

JOSHUA CHAPTERS 12 THRU 22

CALVARY CASTLE ROCK WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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INTRODUCTION: ROAD TRIP!

JOSHUA CHAPTER 12 – HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JOSHUA 12:1-6 BEFORE THE BOOK OF JOSHUA THE LAND EAST OF THE JORDAN WAS CONQUERED.

JOSHUA 12:7-24 IN JOSHUA CHAPTERS 1-11 THE LAND WEST OF THE JORDAN WAS CONQUERED.

JOSHUA CHAPTER 13 – JOSHUA'S MONUMENT & HEBREW LEARNING CENTER

JOSHUA

HE IS OLD – JOSHUA 13:1

HE HAS A NEW JOB – JOSHUA 13:7

LET'S SERVE THE LORD ALL OUR DAYS!

INHERITANCE

THIS WORD REFERS TO THE PHYSICAL GIFT OF THE LAND TO ISRAEL

THE LAND WAS A PERMANENT INHERITANCE – EXODUS 32:13

THE LAND WAS A PICTURE OF GOD’S GIFT OF JESUS TO US – EPHESIANS 1:11-12

APPLICATION # 1: LET’S EMBRACE OUR INHERITANCE BY WALKING WITH JESUS DAILY

JOSHUA CHAPTER 14 – CALEB’S MONUMENT

CALEB HAD 3 DISTINGUISHING QUALITIES

1. HE HAD A DIFFERENT SPIRIT – NUMBERS 14:24, 13:30

APPLICATION # 2: DO YOU CHOOSE TO LOOK AT DIFFICULT SITUATIONS FROM GOD’S PERSPECTIVE OR DO YOU MOAN AND GROAN ABOUT HOW AWFUL THINGS ARE?

2. HE ‘WHOLLY FOLLOWED’ THE LORD – JOSHUA 14:14, ALSO VV 8 AND 9

APPLICATION # 3: LORD HELP US TO GET IN LINE WITH WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO

3. HE WAS A WARRIOR FOR THE LORD, FIGHTING AGAINST GOD’S ENEMIES – JOSHUA 14:10-12 AND 15:14

APPLICATION # 4: DO YOU FIGHT THE ENEMY WHEN HE TRIES TO DRAG YOU DOWN?

JOSHUA CHAPTERS 15-17 – ‘LOTS’ OF FUN CARNIVAL

ALL ABOUT ‘LOTS’ – INTRO

THREE MORE THINGS ABOUT LOTS

1. LOTS WERE USED IN THE OT TO DETERMINE GOD’S WILL - PROVERBS 16:33, 18:18
2. THE GENERAL LAND AREA WAS DIVIDED BY LOT, BUT THE SIZE OF EACH TRIBE’S POPULATION DETERMINED IF THEY GOT A SMALLER OR LARGER PORTION OF LAND – NUMBERS 26:54A, JOSHUA 19:1-9
3. A TASK FORCE WAS SET UP TO DO THE DIVIDING ON THE WEST SIDE – NUM 34:16-19A

APPLICATION # 5: TODAY WE DO NOT CAST LOTS TO DETERMINE GOD’S WILL. INSTEAD, WE READ GOD’S WORD AND DEPEND ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE US.

JOSHUA CHAPTERS 18-19 – TAKE A HIKE

SEVEN TRIBES PROCRASTINATED MOVING INTO THE LAND – JOSHUA 18:3

JOSHUA TOLD THEM TO GET UP, TAKE A HIKE INTO THE UNALLOCATED LANDS AND
DIVIDE THEM INTO 7 AREAS – JOSHUA 18:9-10
THE 7 TRIBES PUT ASIDE THEIR HESITANCY AND FOLLOWED JOSHUA'S DIRECTIONS

APPLICATION # 6: DO YOU EVER HESITATE TO DO SOMETHING GOD HAS TOLD YOU TO
DO?

JOSHUA CHAPTERS 20-21 – THE TWIN CITIES

THE SIX CITIES OF REFUGE – JOSHUA 20:9

HOW THE CITIES OF REFUGE WORKED

THE CITIES OF REFUGE PROMOTED JUSTICE AND PROTECTED THE INNOCENT

THE 48 CITIES OF THE LEVITES – JOSHUA 21:41, DEUTERONOMY 10:9

THE INHERITANCE OF THE LEVITES WAS GOD HIMSELF. HE GAVE THEM:

1. FOOD FROM THE TITHES, SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AT THE TABERNACLE
2. HOMES TO LIVE IN
3. A LEGACY OF SERVICE TO THE LORD

TODAY THRU JESUS, GOD PROVIDES ALL OUR NEEDS TOO, BOTH PHYSICAL NEEDS AS IN MATTHEW CHAPTER 6 AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS AS IN EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1.

JOSHUA CHAPTER 22 – CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT

WHILE TRAVELING HOME, THE 2 ½ TRIBES STOPPED AND BUILT A VERY LARGE ALTAR – PROVERBS 15:22, DEUTERONOMY 12:5-6

THE 9 ½ TRIBES SENT A DELEGATION TO THE 2 ½ TRIBES TO CORRECT THEM – GALATIANS 6:1

THE 2 ½ TRIBES EXPLAINED THEIR REASONS FOR THE ALTAR – JOSHUA 22:22A

THE 9 ½ TRIBES RECEIVED THEIR EXPLANATION GLADLY

APPLICATION # 7: FOUR TAKE AWAYS

1. BEFORE YOU MAKE A BIG DECISION, BOUNCE YOUR IDEAS OFF SEVERAL GODLY PEOPLE
2. IF YOU HAVE TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT A PROBLEM, USE A GENTLE VOICE
3. WHEN YOU ARE ACCUSED OF SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T DO, RESPOND WITH HUMILITY AND SELF-CONTROL

4. WHEN YOU SEE A SISTER IN CHRIST DOING THE RIGHT THING, ENCOURAGE HER, FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

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AT THE LEADERS MEETING SAY THAT I WAS PLANNING TO TALK ABOUT SANCTUARY CITIES BUT THE LORD SAID NO. THEY ARE BASICALLY THE OPPOSITE OF CITIES OF REFUGE WHICH ARE ABOUT JUSTICE BEING DONE. PROB SHOULDN'T GET INTO THIS IN YOUR GROUPS. BUT AT THE VERY LEAST BE SURE THAT IF SOMEONE SAYS THAT SANCTUARY CITIES ARE OUR MODERN DAY CITIES OF REFUGE, YOU DON'T AGREE. YOU MIGHT SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS IT WITH THE PERSON AT ANOTHER TIME. YOU DON'T WANT TO BRING UP A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE THAT MIGHT DIVIDE. SANCTUARY CITIES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OT JUDICIAL PROCESS. THEY HARBOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENTERED OUR COUNTRY ILLEGALLY AND PROTECT THEM FROM OUR LEGAL SYSTEM. UNLIKE THE CITIES OF REFUGE WHICH SOUGHT JUSTICE FOR AN ACCUSED PERSON, THE SANCTUARY CITIES PROMOTE THE SUBVERSION OF OUR IMMIGRATION PROCESS AND PROTECT CRIMINALS.

ADDITIONAL WRITING ON CALEB, TO SPECULATIVE TO INCLUDE IN ABOVE STUDY, BUT INTERESTING NONETHELESS:

NOW LET'S EXIT AT CHP 14 AND VISIT CALEB'S MONUMENT. CALEB WAS A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER OF GOD; A WARRIOR, CONFIDENT, POSITIVE, AUTHORITATIVE, OBEDIANT AND APPARENTLY QUITE THE STUD EVEN AT 85 YO. LET'S TAKE A LOOK INTO HIS ANCESTRY. THERE ARE DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THIS, BUT I'M GOING TO SHARE WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE MOST LIKELY SCENARIO. LET'S BEGIN IN JOSHUA 14:6, **THEN THE CHILDREN OF JUDAH CAME TO JOSHUA IN GILGAL. AND CALEB THE SON OF JEPHUNNEH THE KENIZZITE SAID TO HIM, YOU KNOW THE WORD WHICH THE LORD SAID TO MOSES THE MAN OF GOD CONCERNING YOU AND ME IN KADESH BARNEA.** HE IS REFERRED TO AS CALEB THE SON OF JEPHUNNEH 15 TIMES IN FOUR DIFFERENT OT BOOKS: NUMBERS 13:6, 14:6, 14:30, 14:38, 26:65, 32:12, 34:19; DEUT 1:36; JOSH 14:6, 14:13, 14:14, 15:13, 21:12; 1 CHRON 4:15, 6:56. FOURTEEN OF THE USES CONNECT HIM TO THE SPY SITUATION OR TO THE INHERITANCE OF THE PROMISED LAND AND ONE TO A LIST OF HIS RELATIVES. AND GOD'S WORD IS EVEN MORE SPECIFIC BY CALLING HIM, CALEB THE SON OF JEPHUNNEH THE KENIZZITE IN 3 VERSES: NUM 32:12, JOSH 14:6 & 14. THE KENIZZITES WERE A CLAN SPOKEN OF IN GEN 15:17-21 WHEN GOD MADE THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT PROMISING THE LAND UNCONDITIONALLY TO ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS. AT THE END OF THE COVENANT GOD NAMES THE 10 CLANS WHO WILL BE REMOVED BY ISRAEL. LET'S READ STARTING IN V 18, **ON THE SAME DAY THE LORD MADE A COVENANT WITH ABRAM SAYING, TO YOUR DESCENDANTS I HAVE GIVEN THIS LAND, FROM THE RIVER OF EGYPT TO THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES – THE KENITES, **THE KENEZZITES**, THE KADMONITES, THE HITTITES,**

THE PERIZZITES, THE REPHAIM, THE AMORITES, THE CANAANITES, THE GIRGASHITES AND THE JEBUSITES. SO CALEB'S ANCESTRY WENT ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE KENNEZITES OF ABRAMS DAY, A CLAN NOT PART OF ISRAEL AND POTENTIALLY ENEMIES OF GOD (ZPE VOL 1 PP 686-687). WHILE THE OTHER 'ITES' NAMED IN GENESIS BATTLED AT VARIOUS TIMES WITH ISRAEL, THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE KENIZZITES BEING WIPED OUT BY WAR. INSTEAD THE VERY OLD SONCINO COMMENTARY AND OTHERS SAY THE KENIZZITES MAY HAVE ASSIMILATED INTO ISRAEL BY MARRIAGE. (FRUC P 202, INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA ON KENEZITE, SMITH'S BIBLE DICTIONARY BY DR WILLIAM SMITH 1901, 66 BIBLE CHEAT SHEETS) IT IS LIKELY THEY FOLLOWED JACOB AND HIS FAMILY DOWN INTO EGYPT TO ESCAPE THE FAMINE. LET'S LOOK AT A MAP OF THEIR LOCATION. [SHOW MAP BELOW WRITING](#). NOTICE THAT AT THE TIME WHEN JACOB AND HIS FAMILY LIVED IN HEBRON PRIOR TO MOVING TO EGYPT, THAT THE KENIZZITES LIVED JUST TO THEIR SOUTH. THEY WERE CLOSE ENOUGH TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND MAYBE EVEN DO SOME BUSINESS. AND THEY TOO WERE EXPERIENCING THE FAMINE. IF EVEN ONE OF THE FAMILIES OF THE KENIZZITES MOVED TO EGYPT WITH JACOB, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JEPHUNNEH COULD HAVE MARRIED ONE OF THEIR HEBREW WOMEN. AND REMEMBER THAT THE PHRASE 'SON OF' THROUGHOUT THE OT GENEALOGIES DOES NOT ALWAYS REFER TO A DIRECT FATHER/SON CONNECTION, BUT OFTEN INCLUDES GENERATIONS INBETWEEN. THEREFORE, CALEB THE SON OF JEPHUNNEH LIKELY MEANS THAT JEPHUNNEH WAS HIS GRANDFATHER, GREAT GRANDFATHER, GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER OR EVEN FURTHER OUT. SINCE CALEB WASN'T BORN UNTIL ABOUT 40 YEARS BEFORE THE EXODUS, HIS KENIZZITE RELATIVES HAD OVER 400 YRS TO INTEGRATE INTO ISRAEL. AND WHEN IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE, EXODUS 12:38 SAYS THAT A MIXED MULTITUDE OF FOREIGNERS JOURNEYED OUT OF EGYPT WITH THE SONS OF ISRAEL, SUGGESTING THEY HAD LIVED IN EGYPT WITH ISRAEL. AND LET'S REMEMBER THAT BY THE GRACE OF GOD, BOTH RAHAB THE HARLOT AND RUTH THE MOABITESS WERE GRAFTED INTO ISRAEL AND BECAME PART OF THE LINE OF KING DAVID (MATT 1:3, 5). SO TO ME IT IS REASONABLE TO THINK THAT CALEB COULD HAVE BEEN GRAFTED IN AND OVER THE YEARS BECAME A LEADER IN THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. **APPLICATION:** WE TOO, AS GENTILES HAVE BEEN GRAFTED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD, BY HIS GRACE. EPH 2:11-13 SAYS, **THEREFORE REMEMBER THAT YOU, ONCE GENTILES IN THE FLESH, WHO ARE CALLED UNCIRCUMCISION BY WHAT IS CALLED THE CIRCUMCISION MADE IN THE FLESH BY HANDS, THAT AT THAT TIME YOU WERE WITHOUT CHRIST, BEING ALIENS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL AND STRANGERS FROM THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE, HAVING NO HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD. BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ONCE WERE FAR OFF HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.** WE ARE NOW CO-HEIRS OF SALVATION WITH THE JEWS THRU JESUS CHRIST. AND TO BRING THIS ACCOUNT FULL CIRCLE, LET'S REMEMBER THAT WHEN CALEB WAS GIVEN HIS INHERITANCE BY JOSHUA, HE WAS GIVEN HEBRON. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A DOUBLE BLESSING FOR CALEB; FIRST BECAUSE HEBRON REPRESENTED HIS SPIRITUAL ANCESTRY. BEFORE CALEB'S TIME, ABRAM LIVED IN HEBRON AT

THE OAKS OF MAMRE (GEN 13:18). AND ADAM, ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB WERE ALL BURIED THERE ACCORDING TO FRUC (P 205). THE LEGACY OF THESE MEN SHAPED HIS FAITH AND TRUST IN THE LORD. AND SECOND LET'S REMEMBER THAT THE FIELDS OF HEBRON AND ITS VILLAGES WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO THE LITERAL ANCESTRAL HOME OF HIS RELATIVES FROM LONG AGO. CALEB THE SON OF JEPHUNNEH THE KENIZZITE WAS GREATLY BLESSED BY GOD! NOW LET'S HIT THE ROAD AGAIN!



