

The MESSAGE “JOSHUA”

Moses led the people out of Egypt.....THEY SAW THE RED SEA PART!

God had promised Abraham a beautiful homeland for the Israelites!

God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob!

-Jacob's name changed to Israel

-Joseph ends up saving the people in Egypt!

THAT IS HOW THEY ALL ENDED UP IN EGYPT

1446 BC Estimated time of the Exodus (3500 years ago)

-ESTIMATED Almost 2 million Jewish people

-No homeland

(ABRAHAM PROMISED LAND)

-Slaves in the Egyptian Empire

-Discouraged!

-God raised up Moses to lead them to their deliverance!

THEY WERE ON A JOURNEY TO THE PROMISED LAND!

Numbers 13:1-3 The Lord said to Moses, 2 “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.” 3 So at the Lord’s command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

VERSE 4-15 LISTS THEM:

Shammua, Shaphat, Caleb, Igal, Hoshea (JOSHUA), Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahbi, Geuel

Numbers 13:21-25 So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. 22 They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and

figs.24 That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. 25 At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

This was a 250 mile journey that took 40 days!

Numbers 13:26-29 Report on the Exploration

26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

(saw how amazing it is.....BUT!!!!)

28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

HERE THEY WERE.....THEY WERE STUCK!

-They wanted to move forward, BUT.....

If you are stuck or not moving:

- 1) Maybe God is having you wait
- 2) Maybe The Devil is making it hard to move forward
- 3) Maybe YOU are the obstacle!
-Comfortable, overwhelmed, complacent, scared
-List could go on and on!

THE ISRAELITES IN THAT MOMENT WERE “STUCK”

Numbers 13:30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

CALEB WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD!!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WANT TO MOVE FORWARD??

You either: move forward, move backward, or don't move at all!

Numbers 13:31-33 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” **32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.** They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. **All the people we saw there are of great size.** **33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.**”

They were filled with FEAR!

“DECENDANTS OF ANAK”.....The Anakites

Hebrew word ANAKIM means “Long necked”

-They were the descendants of the Nephilim

-Giants that DOMINATED the pre-flood world

-Later descendants would be the Philistines!

TO MOVE FORWARD.....THEY HAD TO FACE THE GIANTS!

Numbers 14:1-4 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. **2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!** **3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?”****4 And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”**”

GOD WANTED THEM TO MOVE FORWARD IN HIS PROMISE.....

NOW THEY WANTED TO MOVE BACKWARDS!!!

-POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH IN OUR WORDS!

-INTERNAL BATTLE WITHIN!

God was furious and put them in a 40 year time out!

-They wandered in the wilderness

-He fed them!

BUT, GOD PUNISHED THEM FOR THEIR REBELLION!

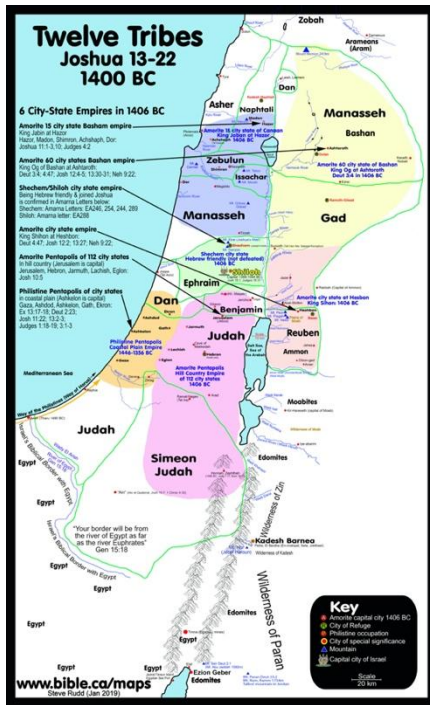
Numbers 14:20-24 The Lord replied, **“I have forgiven them, as you asked.** ²¹ Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, ²² **not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—** ²³ **not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.** ²⁴ **But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.**

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INTERESTING: JOSHUA & CALEB!

-Caleb was from the tribe of JUDAH! (Jesus came from that tribe

-Joshua was from the tribe of EPHRAIM (Joseph's grandson) FAVOR!



GIVE YOU THE ENDING OF THE STORY FIRST!

MAP OF THE LAND THEY CONQUERD!

Divided into 12 tribes of Israel:

10 Sons
2 Grandsons (Joseph's boys)

LEVITES: The Priests
(10% of everything)

Joshua 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷ "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

I am going to give you victory!

I will never leave you or forsake you!

No one will be able to stand against you!

I will be with you like I was with Moses!

Be strong and Courageous!

Meditate on my Law!

Do what it says!

THEN you will be successful!

Do not be afraid! Do not be discouraged!

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For the Lord YOUR God is with you!