

Scriptures from Joshua

Jehovah Encourages Joshua

^{1:1} Now it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, that Jehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ^{1:2} Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, to the land which I give to them, even to the sons of Israel. ^{1:3} Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you I have given it, as I spoke to Moses. ^{1:4} From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

^{1:5} There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ^{1:6} Be strong and of good courage, for thou shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ^{1:7} Only be strong and very courageous to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou may have good success wherever thou go.

^{1:8} This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shall meditate on it day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written in it, for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success. ^{1:9} Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage. Be not frightened, neither be thou dismayed, for Jehovah thy God is with thee wherever thou go.

^{1:10} Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ^{1:11} Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare food for you, for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan to go in to possess the land, which Jehovah your God gives you to possess it.

^{1:12} And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua spoke, saying, ^{1:13} Remember the word which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, saying, Jehovah your God gives you rest, and will give you this land. ^{1:14} Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but ye shall pass over before your brothers armed, all the mighty men

of valor, and shall help them ^{1:15} until Jehovah has given your brothers rest, as you, and they also have possessed the land which Jehovah your God gives them. Then ye shall return to the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.

^{1:16} And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou have commanded us we will do, and wherever thou send us we will go. ^{1:17} According as we hearkened to Moses in all things, so will we hearken to thee. Only Jehovah thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. ^{1:18} Whoever he is who shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken to thy words in all that thou command him, he shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.

The Spies at Jericho

^{2:1} And Joshua the son of Nun sent ... two men as spies secretly, saying, Go, view the land, and Jericho. And they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lay down there. ^{2:2} And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men came in here tonight of the sons of Israel to search out the land. ^{2:3} And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men who came to thee, who have entered into thy house, for they have come to search out all the land.

^{2:4} And the woman took the two men, and hid them. And she said, Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know from where they were. ^{2:5} And it came to pass about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I know not. Pursue after them quickly, for ye will overtake them. ^{2:6} But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. ^{2:7} And the men pursued after them the way to the Jordan to the fords, and as soon as those who pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate. ^{2:8} And before they were laid down, she came up to them upon the roof.

^{2:9} And she said to the men, I know that Jehovah has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us. And that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ^{2:10} For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when ye came out of Egypt, and what ye did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan ... whom ye utterly destroyed. ^{2:11} And as soon as we had heard it, our

hearts melted, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man because of you, for Jehovah your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath.

^{2:12} Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by Jehovah, since I have dealt kindly with you, that ye also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true token, ^{2:13} and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death. ^{2:14} And the men said to her, Our life for yours if ye do not utter this our business. And it shall be, when Jehovah gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. ^{2:15} Then she let them down by a cord through the window, for her house was upon the side of the wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. ^{2:16} And she said to them, Get you to the mountain lest the pursuers come upon you. And hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned, and afterward ye may go your way.

^{2:17} And the men said to her, We will be guiltless of this thine oath which thou have made us to swear. ^{2:18} Behold, when we come into the land, thou shall bind this line of scarlet cord in the window which thou let us down by. And thou shall gather to thee into the house thy father, and thy mother, and thy brothers, and all thy father's household. ^{2:19} And it shall be, that whoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we shall be guiltless. And whoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head if any hand be upon him. ^{2:20} But if thou utter this our business, then we shall be guiltless of thine oath which thou have made us to swear.

^{2:21} And she said, According to your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet line in the window. ^{2:22} And they went, and came to the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned. And the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but did not find them. ^{2:23} Then the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun. And they told him all that had befallen them. ^{2:24} And they said to Joshua, Truly Jehovah has delivered into our hands all the land, and moreover all the inhabitants of the land melt away before us.

Israel Crosses the River Jordan

^{3:1} And Joshua rose up early in the morning. And they ... came to the Jordan, he and all the sons of Israel, and they lodged

there before they passed over. ^{3:2} And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp, ^{3:3} and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall move from your place, and go after it. ^{3:4} Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near to it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go, for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

^{3:5} And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you. ^{3:6} And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

^{3:7} And Jehovah said to Joshua, This day I will begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. ^{3:8} And thou shalt command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye have come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan.

^{3:9} And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of Jehovah your God. ^{3:10} And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girschite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite.

^{3:11} Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan. ^{3:12} Now therefore take for you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. ^{3:13} And it shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of Jehovah, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, even the waters that come down from above, and they shall stand in one heap.

^{3:14} And it came to pass, when the people moved from their tents to pass over the Jordan—the priests who bore the ark of the covenant being before the people— ^{3:15} and when those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest), ^{3:16} that the waters which came down from above, stood, and rose up in one heap a great way off ... and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off. And the people passed over right against Jericho.

^{3:17} And the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel passed over on dry ground until all the nation were passed clean over the Jordan. ^{4:1} And it came to pass, when all the nation were clean passed over the Jordan, that Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, ^{4:2} Take for you twelve men out of the people, a man out of every tribe, ^{4:3} and command ye them, saying, Take for you here out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging-place where ye shall lodge this night.

^{4:4} Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the sons of Israel, a man out of every tribe. ^{4:5} And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the ark of Jehovah your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, ^{4:6} that this may be a sign among you, that, when your children ask in time to come, saying, What do ye mean by these stones? ^{4:7} Then ye shall say to them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.

^{4:8} And the sons of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as Jehovah spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, and they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ^{4:9} And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood

^{4:10} For the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that Jehovah commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua. And the people hastened and passed over. ^{4:11} And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of Jehovah passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

^{4:12} And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the sons of Israel, as Moses spoke to them. ^{4:13} About forty thousand ready armed for war passed over before Jehovah to battle, to the plains of Jericho. ^{4:14} On that day Jehovah magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

4:15 And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, 4:16 Command the priests who bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. 4:17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan. 4:18 And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as formerly.

Israel Arrives in the Promised Land

4:19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. 4:20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

4:21 And he spoke to the sons of Israel, saying, When your sons shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do these stones mean? 4:22 Then ye shall let your sons know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. 4:23 For Jehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as Jehovah your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were passed over, 4:24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Jehovah, that it is mighty, that ye may fear Jehovah your God forever.

5:1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the sons of Israel until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the sons of Israel.

The Men Are Circumcised

5:2 At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make for thee knives of flint, and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time. 5:3 And Joshua made him knives of flint, and circumcised the sons of Israel

5:4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised: All the people who came forth out of Egypt, who were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way after they came forth out of Egypt. 5:5 For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness by

the way as they came forth out of Egypt, they had not circumcised. ^{5:6} For the sons of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness till all the nation, even the men of war who came forth out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not hearken to the voice of Jehovah, to whom Jehovah swore that he would not let them see the land which Jehovah swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ^{5:7} And their sons, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised, for they were uncircumcised because they had not circumcised them by the way. ^{5:8} And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were recovered.

^{5:10} And the sons of Israel encamped in Gilgal. And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. ^{5:11} And they ate of the produce of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes and parched grain, in the selfsame day. ^{5:12} And the manna ceased on the morrow, after they had eaten of the produce of the land. Neither had the sons of Israel manna any more, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The Battle of Jericho

^{5:13} And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand. And Joshua went to him, and said to him, Are thou for us, or for our adversaries? ^{5:14} And he said, No, but as captain of the army of Jehovah I have now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshiped, and said to him, What does my lord say to his servant? ^{5:15} And the captain of Jehovah's army said to Joshua, Put off thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place on which thou stand is holy. And Joshua did so.

^{6:1} Now Jericho was shut up tight because of the sons of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ^{6:2} And Jehovah said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into thy hand, and the king of it, and the mighty men of valor. ^{6:3} And ye shall encompass the city, all the men of war, going around the city once. Thus shall thou do six days. ^{6:4} And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. And the seventh day ye shall encompass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ^{6:5} And it shall be, that, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the

city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him.

^{6:6} And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Jehovah.

^{6:7} And they said to the people, Pass on, and encompass the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of Jehovah. ^{6:8}

And it was so, that, when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before Jehovah passed on, and blew the trumpets. And the ark of the covenant of Jehovah followed them. ^{6:9} And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rearward went behind the ark, *the priests* blowing the trumpets as they went.

^{6:10} And Joshua commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I bid you shout. Then ye shall shout. ^{6:11} So he caused the ark of Jehovah to encompass the city, going around it once. And they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

^{6:12} And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Jehovah. ^{6:13} And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Jehovah went on continually, and blew the trumpets. And the armed men went before them, and the rearward came behind the ark of Jehovah, *the priests* blowing the trumpets as they went. ^{6:14} And the second day they encompassed the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did six days.

^{6:15} And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and encompassed the city according to the same manner seven times. Only on that day they encompassed the city seven times. ^{6:16} And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout, for Jehovah has given you the city.

^{6:17} And the city shall be set apart, even it and all that is in it, to Jehovah. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. ^{6:18} But as for you, only keep yourselves from what is set apart, lest when ye have set it apart, ye take from what is set apart. So ye would make the camp of Israel accursed, and trouble it. ^{6:19} But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy to Jehovah. They shall come into the treasury of Jehovah.

6:20 So the people shouted, and *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 6:21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

6:22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out from there the woman, and all that she has, as ye swore to her. 6:23 And the young men, the spies, went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had. They also brought out all her kindred, and they set them outside the camp of Israel.

6:24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of Jehovah. 6:25 But Joshua saved alive Rahab the harlot, and her father's household, and all that she had. And she dwelt in the midst of Israel ... because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

6:26 And Joshua charged them with an oath at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before Jehovah who rises up and builds this city Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn he shall lay the foundation of it, and with the loss of his youngest son he shall set up the gates of it. 6:27 So Jehovah was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Achan's Sin and Israel's Defeat

7:1 But the sons of Israel committed a trespass in what was set apart. For Achan ... of the tribe of Judah, took from what was set apart, and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the sons of Israel.

7:2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai ... and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai. 7:3 And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Let not all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai. Do not make all the people to toil there, for they are but few.

7:4 So there went up there of the people about three thousand men. And they fled before the men of Ai. 7:5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty-six men. And they chased them ...

and smote them And the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. ^{7:6} And Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of Jehovah until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and they put dust upon their heads.

^{7:7} And Joshua said, Alas, O lord Jehovah, why have thou at all brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? Would that we had been content and dwelt beyond the Jordan! ^{7:8} Oh, Lord, what shall I say after Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! ^{7:9} For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will encompass us around, and cut off our name from the earth, and what will thou do for thy great name?

^{7:10} And Jehovah said to Joshua, Get thee up. Why are thou thus fallen upon thy face? ^{7:11} Israel has sinned. Yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. Yes, they have even taken from what was set apart, and have also stolen, and also dissembled. And they have even put it among their own stuff. ^{7:12} Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies because they have become accursed. I will not be with you any more unless ye destroy what was set apart from among you. ^{7:13} Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow. For thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, There is what has been set apart in the midst of thee, O Israel. Thou cannot stand before thine enemies until ye take away the devoted thing from among you.

^{7:14} In the morning therefore ye shall be brought near by your tribes, and it shall be, that the tribe which Jehovah takes shall come near by families, and the family which Jehovah shall take shall come near by households, and the household which Jehovah shall take shall come near man by man. ^{7:15} And it shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of Jehovah, and because he has wrought folly in Israel. ^{7:16} So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes ... ^{7:18} ... and Achan ... was taken.

^{7:19} And Joshua said to Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to Jehovah, the God of Israel, and make confession to him, and tell me now what thou have done. Hide it not from me. ^{7:20} And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel ^{7:21} When I saw among the spoil a goodly Babylonian mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I cov-

eted them, and took them. And, behold, they are hid in the ground in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

^{7:22} So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent. And, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. ^{7:23} And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the sons of Israel, and they laid them down before Jehovah. ^{7:24} And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan ... and the silver, and the mantle, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his donkeys, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.

^{7:25} And Joshua said, Why have thou troubled us? Jehovah shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. ^{7:26} And they raised over him a great heap of stones, to this day, and Jehovah turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called the Valley of Achor to this day.

Ai Is Finally Destroyed

^{8:1} And Jehovah said to Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed. Take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land. ^{8:2} And thou shall do to Ai and its king as thou did to Jericho and its king. Only the spoil of it, and the cattle of it, ye shall take for a prey to yourselves. Set thee an ambush for the city behind it.

^{8:3} So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them forth by night. ^{8:4} And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready, ^{8:5} and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach to the city. And it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them. ^{8:6} And they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city, for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first. So we will flee before them.

^{8:7} And ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city, for Jehovah your God will deliver it into your hand. ^{8:8} And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, that ye shall set the city on fire. According to the word of Jehovah shall ye do. See, I have commanded you. ^{8:9} And Joshua sent them forth, and they went to the ambushment, and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai, but Joshua lodged that night

among the people. 8:10 And Joshua arose up early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

8:11 And all the people, *even the men of war* who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and encamped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between him and Ai. 8:12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. 8:13 So they set the people, even all the army that was on the north of the city, and their ambushment that were on the west of the city, and Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

8:14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at the time appointed ... but he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city. 8:15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 8:16 And all the people that were in the city were called together to pursue after them, and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 8:17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. And they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

8:18 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that is in thy hand toward Ai, for I will give it into thy hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. 8:19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it. And they hastened and set the city on fire.

8:20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. And the people who fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. 8:21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and killed the men of Ai. 8:22 And the others came forth out of the city against them, so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. And they smote them so that they let none of them remain or escape. 8:23 And they took the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua. ... 8:25 And all who fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

8:26 For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the

inhabitants of Ai. ^{8:27} Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for prey to themselves, according to the word of Jehovah which he commanded Joshua. ^{8:28} So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day. ^{8:29} And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the evening. ...

^{8:30} Then Joshua built an altar to Jehovah, the God of Israel, in mount Ebal, ^{8:31} as Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, upon which no man had lifted up any iron. And they offered burnt offerings on it to Jehovah, and sacrificed peace offerings. ^{8:32} And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

^{8:33} And all Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, as well the sojourner as the home born, half of them in front of mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel.

^{8:34} And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. ^{8:35} There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who were among them.

The Inhabitants of Gibeon Deceive Israel

^{9:1} And it came to pass, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon—the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard of it, ^{9:2} that they gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel with one accord.

^{9:3} But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, ^{9:4} they also worked shrewdly, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their donkeys, and wine-skins, old and torn and bound up, ^{9:5} and old and patched shoes upon their feet, and old garments upon them, and all the bread of their provision was dry and became moldy.

^{9:6} And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We have come from a far country,

now therefore make ye a covenant with us. ^{9:7} And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps ye dwell among us, and how shall we make a covenant with you? ^{9:8} And they said to Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are ye, and from where do ye come?

^{9:9} And they said to him, From a very far country. Thy servants have come because of the name of Jehovah thy God, for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, ^{9:10} and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan ... ^{9:11} And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants, and now make ye a covenant with us. ^{9:12} This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go to you, but now, behold, it is dry, and has become moldy. ^{9:13} And these wine-skins, which we filled, were new, and, behold, they are torn. And these our garments and our shoes have become old by reason of the very long journey.

^{9:14} And the men took of their provision, and did not ask counsel at the mouth of Jehovah. ^{9:15} And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live, and the rulers of the congregation swore to them. ^{9:16} And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelt among them.

^{9:17} And the sons of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. ... ^{9:18} And the sons of Israel did not smite them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by Jehovah, the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the rulers. ^{9:19} But all the rulers said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by Jehovah, the God of Israel, now therefore we may not touch them. ^{9:20} This we will do to them, and let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them. ^{9:21} And the rulers said to them, Let them live. So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation, as the rulers had spoken to them.

^{9:22} And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you, when ye dwell among us? ^{9:23} Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall never fail to be bondmen of you, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

^{9:24} And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that Jehovah thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the

inhabitants of the land from before you. Therefore we were very afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. ^{9:25} And now, behold, we are in thy hand. As it seems good and right to thee to do to us, do. ^{9:26} And so he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the sons of Israel, that they did not kill them. ^{9:27} And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of Jehovah

The Moon and Sun Stand Still

^{10:1} Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it, as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them, ^{10:2} that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men of it were mighty.

^{10:3} Therefore Adoni-zedek . . . 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, ^{10:4} Come up to me, and help me, and let us smite Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel. ^{10:5} Therefore the five kings . . . gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their armies, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

^{10:6} And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us, for all the kings . . . are gathered together against us. ^{10:7} So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

^{10:8} And Jehovah said to Joshua, Fear them not, for I have delivered them into thy hands. There shall not a man of them stand before thee. ^{10:9} Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, *for* he went up from Gilgal all the night. ^{10:10} And Jehovah discomfited them before Israel, and he killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them . . . and smote them

^{10:11} And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel . . . that Jehovah cast down great stones from heaven upon them . . . and they died. More died with the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

^{10:12} Then Joshua spoke to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel. And he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and

thou, Moon, in the valley of Aijalon. ^{10:13} And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. ... And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day. ^{10:14} And there was no day like that before it or after it, that Jehovah hearkened to the voice of a man, for Jehovah fought for Israel.

Many Kings and Their Cities Defeated

^{10:15} And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. ^{10:16} And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. ^{10:17} And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hidden in the cave at Makkedah. ^{10:18} And Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep them, ^{10:19} but stay ye not. Pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them. Do not allow them to enter into their cities, for Jehovah your God has delivered them into your hand.

^{10:20} And it came to pass, when Joshua and the sons of Israel had made an end of killing them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, ^{10:21} that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No man moved his tongue against any of the sons of Israel.

^{10:22} Then Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings to me out of the cave. ^{10:23} And they did so, and brought forth those five kings to him out of the cave. ^{10:24} And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. ^{10:25} And Joshua said to them, Fear not, nor be dismayed. Be strong and of good courage, for thus shall Jehovah do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. ^{10:26} And afterward Joshua smote them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees. And they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

^{10:40} So Joshua smote all the land ... and all their kings. He left none remaining, but he utterly destroyed all that breathed, as Jehovah, the God of Israel, commanded. ... ^{10:42} And all these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because Jehovah, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. ^{10:43} And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

11:1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard of it, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 11:2 and to the kings who were on the north, in the hill-country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 11:3 to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill-country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah, 11:4 and they went out, they and all their armies with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots, very many. 11:5 And all these kings met together. And they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

11:6 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Be not afraid because of them, for tomorrow at this time I will deliver them up all slain before Israel. Thou shalt hock their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 11:7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell upon them. 11:8 And Jehovah delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they smote them, and chased them to great Sidon, and to Misrephoth-maim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward. And they smote them until they left them none remaining. 11:9 And Joshua did to them as Jehovah bade him. He hocked their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

11:10 And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and smote the king of it with the sword, for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms. 11:11 And they smote all the souls who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left that breathed, and he burnt Hazor with fire.

11:12 And all the cities ... and all the kings of them, Joshua took, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded. ... 11:14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the sons of Israel took for a prey to themselves, but every man they smote with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them

11:15 As Jehovah commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that Jehovah commanded Moses. ... 11:18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 11:19 There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel, except the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took all in battle. 11:20 For it was of Jehovah to harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that he might utterly destroy them, that they might have no favor, but that he

might destroy them as Jehovah commanded Moses. ... 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that Jehovah spoke to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

Instructions for Dividing the Land

13:1 Now Joshua was old ... and Jehovah said to him, Thou are old and well stricken in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed. ... 13:7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. 13:8 With him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them

13:14 Only to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance. The offerings of Jehovah, the God of Israel, made by fire are his inheritance as he spoke to him. ... 13:22 The sons of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword among the rest of their slain. ... 14:5 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did, and they divided the land.

Special Requests for Land

14:6 Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb ... said to him, Thou know the thing that Jehovah spoke to Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning thee in Kadesh-barnea. 14:7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of Jehovah sent me ... to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart.

14:8 Nevertheless my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed Jehovah my God. 14:9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land in which thy foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy sons forever because thou have wholly followed Jehovah my God.

14:10 And now, behold, Jehovah has kept me alive, as he spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that Jehovah spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, lo, I am this day eighty-five years old. 14:11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in. 14:12 Now therefore give me this hill-country of which Jehovah spoke in that day. For thou heard in that

day how the Anakim were there, and cities great and fortified. It may be that Jehovah will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as Jehovah spoke.

^{14:13} And Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb ... for an inheritance. ^{14:14} Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb ... because he wholly followed Jehovah, the God of Israel. ^{14:15} ... And the land had rest from war. ... ^{15:13} And to Caleb ... he gave a portion among the sons of Judah, according to the commandment of Jehovah to Joshua, even Kiriath-arba. ... (the same is Hebron).

^{15:15} And he went up from there against ... Kiriath-sepher. ^{15:16} And Caleb said, He who smites Kiriath-sepher, and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter to wife. ^{15:17} And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it, and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. ^{15:18} And it came to pass, when she came, that she moved him to ask of her father a field. And she alighted from off her donkey, and Caleb said, What would thou? ^{15:19} And she said, Give me a blessing, because thou have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs. ...

^{17:3} But Zelophehad ... the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters. And these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ^{17:4} And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, Jehovah commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers. Therefore according to the commandment of Jehovah he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. ...

^{17:14} And the sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have thou given me but one lot and one part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, inasmuch as until now Jehovah has blessed me? ^{17:15} And Joshua said to them, If thou be a great people, get thee up to the forest, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill-country of Ephraim is too narrow for thee. ^{17:16} And the sons of Joseph said, The hill-country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel. ^{17:17} And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou are a great people, and have great power. Thou shall not have only one lot, ^{17:18} but the hill-country shall be thine, for though it is a forest, thou shall cut it down, and the goings out of

it shall be thine. For thou shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.

The Land Is Shared

^{18:1} And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there, and the land was subdued before them. ^{18:2} And seven tribes remained among the sons of Israel, which had not yet divided their inheritance.

^{18:3} And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, How long are ye slack to go in to possess the land, which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, has given you? ^{18:4} Appoint for you three men of each tribe. And I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance, and they shall come to me. ^{18:5} And they shall divide it into seven portions: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border on the north.

^{18:6} And ye shall describe the land into seven portions, and bring *it* here to me. And I will cast lots for you here before Jehovah our God. ^{18:7} For the Levites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of Jehovah is their inheritance, and Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them.

^{18:8} And the men arose, and went. And Joshua charged those who went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me. And I will cast lots for you here before Jehovah in Shiloh. ^{18:9} And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a book. And they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. ^{18:10} And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Jehovah. And there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions. ...

^{19:49} So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by the borders of it. And the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in the midst of them. ^{19:50} According to the commandment of Jehovah they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in the hill-country of Ephraim. And he built the city, and dwelt in it.

^{19:51} These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh

before Jehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

Cities of Refuge

^{20:1} And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, ^{20:2} Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Assign for you the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses, ^{20:3} that the manslayer who kills any soul unwittingly *and* unawares may flee there. And they shall be to you for a refuge from the avenger of blood. ^{20:4} And he shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his case in the ears of the elders of that city. And they shall take him into the city to them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

^{20:5} And if the avenger of blood pursues after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand, because he smote his neighbor unawares, and did not hate him formerly. ^{20:6} And he shall dwell in that city, until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest who shall be in those days. Then the manslayer shall return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from where he fled. ...

^{20:7} And they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill-country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron) in the hill-country of Judah. ^{20:8} And beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. ^{20:9} These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever kills any soul unwittingly might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the congregation.

Cities for the Levites

^{21:1} Then the heads of fathers of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel. ^{21:2} And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, Jehovah commanded Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs of it for our cattle. ^{21:3} And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of Jehovah ... cities with their suburbs ^{21:41} All the cities of the Lev-

ites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities with their suburbs. ...

21:43 So Jehovah gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers, and they possessed it, and dwelt in it. 21:44 And Jehovah gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore to their fathers. And there stood not a man of all their enemies before them. Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand. 21:45 There failed not anything of any good thing which Jehovah had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

The Men of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh Go Home

22:1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 22:2 and said to them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, and have hearkened to my voice in all that I commanded you. 22:3 Ye have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of Jehovah your God.

22:4 And now Jehovah your God has given rest to your brothers, as he spoke to them. Therefore now turn ye, and get you to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave you beyond the Jordan. 22:5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cling to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

22:6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away, and they went to their tents. 22:7 ... Moreover when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, 22:8 and spoke to them, saying, Return with much wealth to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers. 22:9 And the sons of Reuben ... Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the sons of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession ... according to the commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

Misunderstanding About an Altar

22:10 And when they came to the region about the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben ... Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar

to look upon. ^{22:11} And the sons of Israel heard say, Behold, the sons of Reuben ... Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that pertains to the sons of Israel. ^{22:12} And when the sons of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

^{22:13} And the sons of Israel sent Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest, to the sons of Reuben ... Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, ^{22:14} and with him ten rulers, one ruler of a fathers' house for each of the tribes of Israel. And they were each man of them head of their fathers' houses among the thousands of Israel.

^{22:15} And they came to the sons of Reuben ... Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, ^{22:16} Thus says the whole congregation of Jehovah, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following Jehovah, in that ye have built for you an altar, to rebel this day against Jehovah?

^{22:17} Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although there came a plague upon the congregation of Jehovah, ^{22:18} that ye must turn away this day from following Jehovah? And it will be, seeing ye rebel today against Jehovah, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

^{22:19} However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass ye over to the land of the possession of Jehovah, in which Jehovah's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us, but do not rebel against Jehovah, nor rebel against us, in building for you an altar besides the altar of Jehovah our God. ^{22:20} Did not Achan ... commit a trespass in what was set apart, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.

^{22:21} Then the sons of Reuben ... Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the thousands of Israel, ^{22:22} The Mighty One, God, Jehovah, the Mighty One, God, Jehovah, he knows, and Israel he shall know, if it is in rebellion, or if in trespass against Jehovah (do not save us this day), ^{22:23} that we have built us an altar to turn away from following Jehovah, or if to offer burnt offering or meal offering on it, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings on it, let Jehovah himself require it, ^{22:24} and if we have not *rather* out of carefulness done

this, from purpose, saying, In time to come your sons might speak to our sons, saying, What have ye to do with Jehovah, the God of Israel? ^{22:25} For Jehovah has made the Jordan a border between us and you, ye sons of Reuben and sons of Gad. Ye have no portion in Jehovah. So your sons might make our sons cease from fearing Jehovah.

^{22:26} Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, ^{22:27} but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of Jehovah before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings, that your sons may not say to our sons in time to come, Ye have no portion in Jehovah.

^{22:28} Therefore we said, It shall be, when they so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of the altar of Jehovah, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, but it is a witness between us and you. ^{22:29} 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 meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of Jehovah our God that is before his tabernacle.

^{22:30} And when Phinehas ... and the rulers of the congregation ... heard the words that the sons of Reuben ... Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well. ^{22:31} And Phinehas ... said to the sons of Reuben ... Gad, and to the sons of Manasseh, This day we know that Jehovah is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this trespass against Jehovah. Now ye have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of Jehovah.

^{22:32} And Phinehas ... and the rulers, returned ... to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought them word again. ^{22:33} And the thing pleased the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad dwelt. ^{22:34} And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad called the altar *Witness*. *For, they said*, it is a witness between us that Jehovah is God.

Joshua Warns Israel To Be Faithful

^{23:1} And it came to pass after many days, when Jehovah had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old ... ^{23:2} that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their

officers, and said to them, I am old and well stricken in years, ^{23:3} and ye have seen all that Jehovah your God has done to all these nations because of you, for Jehovah your God, he it is who has fought for you.

^{23:4} Behold, I have allotted to you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea toward the going down of the sun. ^{23:5} And Jehovah your God, he will thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight. And ye shall possess their land, as Jehovah your God spoke to you.

^{23:6} Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye not turn aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; ^{23:7} that ye do not come among these nations, these that remain among you, neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves down to them, ^{23:8} but cling to Jehovah your God as ye have done to this day. ^{23:9} For Jehovah has driven out from before you great nations and strong. But as for you, no man has stood before you to this day. ^{23:10} One man of you shall chase a thousand, for Jehovah your God, he it is who fights for you, as he spoke to you.

^{23:11} Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that ye love Jehovah your God. ^{23:12} Else if ye do at all go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and make marriages with them ... ^{23:13} know for a certainty that Jehovah your God will no more drive these nations from out of your sight, but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, and a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which Jehovah your God has given you.

^{23:14} And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which Jehovah your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass to you; not one thing has failed of it. ^{23:15} And it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you of which Jehovah your God spoke to you, so will Jehovah bring upon you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which Jehovah your God has given you. ^{23:16} When ye transgress the covenant of Jehovah your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them, then the anger of Jehovah will be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you.

Jehovah Warns Israel To Be Faithful

^{24:1} And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. ^{24:2} And Joshua said to all the people, Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham ... and they served other gods. ^{24:3} And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. ^{24:4} And I gave to Isaac, Jacob and Esau. And I gave to Esau mount Seir to possess it. And Jacob and his sons went down into Egypt.

^{24:5} And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out. ^{24:6} And I brought your fathers out of Egypt. And ye came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen to the Red Sea. ^{24:7} And when they cried out to Jehovah, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt, and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days.

^{24:8} And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt beyond the Jordan. And they fought with you. And I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land, and I destroyed them from before you. ^{24:9} Then Balak ... king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and called Balaam ... to curse you, ^{24:10} but I would not hearken to Balaam. Therefore he blessed you greatly. So I delivered you out of his hand.

^{24:11} And ye went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. And I delivered them into your hand. ^{24:12} And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites, not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. ^{24:13} And I gave you a land in which thou had not labored, and cities which ye did not build, and ye dwell in it. Ye eat of vineyards and oliveyards which ye did not plant.

The People Make a Covenant to Serve Jehovah

^{24:14} Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him in sincerity and in truth. And put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve ye Jehovah. ^{24:15} And

if it seems evil to you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.

^{24:16} And the people answered and said, Far be it from us that we should forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods. ^{24:17} For Jehovah our God, he it is who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed. ^{24:18} And Jehovah drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. Therefore we also will serve Jehovah, for he is our God.

^{24:19} And Joshua said to the people, Ye cannot serve Jehovah, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. ^{24:20} If ye forsake Jehovah, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after he has done you good. ^{24:21} And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve Jehovah.

^{24:22} And Joshua said to the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen for you, Jehovah, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. ^{24:23} Now therefore, *he said*, put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to Jehovah, the God of Israel. ^{24:24} And the people said to Joshua, we will serve Jehovah our God, and we will hearken to his voice.

^{24:25} So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. ^{24:26} And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God. And he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of Jehovah. ^{24:27} And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of Jehovah which he spoke to us. It shall be therefore a witness against you, lest ye deny your God. ^{24:28} So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

The Death of Joshua

^{24:29} And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, being a hundred and ten years old. ^{24:30} And they buried him in the border of his inheritance ... in the hill-country of Ephraim ... ^{24:31} And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders

who outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of Jehovah that he had wrought for Israel.

^{24:32} And they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up out of Egypt ... in the portion of the land which Jacob bought from the Amorites And he gave it to Joseph for a portion. ^{24:33} And Eleazar the son of Aaron died. And they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son ... in the hill-country of Ephraim.