

THE BOOK OF

Joshua

1 NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

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

4 From the wilderness and this Léb-à-non even unto the great river, the river Eù-phrà-tés, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

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

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

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

8 This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

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

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

12 ¶ And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Mâ-nâs-séh, spake Joshua, saying,

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

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

15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the

LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ And they answered Joshua, saying, O that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

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

18 Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

2 AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out Shit-tim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go and view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night, the children of Israel to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, and I wist not whence they were:

5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that they went out: whither the men went I wot not, I sue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they were pursued after them were gone out, they shewed the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were laid down, she brought them up upon the roof:

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye went out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Si-hôn and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father, and give me a true token:

13 And that ye will save alive my father, my mother, and my brethren, and my

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And the men answered her, Our life for ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

And she said unto them, Get you to the plain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be gone: and afterward may ye go your way.

And the men said unto her, We will be sworn: because of this thine oath which thou hast sworn to us.

Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt have this line of scarlet thread in the window, which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home with thee.

And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his head shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made to us.

And she said, According unto your words, so shall I do. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuing of them were returned: and the pursuers sought throughout all the way, but found them not.

So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came unto Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things which they had done.

And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

And Joshua rose early in the morning; and he removed from Shit-tim, and came to Jordan, and he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

And it came to pass after three days, that the children of Israel went through the host: and Joshua commanded the people, saying,

Ye shall see the ark of the covenant of the LORD here, and the priests the Levites bearing it, and ye shall remove from your place, and go over the Jordan.

There shall be a space between you and it, two thousand cubits by measure: come near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this Jordan hitherto.

And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over

before the people. And t the covenant, and went b

7 ¶ And the LORD said, will I begin to magnify Israel, that they may know Moses, so I will be with t

8 And thou shalt comma the ark of the covenant come to the brink of the v stand still in Jordan.

9 ¶ And Joshua said unt Come hither, and hear t your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hei the living God is among without fail drive out Canaanites, and the Hitt and the Pè-riz-zites, and the Amorites, and the Jèb

11 Behold, the ark of th of all the earth passeth Jordan.

12 Now therefore take : the tribes of Israel, out of

13 And it shall come t soles of the feet of the prie the LORD, the Lord of all the waters of Jordan, th shall be cut off from the v from above; and they sha

14 ¶ And it came to p removed from their tents and the priests bearing nant before the people;

15 And as they that ba unto Jordan, and the feet the ark were dipped in the Jordan overfloweth all hi harvest.)

16 That the waters wt above stood and rose up from the city Adam, that those that came down t plain, even the salt sea, fi and the people passed ove

17 And the priests that b nant of the LORD stood fir midst of Jordan, and all over on dry ground, unt passed clean over Jordan.

4 AND it came to pas ple were clean passed LORD spake unto Joshua, : 2 Take you twelve men o every tribe a man,

3 And command ye th hence out of the midst of J where the priests' feet sto and ye shall carry them ov them in the lodging place this night.

4 Then Joshua called the had prepared of the chil every tribe a man:

5 And Joshua said untc fore the ark of the LORD y of Jordan, and take ye u stone upon his shoulder number of the tribes of th

6 That this may be a sign