

Session Four: In The Land, Joshua, Judges, and Ruth

The Book of Joshua

Major Passages in Joshua

- God's Charge to Joshua – Chapter 1: 2-9
- God's Faithfulness – Chapter 21:43-45
- Joshua's Declaration – Chapter 24:14-15
- The People's Response – Chapter 24:21-24
- There was no successor to replace Joshua.

Entering the Land Chapters 1-5

- Rahab and the Spies – scarlet thread, in the genealogy of Jesus, mother of Boaz, gentile.
- Crossing the Jordan – Ark and Levites went first – waters backed up to Adam.
- The 12 Stones – a memorial
- Circumcision at Gilgal – also celebrated the Passover at Gilgal
- Manna ceases
- The night visitor – The Captain of the host of the Lord (Jesus), remove your sandals, Holy Ground

Conquering the Land Chapters 6-12

- Jericho – Name means House of the Moon Gods, circle the city once a day on 7th day circle it 7 times, shout, conquer, not plunder, victory. Torah was ignored.
- Failure and Ai – sin of Achan (trouble)
- Battle of Beth-Horon – stones from heaven, sun stood still (the Long Day of Joshua), kings hid in caves, 1/3 million men battled that day.
- Deception of the Gibeonites – they did not take counsel from the Lord (didn't ask),
- South and Northern Campaign – 31 Kings defeated in 7 years, Joshua 12: 24.

Dividing the Land Chapters 13-24

- Each Tribe received an Inheritance.
- Levites received 48 cities.
- 6 Cities of Refuge
 - Place to escape for those involved in manslaughter – accidental death, not premeditated.
 - Safety provided against the avenger of blood.
 - Could return to original home when the High Priest died.

The Book of Judges – 450 years following the conquest of the land by Joshua.

- A new generation – raised without instruction re: Law of Moses – Covenant – See Psalm 78; Duet. 6
- Let neighbors influence them.
- Intermarried with pagans.
- Idolatry always first, then sexual immorality, sacrifice of innocent children and the Occult.

Six Servitudes

○ Mesopotamia	Othaniel	8 years
○ Moabites	Ehud	18 years
○ Canaanites	Deborah	20 years
○ Midianites	Gideon	7 years
○ Ammonites	Jephthah	18 years
○ Philistines	Samson	40 years

Lessons and Decline

- Sinning
- Suffering
- Repentance
- Deliverance
- Key Verse Judges 21: 25, “in those days there was no King in Israel, and everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
- The Levite and the concubine – Gibeah and the Tribe of Benjamin.
- Tragic civil war against Benjamin – lost all but 600, tribe was almost extinguished.

Book of Ruth – Kinsman Redeemer

- Loves Resolve Chapter 1 – Ruth cleaves to Naomi. (Ruth 1:16-17)
- Loves Response Chapter 2 – Ruths gleaning.
 - Law of gleaning (Leviticus 19: 9,10) provision for the destitute.
 - Field of Boaz – The Goel (Kinsman-Redeemer)
 - Law of Redemption (Lev. 25:5-10)
 - Levirate Marriage (Duet 25:5-10)
- Loves Request Chapter 3 – The Threshing Floor
 - Naomia sees opportunity to redeem the land through Boaz.
 - Ruth petitions Boaz to be the Goel.
 - Dealing with the “nearer kinsman”.
- Loves Reward Chapter 4 – Redemption of the Land and the Bride.
 - Boaz at the Gate confronts the nearer kinsman.
 - Nearer kinsman wants property but not Ruth (a gentile)
 - Boaz then accepts the responsibility and redeems the land and Ruth.

Kinsman-Redeemer

- Must be a kinsman.
- Must be able to perform.
- Must be willing to perform.
- Must assume all the obligations.

House of David Begins Here

- Obed
- Jesse
- David

Note – 10 Generation Rule

Duet 23:2-3: No Moabite shall enter the assembly of the Lord nor their descendants even unto the 10th Generation.

From Perez to David is 10 generations.