

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03-Jun.....	Joshua 1:1-18
2) 10-Jun.....	Joshua 2:1 – 6:27
3) 17-Jun.....	Joshua 7:2 – 12:24
4) 24-Jun.....	<b>Joshua 13:1 – 22:34</b>
5) 01-Jul.....	Joshua 23:1 – 24:33
6) 08-Jul.....	Judges 1:1 – 3:6
7) 15-Jul.....	Judges 3:7 – 5:31
8) 22-Jul.....	Judges 6:1 – 8:21
9) 29-Jul.....	Judges 8:22 – 12:15
10) 05-Aug.....	Judges 13:1 – 16:31
11) 12-Aug.....	Judges 17:1 – 21:25
12) 19-Aug.....	Ruth 1:1 – 2:23
13) 26-Aug.....	Ruth 3:1 – 4:22

**INTRODUCTION – A Short History of Israel (by Zola Levitt of Levitt Ministries, Levitt Newsletter, June 2012, pg 7)**

- In recent years a myth has cropped up through Arab propaganda that “*Palestine was always an exclusively Arab country*” – BUT this revisionist approach defies the true history of Israel
  - ♦ Jews have constantly been in the land of Israel since the era of Joshua, though their numbers might have been small
  - ♦ In 1881 there were about 25,000 Jews
  - ♦ In 1922, there were some 83,000
  - ♦ Now, Israel has a population over 7M with more than 5M Jews
  - ♦ Prior to 1917 Turkey ruled the territory for 400 years
  - ♦ Palestine was never exclusively an Arab country. There was never an Arab or a Palestine/Arab nation. The Palestine Arabs never ruled the country or formed any social or political identity
  - ♦ The Arabs living in Palestine actually destroyed the land – being nomads with no loyal ties to the land
  - ♦ In 1917, the British issued the Balfour Declaration before the end of World War I, which favored “*the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people...*”
  - ♦ In the 1920's T.E. Lawrence (aka Lawrence of Arabia) wrote of Palestine “*The sooner the Jews farm the land the better; their colonies are bright spots in the desert.*”
  - ♦ In 1931, a British report read: “*We found the land inhabited by Arabs in mud hovels...large areas were uncultivated...many Arabs were cattle thieves and harbored other criminals*”
  - ♦ King Emir Faisal of old Syria/Iraq (1921-1933) wrote “*The Arabs, especially the educated among us,...wish the Jews a hearty welcome home...our two movements complete one another*”
  - ♦ The Jews eventually reclaimed and irrigated the land; swamps were drained; millions of trees were planted; two to 5 crops were harvested off the same acreage each year
  - ♦ BUT before the end of the 1930s, there was conflict between Arabs & Jews that has evolved into what we see today

- These 10 chapters (Joshua 13-22) detail the dividing and settlement of the land of Israel

Passage	Comments
Joshua 13:1-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Joshua is old (&gt;85 years old. He dies at 110)</li> <li>• vv2-7, Three major geographical areas remained to be conquered – but never fully were                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Philistia</li> <li>2. Phoenician coast</li> <li>3. Lebanon mountain range</li> </ol> </li> <li>• vv8-32. Inheritance east of the Jordan for Reuben, Gad and ½ tribe of Manasseh</li> </ul>
14:1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Israel's Inheritance in Canaan</li> <li>• Caleb's inheritance. 85 years old and he asked for the toughest land to settle – the land of the giants - Anakim</li> </ul>

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<b>Note on the Giants in the Land</b>	<p><b>Were the Giants Half-Breeds from Angels impregnating women?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The simple answer is NO. They were 100% human, possibly with genetic disposition for gigantism. See: <a href="http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v7/n1/battle-nephilim">http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v7/n1/battle-nephilim</a> <a href="http://rodoneil.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Genesis_6_Comments.pdf">http://rodoneil.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Genesis_6_Comments.pdf</a></li> </ul>
15:1-63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judah's Inheritance</li> </ul>
16:1-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph's Inheritance – Ephraim</li> <li>• Note v10. “They did not drive out the Canaanites – they are forced laborers to this day”</li> </ul>
17:1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph's Inheritance – ½ tribe of Manasseh</li> <li>• v12. Manasseh had trouble conquering the Canaanites</li> <li>• <b>Principle.</b> When it seems that God failed to keep a promise always assume the problem is with us not Him</li> <li>• vv14-17. Ephraim &amp; Manasseh were 2<sup>nd</sup> to Judah for the amount of land they acquired, yet they still complained it wasn't large enough – so Joshua told them to get to work and clear the forested areas and go conquer the Canaanites</li> </ul>
18:1-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Shiloh became a holy site for Israel until the Philistines captured the Ark during Eli's tenure</li> <li>• vv8-10. Joshua casted lots for the remaining territories to be divided up amongst the 7 remaining tribes</li> </ul>
19:1-51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land inheritance by Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Napthali, Dan, and Joshua's family</li> </ul>
20:1-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities of Refuge designated for anyone who kills a person unintentionally - 3 cities east of the Jordan river and 3 cities west of the Jordan</li> </ul>
21:1-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Levites were allocated 48 cities within Israel. Recall Jacob's blessings on Levi...“I will scatter them throughout Israel” ..... Gen 49:5-7</li> <li>• vv43-45. All the Lord's promises were fulfilled</li> </ul>
22:1-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Tribes (Reuben, Gad, ½ Tribe of Manasseh) return home</li> <li>• It looks like it took about 5-7 years to conquer the land</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION – DOCTRINE – APOLOGETICS – APPLICATIONS**

- Because of Jewish tendencies to disobey God, God left some Canaanites in the land of Israel to test His people .. Judges 2:21-22

**NEXT WEEK – Joshua 23-24.** Final words from Joshua – “If you want to prosper – be diligent to love the Lord your God, so chose this day who you will worship”

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