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JOSHUA

Title and Authorship. In the Jewish canon, Joshua is the first of the section called “the Prophets.” The title of the book is a personal name, meaning “Yahweh saves.” Joshua’s name was originally *hoshea*’, “salvation,” but Moses changed it by prefixing the abbreviated form of the divine name Yahweh. Joshua was a type of Jesus Christ, the “Commander of the army of the Lord” (Josh. 5:13–15).

Joshua is the author of the book that bears his name, though his death account, as well as that of Eleazar, must have been added by another inspired person(s).

Date. Internal evidence shows that the book was composed shortly after the conquest. Scripture supports the fifteenth-century-B.C. dating of the Exodus. Therefore, the conquest of the Holy Land must have begun about 1407 B.C.

Backgrounds. Abraham was promised a land to be inherited by his descendants, which included the promise of an Exodus from Egypt to

the Holy Land. The realization of this promise is the focus of the book of Joshua.

Theology and Purpose. The primary purpose of the book of Joshua is to describe Israel’s entry into the land of promise, the conquest of the land, and its division among the tribes.

The major theological theme of the book of Joshua is the covenant. The book repeatedly emphasizes the Lord’s faithfulness in fulfilling this promise.

The book also places quite an emphasis on the sovereignty of God. The Lord is the “living God” whose promises do not fail (Josh. 3:10).

The book also discusses judgment and salvation within the confines of the covenant. Israel was God’s missionary, serving as a channel of the “blessed hope” to the world.

We also find a theology of leadership. The leaders God appoints are prepared both physically and spiritually for the task at hand. Courage, dynamism, promptness, dedication, a serving attitude, firmness, and reliance on the word of God are some of the qualities of good leaders.

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JUDGES

Title and Authorship. The book takes its title from its leading characters, the six major “judges”: Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson. The six minor judges are Shamgar, Tola, Jair, Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon. These judges were more than judicial administrators; they also were divinely appointed deliverers of God’s people.

Date. The internal evidence of the book of Judges seems to indicate that it was written during the early period of Saul’s or David’s reign, perhaps by Samuel, as held by Jewish tradition.

Backgrounds. The time of the Judges was a period that extended from the time of the death of all the elders who had seen the great miracles God had done for His people Israel until the time of Samuel and the beginning of the monarchy, from about 1350 to 1050 B.C.

During this time, we find periods of oppression, brought on by apostasies, alternating with peaceful times under the leadership of the judges whom God raised up to deliver Israel.

Theology and Purpose. The book of Judges describes the interaction between God and His people after they entered the land of Canaan. We move from some elements of social order to almost total chaos. At the center of the book is the covenant relation that God established with the twelve tribes and that would have ensured safety and security. The book is about the God of the covenant and the disruption of the covenant relationship and its results.

The book begins with a people who existed in union with God and with each other.

The positive picture of Israel’s obedience and faithfulness to the Lord is soon undone by portrayals of marked disobedience and apostasy.

God is not indifferent to human conduct; He reacts to it through covenant blessings or curses. The book of Judges reveals a God full of compassion and mercy toward sinners.

The book anticipates the time when the true King shall arise in Israel, One who will deliver and rule in righteousness, the messianic King.

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Joshua

God's Commission to Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: **2** "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as 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 territory. **5** No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

The Order to Cross the Jordan

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, **11** "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.' "

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, **13** "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.' **14** Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them,

15 until the Lord has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

16 So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. **17** Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God be with you, as He was with Moses. **18** Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

Rahab Hides the Spies

2 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho."

So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. **2** And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

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

4 Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. **5** And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them." **6** (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) **7** Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, **9** and said to the men: "I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. **10** For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to

the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, 13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall. 16 And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."

17 So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, 18 unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. 19 So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him. 20 And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear."

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

22 They departed and went to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. The pursuers sought them all along the way, but did not find them. 23 So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them. 24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly the Lord has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."

Israel Crosses the Jordan

3 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." 6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people."

So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

7 And the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.' "

9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the Lord your God." 10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites: 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan. 12 Now therefore, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. 13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, 15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the

feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

The Memorial Stones

4 And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying: 2 “Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, 3 and command them, saying, ‘Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.’ ”

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them: “Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’ 7 Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”

8 And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9 Then 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; and they are there to this day.

10 So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over. 11 Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the Lord and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people. 12 And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. 13 About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the Lord for battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14 On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 Then the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, 16 “Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan.” 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, “Come up from the Jordan.” 18 And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord had come from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before.

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. 21 Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ 22 then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; 23 for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

The Second Generation Circumcised

5 So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over,

that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. 6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord—to whom the Lord swore that He would not show them the land which the Lord had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey." 7 Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

8 So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. 9 Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

The Commander of the Army of the Lord

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

14 So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord 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?"

15 Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

The Destruction of Jericho

6 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

6 Then 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 the Lord." 7 And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the Lord."

8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them. 9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." 11 So he had the ark of the Lord circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. 13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city! 17 Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19 But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord."

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

22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her." 23 And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. 24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. 25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she

hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

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

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

Defeat at Ai

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel.

2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few." 4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth 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, Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! 8 O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies? 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?"

The Sin of Achan

10 So the Lord said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? 11 Israel has sinned, and they have

also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you. 13 Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the Lord God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you." 14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which the Lord takes shall come according to families; and the family which the Lord takes shall come by households; and the household which the Lord takes shall come man by man. 15 Then it shall be that he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.' "

16 So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken. 17 He brought the clan of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarhites; and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. 18 Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

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

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I have done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it. 23 And they took them from the midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

26 Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the Lord turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.

The Fall of Ai

8 Now the Lord said to Joshua: "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land. 2 And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil and its cattle you shall take as booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it."

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand mighty men of valor and sent them away by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying: "Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready. 5 Then I and all the people who are with me will approach the city; and it will come about, when they come out against us as at the first, that we shall flee before them. 6 For they will come out after us till we have drawn them from the city, for they will say, 'They are fleeing before us as at the first.' Therefore we will flee before them. 7 Then you shall rise from the ambush and seize the city, for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 And it will be, when you have taken the city, that you shall set the city on fire. According to the commandment of the Lord you shall do. See, I have commanded you."

9 Joshua therefore sent them out; and they went to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people. 10 Then Joshua rose up early in the morning and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. 11 And all the people of war who were with him went up

and drew near; and they came before the city and camped on the north side of Ai. Now a valley lay between them and Ai. 12 So he took about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. 13 And when they had set the people, all the army that was on the north of the city, and its rear guard on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 Now it happened, when the king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried and rose early and went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at an appointed 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 made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 16 So all the people who were in Ai were called together to pursue them. And they pursued Joshua and were drawn away from the city. 17 There was not a man left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. So they left the city open and pursued Israel.

18 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand.” And Joshua stretched out the spear that was in his hand toward the city. 19 So those in ambush arose quickly out of their place; they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and they entered the city and took it, and hurried to set the city on fire. 20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended to heaven. So they had no power to flee this way or that way, and the people who had fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers.

21 Now when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and struck down the men of Ai. 22 Then the others came out of the city against them; so they were caught in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side. And they struck them down, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23 But the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they pursued them, and when they all had fallen by the edge of the sword until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. 25 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 draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as booty for themselves, according to the word of the Lord which He had commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day. 29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until evening. And as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his corpse down from the tree, cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise over it a great heap of stones that remains to this day.

Joshua Renews the Covenant

30 Now Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal, 31 as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: “an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. 33 Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

The Treaty with the Gibeonites

9 And it came to pass when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon—the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard about it, 2 that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, 5 old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. 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 a covenant with us."

7 Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?"

8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants."

And Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"

9 So they said to him: "From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God; for we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt, 10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. 11 Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us." ' 12 This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy. 13 And these wineskins which we filled were new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey."

14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord. 15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

16 And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them. 17 Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim. 18 But the children of Israel did not attack them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the

Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation complained against the rulers.

19 Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them." 21 And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them."

22 Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you dwell near us? 23 Now therefore, you are cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God."

24 So they answered Joshua and said, "Because your servants were clearly told that the Lord your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, here we are, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us." 26 So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them. 27 And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, in the place which He would choose, even to this day.

The Sun Stands Still

10 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, 2 that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. 3 Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 "Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish,

and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us."

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." 9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal. 10 So the Lord routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

12 Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:

"Sun, stand still over Gibeon;
And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."

13 So the sun stood still,
And the moon stopped,
Till the people had revenge
Upon their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. 14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

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

The Amorite Kings Executed

16 But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told

Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18 So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them. 19 And do not stay there yourselves, but pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the Lord your God has delivered them into your hand." 20 Then it happened, while Joshua and the children of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they had finished, that those who escaped entered fortified cities. 21 And all the people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace.

No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave." 23 And they did so, and brought out those five kings to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." And they drew near and put their feet on their necks. 25 Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." 26 And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging on the trees until evening. 27 So it was at the time of the going down of the sun that Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, cast them into the cave where they had been hidden, and laid large stones against the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

Conquest of the Southland

28 On that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them—all the people who were in it. He let none remain. He also did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah; and they fought against Libnah. 30 And the Lord also delivered it and its king into the

hand of Israel; he struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword. He let none remain in it, but did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish; and they encamped against it and fought against it. 32 And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah. 33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he left him none remaining.

34 From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it and fought against it. 35 They took it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword; all the people who were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. 37 And they took it and struck it with the edge of the sword—its king, all its cities, and all the people who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but utterly destroyed it and all the people who were in it.

38 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and they fought against it. 39 And he took it and its king and all its cities; they struck them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the people who were in it. He left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had done also to Libnah and its king.

40 So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded. 41 And Joshua conquered them from Kadesh Barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even as far as Gibeon. 42 All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel. 43 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

The Northern Conquest

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard these things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, 2 and to the kings who were from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 3 to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. 5 And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

6 But the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.” 7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and they attacked them. 8 And the Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to Greater Sidon, to the Brook Misrephoth, and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining. 9 So Joshua did to them as the Lord had told him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

10 Joshua turned back at that time and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they struck all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left breathing. Then he burned Hazor with fire.

12 So all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took and struck with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only, which Joshua burned. 14 And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the children of Israel took as booty for themselves; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they left none breathing. 15 As the Lord had commanded Moses His servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left

nothing undone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses.

Summary of Joshua's Conquests

16 Thus Joshua took all this land: the mountain country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, and the Jordan plain—the mountains of Israel and its lowlands, 17 from Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings, and struck them down and killed them. 18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All the others they took in battle. 20 For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, and that they might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

21 And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.

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

The Kings Conquered by Moses

12 These are the kings of the land whom the children of Israel defeated, and whose land they possessed on the other side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the eastern Jordan plain: 2 One king was Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon and ruled half of Gilead, from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, from the middle of that river, even as far as the River Jabbok, which is the border of the Ammonites, 3 and the eastern Jordan plain from the Sea of Chinneroth as far as the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), the road to Beth Jeshimoth, and southward below the slopes of Pisgah. 4 The other king was Og king of Bashan and his territory, who was of the remnant of the giants, who dwelt at Ashtaroth

and at Edrei, 5 and reigned over Mount Hermon, over Salcah, over all Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and over half of Gilead to the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 These Moses the servant of the Lord and the children of Israel had conquered; and Moses the servant of the Lord had given it as a possession to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

Joshua 12:7 to Joshua 13:33 excluded

The Land Divided West of the Jordan

14 These are the areas which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed as an inheritance to them. 2 Their inheritance was by lot, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe. 3 For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he had given no inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for their livestock and their property. 5 As the Lord had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

Caleb Inherits Hebron

6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God. 9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' 10 And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this

day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. 12 Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.”

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. 14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. 15 And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim).

Then the land had rest from war.

The Land of Judah

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Joshua 15:1-12 excluded

Caleb Occupies Hebron and Debir

13 Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, namely, Kirjath Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak).

14 Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmaj, the children of Anak. 15 Then he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name of Debir was Kirjath Sepher).

16 And Caleb said, “He who attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife.” 17 So Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. 18 Now it was so, when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What do you wish?” 19 She answered, “Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water.” So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Joshua 15:20 to Joshua 19:51 excluded

The Cities of Refuge

20 The Lord also spoke to Joshua, saying, 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, 3 that the slayer who kills a person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And when he flees to one of those cities, and stands at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declares his case in the hearing of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city as one of them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. 5 Then if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not deliver the slayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, but did not hate him beforehand. 6 And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the slayer may return and come to his own city and his own house, to the city from which he fled.’ ”

7 So they appointed Kedesh in Galilee, in the mountains of Naphtali, Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and Kirjath Arba (which is Hebron) in the mountains of Judah. 8 And on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness on the plain, from the tribe of Reuben, 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 stranger who dwelt among them, that whoever killed a person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the congregation.

Cities of the Levites

21 Then the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers’ houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. 2 And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, “The Lord commanded through Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for our livestock.” 3 So the children of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their common-lands:

4 Now the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And the children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had thirteen cities by lot from the

tribe of Judah, from the tribe of Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin. 5 The rest of the children of Kohath had ten cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of Dan, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.

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

7 The children of Merari according to their families had twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun.

8 And the children of Israel gave these cities with their common-lands by lot to the Levites, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 So they gave from the tribe of the children of Judah and from the tribe of the children of Simeon these cities which are designated by name, 10 which were for the children of Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for the lot was theirs first. 11 And they gave them Kirjath Arba (Arba was the father of Anak), which is Hebron, in the mountains of Judah, with the common-land surrounding it. 12 But the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

13 Thus to the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Libnah with its common-land, 14 Jattir with its common-land, Eshtemoa with its common-land, 15 Holon with its common-land, Debir with its common-land, 16 Ain with its common-land, Juttah with its common-land, and Beth Shemesh with its common-land: nine cities from those two tribes; 17 and from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its common-land, Geba with its common-land, 18 Anathoth with its common-land, and Almon with its common-land: four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their common-lands.

20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, the rest of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim. 21 For they gave them Shechem with its common-land in the mountains of Ephraim (a city of refuge for the slayer), Gezer with its common-land, 22 Kibzaim with its common-land, and Beth Horon with its common-land: four cities; 23 and from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh

with its common-land, Gibbethon with its common-land, 24 Aijalon with its common-land, and Gath Rimmon with its common-land: four cities; 25 and from the half-tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with its common-land and Gath Rimmon with its common-land: two cities. 26 All the ten cities with their common-lands were for the rest of the families of the children of Kohath.

27 Also to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the other half-tribe of Manasseh, they gave Golan in Bashan with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), and Be Eshterah with its common-land: two cities; 28 and from the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its common-land, Daberath with its common-land, 29 Jarmuth with its common-land, and En Gannim with its common-land: four cities; 30 and from the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its common-land, Abdon with its common-land, 31 Helkath with its common-land, and Rehob with its common-land: four cities; 32 and from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Hammoth Dor with its common-land, and Kartan with its common-land: three cities. 33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their common-lands.

34 And to the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its common-land, Kartah with its common-land, 35 Dimnah with its common-land, and Nahalal with its common-land: four cities; 36 and from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its common-land, Jahaz with its common-land, 37 Kedemoth with its common-land, and Mephaath with its common-land: four cities; 38 and from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Mahanaim with its common-land, 39 Heshbon with its common-land, and Jazer with its common-land: four cities in all. 40 So all the cities for the children of Merari according to their families, the rest of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their common-lands. 42 Every one of these cities had its common-land surrounding it; thus were all these cities.

The Promise Fulfilled

43 So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. 44 The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

Eastern Tribes Return to Their Lands

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said to them: “You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you. 3 You have not left your brethren these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the Lord your God. 4 And now the Lord your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; now therefore, return and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan. 5 But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” 6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 Now to half the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half of it Joshua gave a possession among their brethren on this side of the Jordan, westward. And indeed, when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, 8 and spoke to them, saying, “Return with much riches to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.”

9 So the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had obtained according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

An Altar by the Jordan

10 And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan—a great, impressive altar. 11 Now the children of Israel heard someone say, “Behold, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan—on the children of Israel’s side.” 12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go to war against them.

13 Then the children of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, 14 and with him ten rulers, one ruler each from the chief house of every tribe of Israel; and each one was the head of the house of his father among the divisions of Israel. 15 Then they came to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, 16 “Thus says the whole congregation of the Lord: ‘What treachery is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, that you might rebel this day against the Lord? 17 Is the iniquity of Peor not enough for us, from which we are not cleansed till this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord, 18 but that you must turn away this day from following the Lord? And it shall be, if you rebel today against the Lord, that tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 Nevertheless, if the land of your possession is unclean, then cross over to the land of the possession of the Lord, where the Lord’s tabernacle stands, and take possession among us; but do not rebel against the Lord, nor rebel against us, by building yourselves an altar besides the altar of the Lord our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.’ ”

21 Then the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh answered and said to the heads of the divisions of Israel: 22 “The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, He knows, and let Israel itself know—if it is in rebellion, or if in treachery against the Lord, do not save us this day. 23 If we have

built ourselves an altar to turn from following the Lord, or if to offer on it burnt offerings or grain offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the Lord Himself require an account. 24 But in fact we have done it for fear, for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your descendants may speak to our descendants, saying, "What have you to do with the Lord God of Israel? 25 For the Lord has made the Jordan a border between you and us, you children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no part in the Lord." So your descendants would make our descendants cease fearing the Lord.' 26 Therefore we said, 'Let us now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, 27 but that it may be a witness between you and us and our generations after us, that we may perform the service of the Lord before Him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have no part in the Lord." ' 28 Therefore we said that it will be, when they say this to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, 'Here is the replica of the altar of the Lord which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between you and us.' 29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against the Lord, and turn from following the Lord this day, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for grain offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the Lord our God which is before His tabernacle."

30 Now when Phinehas the priest and the rulers of the congregation, the heads of the divisions of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them. 31 Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh, "This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, because you have not committed this treachery against the Lord. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the Lord."

32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, from the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought back word to them. 33 So the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God; they spoke no more of going against them in battle, to destroy the land where the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 The children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar, Witness, "For it is a witness between us that the Lord is God."

Joshua's Farewell Address

23 Now it came to pass, a long time after the Lord had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age. 2 And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them:

"I am old, advanced in age. 3 You have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the Lord your God is He who has fought for you. 4 See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward. 5 And the Lord your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you. 6 Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, 7 and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause anyone to swear by them; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, 8 but you shall hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day. 9 For the Lord has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you. 11 Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God. 12 Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, 13 know for certain that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the Lord your God has given you.

14 "Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you.

All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed. 15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the Lord your God promised you, so the Lord will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the Lord your God has given you. 16 When you have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you.”

The Covenant at Shechem

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. 4 To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagues Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out.

6 ‘Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 So they cried out to the Lord; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time. 8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose to make war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. 10 But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he continued to bless you. So I delivered you out of his hand. 11 Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you—also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites,

and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand. 12 I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Amorites, but not with your sword or with your bow. 13 I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.’

14 “Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

16 So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18 And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.”

19 But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.”

21 And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the Lord!”

22 So Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord for yourselves, to serve Him.”

And they said, “We are witnesses!”

23 “Now therefore,” he said, “put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel.”

24 And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!”

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

26 Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. 27 And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God." 28 So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance.

Death of Joshua and Eleazar

29 Now it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

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

32 The bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the plot of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver, and which had become an inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in a hill belonging to Phinehas his son, which was given to him in the mountains of Ephraim.

Judges

The Continuing Conquest of Canaan

1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, "Who shall be first to go up for us against the Canaanites to fight against them?"

2 And the Lord said, "Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand."

3 So Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with you to your allotted territory." And Simeon went with him. 4 Then Judah went up, and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek. 5 And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes. 7 And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 Now the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem and took it; they struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire. 9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains, in the South, and in the lowland. 10 Then Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kirjath Arba.) And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 From there they went against the inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir was formerly Kirjath Sepher.)

12 Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah as wife." 13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife. 14 Now it happened, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?" 15 So she said to him,

"Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water."

And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 Now the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the children of Judah into the Wilderness of Judah, which lies in the South near Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people. 17 And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they attacked the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory. 19 So the Lord was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled from there the three sons of Anak. 21 But the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

22 And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the Lord was with them. 23 So the house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel. (The name of the city was formerly Luz.) 24 And when the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy." 25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man and all his family go. 26 And the man went to the land of the Hittites, built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day.

Incomplete Conquest of the Land

27 However, Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. 28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely drive them out.

29 Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, and were put under tribute.

31 Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob. 32 So the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley; 35 and the Amorites were determined to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet when the strength of the house of Joseph became greater, they were put under tribute.

36 Now the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela, and upward.

Israel's Disobedience

2 Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. 2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? 3 Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'" 4 So it was, when the Angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 Then they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the Lord. 6 And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land.

Death of Joshua

7 So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua,

who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. 8 Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died when he was one hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. 10 When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.

Israel's Unfaithfulness

11 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; 12 and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. 13 They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. 15 Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17 Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do so. 18 And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. 19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

20 Then the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice, 21 I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left

when he died, 22 so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the Lord, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not.” 23 Therefore the Lord left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

The Nations Remaining in the Land

3 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, that He might test Israel by them, that is, all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan 2 (this was only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it), 3 namely, five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath. 4 And they were left, that He might test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the Lord, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods.

Othniel

7 So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. They forgot the Lord their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs. 8 Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years. 9 When the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother. 10 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim. 11 So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Ehud

12 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the

sight of the Lord. 13 Then he gathered to himself the people of Ammon and Amalek, went and defeated Israel, and took possession of the City of Palms. 14 So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab. 16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh. 17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat man.) 18 And when he had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who had carried the tribute. 19 But he himself turned back from the stone images that were at Gilgal, and said, “I have a secret message for you, O king.”

He said, “Keep silence!” And all who attended him went out from him.

20 So Ehud came to him (now he was sitting upstairs in his cool private chamber). Then Ehud said, “I have a message from God for you.” So he arose from his seat. 21 Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. 22 Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out. 23 Then Ehud went out through the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

24 When he had gone out, Eglon’s servants came to look, and to their surprise, the doors of the upper room were locked. So they said, “He is probably attending to his needs in the cool chamber.” 25 So they waited till they were embarrassed, and still he had not opened the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the key and opened them. And there was their master, fallen dead on the floor.

26 But Ehud had escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the stone images and escaped to Seirah. 27 And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them. 28 Then he said to them, “Follow me, for the Lord has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand.” So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over. 29 And

at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped. 30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Shamgar

31 After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.

Deborah

4 When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim. 3 And the children of Israel cried out to the Lord; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. 5 And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the Lord God of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; 7 and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?'"

8 And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!"

9 So she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; he went up with ten thousand men under his command, and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaim, which is beside Kedesh.

12 And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. 13 So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon.

14 Then Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this is the day in which the Lord has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the Lord gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him. 15 And the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot and fled away on foot. 16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

17 However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. 18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear." And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket.

19 Then he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him. 20 And he said to her, "Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' you shall say, 'No.' "

21 Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. 22 And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man whom you seek." And when he went into her tent, there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple.

23 So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel. 24 And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

The Song of Deborah

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

2 “When leaders lead in Israel,
When the people willingly offer themselves,
Bless the Lord!

3 “Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes!
I, even I, will sing to the Lord;
I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel.

4 “Lord, when You went out from Seir,
When You marched from the field of Edom,
The earth trembled and the heavens poured,
The clouds also poured water;
5 The mountains gushed before the Lord,
This Sinai, before the Lord God of Israel.

6 “In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath,
In the days of Jael,
The highways were deserted,
And the travelers walked along the byways.
7 Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel,
Until I, Deborah, arose,
Arose a mother in Israel.
8 They chose new gods;
Then there was war in the gates;
Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand
in Israel.
9 My heart is with the rulers of Israel
Who offered themselves willingly with the people.
Bless the Lord!

10 “Speak, you who ride on white donkeys,
Who sit in judges’ attire,
And who walk along the road.
11 Far from the noise of the archers, among the
watering places,
There they shall recount the righteous acts of the
Lord,
The righteous acts for His villagers in Israel;
Then the people of the Lord shall go down to the
gates.

12 “Awake, awake, Deborah!
Awake, awake, sing a song!
Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away,
O son of Abinoam!

13 “Then the survivors came down, the people against
the nobles;

The Lord came down for me against the mighty.
14 From Ephraim were those whose roots were in
Amalek.
After you, Benjamin, with your peoples,
From Machir rulers came down,
And from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter’s staff.
15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah;
As Issachar, so was Barak
Sent into the valley under his command;
Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great resolves of heart.
16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds,
To hear the pipings for the flocks?
The divisions of Reuben have great searchings of
heart.
17 Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan,
And why did Dan remain on ships?
Asher continued at the seashore,
And stayed by his inlets.
18 Zebulun is a people who jeopardized their lives to
the point of death,
Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield.

19 “The kings came and fought,
Then the kings of Canaan fought
In Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo;
They took no spoils of silver.
20 They fought from the heavens;
The stars from their courses fought against Sisera.
21 The torrent of Kishon swept them away,
That ancient torrent, the torrent of Kishon.
O my soul, march on in strength!
22 Then the horses’ hooves pounded,
The galloping, galloping of his steeds.
23 ‘Curse Meroz,’ said the angel of the Lord,
‘Curse its inhabitants bitterly,
Because they did not come to the help of the Lord,
To the help of the Lord against the mighty.’

24 “Most blessed among women is Jael,
The wife of Heber the Kenite;
Blessed is she among women in tents.
25 He asked for water, she gave milk;
She brought out cream in a lordly bowl.
26 She stretched her hand to the tent peg,
Her right hand to the workmen’s hammer;
She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head,
She split and struck through his temple.
27 At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still;
At her feet he sank, he fell;
Where he sank, there he fell dead.

28 “The mother of Sisera looked through the window,

And cried out through the lattice,
'Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why tarries the clatter of his chariots?'
29 Her wisest ladies answered her,
Yes, she answered herself,
30 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoil:
To every man a girl or two;
For Sisera, plunder of dyed garments,
Plunder of garments embroidered and dyed,
Two pieces of dyed embroidery for the neck of the
looter?'

31 "Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord!
But let those who love Him be like the sun
When it comes out in full strength."

So the land had rest for forty years.

Midianites Oppress Israel

6 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, 2 and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. 3 So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. 4 Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. 5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it. 6 So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord because of the Midianites, 8 that the Lord sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 Also I said to you, "I am the Lord your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not obeyed My voice.' "

Gideon

11 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

15 So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

16 And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."

17 Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. 18 Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You."

And He said, "I will wait until you come back."

19 So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. 20 The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

21 Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight.

22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face."

23 Then the Lord said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." 24 So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; 26 and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." 27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night.

Gideon Destroys the Altar of Baal

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar which had been built. 29 So they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And when they had inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." 30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the wooden image that was beside it."

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you plead for Baal? Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!" 32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar."

33 Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. 34 But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also gathered behind him. He also sent

messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

The Sign of the Fleece

36 So Gideon said to God, "If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said— 37 look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said." 38 And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. 39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew." 40 And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

Gideon's Valiant Three Hundred

7 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.

2 And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.'" And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

4 But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." 5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." 6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the Lord said to

Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place." 8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9 It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. 10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, 11 and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp. 12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."

14 Then his companion answered and said, "This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."

15 And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." 16 Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. 17 And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do: 18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, 'The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!'"

19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the

pitchers that were in their hands. 20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" 21 And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. 22 When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered together from Naphtali, Asher, and all Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites.

24 Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the mountains of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites, and seize from them the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan." Then all the men of Ephraim gathered together and seized the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan. 25 And they captured two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued Midian and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.

Gideon Subdues the Midianites

8 Now the men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you done this to us by not calling us when you went to fight with the Midianites?" And they reprimanded him sharply.

2 So he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3 God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger toward him subsided when he said that.

4 When Gideon came to the Jordan, he and the three hundred men who were with him crossed over, exhausted but still in pursuit. 5 Then he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian."

6 And the leaders of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?"

7 So Gideon said, "For this cause, when the Lord has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers!" 8 Then he went up from there to Penuel and spoke to them in the same way. And the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9 So he also spoke to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I come back in peace, I will tear down this tower!"

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were at Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the army of the people of the East; for one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword had fallen. 11 Then Gideon went up by the road of those who dwell in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah; and he attacked the army while the camp felt secure. 12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole army.

13 Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle, from the Ascent of Heres. 14 And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth and interrogated him; and he wrote down for him the leaders of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men. 15 Then he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you ridiculed me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your weary men?'" 16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. 17 Then he tore down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.

18 And he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men were they whom you killed at Tabor?"

So they answered, "As you are, so were they; each one resembled the son of a king."

19 Then he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the Lord lives, if you had let them live, I would not kill you." 20 And he said to Jether his firstborn, "Rise, kill them!" But the youth would not draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

21 So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself, and kill us; for as a man is, so is his strength." So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

Gideon's Ephod

22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."

23 But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you." 24 Then Gideon said to them, "I would like to make a request of you, that each of you would give me the earrings from his plunder." For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.

25 So they answered, "We will gladly give them." And they spread out a garment, and each man threw into it the earrings from his plunder. 26 Now the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments, pendants, and purple robes which were on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were around their camels' necks. 27 Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house.

28 Thus Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted their heads no more. And the country was quiet for forty years in the days of Gideon.

Death of Gideon

29 Then Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30 Gideon had seventy sons who were his own offspring, for he had many wives. 31 And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. 32 Now Gideon the son of Joash died at a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 So it was, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made Baal-Berith their god. 34 Thus the children of Israel did not remember the Lord their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; 35 nor did they show

kindness to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

Abimelech's Conspiracy

9 Then Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, **2** "Please speak in the hearing of all the men of Shechem: 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one reign over you?' Remember that I am your own flesh and bone."

3 And his mother's brothers spoke all these words concerning him in the hearing of all the men of Shechem; and their heart was inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother." **4** So they gave him seventy shekels of silver from the temple of Baal-Berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men; and they followed him. **5** Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, because he hid himself. **6** And all the men of Shechem gathered together, all of Beth Millo, and they went and made Abimelech king beside the terebinth tree at the pillar that was in Shechem.

The Parable of the Trees

7 Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and cried out. And he said to them:

"Listen to me, you men of Shechem,
That God may listen to you!

8 "The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them.

And they said to the olive tree,
'Reign over us!'

9 But the olive tree said to them,
'Should I cease giving my oil,
With which they honor God and men,
And go to sway over trees?'

10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree,
'You come and reign over us!'

11 But the fig tree said to them,
'Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit,
And go to sway over trees?'

12 "Then the trees said to the vine,
'You come and reign over us!'

13 But the vine said to them,
'Should I cease my new wine,
Which cheers both God and men,
And go to sway over trees?'

14 "Then all the trees said to the bramble,
'You come and reign over us!'

15 And the bramble said to the trees,
'If in truth you anoint me as king over you,
Then come and take shelter in my shade;
But if not, let fire come out of the bramble
And devour the cedars of Lebanon!'

16 "Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and sincerity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him as he deserves— **17** for my father fought for you, risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian; **18** but you have risen up against my father's house this day, and killed his seventy sons on one stone, and made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother— **19** if then you have acted in truth and sincerity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. **20** But if not, let fire come from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and Beth Millo; and let fire come from the men of Shechem and from Beth Millo and devour Abimelech!" **21** And Jotham ran away and fled; and he went to Beer and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

Downfall of Abimelech

22 After Abimelech had reigned over Israel three years, **23** God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech, **24** that the crime done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brothers. **25** And the men of Shechem set men in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who passed by them along that way; and it was told Abimelech.

26 Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. **27** So they went out into

the fields, and gathered grapes from their vineyards and trod them, and made merry. And they went into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech. 28 Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; but why should we serve him? 29 If only this people were under my authority! Then I would remove Abimelech." So he said to Abimelech, "Increase your army and come out!"

30 When Zebul, the ruler of the city, heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was aroused. 31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech secretly, saying, "Take note! Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and here they are, fortifying the city against you. 32 Now therefore, get up by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field. 33 And it shall be, as soon as the sun is up in the morning, that you shall rise early and rush upon the city; and when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you may then do to them as you find opportunity."

34 So Abimelech and all the people who were with him rose by night, and lay in wait against Shechem in four companies. 35 When Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance to the city gate, Abimelech and the people who were with him rose from lying in wait. 36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains!"

But Zebul said to him, "You see the shadows of the mountains as if they were men."

37 So Gaal spoke again and said, "See, people are coming down from the center of the land, and another company is coming from the Diviners' Terebinth Tree."

38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where indeed is your mouth now, with which you said, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' Are not these the people whom you despised? Go out, if you will, and fight with them now."

39 So Gaal went out, leading the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. 40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled from him; and many fell wounded, to the very entrance of the gate. 41 Then Abimelech dwelt at Arumah, and Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers, so that they would not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came about on the next day that the people went out into the field, and they told Abimelech. 43 So he took his people, divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field. And he looked, and there were the people, coming out of the city; and he rose against them and attacked them. 44 Then Abimelech and the company that was with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city; and the other two companies rushed upon all who were in the fields and killed them. 45 So Abimelech fought against the city all that day; he took the city and killed the people who were in it; and he demolished the city and sowed it with salt.

46 Now when all the men of the tower of Shechem had heard that, they entered the stronghold of the temple of the god Berith. 47 And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48 Then Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him. And Abimelech took an ax in his hand and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it and laid it on his shoulder; then he said to the people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, make haste and do as I have done." 49 So each of the people likewise cut down his own bough and followed Abimelech, put them against the stronghold, and set the stronghold on fire above them, so that all the people of the tower of Shechem died, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he encamped against Thebez and took it. 51 But there was a strong tower in the city, and all the men and women—all the people of the city—fled there and shut themselves in; then they went up to the top of the tower. 52 So Abimelech came as far as the tower and fought against it; and he drew near the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 But a certain woman dropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull. 54 Then he called quickly to the young man, his armorbearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest men say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" So his young man thrust him through, and he died. 55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed, every man to his place.

56 Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father by killing his seventy brothers. 57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem God returned on their own heads, and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

Tola

10 After Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the mountains of Ephraim. 2 He judged Israel twenty-three years; and he died and was buried in Shamir.

Jair

3 After him arose Jair, a Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years. 4 Now he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys; they also had thirty towns, which are called "Havoth Jair" to this day, which are in the land of Gilead. 5 And Jair died and was buried in Camon.

Israel Oppressed Again

6 Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the Lord and did not serve Him. 7 So the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the people of Ammon. 8 From that year they harassed and oppressed the children of Israel for eighteen years—all the children of Israel who were on the other side of the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, in Gilead. 9 Moreover the people of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah also, against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was severely distressed.

10 And the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, saying, "We have sinned against You, because we have both forsaken our God and served the Baals!"

11 So the Lord said to the children of Israel, "Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites and from the people of Ammon and from the Philistines? 12 Also the Sidonians and Amalekites and Maonites oppressed you; and you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hand. 13 Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods. Therefore I will deliver you no more. 14 "Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in your time of distress."

15 And the children of Israel said to the Lord, "We have sinned! Do to us whatever seems best to You;

only deliver us this day, we pray." 16 So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord. And His soul could no longer endure the misery of Israel.

17 Then the people of Ammon gathered together and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled together and encamped in Mizpah. 18 And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, "Who is the man who will begin the fight against the people of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

Jephthah

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, but he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah. 2 Gilead's wife bore sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out, and said to him, "You shall have no inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman." 3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and dwelt in the land of Tob; and worthless men banded together with Jephthah and went out raiding with him.

4 It came to pass after a time that the people of Ammon made war against Israel. 5 And so it was, when the people of Ammon made war against Israel, that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob. 6 Then they said to Jephthah, "Come and be our commander, that we may fight against the people of Ammon."

7 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Did you not hate me, and expel me from my father's house? Why have you come to me now when you are in distress?"

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "That is why we have turned again to you now, that you may go with us and fight against the people of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

9 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you take me back home to fight against the people of Ammon, and the Lord delivers them to me, shall I be your head?"

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "The Lord will be a witness between us, if we do not do according to your words." 11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him

head and commander over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the Lord in Mizpah.

12 Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, saying, "What do you have against me, that you have come to fight against me in my land?"

13 And the king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those lands peaceably."

14 So Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, 15 and said to him, "Thus says Jephthah: 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon; 16 for when Israel came up from Egypt, they walked through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh. 17 Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let me pass through your land." But the king of Edom would not heed. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained in Kadesh. 18 And they went along through the wilderness and bypassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab, came to the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab. 19 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land into our place." 20 But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together, encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country. 22 They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan.

23 'And now the Lord God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it? 24 Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the Lord our God takes possession of before us, we will possess. 25 And now, are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he ever fight against them? 26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities along the

banks of the Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time? 27 Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you wronged me by fighting against me. May the Lord, the Judge, render judgment this day between the children of Israel and the people of Ammon.' " 28 However, the king of the people of Ammon did not heed the words which Jephthah sent him.

Jephthah's Vow and Victory

29 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon. 30 And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, "If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, 31 then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32 So Jephthah advanced toward the people of Ammon to fight against them, and the Lord delivered them into his hands. 33 And he defeated them from Aroer as far as Minnith—twenty cities—and to Abel Keramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

Jephthah's Daughter

34 When Jephthah came to his house at Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing; and she was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. 35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low! You are among those who trouble me! For I have given my word to the Lord, and I cannot go back on it."

36 So she said to him, "My father, if you have given your word to the Lord, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because the Lord has avenged you of your enemies, the people of Ammon." 37 Then she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: let me alone for two months, that I may go and wander on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my friends and I."

38 So he said, "Go." And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her friends, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. 39 And it was so at the

end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man.

And it became a custom in Israel 40 that the daughters of Israel went four days each year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

Jephthah's Conflict with Ephraim

12 Then the men of Ephraim gathered together, crossed over toward Zaphon, and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you with fire!"

2 And Jephthah said to them, "My people and I were in a great struggle with the people of Ammon; and when I called you, you did not deliver me out of their hands. 3 So when I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hands and crossed over against the people of Ammon; and the Lord delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?" 4 Now Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim. And the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites and among the Manassites." 5 The Gileadites seized the fords of the Jordan before the Ephraimites arrived. And when any Ephraimite who escaped said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No," 6 then they would say to him, "Then say, 'Shibboleth!'" And he would say, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce it right. Then they would take him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. There fell at that time forty-two thousand Ephraimites.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried among the cities of Gilead.

Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon

8 After him, Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. 9 He had thirty sons. And he gave away thirty daughters in marriage, and brought in thirty daughters from elsewhere for his sons. He judged Israel seven years. 10 Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 After him, Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel. He judged Israel ten years. 12 And Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 After him, Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. 14 He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young donkeys. He judged Israel eight years. 15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mountains of the Amalekites.

The Birth of Samson

13 Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

2 Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. 3 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. 5 For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

6 So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name. 7 And He said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.' "

8 Then Manoah prayed to the Lord, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born."

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10 Then the woman ran in haste and told her

husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!"

11 So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?"

And He said, "I am."

12 Manoah said, "Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?"

13 So the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. 14 She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe."

15 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You."

16 And the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the Lord." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the Lord.)

17 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?"

18 And the Angel of the Lord said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?"

19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the Lord. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on— 20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 When the Angel of the Lord appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the Lord.

22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!"

23 But his wife said to him, "If the Lord had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have told us such things as these at this time."

24 So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Samson's Philistine Wife

14 Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3 Then his father and mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?"

And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well."

4 But his father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah.

Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. 6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

7 Then he went down and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 After some time, when he returned to get her, he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the carcass of the lion. 9 He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. When he came to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they also ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

10 So his father went down to the woman. And Samson gave a feast there, for young men used to do so. 11 And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. 13 But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing."

And they said to him, "Pose your riddle, that we may hear it."

14 So he said to them:

"Out of the eater came something to eat,
And out of the strong came something sweet."

Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.

15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may explain the riddle to us, or else we will burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us in order to take what is ours? Is that not so?"

16 Then Samson's wife wept on him, and said, "You only hate me! You do not love me! You have posed a riddle to the sons of my people, but you have not explained it to me."

And he said to her, "Look, I have not explained it to my father or my mother; so should I explain it to you?" 17 Now she had wept on him the seven days while their feast lasted. And it happened on the seventh day that he told her, because she pressed him so much. Then she explained the riddle to the sons of her people. 18 So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down:

"What is sweeter than honey?
And what is stronger than a lion?"

And he said to them:

"If you had not plowed with my heifer,
You would not have solved my riddle!"

19 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes of clothing to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his

father's house. 20 And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

Samson Defeats the Philistines

15 After a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it happened that Samson visited his wife with a young goat. And he said, "Let me go in to my wife, into her room." But her father would not permit him to go in.

2 Her father said, "I really thought that you thoroughly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please, take her instead."

3 And Samson said to them, "This time I shall be blameless regarding the Philistines if I harm them!" 4 Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. 5 When he had set the torches on fire, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, "Who has done this?"

And they answered, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion." So the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.

7 Samson said to them, "Since you would do a thing like this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease." 8 So he attacked them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; then he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and deployed themselves against Lehi. 10 And the men of Judah said, "Why have you come up against us?"

So they answered, "We have come up to arrest Samson, to do to him as he has done to us."

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What is this you have done to us?"

And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I have done to them."

12 But they said to him, "We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines."

Then Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves."

13 So they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will tie you securely and deliver you into their hand; but we will surely not kill you." And they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. 15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. 16 Then Samson said:

"With the jawbone of a donkey,
Heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of a donkey
I have slain a thousand men!"

17 And so it was, when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand, and called that place Ramath Lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the Lord and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" 19 So God split the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day. 20 And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

Samson and Delilah

16 Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. 2 When the Gazites were told, "Samson has come here!" they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him." 3 And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold

of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

4 Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."

6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you."

7 And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man."

8 So the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, and she bound him with them. 9 Now men were lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he broke the bowstrings as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Look, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please tell me what you may be bound with."

11 So he said to her, "If they bind me securely with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man."

12 Therefore Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And men were lying in wait, staying in the room. But he broke them off his arms like a thread.

13 Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with."

And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom"—

14 So she wove it tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you,

Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom.

15 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies." 16 And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death, 17 that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man."

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. 19 Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. 20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.

21 Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison. 22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.

Samson Dies with the Philistines

23 Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said:

"Our god has delivered into our hands
Samson our enemy!"

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said:

"Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy,
The destroyer of our land,
And the one who multiplied our dead."

25 So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may perform for

us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars. 26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them." 27 Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there—about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed.

28 Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!" 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left. 30 Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.

31 And his brothers and all his father's household came down and took him, and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Micah's Idolatry

17 Now there was a man from the mountains of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, and on which you put a curse, even saying it in my ears—here is the silver with me; I took it."

And his mother said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my son!" 3 So when he had returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, "I had wholly dedicated the silver from my hand to the Lord for my son, to make a carved image and a molded image; now therefore, I will return it to you." 4 Thus he returned the silver to his mother. Then his mother took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to the silversmith, and he made it into a carved image and a molded image; and they were in the house of Micah.

5 The man Micah had a shrine, and made an ephod and household idols; and he consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was

no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

7 Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah; he was a Levite, and was staying there. 8 The man departed from the city of Bethlehem in Judah to stay wherever he could find a place. Then he came to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?"

So he said to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am on my way to find a place to stay."

10 Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten shekels of silver per year, a suit of clothes, and your sustenance." So the Levite went in. 11 Then the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man became like one of his sons to him. 12 So Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and lived in the house of Micah. 13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that the Lord will be good to me, since I have a Levite as priest!"

The Danites Adopt Micah's Idolatry

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them. 2 So the children of Dan sent five men of their family from their territory, men of valor from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and search it. They said to them, "Go, search the land." So they went to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 While they were at the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. They turned aside and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What do you have here?"

4 He said to them, "Thus and so Micah did for me. He has hired me, and I have become his priest."

5 So they said to him, "Please inquire of God, that we may know whether the journey on which we go will be prosperous."

6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The presence of the Lord be with you on your way."

7 So the five men departed and went to Laish. They saw the people who were there, how they dwelt safely, in the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure. There were no rulers in the land who might put them to shame for anything. They were far from the Sidonians, and they had no ties with anyone.

8 Then the spies came back to their brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brethren said to them, "What is your report?"

9 So they said, "Arise, let us go up against them. For we have seen the land, and indeed it is very good. Would you do nothing? Do not hesitate to go, and enter to possess the land. 10 When you go, you will come to a secure people and a large land. For God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is on the earth."

11 And six hundred men of the family of the Danites went from there, from Zorah and Eshtaol, armed with weapons of war. 12 Then they went up and encamped in Kirjath Jearim in Judah. (Therefore they call that place Mahaneh Dan to this day. There it is, west of Kirjath Jearim.) 13 And they passed from there to the mountains of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.

14 Then the five men who had gone to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their brethren, "Do you know that there are in these houses an ephod, household idols, a carved image, and a molded image? Now therefore, consider what you should do." 15 So they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young Levite man—to the house of Micah—and greeted him. 16 The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. 17 Then the five men who had gone to spy out the land went up. Entering there, they took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image. The priest stood at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men who were armed with weapons of war.

18 When these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

19 And they said to him, "Be quiet, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us; be a father and a priest to us. Is it better for you to be a priest to the

household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?" 20 So the priest's heart was glad; and he took the ephod, the household idols, and the carved image, and took his place among the people.

21 Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones, the livestock, and the goods in front of them. 22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah's house gathered together and overtook the children of Dan. 23 And they called out to the children of Dan. So they turned around and said to Micah, "What ails you, that you have gathered such a company?"

24 So he said, "You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. Now what more do I have? How can you say to me, 'What ails you?' "

25 And the children of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry men fall upon you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household!" 26 Then the children of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

Danites Settle in Laish

27 So they took the things Micah had made, and the priest who had belonged to him, and went to Laish, to a people quiet and secure; and they struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. 28 There was no deliverer, because it was far from Sidon, and they had no ties with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth Rehob. So they rebuilt the city and dwelt there. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However, the name of the city formerly was Laish.

30 Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 So they set up for themselves Micah's carved image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

Judges 19, 20, and 21 excluded

Joshua

1 AtdoMtsotL,ictpttLstJtsoN,M'a,s:
2 "MMsid.Nt,a,gotJ,yaatp,ttlwlagtt--t
col.
3 "Epttsoyfwtulhgy,alstM.
4 "FtwatLafatgr,tRE,atlotH,attGSttg
dots,sbyt.
5 "Nmsbatsbyatdoyl;alwwM,slwbwy.l
wnlynfy.
6 "Bsaogc,fttpysdaaitlwlsttftgt.
7 "Obsavc,tymotdatlwmMscy;dntfi
ttrhottl,tympwyg.
8 "TBotLsndfym,bysmiidan,tymotdat
atiwii.Ftywmywp,atywhgs.
9 "Hlncy?Bsaogc;dnba,nbd,ftLyGiwyw
yg."
10TJctootp,s,
11 "Pttcactp,s,'Ppfy,fwtdywcotJ,tgitp
tlwtLyGigytp.'"
12AttR,tG,ahttoMJs,s,
13 "RtwwMtsotLcy,s,'TLyGigyraigytl.'
14 "Yw,ylo,aylsritlwmGyotsotJ.Byspb
yba,aymmov,aht,
15 "utLhgybr,aHgy,atahtpotlwtLyGig
t.Tysrttloypaei,wMtL'ssgyotsotJtts."
16StaJ,s,"Atycuwwd,awysuwwg.
17 "JawhMiat,swwhy.OtLyGbwy,aHw
wM.
18 "Wraycadnhyw,iatych,sbptd.Obsa
ogc."
2 NJtsoNsotmfAGtss,s,"G,vtl,eJ."St
w,actthoahnR,alt.
2AiwttkoJ,s,"B,mhchtftcoltsotc."
3StkoJstR,s,"Botmwhcty,weyh,ftthc
tsoatc."
4Ttwtttmaht.Sss,"Y,tmctm,bldnkwtw
f.
5 "Aihatgwbs,wiwd,ttmwo.Wtmwldn
k;ptq,fymot."
6 (Bshbtuttrahtwtsof,wshliootr.)
7TtmpbtrttJ,ttf.Aasatwpthgo,tstg.
8Nbtld,scuttotr,
9asttm:"lkttlhgytl,tttoyhfou,atatio
tlafboy.
10 "FwhhhtLdutwotRSfywycooE,awy
dtttkotAwwotosotJ,SaO,wyud.

11 "Aasawhht,ohm;ndtramciaboy,ftLy
G,HiGihaaoeb.
12 "Nt,lby,stmblL,slhsyk,tyawsktmf's
h,agmatt,
13 "asmf,mm,mb,ms,aatth,adolfd."
14Stmah,"Olfy,inoyttboo.Aisb,wLhg
utl,twwdkatwy."
15Tsltdbarttw,fhhwotcw;sdotw.
16Asstt,"Gttm,ltpmy.Httt,utphr.Aym
gyw."
17Stmsth:"Wwbbotooywyhmus,
18 "u,wwciti,ybtloscitwtwylud,auyby
f,ym,yb,aayf'shtyoh.
19 "Sisbtwgotdoyhits,hbsbohoh,aww
bg.Awiwyith,hbsboohiahiloh.
20 "Aiyttboo,twwbffyowymus."
21Tss,"Atyw,sbi."Assta,atd.Asbtscit
w.
22Tdawttm,asttdutpr.Tpstaatw,bdnf
t.
23Sttmr,dftm,aco;atctJtsoN,athathb
t.
24AtstJ,"TtLhdatlloh,fiatitocafbou."

3 TJreitm;atsofAGacttJ,haatcol,alt
btco.
2Siw,atd,ttowttc;
3atctp,s,"WystaotcotLyG,atp,tL,bi,ty
ssofypagai.
4 "Ytsbasbyai,attcbm.Dncni,tymktwb
wymg,fyhntwb."
5AJsttp,"Sy,fttLwdway."
6TJsttp,s,"Tutaotcacobtp."Sttutaotc
awbtp.
7AtLstJ,"Tdlwbteyitsoal,ttmkt,alww
M,slwbwy.
8 "Ysctpwbtatoc,s,'WyhctteotwotJ,ys
sitJ.'"
9SJsttcol,"Ch,ahtwotLyG."
10AJs,"BtyskttlGiay,atHwwfdofbytC
atHatHatPatGatAatJ:
11 "B,taotcotLoateicobyitJ.
12 "Nt,tfytmfttol,omfet.
13 "Aisctp,asatsotfotpwbtatol,tLoat
e,sritwotJ,ttwotJsbco,twtcdfu,atssa
ah."
14Siw,wtpsoftctcotJ,wtpbtaotcbtp,
15aatwbacttJ,atfotpwbtaditeotw(f
tJoaiibdwttoh),

16ttwwcdfuss,ariahvfaaA,tctibZ.Stw
twditSotA,tSS,fawco;atpcooJ.
17TtpwbtaotcotLsfodgitmotJ;aalco
odg,uatphccotJ.

4Aictp,watphccotJ,ttLstJ,s:

2 "Tfytmftp,omfet,
3 "act,s,'Tfytsfh,ootmotJ,ftpwtp'fsf.Y
sctowyaltitlpwylt.'"
4TJcttmwhhaftcol,omfet;
5aJstt:"CobtaotLyGitmotJ,aeooytua
sohs,atnottotcol,
6 "ttmbasaywycaittc,s,'Wdtsmty?'
7 "TysatttwotJwcoobtaotcotL;wicotJ,
twotJwco.Atssbfamttcolf."
8Atcolds,jaJc,atutsftmotJ,atLhstJ,a
ttnottotcol,actowttptwL,altdt.
9TJsutsitmotJ,itpwtfotpwbtatcs;a
tatttd.
10StpwbtasitmotJuewfttLhcJtsttp,a
tatMhcJ;atphaco.
11Tictp,watphcco,ttaotLatpcoitpot
p.
12AtmoR,tmoG,ahttoMcoabtcol,aMh
stt.
13AftpfwcobtLfb,ttpoJ.
14OtdtLeJitsoal;atfh,athfM,atdohl.
15TtLstJ,s,
16 "CtpwbtaotTtcuftJ."
17Jtctp,s,"CuftJ."
18Aictp,wtpwbtaotcotLhcftmotJ,ats
otp'fttdl,ttwotJrttpaoaibab.
19NtpcuftJottdotfm,atciGoteboJ.
20AttswttooTJ,Jsuig.
21Thsttcol,s:"Wycatfittc,s,'Wats?'
22 "tyslyck,s,'IcotJodl';
23 "ftLyGdutwotJbyuyhco,atLyGdttR
S,wHdubuuwhco,
24 "tatpotemkthotL,tiim,tymftLyGf."

5Siw,watkotAwwotwsotJ,aatkotCw
wbts,htLhdutwotJfbtcoluwwhco,tt
m;atwnsitalbotcol.
2AtttLstJ,"Mfkfy,actsolatst."
3SJmfkfh,actsolathotf.
4AtitwJct:AtpwcooEwwm,atmow,h
ditwotw,athcooE.
5Fatpwcohbc,batpbitw,otwatcooE,h
nbc.

6Ftcolwfyitw,tatpwwmow,wcooE,w
c,btdnotvotL--twtLstHwnsttLwtLhst
tftHwgu,"alfwmah."
7TJctswHruitp;ftwu,bthnbcotw.
8Siw,wthfcap,ttsitpitcttwh.
9TtLstJ,"TdlhratroEfy."TtnotpicGtt
d.
10NtcolciG,aktPotfdotmatotpoJ.
11AaotpotlotdatP,ubapg,otvsd.
12Ttmcotdathetpotl;atcolnhm,btat
fotloCty.
13Aictp,wJwbJ,thlheal,ab,aMsohwHs
diHh.AJwHastH,"AYfuofoa?"
14SHs,"N,baCotaotLIhnc."AJfohfttea
w,astH,"WdmLstHs?"
15TtCotL'sastJ,"Tysoyf,ftpwysih."AJd
s.

6NJwssubotcol;nwo,anci.

2AtLstJ:"S!lhgJiyh,ik,atmmov.
3 "Ysmatc,aymow;ysgaatco.Tysdsd.
4 "Aspsbstor'hbta.Btdysmatcst,atps
btt.
5 "Isctp,wtmalbwtr'sh,awyhtsott,tat
psswags;ttwotcwfdF.Atpsguemsbh."
6TJtsoNctpastt,"Tutaotc,alspbstor'
hbtaotL."
7Ahsttp,"P,amatc,alhwiaabtaotL."
8Siw,wJhsttp,ttspbtstor'hbtLaabt,
ataotcotLft.
9Tamwbtpwbtt,atrgcata,wtpcbtt.
10NJhctp,s,"Ysnsomanwyv,nsawpoo
m,utdlsty,'S!'Tyss."
11ShhtaotLctc,gaio.Ttcitcalitc.
12AJreitm,atptutaotL.
13Tspbstor'hbtaotLwocabwtt.Atam
wbt.BtrgcataotL,wtpcbtt.
14Atsdmatcoarttc.Stdsd.
15Bictpotsdttre,atdodt,amatcstits
m.Otdotmatcst.
16Atstih,wtpbtt,tJsttp:"S,ftLhgytc!
17 "NtcsbdbtLtd,iaawaii.Orthsl,saaw
awhith,bshtmtws.
18 "Ay,bamaftat,lybawytotat,amtcol
ac,ati.
19 "Batsag,avobai,acttl;tscittotL."
20Stpswtpbtt.Aihwtphtsott,atpswa
gs,ttwfdF.Ttpwuitc,emsbh,atttc.
21Atudatwitc,bmaw,yao,oasad,wteo
ts.

22 B J h s t t t m w h s o t c, "G i t h ' s h, a f t b o t w a
a t s h, a y s t h."
23 A t y m w h b s w i a b o R, h f, h m, h b, a a t s h.
S t b o a h r a l t o t c o l.
24 B t b t c a a t w i i w f. O t s a g, a t v o b a i, t p i t
t o t h o t L.
25 A J s R t h, h f ' s h, a a t s h. S s d i l t t d, b s h t m
w J s t s o J.
26 T J c t a t t, s, "C b t m b t L w r u a b t c J; h s l i f
w h f, a w h y h s s u i g."
27 S t L w w J, a h f s t a t c.

7 B t c o l c a t r t a t, f A t s o C, t s o Z, t s o Z, o t t
o J, t o t a t; s t a o t L b a t c o l.
2 N J s m f J t A, w i b B A, o t e s o B, a s t t, s, "G u a
s o t c." S t m w u a s o A.
3 A t r t J a s t h, "D n l a t p g u, b l a t o t t m g u a a
A. D n w a t p t, f t p o A a f."
4 S a t t m w u t f t p, b t f b t m o A.
5 A t m o A s d a t - s m, f t c t f b t g a f a S, a s t d o t
d; t t h o t p m a b l w.
6 T J t h c, a f t t e o h f b t a o t L u e, h a t e o l; a t p
d o t h.
7 A J s, "A, L G, w h Y b t p o t J a a -- t d u i t h o t A, t
d u ? O, t w h b c, a d o t o s o t J!
8 "O L, w s l s w l t i b b i e ?
9 "F t C a a t i o t l w h i, a s u, a c o o n f t e. T w w Y
d f Y g n ?"
10 S t L s t J: "G u ! W d y l t o y f ?
11 "I h s, a t h a t M c w l c t. F t h e t s o t a t, a h b s
a d; a t h a p i a t o s.
12 "T t c o l c n s b t e, b t t b b t e, b t h b d t d. N w l
b w y a, u y d t a f a y.
13 "G u, s t p, a s, 'S y f t, b t s t L G o l: "T i a a t i y
m, O l; y c s b y e u y t a t a t f a y."
14 'I t m t y s b b a t y t. A i s b t t t w t L t s c a t f; a t
f w t L t s c b h; a t h w t L t s c m b m.
15 'T i s b t h w i t w t a t s b b w f, h a a t h h, b h h t
t c o t L, a b h h d a d t i l. ' "
16 S J r e i t m a b l b t t, a t t o J w t.
17 H b t c o J, a h t t f o t Z; a h b t f o t Z m b m, a Z
w t.
18 T h b h h m b m, a A t s o C, t s o Z, t s o Z, o t t o
J, w t.
19 N J s t A, "M s, l b y, g g t t L G o l, a m c t H, a t m
n w y h d; d n h i f m."
20 A A a J a s, "I l h s a t L G o l, a t i w l h d:
21 "W l s a t s a b B g, t h s o s, a a w o g w f s, l c t a
t t. A t t a, h i t e i t m o m t, w t s u i."
22 S J s m, a t r t t t; a t i w, h i h t, w t s u i.

23 A t t t f t m o t t, b t t J a t a t c o l, a l t o b t L.
24 T J, a a l w h, t A t s o Z, t s, t g, t w o g, h s, h d, h
o, h d, h s, h t, a a t h h, a t b t t t V o A.
25 A J s, "W h y t u ? T L w t y t d." S a l s h w s; a t b t
w f a t h s t w s.
26 T t r o h a g h o s, s t t t d. S t L t f t f o H a. T t n o
t p h b c t V o A t t d.

8 N t L s t J: "D n b a, n b d; t a t p o w w y, a a, g u
t A. S, l h g i y h t k o A, h p, h c, a h l.
2 "A y s d t A a i k a y d t J a i k. O i s a i c y s t a b f y.
L a a f t c b i."
3 S J a, a a t p o w, t g u a A; a J c t t m m o v a s t a b
n.
4 A h c t, s: "B, y s l i a a t c, b t c. D n g v f f t c, b a o
y b r.
5 "T l a a t p w a w m w a t c; a i w c a, w t c o a u a a
t f, t w s f b t.
6 "F t w c o a u t w h d t f t c, f t w s, 'T a f b u a a t f.'
T w w f b t.
7 "T y s r f t a a s t c, f t L y G w d i i y h.
8 "A i w b, w y h t t c, t y s s t c o f. A t t c o t L y s d.
S, l h c y."
9 J t s t o; a t w t l i a, a s b B a A, o t w s o A; b J l t n
a t p.
10 T J r u e i t m a m t p, a w u, h a t e o l, b t p t A.
11 A a t p o w w w h w u a d n; a t c b t c a c o t n s
o A. N a v l b t a A.
12 S h t a f t m a s t i a b B a A, o t w s o t c.
13 A w t h s t p, a t a t w o t n o t c, a i r g o t w o t c,
J w t n i t m o t v.
14 N i h, w t k o A s i, t t m o t c h a r e a w o a l t b, h
a a h p, a a a p b t p. B h d n k t t w a a a h b t c.
15 A J a a l m a i t w b b t, a f b t w o t w.
16 S a t p w w i A w c t t p t. A t p J a w d a f t c.
17 T w n a m l i A o B w d n g o a l. S t l t c o a p l.
18 T t L s t J, "S o t s t i i y h t A, f l w g i i y h." A J s o
t s t w i h h t t c.
19 S t i a a q o o t p; t r a s a h h s o h h, a t e t c a t i,
a h t s t c o f.
20 A w t m o A l b t, t s, a b, t s o t c a t h. S t h n p t f
t w o t w, a t p w h f t t w t b o t p.
21 N w J a a l s t t a h t t c a t t s o t c a, t t b a s d t m
o A.
22 T t o c o o t c a t; s t w c i t m o l, s o t s a s o t s. A
t s t d, s t t l n o t r o e.
23 B t k o A t t a, a b h t J.
24 A i c t p w l h m a e o s a t i o A i t f, i t w w t p t, a
w t a h f b t e o t s u t w c, t a t l r t A a s i w t e o t s.
25 S i w t a w f t d, b m a w, w t t -- a t p o A.

26 FJdndbh, wwhsots, uhhudatioA.
27 Otlatsotcltabft, attwotLwHhcJ.
28 SJbAamiahf, adtt.
29 AtkoAhhoatue. Aasatswd, Jcttsthc
dftt, ciateotgotc, aroiaghostrtt.
30 NJbaattLGoliME,
31 aMtsoLhctcol, aiiwitBotLoM: "aao
wsownmhwait." AtooibottL, aspo.
32 At, itpotcol, hwotsacotloM, whhw.
33 Tal, wteaaj, soesotabtp, tL, wbtaot
cotL, tsawahwwbat. HotwifoMGahoti
foME, aMtsoLhcb, ttsbtpol.
34 Aahrattwotl, tbatc, atatiwitBotL.
35 TwnawoatMhcwJdnrbataol, wtw, tli
o, atswwat.

9 AictpwatkwwotsotJ, ithaitlaiatco
tGStL--tH, tA, tC, tP, tH, atJ--hai,
2 ttgttfwJalwoa.
3 BwtioGhwJhdtJaA,
4 twc, awaptba. Attosotd, owtam,
5 oapsof, aogot; aatbotpw dam.
6 AtwtJ, ttcaG, asthattmol, "Whcfafc; n
t, macwu."
7 TtmolsttH, "Pydau; shcwmacwy?"
8 BtstJ, "Ways." AJstt, "Way, awdycf?"
9 Ststh: "Favfcyshc, botnotLyG; fwhho
Hf, aatHdiE,
10 "aatHdtttkotAwwbtJ--tSkoH, aOk
B, wwaA.
11 "Toeaatioocstu, s, 'Tpwyftj, agtmt, a
stt, "Ways; nt, macwu." '
12 "Tboowthfopfohotdwdtcty. Bnl, iid
am.
13 "Atwwfwfn, as, tat; atogaoshbobot
vlj."
14 Ttmoltsotp; btdnacotL.
15 SJmpwt, amacwttltl; atrotcstt.
16 Aihateotd, athmacwt, tthttwtnwdn
t.
17 Ttcoljacttcottd. NtcwG, C, B, aKJ.
18 Btcolnat, btrotchsttbtLGol. Aatcc
atr.
19 Tatrstatc, "WhsttbtLGol; nt, wmntt.
20 "Twwdtt: Wwltl, lwbuubotowwstt."
21 Atrstt, "Ltl, bltbwawcfatc, atrhpt."
22 TJcft, ahstt, s, "Whydu, s, 'Wavffy,' wy
dnu?
23 "Nt, yac, anoysbffbbs--wawcfthom
G."

24 StaJas, "ByswctttLyGcHsMtgyatl, a
tdatiotlfby; twvwmafolboy, ahdt.
25 "An, hwa, iyh; dwuaisgardttu."
26 Shdtt, adtoothotcol, sttdnkt.
27 AtDJmtwawcftcaftaotL, itpWHwc, e
tt.

10 NictpwA-ZkoJhhJhtAahudi--ahh
dtJaik, shhdtAaik--ahtioGhmpwlawat,
2 ttfg, bGwagc, lootrc, abiwgtA, aaimw
m.
3 TA-ZkoJstHkoH, PkoJ, JkoL, aDkoE, s,
4 "Cutmahm, twmaG, fihmpwJawtcol."
5 TtfkotA, tkoJ, tkoH, tkoJ, tkoL, atkoE,
gtawu, taata, acbGamwai.
6 AtmoGstJatcaG, s, "Dnfys; cutuq, sua
hu, fatkotAwditmhgtau."
7 SJafG, haatpowwh, aatmmov.
8 AtLstJ, "Dnft, flhdtiyh; namotssby."
9 Jtcuts, hmanfG.
10 StLrtbl, ktwagsaG, ctatrtgtBH, astd
afaAaM.
11 Aih, atfblawotdoBH, ttLcdlhfhota
faA, atd. Twmwdftttcolkwts.
12 TJsttLitdwtLdutAbtcol, ahsitso:
"S, ssoG; AM, itVoA."
13 Stsss, Atms, TtphrUte. ItnwitBoJ? St
sssitmoH, adnhtgdfaawd.
14 Athbndlt, bioai, ttLhtvoam; ftLffi.
15 TJr, aalwh, ttcaG.
16 BtfkhfahtiacaM.
17 AiwtJ, s, "TfkhbfhitcaM."
18 SJs, "Rlsatmotc, asmbitgt.
19 "Adnsty, bpye, aatrg. Dnattetc, ftLy
Ghdtiyh."
20 Tih, wJatcolmaeostwavgs, tthf, ttw
eefc.
21 Aatprttc, tJaM, ip. Nomhtaaotcol.
22 TJs, "Otmotc, abotfktmftc."
23 Atds, abotfkthftc: tkoJ, tkoH, tkoJ, tk
oL, atkoE.
24 Siw, wtbotktJ, tJcfatmol, asttcotmo
wwwwh, "Cn, pyfotnotk." Atdnaptfotn.
25 TJstt, "Dnba, nbd; bsaogc, fttLwdtay
eawyf."
26 AaJstakt, ahtoft; atwhottue.
27 SiwattotgdotstJc, attdftt, ctitcwt
hbh, allsatc'sm, wrutvd.

28 OtdJtM, asiaikwteots. Hudt--atpw
 wii. Hlnr. HadttkoMahhdttkoJ.
 29 TjpfM, aalwh, tL; atfaL.
 30 AtLadiaikithol; hsiaatpwwiiteot
 s. Hlnrii, bdtikahhdttkoJ.
 31 TjpfL, aalwh, tL; ateaiafai.
 32 AtLdLithol, wtiotsd, asiaatpwwi
 teots, atathhdtL.
 33 THkoGcuthL; aJshahp, uhlhnr.
 34 FLJptE, aalwh; ateaiafai.
 35 Ttiotdasiwteots; atpwwiihudtd, at
 athhdtL.
 36 SJwufE, aalwh, tH; atfai.
 37 Attiasiwteots--ik, aic, aatpwwii; hl
 nr, atathhdtE, budiaatpwwii.
 38 Tjr, aalwh, tD; atfai.
 39 Ahtiaikaaic; tstwteotsaudatpwwi
 i. Hlnr; ahhdth, shdtDaik, ahhdattLaik.
 40 SJcatl: tmcatSatlatws, aatk; hlnr, bu
 datb, atLGoIhc.
 41 AJctfKBafaG, aatcoG, eafaG.
 42 AtkatlJtaot, btLGoIffl.
 43 Tjr, aalwh, ttcaG.

11 Aictp, wJkoHhtt, thstJkoM, ttkoS,
 ttkoA,
 2 attkw wftn, itm, itpsoc, itl, aithoDot
 w,
 3 ttCiteaitw, tA, tH, tP, tJitm, atHbHitlo
 M.
 4 Stwo, taatawt, ampatstiotsim, wvmh
 ac.
 5 Awatk hmt, tcactatwoMtfal.
 6 BtLstJ, "Dnbabot, ftattlwdaotsbl.Ys
 hthabtcwf."
 7 SJaatpowwhcatsbtwoM, atat.
 8 AtLdtithol, wdtacttGS, ttBM, attVo
 Me; tatutlnotr.
 9 SJdttatLhth: hthabtcwf.
 10 Jtbattath, asikwts; fHwfthoatk.
 11 Atsatpwwiiteots, udt. Twnlb. Thb
 Hwf.
 12 Satcotk, aatk, Jtaswteots. Hudt, aMt
 sotLhc.
 13 Baftctotm, lbnor, eHo, wJb.
 14 Aatsotcatl, tcoltabft; btsemwteot
 suthdt, atlnb.
 15 AtLhcMhs, sMcJ, asJd. HlnuoattLhc
 M.

16 Tjatl: tmc, atS, atloG, tl, atJp--tmol
 ail,
 17 fMHatatS, eafaBGitVoLbMH. Hcatk,
 astdakt.
 18 Jmwaltwatk.
 19 Twnactmpwtcol, etH, tioG. Atottib.
 20 FiwotLthth, ttscalib, tHmudt, attmr
 nm, btHmdt, atLhcM.
 21 AattJcacotAftm: fH, fD, fA, fatmoJ, af
 atmol; Judtwtc.
 22 NotAwlitlotcol; troiG, iG, aiA.
 23 SJttwl, atattLhstM; aJgiaaitlattdbt
 t. Ttlrfw.

12 Tatkotlwtcold, awltpotosotJttr
 ots, ftRAtMH, aateJp:
 2 OkwSkotA, wdiHarhoG, fA, wiotbotR
 A, ftmotr, eafatRJ, witbotA,
 3 ateJpftSoCafatSotA(tSS), trtBJ, asbt
 soP.
 4 TokwOkoBaht, wwotrotg, wdaAaaE,
 5 aroMH, oS, oaB, afatbotGatM, aohoG
 ttboSkoH.
 6 TMtsotLatcolhc; aMtsoLhgiaapt
 R, tG, ahttoM.

Joshua 12:7 to Joshua 13:33 excluded

14 TatawtcolitloC, wEtp, JtsoN, ath
 oftottotcoldaaitt.
 2 Tiwbl, atLhcbthoM, ftntath-t.
 3 FMhgtiotttath-totosotJ; bttLhhgni
 at.
 4 FtcoJwtt: MaE. AtgnpttLitl, ectdi, wt
 c-lftlatp.
 5 AtLhcM, stcold; atdtl.
 6 TtcoJctJiG. ActsoJtKsth: "YktwwtLst
 MtmogcyamiKB.
 7 "IwfyowMtsotLsmfKBtsotl, albbwt
 haiwimh.
 8 "Nmbwwuwmmthotpm, blwftLmG.
 9 "SMsotd, s, 'Stlwyfhtsbyiayc'sf, byhw
 ftLmG.'
 10 "An, b, tLhkma, aHs, tf-fy, estLstwtMw
 lwitw; an, hlatd, e-fyo.
 11 "AylaastdaotdtMsm; jamswt, snims
 fw, bfgoafci.

12 "Nt, gmtmowtLsitd; fyhitdhtAwt, at
tcwgaflmbttLwbwm, alsbatdtoatLs."
13 AJbh, agHtCtsoJaa.
14 HtbtiO CtsoJtKttd, bhwftLGol.
15 AtnoHfwKA (AwtgmatA). Ttlhrfw.

15

Joshua 15:1-12 excluded

13 NtCtsoJhgasatcoJ, attcotLtJ, n, KA,
wiH (AwtfoA).
14 CdottsoAft: S, A, aT, tcoA.
15 ThwuffttioD (ftnoDwKS).
16 ACs, "HwaKSati, thlwG Amdaw."
17 SotsoK, tboC, ti; ahghAhdaw.
18 Niws, wscth, tsphthahffaf. Ssdhfd, aC
sth, "Wdyw?"
19 Sa, "Gmab; syhgmlitS, gmasow." Shgh
tusatls.

Joshua 15:20 to Joshua 19:51 excluded

20

TLastJ, s,
2 "Sttcol, s: 'Afyco, owlstytm,
3 'ttswkapaoumft; atsbyrftaob.
4 'Awhftootc, asateotgotc, adhcithot
eotc, tsthitcaoot, aghap, thmdat.
5 'Titaobph, tsndtsihh, bhshnu, bdnhb.
6 'Ahsditcuhsbtcfj, autdotowihpid. T
tsmracthocahoh, ttcfwhf.'"
7 StaKiG, itmoN, SitmoE, aKA (wiH) itmo
J.
8 AotosotJ, bJe, taBitwotp, fttoR, RiG, f
ttoG, aGiB, fttoM.
9 Twtcafataftswdat, twkapamft, a
ndbthotaobuhsbtc.

21

Tthotf'hotLcntEtp, tJtsoN, attho
tf'hottotcol.
2 AtsttaSitloC, s, "TLctMtguctdi, wtc-lf
ol."
3 StcolgttLfti, atcotL, tcatcl:
4 NtlcoftfotK. AtcoAtp, wwotL, htcbllft
toJ, fttoS, afttoB.
5 TrotcoKhtcbllftfotfoE, fttoD, afth-to
M.

6 AtcoGhtcbllftfotfoL, fttoA, fttoN, aft
h-toMiB.

7 TcoMattfhtcfttoR, fttoG, afttoZ.
8 Atcolgtcwtc-lblttL, atLhcbthoM.
9 StgfttotcoJafttotcoStcwadbn,
10 wwftcoA, ootfotK, wwotcoL; ftlwtf.
11 AtgtKA (AwtfoA), wiH, itmoJ, wtc-lsi.
12 BtfotcaivtgtCtsoJahp.
13 TttcoAtpgtHwic-l (acorfts), Lwic-l,
14 Jwic-l, Ewic-l,
15 Hwic-l, Dwic-l,
16 Awic-l, Jwic-l, aBSwic-l: ncfttt;
17 afttoB, Gwic-l, Gwic-l,
18 Awic-l, aAwic-l: fc.
19 AtcotcoA, tp, wtcwtc-l.
20 AtfotcoK, tL, trotcoK, ethtcotlftto
E.
21 FtgtSwic-litmoE (acorfts), Gwic-l,
22 Kwic-l, aBHWic-l: fc;
23 afttoD, Ewic-l, Gwic-l,
24 Awic-l, aGRwic-l: fc;
25 afth-toM, Twic-laGRwic-l: tc.
26 Attcwtc-lwftrotfotcoK.
27 AttcoG, ofotL, ftoh-toM, tgGiBwic-l
(acorfts), aBEwic-l: tc;
28 afttoL, Kwic-l, Dwic-l,
29 Jwic-l, aEGwic-l: fc;
30 afttoA, Mwic-l, Awic-l,
31 Hwic-l, aRwic-l: fc;
32 afttoN, KiGwic-l (acorfts), HDwic-l, aK
wic-l: tc.
33 AtcotGattfwtcwtc-l.
34 AttfotcoM, trotL, fttoZ, Jwic-l, Kwic-l,
35 Dwic-l, aNwic-l: fc;
36 afttoR, Bwic-l, Jwic-l,
37 Kwic-l, aMwic-l: fc;
38 afttoG, RiGwic-l (acorfts), Mwic-l,
39 Hwic-l, aJwic-l: fcia.
40 SatcftcoMattf, trotfotL, wbtltc.
41 AtcotLwtpotcolwfecwtc-l.
42 Eootchic-lsi; twatc.
43 StLgtlatlowHhstgttf, attpoiadii.
44 TLgtraa, atatHhsttf. Anamoatesat; t
Ldateith.
45 NawfoagtwtLhstthol. Actp.

22

TJctR, tG, ahttoM,
2 astt: "YhkatMtsoLcy, ahomviatLcy.
3 "Yhnlybtmd, uttd, bhktcotcotLyG.

4 "AntLyGhgrtyb, aHpt;nt, ragtytattlo
yp, wMtsotLgyotosotJ.
5 "BtchtdtcatlwMtsotLcy, tltLyG, twi
aHw, tkHc, thftH, atSHwayhaways."
6 SJbtasta, atwttt.
7 NthttoMMhgapiB, bttohoiJgapatbo
tsotJ, w. Ai, wJstattt, hbt,
8 astt, s, "Rwmrtyt, wvml, ws, wg, wb, wi, a
wvmc. Dtsoyewyb."
9 StcoR, tcoG, ahttoMr, adftcolaS, wiit
loC, tgttcoG, ttlotp, wthoattwotLbth
oM.
10 AwttcttrotJwiitloC, tcoR, tcoG, ahtt
oMbaatbtJ-- ag, ia.
11 Ntcolhss, "B, tcoR, tcoG, ahttoMhba
aotfotloC, itrotJ-- otcol'ss."
12 Awttcolhoi, twcotcolgtaStgtwat.
13 TtcolspTsoEtpttcoR, ttcoG, ahtto
M, itloG,
14 awht, oreftchoeto; aeowthothoh
fatdol.
15 TtcttcoR, ttcoG, ahttoM, ttloG, ats
wt, s,
16 "TstwcotL: 'WtittyhcatGol, ttatdff
L, ityhbfiyaa, tymrtdatL?
17 'ItioPnefu, fwwancutd, atwapitcot
L,
18 'btymtatdffL? Aisb, iyrtatL, ttHwba
wtwcol.
19 'N, itloypiu, tcottlotpotL, wtL'sts, at
pau; bdnratL, nrau, bbyaabtaotLoG.
20 'DnAtsoZcatitat, awfoatcol? Atmdn
paihi.' "
21 TtcoR, tcoG, ahttoMaastthotdol:
22 "TLGog, tLGog, Hk, allik--iiiir, oiiat
L, dnsutd.
23 "lwhboaattfftL, oitooiboogo, oitop
ooi, ltLHraa.
24 "Bifwhdiff, far, s, 'Ittcydmstod, s, "W
hytdwtLGol?
25 "FtLhmtJabbyau, ycoRacoG. Yhnpit
L." SydwmodcftL.'
26 "Tws, 'Lunptboaa, nfbonfs,
27 'btimbawbyauaogau, twmptsotLbH
wobo, wos, awopo; tydmnstodittc, "Yh
npitL." '
28 "Twstiw, wtsttuotogittc, twms, 'Hi
trotaotLwofm, tnfbonfs; biiawbyau.'
29 "FbifutwsratL, atfftLtd, tbaafbo, fg
o, ofs, btaotLoGwibHt."

30 NwPtpatrotc, thotdolwwwh, htwt
coR, tcoG, atcoMs, ipt.
31 TPtsoEtpsttcoR, tcoG, atcoM, "Tdw
ttLiau, byhncttatL. Nyhdtcolootho
L."
32 APtsoEtp, atr, rftcoRatcoG, ftloGttl
oC, ttcol, abbwt.
33 Sttptcol, atcolbG; tsnmogati, b, tdtl
wtcoRaGd.
34 TcoRatcoGcta, W, "FiiawbuttLiG."

23 Nictp, altatLhgtrlfatera, tJwo, ai
a.
2 AJcfal, fte, fth, ftj, afto, astt: "lao, aia.
3 "YhsattLyGhdatanboy, ftLyGiHwhff
y.
4 "S, lhdtyblntr, tbaifyt, ftJ, watntlh
o, afatGSw.
5 "AtLyGwetfbyadtooy. Sysptl, atLyG
py.
6 "TbvctkatdatiwitBotLoM, lytafittr
hotl,
7 "alygatn, twray. Ysnmmotnotg, ncats
bt; ysnstnbdtt,
8 "byshfttLyG, ayhdtd.
9 "FtLhdofbygasn; bafy, nohbatsayt
d.
10 "Omoyscat, ftLyGiHwffy, aHpy.
11 "Ttchty, tyltLyG.
12 "Oe, iiydgb, acttrotn--ttray--amm
w
t, agittatty,
13 "kfcttLyGwnldotnfby. Btsbsatty, as
oysatiye, uypftglwtLyGhgy.
14 "B, tdlagtwoate. Aykiayhaiaystnot
hfoatgtwtLyGscy. Ahctpfy; nowothf.
15 "Tisctp, taatgthcuywtLyGpy, stLwb
uyaht, uHhdyftglwtLyGhgy.
16 "WyhttcotLyG, wHcy, ahgasog, abdt
t, ttaotLwbay, ayspqtglwHhgy."

24 TJgattoItSacfteol, fth, ftj, afto; a
tptbG.
2 AJstatp, "TstLGoI: 'Yf, iT, tfoAatfoN, d
otosotRiot; atsog.
3 'TityfAftosotR, lhtatloC, amhdaghl.
4 'TIlgJaE. TEIgtmoStp, bJahcwdtE.
5 'AIsMaA, alpE, atwldat. Albyo.
6 'TlbyfooE, ayctts; atEpyfwcahttRS.

7 'StcottL; aHpdbyatE, btsut, act. Ayes
wldiE. Tyditwalt.
8 'AlbyitlotA, wdotosotJ, atfwy. Blgtiy
h, tymptl, aldtfby.
9 'TBtsoZ, koM, atmwal, asacBtsoBtscy.
10 'BlwnltB; thctby. Sldyoo hh.
11 'TywotJactJ. AtmoJfay--atA, tP, tC, t
H, tG, tH, atJ. Bldtiyh.
12 'Isthbywdtofby, attkotA, bnwysow
yb.
13 'lhgyalfwydnl, acwyd nb, aydit; yeot
vaogwydnp.'
14 "Nt, ftL, sHisait, apatgwyfsotosotRa
iE. StL!
15 "Aii setytstL, cfytdwyws, wtgwyfst
wotosotR, otgotA, iwlyd. Bafmamh, w
wstL."
16 Stpaas: "FbifutwsftLtsog;
17 "ftLoGiHwbuaofuootloE, fthob, wd
tgsios, apuiatwtwwaatptw wp.
18 "AtLdofbuatp, itAwditl. WawstL, fHi
oG."
19 BJsttp, "YcstL, fHiahG. HiajG; Hwnfyt
nys.
20 "lyftLasfg, tHwtadyhacy, aHhdyg."
21 AtpstJ, "N, bwwstL!"
22 SJsttp, "YawaytyhctLfy, tsH." Ats, "W
aw!"
23 "Nt," hs, "patfgwaay, aiyhttLGol."
24 AtpstJ, "TLoGwws, aHvwo!"
25 SJmacwtptd, amftasaoiS.
26 TJwtwitBotLoG. Ahtals, asiututotw
btsotL.
27 AJstatp, "B, tssbawtu, fihhatwotLw
Hstu. Istbawty, lydyG."
28 SJltpd, ethoi.
29 NictpatttJtsoN, tsotL, d, bohatyo.
30 AtbhwtbohiaTS, wiitmoE, otnsoMG.
31 IstLatdoJ, aatdotewoJ, whkatwotL
wHhdfi.
32 TboJ, wtcolhbuooE, tbaS, itpogwJh
bftsoHtfoSfohpos, awhbaiotcoJ.
33 AEtsoAd. TbhiahbtPhs, wwgthitmo
E.

Judges

1 NatdoJictpttcolatL,s,"Wsbftgufu
atCtfat?"
2 AtLs,"Jsgu.IIhdtlihh."
3 SJstShb,"Cuwmtmat,twmfatC;alwlg
wytyat."ASwwh.
4 TJwu,atLdtCatPith;atkttmaB.
5 AtfA-BiB,afah;atdtCatP.
6 TA-Bf,atphachacohtabt.
7 AA-Bs,"Skwttabtcoutgsumt;alhd,sG
hrm."TtbhtJ,athd.
8 NtcoJfaJati;tsiwteotsastcof.
9 AatcoJwdtfatCwditm,itS,aitl.
10 TJwatCwdiH.(NtnoHwfKA.)AtkS,A,a
T.
11 FttwatioD.(TnoDwfKS.)
12 TCs,"WaKSati,thlwgmDAaw."
13 AOtsoK,C'syb,ti;shghhdAaw.
14 Nih,wscth,tsuhtahffaf.Asdfhd,aCs
th,"Wdyw?"
15 Sssth,"Gmab;syhgmlitS,gmasow."A
Cghtusatls.
16 NtcotK,M'f-i-l,wuftCoPwtcoJitWoJ,
wliSnA;atwadatp.
17 AJwwhbS,atatCwiZ,audi.Stnotcwc
H.
18 AJtGwit,Awit,aEwit.
19 StLwwJ.Atdotm,btcndotiotl,bthco
i.
20 AtgHtC,aMhs.TheftttsoA.
21 BtcoBdndotJwiJ;stJdwtcoBiJttt.
22 AthoJawuaB,atLwwt.
23 SthoJsmtsoB.(TnotcwfL.)
24 Awtssamcootc,tsth,"Psutettc,aww
sym."
25 Shsttettc,atstcwtteots;btltmaahf
g.
26 AtmwttlotH,bac,acinL,wiinttd.
27 H,MdndotioBSaiv,oTaiv,otioDaiv,
otioIaiv,otioMaiv;ftCwdtditl.
28 Aictp,wlws,ttptCut,bdncdto.
29 NdEdotCwdiG;stCdiGat.
30 NdZdotioKotioN;stCdat,awput.
31 NdAdotioAotioS,ooA,A,H,A,oR.
32 StAdatC,tiotl;ftdndto.
33 NdNdotioBSotioBA;btatC,tiotl.N
tioBSaBAwputtt.

34 AtAftcoDitm,ftwnattcdttv;
35 atAwdtdiMH,iA,aiS;ywtsothoJbg,t
wput.
36 NtbotAwftAoA,fS,au.

2 TtAotLcufGtB,as:"IlyufEabyttlowl
styf;als,'lwnbMcyw.
2 'Aysmncwtiotl;ystdta.'ByhnoMv.Wh
ydt?
3 "Tlas,'lwndtoby;btsbtiys,atgsbast
y.'"
4 Siw,wtAotLstwtatcol,ttplutvaw.
5 TtctnotpB;atstttL.
6 AwJhdtp,tcolwethoitptl.
7 StpstLatdoJ,aatdotewoJ,whsatgwo
tLwHhdfi.
8 NJtsoN,tsoTL,dwhwohatyo.
9 AtbhwtbohiaTH,itmoE,otnsoMG.
10 Watghbgttf,agaatwdnktLntwwHh
dfi.
11 TtcoldeitsotL,astB;
12 atftLGotf,whbtootloE;atfogfatgo
tpwwaat,atbdtt;atptLta.
13 TftLasBatA.
14 AtaotLwhal.SHdtithopwdt;aHstit
hoteaa,sttcnlsbte.
15 Wtwo,thotLwatfc,atLhs,aatLhstt.A
twgd.
16 N,tLrujwdtoothotwpt.
17 Ytwnlttj,btpthwog,abdtt.Ttqftwi
wtfw,iotcotl;tdnds.
18 AwtLrujft,tLwwtjadtoothoteatdo
tj;ftLwmtptbgtbotwotaht.
19 Aictp,wtjwd,ttrabmcttf,bfog,tsta
bdtt.Tdncftodnftsw.
20 TtaotLwhal;aHs,"BtntMcwIctf,ah
nhMv,
21 "IawnldobtaotnwJlwhd,
22 "stttlmtl,wtwktwotL,twitatfkt,o
n."
23 TtLltn,wdtoj;ndHdtithoJ.

3 NtatnwtLI,tHmtlbt,ti,awhnkaotwi
C
2 (twosttgotcolmbttkw,altwhnfki),
3n,flotP,atC,tS,atHwdiML,fMBHtteo
H.
4 Atwl,tHmtlbt,tkwtwotcotL,wHhctf
bthoM.

5 Ttcol datC, tH, tA, tP, tH, atJ.
 6 Attdtbtw, agtdtts; atstg.
 7 StcoldeitsotL. TftLtG, astBaA.
 8 TtaotLwhal, aHstithoC-RkoM; atcols
 C-Rey.
 9 WtcolcottL, tLruadftcol, wdt: OtsoK,
 C'syb.
 10 TSotLcuh, ahjl. Hwotw, atLdC-RkoMi
 hh; ahhpocR.
 11 Stlhrffy. TOtsoKd.
 12 AtcoladeitsotL. StLsEkoMaI, bthde
 itsotL.
 13 ThgthtpoAaA, wadI, atpotCoP.
 14 StcolsekoMey.
 15 BwtcolcottL, tLruadft: EtsoG, tB, alh
 m. BhtcolsttEkoM.
 16 NEmhad(iwde-aacil) afiuhcohort.
 17 ShbtttEkoM. (NEwavfm.)
 18 Awhhfptt, hsatpwhctt.
 19 BhhtbftsitwaG, as, "Ihasmfy, Ok." Hs,
 "Ks!" Aawahwofh.
 20 AEcth(nhwsuihcpc). TEs, "IhamfGf
 y." Shafhs.
 21 TERwhlh, ttdfhr, atiihb.
 22 Ethwiatb, atfcotb, fhndtdoohb; ah
 eco.
 23 TEwottpastdoturbhalt.
 24 Whhgo, E'ssctl, atts, tdoturwl. Sts, "H
 ipathnitcc."
 25 Stwttwe, ashhnotdotur. Ttttkaot. A
 twtm, fdotf.
 26 BEhewtd, apbtsiaetS.
 27 Aih, wha, thbttitmoE, atcolwdwhft
 m; ahl.
 28 Thstt, "Fm, ftLhdyetMiyh." Stwdah, s
 tfotJltM, adnaatco.
 29 AatttkattmoM, asmov; name.
 30 SMwstduthol. Atlhrfey.
 31 AhwStsoA, wkshmotPwaog; ahadl.

4 WEwd, tcoladeitsotL.

2 StLstithoJkoC, wriH. TcohawS, wdiH
 H.
 3 AtcolcottL; fJhnhcoi, aftyhhotcol.
 4 ND, ap, twoL, wjlatt.
 5 AswsutptodbrabitmoE. Atcolcuthf
 j.
 6 TssacfbtsoafkiN, asth, "HntLGoIc, 'G
 adtaMT; twyttmotsoNaotsoZ;

7 'aaylwdS, tcoJ'sa, whcahmatRK; alwd
 hiyh'?"
 8 ABsth, "lywggwm, tlgw; biywnggwm, lw
 ng!"
 9 Sss, "lws gw; ntwbngfyitjyat, ftLwsS
 ithoaw." TDaawwBtK.
 10 ABcZaNtK; hwwttmuhc, aDwuwH.
 11 NHtK, otcoHtfi-loM, hshftKaphtnttt
 aZ, wibK.
 12 AtrtStBtsoAhgutMT.
 13 SSGtahc, nhcoi, aatpwwwh, fHHttR
 K.
 14 TDstB, "U! FtitdiwtLhdSiyh. HntLgo
 by?" SBwdfMTwttmfh.
 15 AtLrSaahcaahawteotsbB; aSafhcaf
 aof.
 16 BBptcataafaHH, aataoSfbteots; na
 mwI.
 17 H, ShfaoftttoJ, twoHtK; ftwpbJkoHa
 thoHtK.
 18 AJwotmS, asth, "Ta, ml, tatm; dnf." Aw
 hhtawhitt, schwab.
 19 Thsth, "Pgmawtd, flat." Ssoajom, gh
 ad, ach.
 20 Ahsth, "Satdott, aiamcaioy, as, 'Itam
 h?' yss, 'N.'"
 21 TJ, H'sw, tatpatahih, awsthadtpiht,
 aiwditg; fhwfaaw. Shd.
 22 At, aBpS, Jcotmh, asth, "C, lwsytmwy
 s." Awhwiht, tIS, dwtpiht.
 23 SotdGsJkoCitpotcol.
 24 AthotcolgsasaJkoC, uthdJkoC.

5 TDaBtsoAsotd, s:

2 "Wllil, Wtpwot, BtL!
 3 "H, Ok! Ge, Op! I, el, wsttL; lwspttLGol.
 4 "L, wYwofS, WYmftfoE, Tetathp, Tcap
 w;
 5 TmgbtL, TS, btLGol.
 6 "It doS, soA, It doJ, Thwd, Attwatb.
 7 Vlc, icil, UI, D, a, Aamil.
 8 Tcng; Ttwwitg; Nasoswsaftil.
 9 MhiwtroIwotwwtp. BtL!
 10 "S, ywrowd, Wsij' a, Awwatr.
 11 Fftnota, atwp, TtsrtraotL, TrafHvil;
 TtpotLsgdttg.
 12 "A, a, D! A, a, sas! A, B, alyca, OsoA!
 13 "Ttscd, tpatn; TLcdfmatm.
 14 FEwtwrwiA. Ay, B, wyp, FMrcd, AfZtw
 btr'ss.

15 AtpolwWD; Al,swBSitvuhc; AtdoRT
wgroh.
16 Wdysats, Thtpftf? TdoRhgsOh.
17 GsbTJ, AwdDros? Acats, Asbhi.
18 ZiapwjtlttPod, Na, othotb.
19 "Tkcaf, TtkoCfIT, btwoM; Ttnsos.
20 Tffth; TsftcfaS.
21 TtoKsta, Tat, ttoK. Oms, mois!
22 Tth'hp, Tg, gohs.
23 'CM, 'staotL, 'Ciib, BtdnctthotL, Ttho
tLatm.'
24 "MbawIJ, TwoHtK; Bisawit.
25 Hafw, sgm; Ssocialb.
26 SshhtttP, Hrhttw'sh; SpS, sphh, Ssast
ht.
27 Ahfhs, hf, hls; Ahfhs, hf; Whs, thfd.
28 "TmoSlttw, Acottl, 'Wihcslic? Wttco
hc?'
29 Hwlah, Y, sah,
30 'Atnfadts: Temagot; FS, podg, Poge
a, Tpodftnotl?'
31 "TlaYep, OL! BltwlHbltsWicoifs." Stl
hrffy.

6 TtcoldeitsotL. StLdtithoMfsy,
2 athoMpal. BotM, tcolmfttd, tc, atswa
itm.
3 Siw, wlhs, Mwcu; aAatpotEwcuat.
4 TtweatadtpoteafaG, alnsfl, nsnond.
5 Ftwcuwtlatt, cianal; btatcwwn; atwe
tltdi.
6 SlwgibotM, atcolcottL.
7 Aictp, wtcolcottLbotM,
8 ttLsapttcol, wstt, "TstLGol: 'byufEa
byoothob;
9 'aldyoothotEaoothoawoy, adtoby
aytl.
10 'Alsty, "latLyG; dnftgotA, iwlyd." Byh
noMv.' "
11 NtAotLcasutttwwiO, wbtJtA, whsGt
witw, iothiftM.
12 AtAotLath, asth, "TLiwy, ymmov!"
13 GstH, "Oml, itLiwu, wthathtu? Awaa
Hmwoftua, s, 'DntLbuufE?' BntLhfuadu
ithotM."
14 TtLthas, "Gitmoy, aysslfthotM. Hln
sy?"
15 ShstH, "OmL, hclsI? ImcitwiM, alatl
imf'sh."
16 AtLsth, "Slwbwy, aysdtMaom."

17 ThstH, "InlhffiYs, tsmastiiYwtwm.
18 "Dndfh, lp, ulctYabomoasibY." AHs, "l
wwuycb."
19 SGwiapayg, aubfaeof. Tmhpiab, ahp
tbiap; ahbtotHuttapt.
20 TAoGsth, "Tmatubaltotr, apotb." A
hds.
21 TtAotLpoteotstwiHh, attmatub; af
rootractmatub. AtAotLdoohs.
22 NGptHwtAotL. SGs, "A, OLG! FihstAot
Lftf."
23 TtLsth, "Pbwy; dnf, ysnd."
24 SGbaatttL, aciT-L-I-P. TtdiisiOotA.
25 NictptsnttLsth, "Tyf'syb, tsbosyo, at
dtaoBtyfh, acdtwitibi;
26 "abaattLyGototritpa, attsbaobsw
twotiwyscd."
27 SGttmfahsadatLhsth. Bbhfhf'shat
motctmtdibd, hdibn.
28 Awtmotcaeitm, twtaoB, td; atwitwb
iwcd, atsbwbootawhbb.
29 Ststoa, "Whdtt?" Awthiaa, ts, "GtsoJh
dtt."
30 TtmotcstJ, "Boys, thmd, bhhtdtaoB,
abhcdtwitwbi."
31 BJstawsah, "WypfB? Wysh? LtowwP
hbptdbm! Ihiag, lhpfh, bhahbtd!"
32 TotdhchJ, s, "LBpah, bhhtdha."
33 TatMaA, tpotE, gt; atcoaaitVoJ.
34 BtSotLcuG; thbtt, atAgbh.
35 AhsmtaM, wagbh. HasmtA, Z, aN; atcu
tmt.
36 SGstG, "IYwsIbmhaYhs--
37 "l, l, spafowottf; itidotfo, aiidoatg, t
sktYwsIbmh, aYhs."
38 Aiws. Whretnmastft, hwtdootf, abo
w.
39 TGstG, "Dnbawm, blmsjom: Lmt, lp, jo
mwtf; linbdootf, boatgltdb."
40 AGdstn. lwdotfo, btwdoatg.

7 TJ(ti, G)aatpwwhreaebtwoH, sttc
otMwotnsotbthoMitv.
2 AtLstG, "TpawyatmfMgtMith, llcg
fiaM, s, 'Mohhsm.'
3 "Nt, pithotps, 'Wifaa, lhtadaofMG.'"
Atttotpr, attr.
4 BtLstG, "Tpastm; bdttw, alwttfyt. Ti
wb, towlsty, 'Tosgwy, 'tssgwy; aowlsty,
'Tosngwy, 'tssng."

5Shbtpdttw.AtLstG,"Ewlftwwht,aad
l,yssabh;lewgdohtd."
6Atnotwl,pthttm,wthm;batrotpgdot
ktdw.
7TtLstG,"BtthmwlIwsy,adtMiyh.Lato
pg,emthp."
8Stptpattith.Ahsaatrol,emtht,artth
m.NtcoMwbhitv.
9IhotsnttLsth,"A,gdatc,flhdiiyh.
10"Biyaatgd,gdttcwPys,
11"ayshwts;aayhsbstgdatc."ThwdwP
hsttootamwwitc.
12NtMaA,atpotE,wlitvanal;atcwwn,a
tsbtsim.
13AwGhc,twamtadthc.Hs,"Ihhad:Tms,
alobbtitcoM;ictatasistifao,atc."
14Thcaas,"TinebtsoGtsoJ,amo!IhhG
hdMatwc."
15Asiw,wGhttotdaii,thw.Hrttcol,as,
"A,ftLhdtcoMiyh."
16Thdtthmitc,ahpatiem'sh,wep,atit
p.
17Ahstt,"Lamadl;w,awlctteotcysdal
d:
18"Wilbtt,laawawm,tyabttoesotwc,a
s,'TsotLaoG!'"
19SGathmwwwhcttootcatbotmw,jat
hptw;atbttabtpwith.
20Tttcbttabtp--thttitlhattitrhfb--at
c,"TsotLaoG!"
21Aemsihpaatc;atwaracoaf.
22Wtthbtt,tLsem'ssahcttwc;ataftBA,
tZ,afatboAM,bT.
23AtmolgtfN,A,aAM,aptM.
24TGsmtatmoE,s,"CdatM,asfttwpafa
BBatJ."TatmoEgtastwpafafBBatJ.
25AtctpotM,OaZ.TkOatroO,aZtkatwo
Z.TpMabthoOaZtGotosotJ.

8NtmoEsth,"Whydttubncuwywtfwt
M?"Attrhs.
2Shstt,"Whldnicwy?IntgotgoEbtvov
A?
3"GhdiyhtpoM,OaZ.Awwlatdicwy?"Tt
athshst.
4WGcttJ,hatthmwwwhco,esip.
5ThsttmoS,"Pglobttppwf,ftae,alapZ
aZ,koM."
6AtloSs,"AthoZaZniyh,twsgbtya?"

7SGs,"Ftc,wtlhdZaZimh,tIwtyfwttot
wawb!"
8ThwufftPasttitsw.AtmoPahatmoSh
a.
9ShasttmoP,s,"Wlcbip,lwtdtt!"
10NZaZwaK,atawt,aft,awwloataotpo
tE;fohattmwdtshf.
11TGWubtrotwditoteoNaJ;ahatawtc
fs.
12WZaZf,hpt;ahtttkoM,ZaZ,artwa.
13TGtsoJrfb,ftAoH.
14AhcaymotmoSaih;ahwdfhtloSaie,
s-sm.
15ThcttmoSas,"HaZaZ,awyrms,'Atho
ZaZniyh,twsgbtywm?'"
16Ahtteotc,atotwab,awthttmoS.
17ThdttoPaktmotc.
18AhstZaZ,"WkomwtwykaT?"Sta,"Aya,
swt;eortsoak."
19Ths,"Twmb,tsoM.AtLl,iyhltl,lwnk
y."
20AhstJhf,"R,kt!"Btywndhs;fhwa,bhw
say.
21SZaZs,"Ry,aku;faami,sihs."SGaakZa
Z,attcotwotc'n.
22TtmolstG,"Rou,byays,ayga;fyhduft
hoM."
23BGstt,"lwnroy,nsmsroy;tLsroy."
24TGstt,"lwlmaroy,teoywgmtefhp."
Fthge,btwl.
25Sta,"Wwgg."Atsoag,aemtiitefhp.
26Ntwotgethrwotshsog,btco,p,apr
wotkoM,abtctwatc'n.
27TGmiaeasiuic,O.Aalpthwit.Ibast
Gathh.
28TMwsbtcol,sttlthnm.Atcwqffyt
oG.
29TJtsoJwadihoh.
30Ghsswwhoo,fhhmw.
31AhcwwiSabhas,wnhca.
32NGtsoJdaagoa,awbittoJhf,iOotA.
33Siw,asaGwd,ttcolapthwtB,amB-B
g.
34TtcoldnrtLtG,whdtfthoateoes;
35ndtskththoJ(G)iawtghhdfi.

9TAtsoJwts,thm'sb,aswtawatfotho
hm'sf,s,
2"PsithoatmoS:'Wibfy,tasotsoJroy,o
toroy?'Rtlayofab."

3 Ahm'sbsatwchithoatmoS;athwitfA,
fts, "Hiob."
4 StghssosfttoB-B,wwAhwarm;atfh.
5 Thwthf'shaOakhb,tssoJ,ooS. BJtysoJ
wl,bhhh.
6 AatmoSgt,aobM,atwamAkbtttatpt
wiS.
7 NwttJ,hwasotoMG,alhvacO.Ahstt:"L
tm,ymoS,TGmlty!
8 "Ttowftaakot.Atsttot,'Rou!'
9 Btotstt,'SlcgmO,WwthGam,Agtso?'
10 "Tttsttft,'Ycarou!'
11 Btftstt,'Slcmsgmf,Agtso?'
12 "Tttsttv,'Ycarou!'
13 Btvstt,'Slcmnw,WcbGam,Agtso?'
14 "Tattsttb,'Ycarou!'
15 Atbsttt,'lityamakoy,Tcatsims;Bin,l
fcootbAdtcol!
16 "Nt,iyhaitasimAk,aiyhddwWahh,ah
dthahd--
17 "fmfffy,rhl,adyoothoM;
18 "byhruamf'shtd,akhssoos,amA,tso
hfs,kotmoS,bhiyb--
19 "ityhaitaswJawhhtd,triA,alhariy.
20 "Bin,lfcfAadtmoSaBM;alfcftmoSaf
BMadA!"
21 AJraaf;ahwtBadt,ffoAhb.
22 AAhrolty,
23 GsasoiwbAatmoS;atmoSdtwA,
24 ttcddtssOJmbsatbbloAtb,wkt,aot
moS,wahitkohb.
25 AtmoSsmiaahottotm,atrawpbtat
w;aiwta.
26 NGtsoEcwhbawotS;atmoSptcih.
27 Stwoitf,aggftvatt,amm.Atwithotg,
aaad,acA.
28 TGtsoEs,"WiA,awis,twssh?lhntsoJ,
ainZho?StmoHtfoS;bwswh?
29 "lotpwuma!TlwrA."ShstA,"Iyaaco!"
30 WZ,trotc,htwoGtsoE,hawa.
31 AhsmtAs,s,"Tn!GtsoEahbhctS;ahta,
ftcay.
32 "Nt,gubn,yatpwawy,aliwitf.
33 "Aisb,asatsiuitm,tysrearutc;awha
tpwawhcoay,ymtdttayfo."
34 SAAatpwwhrbn,aliwaSifc.
35 WGtsoEwoasitettcg,Aatpwwhrfl
iw.
36 AwGstp,hstZ,"L,pacdfottotm!"BZsth,
"YstsoTmaitwm."

37 SGsaas,"S,pacdfcotl,aacicotD'TT."
38 TZsth,"Wiiymn,wwys,'WiA,twssh?'A
nttpwyd?Go,iyw,afwn."
39 SGwo,lmoS,afwA.
40 AAch,ahffh;amfw,ttveotg.
41 TAdAa,aZdoGahb,sttwndiS.
42 Aicaotndttpwoitf,attA.
43 Shthp,dtitc,aliwitf.Ahl,atwtp,coot
c;ahrataat.
44 TAatctwwhrfasateotgotc;atotcru
awwitfakt.
45 SAfatcatd;httcaktppwii;ahdtcasi
ws.
46 NwatmottoShht,tetsottotgB.
47 AiwtAtatmottoSwgt.
48 TAwutMZ,haatpwwwh.AAtaaihac
dabftt,atialihs;thsttpwwwh,"Wyhs
md,mhadalhd."
49 SeotplcdhobafA,ptats,astsofat,st
atpottosd,aatmaw.
50 TAwtt,ahaaTati.
51 Btwastitc,aatmaw--atpotc--ftasti;
ttwutttott.
52 SAcafatafa;ahdntdotttbiwf.
53 BacwdaumoA'shachs.
54 Thcqttym,ha,asth,"Dysakm,lmsom,
'Awhk.'"Shymtht,ahd.
55 AwtmoIstAwd,td,emthp.
56 TGrtwoA,whhdthfbkhsb.
57 AateotmoSGroth,aotctcoJtsoJ.

10 AAtatsITtsoP,tsoD,amol;ahdiSi
tmoE.
2 HjlItty;ahdawbiS.
3 AhaJ,aG;ahjlItty.
4 Nhhtswrotd;tahtt,wac"HJ"tttd,waitl
oG.
5 AJdawbiC.
6 TtcoladeitsotL,astBatA,tgoS,tgoS,t
goM,tgotpoA,atgotP;atftLadnsH.
7 StaotLwhal;aHstithotPaithotpoA.
8 Ftythaotcolfey--atcolwwotosotJit
lotA,iG.
9 MtpoAcotJtfaJa,aB,aathoE,stlwsd.
10 AtcolcottL,s,"WhsaY,bwhbfoGast
B!"
11 StLsttcol,"DIndyftEaftAaftpoAaft
P?
12 "AtSaAaMoy;aycotM,aldyftH.
13 "YyhfMasog.Tlwdynm.

14 "Gacottgwyhc; ltdyiyto d."
15 AtcolsttL, "Whs! DtuwsbtY; odutd, w p."
16 StpatfgfatastL. AHscnletmol.
17 TtpoAgtaeiG. AtcolataeiM.
18 Atp, tloG, stoa, "WitmwwbtfatpoA? HsbhoatioG."

11 NJtGwammov, bhwtsoah; aGbJ.
2 G'swbs; awhw'ssgu, tdJo, asth, "Yshnii ofsh, fyatsoaw."
3 TJffhbaditloT; awmbtwJaworwh.
4 lctpaatttppoAmwal.
5 Asiw, wtpoAmwal, tteoGwtgJftloT.
6 TtstJ, "Caboc, twmfatpoA."
7 SJstteoG, "Dynhm, aemfmf'sh? Whyct mnwyaid?"
8 AteoGstJ, "Tiwwhtatyn, tymgwuafat poA, abohoatioG."
9 SJstteoG, "lytmbhtfatpoA, atLdttm, slbyh?"
10 AteoGstJ, "TLwbawbu, iwdndatyw."
11 TJwwteoG, atpmhhacot; aJsahwbtLiM.
12 NJsmttkotpoA, s, "Wdyham, tyhctfamiml?"
13 AtkotpoAatmoJ, "BitamlwtcuooE, ftAafatJ, attJ. Nt, rtlp."
14 SJasmttkotpoA,
15 asth, "TsJ: 'ldntatloM, ntlotpoA;
16 'fwlucufE, twttwafatRSactK.
17 'TismttkoE, s, "Plmptyl." BtkoEwnh. A ilmtsttkoM, bhwnC. SlriK.
18 'AtwattwabtloEatloM, cttesoM, aeotosoA. BtdnetboM, ftAwbtboM.
19 'TismtSkotA, koH; alsth, "Pluptylio p."
20 'BSdntltptht. SSgahpt, eiJ, afal.
21 'AtLGoIdSaahpithol, atdt. TlGpoatl otA, witc.
22 'TtpoattotA, ftAttJaftwttJ.
23 'AntLGoIhdAfbHpl; sytpi?
24 'WynpwCyggyp? SwtLoGtpobu, ww p.
25 'An, ayabtBtsoZ, koM? Dhesal? Dhefat?
26 'WldiHaiv, iAaiv, aiatcatbotA, fthy, wdynrtwtt?
27 'TIhnsay, bywmbfam. MtL, tJ, rjtdbtc olatpoA.'"

28 H, tkotpoAdnhtwwJsh.
29 TtSotLcuJ, ahptGaM, aptMoG; afMoGhattpoA.
30 AJmavttL, as, "IYwidtpoAimh,
31 "tiwbtwcootdomhtmm, wlriftpoA, ssbtL's, alwoiuaabo."
32 SJattpoAtfat, atLdtihh.
33 AhdtfAafaM--tc--atAK, wavgs. TtpoAwsbtcol.
34 WJcthhAM, twhd, cotmhwtad; aswhoc. Bhhhsnd.
35 Aictp, whsh, ththc, as, "A, md! Yhbmvl! Yaatwtm! FlhgmwttL, alcgboi."
36 Sssth, "Mf, iyhgywttL, dtmatwhgooy m, btLhayoye, tpoA."
37 Tssthf, "Lttbdfm: lmaftm, timgawot mabmv, mfal."
38 Shs, "G." Ahshaftm; aswwhf, abhvot m.
39 Aiwsateotmtsrtfh, ahcohvwhwhh v. Sknm. Aibacil
40 ttdolwfdeytltdoJtG.

12 TtmoEgt, cotZ, astJ, "Wdycotfatp oA, adncutgwy? Wwbyhdoywf!"
2 AJstt, "MpalwiagswtpoA; awlcy, yndmooth.
3 "Swlstywndm, ItmlimhacoatpoA; atLdtimh. Wthycutmtdtfam?"
4 NJgtatmoGafaE. AtmoGdE, bts, "YGaf oEatEaatM."
5 TGstfotJbtEa. AwaEwes, "Lmco," tmoGwsth, "AyaE?" Ihs, "N,"
6 ttwsth, "Ts, 'S!' Ahws, "S," fhcnpir. TtwthakhatfotJ. TfattfttE.
7 AJjisy. TjtGdawbiatcoG.
8 Ah, loBjl.
9 Hhts. Ahgatdim, abitdfefhs. Hjlisy.
10 TldawbaB.
11 Ah, EtZjl. Hjlty.
12 AEtZdawbaAitcoZ.
13 Ah, AtsoHtPjl.
14 Hhfsatg, wrosyd. Hjley.
15 TAtsoHtPdawbiPitloE, itmotA.

13 AtcoldeitsotL, atLdtithotPffy.
2 NtwacmfZ, ofotD, wnwM; ahwwbahnc.

3 AtAotLattwasth, "In, yababnc, byscabas.
4 "Nt, pbcntdwosd, anteau.
5 "Fb, yscabas. Anrscuhh, ftcsbaNtGftw; ahsbtdloothotP."
6 Stwcathh, s, "AMoGctm, aHcwlctotA oG, va; bldnaHwHwf, aHdntmHn.
7 "AHstm, 'B, yscabas. Ndnwosd, neau, ftcsbaNtGftwtt dohd.'"
8 TMpttL, as, "OmL, pltMoGWYsctuaatuwwsdfcwwbb."
9 AGlttvom, atAoGcttwaaswsitf; bMhhwnwh.
10 Ttwrihathh, asth, "L, tMwctmtodhjn atm!"
11 SMAafhw. WhcttM, hstH, "AYtMwsttw?" AHs, "Ia."
12 Ms, "NIYwctp! Wwb'tb'srol, ahw?"
13 StAotLstM, "Oatlsttwhbc.
14 "Smneatcftv, nmsdwosd, neau. Atlchlhho."
15 TMsttAotL, "PludY, awwpaygfY."
16 AtAotLstM, "TydM, lwneyf. Biyoabo, ymoittL." (FMdnkHwtAotL.)
17 TMsttAotL, "WiYn, twYwctpwmmhY?"
18 AtAotLsth, "WdyaMn, siiw?"
19 SMttygwgo, aoiutrttL. AHdawtwM ahwlo--
20 ihatfwuthfta--tAotLaitfota! WMahwst, tfotfttg.
21 WtAotLanmtMahw, tMktHwtAotL.
22 AMsthw, "Wssd, bwhsG!"
23 Bhwth, "ItLhdku, Hwnhaaboagof oh, nWHhsuatt, nWHhtustatt."
24 StwbasachnS; atcg, atLbh.
25 AtSotLbtmuhaMdbZaE.

14 NSwdtT, asawiTotdotP.

2 Shwuathfam, s, "IhsawiTotdotP; nt, ghfmaaw."
3 Thfamsth, "Itnwatdoyb, oaamp, tymgagawftuP?" ASsthf, "Ghfm, fspmw."
4 BhfamdnktiwoTL--tHwsaotmatP. FatttPhdol.
5 SSwdtTwhfam, acttvoT. Nths, aylcra h.
6 AtSotLcmuh, ahttlaaowhtaayg, thhnihh. Bhdnthfohmwhhd.
7 Thwdatwtw; aspSw.

8 Ast, whrtgh, htatstcotl. Ab, asobahw tcotl.
9 Htsoiihhawa, e. Whcthfam, hgstt, ata a. Bhdntthhthhootcotl.
10 Shfwdttw. ASgaft, fymutds.
11 Aih, wtsh, ttbtctbwh.
12 TSstt, "Lmparty. lyccsaeitmwt dot f, tlwgytlgatcoc.
13 "Biyceitm, tysgmtlgatcoc." Atsth, "Pyr, twmhi."
14 Shstt: "Ootecste, Aootscss." Nftdctr.
15 BictpotsdttstS'sw, "Eyh, thmetrtu, oewwbyayfshwf. Hyuiottwio? Itns?"
16 TS'swwoh, as, "Yohm! Ydnlm! Yhpartt somp, byhneitm." Ahsth, "L, lhneitmform; ssleity?"
17 Nshwohtsdwtfl. Aihotsdthth, bsphsm. Tsetrttsohp.
18 Stmotcsthotsdbtswd: "Wisth? Awistal?" Ahstt: "Iyhnpwmh, Ywnhsmr!"
19 TtSotLcuhm, ahwdtAaktotm, tta, agtcoctwhetr. Shawa, ahwbuthf'sh.
20 AS'swwgthc, whbhbhm.

15 Aaw, ittowh, ihtSvhwwayg. Ahs, "L

mgitm, ihr." Bhfwnphtgi.
2 Hfs, "Irttythh; tlightyc. Inhysbts? P, thi."
3 ASstt, "TtIsbbrrtPilht!"
4 TSwacthf; ahtt, ttfttt, apatbepot.
5 Whhsttof, hltfgitsgotP, abubtsatsg, awatvaog.
6 TtPs, "Whdt?" Ata, "S, ts-i-lotT, bhthwhaghthc." StPcuabhahfwf.
7 Sstt, "Sywdatl, lwstroy, aatlwc."
8 Shathatwags; thwdaditcotroE.
9 NtPwu, eiJ, adtaL.
10 AtmoJs, "Whycua?" Sta, "WhcutaS, tdthahhdtu."
11 TttmoJwdttcotroE, astS, "DynkttPr ou? Wityhdtu?" Ahstt, "Atdtm, slhdtt."
12 Btsth, "Whcdtay, twmdyithotP." TSstt, "Stmtywnkmy."
13 Ststh, s, "N, bwwtysadyith; bwwsnk y." Atbhwt nrabhuftr.
14 WhctL, tPcsah. TtSotLcmuh; atrtwohablftibwf, ahbbflfh.
15 Hfafjoad, rohhati, akatmwi.
16 TSs: "Wtjoad, Huh, WtjoadIhsatm!"

17 Asi w, whhfs, thttjfh, actpRL.
18 Thbv; shcottLas, "YhgtgdbthoYs; a
nsl dotafithotu?"
19 SGsthtptiiL, awco, ahd; ahsr, ahr. Thci
nEH, wiiLttD.
20 AhjItiyitdotP.

16 NSwtGasaht, awith.

2 WtGwt, "Shch!" tstpaliwfhanaatgotc.
Twqan, s, "Itm, wiid, wwkH."
3 ASlltm; thaam, thotdotgotcattg, ptu,
baa, ptohs, acttttothtFH.
4 AihthlawitVoS, wnwD.
5 AtlotPcuthasth, "Eh, afowhgsl, abwm
wmoh, twmbhtah; aeouuwgyehpos."
6 SDstS, "Ptmwygsl, awwymbbtay."
7 ASstH, "Itbmwsfb, nyd, tIsbw, ablaom."
8 StlotPbuthsfb, nyd, asbhwT.
9 Nm wliw, switr. AsstH, "TPauy, S!" Bhb
tbaasoybwitf. Stsohswnk.
10 TDstS, "L, yhmatml. N, ptmwybbw."
11 ShstH, "Itbmwnrthnbu, tIsbw, ablaom."
12 TDtnrabhwT, astH, "TPauy, S!" Amwli
w, sitr. Bhbtohalat.
13 DstS, "Unyhmatml. Tmwybbw." AhstH,
"Iywtslomhitwot!" --
14 Sswitwbotl, astH, "TPauy, S!" Bhafh
s, apotbatwftl.
15 TsstH, "Hcys, 'Ily, 'wyhinwm? Yhmmtt
t, ahntmwygsl."
16 Aictp, wspdhwhwaph, sthswvtd,
17 ththahh, astH, "Nrhecumh, flhbaNtG
fmm'sw. llas, tmswlm, alsbw, ablaom."
18 WDsthhthahh, ssacftlotP, s, "Cuom, f
hhtmahh." StlotPcuthabtmith.
19 Tslhtsohk, acfamahhsotslohh. Tsbth,
ahslh.
20 Ass, "TPauy, S!" Shafhs, as, "lwoab, aot,
asmf!" BhdnkttLhdfh.
21 TtPthapohe, abhdtG. TbhwbF, ahbag
itp.
22 H, thohhbtgaaihbs.
23 NtlotPgtoagstDtg, atr. Ats: "Oghdio
hSoe!"
24 Wtpsh, tptg; fts: "Oghdiohoe, Tdool,
Atowmod."

25 Sih, wthwm, tts, "CfS, thmpfu." StcfSf
tp, ahpft. Atshbtp.
26 TSsttlwhhbth, "Lmftpwstt, stlclot."
27 Nttwfomaw. AtlotPwt--attmawotr
wwSp.
28 TScttL, s, "OLG, rm, lp! Sm, lp, jto, OG, ti
mwobtvotPfmte!"
29 ASthotmpwstt, ahbhat, oohratoohl.
30 TSs, "LmdwtP!" Ahpwahm, attfotlaat
pwwii. Stdthkahdwmthhkihl.
31 Ahbaahf'shcdath, abhuabhbZaEitt
ohfM. HhjIty.

17 NtwamftmoE, wnwM.

2 AhstHm, "Tehsostwtfy, aowypac, esii
me--hitswm; lti." Ahms, "MybbbtL, ms!"
3 SwhrtehsostHm, hms, "lhwdtsfmht
tLfms, tmaciaami; nt, lwrity."
4 ThrtstHm. Thmtthsosagttts, ahmii
ciaami; atwithoM.
5 TmMhas, amaeahi; ahcoohs, wbhp.
6 ldtwnkil; edwrihoe.
7 NtwaymfBiJ, otfoJ; hwaL, awst.
8 TmdftcoBiJtswhcfaP. ThcttmoE, tth
oM, ahj.
9 AMstH, "Wdycf?" ShstH, "laaLfBiJ, ala
omwtfaps."
10 MstH, "Dwm, abafaaptm, alwgytsosp
y, asoc, ays." StLwi.
11 TtLwctdwtm; atymbloohstH.
12 SMctL, atymbhp, alithoM.
13 TMs, "NlktLwbgtm, slhaLap!"

18 ldtwnkil. AitdtotDwsaifitdi;f

utdtiattolhnftt.
2 StcoDsfmotfftt, movfZaE, tsotlasi. T
stt, "G, stl." StwttmoE, tthoM, alt.
3 WtwathoM, trtvotyL. TtaastH, "Wby
h? Wayditp? Wdyhh?"
4 Hstt, "TasMdfm. Hhhm, alhbhp."
5 StstH, "PioG, twmkwtjowwgbp."
6 Atpstt, "Gip. TpotLbwyoYw."
7 StfmdawtL. Tstpwwt, htDs, itmotS, qa
s. Twnrilwmppttsfa. TwfftS, athntwa.
8 TtscbttbaZaE, atbstt, "Wiyr?"
9 Sts, "A, luguat. Fwhstl, aiiivg. Wydn? D
nhtg, aetptl.

10 "Wyg,ywctaspaall.FGhgiiyh,apwti
nloatiote."
11 AshmotfotDwft,fZaE,awwow.
12 TtwuaeiKJiJ.(TtctpMDttd.Tii,wok
J.)
13 AtpftttmoE,actthoM.
14 TtfmwhgtsotcoLaasttb,"Dykttai
thae,hi,aci,aami?Nt,cwysd."
15 Sttat,actthotyLm--tthoM--agh.
16 Tshmawtwow,wwotcoD,sbteotg.
17 Ttfmwhgtsotlwu.Et,tttci,te,thi,at
mi.Tpsateotgwtshmwawwow.
18 WtwiM'shattci,te,thi,atmi,tpstt,"W
ayd?"
19 Atsth,"Bq,pyhoym,acwu;bafaaptu.l
ibfytbaptthoom,otybaptataafil?"
20 Stp'shwg;ahtte,thi,atci,athpatp.
21 Tttad,aptlo,tl,atgifot.
22 WtwagwftthoM,tmwwithnM'shgtao
tcoD.
23 AtcottcoD.SttaastM,"Way,tyhgsa
c?"
24 Shs,"Yhtamgwlm,atp,ayhga.Nwmdl
h?Hcystm,'Way?'"
25 AtcoDsth,"Dnlyvbhau,lamfuy,ayly
l,wtloyh!"
26 TtcoDwtw.AwMsttwtsfh,htawbth
h.
27 SttttMhm,atpwhbth,awtL,tapqas;a
tstwteotsabtcwf.
28 Twnd,biwffS,athntwa.lwitvtbtBR.S
trtca dt.
29 AtctnotcD,atnoDtf,wwbtl.H,tnotcf
wL.
30 TtcoDsuffttci;aJtsoG,tsoM,ahswpt
ttoDutdotcotl.
31 StsuftM'sciwhm,atththoGwiS.

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