

THE JOSHUA STUDY

CHAPTER 13:1-19:51

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Promised Land”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

SUBJECT REFERENCE:

Victory, Resting in Faith, Heaven

INTRODUCTION: Reviewing of Our Previous Message

In Chapter 13 to 21
there is the chronology of land distribution

3.) Chapter 13:1-2

Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the LORD said to him: "You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed. 2 "This is the land that yet remains: all the territory of the Philistines and all that of the Geshurites, (NKJ)

there remains very much land
yet to be possessed.

The Land had been promised to Israel by God.
The promise came to Abraham

Leviticus 25:23

'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine;

When God Spoke to Abram in Ur. He called Abram out of a Pagan worshipping system so that The Lord might Reveal Himself to Abram and ultimately the world.

The Moment God Had Made the Promise to Abram,
The Promise Became a Fact Waiting to fulfilled!

This Morning You Either Adhere to the CNN version of what Should be Done in Israel or you Hold to God's version of what Should be Done in Israel.

The Promised Land Was Never Fully Possessed by Israel

There are People who Say "The Second Coming of Christ to Earth Cannot Happen Soon because Israel is not officially back in the Promised land.

That is an Erroneous View to Hold to Because

The Promised Borders and Boundaries of the Land of Israel Will Not be enjoyed until Jesus Christ returns to earth, sets up those borders and boundaries and then and only then will Israel be fully "In the Land"

We Cannot Look at the Remaining Chapters of Joshua Without looking to Israel's Current Prophetic Situation.

Just This May 17th Israel Elected a new P.M. who believes that Giving land to the Canaanites will Guarantee Peace in the Holyland.

Giving The Land Away is worse than selling it. – they're not even selling

this speaks volumes to us today

as a Christian, I see more need for grace and mercy than ever before

as a pastor/teacher, I see how far I need to grow in the word

as a participant in the body of Christ, I see how little I do for the church

But Still within the Land were the Remnants of dwellers who lived in remote villages and settlements

The Christian Life Can Often Be Like This

Like Lazarus that had been raised from the dead, but was still inhibited

John 11:41-45

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." 45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

Joshua 13:32-33

These are the areas which Moses had distributed as an inheritance in the plains of Moab on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward 33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses had given no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as He had said to them.

Inheritance

This word is mentioned 50 times in 9 chapters

Israel didn't win the land, they Inherited it

If you win something that means that have both earned it as well as obtained it

But God was the One who Owned the Promise Land. It was His to Give away as an Inheritance to Whomever He chose

The Same is True for the Christian Today - we win nothing, we earn nothing
But God is the One who Owns Everything. It's His to Give away

1.) Chapter 11: Faith

- a.) **Faith Renounces** Defeat vv. 1-5
- b.) **Faith Results** in Victory vv. 6-14
- c.) **Faith Requires** a Response vv. 15-20
- d.) **Faith Receives** God's Promises vv. 21-23

the Law of God required perfection from man, but man was completely unable to fulfill that demand. The Law stood unfulfilled, and man unredeemed from his sin.

Only One Greater than the Law Could fulfill the Law
and there is only one greater than the Law and that would be the creator of the Law Himself

The Mission of the Messiah

Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.
I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill them.**

#1

Fulfill the Law's Demands

#2

To Reveal the Kingdom to Man

#3

To pay the debt of Sin for the whole World

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

That's Why The Old Man Simeon was Waiting

Luke 2:25-34

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

Hope

Hope Can Comfort Our Physical Being

Acts 2:25-26

25 "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; **moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.**

Hope Changes the Way We Live

1 John 3:1-3

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
3 And everyone who has **this hope** in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Hope is Active

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has ordained us again to **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Hope has the Power to Keep us

Hebrews 6:19

19 **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

Hope that is Beyond Us

Titus 3:5-7

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to **the hope of eternal life.**

Hope has Been Preached

Titus 1:2-3

2 **in hope of eternal life** which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me

Hope is Guaranteed

Colossians 1:5

because of the hope which is laid up for you **in heaven**, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

What could possibly trouble Israel now?

the danger that success and ease can bring to a heart, to a people, to a nation

the Levites had no specific inheritance but the Lord.

and wherever the Levites traveled their they had a place because the Lord was their portion.

wherever the Levites went, the presence of the Lord was there. wherever a Levite was, there was
mercy, grace, forgiveness, joy

Psalm 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Nahum 1:3

The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power,

Psalm 86:5

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Psalm 86:15

But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy
and truth.

Revelation 5:10

And having made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

1 Peter 2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

If Love is Going to Go Anywhere, You've Got to Take It There
If Mercy is Going to Go Anywhere, You've Got to Take It There
If Grace is Going to Go Anywhere, You've Got to Take It There
If Hope is Going to Go Anywhere, You've Got to Take It There

Romans 10:13-15

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in
whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And
how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is
written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of
good things!"

The Levites Got Something Much More Wonderful Than The Land they got a relationship with the Lord that giant nor army nor enemy could take from them – even if they were to be taken captive, the Lord was their portion

When Joshua was Younger, He Had Heard the Lord Speak to Moses Saying;

Exodus 23:30-33

30 "Little by little **I will drive them out** from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land. 31 "And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. 32 "You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33 "They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

I will drive them out

Leaders Come and Go and They Must. But God Will Always Be Here

Joshua 13:12

all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who remained of **the remnant of the giants**; for Moses had defeated and cast out these.

7497 rapha' (raw-faw');

or raphah (raw-faw'); from 7495 in the sense of invigorating; a giant:

KJV-- giant, Rapha, Rephaim (-s). See also 1051.

Joshua 13:14

Only to the tribe of Levi he had given no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said to them.

Joshua 13:22

The children of Israel also killed with the sword **Balaam the son of Beor**, the soothsayer, among those who were killed by them.

Five Times Mentioned in the Book of Joshua are the Giants

Deuteronomy 3:11

"For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits (14 feet Long) is its length and four cubits (6 feet) its width, according to the standard cubit.

Genesis 6:4

There were **giants** on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

5303 nephiyl (nef-eel');

or nephil (nef-eel'); from 5307; properly, a feller, i.e. a bully or tyrant:

KJV-- giant.

Numbers 13:33

"There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

The Rest That Comes From Christ

A Warning Against Unbelief

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

Hebrews 4:1-2

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Our Joshua (Jesus) Has Given Us the Ultimate Rest

Hebrews 4:8-10

For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Jesus Left His Throne in Heaven and Came to Earth where He Labored for nearly 33 1/2 years, God veiled in Human Flesh.