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75 With regard to belief—the walls of Jericho collapsed, after they had been marched around for seven days.

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76 With regard to belief—Rahab, the harlot, did not perish along with the disbelieving, because she had received the spies in peace.

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§ 2.4 • The Significance and Nature of Belief in the Lives of Other Jewish Ancestors

PART 26

77 And what more shall I say? 2•For time will fail me if I were to give a full account of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David and also of Samuel and the prophets.

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78 These men, in keeping with their belief, subdued kingdoms, brought about righteousness, obtained promises, closed the mouths of lions, extinguished the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were rendered strong, became mighty in battle, turned away the armies of foreigners. 2•Women welcomed their dead back by means of resurrection.

11:33–35a

79 Now others were tortured, not accepting their freedom, so that they might meet with a better resurrection. 2•And others underwent an ordeal of mockings and scourgings—even more, of chains and imprisonment. 3•They were stoned. 4•They were sawn asunder. 5•They were tried. 6•They died by murder with a sword. 7•They traveled about in sheepskins, in the hide of goats. 8•Being destitute, troubled, abused—these men, of whom the world was not worthy, went wandering about in the wilderness, even in the mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

11:35b–38

80 And all these, even though they had been commended by their belief, did not obtain the promise, because God had foreseen something that was better for us—namely, that they would not realize the final fulfillment of the promise without us.

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§ 3 • Final Exhortations to Persist in Belief and Hope

§ 3.1 • Exhortation to Persevere in Belief through Suffering and Persecution

PART 27

81 Therefore, we are to do so too, removing every encumbrance, even the sin that so readily trips us up—because we have such a great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us. 2•In keeping with perseverance, let us run the contest that lies before us by fixing our attention on the leader and finisher of this contest of belief, Jesus. 3•He, for the sake of the joy that lay before him, endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and has been seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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82 Consider carefully the one who persevered through such hostility from sinners against himself, to the end that you not grow weary and fail in your personal resolve. 2• You have not yet encountered opposition to the point of blood as you experience conflict with sin.