

CONQUEST..., SETTLEMENT... DIVISION of INHERITANCE...

## **VICTORIOUS LIVING IN THE LAND OF PROMISE DURING A TIME OF SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS**

(Their's was a *natural geographic land*, ours is a *Spiritual Heavenly Holy Ghost Land*)

from : DEUTERONOMY, JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH, 1ST SAMUEL

EXAMPLES OF... Corporate Faith, People in Conflict, Striving, Laboring to Receive all Promised

### **POSSESSING BEGAN UNDER MOSES on the East of Jordan**

*Deu 2:24 ... Rise ye up, take your journey and pass over the river Arnon, behold I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite king of Hesbon and his land, begin to possess it and contend with him in battle. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of thee.*

**Note:** this 1<sup>st</sup> Conflict began with a Message of Peace with a request to allow us to pass along the Highway. Would like to buy water and meat as we pass thru, (Mt. Seir & Moabites did this) But Sihon's reply was of a hardened heart.. And God said I have begun to give you Sihon's land to possess it and inherit it. So he fought us. We smote him. All of his cities.

Then came Og, another Amorite King. We took his 60 cities, too.

Then came Balak, King of Moab. Balaam's Counsel. Great Defeat.  
Vexed the Midianites. Now camped in Moab.

### **BOOK OF JOSHUA PARALLELS "EPHESIANS"**

Conflict with Evil Powers that Occupy Promise  
Possessing the Promised Possessions is act of Warring, Laboring Faith  
All Strongholds are to be Destroyed  
Captives taken  
Rest in Canaan - Rest in Christ

### **DEUTERONOMY**

MOSES GIVES INSTRUCTIONS IN DEUTERONOMY OF HOW TO WAR....

### **JOSHUA (...ENTERING..., CONQUERING..., POSSESSING.....)**

#### **PHASE 1 OF CANAAN LAND LIVING .... STRUGGLE, CONFLICT,**

A...*ENTERING THE LAND* (1-5)

B...*CONQUEST OF THE LAND* (5:13 - 12:24) 7 TO 10 YEARS

C...*DIVISION OF THE INHERITANCE* (13-24)

#### **At the Beginning of Joshua's Conquering Leadership**

Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that **have I given unto you**, as I said unto Moses.

Jos 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

Jos 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

### **At the End of Joshua's Conquering Leadership**

Jos 21:43 And **the LORD gave unto Israel all the land** which he sware to give unto their fathers; and **they possessed it, and dwelt therein**.

Jos 21:44 And **the LORD gave them rest round about**, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and **there stood not a man of all their enemies** before them; the **LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand**.

Jos 21:45 There **failed not ought of any good thing** which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; **all came to pass**.

Israel did possess all the land .... 1Ki 8:56 Neh 9:21-25

**Solomon said (500+- yrs later).... concerning what God did...**

1Ki 8:56 Blessed be the LORD, that **hath given rest unto his people** Israel, according to all that he promised: **there hath not failed one word of all his good promise**, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

**Nehemiah said (1000+-yrs later.... concerning what God did...**

**Ne 9:21** Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

**Ne 9:22** Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

**Ne 9:23** Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

**Ne 9:24** So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

**Ne 9:25** And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.`

concerning what Israel did...

**Ne 9:26** Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

**Ne 9:27** Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

**Ne 9:28** But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;

**Ne 9:29** And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

**Ne 9:30** Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

**Ne 9:31** Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

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## **Object Lessons ..... from the Book of Joshua**

### **Under Moses' Leadership...FAITH OPERATES IN FOLLOWING...**

**Believing & Receiving & Walking** in what God has provided.

### **Under Joshua's Leadership...FAITH OPERATES IN FOLLOWING...**

**TAKING, OCCUPYING, EXPLOITING IN CONFLICT** (spiritual) ALL THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES GOD HAS PROVIDED IN THE LAND.

**WILDERNESS TRAINING SCHOOL IS OVER. INHERITANCE TRAINING SCHOOL HAS BEGUN IN EXERTING A MORE AGGRESSIVE FAITH POWER OVER THE ENEMY.**

**DESCRIBED IN.....JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH, 1 SAMUEL.....**

**WHEN.....JOSHUA BECOMES THE CAPTAIN.....Defensive posture comes to an end. It is now time for a more aggressive posture.... An Aggressor on the Offensive.** It was time for Israel to Attack Pre-Emptively without waiting for the enemy to attack.

### **Under Joshua's Leadership...**

1. **Stay in the Book.** Let the Word stay in You.
2. **Circumcision @ Jordan** Rolls away Reproach of Egypt ... 40 yrs after departure.
3. **Face Biggest Obstacle 1<sup>ST</sup> .... Jericho**
4. **Lust for the Forbidden** (Achan's) brings shame, defeat & death to individual & corporate.
5. **Craftiness of Enemy** (Gibeonites) place us in a compromised, position ...can't obey God.
6. **Enemy Alliances, Unity & Confederations** are created to thwart Advances of God's People
7. **Individual's Heart of Faith Sustains ....& carry them a life-time unto Victory** (Caleb)
8. **Enemy : Giants, Stronger & Numerous & Better Weapons,...**Yet God gives Victory
9. **Cities of Refuge** - God provides for the un-expected & un-intended Transgression
10. **God fights for you** (23:3) He shall expel these nations (23:5) Cleave to the Lord (23:8)
11. **No man able to stand before you** (23:9)
12. **If go back & cleave to these nations....** you'll perish off the land of blessing (23:12-13)

13. **Though much remains to be (occupied) possessed (13:1)**  
*(...to seize, to rob, to make poor, to impoverish,  
(to expel, to ruin, to destroy, to dispossess, to inherit)*

**23:4 I have divided by lot these nations that remain, to an inheritance**

**Not one thing has failed God said (23:14)**

14. **No surrenders**, ...except for deceiving Gibeonites. All cities are taken in battle. (11:19)

15. **God's Blessings are there for the TAKING...** Walking in Surrender to Him!

Joshua's final address focused on Canaanite Idolatry. The land's religions was such a combination aesthetic religious rituals with free indulgences of fleshy desires that it was it's enticements would only be over-come by a whole heart after God.

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## **Object Lessons ..... from the Book of JUDGES**

( 400+- years of Oppressions & Deliverances )

Jos 12:7-24 List of kings conquered to date ....

Jos 13:1 .... There still remains much to be possessed...

A people recently emerging from 40 yrs of desert isolation were propelled into diverse **political, social, economic, religious, moral and technological** climates of the Canaanite nations. It would be over-whelming except for God. In fact, it was over-whelming to the Israelites, even with God. Just as the wilderness years were. A similar parallel exists now for we apostolic, oneness, pentecostal, holy ghost filled believers in every nation. The U.S. has held out it seems a little longer, but the tsunami storms of evil are having their effect.

**WHICH SPIRITUAL NATIONS ARE WE LIVING AMONG...BATTLING THE N.T. HOLY GHOST NATION OF CHRIST??**

A diverse group of demonic spirit nations are continuously battling the children of light of various battlefields...1)Social 2)Political 3)Economic 4)Religious 5)Moral 6)Technological. All are shooting firey darts into our shield of faith.

**SPIRITUAL NATIONS / SPIRITS & PRINCIPALITIES & RULERS OF DARKNESS SURROUNDING GOD'S SPIRITUAL NATION & KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Deeper Issues are at work than just conflict in...social issues, economic issues, ideological issues, political issues, technological issues. All of these conflicting things are merely the visable surface of the real invisible issues. The conflict is all about the ultimate ruler-ship of this planet.

**ECONOMIC SPIRITS** ---....Employment... Un-Employment... Mortgages... Banking... Credit... Social Security... Budgeting...

**POLITICAL SPIRITS** --- Corrupt Leaders... Immigration... Israel Support Eroding... Gun Control... Health Care

**WAR SPIRITS** --- Terrorism... War... Crime...

**NATURAL DISASTER SPIRITS** --- Storms..., Tornados..., Hurricanes...

**ANTI-FAMILY SPIRITS** --- Challenge Christian Values... Anti-Marriage... Divorce...

**IMMORALITY SPIRITS** --- Sexual Freedom... Abortions... Homosexuality... Single Parent..

**SECULAR CHRISTIANISM** --- False Ministries... Families ...Life-Style ...World Methods...

"13 Judges-Rescuers-Champions-Deliverers" named 300+ yrs of Peace,...100+ yrs of Bondage

Theme : "DELIVERED" used 48 times in Judges -- KEY WORD

**God's Heart** ----- "*...and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel: 10:16*

**Theme of Crying** ... : --...*the children of Israel cried unto the Lord ...3:9, 3:15, 4:3, 6:6-7, 10:10,*  
(1<sup>st</sup> 300 yrs ....they cried .... Last 100 yrs. No crying recorded.)

**Thought \*\*\*:**

**When a people or an individual gets so oppressed that they reach a place of no more wrestling with their bands and fetters, ...no more crying, ...no more resistance.**

**Background Theme** : "*the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua...had seen the works of the Lord*"..2:7

**Theme 1** : "*there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD*",...2:10  
They had natural facts history but no spiritual experience knowledge history.

**Theme 2** : "*the Spirit of the Lord came upon .... Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah, & Samson*"

**Theme 3** : --"*Every man did what was right in his own eyes*" ... 17:6,

**Theme 4 : at End** - "*In those days there was no king in Israel, Every man did what was right in his own eyes*" 21:25

## **SCRIPTURES ....**

Jg 2:7 And **the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua**, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

Jg 2:10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and **there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD**, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

Jg 3:1 Now **these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them**, even as many of Israel as **had not known all the wars of Canaan**;

Jg 3:2 Only that the **generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war**, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

## **UNDERLYING ISSUES IN JUDGES**

- The book of Judges represents national weakness, complete failure, culture of impotence, absolute natural inability to deal with the forces of evil; .... the basic things to that condition was that a generation which had experienceil spiritual knowledge of the activities of God had passed away.
- Compromise, Anarchy, Confusion.
- No strong central government nor a central national leader.
- Independent tribes with No Unifying Force or Leader, often in Civil War with one another.

**“BASIC UNDERLYING THOUGHT”...**

- Serving Idols ...brings .....**Oppression & Captivity** .
- Serving God ....brings ....**Prosperity & Rest & Peace** .

**1st – 350 - 400 years after Joshua**

**111+-yrs of OPPRESSION** ..... **300+-yrs of RESTS / PEACE** (due to Judges)  
 Mesopotamians      Moabites      Ammonites      Amalekites      Philistines  
 Canaanites      Midianites      Sidonians      Maonites

**NOTABLE EXPERIENCES & LESSONS**

**Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua & his elders** who had seen the great works of God (2:7)

**Each Tribe had it’s own difficulty** in 100% conquest

**There arose another generation after them which knew not** the Lord, nor the works which had been done for Israel (2:10)

**Israel Warned ...** “*Make no league (agreement, covenant) with the inhabitants of the land’ ye shall throw down their altars.*

**No More Conquest,** inheritance or expansion... (2:21)

**Don’t Worship their Gods ....at their Altars of ...** *I, I will, flesh, lust, self-will, gossip, tale-bearing, back-biting, rebellion, pride, pleasure, sports, self-esteem, division, strife, vengence, envy, anger, fornication, adultery, hatred, partying, sexual immorality, factions, addictions, drugs, nicotine, entertainment, music,...*

**Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges** (champions) to delivered them out of the hands of those that spoiled them. (2:16-19) yet they wouldn’t listen .....

**Nations left for perpetual and regular, repeated proving, testing, & tempting.**(2:21-23)  
 It all began under Joshua’s reign

**Nations were left to teach Israel War** (3:2)

**GOD GOT HOT! 2:14, 2:20, 3:8, 10:7 ...The Anger of the Lord was Hot against Israel ....**

**CYCLES OF “CAPTIVITY-CAPTIVITY-SLAVERY” & “FREEDOM-REST-PEACE”....**

8yr(40)...18yrs(80)...20yrs(40)...7yrs(40)...?yrs(50)...18yrs(31)...40yrs(20)...

\*Philistines was the longest oppression, Samson broke it.

-And his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel (10:16)...

**NOW ....LOOK AT THE GOOD NEWS ....**

**THERE IS REST & PEACE & SECURITY thru ...**

*(1 Act of Faith, 1 Day of Faith, 1 Battle of Faith, 1 War of Faith, 1 Man of Faith, 1 Woman of Faith)*

...Would Bring.... 40yrs - 80 yrs of Rest & Peace)

....*"Look at the Mercy of God!"*.... **70% Rest – 30% Oppression**

**LAND OF CANAAN...**

**Climate ...** Cultural – Social – Political – Religious ...

**Surrounded by ...**Philistines, Canaanites, Zidonians, Hivites,  
Hittites, Amorites, Perrizzites

**PHILISTINES...**

Descendents of Ham, cousins of the old Babylonians

Worshippers of Dagon & Ashtaroth gods of Babylon origin

None of their seacoast towns were taken in the original Hebrew conquest

Inhabitants of Lowlands. Moved into the mountains, too.

David destroyed the Philistines supremacy in the area

Solomon subjected all of Philistia

Canaanites...

Zidonians...

Hivites...

Hittites...

Amorites...

Perrizzites...

Jebusites...

**OTHNIEL : (3:5-11)**

- Mesopotamia bondage 8 yrs... *Israel cried ...*
- Caleb's Younger Brother a Judahite war against Mesopotamians..(8yrs/40yrs)
- Spirit of the Lord came upon him...& went out to War & Prevailed
- Judged Israel 40 yrs.

**EHUD : (3:15-30)**

- Moab bondage 18 yrs... *Israel cried ...*
- Left-handed Benjamite – Dagger Present for Eglon... Slew 10,000 Moabites ..(18yrs/80yrs)

**SHAMGAR : (3:31)**

- Philistine harassment...
- 5:6 the son of Anath-bondage so...highways un-occupied, travelers walked on byways
- slew 600 Philistines with an ox-goad

**DEBORAH : (4:1-31)**

- Canaan bondage 20 yrs... *Israel cried ...*
- lead thy captivity captive (5:12-13)...made me have dominion over the mighty*
- the Prophetess & Barak & Jael conquer Canaanites & Sisera ..(20/40yrs)

**GIDEON : (6:1 – 8:32)**

- Midianite bondage 7 years... *Israel cried...*
- Israel lived in caves –Their harvests were destroyed...crops, sheep, ox, ass
- Greatly impoverished... & Israel cried unto the Lord

**PROPHET SENT : \_6:8-10 – (after 200+ yrs in the land.) ...THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD...**

*"I brought you up & out of the Egypt house of bondage*

*"I drove out those before & gave you their land*

*"I said...Fear Not the Gods of the Amorites*

*"But you have not obeyed my voice..."*

**GIDEON SENT :**

**\*\*fire out of a rock --- fleece wet, fleece dry**

-Midianites & Amalekites (repeats numbers) ...like grasshoppers, camels as sand of the sea,

-32,000 is too Many....reduced to 10,000...reduced to 300

**-Break 300 clay pitchers, Hold 300 candles, & Blow 300 trumpets**

**Gideon - the vessels of clay with lights inside. 2 Cor. 4:7. The vessel of clay, and in that is the power by which the forces of the enemy are driven off, by the secret thing they carry in the vessel.**

That is it. That is the power that meets the enemy. Something you have inside.

**This can be manifested when we are broken.** God has shined into our hearts.

-300 of Manasseh fought Midianites ..(7yrs/40yrs)

**ABIMELECH : 3 YRS (USURPER, SON OF GIDEON)****TOLA : (10:1-2) ( 23 YRS)****JAIR : (10:3-5) (22 YRS)****JEPHTHAH: (10:6 -12:7) (6 YRS) of a harlot) in Manasseh****IBZAN : (12:8-10) 7YRS****ELON : (12: 11-12) 10 YRS**



**ABDON : (12:13-15) 8 YRS**

**SAMSON : (13:1 – 16:31) 20YRS**

- Danite** – a miracle birth
- All Deaths Because of a Gentile Woman
- A woman was Lord's Occasion for War 14:4 killed 30, hip & thigh, 1000, thousands
- Not offended at the Philistine oppression or world
- Forced into Acts of Retaliation to bring Deliverance
- Did not cry for out from the oppressions.
- Anointing came in response to threats & danger
- All of Samson's acts deliverance were acts of Retaliation
- Reproved by the people for rocking the boat, affecting the Status Quo (15:11)
- Samson's Bride (of world\_Gentiles) killed by the World (took vengeance)

**SAMUEL :**

**IDOLATRY IN ISRAEL**

- Micah of Ephraim** – hired a Levite to be his priest.
- Danites** took Micah's Levite priest to be their priest  
Had a Graven Image all the while the Tabernacle was in Shiloh
- Gibeah of Benjamites**—raped & abused concubine of a Levite all night to death
  - but whole tribe of Benjamin defended their Belial brethren of Gibeah
  - 400,000 of all Israel vs 23,700 of Benjamin
    - 1<sup>st</sup> day – 22,000 Israelites died, .... People wept unto the Lord
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> day – 18,000 Israelites died, .... People wept & fasted unto the Lord
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> day – 25,000 Benjamites died, 600 escaped, but wives killed  
wives found of Jabesh-Gilead & girls of Shiloh feast.

## **Object Lessons in Book of RUTH & NAOMI ... (ALL ABOUT A WOMAN ...)**

12 year period during the Judges.

A famine in Judah sent Elimelech, Naomi, & 2 sons into Moab. Boaz stayed. In time father & sons died. Dwelt in Moab about 10 years.

Naomi returns with Ruth, the Moabite....Moab...God's Wash-Pot (Psa 60:8)

Boaz, a kinsman of Elimelech, redeems Naomi & Ruth, she bore Obed who birthed Jesse, who birthed David... Ruth's great grand-son

### **-KINSMAN REDEEMER**

### **-HOPE FOR THE ALIEN**

### **-NAOMI ... LOST much ...**

Her Husband	Her sons	Her Daughter-in-law	God's Favor
Her Youth	Her Reproductive Years		Her fullness

### **-NAOMI ... GAINED MUCH...**

Famous Kinsman in Israel	Restoration	Nourishment in Old Age
A Son in Obed	A Name in Israel	