

ISRAEL'S INHERITANCE

- *Shema* = Hear O Israel
- Two temptations for Israel:
 - 1) In midst of abundance, do NOT forget God
 - 2) In midst of foreign people do NOT adopt their gods!
- Everything Israel is getting is NOT of their doing
- Inheritance = receiving something you didn't earn



DO NOT FOLLOW AFTER OTHER PEOPLE'S GODS!



- Scripture defines **IDOLATRY** as anything placed ahead of God
- “Worshipping” false gods is an oxymoron; this is an act of the evil inner self
- God is **NOT** concerned about some rival spiritual being getting His glory, because none exist
- The issue is about where our allegiance is directed

OBEDIENCE IS TO BE ISRAEL'S RESPONSE

- After explaining what Israel should **NOT** do, Moses explains what Israel **SHOULD** do
- Uses Massa as example of lack of faith and obedience
- **Massa** = to tempt
- **Nassa** = to put on trial
- Israel is NOT to decide for themselves what is right and wrong
- “Do what is right in the sight of the Lord...”
- They are to LEARN and OBEY God's laws



TEACH THE CHILDREN!

- The reward for obedience: *possessing the Land*
- Children will eventually ask WHY Israel obeys these commands and rules
- Children ask because of the observed differences between how THEY live versus how OTHERS live
- Moses says to tell them it is because God freed them from Egypt, and made them a set-apart people for Himself



DEUTERONOMY 7:

GOD IS THE GOD OF ALL PEOPLE

- He is the Lord over all history
- Two key lessons:
- 1) Does NOT mean that every god honored is really Yehoveh (or Jesus)
- 2) God has the right to make the decisions He is making
- Buddha, Krishna, Allah are NOT just other legitimate names for Yehoveh
- ***Shem*** = name = reputation, characteristics, nature



MAKING GOD IN OUR IMAGE

- We should not assign YHWH characteristics He does not have, or remove ones He does have
- His love does not mean He accepts sin
- We tend to be in love with “love”
- Love is but ONE of God’s many attributes, NOT His only one
- God is NOT a man nor a super-man, He is an entire other being
- He is a God of love, light, creation, salvation, judgment, wrath, fury, gentleness. He is near, but is not of this universe or dimension

God is love ...

I John 4:16



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ISRAEL WILL “POSSESS” THE LAND, NOT OWN IT!

- U.S.A. We can OWN property
- Israel can USE property
- What a Hebrew paid for property was determined by:
 - 1) How many years of possession until the next Jubilee
 - 2) Value of crops grown on the land during that period of time
- Israel is a special piece of earth that is permanently owned ONLY by God!

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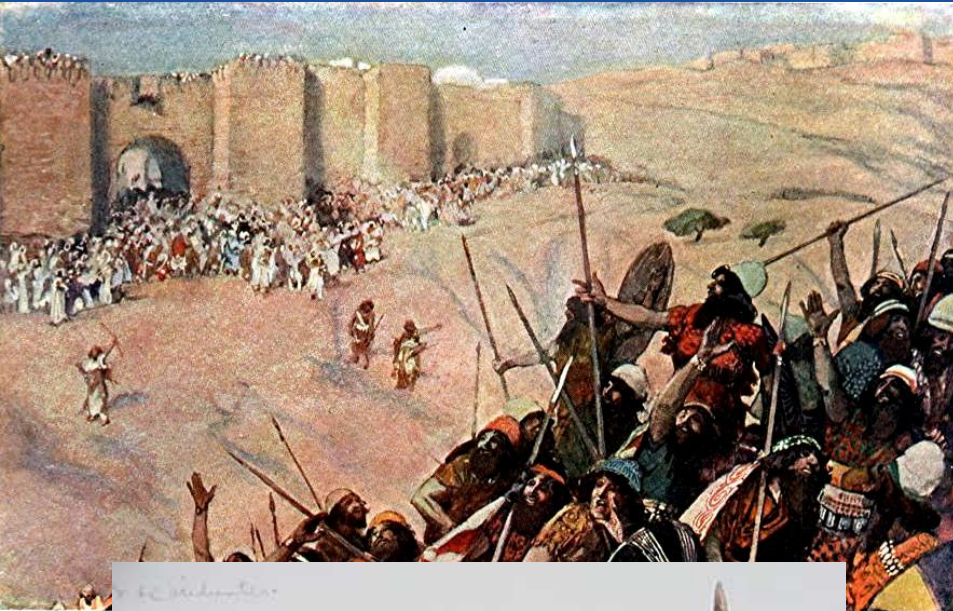
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DEALING WITH THE PEOPLE OF CANAAN



- Israel is not to grant “terms” or give quarter to Canaanites
- No intermarriage
- Canaanite altars to their false gods to be destroyed
- NO treaties are to be made, and NO Canaanite Kings are to be left in power
- Unfortunately MUCH intermarriage occurred
- Father often gave daughter to the highest bidder
- Hebrew girl married to foreigner lost her status as an Israelite!



DANGER OF TOLERANCE IS BEING DRAWN AWAY TO OTHER GODS!



- 7 nations listed who are to be overtaken
- Canaanite is a word that can mean anyone living in Canaan
- Warning is NOT hypothetical...It is a 100% guarantee!!
- We can NOT do the things the Lord says not to, and then expect Him to honor our actions and exempt us from consequences

SURVIVAL IN CANAAN DEPENDED ON OBEDIENCE TO YEHOVEH

- Disobedience and idolatry brings divine discipline
- Discipline employed a wide range from harassment of foreigners, to famine, to evil ISRAELITE Kings
- God makes it clear that this land inheritance is about a promise He made to the Patriarchs!
- Everything is based on obedience



ISRAEL'S SUCCESS IS CONDITIONAL

- IF Israel is obedient:
- Women will be fertile and the population will increase
- Land, animals, crops will thrive
- Israel to show Canaanite warriors NO PITY!!
- Jesus will be showing the enemy NO PITY at Armageddon!!



THE CONQUEST IS GOING TO TAKE TIME



- 38 years earlier fear overcame the people
- The taking of Canaan will not happen too fast, so that security can be established and wild animals not move in
- **IRAQ!!** We conquered faster than we could establish security zones!
- The need for fast results brings poor judgment
- Going slow does NOT mean things are going badly
- Things we allow to rival God are a danger to our relationship with Him