

The Faithfulness of God

The person to have faith and trust in life

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INTRODUCTION

I write this book with the knowledge that God who created the heavens and earth and all that is there in is a very faithful God indeed and that one need to put one's faith and trust in him as he is trustworthy and can depend on him in life as he never fails people. It is us that we created that always fails him by our disobedience to him.

Jehovah Elohim is a God of order and principles and he gave mankind a life manual which is the Holy Bible to guide us on how we need to live (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and also relate with him but alas man has gone his own way and ignored and rubbished God's ways (Genesis 1:26-3:24) and brought about all the misery we have on earth as human beings.

I found it necessary to write this book to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness so that we come back to our right sense and make a decision to start a new leaf in life by repenting of our sins and believing in his Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins and to

live a life of trusting in him fully for he really loved us and gave his life on the cross so as to redeem us from our sinful ways (Romans 3:19-26; 8:1-8; 10:1-13, Galatians 4:1-5, John 3:1-8, 16-18, 36, Acts 2:36-42; 4:10-12; 17:30-31, Luke 13:1-5, Acts 13:38-48).

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Part One

The Scriptures

In this first part we are going to navigate through the Scriptures and see that God is faithful to us.

Thy mercy, **O Lord**, is in the heavens; and **thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.**

Psalm 36:5

For ever, **O LORD**, thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

Psalm 119:89-90

For God's faithfulness to be in all generations it is great and it lasts forever.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: **great is thy faithfulness.**

Lamentations 3:22-23

The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which had had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

Deuteronomy 7: 7-9

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of **the LORD**: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a **God of truth** and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Truthfulness and faithfulness is essentially the same thing. Jesus Christ told his disciples that he is the truth (John 14:6) and he and God the Father are one (John 10:30; 5:21-23).

I will praise thee, **O Lord**, among the people:

I will sing unto thee among the nations

For **thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds**

Psalms 57:9-10

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering has thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, o LORD, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; **I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:** I have not concealed thy loving kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Psalm 40:6-10

HEAR, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven.

A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, doth they go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations **the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

Understand therefore, that the Lord thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for

thy righteousness; for thou art a stiff-necked people.

Deuteronomy 9:1-6

In that scripture you can see that although the Israelites are not righteous but because of God's promise to their fathers he nevertheless was going to be faithful and perform what he had sworn to do for them.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Apostle Paul wrote the above to the church at Corinth to assure them on God's faithfulness to them as believers in Christ Jesus.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.

Psalms 146:5-6

The God of Israel the only true God is faithful and can be trusted as he is forever truthful.

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica exhorting them and telling them that although they have asked for prayers from them but God is going to stablish them in their faith and to keep them from evil.

JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

And from **Jesus Christ**, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4-6

Apostle John in writing to the churches he mentions Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness and reminds them of what he has done to the churches and what they have now become in him and which is praise worthy and that he be glorified forever.

THOU therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

It is a faithful saying: for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:1-13

God is very faithful and cannot deny himself under any circumstance as he remains ever faithful in what he says to us.

And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoke?

And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

Numbers 23:16-20

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit

Despise not prophesying

Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good

Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole Spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-24

In the above scripture apostle Paul reminds the church at Thessalonica that God who called them into his salvation is faithful to

keep them blameless as long as they are obedient to his word.

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

And he **stood**, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, **saying**,

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

1 Kings 8:54-56

King Solomon too acknowledged the faithfulness of God before the Israelites.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer or as a thief, or as an evil doer or as a busy body in other men's matters.

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:17-19

Apostle Peter also acknowledged the faithful of God to the Church of Christ in his epistle above.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: **with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.**

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: **thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.**

I have made my covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

**And the heavens shall praise thy wonders,
O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.**

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is in a strong LORD like unto thee? Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Psalm 89:1-2

The Lord God is surrounded by faithfulness, that is, he is full of faithfulness.

But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Jeremiah 10:10

The prophet Jeremiah acknowledged God as a true God and an everlasting king. Because he is a living God and an everlasting king his truth is everlasting.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

And deliver them who through fear of death were all their life time subject to bondage.

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus Christ came into the earth and took the body of man and became a high priest to minister unto men by bringing a reconciliation between God and mankind through his blood for the sins of all the people and in that God showed his faithfulness and mercy upon the people he created.

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of his promise the

immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, **in which it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:16-20

The fact that it is impossible for God to lie it essentially means he is ever faithful.

And having a high priest over the house of God;

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Hebrews 10:21-23

By putting our faith in Christ Jesus who died on the cross for our sins he being the high priest and rose up again on the third day, we need to hold fast what we profess without wavering for God is faithful who has promised us everlasting life in heaven.

And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and **he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treaded the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to

make war against him that sat on the horse,
and against his army.

And the beast was taken, and with him the
false prophet that wrought miracles before
him, with which he deceived them that had
received the mark of the beast, and them that
worshipped his image.

These both were cast alive into a lake of fire
burning with brimstone.

And the remnant were slain with the sword of
him that sat upon the horse, which sword
proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls
were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 19:11-21

Jesus Christ is the one described as faithful
and true and he will come to the earth to rule
in Jerusalem for 1000 years with the holy
saints immediately after the end of the 7 years
tribulation period. After the 1000 years he
will judge the whole earth (all people) and be
with the saints in heaven eternally and the rest
(sinners) be in hell eternally.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgement: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy father that hath bought thee? Hath he not made thee; and established thee?

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

Genesis 32:1-10

The above scripture is a summary of God's faithfulness as he showed it to his people the Israelites who were in bondage in Egypt. He removed them with a big deliverance and with a mighty hand from there after 430 years (Exodus 12:40 - 41) and led them to the land of Canaan which he had promised to their fathers – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 15, 17, 35:9-15) He did that despite their disobedience and rebellion to him and treated them so well in the wilderness. Here now in

the scripture he is calling the heaven and earth as his witnesses on his faithfulness to his people the Jews.

And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

And said, Whose daughter art thou? Tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge.

And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being

in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

Genesis 24:22-27

In the above scripture Abraham's servant acknowledges God's faithfulness to his master Abraham by leading him to Abraham's brethren where he found a wife for his master's son Isaac to marry, as his master had instructed him to and that is why he bowed down and worshipped his master's God, the God of Israel.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalms 100:5

The above scripture says that God's truth, that is, his faithfulness endures forever.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and **the judgements of his mouth;**

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the LORD our God: his judgements are in the earth.

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Psalm 105:1- 8

The above scripture says that those who seek the Lord need to rejoice in his name as he is always faithful in his judgements and always remembers all his promises to fulfil them.

Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: **but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.**

Hosea 11:12

In the scripture above God's faithfulness is acknowledged despite the shortcomings of Ephraim and the house of Israel.

And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness,

and in judgement, and in lovingkindness, and
in mercies.

**I will even betroth thee unto me in
faithfulness: and thou shalt know the
LORD.**

Hosea 2:16-20

The Lord God has set a day when his people
will change the way they have called him and
at that time they will know him well because
of his faithfulness to them.

**All the paths of the LORD are mercy and
truth** unto such as keep his covenant and his
testimonies.

Psalm 25:10

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise
him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
and **the truth of the LORD endureth for
ever.** Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 117:1-2

Truthfulness is equated to faithfulness and that is God's nature. Because he does what he says.

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be

marvellous in mine eyes? Saith the LORD of hosts.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Zechariah 8:1-8

God is not a liar as what he promised to the people of Israel after scattering them in the various countries of the world; he has already restored them back to Jerusalem in Israel to dwell there again. For further reading on restoration you can read my other book entitled 'The God of Restoration'.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Psalm 91:1-4

God is very faithful to his people as the above scripture says.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

God is faithful and is ready to forgive the penitent in heart who confess their sins to him.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it

**from the pit of corruption: for thou hast
cast all my sins behind thy back.**

For the grave cannot praise thee, death can
not celebrate: they that go down into the pit
cannot hope for thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I
do this day: the father to the children shall
make known thy truth.

The LORD was ready to save me: therefore
we will sing my songs to the stringed
instruments all the days of our life in the
house of the LORD.

Isaiah 38:17-20

In the above scripture King Hezekiah praised
the Lord God for bringing healing on his body
from sickness and acknowledged his
faithfulness in his life. For sure God is faithful
to all of us and not to kings only.

**IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the
LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name,
O most High:**

To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,
Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

Psalm 91:1-4

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness.
And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Psalm 143:1-2

The psalmist in the above two scriptures acknowledges as well God's faithfulness.

Despise not prophesying.
Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and **I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

1 Thessalonians 5:20-24

Apostle Paul in his epistle to the church at Thessalonica acknowledged to them the faithfulness of God who had called them into his salvation.

And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore be preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,
and his Holy One, to him who man despiseth,
to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a
servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise,
princes also shall worship, because of **the
LORD that is faithful**, and the Holy One of
Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Isaiah 49:5-7

The above scripture too, do acknowledge the
faithfulness of God.

Part Two

The Israelites

After going through part one and saw how in the Holy Scripture God is said to be faithful in this part of this book we are going to see a classical example on the case of the Israelites whom he chose as his own people among all the nations of the earth (Deuteronomy 7).

NOW these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising sun from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

Sihon King of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

And from the plain to sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, away to Beth-jeshi

moth; and from the south, under Ashdodth-
pishgah:

And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which
was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at
Edrei

And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah,
and in all Bashan, unto the border of the
Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half
Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

Them did Moses the servant of the LORD and
the children of Israel smite: and Moses the
servant of the LORD gave it for a possession
unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the
half tribe of Manasseh.

And these are the kings of the country which
Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this
side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the
valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak,
that goeth up to Sier, which Joshua gave unto
the tribes of Israel for a possession according
to their divisions;

In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in
the plains, and in the springs, and in the

wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites and Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one

The king of Jerusalem one; the king of Hebron, one; the king of Jarmuth, one; of the king Lachish one;

The king of Elgon one; the king of Gezer one;

The king of Debir one; the king of Geder one;

The king of Hormah one; the king of Arad one;

The king of Libnah one; the king of Adullam, one;

The king of Makkedah one; the king of Beth-elone;

The king of Tappuah one; the king of Hephher one;

The king of Aphek one; the king of Lasharon, one;

The king of Madon one; the king of Hazor one;

The king of Shimron-Meron one; the king of Achshaph one;

The king of Taanach one; the king of Megiddo, one;

The king of Kedesh one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel one;

The king of Dor one; in the coast of Dor, one; the king of nations of Gilgal, one;

The king of Tirzah one; all the kings thirty and one.

Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshure,

From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Caaninite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eschalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:

From the south, all the land of the Canaanites,
and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, unto
Aphek, to the borders of Amorites:

And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon,
toward the sun rising from Baa-gad under
mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.
All the inhabitants of the hill country from
Lebanon unto Misre-photh-maim, and all the
Sidonians, them will I drive out from before
the children of Israel: only divide thou it by
lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I
have commanded thee.

Now therefore divide this land for an
inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half
tribe of Manasseh,

With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites
have received their inheritance, which Moses
gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as
Moses the servant of the LORD gave them;

From Aroer, that is upon the bank of the river
Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the
river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah;

All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said unto them.

And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families.

And their coast was from Aroer that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in

the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba:

Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

And Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley,

And Beth-peor and Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-Jeshimoth,

And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain with them.

And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after

their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of Gad according to their families.

And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half of the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah; And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and his border, even unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward.

This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Manasseh: and this was the

possession of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families.

And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities.

And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Basha, were pertaining unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

These are the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plain of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward. But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

AND these are the countries which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

By Lot was their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephuneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeash-banea to

spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

Nevertheless my brethren which went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

AND now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this words unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

As yet I am strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were

there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me; then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephuneh Hebron for an inheritance.

Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephuneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

THIS then was the Lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families, even to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

And their south border was from off the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looked southward:

And it went out to the south side to Maaleh-acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa: From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.

And the east border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:

And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:

And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is before the going up to Adummim, which is southside of the river: and the border passed toward the waters

of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel:

And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:

And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjath-jearim:

And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto Mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah:

And the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah,

and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

And the west border was to the great sea, and the coast thereof. This is the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

And unto Caleb the son of Jephuneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name Debir before was Kirjath-sepher.

And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she heightened off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?

Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

And the uttermost cities of the children of Judah towards the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah;

And Kadesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

Ziph, and Telem and Bealoth,

And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,

And Hazal-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothjah

Baalah, and Lim and Azem,
And Eltolad, and Chesia, and Hormah,
And Ziklag, and Madmannah and Sansannah,
And Lebaath, and Shilhim, and Ain, and
Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine,
with their villages:
And in the valley, Eshtoal, and Zoreah, and
Ashnah
And Zonoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and
Enam,
Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah,
and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their
villages:
Zenan, and Hadashah, and Mig dal-gad,
And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,
Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,
And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and
Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:
Libanah, and Ether, and Ashan,
And Jiphtan, and Ashnah, and Nezib,

And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages:

Ekron, with her towns and her villages:

From Ekron even unto the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages:

Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof:

And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

And Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir,

And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,

And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

And Janum, and Beth-tap-puah, and Aphekah,

And Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:

Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:

Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekno; six cities with their villages:

Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

In the wilderness, Beth-ara-bah, Middin, and Secacah,

And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi: six cities with their villages.

As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

AND the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el.

And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,

And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of Beth-horon the neither, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon on the upper.

And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah unto the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed it on the east to Janohah; And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.

The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out

thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the children of Ephraim by their families.

And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages/

And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; to wit, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan/

There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

And they came near before Eleozar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren of their father.

And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan:

Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim;

And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoing of it were at the sea:

Southwards it was Ephraim's and northward it was Manasseh's and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the

Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, fortasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

And Joshua answered them,

If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

And the children of Joseph said,

The hill is not enough for us:, and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land in the valley have chariot of iron, both they who are of Beth-shean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one Lot only:

But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they are strong.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south,

and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and being the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half of the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast Lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot come forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward: and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Atoroth-adar, near the hill that lieth on the south side of the nether Beth-horon.

And the border was drawn thence, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at

Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-bearim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.

And the south quarter was from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoal:

And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and described to En-rogel,

And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

And passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah:

And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this was the south coast.

And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Kez'-z

And Beth-arabah, and Zema-raim, and Beth-el.

And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

And Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen

cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

AND the second Lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah,

And Hazal-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

And Ziklag, and Beth-marca-both, and Hazar-susah,

And Beth-leboath, and Sharu-ben; thirteen cities and their villages:

Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:

And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

And the third Lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:

And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth and reached to the river that is before Jokneam:

And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Deberath, and goeth up to Japhia,

And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-methoar to Neah;

And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el:

And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulum according to their families, these cities with their villages.

And the fourth Lot came out to Issachar according to their families.

And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem;

And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,
And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez.

And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez;

And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh: and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

This is the inheritance of the children of Issachar according to their families, and the cities and their villages.

And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achs'haph,

And Alammelech, and Amad, and Mishael; and reacheth to Cormel westward and to Shihor-Liba-nath;

And turneth toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphtah-el toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand,

And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Zidon;

And then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turneth to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:

Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The sixth Lot came out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:

And then the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.

And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,
And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,
And Kedesh, and Edrei and En-hazor,
And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemash; nineteen cities with their villages.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

And the seventh Lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Ajalon, and Jephlah,

And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron

And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon

And Me-jarkon,^a and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan after the name of Dan their father.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses:

That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of the blood.

And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of the city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

And if the avenger of the blood pursues after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up unto his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwillingly and hated him not before time.

And he shall dwell in that city until he stand before the congregation for judgement, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: the shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own houses, unto the city from whence he fled.

And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount

Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before congregation.

THEN came upon near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the children of Israel:

And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

And the Lot came up for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by Lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

And the rest of the children of Kohath had by Lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

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

The children of Merari by their families had out of the out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

And the children of Israel gave by Lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses. And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name;

Which the children of Aaron, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi, had: for their's was the first lot.

And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

But the fields of the city and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs.

And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa
with her suburbs,

And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with
her suburbs,

And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her
suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs,
nine cities out of those two tribes.

And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with
her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with
her suburbs; four cities.

All the cities of the children of Aaron, the
priests, were thirteen cities with her suburbs.

And the families of the children of Kohath,
the Levites which remained of the children of
Kohath, even they had the cities of their Lot
out of the tribe of Ephraim.

For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs
in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for
the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs; four
cities.

And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-
haron with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs,

Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs, four cities.

And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, two cities

All the cities were ten with her suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the other half-tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beth-terah with her suburbs; two cities.

And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs, Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs; three cities.

All the cities of Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with her suburbs.

And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,

Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Reuben,

Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazar with her suburbs,

Kedemoth with her suburbs, and

Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities

And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

These cities were every one with her suburbs round about them: thus well all these cities.

And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hands. There failed not aught of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Joshua 12-21

Now if you look everywhere in the whole world you can be pretty sure there is not any man as faithful as God the Creator, the God of Israel, the Holy One of Israel.

I wish all of us had their faith and trust put in the true God as there is no regret whatsoever for doing so.

Part 3

The conclusion

In this part where I am going to conclude with let me present a few other examples of the faithfulness of God to people.

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

In those days Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak

unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent.

And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

But, the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall be fallthy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

Daniel 10:1-15

The prophet Daniel who had gone before the Lord in prayer and fasting God heard his

prayer and straight away sent him an angel with a message in answer to his prayer. But it delayed only because one of the princes of the kingdom of darkness fought the angel of God preventing him from taking the message to Daniel. But God is faithful and sent a chief prince of heaven called Michael who is in charge of war and fought that prince of darkness stationed in Persia and the message from God finally reached Daniel.

Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.

All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou knows that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation:

And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my Lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgement: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Daniel 4:27-37

Nebuchadnezzar a pagan God made him to be the king of Babylon and God did warn him in a dream of his pride and the demise of his kingdom. The dream really disturbed the king and he called in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the

soothsayers to interpret for him the dream but none among them could interpret the dream he had dreamt. But when Daniel whom he had given a Babylonian name Belteshazzar through his prince of the Eunuchs was brought before him, Daniel was able to interpret the dream and who somehow counselled him to repent but it seems all that fell into deaf ears and the king did not change his pride and God had no alternative but to cut him to size (to bring him low) as the scripture states.

It until God saw that he had learned a lesson that God because of his faithfulness restored him back to his kingdom after he humbled himself and acknowledged God's supremacy and his faithfulness.

Now from the fall in the garden of Eden man has continued in life of pride and all other disobedience. But God who is so faithful to man whom he created he has extended his hand to man by sending his only begotten Son Jesus Christ to atone for man's sins and given

him a second chance to go back to him in repentance as king Nebuchadnezzar did and to have faith in his Son to be reconciled back to him through his precious blood that he shed at the cross where he was crucified. Now none of us can afford to ignore that very important fact and to act upon it for the remission of sins and for cleansing by the blood and be reconciled back to the Creator.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge God's faithfulness in my life on various areas and I not only believe but know that he has done the same to all of us as he is not partial so let us do the needful. As for me I have already done the needful by confessing my sins to God and accepting Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Saviour putting my faith and trust in him. You already have seen how God was faithful to his people the Israelites despite their shortcomings. He can do more to all of us only if we turn back to him by faith through Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind.

For sure God is so faithful and his faithfulness goes into eternity.

Because of God's faithfulness he restored back the state of Israel in 1948 becoming once again a sovereign state after he had scattered the Israelites all over the world for their disobedience and rebellion but had promised to return them back to their land (Ezekiel 36 & 37).

The God is Israel, the Holy One of Israel is a God of restoration and has the capacity to restore you back to him. For further reading on the subject you can read my other book with the title 'The God of Restoration'.

Be it known to you that just as he (God) promised the Israelites a land in Canaan through their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and for sure they received the promise the same he has promised to all of us a land not on earth but this time round in heaven where he wants us to live with him eternally. Now the condition is one - we must accept God's salvation by believing in his Son Jesus

Christ who died for us and whom God resurrected. After receiving Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour we need to live for him in obedience and heaven is ours for sure as God never lies and he is ever faithful.

Notes to the reader

I take this opportunity to thank you for reading this book satisfied with God's faithfulness and you are going to trust him the more for he is more than trustworthy.

If you have any comments to make you can communicate to us using the address given.

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The faithfulness of GOD

(Psalms 36:5; 119:90)

God the Creator is a faithful God and never fails in any of his promises to mankind.

But men are liars and dishonest in their dealings with each other.

This book is a real reminder of the faithfulness of God, on all of us and shows God's compassion on mankind as He is full of mercy and is long suffering. The book is a wakeup call on us to go back to God who created us in genuine repentance and begin to live putting our faith and trust in Him.

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