

The Joshua Generation

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This week I felt impressed to write about the Joshua Generation from my meditation in Exodus, Numbers and Leviticus this month. I was struck with some interesting spiritual truths about how God dealt with Israel and their application to the Church for today.

The New Testament, particularly Hebrews, also has much to say about this period in the life of Israel as it pertains to faith and the Sabbath rest that still remains for the people of God.

First of all, God brought Israel out of Egypt and then He showed Himself to them and led them by Pillars of Cloud and Fire. He demonstrated to them His Omnipotence by the many miracles performed through Moses and Aaron as well as the parting of the Red Sea, the destruction of the Egyptian army and other miracles throughout the desert experience.

In addition, God dwelt among them. Remember, this was the first time in human history that God chose a people and then dwelt among them. He gave Moses the exact specifications for building what we call The Tabernacle of Moses and then God dwelt there. Previously, He had visited a few people and spoken with them, e.g., Noah and Abraham but now He had actually chosen a whole nation to be declared righteous before Him and accomplish His purposes.

In Exodus most Christians focus on two things—the freedom from Egyptian bondage and the giving of the Law but in 19:6 God told them the same thing He later tells the Church—“you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” This was their calling that they failed to attain.

In addition, even though they saw the miracles of God and His provision for His covenant people they failed to obey Him to go in and possess the Promised Land. They focused on the physical—the size and strength of the people—rather than the spiritual. Only Caleb and Joshua voted with the Lord so because the other 2 million lacked faith they perished in the desert. God had to raise up a Joshua generation that would believe and trust Him to go in and take the Promised Land.

When we understand the spiritual gift of the Word of Wisdom (*cf.* 1 Cor. 12) it helps us understand not only our own

personal prophecies from God but also the Bible. God reveals His will to Israel through Moses—the time had come for the promise God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to be fulfilled. That is why God prepares them for war! In Numbers 1:2 God spoke to Moses and said:

“Take a census of all the congregation of the Sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers’ Households, according to the number of names, every Male, head by head from twenty years old and upward, Whoever is able to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies.”

God is preparing them for war! The Bible records that there were 603,550 (20+ year old) males for combat. It was going to take warfare and a well-prepared army to defeat the inhabitants of Canaan, the Promised Land. These inhabitants were comprised mostly of three groups of people: (1) the descendants of Canaan (Noah’s grandson through Ham), (2) the descendants of Lot (Abraham’s nephew), and (3) the descendants of Esau. Esau, in particular, is important as we said in *The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit* because, unlike Ishmael, he was born into the covenant promise for the Promised Land but he sold his birthright to Jacob!

This is one of the reasons why so many of the Muslims hate the Jews. Of course we know it's spiritual and the root cause is the Dark Kingdom but this hatred of Esau for Jacob has stayed in the family tree for thousands of years. Instead of taking responsibility for what Esau did and realizing that God disinherited them from the Promised Land because they sold their birthright, they continue to try and take back the Promised Land through violence, hatred and politics. But of course the Bible is very plain about this—they will never be successful! The closest they will come is when their armies encircle Jerusalem.

Joshua 1:11 is a significant scripture that also looks forward to the Church—I would suggest you meditate on it and ask the Holy Spirit for clarity so you can see it with the Eye of the Eagle:

**“Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within
Three days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in
To possess the land, which the Lord your God is
Giving you, to possess it.”**

As I've written in some of my books and other writings, the Church is spiritual Israel—many physical aspects of Israel's history have a spiritual application to the Church—and as Israel was told to “prepare provisions for yourselves” for *three* days, so the Church is now in the *third prophetic day*

and God is urging us forward to possess the land through spiritual warfare. Like Israel, we've had 2 days to "prepare" and now it's time to take the Promised Land but, unfortunately, most churches are clueless about this—not only this mandate but also they're ignorant about spiritual warfare. They're still going on playing church. We were at a local church recently and, sad to say, I found myself thinking that the most anointed part of the service was a baby crying.

Where is the Joshua generation? Where are those who can see with the Eye of the Eagle that the Cloud moved on past the Jordan years ago? "It's time to rise up! It's a new day!" That's what the Spirit has been saying to the Church for over 20 years. Meanwhile, Satan is preparing a gigantic army of Muslims and others to stop the Church and the Holy Spirit from taking the Promised Land and ushering in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. If the Joshua generation does not rise to her feet in this hour then the Church will continue to lay defeated on the battle field just like the Lord showed me in a vision in Benin City, Nigeria, on Thanksgiving of 1989.

Please pray in the Spirit and ask the Spirit of the Lord what He wants to communicate to you about this fact and the urgency of the hour. The Spirit is calling the Church to war but most cannot hear the trumpet call—they're continuing to

follow religious spirits instead of the Holy Spirit. Pray about this and let us know what the Spirit says to you.

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