

JOSHUA 1:2. The Lord to Josh.: Moses is dead, the time had come--Lech lecha!

3. Take possession by planting the sole of your foot,
4. From the midbar (So.) to this (pointing) Lebanon (No.)
and TO the great RIVER Euphrates.

All the Land of the Hittites (which had just been vacated by the sudden and complete collapse of the Hittite Empire

Up to the Great Sea in which the Sun sets--those are the perimeters of your land.

5. You will take Moses's place in every respect.
6. Don't lose your nerve. You are about to receive your proper portions of the land of your inheritance.
7. Steel yourselves for this: You have got to carry out those things which MOSES commanded you to do [and until now you have always fallen short-- but THIS is not the time to blow it! Stick with it and stay on course-- not the smallest deviation to the right or the left!
8. What will keep them in line? "THIS BOOK OF THE LAW" (exactly as in Deut.) IT is no mere Lawbook for consultation, you must be mulling (lit. mumbling, murmuring) over it day and night, keeping the whole book constantly in mind. That is the only key to prosperity, that alone will give you SUCCESS (the word is used here (~~twist~~ tashkil, Ar. shakala = bind ~~was~~ or twist together, put everything together properly
9. Again: DON't weaken, don't bungle it, don't lose your nerve or your grip, go right ahead with it, etc. etc.

10ff. Getting ready for D-Day--tension and excitement.

11. Three-day notice. Checking supplies

12ff. Pep talks to the forward units--Reuben, Gad and Manasseh, special volunteers You already have your homes,

14. But you are to be the first wave, the Marines, Airborne, Rangers: "But YE shall pass BEFORE your brethren, heavily armed, all crack troops (heroes of might), to run interference for them.
15. Until the whole thing is settled. Then you can go back to your homes.
18. Ans.: They are ready to go anywhere and do anything he tells them to.
18. ANYbody who lets Joshua down will be wasted--this is no time for fooling around! In this kind of an operation nobody turns back. *Not a brute's remembering rule in Deut. of prejudice* *of faint-hearted, nearly-wear, etc. A allowed to be*

Joshua 2. They are going into unfamiliar country,

about to establish a beachhead. The commander MUST know what to expect when he gets there. Jericho had VERY strong & anc. defenses.

[The foam-rubber maps, e.g. of Carentan

They overdid it--once you get there, after bombing and shelling, it is quite different. Suddenly everything changes. Col. COLE let a BAYONET-charge over the bridge at Carentan. They never tried that again!

2:1. The two spies went straight to Rahab the harlot's house. *General a crossable subject*

[How did they know? Harlots are international? THE house was marked? *How? 7, 23, 1*

The red lamp. The only house strangers could enter without suspicion.

2:2. The two spies came by night--but they were seen & reported to the King: *spies*

4. The house was searched--nothing

5. She said she didn't know who they were, and they slipped out of town just as the city gate was closing for the night--if you go after them now you might catch them! *They didn't know or he & unpacked & so I could*

6. Actually the two men were hiding under stalks of flax drying on the roof.

7. so of course the mad pursuit was futile.

wh. Joshua appreciates

Joshua 2:9. The woman gives them valuable information. Morale is very low: the stories of the Isaeiltes have them all scared stiff. 10. Everybody knew what had happened to Sihon and OG, who were mighty conquerors themselves. 11. the people had no fight in them, "our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage.

12. ^{Rahab:} That is why I am helping you out. Promise to be good to me and my family, and give me some kind of guarantee (token, oth)
14. They agree: We will keep our word and be good to you--IF you don't give us away!
15. She lived on the (very ancient) town wall, & let them down outside by a rope.
16. Tell them to lay low in "the mountain" (The Mt. of ~~Uvw~~ Temptation near, NW Jericho, a famous place for retreats--inaccessible caves & monasteries) for three days. Then the coast will be clear.

17ff The men: We will not forget you, and we will keep our word. 18. Tie a scarlet streamer on your outside window to let us know when all your family is in this house. 19. No Israelite will touch the place--If anyone is foolish enough to step outside, that's his business, but as long as you stay indoors we promise to take FULL responsibility for your lives: If you are harmed our head and hand shall answer for it. 20. Of course if you leak any of this, the deal is off. ^{3 days - mit.}

22. They looked for them everywhere--found nothing.

✓ ^{Rahab & Joshua & all he needed to know: (a) I met you united}
23f. The two spies report to Joshua who sees the immense signif. of their news:

"The place is ours & all the land, there is no fight in them.
[The harlot's news was only one hint, but in cases like this it is enough-- So, Succotash alone is enough to show which way world events are moving!"

^{In real life, signs of weather, of animals, etc. are a hint, & a gift of modern signs & times. A clear sign over Provo, Utah!}

Joshua 3:1. Early next morning they move to their last staging area before the invasion.

2. Three days of final inspection and instruction.
3. They are to follow the ARK--that will lead them. When it moves THEY move, and WHERE it moves they move--at a respectful distance of 2,000 cubits.

5. The final instruction: SANCTIFY yourselves, (high excitement): FOR tomorrow the Lord will do WONDERS among you. [They had been waiting 40 years for this moment]

6. Joshua gives the order, the priest heave up the ARK and start moving forward.
7. At that moment the Lord assures Joshua that the people are about to see for themselves that HE is their new MOSES
* [Cf. Mos.1:25-26.

8. When the priests come to the waters edge, they are to stand still with their feet in the water.

[This was near where the river empties into the Dead Sea. Since that time, thick coverings of alluvium have blanketed the ~~waters~~, areas been washed away by floods, replaced, etc.

e.g. a shrine built where John was supposed to have baptized (in the 1950's) was silted over when I was there; later washed clear again.

Thru the alluvium of sand and mud the river digs a channel, which at some times give- it steep and overhanging banks, which at others are removed.

Where the river runs into the Dead Sea, the shore is NOT sandy, but rocky. In 1964 the sea was very low, and gravel banks were emerging which had not been seen since the Stone Age (?)

From this Chapter it appears that the river was wide and the banks flat and the bottom rocky at the place of the crossing. The river at FLOOD-stage.

Also that the people of Jericho, etc. counted on it as their Maginot Line. When they heard of the crossing they simply gave up.

^{Hobbs Creek - 1950}
^{& all "Amorites" & Canaanites & Canaan}

Joshua 3:9. Joshua then addresses all the people: You are now about to see "that the living God is among you..."--you can't lose.

11. The ARK will go ahead of you into the Jordan,

12. Take 12 men from each tribe = 144

13. and as soon as the feet of the priests bearing the ARK touch the WATER, the waters of the Jordan will be CUT (blocked, obstructed--by something up stream) UPSTREAM (mil^ema'lah) and stand still (cease to flow), a nedh=pile) as the waters "pile up" (form a nedh). *A common occurrence: @ check-dams - 3m*

14. THE PEOPLE LEFT THEIR CAMPS AND STARTED FOR THE RIVER, WITH ALL EYES ON THE ARK. 15. The priests got to the edge, and the river was in FULL FLOOD, "OVERFLOWING ITS BANKS." *Hottel Creek - 1950 esp. buried road 70-30 ft.*

(Which is why the Canaanites thought it would be a perfect line of defense until they could gather forces).

16. Far upstream the river was blocked & the water piled up (deepened) [During the flood period the Colorado COMPLETELY changes its bottom, which is scoured out and replaced to a great depth. Sand and gravel bars, catching logs, branches, etc., quickly form in shallow rivers like the Jordan during flood stage, when everything is unpredictable

And of course everything down stream, down to the flats bordering the Dead Sea (only about 2 mi. down) instantly subsided, ^{now} passed off, and dried up ^{from} ~~from~~ sand, opposite Jericho, and the crossing was on dry rocks and sand.

Joshua 4:1. The beachhead being safely established without opposition; *all got across river*

2. Josh. called for 12 men from ea. tribe = 144, to

3. take twelve stones from the spot in the middle of the river where they ARK had been held steady while & until the entire host had crossed over, *a rocky bottom* and set them down on the "beachhead" over ~~night~~ night. *8/1 - 1964*

5. They were to heft them and carry them on their shoulders (each man carrying--NOT 144 stones, but only the 12 big stones)

6. These are to form a memorial monument for future generations, of the greatness of the crossing,--miracle, "a reminder to the children of Israel FOREVER."

8. Sthis being accomplished,

9. Joshua also set up 12 Stones right in the middle of the Jordan, on the spot where the ARK had stood, and there they stand in the water to this day.

Beach [It was "the ARK" that got the people safely over the raging waters] In many rivers in England are stones with dates or inscriptions on them, which are visible only in unusually dry years. e.g. Hunger Stones in the Kennet, near HUNGERFORD. *****CLEM. HOMIL.!**

10-11. The priests held the ARK in the middle of the river until everyone had passed, as quickly as possible. (n.b. The river might break thru any time) With the three "East-bank" Tribes still the front-wave shock-troops and the first to hit the beach,

13. The army was 40,000 strong. 14. JOSHUA gets full credit for the brilliantly successful operation: his authority is now firmly established.

16. Last of all the priest came up out of the river-bed with the ARK

17f. Whereupon the waters RETURNED WITH A RUSH, 18. and flooded the whole area. (kith^e mol-shilshom - *Not in KJ*) *→ rope at barrier upstream*

[The miracle, the supernatural element, is usually the TIMING: quails, gulls, LXX 4:18. "the moment the priests...put foot on the shore, the water of the JORDAN

RUSHED (hormesen) into place and flowed as it had been doing for the past 4 day over all the krepis. *→ foot, around web = lived skin, petty or embosomed*

*12
→ 144
Thought*

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Joshua 4:19. The people emerged from the Jordan on the 10th day of the 1st Mo.+N.YR.

20. And Joshua set up the 12 Stones in a GILGAL (cf. Durh. Avebury, p.125) 3200 BC.

21. When their children ask they are to tell them: Israel crossed the Jordan on dry land

23. It was exactly as ~~Jehovah~~ your God did to the RED SEA

24. so all the world may know & fear the Ld. YOUR God.

Joshua 5:1. All the kings west of the Jordan lost heart cpl. when they heard that their impregnable line of defense had been crossed

This gave the Israelites a breathing-space in the Gilgal camp. So

2. Joshua is ordered to ~~perform~~ ^{perform} circumcision, a sign of the cov.

3-7. they had ALL been born on the march in the wilderness when the ordinance was virtually impossible.

9. Because the Lord had ROLLED away (Gallothi) the kherpath of ~~the~~ ^{pestering} (pecking) of Egypt this day. So people called the place Gilgal.

(An aetiological explanation. Gilgal is also the meaning of Golgotha

cir-culum = cil-culum (circ. max & such a rit. place) (redemption or liberative motifs).
↳ for interchangeable dialects.

10. On the 14th of the Mo. they kept the Passover, using the stored food of the land for the rites and feasting,

12. Because the MANNA ~~had~~ ceased as soon as they ate "the old corn of the land."

13. Near Jericho ~~Joshua~~ JOshua "lifted up his eyes" and saw a man with a sword (standing in the air or on a hill?), and challenged him (Masau!)

14. The man said he was the Captain of the Lord's host, and Joshua bowed down to him, and asked him what his pleasure was.

15. He was ordered to take off his shoes, for the maqom upon which you are standing is qodesh. Joshua complies.

[All Gilgal's were considered holy places] Gilgal remains HQ & Capital of Jerus.

Joshua 6:2. Was it the Capt. of the Ld., or the Lord himself? It was the latter who told Joshua how to take mighty Jericho. (Thru his lieutenant?)

3. First SURROUND the city; then CIRCUMAMBULATE it for six days.

(These are the rites of the Megal. GILGAL complexes.

the 7-fold circumb. is the TAWWAF - Cosmic: 7 circling planets

4. The circling procession of 7 Priests bearing ram's horn trumpets, Ram's (miracly) circle it SEVEN times on the SEVENTH day, blowing their trumpets. New Age?

5. At a special long blast, all the people shout their heads off, the wall will fall down, and the surrounding hosts will rush in from all sides. (miracly) miracly consists - trumpets: 04 trumpets & qibla! Cf. Abn. d'altar! Abs. 1:15, 20, 4 (P) made miracly.

6. Joshua instructs the priests accordingly.

7. The people take position, marching before the ARK

10. They preserve TOTAL silence until the signal is given for the great shout.

11. After the circumamb. ea. day, they would rest in camp for the night.

12. Resuming the operation early the next morning.

13. The priests with trumpets FOLLOWING the ARK.

- Joshua 6: 14 The circumamb. with the 7 trumpets repeated SIX times,
15. On the SEVENTH day, beginning at dawn, they circumambulate the city on this day alone SEVEN times.
 16. The 7th time they blew the trumpets & at Joshua's command all the people shouted, *{Shouting for joy: New home is ready!}*
 17. declaring the city under a curse with the sole exception of Rahab.
 18. "Under all circumstances avoid the ACCURSED THING, lest ye bring a CURSE upon yourselves, when you take any of the ACCURSED THING, and so make the Camp of Israel ACCURSED, and so trouble it.
What was it so accursed? We shall soon see!
 19. But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron are to be ~~to~~ CO"SECATED to the Lord, they are to come in a treasure of Jehovah.
 20. Order were followed out, and all ~~happened~~ went according to plan.
 21. "And they UTTERLY DESTROYED everything in the city--man and woman, young and old, ox, ~~and~~ sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword."
Have a look at the Bible, it's not a secret, it's a promise. It's a promise to the people of Israel. Are you shocked? Here is standard procedure in enlightened 19C America, taking over its Promised Land to fulfill its manifest destiny.
 22. Joshua sent the 2 spies to Rahab's house, 23. to fetch everything to the Camp of Israel. ****F. Waters, Hopi, pp.339-342, Was it Bible made? No! Greg. Lumsden, pp. 100*
 24. The city was then burned, saving only the metal objects which went to the Lord's Treasury--no personal loot--THAT was the "accursed thing!"
 26. Joshua pronounces a curse on anyone who shall rebuild the city with the old foundation rites of human sacrifice. *A fully documented in the Bible!*
 27. Joshua's reputation (and effectiveness) spreads abroad.

- Joshua 7:1. It was Achan of the tribe of Judah who grabbed "the accursed thing", and brought the anger of the Lord on the host.
2. HQ is now in Jericho. The city of Ai becomes the next target.
 3. Joshua's spies return--No problem; about 2,000 or 3,000 men should do it easily--there aren't many of them.
 4. About 3,000 heroes were sent up--and got promptly chased out.
(Note the unique integrity of O.T. History. Even today news despatches would not report it so honestly)
 5. they chased them almost back to camp, cutting them down on the way; so that the people had all the fight taken out of them.
God permits it. His order shows no favorites: He's not a Jew or a Gentile
 6. Joshua takes it hardest of all (cf. the disappointed commanders--Amalikiah, Moroni, etc. in the B. of M.)
Rends his clothes, falls on his face bef. the Ark, while the elders throw dust on their heads.
AN almost comical reversal--such is the glory of war: e.g. Rescuing the hostages--and many events to come: BEWARE! *Amalikiah & B. of M. & expecting a pushover*
 7. The great Joshua repeats the refrain of Israel in the wilderness: Has God brought us miraculously so far only to destroy us?
O Lord, are you just playing tricks with us? (Where was HIS faith?)
Even the "fleshpot of Egypt" motif: If we had only been satisfied to stay where we were on the other side of the Jordan!"
[Forgetting that THIS was the side promised, designated and commanded for them to take!
 9. (Cf. 6:27) When this gets out the Canaanites will surround and overrun us (Joshua has lost his psychological advantage. Everything is reversed) X

Joshua 7:10. The Ld. rebukes Joshua for losing heart so easily.

11. (Why were the Greeks stopped cold at Troy? The oracle told that it was because one of their leaders had laid his hands on plunder that he had no right to, belonging to a priest serving in his sanctuary

"Israel has sinned," broken covenant and commandment...and also they have taken some of the KHEREM (accursed, sanctified, untouchable...) thing they have also robbed (ganav--i.e. the Lord's treasury, cf. Malachi also they have been covering up (kikhshu), and they have been stashing it among their own stuff." → *dedicated (Haram), cursed "No Touch it,"*

12. That is why you were beaten. I will be with you no more until you have removed the ACCURSED THING from among you.

13. So hurry and SANCTIFY yourselves for tomorrow, (which means) you must get rid of the ACCURSED THING in your midst before you can stand up to your enemies.

14. Assemble tomorrow morning to be inspected tribe by tribe, family by family, household by household, and finally man by man.

15. And whoever is caught with the ACCURSED THING shall suffer death by fire, with everything he has, because of what he has done to all Israel--broken the covenant and done a very foolish thing in Israel. (n^ebalah)

16. It was reduced to Judah, 17. and then the family of Zerzh, and then the man ZABDI. 18. who brought all his house who were inspected one by one down to ACHAN the ~~xx~~ grandson of Zabdi

19. Joshua talks Achan into confessing. → *When you or yourself or God is intended, distrib. but you slyly or cleverly add "G" holding P.R.A.*

20. THIS was the ACCURSED THING: a splendid Babylonian robe, 200 shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold. He couldn't resist them.

[Who wouldn't take it? There were no owners any more--he was merely maximizing profits, as thousands of G.I.s and esp. officers did
B = a higher moral plane than mod. warfare.

22. Joshua's messengers found the stuff hid in his tent, as he said

23. the stuff is spread out before the Lord, Joshua and the people

24. then Achan, his entire family, his ox, ass, sheep and all the treasure were taken to the Valley of Achor, where they were stoned and burned,

26. a great heap of stones being raised over them.

[Where this sort of thing is not stopped, it leads to the destruction of the entire nation. We have ways of legalizing looting--all the big corporations do it, e.g. tapping off Indian oil--many tricks for doing it from the well-head to the accounting office

Remember the BYU slogan: "There is no such thing as a rip-off!" The first duty of every man and woman is to maximize profits.]

Joshua 8:1. The Ld. tells Joshua: You need not worry about Ai this time--go up and take the place.

2. Treat Ai just like Jericho, only this time keep the loot and the cattle.

["...because I did not command it!"] Take it by ambush.

3. THIS time Joshua led them in person, 30,000 instead of 3,000--and BY NIGHT.

4. the army ~~ix~~ lies in wait while J. advances with a token force to draw of a pursuit,

7. the army moves in and takes the town during the chase.

9. The army took up their positions in the dark,

10. Joshua by days marched out of the town (he was being watched)

12. with about 5,000--another ambush planted on the W side.

13. while he moved on into the plain or valley,

14. the King of Ai seeing that, thought it would be a perfect place to attack with a superior force, & brought out his whole army.

15. Joshua repeated the run-away act, which the people of Ai expected a second time. 17. The city was left empty, and was easily occupied by the ambush part.

Joshua 10:4. In typical fashion, Adonizedec proposes a PLO coalition to strike at their fellow Gibeon for making peace with ~~xxxxxx~~ Israel (which GIBEON could not help).

- 5. The coalition camps at Gibeon: 5 Kings of the Amorites, the King of JERUS., Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, Eglon.
- 6. Gibeon sends for aid to Joshua, still camped at GILGAL.
- 7. Joshua immediately marched to assist, with the assurance of the Lord.
- 9. He caught them off guard at night, wrecked and pursued their armies
- 11. During the route stones fell from the sky ~~(xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)~~ HAILSTOENS, that killed more of them than the Israelites did.

12. Then Joshua said: SUN, STAND THOU STILL UPON GIBEON; and MOON, IN THE VALLEY OF AJALON. *Bible recs 200 views. particular observer, not reader - arm chair!*

13. This is a couplet with parallels: double meaning suspected. "wherein thou standest" DOM= to be SILENT. Gibeon=hill, elevation Moon 'amad= hold off, hold back until the people had avenged their enemies. cf. C. Hentze, "Point Most"

[Poetic language: daylight-saving thru intensified activity. (For proof of this) Is it not written in the BOOK OF JASHAR: "And the sun stood in half (the middle of) the sky, and no time went as a 'perfect' day." (Did not move as normally) [Cf. the miracle of Fatima

fresh speed of horizon

a real, normal-

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14. "And there was not like that day before it and after it, for hearing Jehovah (in)the voice of a man, for Jehovah engaged himself ;(nilkham) for Israel in battle.

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- 15. They returned to the camp at Gilgal.
- 16. The five kings took off and hid in a cave at Maqedah.
- 17. When this was reported to Joshua, he ordered the cave mouth blocked with stones and set under guard.
- 19. Also chase all the remainder of their forces--don't let them get home again: their cities belong to you now!

Long Distance "32 grants"

- 21. Israel now camped at Maqedah, and everyone was scared into silence.
- 22-24. Joshua ordered the 5 Kings brought out of the cave and the men of Israel to strike the immemorial "triumph pose" of Naram Sin with their feet on the necks of the Kings.
- 25. That was to boost their morale. *→ terminate claims*
- 26. The five kings were killed and THEN hanged on 5 trees until sundown. when they were sealed back in the Cave.
- 28. The same day Joshua wiped out the city of Maqedah. Repeat of Jericho [Is it from Bible reading that the A.S.s became that way?

- 29. Next to fall was Libnah. 30. Jericho again-
- 31. On to LACHISH; a two-day siege & the usual treatment.
- 33. Wipes out HORam for coming to the assistance of Lachish.
- 34-35. Eglon the same. 36-37. Hebron ditto. 38f. Then Debir.
- 40...all the hill country, the south contry, and all their kings--everything that breathed. 41. Qadesh-barnea; Gaza; Goshen (!), Gibeon & all the kings. "Because the Ld. God of Is. fought for Israel.
- 43. Return to the base camp at Gilgal.

Joshua 11:1-3. A great coalition of Kings of the NORTH formed to stop the Israelites. 4. A vast army with "very many horses and chariots" (which the Israelites did not have; very scarce also among the little hill kingdoms of the South) 5. All joined together in a great camp at the Waters of Merom. 6. The Ld. promised Joshua that he would polish them off within 24 hours!

Joshua 11:7. Joshua fell upon the great camp at Merom before they could get organized

[Big preparatory operations like that move with a slow steady confidence. The heavy stuff does not like to be rushed. That is why the Allies were caught completely by surprise in the B. of the BULge, though the German project had been glaringly apparent for at least two weeks

8. It was a pushover, a complete rout (Like the new 109 Div.
9. Slaughtered the horses and burned the chariots--the Armored divisions, which inspired such terror in the foot soldiers.
10. the king of HAZOR (where the BYU has excavated was the "high king". "the head of all those kingdoms." Hazor was taken next, burned, the pop. exterminated.
12. Every kingdom in the land got the same treatment.
13. BUT the cities were not all BURNED. Those with sound defenses were taken over. Of this group only Hazor was burned.
14. Their valuables and cattle were kept. The soft ware eliminated.
15. All this according to the Lord's command that had come through Moses.
17. Everything from Mt. Hermon to the Qantara.
18. Mopping up took a long time, king by king.
19. Only the Hivites of Gibeon (hewers of wood, etc.) were spared. *all refused combat*
20. To justify this the Lord had made them the aggressors. *peace & etc.*
(They waited for no talks or discussion of terms, and that was foolish
21. Joshua "cut off all the ANAKIMS (the other name for the kings, of a different race & culture--they were all pirates and tyrants, invaders by sea and land.
22. The ANAKIMS were left only in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod, where they were strongest, being on the seashore and perhaps reenforced from the sea. This is the beginning of the Philistine trouble.
23. Joshua distributed the inheritances in the land by tribes, and a time of peace followed.

Joshua 12:1ff CATALOGUE OF THE KINGS (Cf. Homer's Catalogue of the SHIPS)
Showing how small the Kingdoms were.

[The best commentary on this is the AMARNA LETTERS***

later
In Abraham in Egypt we show that before Abraham's day all this country had been under Egyptian hegemony. The Bk. of Abr. was written just after that rule had come to an end.

***J.A. Knudtzon, Die El-Amarna-Tafeln (Lpz., 1915), Vol. I. *Derer. & D. Hebr. took land, etc. & shortly bef. messengers set up by D. over Eq. Emp.*

p.1. One of the Tablets was found in TELL EL Hasi in So. Palestine. In Bab-Assyr. language, with scattering of W. Semit., esp. Canaanitish. El Amarna 300 km So. of Cairo in the Eastern bank. Ruins of Amenophis IV= Ikh-en-Aton. Found in 1887, about 200 of them in the hands of native dealers in Cairo. Budge says 310 were found: 82 in the Br.Mus., 17 in the BULaq Museum; 160 in Berlin. Erman says they were kept orig. in wooden boxes

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6 examples
p.857. Abdikhiba King of Jerus., to the King (of Egypt), No.1. *Amarna IV 1367-135 Gard.*

Abdikhiba thy servant falls 7 times 7 at thy feet
[Cf. Joshua & the Elders falling down bef. the Altar.
Cf. 7 times 7 supplication in the trumpet blasts

Behold, I am not one of the King's regents; I am only an Official of my Lord the King.

Why has My Lord the King sent me no messenger * * *

JOshua 12. [Amarna Letters, continued].

Let the King pay attention to Abdikhibe, his Svt! Behold, there are no infantry troops here. Let the King send an Inspector (Supervisor, Manager-rabis) and take the Regents away with him (nto) the King's territory (Lands)

[Cf. Rahab's situation & the promise
Please send a messenger as soon as possible.

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Letter No.2. (After introd'n.) What have I done to offend the King my Lord? I am being slandered to the King. Somebody is saying, "Abdikheba has become disaffected towards the King."
But behold, it was my father and my mother who established me in my position; and it was the mighty hand of the King which established me in my Father's position (House) [A common Eg. formula: He established every man in the throne of his father.]
Then why should I (of ;all people) commit outrage against our Lord the King? ...what I would say to the King's Agent is: "Why are YOU loving the Hebrews (Khabiri) so, and hate (the King's) Regents?" That is why I am being slandered to your majesty. Because I say, "The Kings lands are being lost to him..." That is why they slander me to the King
* * * We have no occupation troops here. Let the King be duly concerned for his land (mat-shu, Empire). All the King's dependencies have been falling away. Ilmiku is responsible for loss of the King's whole possession

Abdikhibe suggests a personal interview with Pharaoh to explain the situation. He cannot go to Pharaoh because "my enemies have become very strong"
If his Maj. would send an escort I might come to him...
But no body pays any attention to me. All the Regents are disappearing; not a single one is at his post. Let the King turn his attention to getting some troops here! "The Lands of the King do not remain to him; the Habiru are plundering all the possessions of the King." The situation can be saved if you act quickly. But without troops on the scene there is no hope to save anything.

Letter No.3 Everybody is against me and all the King's lands are being lost; he should step in quickly! Behold the Land of Gazri, of Ashkalon and LAKISH have given (the Habiri) food, oil, and whatever supplies they need.
The king should counter these moves, but without troops nothing can be saved. My Father and Mother put me over this land of JERUSALEM, thru the mighty hand of the King...It is Milkili and the Sons of LABAIA who betrayed the King's Land to the Habiru....The Kashi-people have done a terrible thing...they have run off with all the King's equipment (Geräte, supplies

Supplies are vital for us: Food, oil, much clothing; we in Jerusalem are waiting for Pauru the King's agent to appear. Addaja and all the Guardsmen have deserted...Adaja said to me: I want to leave, you stay here!
318 (!?) of the King's caravan people have been seized en route...Let the King be apprised that I cannot send any more caravans.
Behold, the King has placed his name forever ON JERUSALEM, so I can never desert Jerusalem.

I escaped by a hair and attempt by the treacherous Kashi-people to assassinate me in my own house.

Letter No.4....Behold I am no regent, but an official of His Maj., a Shepherd of his people...His hand has placed me in the House of my Father.
I delivered to Suta, the King's agent, what he asked for, a gift for the King. But the King must hurry--his Land is being lost to him! I am losing everything. Everyone is against me'; all the lands up to Sheeri and Gintikirmil have deserted their regents and are against me.

Joshua 12 (Amarna Letters). No.4, contd.

Formerly when I sent a ship (with messenger), the mighty hand of the King intervened and took Nakhrima and Kapasi. But today the Habiru are taking over the King's cities; not a single Regent remains to the King...all are being lost..

Behold, Zimrida of LAKISH has been betrayed by his servants who have joined the Habiru.

Iaptih-Adda was killed at the city gate of Zilu, and the King brought no one to trial. Let the King give a thought to his Land...the Land of Tribute. If his Maj. cannot get troops here within a year, let him send a Representative to evacuate me and my family (Brethren), so we can die with the King!

Letter No.5....Milkilim will not renounce the Sons of Labaja...

Why does the King not call Regents to account who do such things?

...Milkilim and Tagi have taken Rubuda and are now moving against JERUSALEM.

Milkilim wrote to Tagi after LABAJA & the Land of Shakmi had handed everything over to the Habiru, telling him, "Give the people of Kilti everything they want! Shall we just let JERUSALEM GO, then?...I have no royal troops with me... Puuru has deserted me and is in Hazati.

Send Ji'enkhamu to do something for the King's land! The King's whole land has fallen away....Let me hear a good word from the King!

Letter No.6....Milkilu and Shurdatu...have taken the land of the City of Rubute.

The Land of the King has fallen to the Habiru...along with that, A CITY OF THE LAND OF JERUSALEM, Bet-Ninib has deserted the King...thus the Kings lands are being lost to the Habiru.

B.M. Xf.6 - D, which is Jerusalem.

Joshua 13:1. The Lord tells Joshua: You are getting old and there is still a lot of land to be taken, 2. namely, all of Philistia and Geshuri; Gaza, Ashdod, Eshkalon, Gittites and Ekronites....Sidon to Aphek...all of Lebanon around Hermon to Hamath.

7ff. How the land is to be divided up.

13. They did not wipe everybody out. The Geshurites and Maachathites were left in place and live to this day among the Israelites.

ZThe perimeters of the tribes described.

Joshua 14:1-15. More lands of Inheritance back to Moses.

Joshua 15:1. The Land of Judah, clear down to the Wilderness of Zin, from the Dead Sea ...4. and the River of Egypt; the east border was the Jordan...

13. Caleb was registered among Judah, 14. from which Caleb expelled the children of Anak. He wanted to take Debir, formerly Kiriathsepher, and offered 16. his daughter in marriage to anyone who would take it.

17. The winner was OTHNIEL the son of KENAZ (Cf. Zenos), the brother of Caleb.

18. The bride, Achsah, went to Caleb to ask for a field for her husband, which he granted.

20-62. More tribes and boundaries.

63. The JEBUSITES could not be driven out of JERUSALEM, where they still live with the children of JUDAH to this day.

Handwritten notes: 72-...
of ...

Joshua 16:1ff. OUR relatives. "And the LOT came out (yetze= was drawn) for the Sons of JOSEPH from the Jordan (at) Jericho to the waters of Jericho (the great spring?) in the East

4. "So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance."
(Borders follow)
9. Cities set apart for Ephraim are included among the inheritance of Manasseh
(The OTHER half of Manasseh was on the East side of the Jordan & Rub. & Gad.)
10. To occupy they drive out the Canaanites of Gezer, BUT they still live among the Ephraimites, and pay tribute.

Joshua 17:1 *Jos. → Manasseh (st f) → Machir → Gilead. r d v*
Gilead and Bashan went to Gilead ~~xx~~ because he won it; he was "the man of war," the son of Machir, the firstborn of Manasseh, the eldest son of JOSEPH.

3. Gilead's grandson Zelophehad had only daughters.
4. He went to Joshua & the HP Eleazar and asked: What do I get?
6. Ans.: They got shares with the OTHER Half-Manasseh on the West Bank, around Shechem,
 8. the Apple-land of Tappuah, next to Ephraim's holdings, on the South,
 9. Included some cities of Ephraim.
11. *Title to* Extensive lands given to Manasseh, who could not take them, because the
12. Canaanites still held on
13. When the Israelites got stronger, they let them stay, and pay tribute.
14. In view of all this land going to Manasseh, "the children of Joseph complained that they were not getting enough for "a great people"/
and you need more land
15. Joshua: If you are so great/, go up and CUT out an empire in the Forest ~~want~~ country of the Perizzites and the giants.
16. Ans.?! That is not big enough, either: the Canaanites in the valleys of Bethshan and Jexreel have IRON CHARIOTS
17. Joshua: I am not confining you to one lot only: You are a great people--Go to it!
18. You will (can) drive out the Canaanites & cut down the forests in the mountains.
~~Eg. earth maps paralleling star-maps~~
~~Antillana-Hamlet's Mill~~
~~Indian~~

Joshua 18:1 SHILOH becomes the new capital.

2. ~~xx~~ Seven tribes still without land.
3. Joshua: to the tribes: Why don't you go and occupy it?
(v.1. The land was already (?) subdued)
4. Let each tribe send a party of 3 men to pick and block out the land they want.
5. Judah and Joseph already hold the south & north ends resp.
6. Divide what is in between into seven parts. Then return here and you can draw lots for them.
8. Joshua wants a survey and a map (Madeba
Cf. The En.Map and the Bab. map of the NE from the 9C--very good.
9. The official report: A description of the seven parts with main cities, put together in a seven-part BOOK, *Atlas of Canaan*
Cf. Flood-report of Amenophis 3, Pausan., Hdt., Hecataeus

Eg. Delta maps; Indian Glyphs (travel)--the Pasos
MADEBA

Joshua 18:20. The seven lands divided: Joshua CASTS LOTS, in SHILOH before the Lord.
(Cf. the LOT as an ORACLE

The theory: NOTHING happens by pure chance.***Toben

11. Benjamin gets the land betw. Judah and Joseph, i.e. the FIRST LOT
- 12-28. Is the official survey, from which maps have been made ***Kittel

Joshua 19:1 SIMEON gets the second lot in the extreme South. 1-9. The cities
villages included & the boundaries indicated.

19:10-16. ZEBUDON: Up North in the Carmel region

19:17-23. ISSACHAR: South of Zebulon and more inland

24-31. ASHER: On the Coast North of Zebulon

32-39. NAPHTALI: East of Asher and Zebulon.

40-48~~32-39~~. DAN: Farthest North--up against Lebanon and Hermon. The area was
inadequate for them, so they seized & occupied Lesham, and changed
its name to DAN after their father.

These were the SEVZEN lands distributed by lot.

49. They vote a separate tract for JOSHUA.

50. He chose the city Timmath-serah in Mt. Ephraim, and built his
own city there.

⊕ 51. This was all done at the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregn. in
Shiloh.

Joshua 20:1 The end of Joshua exactly parallels that of Moses. Assemble all the
Israelites and tell them 2. that now is the time to give the CITIES OF REFUGE
which I promised by the hand of Moses.

3. for those who must flee because of unintentional homicide.
4. the case of each to be heard by the elders at the gate before his entry.
5. one who killed his neighbor unintentionally and without hatred.
6. he may live in the city during the lifetime of the High Priest in charge
when he was admitted.
7. And they sanctified the shrine at the circle (galil) on the Mt. of Naph-
thali and at Shchem on the Mt. of Ephraim and at Qiryath-Arba' which
is Hebron in the Mt. of Judah.

8. And in the crossing of the Jordan at JERICHO TOWARDS THE East they
appointed Betsar in the desert in the area of the tribe of Reuben &
Ramoth-Gilead in the Tribe of Gad and Golan in Bashan in the Tribe of
Manasseh.

Joshua 21:1ff The Levites come to Shiloh to ask for the cities Moses had promised
them. They received these cities by LOT...

41. The total of the LEVITE cities in the lands of Israel was 48 cities.

43. The giving of the lands was now COMPLETE. Everyone had his share.

44. And Israel could take a breather.

Nobody for a time dared to raise a finger against them.

Joshua 22:1-6. Joshua calls the Reubenites, Gadites and half-Manasseh together;
thanks them for their help in behalf of the other tribes; 4. dismisses them,

with an admonition to keep the same commandments as given to all,

5. And to do it with HEART and SOUL. 6. So they return to their TENTS.

Joshua 22:7. Reuben, Gad & Half Manasseh go home laden with spoils.

10. ON their way, at the reverse crossing of the Jordan they erect a great ALTAR
11. at the place where the ten tribes had passed over originally.

12. The rest of the tribes were horrified at the news (after all that had been commanded them about not worshipping other gods!)-
They assembled at Shiloh for a campaign against the others.

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13. They voted to send a delegation of 10 Princes (for the 10 Tribes) headed by Phinehas (Pincus- Pa-nehas, the Ethiopian) to make inquiry.

15. They come to their HQ in Gilead and ask: What is going on here?

16. Their official speech: (it was written): "THUS SAY THE United Congregation ('edath) of Jehovah: What is this thing you have done against (lit, 'at the price of= b^e, the bi of redemption') the God of Israel, to turn away this day from (following) after Jehovah, by building for yourselves an altar of sacrifice (mizbeah) in open rebellion (marad) against Jehovah?

17. Haven't we gone through enough? We are still not cleared of the offense at Peor, which brought a plague on the people...

18. Are you turning ~~backwards~~ your backs on him now again... to bring down his wrath tomorrow on all the rest of us?

19. If this is for purifying your lands (on the East side), why not come over to the West Side where the purity of the land is assured by the presence of the Tabernacle of the Lord?

You can settle there with us. Anything to avoid rebelling ¹against the Lord and the rest of us by setting up an altar right beside an altar of the Lord.

[It looked like open defiance because there was ALREADY a true altar there

20. Remember how Achan (by a little looting) brought the anger of God on all the rest of us. He was not the only one who died for what HE had done!

21. That Altar-builders explain: You have it all wrong... 23. We don't intend to make burnt offerings (sacrif.), meat offerings (feast), or peace offerings (cov.) on this altar. That can be done only at the request of Jehovah himself--(we do not presume

24. We did this to avoid a misunderstanding which we fear might arise in the future. 25. (When because of the Jordan between us we will grow up as separate nations,) and people will come to think of the Jordan as the natural boundary between us, and think (because they are the holy nation) that we (on the other side of the river) have no share in Jehovah; and your children will in time convince our children (such is the force of custom and tradition) that they really don't belong, "and so cause our children to give up fearing Jehovah."

26. So we decided to build this altar, not= for sacrifices (in competition with the other) but privately as a memorial, 27. a reminder, a witness to both of us, that we share the offerings and the sacrifices of the religion of Jehovah between us, so that your children will never say: "You don't belong, you may not participate."

28. But with this altar here, we may say to generations to come: Here is an altar built after the proper pattern of the true altar of the Lord

Joahus 22:28 Contd. this altar is just like the official one, built by all the 12 tribes, but it has been built by us for one purpose only: to unite us with Israel on the other side of the river--not to separate us from them!

29. "God forbid that that should happen, or that we should be trying to compete with the true altar before the Tabernacle at Shiloh or to recognize any other sacrifice but that one!

30. Phinehas and the princes were delighted with the explanation (A brilliant idea for uniting Israel)

31. It is clear to us that Jehovah is among us all and that you have not done any wrong.

32. The delegation returned and reported to the Congregation at Shiloh, who were very pleased with the outcome.

34. After that the altar at the river was called EDH+ the Witness.

Joshua 23:1ff. Joshua's departure enough like that of Moses to be a ritual (Cf. Benjamin and Mosiah). D.C.107: Adam-on-di-Ahman *Cf. Mosiah 1-6 & Deut.*

1. After many years Joshua was ald--110, 2. and called the Great Assembly

3. Calls all to witness what ~~the~~ Jehovah their God had done

4. how he had divided the Land among them

5. Now promises to clear the rest of the land

6. if they observe everything that had been WRITTEN IN THE BOOK of the Law of Moses (Deut.)

7. Esp. "that you would not go along with these GOIM who still remain in your midst, NOR BEAR IN MIND (or on the tongue) THE NAME OF THEIR ELOHIM, nor swear by them, nor ~~serve~~ them, nor bow down to them."

[This is the FIRST condition insisted on in Deut., NOT because there is intrinsic evil in other religions, *(neg. - y) mu re & mu or over: abhorrence: heathen pagan* what the Law ;of Moses insists on at every turn is NOT the ABHORRENCE of other Gods, but total dedication to Jehovah: they are his covenant people, set apart, sealed, peculiar, etc. THEREFORE they can never be involved with outside business. As Pres. Kimball said, Our concern with outside business is just as much IDOLATRY as was ancient concern with other gods: WHATEVER you ascribe most WORTH to is the boject of your whorth-sceap= wroship.

The next verse makes this clear:

8. What IS required of you is to cleave(yitz'aqU= hang on for dear life) to Jehovah your God--to the exclusion of everything else.

[The whole emphasis of conventional Judaism and Christianity is on the idea that there is something peculiarly evil, depraved, vicious, wicked, immoral, etc. about any other religion but their own. Which is not what is said here at all. When you dedicate yourself, e.g. to a diet of one kind of food only, it is not to condmen all other food as poison for every-one [though that is often the self-righteous position taken by food fad-dists] The Lord tells us there are in the world "holy men ye know not of..." We must not get the idea that we are the only Saints. This was a hard lesson for Peter and the Jewish-Christians to learn

9. The Lord has until now made you invincible, so that grat and strong people have been displaced for your benefit--driven out of the land.

(Not necessarily exaerminated = {as} L / !

10. IT is not YOUR victory, and God is NOT on the side of the big battallions: When one person can chase a thousand, that is NOT his doing at all.

[In all this fighting it was NOT the Arm of Flesh that prevailed!

Joshua 23:11. So if you are to last at all the ONE thing for you to do is to LOVZE Jeh. you God--that way you will be sure to serve and obey him those are important, but the LOVE comes first, as the Lord said--it takes care of all the rest. If you truly love him you CANNOT offend him,

12. Because that is the ONLY guarantee against being assimilated with the remnants of those other people remaining in the land, and start inter-marrying with them. Even if they meet you half-way, you have a Cov. with ME [There's was by far the more advanced culture--inevitably it would end up dominating--Graecia capta...

13. If that happens here, the Lord will no longer push them around for your benefit.

[In all this is the lesson of the Lord to Nephi: If you remain faithful the Lams. will have NO POWER over you. God gives the people absolutely NO credit for mil. victory, nor does he want them to trust TO ANY DEGREE in a military buildup. *(no proportion; mil. prep. is useless: (LCS) E)* Pres. Kimball was not exaggerating. Here the Lord tells Israel that a THOUSAND TO ONE is not too great odds when he is on their side. *reg's (N=ok)*

But if they turn from the Lord's commandments then those others will have all power over them [The Lord to Nephi: they will extinguish you *vivid images* "they will become as ~~xx~~ snares (le-pakh=foot-traps) and le-moqesh=noose dropped from above, imperceptible, silent *B* and as shotet (Ar. saut) whips (to keep you in line once they have got you--such is the power of custom like a overpowering briar-patch (tsanan= pierce, scratch, cover, smother, blind, lost - a bog. Not a clear confrontation = simplistic Hollywood's deformed pag you will become extinct in the land--simply disappear, swallowed up (abad= for tracks to get lost in the sand--Popper) *entangled, quicksand, lose track -*

14. So this is my farewell--today I go the way of all the earth, and you know perfectly well that the Lord has not failed to give you a single thing that was promised--(He keeps his word)

15. And he also promised what would happen if you were not faithful--and he keeps his word in that° Every evil thing will come to you until you are utterly "de-destroyed from off this good alnd which J. your God has GIVEN you." (And you would deserve it)

16. Fut. indic.--this is prophetic: WHEN you break your agreement...and served other gods, his kindling anger will make short work of you: you will quickly pass away (abad again) from the good land he GAVE you. *fut. indic.*

Joshua 24:1. (The Great Assembly (Cf. D.C. 107) Joshua at Shechem, before God. Why there instead of Shiphoh? 2. He recounts the story of ABRAHAM to them 4. And Isaac and Jacob who went to Egypt. 5. Moses, Aaron & the Exodus 8. Subduing the terrible Amorites--10. Saved from Balaam, 11. Taking of Jericho, subduing of 7 tribes.

12. AND I SENT THE HORNET BEFORE YOU, WHICH DRAVE THEM OUT--NOT the sword or bow.

13. THE rich land was all A FREE GIFT to you "FOR WHICH YE DID NOT LABOR."

14. Therefore PUT ASIDE the Gods which your fathers served in Syr. and Eg.

15. SERVE YE THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE...BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE JEHOVAH. *wide E? → permission → Com on NE E*

18. When the Lord drove out the Amorites, they also proposed serving Jehovah, (!) declaring they he was their God too: "Wee too will serve Jehovah, because he is OUR God."

Joshua 8:20-22. The men of Ai trapped between the burning city and Joshua's planted units; turn back and try to fight. Joshua comes out of the city, and they are completely surrounded and annihilated, 12,000 dead, 26. Joshua did not let up until everything was wiped out. 23. The King was taken alive to Joshua.

29. hanged on a tree, buried under a heap of stones at the gate.

27. This time cattle and goods were kept "ACCORDING to the word of the Lord"

28. I remains a burnt heap to this day. *So he nor his ghost / no more lay claim / land: hanging - a tree; act of epl. dissociation.*

30. Joshua builds an altar on Mt. Ebal, of uncut stones, for burnt offerings and peace offerings.

32. ANother account of how the inscribed stone got there? *also not* No, it is a falsh-back: this was where the law was written on the stone (by Moses or Joshua?)

33. He is repeating the ordinance "which MOses...had commanded BEFORE--6 on Gerizim, 6 on EBAL, Blessed them (no cursing this time!) 34f. and had the WHOLE LAW OF MOSES read to them again. *1st read. min. 27 years*

Joshua 9:1 At last all the Kings on the West Side: Hitt., Amorite; Canaanite; Perizzite; Hivite; Jebusite, 2. are alarmed enough to form a coalition.

3f The people of Gibeon, fearing that they would be next, dedided to use strategy a trick (armah). They dressed men up as far-journeying

"The vent (as) men travelling all over (yitstayeru, with worn-out sacks on their donkeys, old battered wine-skins (leather bottles= nodoth) all patched up, 5. shoes tied on with rages, old clothes, dry mouldy bread.

6. Told Joshua they came from far off to make an alliance with him.

7. If you are Hivites, what kind of ~~xxxx~~ an alliance?

8. We will be your servants.

Joshua: Just who are you?

9. From far, far away. We have heard of your God and Egypt & all that; that's why we came. 10. We heard of all the people he overcame.

11. So our elders want an alliance with you. 12. Look at our bread..

12f. wine, and all the rest--THAT is how far we have travelled.

14. So the Israelites were taken in without making a sensible inquiry.

15. Joshua made an alliance with them & exchanged oaths.

16. Three days later they discovered the ruse

17. and traveled with them to the four cities they really came from (One was Kirjathjearim, of the Lachish letters

18. But because the princes of the congregations had exchanged oaths with them, they would not hurt the impostors, and all the people complained about it. 19. But the princes stuck by their promise.

[Cf. the Evacuation of the SINAI this week! Why chosen f: r with faith. (cf. H. Wallich, J. Helms: r) r p l of Iranian r r b a bunch o burns

21. Agreed to let them live, but as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

23. a permanent bondage, because of their deception.

24. They explained: What else could they do? They were mortally afraid when they learned that God had given the land thru Moses.

25f. So they submit and accept their lot.

27. (Formerly the honorable task of the Levites) i.e. to hew wood and draw water for the sacrifices of the altar of the Lord.

Joshua 10:1 When Adoni-zedek, King of JERUSALEM heard of the fate of mighty Gibeon, 2. he was scared stiff, and proposed a coalition with the kings of HEBRON,

Jarmuth, LACHISH, and Eglon.