



**The Book of Joshua**

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La Coruña, Spain, 1476, fol. 124v

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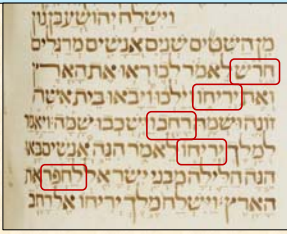


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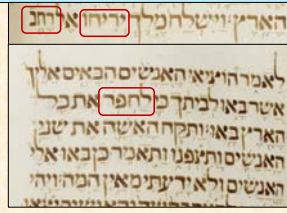


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ותקח האשה את שני האנשים ותצפנו

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**Moses and Joshua**

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Remove your sandals from upon your feet, for the place on which you are standing, it is holy ground.

**Joshua 5:15**  
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**vv. 5–6**

5. And it was, as the gate was to close at darkness, and the men went out, I do not know to where the men went; pursue after them fast, for you can overtake them.”

6. And she had taken them up to the roof, and she stashed them among the flax stalks arranged for her on the roof.

הָאֲנָשִׁים וְלֹא יָדַעְתִּי מֵאֵין הֵמָּה וַיֵּצֵאוּ הַשְּׂרָפִים מִבְּחֹשׁ הַדָּר וְהָאֲנָשִׁים יָצְאוּ לֹא יָדַעְתִּי אֵינָה הָלְכוּ וְהָאֲנָשִׁים יָרְדּוּ מִהָרָא אַחֲרֵיהֶם כִּי תִשְׁנוּ וְהָיָה הֵן הַעֲלִמְסָהנָה וְהַתַּמְנֵם בַּפִּשְׁתִּיָּה עַן הַעֲבֹתָלָה עַל הַגֹּיִם וְהָאֲנָשִׁים יָרְדּוּ

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Artist's rendering of a typical Israelite city

Modeled after Dan in the far north of Israel

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## vv. 7–8

7. And the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan towards the fords; and they closed the gate after the pursuers went-out after them.

8. And they, before they lay down, she had come up to them on the roof.

הַעֲבֹתָ לָהֶם עַל הַגֹּאֲשִׁים דְּרָפִי  
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9. And she said to the men, "I know that YHWH has given to you the land; and that dread of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land quake before you.

10. For we heard how YHWH dried up the waters of the Sea of Reeds before you, in your going-out from Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who are across the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, how you annihilated them.

11. And we heard, and our heart melted, and no more spirit arose in any-man because of you, for YHWH your God, he is God in heaven above and over the earth below.

12. And now, swear please to me by YHWH, since I have done with you loyalty; that you will do, indeed you, with the house of my father loyalty, and give me a true sign.

13. And you will let-live my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters and all that is theirs, and you will save our persons from death."

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14. And the men said to her, "Our person in place of yours, unto death, if you do not tell this our thing; and it will be, when YHWH gives to us the land, then we will do with you loyalty and truth."

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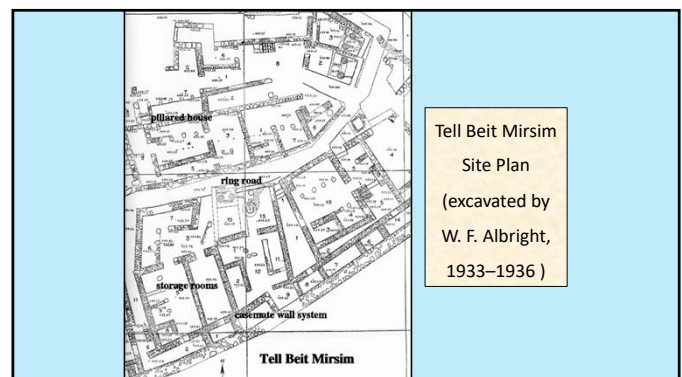
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## Casemate Walls

Joshua 2:15

כִּי בֵיתָהּ בְּקִיר הַחוּמָה וּבְחוּמָה הִיא יוֹשְׁבֶת:  
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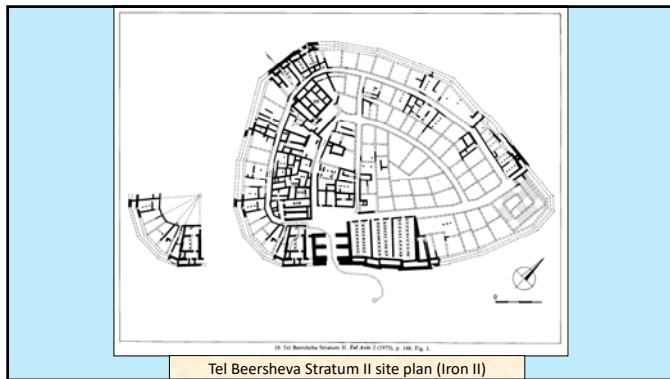
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Tell Beit Mirsim  
Site Plan  
(excavated by  
W. F. Albright,  
1933–1936 )

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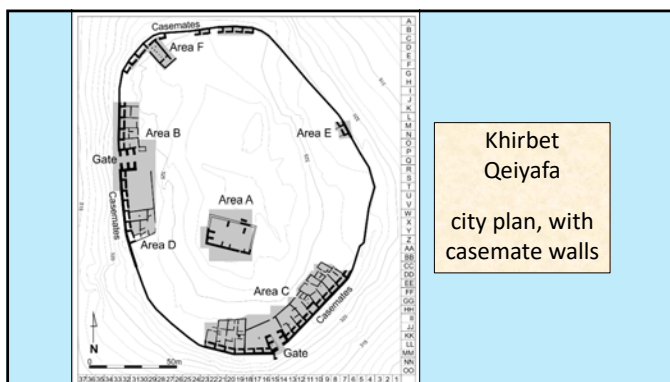




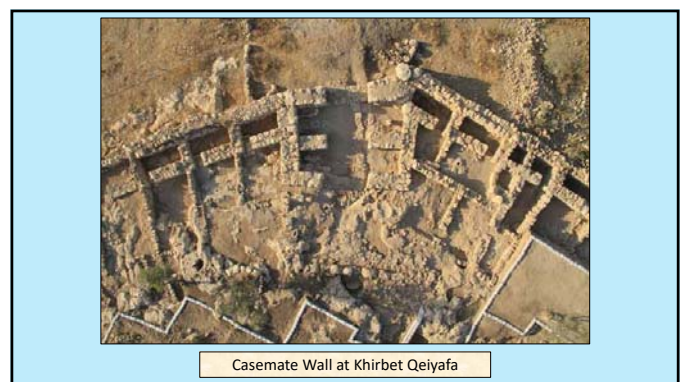
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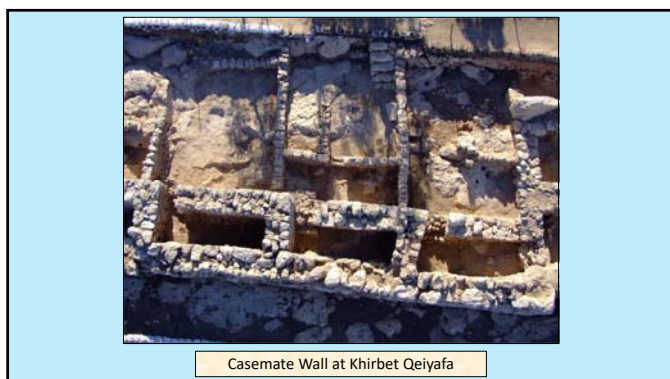
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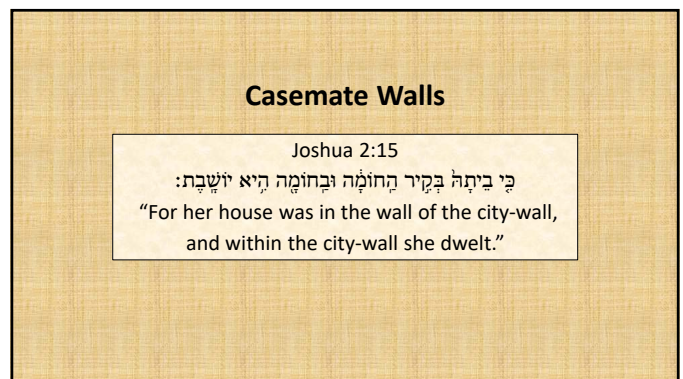
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**Joshua 2:15**  
**בְּעֵד הַחֲלוֹן 'through the window'**

**Judges 5:28** *Through the window she looked,*  
The mother of Sisera whined *through the lattice.*

**1 Samuel 19:12** And Michal lowered David down *through the window*; and he went and he fled and he escaped.

**2 Samuel 6:16** And it was, as the ark of Yhwh came into the city of David, and Michal the daughter of Saul looked *through the window*, and she saw King David leaping and whirling before Yhwh; and she despised him in her heart.

**2 Kings 9:30** And Jehu came to Jezeel, and Jezebel heard, and she put on kohl (on) her eyes, and she made her hair good; and she looked *through the window*.

**Proverbs 7:6** For *at the window* of my house,  
*Through my lattice* I looked.

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**James Tissot (1836–1902)**  
*The Harlot of Jericho and the Two Spies*  
(c. 1896)



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**vv. 17–20**

17. And the men said to her, "We are innocent from this our swearing which you made us swear."

18. Behold, (as) we are coming into the land, this thread of crimson cord tie in the window through which you lowered us, and your father and your mother and your brothers and all the house of your father, gather unto yourself in the house.

19. And it will be, whoever goes-out from the doors of your house outside, his blood (will be) on his head, and we will be innocent; and whoever will be with you in the house, his blood (will be) on our head, if a hand will be upon him.

20. And if you tell this our thing, then we will be innocent from your swearing which you made us swear."


תֵּלְנוּ לְרֹדְכֵנוּ וְיֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיהָ אֲנֵשִׁים  
נָקִים אֲנֵחֵנוּ מִשְ�בַּעְךָ הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר  
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**vv. 21–22**

**21.** And she said, “According to your words, thus it is,” and she sent them forth, and they went; and she tied the thread of crimson in the window.

**22.** And they went and they came to the mountain, and they sat there three days, until the pursuers returned; and the pursuers sought them in every way, and did not find them.




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**vv. 23–24**

**23.** And the two men returned, and they went-down from the mountain, and they crossed, and they came to Yehoshua' bin Nun; and they related to him all that befell them.

**24.** And they said to Yehoshua', “For YHWH has given into our hand all the land, and indeed all the inhabitants of the land quake before us.”



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**Rahab's words**

**9.** . . . that dread of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land quake before you.

**11.** . . . for YHWH your God, he is God in heaven above and over the earth below.

**The Torah's words**

**Exodus 15:15** All the inhabitants of Canaan quake.

**Exodus 15:16** Dread and fear fall upon them.

**Deuteronomy 4:39** . . . that YHWH he is God in heaven above and over the earth below, there is no other.


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