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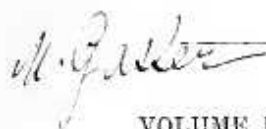
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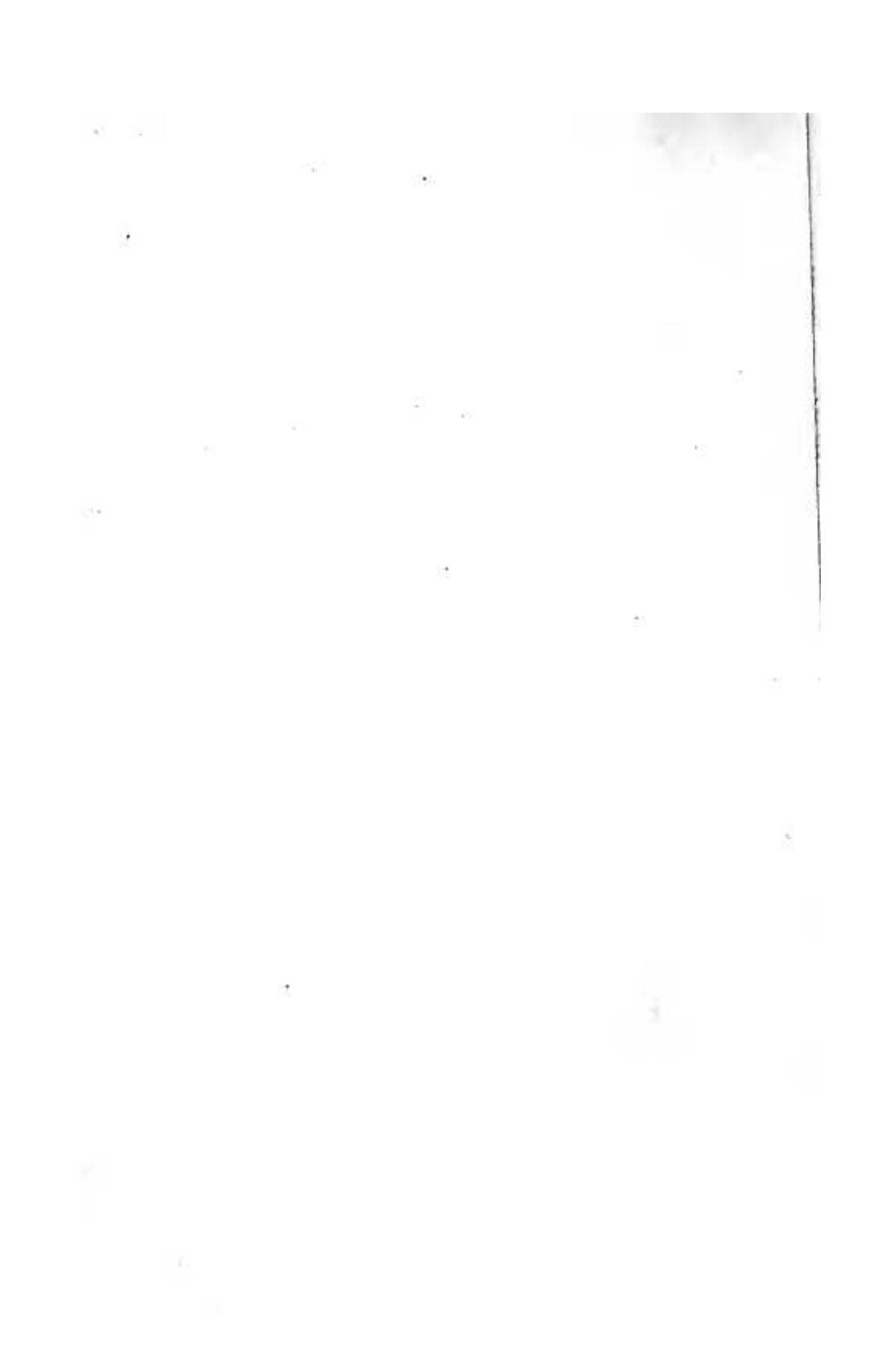
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JOSHUA.

CHAP. I.

- 1 AND it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of the Eternal, that the Eternal said unto Joshua the son of Nun, 2 Moses' minister, as follows, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, pass over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the 3 children of Israel. Every place that the sole¹ of your foot shall tread upon, *that* have I given unto you, as I spake unto 4 Moses. From the desert and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea towards the going down² of the sun, 5 shall be your boundary. There shall not any man be able to stand³ before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and firm: for unto this people shalt 6 thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto 7 their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very firm, that thou mayest observe⁴ to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: depart not from it *to* the right or *to* the left, that thou mayest act 8 wisely whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate⁵

¹ hollow. ² coming. ³ place himself. ⁴ keep. ⁵ utter.

JOSHUA, CHAP. I. II.

- therein day and night, that thou mayest observe¹ to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt act wisely.
- 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and firm; be not terrified, neither be thou dismayed: for the Eternal thy
- 10 God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest. Then Joshua
- 11 commanded the bailiffs of the people, saying, Pass through the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare you provisions; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Eternal your
- 12 God giveth you to possess it. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, said
- 13 Joshua, as follows, Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Eternal commanded you, saying, The Eternal your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
- 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan; but as for you, ye shall pass before your brethren harnessèd,||
- 15 all the heroes of the force, and help them; Until the Eternal hath given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have succeeded to the land which the Eternal your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and succeed to it, which Moses the servant of the Eternal gave you on this side of the Jordan towards
- 16 the sun rising. And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou
- 17 sendest us we will go. According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the Eternal thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.
- 18 Every man that doth rebel against thy commandment,² and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death, only be strong and firm.

CHAP. II.

- 1 AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men *as* spies privately, saying, Go see the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, and her name
- 2 *was* Rahab, and lay down there. And it was said to the king of Jericho, as follows, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Israel to search out³ the country.

¹ keep. ² mouth. ³ dig.

JOSHUA, CHAP. II.

- 3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, who are come into thine house: for they are come to search out¹ the country.
- 4 And the woman took the two men, and concealed them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not
- 5 whence they *were*: And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, in the darkness, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them
- 6 quickly; for ye shall overtake them. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid² them with the stalks of flax,³ which she had set in order upon the roof.
- 7 And the men pursued after them the way to the Jordan unto the fords: and they shut the gate, as soon as the pursuers
- 8 had gone out after them. And before they lay down, she
- 9 came up unto them upon the roof; And she said unto the men, I know that the Eternal hath given you the land, and that the horror of you is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint⁴ because of you. For we have heard how the Eternal dried up the water of the Red Sea⁵ for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye doomed to *destruction*. And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain⁶ any more spirit in any man, because of you: for the Eternal your God, he
- 12 *is* God in the heaven above, and in the earth beneath. Now, therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Eternal, since I have shown⁷ you mercy, that ye will also shew⁸ mercy unto
- 13 my father's house; and give me a true sign.⁹ And *that* ye will keep alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our souls
- 14 from death. And the men answered her, Our soul *be given* for your's, unto death, if ye tell not these our words. And it shall be, when the Eternal hath given us the land, that we
- 15 will deal kindly and truly¹⁰ with thee. Then she let them down by the cord through the window: for her house *was* in a wall of the rampart, and she abode in the rampart. And she said unto them, Go ye to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterwards may ye go your way.
- 17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* guiltless of this

¹ dig. ² secreted. ³ flax of the wood. ⁴ dissolve. ⁵ sea of flags. ⁶ rise. ⁷ done.

⁸ do, ⁹ sign of truth. ¹⁰ do mercy and truth.

JOSHUA, CHAP. II. III.

- 18 thine oath which thou hast adjured us. Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this cord of crimson thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt gather thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household into the house unto
- 19 thee. And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go outside of the doors of thy house, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand
- 20 be upon him. And if thou tell this our word, then we will be guiltless of thine oath, with which thou hast adjured us.
- 21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she let them go, and they went: and she bound the crimson cord in the window. And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them*
- 22 throughout all the way, but found *them* not. So the two men returned, and came down from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and
- 23 related to him all that befel¹ them: And they said unto Joshua, Truly the Eternal hath given into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint² because of us.

CHAP. III.

- 1 AND Joshua rose early in the morning; and they journeyed from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.
- 2 And it came to pass after³ three days, that the bailiffs went through the camp; And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark⁴ of the covenant of the Eternal your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall
- 3 journey from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about two thousand cubits by the measure: do not approach it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore.⁵ And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves:
- 4 for to-morrow the Eternal will do wonders among you. And Joshua said unto the priests, as follows, Bear the ark⁴ of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they bare the ark⁴ of the covenant, and went before the people.

¹ found. ² dissolve. ³ at the extremity of. ⁴ case. ⁵ from yesterday before yesterday.

JOSHUA, CHAP. III. IV.

- 7 And the Eternal said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the eyes of all Israel, that they may know
8 that, as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark¹ of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the extremity of the waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan.
9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Step hither,
10 and hear the words of the Eternal your God. And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail dispossess from before you the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite. Behold, the ark¹ of the covenant of the Eternal
12 of all the earth passeth over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel,
13 out of every tribe a man.² And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles³ of the feet of the priests that bear the ark¹ of the Eternal, the Eternal of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and
14 they shall stand upon a mound. And it came to pass, when the people journeyed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark¹ of the covenant
15 before the people; And as they that bare the ark¹ were come unto the Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark¹ were dipped in the extremity of the water, and the Jordan being full on all its banks all the time⁴ of harvest
16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up as one mound very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down towards the sea of the plain, even the salt sea failed,⁵ and were cut off:
17 and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark¹ of the covenant of the Eternal stood firm⁶ on the dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on the dry ground, until all the people were completely passed over the Jordan.

CHAP. IV.

- 1 AND it came to pass, when all the people were completely passed over the Jordan, that the Eternal said unto Joshua,

¹ case. ² one man one man for a tribe. ³ hollows. ⁴ days. ⁵ were complete. ⁶ prepared.