

CAMPAIGN OF LIBERATION! – Joshua 11

***“I know not what course others may take; but as for me, “Give me liberty or give me death!” –
Patrick Henry (March 23, 1775)***

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(v.1) Jabin was a common name for all the kings of Hazor.

Jabin – means wisdom or intelligence.

(Romans 1:21-22) “...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.”

(Psalm 2:1-4) Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.

Derision – Hebrew “laag”: to mock, ridicule, to stammer.

(Matthew 24:35) Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

(v.6-9)

(v.6) Note: The wicked are subject to “*God’s clock!*”

(Luke 12:20a) “But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you.’”

God is not “intimidated” by the “so-called” wisdom of man!

(Isaiah 59:19) When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

(Isaiah 26:4-5a) “Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength. For He brings down those who dwell on high.”

(v.20)

(Romans 1:28-32) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Without God, *the “giver of life,”* one’s appreciation for life is greatly diminished!

(Isaiah 5:20) Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

(John 10:10) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

(v.20) “It was of the Lord to harden their hearts...”

(2 Thessalonians 2:9-12) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

(v.23) Israel victorious! Then the land rested from war.”

CONCLUSION: The Gospel – God’s relentless “campaign of liberation!”

(Zechariah 4:6b, 7) 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

God bless America, land that I love - Stand beside her and guide her - Through the night with the light from above - From the mountains to the prairies - To the oceans white with foam - God bless America, my home sweet home – Irving Berlin

(Matthew 11:28-30) “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”