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[NLT]--But when the HOLY SPIRIT controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: agape love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**,

CHRISTIAN WARRIOR LIFE-LIVING APPLICATION BIBLICAL ENDURANCE:

Patience, longsuffering; bearing and suffering a long time; perseverance; being constant, steadfast, and enduring. ELOHIM'S (GOD'S) HOLY SPIRIT gives the believer a patience that never gives in; that is never broken no matter what attacks it.

Pressure and hard work may fall upon us, but the HOLY SPIRIT of ELOHIM (GOD) helps us be patient under it all.

Disease or accident or old age may afflict us, but the HOLY SPIRIT of ELOHIM (GOD) helps us to be patient under it.

Discouragement and disappointment may attack us, but the HOLY SPIRIT of ELOHIM (GOD) helps us to be patient under it.

People may do us wrong, abuse, slander, and injure us; but the HOLY SPIRIT of ELOHIM (GOD) helps us to be patient under it all.

TWO SIGNIFICANT THINGS NEED TO BE NOTED ABOUT PATIENCE.

Patience never strikes back. Common sense tells us that a person who is attacked by others could strike back and retaliate. But the CHRISTIAN BELIEVER is given the power of patience—the power to be patient with the situation or person for a long, long time.

Patience is one of the great traits of ELOHIM (GOD). As pointed out in this verse, it is a fruit of ELOHIM'S (GOD'S) HOLY SPIRIT, a fruit that is to be in the life of the CHRISTIAN BELIEVER.

FAITH, FAITHFULNESS. It means to **be faithful and trustworthy**; to be loyal and steadfast in devotion and allegiance. It means to be constant, staunch, and enduring.

A **FAITHFUL** person denies and sacrifices himself—all he is and has—and trusts ELOHIM (GOD). He believes ELOHIM (GOD) and knows that ELOHIM (GOD) will work all things out for good. he casts himself upon ELOHIM (GOD) and being faithful to ELOHIM (GOD).

FAITH does not doubt ELOHIM (GOD)—not His CHRISTIAN SALVATION, provision, or strength to help.

FAITH does not begin with ELOHIM (GOD) then back off and give up.

FAITH does not walk with **ELOHIM (GOD)** then give in to the lusts of the flesh.
FAITHFULNESS begins with **ELOHIM (GOD)** and continues with **ELOHIM (GOD)**.
FAITHFULNESS continues on and on; it never slackens or surrenders.

THE HEAVENLY HOLINESS POWER OF FAITH

LEGENDS SAYS:

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the foot of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it comes to **CHRIST**.

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the ear of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it hears **CHRIST**

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the hand of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it receives **CHRIST**.

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the arm of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it embraces **CHRIST**.

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the eye of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it looks on **CHRIST**.

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the mouth of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it feeds on **CHRIST**.

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the lips of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it kisses **CHRIST**.

HEAVENLY HOLINESS FAITH is the foundation of the **HEART-MIND-SOUL**; it rest in and on **CHRIST**.

- 1 EVERYONE WHO believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that **JESUS IS THE CHRIST (THE MESSIAH)** is a born-again child of **ELOHIM (GOD)**; and everyone who agape loves the Father also agape loves the one born of Him (His offspring).
- 2 By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of **ELOHIM (GOD)**: when we love **ELOHIM (GOD)** and obey His commands (orders, charges)—[when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching].
- 3 For the [true] agape love of **ELOHIM (GOD)** is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).

- 4 **FOR WHATEVER IS BORN OF ELOHIM (GOD) IS VICTORIOUS OVER THE WORLD; AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT CONQUERS THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH.**
- 5 Who is it that is victorious over [that conquers] the world but he who believes that **JESUS IS THE SON OF ELOHIM (GOD)** [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact]?
- 6 This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], **JESUS CHRIST (THE MESSIAH)**—not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the **HOLY SPIRIT** Who bears witness, because the **HOLY SPIRIT IS THE TRUTH.**
- 7 **SO THERE ARE THREE WITNESSES IN HEAVEN: THE FATHER, THE WORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THESE THREE ARE ONE;**
- 8 and there are three witnesses on the earth: the **HOLY SPIRIT**, the water, and the blood; and these three agree [are in unison; their testimony coincides].
- 9 If we accept [as we do] the testimony of men [if we are willing to take human authority], the testimony of **ELOHIM (GOD)** is greater (of stronger authority), for this is the testimony of **ELOHIM (GOD)**, even the witness which He has borne regarding **HIS SON.**
- 10 He who believes in the Son of **ELOHIM (GOD)** [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] has the testimony [possesses this divine attestation] within himself. He who does not believe **ELOHIM (GOD)** [in this way] has made Him out to be and represented Him as a liar, because he has not believed (put his faith in, adhered to, and relied on) the evidence (the testimony) that **ELOHIM (GOD)** has borne regarding **HIS SON.**
- 11 And this is that testimony (that evidence): **ELOHIM (GOD)** gave us eternal life, and this life is in **HIS SON.**
- 12 **HE WHO POSSESSES THE SON HAS THAT LIFE; HE WHO DOES NOT POSSESS THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE THAT LIFE.**
- 13 I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of the **SON OF ELOHIM (GOD)** [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life.
- 14 **And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.**
- 15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.
- 16 If anyone sees his brother [believer] committing a sin that does not [lead to] death (the extinguishing of life), he will pray and [**ELOHIM (GOD)**] will give him life [yes, He will grant life to all those whose sin is not one leading to death]. There is a sin [that leads] to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.
- 17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin which does not [involve] death [that may be repented of and forgiven].
- 18 We know [absolutely] that anyone born of **ELOHIM (GOD)** does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of **ELOHIM (GOD)**

carefully watches over and protects him [**CHRIST'S DIVINE PRESENCE WITHIN HIM PRESERVES HIM AGAINST THE EVIL**], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him].

19 We know [positively] that we are of **ELOHIM (GOD)**, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

20 And we [have seen and] know [positively] that the **SON OF ELOHIM (GOD)** has [actually] come to this world and has given us understanding and insight [progressively] to perceive (recognize) and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true; and we are in Him Who is true—in **HIS SON JESUS CHRIST (THE MESSIAH)**. This [Man] is the true **ELOHIM (GOD)** and Life eternal.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)—[from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to **ELOHIM (GOD)**, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]. **AMEN (SO LET IT BE)**.

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¹ **NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].**

² **FOR BY [FAITH—TRUST AND HOLY FERVOR BORN OF FAITH] THE MEN OF OLD HAD DIVINE TESTIMONY BORNE TO THEM AND OBTAINED A GOOD REPORT.**

³ By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of **ELOHIM (GOD)**, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

⁴ [Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought **ELOHIM (GOD)** a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with **ELOHIM (GOD)**], and **ELOHIM (GOD)** bore witness by accepting and acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking.

⁵ Because of faith Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because **ELOHIM (GOD)** had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased and been satisfactory to **ELOHIM (GOD)**.

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to **ELOHIM (GOD)** must [necessarily] believe that **ELOHIM (GOD)** exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

⁷ [Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by **ELOHIM (GOD)** concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed and diligently and reverently constructed and prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on **ELOHIM (GOD)**] he passed judgment and sentence on the world's unbelief and became an

- heir and possessor of righteousness (that relation of being right into which **ELOHIM (GOD)** puts the person who has faith).
- ⁸ [Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go.
- ⁹ [Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of **ELOHIM (GOD)**, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise.
- ¹⁰ For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is **ELOHIM (GOD)**.
- ¹¹ Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered [**ELOHIM (GOD)**] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word.
- ¹² So from one man, though he was physically as good as dead, there have sprung descendants whose number is as the stars of heaven and as countless as the innumerable sands on the seashore.
- ¹³ These people all died controlled and sustained by their faith, but not having received the tangible fulfillment of [**ELOHIM'S (GOD'S)**] promises, only having seen it and greeted it from a great distance by faith, and all the while acknowledging and confessing that they were strangers and temporary residents and exiles upon the earth.
- ¹⁴ Now those people who talk as they did show plainly that they are in search of a fatherland (their own country).
- ¹⁵ If they had been thinking with [homesick] remembrance of that country from which they were emigrants, they would have found constant opportunity to return to it.
- ¹⁶ But the truth is that they were yearning for and aspiring to a better and more desirable country, that is, a heavenly [one]. For that reason **ELOHIM (GOD)** is not ashamed to be called their **ELOHIM (GOD)** [even to be surnamed their **ELOHIM (GOD)**—the **ELOHIM (GOD)** of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob], for He has prepared a city for them.
- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test [while the testing of his faith was still in progress], had already brought Isaac for an offering; he who had gladly received and welcomed [**ELOHIM'S (GOD'S)**] promises was ready to sacrifice his only son,
- ¹⁸ Of whom it was said, Through Isaac shall your descendants be reckoned.
- ¹⁹ For he reasoned that **ELOHIM (GOD)** was able to raise [him] up even from among the dead. Indeed in the sense that Isaac was figuratively dead [potentially sacrificed], he did [actually] receive him back from the dead.
- ²⁰ [With eyes of] faith Isaac, looking far into the future, invoked blessings upon Jacob and Esau.
- ²¹ [Prompted] by faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in prayer over the top of his staff.
- ²² [Actuated] by faith Joseph, when nearing the end of his life, referred to [the promise of God for] the departure of the Israelites out of Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his own bones.

- ²³ [Prompted] by faith Moses, after his birth, was kept concealed for three months by his parents, because they saw how comely the child was; and they were not overawed and terrified by the king's decree.
- ²⁴ [Aroused] by faith Moses, when he had grown to maturity and become great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- ²⁵ Because he preferred to share the oppression [suffer the hardships] and bear the shame of the people of **ELOHIM (GOD)** rather than to have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life.
- ²⁶ He considered the contempt and abuse and shame [borne for] the **CHRIST (THE MESSIAH)** Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward and away to the reward (recompense).
- ²⁷ [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed and undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible.
- ²⁸ By faith (simple trust and confidence in **ELOHIM (GOD)**) he instituted and carried out the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood [on the doorposts], so that the destroyer of the firstborn (the angel) might not touch those [of the children of Israel].
- ²⁹ [Urged on] by faith the people crossed the Red Sea as [though] on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried to do the same thing they were swallowed up [by the sea].
- ³⁰ Because of faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encompassed for seven days [by the Israelites].
- ³¹ [Prompted] by faith Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed along with those who refused to believe and obey, because she had received the spies in peace [without enmity].
- ³² And what shall I say further? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,
- ³³ Who by [the help of] faith subdued kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promised blessings, closed the mouths of lions,
- ³⁴ Extinguished the power of raging fire, escaped the devouring's of the sword, out of frailty and weakness won strength and became stalwart, even mighty and resistless in battle, routing alien hosts.
- ³⁵ [Some] women received again their dead by a resurrection. Others were tortured to death with clubs, refusing to accept release [offered on the terms of denying their faith], so that they might be resurrected to a better life.
- ³⁶ Others had to suffer the trial of mocking and scourging and even chains and imprisonment.
- ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were lured with tempting offers [to renounce their faith]; they were sawn asunder; they were slaughtered by the sword; [while they were alive] they had to go about wrapped in the skins of sheep and goats, utterly destitute, oppressed, cruelly treated—
- ³⁸ [Men] of whom the world was not worthy—roaming over the desolate places and the mountains, and [living] in caves and caverns and holes of the earth.
- ³⁹ And all of these, though they won divine approval by [means of] their faith, did not receive the fulfillment of what was promised,
- ⁴⁰ Because **ELOHIM (GOD)** had us in mind and had something better and greater in view for us, so that they [these heroes and heroines of faith] should not come to perfection apart from us.

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- ¹ THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,
- ² Looking away [from all that will distract] to **JESUS**, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of **ELOHIM (GOD)**.
- ³ Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary or exhausted, losing heart and relaxing and fainting in your minds.
- ⁴ You have not yet struggled and fought agonizingly against sin, nor have you yet resisted and withstood to the point of pouring out your [own] blood.
- ⁵ And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the **LORD**, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reproved or corrected by Him;
- ⁶ For the **LORD** corrects and disciplines everyone whom He agape loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes.
- ⁷ You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; **ELOHIM (GOD)** is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?
- ⁸ Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of **ELOHIM (GOD'S)** children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all].
- ⁹ Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] and respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live?
- ¹⁰ For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.
- ¹¹ For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness—in conformity to **ELOHIM'S (GOD'S)** will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with **ELOHIM (GOD)**].
- ¹² So then, brace up and reinvigorate and set right your slackened and weakened and drooping hands and strengthen your feeble and palsied and tottering knees,

- ¹³ And cut through and make firm and plain and smooth, straight paths for your feet [yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction], so that the lame and halting [limbs] may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured.
- ¹⁴ Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the **LORD**.
- ¹⁵ Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure **ELOHIM'S (GOD'S)** grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it—
- ¹⁶ That no one may become guilty of sexual vice, or become a profane (godless and sacrilegious) person as Esau did, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.
- ¹⁷ For you understand that later on, when he wanted [to regain title to] his inheritance of the blessing, he was rejected (disqualified and set aside), for he could find no opportunity to repair by repentance [what he had done, no chance to recall the choice he had made], although he sought for it carefully with [bitter] tears.
- ¹⁸ For you have not come [as did the Israelites in the wilderness] to a mountain that can be touched, that is ablaze with fire, to gloom and darkness and a raging storm,
- ¹⁹ And to the blast of a trumpet and a voice whose words make the listeners beg that nothing more be said to them.
- ²⁰ For they could not bear the command that was given: If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.
- ²¹ In fact, so awful and terrifying was the [phenomenal] sight that Moses said, I am terrified (aghast and trembling with fear).
- ²² But rather, you have come to Mount Zion, even to the city of the living **ELOHIM (GOD)**, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of angels in festal gathering,
- ²³ And to the church (assembly) of the Firstborn who are registered [as citizens] in heaven, and to the **ELOHIM (GOD)** Who is Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous (the redeemed in heaven) who have been made perfect,
- ²⁴ **And to Jesus, the Mediator (Go-between, Agent) of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks [of mercy], a better and nobler and more gracious message than the blood of Abel [which cried out for vengeance].**
- ²⁵ So see to it that you do not reject Him or refuse to listen to and heed Him Who is speaking [to you now]. For if they [the Israelites] did not escape when they refused to listen and heed Him Who warned and divinely instructed them on earth [revealing with heavenly warnings His will], how much less shall we escape if we reject and turn our backs on Him Who cautions and admonishes us from heaven?
- ²⁶ Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens.
- ²⁷ Now this expression, Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken that is, of that which has been created in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue.

28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to ELOHIM (GOD) pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe;

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- ¹ NOW JERICHO [a fenced town with high walls] was tightly closed because of the Israelites; no one went out or came in.
- ² **And the LORD said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho, its king and mighty men of valor, into your hands.**
- ³ **You shall march around the enclosure, all the men of war going around the city once. This you shall do for six days.**
- ⁴ **And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns; and on the seventh day you shall march around the enclosure seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.**
- ⁵ When they make a long blast with the ram's horn and you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the enclosure shall fall down in its place and the people shall go up [over it], every man straight before him.
- ⁶ So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.
- ⁷ He said to the people, March around the wall, let the armed men pass before the LORD'S ark.
- ⁸ When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams horns passed before the LORD, blew the trumpets, the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.
- ⁹ The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went.
- ¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout!
- ¹¹ So he caused the ark of the LORD to go around the city once; and they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.
- ¹² Joshua rose early in the morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.
- ¹³ And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually; and the armed men went before them and the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went.
- ¹⁴ On the second day they compassed the city walls once, returned to the camp, for six days.
- ¹⁵ **On the seventh day they rose early at daybreak and marched around the city as usual, only on that day they compassed the city seven times.**
- ¹⁶ **And the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.**
- ¹⁷ And the city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

- ¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the accursed and devoted things, lest when you have devoted it , you take of the accursed thing, and so make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it.
- ¹⁹ But all the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the **LORD**; they shall come into the treasury of the **LORD**.
- ²⁰ **So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, they raised a great shout, and [Jericho's] wall fell down in its place, so that the [Israelites] went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.**
- ²¹ Then they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox, sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.
- ²² But Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house and bring out the woman and all she has, as you swore to her.
- ²³ So the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred and set them outside the camp of Israel.
- ²⁴ And they burned the city with fire and all that was in it; only the silver, the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron they put into the treasury of the house of the **LORD**.
- ²⁵ So Joshua saved Rahab the harlot, with her father's household and all that she had; and she lives in Israel even to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.
- ²⁶ Then Joshua laid this oath on them, Cursed is the man before the **LORD** who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.
- ²⁷ **SO THE LORD WAS WITH JOSHUA, AND HIS FAME WAS IN ALL THE LAND.**

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- ¹ JOSHUA ROSE early in the morning and they removed from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the Israelites, and lodged there before passing over.
- ² After three days the officers went through the camp,
- ³ Commanding the people: When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being borne by the Levitical priests, set out from where you are and follow it.
- ⁴ Yet a space must be kept between you and it, about 2,000 cubits by measure; come not near it, that you may be able to see the ark, know the way you must go, for you have not passed this way before.

- 5 And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves [that is, separate yourselves for a special holy purpose], for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.**
- 6 Joshua said to the priests, Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people. And they took it up and went on before the people.
- 7 The LORD said to Joshua, This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, so they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.**
- 8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.
- 9 Joshua said to the Israelites, Come near, hear the words of the **LORD** your **ELOHIM (GOD)**.
- 10 Joshua said, Hereby you shall know that the **living ELOHIM (GOD)** is among you and that He will surely drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites.
- 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan!
- 12 So now take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.
- 13 When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD of all the earth shall rest in the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan coming down from above shall be cut off and they shall stand in one heap.**
- 14 So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,
- 15 When those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were in the brink of the water for the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest
- 16 Then the waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.
- 17 And while all Israel passed over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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- 1 **WHEN ALL** the nation had fully passed over the Jordan, the **LORD** said to Joshua,
- 2 Take twelve men from among the people, one man out of every tribe,
- 3 And command them, Take twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan from the place where the priests' feet stood firm; carry them over with you and leave them at the place where you lodge tonight.
- 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men of the Israelites whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe.

- ⁵ And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the ark of the **LORD** your **ELOHIM (GOD)** in the midst of the Jordan, and take up every man of you a stone on his shoulder, as is the number of the tribes of the Israelites,
- ⁶ That this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, What do these stones mean to you?
- ⁷ Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the **LORD**; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.
- ⁸ And the Israelites did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the **LORD** told Joshua, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there.
- ⁹ And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.
- ¹⁰ For the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the **LORD** commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people passed over in haste.
- ¹¹ When all the people had passed over, the ark of the **LORD** and the priests went over in the presence of the people.
- ¹² And the sons of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the [other] Israelites, as Moses had bidden them;
- ¹³ About 40,000 [of these] prepared for war passed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for battle.
- ¹⁴ On that day the **LORD** magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him, as they stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.
- ¹⁵ And the **LORD** said to Joshua,
- ¹⁶ Order the priests bearing the ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan.
- ¹⁷ So Joshua commanded the priests, Come up out of the Jordan.
- ¹⁸ And when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of their feet were lifted up to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks as they had before.
- ¹⁹ And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month and encamped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.
- ²⁰ **And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan Joshua set up in Gilgal.**
- ²¹ **And he said to the Israelites, When your children ask their fathers in time to come, What do these stones mean?**
- ²² **You shall let your children know, Israel came over this Jordan on dry ground.**
- ²³ For the **LORD** your **ELOHIM (GOD)** dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the **LORD** your **ELOHIM (GOD)** did to the Red Sea, which He dried up for us until we passed over,
- ²⁴ That all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the **LORD** is mighty and that you may reverence and fear the **LORD** your **ELOHIM (GOD)** forever.

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- ¹ WHEN ALL the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea heard that the **LORD** had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the Israelites until we had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no spirit in them any more because of the Israelites.
- ² At that time the **LORD** said to Joshua, Make knives of flint and circumcise the [new generation of] Israelites as before.
- ³ So Joshua made knives of flint and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.
- ⁴ And this is the reason Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they came out of Egypt.
- ⁵ Though all the people who came out were circumcised, yet all the people who were born in the wilderness on the way after Israel came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.
- ⁶ For the Israelites walked forty years in the wilderness till all who were men of war who came out of Egypt perished, because they did not hearken to the voice of the **LORD**; to them the **LORD** swore that He would not let them see the land which the **LORD** swore to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
- ⁷ So it was their uncircumcised children whom He raised up in their stead whom Joshua circumcised, because the rite had not been performed on the way.
- ⁸ When they finished circumcising all the males of the nation, they remained in their places in the camp till they were healed.
- ⁹ And the **LORD** said to Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. So the name of the place is called Gilgal [rolling] to this day.
- ¹⁰ And the Israelites encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho.
- ¹¹ And on that same day they ate the produce of the land: unleavened cakes and parched grain.
- ¹² And the manna ceased on the day after they ate of the produce of the land; and the Israelites had manna no more, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.
- ¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up, and behold, a Man stood near him with His drawn sword in His hand. Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are you for us or for our adversaries?
- ¹⁴ And He said, No [neither], but as Prince of the **LORD'S** host have I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, What says my Lord to His servant?
- ¹⁵ **AND THE PRINCE OF THE LORD'S HOST SAID TO JOSHUA, LOOSE YOUR SHOES FROM OFF YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY. AND JOSHUA DID SO.**

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- ²² But the fruit of the **HOLY SPIRIT** [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,
- ²³ Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

- ²⁴ And those who belong to **CHRIST JESUS (THE MESSIAH)** have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires.
- ²⁵ If we live by **the HOLY SPIRIT**, let us also walk by the **HOLY SPIRIT**. If by the **HOLY SPIRIT** we have our life in **ELOHIM (GOD)**, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the **HOLY SPIRIT**.
- ²⁶ Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another