

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

"Be Strong and Courageous!"

-Joshua in the Old Testament

-Jesus in the New Testament

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A. TEXT – Chapter 14

(1) These are the inheritances that the people of Israel received in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel gave them to inherit. (2) Their inheritance was by lot, just as **the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses** for the nine and one-half tribes. (3) For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. (4) For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. (5) The people of Israel did as **the Lord commanded Moses**; they allotted the land.

(6) Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what **the Lord said to Moses the man of God** in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. (7) I was forty years old **when Moses the servant of the Lord** sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. (8) But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed **the Lord my God**.

(9) And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly **followed the Lord my God**.' (10) And now, behold, **the Lord** has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that **the Lord spoke this word to Moses**, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. (11) I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. (12) So now give me this hill country of **which the Lord spoke on that day**, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that **the Lord will be with me**, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said."

(13) Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. (14) Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because **he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel**. (15) Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.)
And the land had rest from war.



B. STUDY NOTES:

1. This chapter is about Caleb finally receiving his inheritance, promised by God through Moses, because of his faithfulness. (**Gen 12:7; 15:18-20; 26:3; 35:11,12; Dt. 1:36; Nu 13:1-16; 14:1-4,24; 32:12**)
2. Eleazar – the priest – was the 3rd son of Aaron, was high official over casting lots – and they used the Urim and Thummin (**Ex 28:30; 1 Sam 2:28**)
3. Jacob adopted Joseph's two sons. Manasseh and Ephraim, which brought the tribes back to 12, since Levi was a tribe with no property or political rights.
4. The Lord's promise to Caleb was made 38 years earlier, when Caleb trusted the Lord that they would take the land (**Nu 13:30; 14:6-9; Dt 1:34-36**)
5. The hill country of Hebron 25 miles south of Jerusalem
6. The land had rest from war – this is the culmination of the promise to Abraham that his descendants would possess this land, and from them would come our "True Rest" and "Sabbath" in Jesus – the Lord of the Sabbath Rest. The true "promised land" is now the new heavens and the new earth in Paradise. (**Josh 11:23; Jdg 3:11; 1 Ki 4:24; 5:4; 1 Ch 22:9; Mt 11:27-30; 12:1-13; Mk 2:23-28; Lk 6:1-10; Lk 23:43; Rom 4:16-18; 2 Cor 12:3,9-13; Col 2:16,17; Heb 3:11-19; 4:1-11; 2 Pet 3:8-13; Rev 2:7; 14:12,13**)
7. The 3rd Commandment now has a New Testament meaning:

The Third Commandment - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

35. What is the Sabbath day?

In the Old Testament God set aside the seventh day (Saturday) as a required day of rest (Sabbath means "rest") and worship.

36. Does God require us to observe the Sabbath and other holy days of the Old Testament?

The Sabbath was a sign pointing to Jesus, who is our rest. Since Jesus has come as our Savior and Lord, God no longer requires us to observe the Sabbath day and other holy days of the Old Testament.

37. Does God require the church to worship together on any specific days?

- A. God requires Christians to worship together. B. He has not specified any particular day.
C. The church worships together especially on Sunday because Christ rose from the dead on Sunday.

38. When do we sin against the Third Commandment?

We sin against the Third Commandment when we despise preaching and the Word of God.

39. How is this done?

- We despise preaching and the Word of God A. when we do not attend public worship;
B. when we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments;
C. when we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently or carelessly.

40. What does God require of us in the Third Commandment?

- A. We should hold preaching and the Word of God sacred.
B. We should gladly hear it, learn it, and meditate on it.
C. We should honor and support the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
D. We should diligently spread the Word of God.

C. LIFE APPLICATION:

1. What are the ways in which we too can wholly follow the Lord our God?
2. How can we daily live in the rest we have from the Lord and look forward to the eternal rest in heaven?