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

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| Joshua 13:1-33 | v1. Joshua is old (>85 years old. He dies at 110) - “there remains very much land yet to be possessed”
  - Was God delinquent with His promise? If so, WHY?
  - vv2-7, Three major geographical areas remained to be conquered – but never fully were:
    1. Philistia
    2. Phoenician coast
    3. Lebanon mountain rage
  - vv8-32, Inheritance east of the Jordan for Reuben, Gad and ½ tribe of Manasseh |
| 14:1-15 | 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
  - 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

- Were the Giants Half-Breeds from Angels impregnating women?
  - The simple answer is NO. They were 100% human, possibly with genetic disposition for gigantism. See:

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
6) 08 Jan – Joshua 23:1 – 24:33

CONCLUSION – DOCTRINE – APOLOGISTIC – 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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