

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Dec 2016 Joshua 1:1-18
- 2) 11 Dec Joshua 2:1 – 6:27
- 3) 18 Dec Joshua 7:2 – 12:24
- 4) 25 Dec Christmas Message Luke 1:26-38
- 5) **01 Jan 2017..... Joshua 13:1 – 22:34**
- 6) 08 Jan..... Joshua 23:1 – 24:33

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
15:1-63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judah's Inheritance • v10. “They did not drive out the Canaanites.” – This occurs 3x (chapters 15, 16, and 17)
16:1-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph's Inheritance – Ephraim • Note v10. “They did not drive out the Canaanites – they are forced laborers to this day”
17:1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph's Inheritance – ½ tribe of Manasseh • v12. Manasseh had trouble conquering the Canaanites • v13. “...but they did not drive them out completely” • Principle. When it seems that God failed to keep a promise always assume the problem is with us not Him • vv14-17. Ephraim & Manasseh were 2nd 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Though God is on our side and is willing to fight our battles, yet we still need to be in the fight
18:1-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Shiloh became a holy site for Israel until the Philistines captured the Ark during Eli's tenure • vv8-10. Joshua casted lots for the remaining territories to be divided up amongst the 7 remaining tribes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Was this a fair way?Proverbs 16:33; 18:18 ♦ Should we cast lots today?
19:1-51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land inheritance by Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, Dan, and Joshua's family • v49. A special collection was taken up from all the tribes to show appreciation to Joshua's leadership – How do we show appreciation to our spiritual leaders?
20:1-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ . The blood avenger was allowed to deliver justice (they did not have sheriffs in those days)...Num 35:19
21:1-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Levites were allocated 48 cities within Israel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall Jacob's blessings on Levi...“I will scatter them throughout Israel” Gen 49:5-7 • vv43-45. All the Lord's promises were fulfilled
22:1-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Tribes (Reuben, Gad, ½ Tribe of Manasseh) return home • It looks like it took about 5-7 years to conquer the land

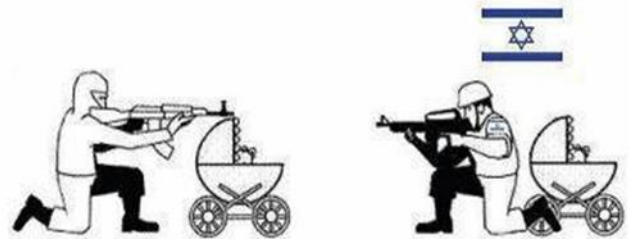
CONCLUSION – DOCTRINE – APOLOGETICS – APPLICATIONS

- 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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Joshua 13:1-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Joshua is old (>85 years old. He dies at 110) – “there remains very much land yet to be possessed” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Was God delinquent with His promise? If so, WHY? • vv2-7. Three major geographical areas remained to be conquered – but never fully were <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Philistia 2. Phoenician coast 3. Lebanon mountain range • vv8-32. Inheritance east of the Jordan for Reuben, Gad and ½ tribe of Manasseh
14:1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel's Inheritance in Canaan • Caleb's inheritance. 85 years old and he asked for the toughest land to settle – the land of the giants - Anakim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We are never too old to conquer new territories for God ♦ What new territories are you seeking to conquer?
Note on the Giants in the Land	<p>Were the Giants Half-Breeds from Angels impregnating women?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The simple answer is NO. They were 100% human, possibly with genetic disposition for gigantism. See: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v7/n1/battle-nephilim http://rodoneil.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Genesis_6_Comments.pdf

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