

STEP IV



CANAAN & THE ENEMY INSIDE

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POSSESS THE LAND

→ DISPOSSESS

The word for "possess" in the scripture below is actually the word "dispossess" which implies an action of taking something, while at the same time driving something out.

"See I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers - to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - to give to them and their descendants after them."

-Deut.1:8 NKJV

When we look at this verse in context (explore the whole chapter and get the big picture) we can see that God is speaking and saying to Moses - You have stayed at this place long enough, its time to go in and take possession of the land and the promise that I have already given to you. But in order to do that- you will need to go into enemy territory.

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DISPOSSES

inherit, dispossess - verb

take possession of,
especially by force, have
as a possession, often
with the idea of taking in
place of others,
succeeding to, inheriting,
to dwell therein.



WHO OCCUPIED CANAAN?

Hittites

Girgashites

Hivites

Perizzites

Amorites

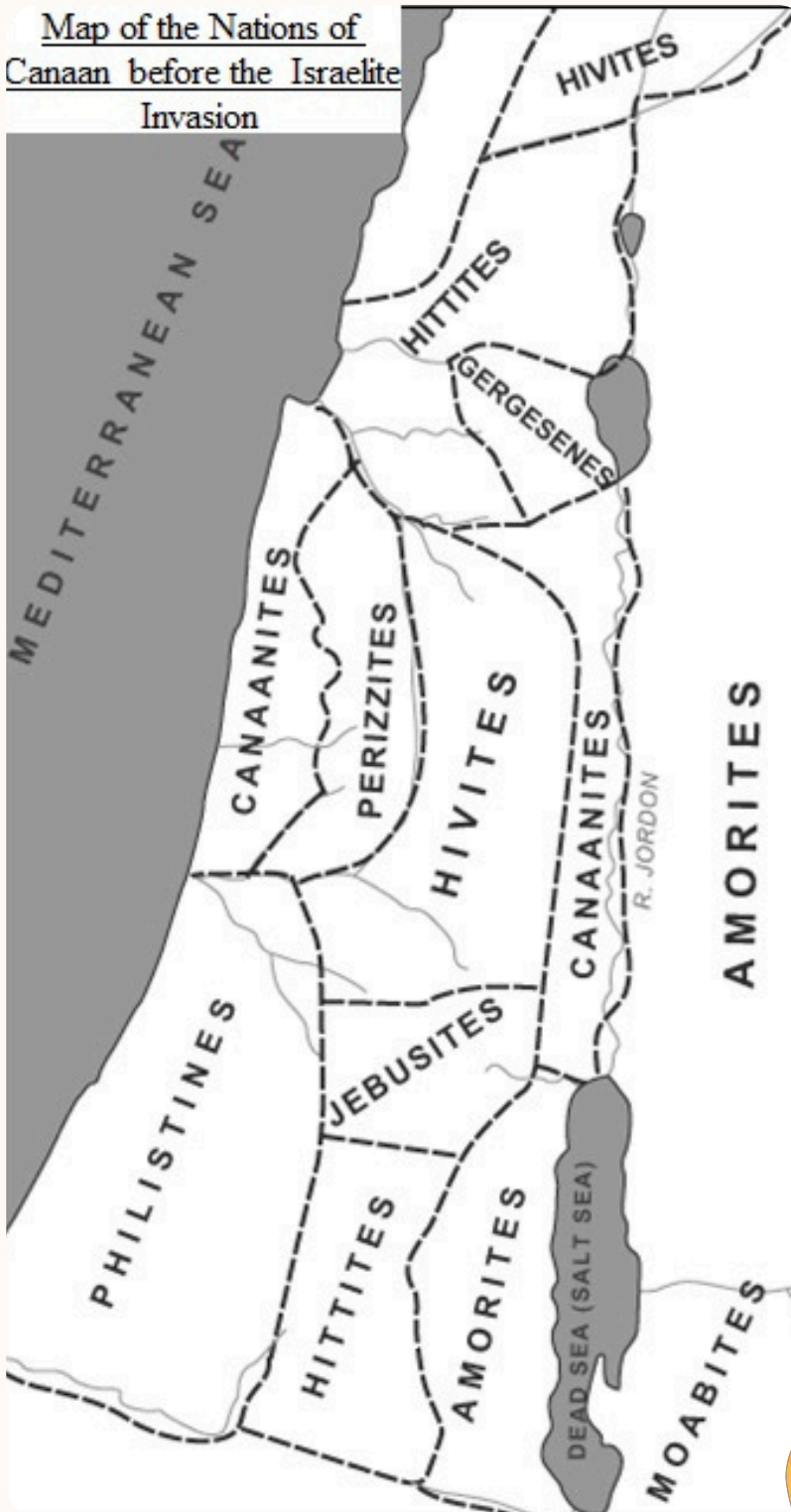
Canaanites

Jebusites



THE LAY OF THE LAND

Map of the Nations of
Canaan before the Israelite
Invasion



Now YAHWEH said to Abram,
"Leave it all behind— your
native land, your people, your
father's household, and go to the
land that I will show you. Follow
me, and I will make you into a
great nation. I will exceedingly
bless and prosper you, and I will
make you famous, so that you
will be a tremendous source of
blessing for others. I will bless
all who bless you and curse all
who curse you. And through you
all the families of the earth will
be blessed."

-Genesis 12:1-3 TPT



HITTITES

terror & fear

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

This name means terror. This group of people were giants who brought fear, confusion and discouragement to others.

Imagine coming face to face with the land that is yours and seeing a GIANT enemy. This tactic of intimidation is no new trick, the enemy has been operating through fear since the beginning. If the enemy can cause the things you are contending for to look too big, too intimidating, and too impossible we will never take the steps forward to inhabit the land, start the business or form the ministry, never start the family, begin the prayer journal or do anything that is laced with promise and favor.

If the enemy can convince us not to even try - he's already won.

Proverbs 29:25 (NIV) says "Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe".

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

OUR FEAR SHOULD ONLY BE
TO GOD, AND NOT
REGARDING MAN. WHEN
GOD IS FOR US, NO MAN
(GIANT OR NOT) CAN STOP
US FROM WALKING IN
OBEDIANCE

PROVERBS 29:25
JOSHUA 1:9
1 SAMUEL 12:24
PSALMS 118:6-7

GIRGASHITES

the one who returns back
from a pilgrimage

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

This tribe is incredibly interesting to me. They were known to build their houses out of clay, and not stone because they were a feeble minded people. They could not stay in one place long and would often retreat backwards.

How often do you display these same mindsets? When God asks us to go forward on a word, on faith we should do with everything we have, not needing a plan B. Building spiritual houses of stone and strength, not of feeble clay. We are not meant to be washed ashore anytime trouble comes, we are to be a people who stand strong on the word of the Lord, knowing that when he calls us, he equips us.

Glory to Glory friend

Not Glory to Grave.

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

WE WILL NOT GO BACK
WHEN THINGS GET HARD.
WHEN GOD CALLS US OUT
AND FORWARD WE WILL DO
SO WITHOUT LOOKING IN
THE REARVIEW MIRROR

PHILIP. 3:13-14

PHILIP. 4:13

PROVERBS 16:3

2 COR. 3:18

AMORITES

Prideful & Fault Finding

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

This tribe was known for being boastful and arrogant in the way they talked and presented themselves. They mocked and picked on others, easily finding and highlighting their faults.

Have you ever felt less than? Or been around someone who was always talking themselves up, and in turn put you down? This is exactly what the enemy does. He moves in pride and tempts us to do the same - taking glory from God and placing it on ourselves.

The way we combat pride, is humility.

Less of me, more of Jesus.

Less of my desires, and more of God's design.

Do not focus on the taunts of the enemy, or the reality of the impossible situation. Focus on giving God the glory, and staying humbly at His feet.

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

WHEN SATAN POINTS OUT
MY FLAWS, I WILL REMIND
HIM (AND MYSELF) WHO MY
FATHER IS. THE CREATOR OF
ALL THINGS, NOTHING IS
TOO HARD FOR HIM SO I
WILL HUMBLY SERVE HIM

JAMES 4:6
COL. 3:23-24
1 PETER 5:5-7
MICAH 6:8
ROMANS 12

CANAANITES

Financial Giants

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

This tribe was known for being very wealthy. They were motivated by greed and lust for materialistic things. When we look at this tribe

I believe it is a two-sided coin for us. Clearly we cannot operate with money as a driver, but also we cannot allow finances to intimidate us. My pastor says it like this - If it's God's will, it's God's bill. That really takes the load off our shoulders and places it on Gods, where it belongs.

We must not make decisions based on obtaining money, wealth and materialistic things and we also cannot refuse to go forward because of the "bill" we see attached to our "yes".

Does God own the World or not?

If He does - then we should act like it. He expects us to walk in faith sold out to the Kingdom of heaven - when we do that, everything else will be added.

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

I WILL SET MY SIGHTS ON
HEAVEN, AND NOT ON
THINGS OF THIS WORLD.
WHEN GOD IS LEADING ME,
HE IS ALSO PROVIDING FOR
ME. I REFUSE TO BE
INTIMIDATED BY FINANCES

MATTHEW 6:33
PSALM 24:1
PHILIP. 4:19
JOHN 2:15-17

PERIZZITES

Unprotected & Separated

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

These people had no restrictions or restraints. They were vulnerable and lived in cities without protective walls. They were undisciplined and it showed.

This sounds like a very clear enemy when we are speaking spiritually, and we are seeking to advance the Kingdom of Heaven. We must lead a disciplined life, period.

Just as sitting in the garage doesn't make you a car, sitting in the church pew does not make you a warrior for Christ. We must become zealous for the Gospel and live a consecrated life. Our Spiritual disciplines BUILD our protective walls.

Unforgiveness, Lust, Greed, Pride, Adultery, Fornication, (and many others) provide an open door to the enemy. When we refuse to build spiritual disciplines, we leave ourselves vulnerable to the enemy. God calls for us to be strong and protected, but he will not force you to consecrate. If you are having trouble separating from the world enough to build these disciplines and walls you need to go back to your first love. Once you love him, it will be easy.

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

HOLY SPIRIT HELP ME TO SEE
AREAS OF MY LIFE THAT
NEED MORE DISCIPLINE AND
CONSECRATION. FORTIFY MY
FAITH. MAKE ME A STRONG
ARMY - ALL FOR YOUR
GLORY

JOSHUA 3:5
1 PETER 2:9
DEUT 14:2
1 COR. 9:27

HIVITES

YOLO (selfish)

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

This tribe was known for claiming a feel good lifestyle. They were internally driven and chased comfort and pleasures. I added the phrase "YOLO" to the top of this segment because this seems to be consistent with their outlook on life. When our motivator is to follow and pursue things and decisions that feel good, selfish comfort is our true motivator. In reality as we pursue the Heart of God there should be more death to our comfort and our flesh. Yes, this is painful in the natural but reaps much gain in the spirit realm.

The word tells us that our flesh despises things of the spirit, and that to understand the heart of the father we must die daily. Life isn't about pursuing comfort like the Hivites did, and we certainly cannot dwell in the promised land with this type of heart posture.

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

I WILL BE LEAD BY THE SPIRIT OF
GOD ONLY. MY BODY AND MY
SOUL (MIND, WILL AND EMOTION)
ARE SUBJECT TO THE SPIRIT OF
GOD AND THE LEADING OF MY
HEAVENLY FATHER. I WILL SUBMIT
AND FO FORTH.

ROMANS 8:6-11

GAL. 5:16-18

ROMANS 8:14

ROMANS 7:15-20

GAL. 5:24

JEBUSITES

sexually exploitation

HISTORICAL FACTS ON THIS TRIBE

This group of people had a reputation that spoke very loudly. They were known for being promiscuous and sexually driven. Their idolatry of self pleasures and downright perversion of taking advantage of others shows us the depravity of an undisciplined and unchecked flesh. While some of us may struggle with these lusts of the flesh we need to understand that sexual immorality cannot cohabit with the promise of God in our life. We cannot serve two masters, and just as we talked about earlier our flesh is subject to the Spirit and the Word of God. When we engage in sexual acts outside of the covenant of marriage we open doors and windows in the spirit realm and allow the enemy into our home. A quick real into the Old Testament will show you the hatred God has for this type of immorality, and while we know that God doesn't hate the sinner, but he hates the sin - we also must know that Jesus dies to give us victory in this life now, and in the life to come (in heaven). We do not have to be bound when we are alive in Christ Jesus. He is all we need.

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE

I WILL NOT LIVE IN
COMPROMISE BY GIVING INTO
SEXUAL IMMORALITY. I WILL
REMAIN PURE BEFORE THE LORD.
WHEN TEMPTATION ARISES I
WILL PRESS EVEN CLOSER INTO
FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS

1 COR. 6:12-20
COL. 3:5-17
2 TIM. 2:21
PSALM 119:9



JUST GIVE ME JESUS

No matter where our journey takes us, and what giants we encounter along the way, Jesus is all we need. Pursing Him and the Heart of the Father will leave us fulfilled in ways we could never imagine. While the enemy works in various ways to distract and discourage us, we know that the Word tells us The Holy Ghost is the ever present help in a time of trouble.

He is ready and willing to walk us through whatever storms may come. In your pursuit of being all that God has called you to be, rest in knowing that The Creator of the Universe is gently leading you by the hand in love and compassion helping you journey through wilderness seasons into the promised land. He cares more about US that he does the Promise - it will do us no good to obtain Canaan, and lose the presence of God in our lives. Pursue Jesus, and all else will fall into place.



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