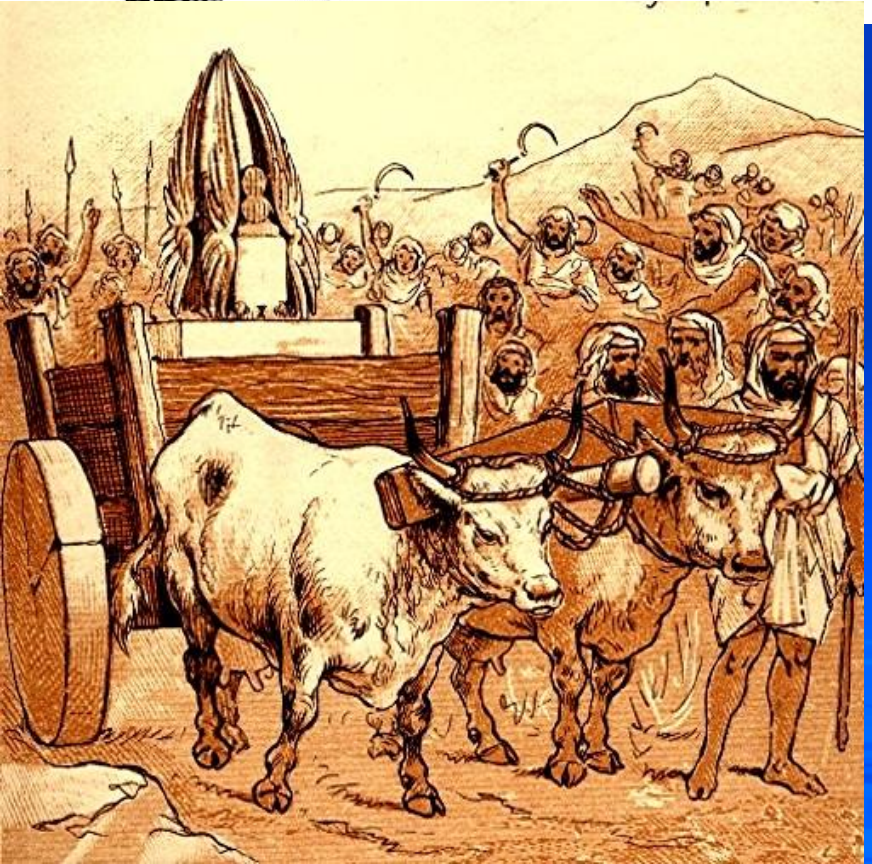
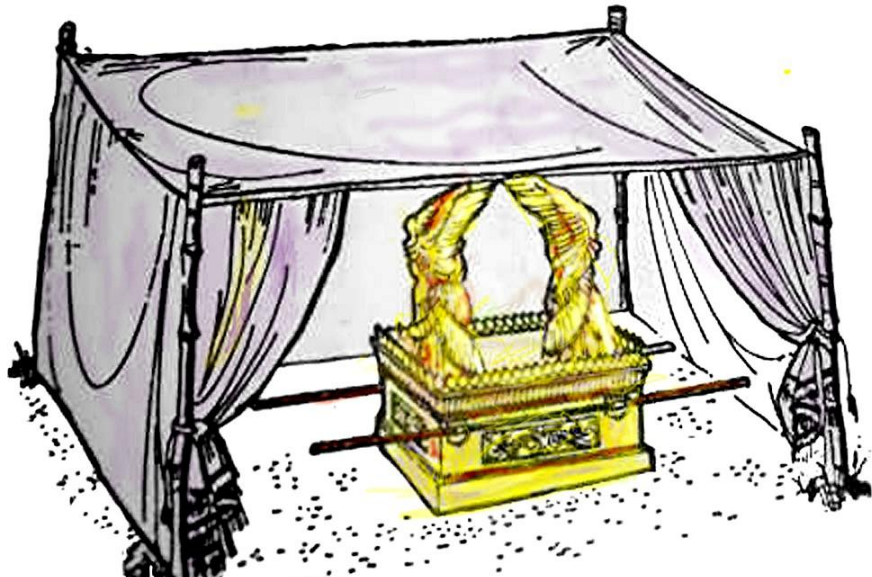


JUDGES CHAPTER 1: THE SLIDE FROM GRACE

- 10-15 years after Joshua, Israel was losing its way
- By the time of David the Torah was nearly forgotten
- Priesthood struggled to exist, and Levite workers and Priests mixed their roles



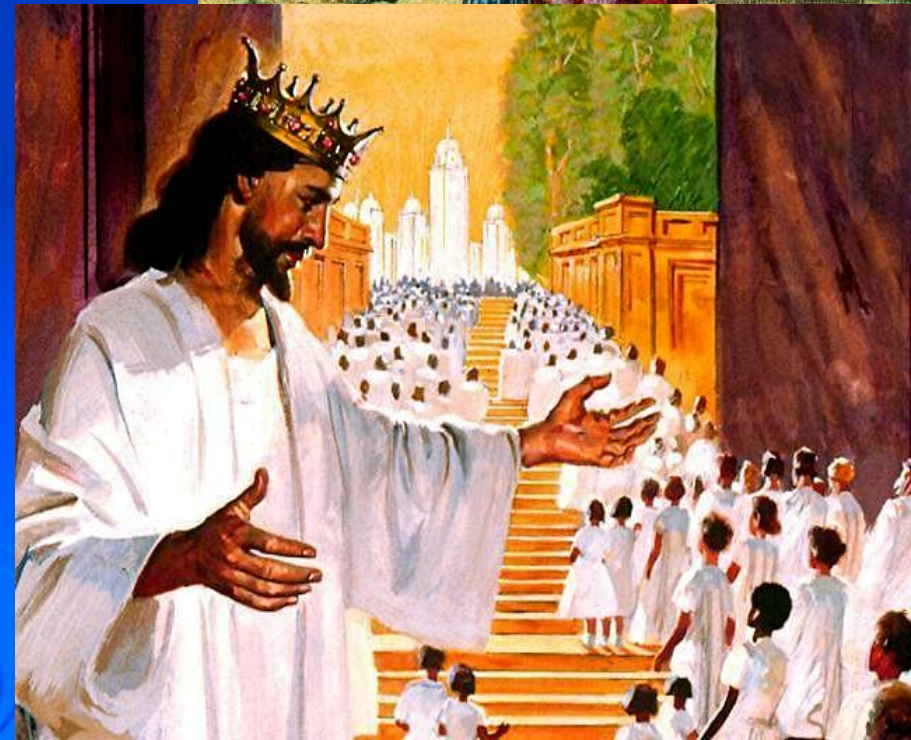
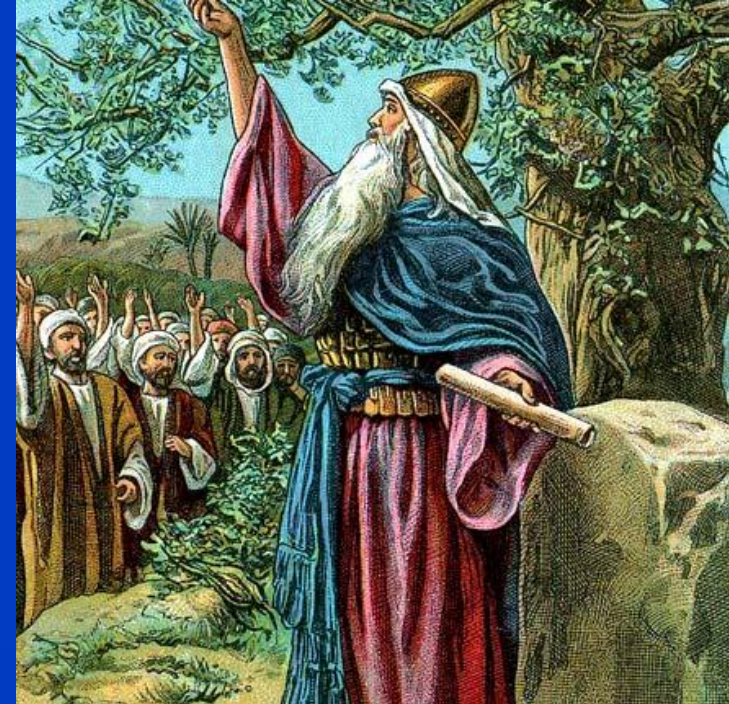


THE TABERNACLE BECAME A DYING INSTITUTION

- Little interest in maintaining the Tent Sanctuary
- Expensive and time consuming
- David brought Ark to Jerusalem and put it into a tent he had erected
- Few Priests even remembered the proper order of service and ritual

ISRAEL NEEDED A KING

- Joshua not an official king, but he role was similar
- Joshua was the IDEAL of leadership for Israel
- Not until Messiah comes again will we have such a leader
- Man's definition of a king versus God's definition of a king is the issue



JUDAH THE 1ST TO RESUME HOLY WAR



- Urim and Thummim were used to determine God's will
- Judah was chosen
- Each of the 12 tribes was to continue to drive out the Canaanites from their territory
- Judah and Simeon were FULL brother (mother Leah)
- Simeon's territory would be carved out of Judah's



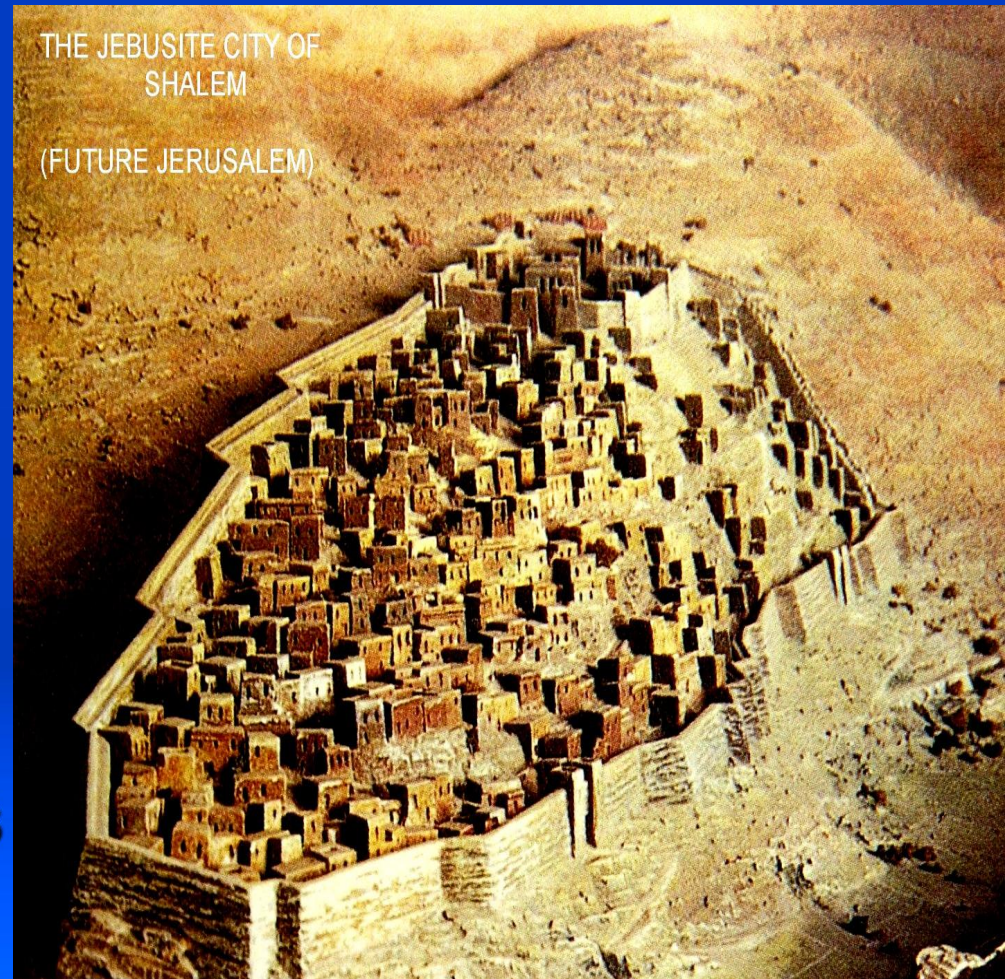
WAR AGAINST ADONI-BEZEK



- *Adoni-Bezek* is NOT a person's name, it is a title
- Lord of Bezek is a title of the current leader of the Bezek Dynasty
- His thumbs and big toes cut off
- Lex Talionis An eye for an eye
- Without thumbs he could not fight or drive a chariot
- Without big toes he couldn't run or flee from battles

BATTLE FOR YERUSHALAYIM

- A Jebusite city at this time
- Yerushalayim burned due to Law of Herem
- City was in Benjamin's territory so it was given to him
- Benjamin soon lost it back to the Jebusites
- Normal now for Israelites to capture a city and make residents pay tribute (taxes)



DOUBLE PLACE NAMES



- A contrast between the failures of Benjamin and the victories of Judah is established
- ***Kiryat-Arba*** = Hebron
- Sheshai, Achiman, and Talmi were sons of Anak
- ***Kiryat-Sefer*** = Debir
- City of Records (books)

CLAN LEADER OF JUDAH AN EDMITE



- Caleb assigned task of taking Debir to Othniel
- Othniel received Achsah, Caleb's daughter, as a reward
- Moses' father in law (Jethro) was from a Midianite clan called the *Kenites*
- This clan migrated to Jericho (or a little south) under the protection of Judah and Simeon

JUDAH MOVES AGAINST GAZA

- At this time Gaza, Ekron, and Ashkelon were NOT under Philistine control
- Succeeded in taking more of the Hill Country, but failed in the plains and valleys
- Chariots operated well in the plains, but not in the mountains
- Ephraim, House of Yoseph



THE INCOMPLETE CONQUEST



- Israel's current problems are a result of 3400 years of failure to complete the task of conquering Canaan
- Israelites decided it was kinder and wiser to live WITH the Canaanites than to drive them out
- Much of the Church demands "even-handedness" towards Israel's enemies
- Disobedience and disbelief among Jews and Christians are the reasons for the trouble, not oil, Islam, or the UN.



A WARNING TO THE WISE!

- Do NOT support Israel giving up their land for peace
- Do NOT support conceding the Temple Mount to pagans
- ***Battle of Armageddon is the final battle for the conquest of Canaan!***
- He who saved us as a Lamb, will come again as a ruthless conqueror



SOME VICTORIES SOME FAILURES

- Beit-El and Ai attacked again (may be the same city)
- Manessah could not drive the Canaanites out of Bet Shean
- Ephraim failed at Gezer
- Zevulun, Asher, Naphtali made peace with the Canaanites
- Dan migrated to the north, by Lebanon

