



1 And it came to pass, when all the kings<sup>H4428</sup> which were on this side<sup>H5676</sup> Jordan<sup>H3383</sup>, in the hills<sup>H2022</sup>, and in the valleys<sup>H8219</sup>, and in all the coasts<sup>H2348</sup> of the great<sup>H1419</sup> sea<sup>H3220</sup> over against<sup>H4136</sup> Lebanon<sup>H3844</sup>, the Hittite<sup>H2850</sup>, and the Amorite<sup>H567</sup>, the Canaanite<sup>H3669</sup>, the Perizzite<sup>H6522</sup>, the Hivite<sup>H2340</sup>, and the Jebusite<sup>H2983</sup>, heard<sup>H8085</sup> thereof; 2 That they gathered<sup>H6908</sup> themselves together<sup>H3162</sup>, to fight<sup>H3898</sup> with Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> and with Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, with one<sup>H259</sup> accord<sup>H6310</sup>.

3 And when the inhabitants<sup>H3427</sup> of Gibeon<sup>H1391</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> what Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> had done<sup>H6213</sup> unto Jericho<sup>H3405</sup> and to Ai<sup>H5857</sup>, 4 They did work<sup>H6213</sup> wilily<sup>H6195</sup>, and went<sup>H3212</sup> and made as if they had been ambassadors<sup>H6737</sup>, and took<sup>H3947</sup> old<sup>H1087</sup> sacks<sup>H8242</sup> upon their asses<sup>H2543</sup>, and wine<sup>H3196</sup> bottles<sup>H4997</sup>, old<sup>H1087</sup>, and rent<sup>H1234</sup>, and bound up<sup>H6887</sup>; 5 And old<sup>H1087</sup> shoes<sup>H5275</sup> and clouted<sup>H2921</sup> upon their feet<sup>H7272</sup>, and old<sup>H1087</sup> garments<sup>H8008</sup> upon them; and all the bread<sup>H3899</sup> of their provision<sup>H6718</sup> was dry<sup>H3001</sup> and mouldy<sup>H5350</sup>. 6 And they went<sup>H3212</sup> to Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> unto the camp<sup>H4264</sup> at Gilgal<sup>H1537</sup>, and said<sup>H559</sup> unto him, and to the men<sup>H376</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, We be come<sup>H935</sup> from a far<sup>H7350</sup> country<sup>H776</sup>: now therefore make<sup>H3772</sup> ye a league<sup>H1285</sup> with us. 7 And the men<sup>H376</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto the Hivites<sup>H2340</sup>, Peradventure<sup>H194</sup> ye dwell<sup>H3427</sup> among<sup>H7130</sup> us; and how shall we make<sup>H3772</sup> a league<sup>H1285</sup> with you? 8 And they said<sup>H559</sup> unto Joshua<sup>H3091</sup>, We are thy servants<sup>H5650</sup>. And Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come<sup>H935</sup> ye? 9 And they said<sup>H559</sup> unto him, From a very<sup>H3966</sup> far<sup>H7350</sup> country<sup>H776</sup> thy servants<sup>H5650</sup> are come<sup>H935</sup> because of the name<sup>H8034</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> thy God<sup>H430</sup>: for we have heard<sup>H8085</sup> the fame<sup>H8089</sup> of him, and all that he did<sup>H6213</sup> in Egypt<sup>H4714</sup>, 10 And all that he did<sup>H6213</sup> to the two<sup>H8147</sup> kings<sup>H4428</sup> of the Amorites<sup>H567</sup>, that were beyond<sup>H5676</sup> Jordan<sup>H3383</sup>, to Sihon<sup>H5511</sup> king<sup>H4428</sup> of Heshbon<sup>H2809</sup>, and to Og<sup>H5747</sup> king<sup>H4428</sup> of Bashan<sup>H1316</sup>, which was at Ashtaroth<sup>H6252</sup>. 11 Wherefore our elders<sup>H2205</sup> and all the inhabitants<sup>H3427</sup> of our country<sup>H776</sup> spake<sup>H559</sup> to us, saying<sup>H559</sup>, Take<sup>H3947</sup> victuals<sup>H6720</sup> with you<sup>H3027</sup> for the journey<sup>H1870</sup>, and go<sup>H3212</sup> to meet<sup>H7125</sup> them, and say<sup>H559</sup> unto them, We are your servants<sup>H5650</sup>: therefore now make<sup>H3772</sup> ye a league<sup>H1285</sup> with us. 12 This our bread<sup>H3899</sup> we took hot<sup>H2525</sup> for our provision<sup>H6679</sup> out of our houses<sup>H1004</sup> on the day<sup>H3117</sup> we came forth<sup>H3318</sup> to go<sup>H3212</sup> unto you; but now, behold, it is dry<sup>H3001</sup>, and it is mouldy<sup>H5350</sup>. 13 And these bottles<sup>H4997</sup> of wine<sup>H3196</sup>, which we filled<sup>H4390</sup>, were new<sup>H2319</sup>; and, behold, they be rent<sup>H1234</sup>: and these our garments<sup>H8008</sup> and our shoes<sup>H5275</sup> are become old<sup>H1086</sup> by reason of the very<sup>H3966</sup> long<sup>H7230</sup> journey<sup>H1870</sup>. 14 And the men<sup>H582</sup> took<sup>H3947</sup> of their victuals<sup>H6718</sup>, and asked<sup>H7592</sup> not counsel at the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup>.

15 And Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> made<sup>H6213</sup> peace<sup>H7965</sup> with them, and made<sup>H3772</sup> a league<sup>H1285</sup> with them, to let them live<sup>H2421</sup>: and the princes<sup>H5387</sup> of the congregation<sup>H5712</sup> sware<sup>H7650</sup> unto them. 16 And it came to pass at the end<sup>H7097</sup> of three<sup>H7969</sup> days<sup>H3117</sup> after<sup>H310</sup> they had made<sup>H3772</sup> a league<sup>H1285</sup> with them, that they heard<sup>H8085</sup> that they were their neighbours<sup>H7138</sup>, and that they dwelt<sup>H3427</sup> among<sup>H7130</sup> them. 17 And the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup> journeyed<sup>H5265</sup>, and came<sup>H935</sup> unto their cities<sup>H5892</sup> on the third<sup>H7992</sup> day<sup>H3117</sup>. Now their cities<sup>H5892</sup> were Gibeon<sup>H1391</sup>, and Chephirah<sup>H3716</sup>, and Beeroth<sup>H881</sup>, and Kirjathjearim<sup>H7157</sup>. 18 And the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup> smote<sup>H5221</sup> them not, because the princes<sup>H5387</sup> of the congregation<sup>H5712</sup> had sworn<sup>H7650</sup> unto them by the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>. And all the congregation<sup>H5712</sup> murmured<sup>H3885</sup> against the princes<sup>H5387</sup>. 19 But all the princes<sup>H5387</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto all the congregation<sup>H5712</sup>, We have sworn<sup>H7650</sup> unto them by the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>: now therefore we may<sup>H3201</sup> not touch<sup>H5060</sup> them. 20 This we will do<sup>H6213</sup> to them; we will even let them live<sup>H2421</sup>, lest wrath<sup>H7110</sup> be upon us, because of the oath<sup>H7621</sup> which we sware<sup>H7650</sup> unto them. 21 And the princes<sup>H5387</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto them, Let them live<sup>H2421</sup>; but let them be hewers<sup>H2404</sup> of wood<sup>H6086</sup> and drawers<sup>H7579</sup> of water<sup>H4325</sup> unto all the congregation<sup>H5712</sup>; as the princes<sup>H5387</sup> had promised<sup>H1696</sup> them.

22 And Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> called<sup>H7121</sup> for them, and he spake<sup>H1696</sup> unto them, saying<sup>H559</sup>, Wherefore have ye beguiled<sup>H7411</sup> us,

saying<sup>H559</sup>, We are very<sup>H3966</sup> far<sup>H7350</sup> from you; when ye dwell<sup>H3427</sup> among<sup>H7130</sup> us? **23** Now therefore ye are cursed<sup>H779</sup>, and there shall none of you be freed<sup>H3772</sup> from being bondmen<sup>H5650</sup>, and hewers<sup>H2404</sup> of wood<sup>H6086</sup> and drawers<sup>H7579</sup> of water<sup>H4325</sup> for the house<sup>H1004</sup> of my God<sup>H430</sup>. <sup>4</sup> **24** And they answered<sup>H6030</sup> Joshua<sup>H3091</sup>, and said<sup>H559</sup>, Because it was certainly<sup>H5046</sup> told<sup>H5046</sup> thy servants<sup>H5650</sup>, how that the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> thy God<sup>H430</sup> commanded<sup>H6680</sup> his servant<sup>H5650</sup> Moses<sup>H4872</sup> to give<sup>H5414</sup> you all the land<sup>H776</sup>, and to destroy<sup>H8045</sup> all the inhabitants<sup>H3427</sup> of the land<sup>H776</sup> from before<sup>H6440</sup> you, therefore we were sore<sup>H3966</sup> afraid<sup>H3372</sup> of our lives<sup>H5315</sup> because<sup>H6440</sup> of you, and have done<sup>H6213</sup> this thing<sup>H1697</sup>. **25** And now, behold, we<sup>H2009</sup> are in thine hand<sup>H3027</sup>: as it seemeth<sup>H5869</sup> good<sup>H2896</sup> and right<sup>H3477</sup> unto thee to do<sup>H6213</sup> unto us, do<sup>H6213</sup>. **26** And so did<sup>H6213</sup> he unto them, and delivered<sup>H5337</sup> them out of the hand<sup>H3027</sup> of the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, that they slew<sup>H2026</sup> them not. **27** And Joshua<sup>H3091</sup> made<sup>H5414</sup> them that day<sup>H3117</sup> hewers<sup>H2404</sup> of wood<sup>H6086</sup> and drawers<sup>H7579</sup> of water<sup>H4325</sup> for the congregation<sup>H5712</sup>, and for the altar<sup>H4196</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup>, even unto this day<sup>H3117</sup>, in the place<sup>H4725</sup> which he should choose<sup>H977</sup>. <sup>5</sup>

## Fußnoten

1. accord: Heb. mouth
2. with you: Heb. in your hand
3. the men...: or, they received the men by reason of their victuals
4. none...: Heb. not be cut off from you
5. made: Heb. gave, or, delivered to be