ai.
26. For Joshua did not withdraw his hand with which he stretched out the spear until all the inhabitants of Ai had been devoted.
27. Only, Israel took the livestock and the spoil of that city as plunder for themselves, according to the word of Jehovah which He had commanded Joshua.
28. And Joshua burned up Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day.
29. And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening, and when the sun was going down, Joshua gave command, and they took his corpse down from the tree and threw it down at the entrance of the gate of the city. And they raised a great heap of stones over him, as it is to this day.

¶30. Then Joshua built an altar to Jehovah, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal
31. (just as Moses, the slave of Jehovah, had commanded the children of Israel, as it was written in the book of the law of Moses), an altar of uncut stones upon which no iron *tool* had been wielded. And they offered burnt offerings on it to Jehovah, and sacrificed peace offerings.
32. And there he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written in the presence of the children of Israel.
33. And all Israel, with their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side and on that side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, bearers of the ark of the covenant of the LORD, both stranger and native born, half of them toward Mount Gerizim, and half of them toward Mount Ebal, just as Moses, the slave of Jehovah, had commanded before, to bless the people of Israel.
34. And afterward, he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that was written in the book of the law.
35. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the Assembly of Israel, even the women, and the little ones, and the stranger who was living in their midst.

Joshua 9

¶1. And it came to pass, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country, and in the Shephelah, and in all the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *of it*,
2. they gathered themselves together in one accord to fight against Joshua and Israel.

¶3. Now, the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,
4. and so they acted with cunning and went, and they made themselves out to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, and old wineskins that had burst and been mended.
5. And *they put* old and patched sandals on their feet and old garments on themselves, and all the bread of their provision was dry and crumbly.
6. And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal, and they said to him and the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant land. So then, make a covenant with us now."
7. But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "It may be that you dwell near us. How then could we make a covenant with you?"
8. Then they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." But Joshua said to them, "Who are *y*ou? And where did *y*ou come from?"
9. And they said to him, "Your servants came from a very distant land because of the name of Jehovah your God, for we heard the report about Him, 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 in Ashtaroth.
11. Then our elders spoke to us, and to all the inhabitants of our land, saying, 'Take provision with *y*ou for the journey, and go to meet them! And say to them, "We are *y*our servants. Therefore, make a covenant with us now." '
12. This is our bread. It was hot when we took it for our provision from our houses on the day we set out to come to *y*ou, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly.
13. And these wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they burst, and these, our garments and our sandals, are worn out because of the very long journey."

14. Then the men fetched some of their provision. And they did not ask counsel of Jehovah.
15. And so, Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them to let them live, and the princes of the congregation swore an oath to them.

¶16. But it came to pass at the end of three days after they made a covenant with them that they heard that they were their neighbors and dwelt nearby them.
17. And the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.
18. But the children of Israel did not strike them down because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by Jehovah, the God of Israel. And all the congregation were murmuring against the princes.
19. But all the princes said to the whole congregation, "We have sworn to them by Jehovah, the God of Israel. Therefore, we cannot touch them now.
20. We will do this to them and yet let them live, lest there be wrath upon us on account of the oath that we swore to them."
21. Thus the princes said to them. They were left alive, but they became woodcutters and drawers of water for the whole congregation, according to what the princes said to them.

¶22. And Joshua summoned them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why did *y*ou deceive us, saying, 'We are very far from *y*ou', when *y*ou dwell near us?
23. Therefore, *y*ou are now cursed, and *y*ou will not cease from being servants, woodcutters and drawers of water for the house of my God."
24. And they answered Joshua and said, "Because it was certainly told to your servants that Jehovah your God commanded His servant Moses to give *y*ou all the land, and to exterminate all the inhabitants of the land before *y*ou. Therefore, we greatly feared for our lives because of *y*ou, and we did this thing.
25. So, behold, we are now in your hand. According to what is good and right in your sight to do, do to us."
26. And he did so to them, and delivered them from the hand of the children of Israel, and they did not kill them.
27. And that day, Joshua made them woodcutters and drawers of water for the congregation, and for Jehovah's altar, as it is to this day, in the place which He would choose.

Joshua 10

¶1. And it came to pass that Adonizedek, the king of Jerusalem, heard that Joshua had taken Ai and devoted it (as he had done to Jericho and its king, so had he done to Ai and its king) and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them.
2. And they were very afraid, for Gibeon was a great city, being one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.
3. So, Adonizedek, 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 up to me and help me! And let us strike Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel."

5. And 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 and went up, they and all their forces, and they encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.
6. Then the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not stay your hand from your servants. Come to us quickly, and deliver us, and help us! For all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us."
7. And Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, including all the mighty men of valor.
8. And Jehovah said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for I have given them into your hand. Not one man of them shall stand before you."
9. And Joshua came upon them suddenly, *for* he had gone up from Gilgal all night.
10. And Jehovah discomfited them before Israel, and he struck them down with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and he pursued them on the way that goes up to Beth-horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah.
11. And it came to pass as they fled before Israel at the descent of Beth-horon that Jehovah cast great stones from heaven down on them as far as Azekah, and many more died who died by the hailstones than those whom the children of Israel killed with the sword.
12. And Joshua spoke to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "O sun, stand still at Gibeon! And *you*, O moon, in the valley of Ajalon!"
13. And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the people had taken vengeance on their enemies. (Is this not written in the book of Jasher?) And the sun stood in the midst of the sky, and it did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.
14. And there was no day like that before it, or since, when Jehovah gave heed to the voice of a man. For Jehovah was fighting for Israel.
15. And Joshua turned back, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

¶16. Now, these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah,
17. and it had been reported to Joshua," The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah."
18. And Joshua had said, "Roll great stones against the mouth of the cave and post men by it to keep them,
19. but do not stay *there y*ourselves. Pursue after *y*our enemies and strike them at their rear. Do not let them enter into their cities, for Jehovah *y*our God has delivered them up into *y*our hand."
20. And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had finished striking them down with a very great slaughter until they were destroyed, though a remnant of them escaped and entered the fortified cities,
21. that all the people returned in peace to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against the children of Israel.
22. Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring those five kings out from the cave to me."
23. And they did so, and brought those five kings out from the cave to him: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon.
24. And it came to pass, when they brought those kings to Joshua, that Joshua summoned all the men of Israel, and said to the commanders of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near! Put *y*our feet on the necks of these kings!" And they came near and put their feet on their necks.

25. And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid nor dismayed! Be strong and courageous! For Jehovah shall do likewise to all *y*our enemies against whom *y*ou fight."
26. And after that, Joshua struck them down, and killed them, and hanged them on five trees. And they remained hanging on the trees until the evening.
27. And it came to pass, as the sun went down, that Joshua gave command, and they took them down off the trees, and threw them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and they put great stones over the mouth of the cave, as it is to this very day.

¶28. And Joshua took Makkedah that day and struck it with the edge of the sword. And he devoted its king and every soul that was in it. He left no survivor, and he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.
29. Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, passed on from Makkedah to Libnah, and they fought against Libnah.
30. And Jehovah also delivered it and its king into the hand of Israel. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and every soul that was in it. He left no survivor in it, and he did to its king just as he had done to the king of Jericho.
31. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, passed on from Libnah to Lachish, and he encamped against it and fought against it.
32. And Jehovah delivered up Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he took it on the second day. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and every soul that was in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.
33. And Horam, king of Gezer, had come up to help Lachish, but Joshua struck him and his people down until he left him no survivor.
34. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, passed on from Lachish to Eglon, and they encamped against it and fought against it.
35. And they took it that day and struck it with the edge of the sword, and he devoted that day every soul that was in it, according to all that he had done to Lachish.
36. And Joshua went up, and all Israel with him, from Eglon to Hebron, and they fought against it.
37. And they took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its towns, and every soul that was in it. He left no survivor, according to all that he had done to Eglon, and he devoted it and every soul that was in it.
38. Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, turned back to Debir, and he fought against it.
39. And he took it, and its king, and all its towns, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and they devoted every soul that was in it. He left no survivor. Just as he did to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king, and as he had done to Libnah, and to its king.
40. So Joshua struck all the hill country, and the Negev, and the Shephelah, and the slopes, and all their kings. He left no survivor, but devoted all who breathed, just as Jehovah, the God of Israel, had commanded.
41. And Joshua struck them down from Kadesh-barnea as far as Gaza, and all the territory of Goshen, and as far as Gibeon.
42. And all these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, for Jehovah, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.
43. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

Joshua 11

¶1. And it came to pass, when Jabin, king of Hazor, heard *of this*, 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 from the north, in the mountain, and in the plain south of Chinneroth, and in the Shephelah, and in the heights of Dor on the west,
3. and to the Canaanites on the east and on the west, and the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the hill country, and to the Hivites below Hermon in the land of Mizpah.
4. And they came forth, and all their armies with them, many people, like the sand which is on the seashore in number, with very many horses and chariots.
5. And all these kings assembled, and they went and encamped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

¶6. And Jehovah said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow, about this time, I will deliver up all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn up their chariots with fire."
7. So, Joshua, and with him all the people of war, went out against them suddenly at the waters of Merom, and they fell upon them.
8. And Jehovah delivered them up into the hand of Israel, and they struck them down and pursued them as far as Great Sidon, and as far as Misrephoth-maim, and as far as the valley of Mizpeh to the east. And they struck them down until he had left them no survivor.
9. And Joshua did to them just as Jehovah had said to him. He hamstrung their horses and burned up their chariots with fire.
10. And Joshua turned back at that time and took Hazor, and he struck down its king with the sword, for Hazor was formerly the chief of all these kingdoms.
11. And they struck down every soul that was in it with the edge of the sword, devoting them. He left not one who breathed, and he burned up Hazor with fire.
12. And all the cities of these kings, and all their kings, Joshua took, and he struck them down with the edge of the sword, devoting them, just as Moses, the slave of Jehovah, had commanded.
13. Only, of all the cities standing on their mounds, Israel burned up none of them except Hazor. It only did Joshua burn up.
14. But all the spoil of these cities, and the livestock, the children of Israel took as plunder for themselves. Nevertheless, they struck down every person with the edge of the sword until they were exterminated. They left none of all who breathed.
15. Just as Jehovah commanded Moses His servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left off nothing of all that Jehovah had commanded Moses.

¶16. So, Joshua seized all this land, the hill country, and all the Negev, and all the territory of Goshen, and the Shephelah, and the Arabah, even the hill country of Israel and its lowland,
17. from Mount Halak going up to Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. And he took all their kings, and he struck them down and killed them.
18. A long time did Joshua wage war with all these kings.
19. There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel except the Hivites who dwelt in Gibeon. They took *them* all in battle.
20. For it was Jehovah's doing to harden their heart to confront Israel in battle, so that they would be devoted, for there was to be no mercy for them, so that they would be exterminated, just as Jehovah commanded Moses.

¶21. And at that time, Joshua went out, and he cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them with their cities.
22. None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did they remain.
23. So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that Jehovah had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it to Israel for an inheritance, according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 12

¶1. Now these are the kings of the land whom the children of Israel struck down and took possession of their land on the side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the Arnon River as far as Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah on the east side:
2. Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. He ruled from Aroer, on the bank of the Arnon River, even from the midst of the river, and half of Gilead, even to the Jabbok River, the border of the children of Ammon;
3. and the Arabah to the east side of the Chinneroth Sea, and to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, on the east side by the way to Beth-jeshimoth, and from the south below the slopes of Pisgah;
4. and the territory of Og, king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who dwelt in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.
5. And he ruled over Mount Hermon, and Salcah, and all Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and the half of Gilead which was the border of Sihon, king of Heshbon.
6. Moses, the slave of Jehovah, and the children of Israel, struck them down, and Moses, the slave of Jehovah, gave it as a possession to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.

¶7. And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua, with the children of Israel, struck down on the westward side of the Jordan, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, and as far as Mount Halak that goes up toward Seir, and Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions,
8. *kings of* the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites in the hill country, and in the Shephelah, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the Negev:
9. the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, 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 Bethel, one;
17. the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;
18. the king of Aphek, one; the king of the Sharon, one;
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, one;
23. the king of Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the king of Goiim by Gilgal, one;
24. the king of Tirzah, one. All the kings were thirty-one.

Joshua 13

¶1. Now Joshua was old, advanced in days, and Jehovah said to him, "You are old, advanced in days, and very much of the land remains to be possessed.
2. This is the territory which remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all *those* of the Geshurites,
3. from Shihor,[4] which is before Egypt, to the border of Ekron on the north, which is counted as Canaanite: five Philistine lords of the Gazaites, and the Ashdodites, and the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites, as well as the Avites:
4. from the south, all Canaanite territory. And Mearah which belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek at the border of the Amorites.
5. And the territory of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to the entrance of Hamath.
6. All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, all the Sidonians will I dispossess before the children of Israel. Only, you shall assign it by lot to Israel as an inheritance, just as I have commanded you!
7. So, divide this land now as an inheritance for the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh."

¶8. With them, the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance which Moses gave them on the east side of the Jordan, as Moses, the slave of Jehovah, gave them,
9. from Aroer, which is on the bank of the Arnon River, even the city which is in the midst of the valley, and all the tableland, Medeba as far as Dibon,
10. and all the cities of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the children of Ammon,
11. and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salchah,
12. all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (one left of the remnant of the Rephaim). For Moses struck them down and dispossessed them.
13. But the children of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurites or the Maachathites, but Geshur and Maachath dwell in the midst of Israel to this day.
14. Only, to the tribe of Levi he did not give an inheritance. The sacrifices made by fire to Jehovah, the God of Israel, that is his inheritance, just as He said to him.

¶15. And Moses gave *an inheritance* to the tribe of the children of Reuben for their families.
16. And their territory was from Aroer, which is on the bank of the Arnon River, even the city which is in the midst of the valley, and all the tableland to Medeba,
17. Heshbon and all its towns which were in the tableland, Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,
18. and Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,
19. and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar, in the mountain valley,

[4] That is, "the brook of Egypt".

20. and Beth-peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth,
21. even all the cities of the tableland, and all the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck down (as well as the rulers of Midian: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, princely men of Sihon who dwelt in the land,
22. and among their slain, the children of Israel had killed with the sword Balaam ben-Beor the diviner).
23. And the border of the children of Reuben was the Jordan, and this territory was the inheritance of the children of Reuben for their families, the cities and their villages.

¶24. And Moses gave *an inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad for their families.
25. And their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon as far as Aroer which 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-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingom of Sihon, king of Heshbon, the Jordan, and its territory to the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth, on the eastern side of Jordan.
28. This is the inheritance of the children of Gad for their families, the cities and their villages.

¶29. And Moses gave *an inheritance* to the half tribe of Manasseh, and it was for the half tribe of the children of Manasseh, for their families.
30. And their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og, king of Bashan, and all Havvoth-jair, which is in Bashan, sixty cities,
31. and half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, for the children of Machir ben-Manasseh, for half of the children of Machir, for their families.

¶32. These are they whom Moses caused to inherit at the plains of Moab, on the eastward side of the Jordan, at Jericho.
33. But to the tribe of Levi, Moses gave no inheritance; Jehovah, the God of Israel, He is their inheritance, just as He said to them.

Joshua 14

¶1. And these are *the territories* that the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua ben-Nun, and the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel gave to them as an inheritance.
2. By lot was their inheritance *divided*, just as Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses, to the nine and a half tribes.
3. For Moses had given the inheritance of the two and a half tribes on the other side of the Jordan, but to the Levites, he gave no inheritance among them.
4. For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, but they gave no portion to the Levites in the land except cities to dwell in, with their open fields for their livestock and their property.
5. As Jehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

¶6. And the children of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb ben-Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the thing that Jehovah said to Moses, the man of God, at Kadesh-barnea concerning me and you.

7. Forty years old was I when Moses, the slave of Jehovah, sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him just as was in my heart.
8. And my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I fully followed after Jehovah my God.
9. And Moses swore on that day, saying, '*May God damn me*, if the land which your foot trod upon is not an inheritance for you and for your children forever because you have fully followed after Jehovah my God.'
10. And behold, Jehovah has kept me alive till now, just as He said. It is forty-five years since Jehovah spoke this thing to Moses while Israel walked in the wilderness, and now, behold, today I am eighty-five years old.
11. Yet I am just as strong today as on the day Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now for battle, and for going out and for coming in.
12. Therefore, give me now this mountain of which Jehovah spoke on that day. For you heard on that day that the Anakim were there, and great fortified cities. If Jehovah is with me, then I will dispossess them, just as Jehovah said."
13. And Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb ben-Jephunneh for an inheritance.
14. Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb ben-Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day because he fully followed Jehovah, the God of Israel.
15. And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-Arba, who was the greatest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 15

¶1. And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah, for their families, was to the border of Edom; southward, the wilderness of Zin was the southernmost part.
2. And their south border was from the end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward.
3. And it went out from the south to the Ascent of Akrabbim, and passed through Zin, and went up from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and passed to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and went round to Karka.
4. Then it passed on to Azmon and went out to the Brook of Egypt and the goings out of the border were toward the sea. This is *y*our southern border.
5. And the east border was the Salt Sea to the end of the Jordan. And the border on the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan.
6. And the border went up to Beth-hoglah and passed on north to Beth-arabah. And the border went up to the stone of Bohan ben-Reuben.
7. And the border went up to Debir from the Valley of Achor, then northward, turning toward Gilgal, which is opposite the Ascent of Adummim, which is on the south of the wadi. Then the border passed on to the waters of En-shemesh, and its goings out was towards En-rogel.
8. And the border went up the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite on the south (that is, Jerusalem), and the border went on up to the top of the mountain that is before the Valley of Hinnom on the west, which at the end of the Valley of Rephaim to the north.
9. And the border was drawn from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron, and then the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjath-jearim.
10. And the border went around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed on to the side of Mount Jearim on the north, which is Chesalon, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah.

11. And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward, and then the border was drawn toward Shikkeron and passed on to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel, and the goings out of the border was toward the sea.
12. And the western border was the Great Sea and its coast. This was the border around the children of Judah for their families.

¶13. And to Caleb ben-Jephunneh, he gave a portion in the midst of the children of Judah according to the word of Jehovah to Joshua: the city of Arba, the father of Anak (which is Hebron).
14. And Caleb dispossessed from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.
15. And from there, he went up against the inhabitants of Debir. (The former name of Debir was Kirjath-Sepher.)
16. And Caleb said, "Whoever strikes Kirjath-Sepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as a wife."
17. And Othniel, the son of Caleb's brother, Kenaz, took it. So, he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife.
18. And it came to pass that when she came, she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?"
19. And she said, "Give me a blessing, for you gave me territory in the south. Give me pools of water, too." And he gave her the upper pools and the lower pools.
20. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah for their families.

¶21. And the cities in the southern end of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border with Edom: 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 Kerioth, Hezron (which is Hazor),
26. Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,
27. and Hazar-gadah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,
28. and Hazar-shual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,
29. Baalah, and Ijim, and Azem,
30. and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,
31. and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
32. and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, and their villages.

¶33. In the Shephelah: Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah,
34. and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah and the twin springs,
35. Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
36. and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim (fourteen cities with their villages),
37. Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,
38. and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,
39. Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
40. and Cabbon, and Lachmas, 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).
45. Ekron, with its towns and its villages,
46. from Ekron toward the sea, all that was near Ashdod with its villages;
47. Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages as far as the Brook of Egypt, and the Great Sea and the coastline.

¶48. And in the hill country: Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,
49. and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah (which is Debir),
50. and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,
51. and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh (eleven cities with their villages),
52. Arav, and Rumah, and Eshean,
53. and Janim, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,
54. and Humtah, and Kirjath-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, Gibeah, and Timnah (ten cities with their villages),
58. Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,
59. and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon (six cities with their villages),
60. Kirjath-baal (which is Kirjath-jearim), and Rabbah (two cities and their villages).

¶61. In the wilderness: Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,
62. and Nibshan, and the City of Salt, and En-gedi (six cities with their villages).

¶63. And as for the Jebusites, inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah were not able to dispossess them, but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Joshua 16

¶1. And the lot for the children of Joseph went out from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, the wilderness going up from Jericho to the mountain of Bethel.
2. And it went out from Bethel toward Luz and passed on to the border of the Archites at Ataroth.
3. Then it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, as far as the border of lower Beth-horon, then as far as Gezer, and its goings out were toward the sea.
4. And the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5. And this was the border of the children of Ephraim, according to their families. And the border of their inheritance eastward was from Ataroth-addar as far as upper Beth-horon,
6. and the border went out westward to Michmethath on the north, and the border went about eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and it passed by it on the east of Janohah.
7. And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, then to Naarath, and reached Jericho, and it went out at the Jordan.
8. The border went from Tappuah westward to the brook Kanah, and its goings out were toward the sea. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, for their families.
9. And the cities set apart for the children of Ephraim *were* in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10. Yet, they did not dispossess the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanites dwell in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and they serve as forced labor.

Joshua 17

¶1. There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. To Machir, the first-born of Manasseh, father of Gilead, belonged Gilead and Bashan because he was a man of war.
2. But for the rest of the children of Manasseh *the lot was given* for 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 Hepher, and for the children of Shemida. These were the sons of Manasseh ben-Joseph, the males according to their families.
3. But Zelophehad ben-Hepher, son of Gilead, son of Machir, son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters only. 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 Joshua ben-Nun, and before the princes, saying, "Jehovah commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our kinsmen." So, he gave them an inheritance in the midst of their father's kinsmen, according to the word of Jehovah.
5. And ten portions fell to Manasseh, besides those in the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan.
6. For the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons, and the land of Gilead belonged to the rest of Manasseh's sons.

¶7. And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to the Michmethath which faces Shechem, and the border went on to the south to those who dwelt at the spring of Tappuah.
8. The region of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim.
9. And the border went down to the brook Kanah. Southward to the brook, these cities belonged to Ephraim, *but were* in the midst of the cities of Manasseh. And the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and its goings out were toward the sea.
10. Southward belonged to Ephraim, and northward belonged to Manasseh, and the sea was its border. And *the borders* reached Asher in the north and Issachar in the east.
11. And in Issachar and in Asher, Manasseh had Beth-shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns. Three areas[5] *contained cities of Manasseh,*
12. but the children of Manasseh were not able to take possession of these cities, for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land.
13. Yet it came to pass that when the children of Israel were strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not dispossess them at all.

¶14. And the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why did you give me one lot and one portion as an inheritance, for I am a great people whom Jehovah has blessed up until now?"

[5] Hebrew uncertain.

15. And Joshua said to them, "If you are a great people, get you up to the forest and clear yourself a place there in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim if the hill country of Ephraim is insufficient for you!"
16. And the children of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who dwell in the lowland, those in Beth-shean and its towns, and in the valley of Jezreel, have chariots of iron."
17. Then Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, "You are a great people and have great strength. There is not one lot for you,
18. but the hill country is yours, though it be a forest, and you shall clear it! And its outgoings shall be yours, for you shall dispossess the Canaanites though they have chariots of iron and they be strong."

Joshua 18

¶1. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves at Shiloh, and they set up the tent of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.
2. But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes who had not divided their inheritance.
3. And Joshua said to the children of Israel, "How long will *y*ou be slack? Go! Take possession of the land which Jehovah, the God of *y*our fathers, has given to *y*ou!
4. Provide for *y*ourselves three men from each tribe, and I will send them, that they may rise and walk about in the land, and let them make a record of it according to their inheritance, and then come to me.
5. And they shall divide it into seven portions; Judah shall stay in his territory to the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay in their territory to the north.
6. And *y*ou shall make a record of the land in seven portions and bring it to me here, and I will cast the lot for *y*ou here before Jehovah our God.
7. But there is no portion for the Levites among *y*ou because the priesthood of Jehovah is their inheritance, and Gad, and Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance on the other side of the Jordan, eastward, which Moses, the slave of Jehovah, gave them."
8. And the men arose and left, and Joshua commanded those who went to make a record of the land, saying, "Go and walk about in the land and make a record of it, and return to me, and here at Shiloh, I will cast a lot for each of *y*ou before Jehovah."
9. And the men left and passed through the land, and they made a record of it in a book, according to the cities, in seven portions, and they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh.
10. And Joshua cast a lot for each of them at Shiloh before Jehovah. And there, Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their portions.

¶11. And the lot for the tribe of the children of Benjamin, for their families, came up, and the border of their lot went out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.
12. And their border on the north side was from the Jordan, and the border went up by the side of Jericho on the north, and on up westward to the hill country, and its goings out were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.
13. And the border passed on from there toward Luz to the south side of Luz (that is, Bethel), and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, on the hill that is on the south of lower Beth-horon.

14. And the border on the west side curved and turned southward from the mountain that is before Beth-horon to the south, and its goings out were at Kirjath-Baal (that is, Kirjath-jearim), a city of the children of Judah. This was the western side.
15. And the south side was from the outskirts of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out toward the sea. And it went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah,
16. and then the border went down to the base of the mountain that is before the Valley of the Son of Hinnom which is in the Valley of the Rephaim northward, and it went down to the Valley of Hinnom, to the south side of the Jebusites, and went down to En-rogel.
17. And it curved northward, and went out to En-shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which lies opposite the Ascent of Adummim, and went down to the stone of Bohan ben-Reuben.
18. And it passed on to the slope before the Arabah to the north, and it went on down to the Arabah.
19. And the border passed on to the northern side of Beth-hoglah, and the outgoings of the border were at the northern bay of the Salt Sea, at the southern end of the Jordan. This was the southern border.
20. And the Jordan was its border on the eastern side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, for their families, according to its boundaries round about.

¶21. And the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin for their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and Emek-keziz,
22. and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,
23. and Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,
24. and Chephar-Ammon, and Ophni, and Gaba. Twelve cities with their villages.
25. Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,
26. and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,
27. and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,
28. and Zela, Aleph, and Jebusi (that is, Jerusalem), Gibeath, Kirjath. Fourteen cities with their villages. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, for their families.

Joshua 19

¶1. And the second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon, for their families. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.
2. And within their inheritance, they had Beersheba (or Sheba), and Moladah,
3. and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,
4. and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,
5. and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,
6. and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen. Thirteen cities with their villages.
7. Ain, Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan. Four cities with their villages,
8. and all the villages that were round about these cities as far as Baalah-beer, a high place in the south. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon for their families.
9. The inheritance of the children of Simeon was *taken* from the territory of the children of Judah because the portion of the children of Judah was too large for them; therefore, the children of Simeon inherited within their inheritance.

¶10. And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun, for their families. And the border of their inheritance went as far as Sarid.

11. And their border went up toward the west and Maralah, and touched Dabbasheth, and reached to the brook that is before Jokneam.
12. Then it turned eastward from Sarid toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then it went out to Daberath and on up to Japhia.
13. And from there it passed on eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Ith-kazin, and went out to Rimmon-methoar-neah.
14. And the border went around it on the north side of Hannathon, and its goings out were in the valley of Iphtah-el,
15. even Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem. Twelve cities with their villages.
16. This was the inheritance of the children of Zebulun for their families, these cities with their villages.

¶17. And the fourth lot came up for Issachar, for the children of Issachar, for their families.
18. And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,
19. and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath,
20. and Rabbith, and Kishyon, and Abez,
21. and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez.
22. And the border reached to Tabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh, and the goings out of their border were at the Jordan. Sixteen cities with their villages.
23. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar for their families, the cities with their villages.

¶24. And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher, for their families.
25. And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,
26. and Alammelech, and Amad, and Mishal, and it reached westward to Carmel and to Shihor-libnath.
27. And it turned toward the sunrise to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtah-el, northward to Beth-emek and Neiel, and it went out to Cabul on the north,
28. and Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, as far as Sidon the Great.
29. And the border turned toward Ramah, and as far as the fortified city of Tyre, and then the border turned to Hosah, and its goings out were toward the sea at the region of Achzib,
30. and Umah, and Aphek, and Rehob. Twenty-two cities with their villages.
31. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher for their families, these cities with their villages.

¶32. For the children of Naphtali. The sixth lot came up for the children of Naphtali for their families.
33. And their border was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami-nekev, and Jabneel as far as Lakum, and its goings out were at the Jordan.
34. And the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from there toward Hukkok, and touched Zebulun on the south side, and touched Asher on the west side, and Judah at the Jordan toward the sunrise.
35. And the fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,
36. and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,
37. and Kedesh, and Edrei, En-Hazor,
38. and Yiron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh. Nineteen cities with their villages.
39. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali for their families, the cities with their villages.

¶40. For the tribe of the children of Dan. For their families, the seventh lot came up.
41. And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,
42. and Shaalabbin, and Aijalon, and Jethlah,
43. and Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,
44. and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,
45. and Jehud, and Bene-barak, and Gath-rimmon,
46. and the waters of Yarkon, and Rakkon, with the territory before Japho.
47. And the territory of the children of Dan came out *too little* for them, so the children of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and took it, and they struck it with the edge of the sword and possessed it. Then they dwelt in it and renamed Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.
48. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan for their families, these cities with their villages.

¶49. And so, they finished dividing the land into its territories. Then the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua ben-Nun in their midst.
50. According to the word of the LORD, they gave him the city for which he had asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim, and he rebuilt the city and dwelt in it.

¶51. These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua ben-Nun, and the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided by lot at Shiloh before Jehovah, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So, they finished dividing the land.

Joshua 20

¶1. Then Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,
2. "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Choose for *y*ourselves the cities of refuge of which I spoke to *y*ou by the hand of Moses,
3. that a manslayer who strikes down a man inadvertently without intention may flee there. And they shall be a refuge for *y*ou from the avenger of blood.
4. And he shall flee to one of these cities and stand at the entrance gate of the city, and he shall state his case in the hearing of the elders of that city. Then they shall take him to themselves into the city and give him a place, that he may dwell with them.
5. And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, for he struck down his neighbor unintentionally, and he did not hate him previously.
6. And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest who is in those days. Then the manslayer shall return to his city and to his house, to the city from which he fled.'"
7. So, they set apart Kedesh in Galilee, in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kirjath-Arba (which is Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.
8. And on the other side of Jordan, east of Jericho, they chose Bezer in the wilderness on 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 children of Israel and for the sojourner sojourning in their midst, that anyone who strikes down a man unintentionally may flee there and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stands before the congregation.

Joshua 21

¶1. Then the chiefs of the fathers of the Levites drew near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua ben-Nun, and to the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel.

2. And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses for us to be given cities to dwell in, with their open fields for our cattle."
3. So the children of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, according to the word of the LORD, these cities with their open fields.
4. And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And for the children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, it was from the tribe of Judah, and from the tribe of Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities by lot.
5. And for the rest of the children of Kohath, it was from the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and from the tribe of Dan, and from the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities by lot.
6. And for the children of Gershon, it was from the families of the tribe of Issachar, and from the tribe of Asher, and from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities by lot.
7. For the children of Merari, for their families, it was from the tribe of Reuben, and from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
8. And the children of Israel gave these cities with their open fields to the Levites, just as Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses, by lot.

¶9. And from the tribe of the children of Judah and from the tribe of the children of Simeon, they gave these cities which are mentioned by name.
10. And it was for the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites from the children of Levi, for theirs was the first lot.
11. And they gave them the city of Arba, the father of Anak (which is Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its open fields around it.
12. But the field of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb ben-Jephunneh as his possession.
13. And to the sons of Aaron the priest, they gave Hebron, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its open fields, and Libnah with its open fields,
14. and Jattir with its open fields, and Eshtemoa with its open fields,
15. and Holon with its open fields, and Debir with its open fields,
16. and Ain with its open fields, and Juttah with its open fields, and Beth-shemesh with its open fields. Nine cities from these two tribes.
17. And from the tribe of Benjamin, *they gave* Gibeon with its open fields, Geba with its open fields,
18. Anathoth with its open fields, and Almon with its open fields. Four cities.
19. All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities and their open fields.
20. And for the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who remained of the sons of Kohath, there were cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim also.
21. And they gave them Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, a city of refuge for the manslayer, with its open fields, and Gezer with its open fields,
22. and Kibzaim with its open fields, and Beth-horon with its open fields. Four cities.
23. And from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its open fields, Gibbethon with its open fields,
24. Aijalon with its open fields, Gath-rimmon with its open fields. Four cities.

25. And from the half tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its open fields, and Gath-rimmon with its open fields. Two cities.
26. All the cities were ten with their open fields for the families of the sons of Kohath that remained.

¶27. And for the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, *they gave* from the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its open fields, and Be-Ashterah with its open fields. Two cities.
28. And from the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with its open fields, Daberath with its open fields,
29. Jarmuth with its open fields, and En-gannim with its open fields. Four cities.
30. And from the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its open fields, Abdon with its open fields,
31. Helkath with its open fields, and Rehob with its open fields. Four cities.
32. And from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its open fields, and Hammoth-dor with its open fields, and Kartan with its open fields. Three cities.
33. All the cities of the Gershonites for their families were thirteen cities with their open fields.

¶34. And for the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, *they gave* from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its open fields, and Kartah with its open fields,
35. Dimnah with its open fields, Nahalal with its open fields. Four cities.
36. And from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its open fields, and Jahazah with its open fields,
37. Kedemoth with its open fields, and Mephaath with its open fields. Four cities.
38. And from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its open fields, and Mahanaim with its open fields,
39. Heshbon with its open fields, Jazer with its open fields. All the cities were four.
40. *These are* all the cities of the sons of Merari for their families, those remaining of the families of the Levites. And their lot was twelve cities.

¶41. All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their open fields.
42. These were the cities, each city with its open fields around it. So it was for all of these cities.
43. And Jehovah gave to Israel the whole land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and dwelt in it.
44. And Jehovah gave them rest on every side as He had sworn to their fathers. And there was not a man of all their enemies who could stand before them; Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand.
45. Not a thing of all the good which Jehovah had spoken to the house of Israel failed; it all came to pass.

Joshua 22

¶1. At that time, Joshua called for the Reubenites, and for the Gadites, and for the half tribe of Manasseh.
2. And he said to them, "*Y*ou have kept all that Moses, the slave of Jehovah, commanded *y*ou, and *y*ou have given heed to my voice in everything that I have commanded *y*ou.
3. *Y*ou have not forsaken *y*our brothers these many days up to this day, but *y*ou have kept the charge of the commandment of Jehovah *y*our God.
4. Jehovah *y*our God has now given rest to *y*our brothers, just as He said to them. Therefore, turn now and go to *y*our tents, to the land of *y*our possession, which Moses, the slave of Jehovah, gave *y*ou on the other side of the Jordan.

5. Only, be very watchful to observe the commandment of the law, which Moses, the slave of Jehovah, commanded *y*ou, to love Jehovah *y*our God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cling to Him, and to serve Him with all *y*our heart and all *y*our soul."
6. And Joshua blessed them, and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

¶7. And to the half tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given Bashan, but to the other half, Joshua gave *an inheritance* with their brothers on this side of the Jordan, westward. And when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them also.

8. And he spoke to them, saying, "Go back to *y*our tents with great riches, even with a great many livestock, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with very many garments; divide the spoil of *y*our enemies with *y*our brethren."

¶9. And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession which they possessed according to the word of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.
10. And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, built an altar there by the Jordan, an imposing altar.

11. And the children of Israel heard it said, "Behold, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the border of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan, on the side belonging to the children of Israel!"
12. And when the children of Israel heard it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered at Shiloh, to go up against them for battle.
13. And the children of Israel sent Phinehas ben-Eleazar, the priest, to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead,
14. and with him ten princes, each one a prince of the house of his father of all the tribes of Israel. Each was a chief of the house of their fathers over thousands in Israel.
15. And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,
16. "Thus says all the congregation of Jehovah, 'What treachery is this which *y*ou have committed against the God of Israel, to have turned today from following after Jehovah by building for *y*ourselves an altar to rebel this day against Jehovah?
17. Was the iniquity of Peor a small thing to us, from which we have not been cleansed to this day even though there was a plague among the congregation of Jehovah,
18. that *y*ou must turn away this day from following Jehovah? And so it will come to pass that today *y*ou rebel against Jehovah, but tomorrow, He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.
19. And now, if the land of *y*our possession is unclean, cross over to the land of the possession of Jehovah, in which the tabernacle of Jehovah dwells, and take a possession among us. But do not rebel against Jehovah, nor rebel against us, by building for *y*ourselves an altar besides the altar of Jehovah our God!
20. Was not Achan ben-Zerah treacherous concerning the devoted thing, and wrath came upon all the congregation of Israel? That man certainly did not perish alone in his iniquity!'"
21. Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, answered, and said to the chiefs over thousands in Israel,

22. "The God of gods, Jehovah, the God of gods, Jehovah, He knows and He will let Israel know. Let us not be spared this day if it was in rebellion or if it was treachery against Jehovah
23. that we built an altar for ourselves to turn away from following Jehovah, whether to offer on it a burnt offering and a grain offering, or to make peace offerings to Jehovah on it. Let Jehovah require it
24. if we did not do this out of fear of this thing, thinking that in time to come *y*our children will speak to our children, saying, 'What have *y*ou to do with Jehovah, the God of Israel?
25. For Jehovah has made the Jordan a border between us and *y*ou, *y*ou children of Reuben and children of Gad. *Y*ou have no portion with Jehovah.' And so, *y*our children will cause our children to cease fearing Jehovah.
26. Therefore, we thought that we should work and build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice,
27. but that it might be a witness between us and *y*ou, and between our generations after us, that we might do the service of Jehovah before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings, that *y*our children will not say to our children in time to come, '*Y*ou have no portion with Jehovah.'
28. Therefore, we thought if it comes to pass that they say this to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, 'See the pattern of the altar of Jehovah which our fathers made! It is not for burnt offering or for sacrifice, but it is a witness between us and *y*ou.'
29. Far be it from us that we should rebel against Jehovah and turn away this day from following Jehovah, to build an altar for burnt offering, for grain offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of Jehovah our God which is before His tabernacle!"

¶30. And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, and the chiefs over the thousands in Israel who were with him heard the words that the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spoke, it was good in their eyes.
31. And Phinehas ben-Eleazar, the priest, said to the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh, "This day we know that Jehovah is in our midst, because *y*ou have not committed this trespass against Jehovah. *Y*ou have now delivered the children of Israel from the hand of Jehovah."
32. And Phinehas ben-Eleazar, the priest, with the princes, returned from the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, from the region of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and they brought back word to them.
33. And the thing was good in the eyes of the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God, and no longer thought to go up against them for battle to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt.
34. And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad named the altar, "*Ed*"[6], for it was a witness between us that Jehovah is God.

Joshua 23

[6] Hebrew, "witness".

¶1. And it came to pass afterward, many days after Jehovah had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in days.
2. And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, and their chiefs, and their judges, and their officers, and he said to them, "I am old, advanced in days.
3. And *y*ou have seen all that Jehovah *y*our God did to all these nations for *y*our sake, for it is Jehovah *y*our God who has fought for *y*ou.
4. Behold, I divided to *y*ou by lot these nations which remain as an inheritance for *y*our tribes, along with all the nations that I have cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.
5. And Jehovah *y*our God, Himself, will drive them out from before *y*ou, and He shall dispossess them before *y*ou, and *y*ou shall possess their land, just as Jehovah *y*our God has said to *y*ou.
6. So, be resolute to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, to not turn aside from it, right or left,
7. to not go in among these nations, these which remain with *y*ou. And *y*ou will make no mention of the name of their gods, nor shall *y*ou swear *by them*, nor serve them, nor bow down to them.
8. But cling only to Jehovah *y*our God, just as *y*ou have done to this day.
9. For Jehovah has dispossessed before *y*ou great and mighty nations, and no man has been able to stand before *y*ou to this day.
10. One of *y*ou shall pursue a thousand, for Jehovah *y*our God, Himself, fights for *y*ou, just as He said to *y*ou.
11. And take good heed to *y*ourselves, to love Jehovah *y*our God.
12. For if *y*ou at all turn away and cling to the remnant of these nations, these which remain with *y*ou, and make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to *y*ou,
13. know for certain that Jehovah *y*our God will no more drive out these Gentiles before *y*ou, but they will be for a trap and a snare for *y*ou, even a scourge on *y*our sides and thorns in *y*our eyes until *y*ou perish from off this good land which Jehovah *y*our God gave *y*ou.
14. And now, behold, today, I am going the way of all the earth, and *y*ou know with all *y*our heart and with all *y*our soul that not one thing has failed of all the good things that Jehovah *y*our God has said concerning *y*ou. They all have come to pass for *y*ou; not one of them has failed.
15. And it shall come to pass that just as every good thing which Jehovah *y*our God said to *y*ou has come to *y*ou, so shall Jehovah bring upon *y*ou every evil thing, until He has destroyed *y*ou from off this good land which Jehovah *y*our God gave to *y*ou
16. when *y*ou transgress the covenant of Jehovah *y*our God which He commanded *y*ou, and *y*ou go and serve other gods and bow *y*ourselves down to them. Then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against *y*ou, and *y*ou shall perish quickly from the good land which He gave to *y*ou."

Joshua 24

¶1. And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and he called for the elders of Israel, and their chiefs, and their judges, and their officers, and they presented themselves before God.
2. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel: *Y*our fathers dwelt on the other side of the river long ago, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.
3. But I took Abraham, *y*our father, from the other side of the river, and I led him through all the land of Canaan and multiplied his seed, and I gave him Isaac.
4. And to Isaac, I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Mount Seir to Esau as a possession for him, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

5. And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt by what I did in its midst, and afterward, I brought *y*ou out.
6. And I brought *y*our fathers out from Egypt, and *y*ou came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued after *y*our fathers with chariotry and horsemen to the Red Sea.
7. And when they cried out to Jehovah, He put darkness between *y*ou and the Egyptians, and then brought the sea upon them and covered them, and *y*our eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then *y*ou dwelt in the wilderness many days.
8. And I brought *y*ou to the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with *y*ou. And I gave them into *y*our hand, and *y*ou possessed their land, for I destroyed them before *y*ou.
9. Then Balak ben-Zippor, king of Moab, rose up and fought against Israel, and he sent and called for Balaam ben-Beor to curse *y*ou,
10. but I would not listen to Balaam. Instead, he greatly blessed *y*ou, and I delivered *y*ou out of his hand.
11. Then *y*ou crossed over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the rulers of Jericho fought against *y*ou, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, but I delivered them into *y*our hand.
12. And I sent the hornet before *y*ou, and it drove them out from before *y*ou, the two kings of the Amorites, not your sword or your bow.
13. And I have given *y*ou a land for which you did not labor, and cities which *y*ou did not build, and *y*ou are dwelling in them. *Y*ou are eating of vineyards and oliveyards which *y*ou did not plant.
14. Now, therefore, fear Jehovah and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the gods which *y*our fathers served beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve Jehovah.
15. And if it is evil in *y*our eyes to serve Jehovah, choose for *y*ourselves today whom *y*ou will serve, whether it be the gods that *y*our fathers who were beyond the river served or the gods of the Amorites in whose land *y*ou dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah."

¶16. And the people answered and said, "Far be it from us that we should forsake Jehovah to serve other gods,
17. for Jehovah our God, He brought us up, us and our fathers, out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, and who before our eyes did those great signs and preserved us in all the way that we went, even among all the nations through the midst of whom we passed,
18. and Jehovah drove out from before us all the nations, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve Jehovah, for He is our God!"

¶19. But Joshua said to the people, "*Y*ou cannot serve Jehovah, for He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive *y*our transgressions and *y*our sins
20. if *y*ou forsake Jehovah and serve foreign gods, and He will turn and do *y*ou evil and consume *y*ou, after having done *y*ou good."
21. And the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve Jehovah!"
22. And Joshua said to the people, "*Y*ou are witnesses against *y*ourselves that *y*ou have chosen for *y*ourselves Jehovah, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!"
23. "Then, put away now the foreign gods that are among *y*ou, and incline *y*our heart to Jehovah, the God of Israel!"
24. And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve Jehovah our God, and His voice will we obey!"

25. So, Joshua made a covenant for the people that day, and he enacted a statute and an ordinance at Shechem.
26. And Joshua wrote these things in the book of the law of God, and he took a great stone and set it up there under the terebinth tree that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.
27. And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone will be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of Jehovah which He spoke to us. Therefore, it shall be a witness against *y*ou, lest *y*ou deal falsely with *y*our God."
28. Then Joshua sent the people away, each to his inheritance.

¶29. And it came to pass after these things that Joshua ben-Nun, the slave of Jehovah, died at the age of one hundred and ten years.
30. And they buried him in the region of his inheritance, in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.
31. And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and who had experienced all the works of Jehovah which He had done for Israel.
32. And Joseph's bones, which the children of Israel had brought up from Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the parcel of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for one hundred kesitah[7], and it became an inheritance of the children of Joseph.
33. And Eleazar ben-Aaron died, and they buried him on a hill belonging to Phinehas his son, which had been given to him in the hill country of Ephraim.

[7] A unit of unknown type and value.