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**The Battle with Amalek—  
A Kingdom at Stake**

**Lecture Notes for Lesson Three**

Good morning. I'd like to welcome you to the Lecture following lesson three. Before we start today, I have a very important introduction I would like to make to you. This is our little grandson Judah Benjamin Zeigler. He is the son of our son Benjamin and his sweet wife Becky. And then, I would like to introduce you to Juhah's baby brother, Caleb Hebron Zeigler. Ever since Caleb was born I keep thinking, "Oh man! There could be a whole message given on this child's name...and today, I get to give that message!"

So far in our study we have looked at several things that need to come together here. Please listen and remember these things while I read this list. (Don't worry about writing all of these items down, as they are listed on the website under this lesson's lecture notes.)

- The interpretive structure of Scripture—types/antitypes

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**A *type* in Scripture is an historical person or event that points to something future.**

**The *anti-type* is the fulfillment of the type.**

- God's Word (to which we are to listen and obey) is given through God's wife Israel

We've also remembered or learned that:

- The purpose of man's creation—that to rule
- Satan's deception of the woman in the garden—"You shall surely NOT die"
- Prior to Noah's Flood, the actions of the enemy to corrupt the entire human race—through fallen angels taking wives unto themselves, bringing about the Nephilim
- Thus, the wiping out of the human race, through a world-wide flood, save Noah and his family, the only one found righteous
- The call of Abraham and the promises to him concerning descendants, a land (with geographical specs), and an inheritance in that land, and a promised 400

year period of his descendants being sojourners and enslaved prior to receiving the land as an inheritance

Then

- The birth of Isaac, then the promises being reiterated to him
- The birth of Isaac's twin sons, Esau and Jacob
- The doctrine concerning the setting aside of first things and the establishing the second—Esau disdaining and forfeiting his birthright then being given the name Edom
- Jacob, having received the birthright, then later receiving the blessing as first born, his name later being changed to Israel, and the promises being reiterated the to him
- Then the completion of the four hundred-year period of sojourning and eventual enslavement, ended the night of Passover and their being directed toward the land of promise

Let's look briefly **at the beginning** of a timeline we will be using today:

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(Explain the 400 years combined of Abraham's descendants sojourning and finally being enslaved, according to Gen. 15.)

- Then just days out of Egypt, just days out of the Red Sea passage, they came to a place called Rephidim (“a place of beds”) wherein they had no water (until God mercifully gave them water).Let's look at it again:

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#### **Exodus 17**

**1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.**

So instead of simply asking God to do for them what they could not do, they *quarreled* with God and *tested* Him. The way in which they tested Him, was *they questioned His intentions in bringing them out of Egypt!*

In spite of all the miraculous thing God had done for them (the most recent of which was parting the Red Sea) they murmured..."Why have you brought us up from Egypt? To kill us and our children and our livestock with THIRST!?"

Then mercifully! (very Mercifully!) the Lord said to Moses...

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**5... "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.**

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**6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.**

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**7 And he named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"**

Then with this as the setting:

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**8 Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim.**

- This was the first enemy to come against Israel in their trek to the Promised land was Amalek, Esau's descendant. We learned about whom Amalek represents (the fleshly man), and we learned how they attack: at a place of rest, wherein the guard is down, when one is weary and weak. And they surprise attack, Amalek attacked from the rear.
- You will remember that Moses sent Joshua into the battle with them. Moses went up on the hill to pray for them, holding up his staff over them. But his hands grew tired and when he lowered his hands Amalek would prevail, but when he lift his hands Israel prevailed. Aaron and Hur helped him in holding his hands up, so that Joshua was able to be victorious in battle as he defeated the enemy with the edge of the sword.

But Joshua was in the battle with Israel defeating the enemy *with the edge of the sword*, and Moses was on the mountain in intercession for Israel.

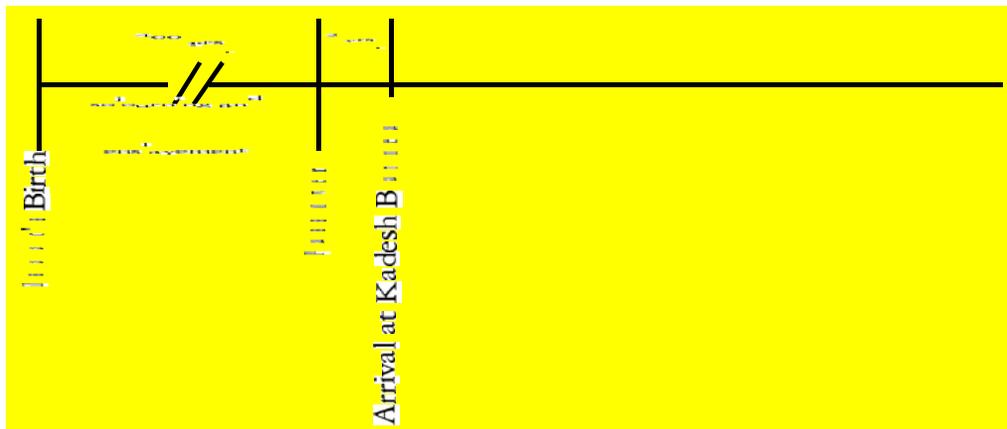
What a beautiful picture for us! We can learn so much for this picture. This would be one of the things that Paul meant when he said that these things were written down for our instructions... Instructions which have been given to us through God's Wife, Israel.

Finally, about 3 months or so after coming out of Egypt, Israel comes to a place in the wilderness where God wanted them to stop, so that He could teach them. They came to Mt. Sinai, and there they learned:

1. the reason why they were redeemed,
2. what He would do for them, and
3. what He expected from them.

Then, looking at the timeline again,

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... their having been at Mt. Sinai for 1½ years, God moved them away from this place of learning, in about another three-month period, they finally came to the place wherein they could begin to take their inheritance. They came to a place called Kadesh Barnea. But rather than going in, they asked if they could send spies into the land.

In a quick overview,

- **The first generation, save Joshua and Caleb, forfeited their inheritance through disobedience emanating out of**
  1. **unbelief of what God said about their enemies, and**
  2. **fear of the “Giants in the land” i.e., the Nephilim (in particular the “sons of Anak” [Anak was part of the Nephilim]), as well as the other inhabitants of the land, including the Amalekites.**

So now we see the Nephilim and the Amalekites in the land as enemies of God's redeemed people. These enemies stand poised to do all they can so as not to allow God's people to take the land, the very inheritance that God was planning on giving them, if they would but *believe and obey!*

Get the picture here for us...the Nephilim, representing emissaries of Satan, and the Amalekites, representing the fleshly man, both stand poised to work together against us in our intent to receive our inheritance!

**But all God expects from us is to believe and obey!**

**The children of Israel really depict a picture of disobedience born out of an unbelief, or a lack of faith in what God had clearly revealed to them.**

Then, continuing in our *not-so-brief review* of what we have learned, we have also learned that Saul lost his right to continue on the Throne, due to blatant disobedience.

We have seen the disobedience of Saul and the ramifications thereof:

- He did not kill all the Amalekites and all their flocks and herds, therefore, his kingdom was torn from him
- Eventually it was an Amalekite who took his life and his crown.

The picture of the Saul depicts for us a picture of the flesh simply not being willing to obey God's clear directive. It doesn't appear to be necessarily born out of unbelief, but rather simply fulfilling the desires of the flesh.

Regardless, in BOTH instances, the people involved GREATLY desired to change things in the end. They were both GREATLY desirous to have done things differently. But there was not repentance.

**But setting the story of SAUL aside for the time being,**

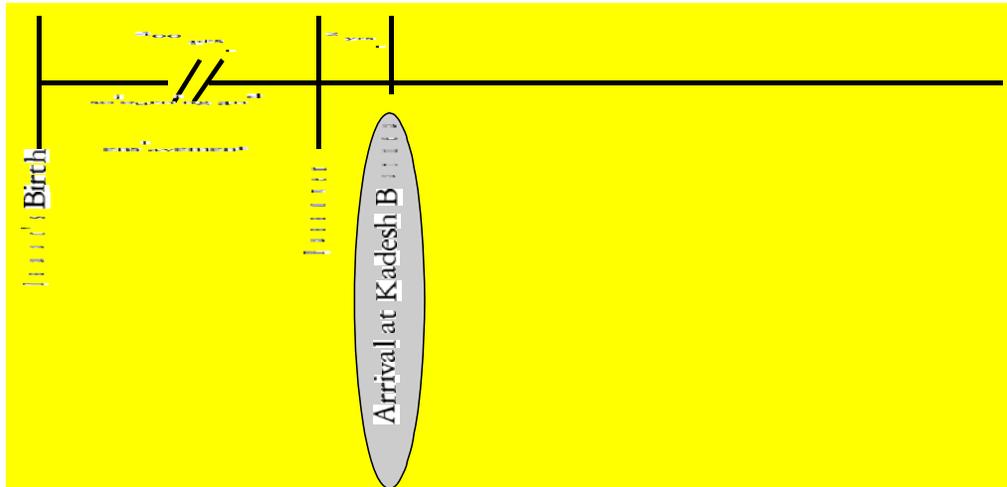
**I would like to linger for a moment at what we can learn through the events that took place at Kadesh Barnea**

Could we see the timeline again?

so that we can understand some to the historical details concerning the Children of Israel and learn something that hopefully will give us insight into and desire for success in our

own journey. This is the place on the TIMELINE where I would like for us to spend most of our time today...

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Today, after having done your homework, the lesson entitled CHOOSE..., TODAY, I would like to spend some time on a specific person in the story. His name is Caleb. And he is from the tribe of Judah. (Smile for me)

Please remember the reason we need to study the details of this overall story of the Children's trek out of Egypt into the Promised Land. It is because of what Paul said to the Church at Corinth in I Corinthians 10. Paul said:

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**I Corinthians 10**

**1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;**

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**3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.**

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**5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.**

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**6 Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.**

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**7 And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."**

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**8 Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.**

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**9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.**

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**10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.**

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**11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**

We should remember that when they arrived at Mt. Sinai, God specifically spoke to them about the importance of OBEDIENCE.

**“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then...”**

SO today we want to review something about this story and make personal application, since this week’s lesson was a call to our make a choice for ourselves!

There is no mention of Caleb prior to the day that he was called upon to be one of the leaders who would go into and spy out the land. While Joshua had been mentioned several times prior to this, Caleb had not been mentioned.

Look at his message concerning the land... Caleb (from the Tribe of Judah) was one of the twelve leaders chosen to go into and spy out the land. Here is what Scripture says:

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**Numbers 13**

**7 When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up there into the Negev; then go up into the hill country. 18 And see what the land is like, and whether the people who live in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many.**

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**19 And how is the land in which they live, is it good or bad? And how are the cities in which they live, are they like open camps or with fortifications? 20 And how is the land, is it fat or lean? Are there trees in it or not? Make an effort then to get some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.**

**Retell vv. 21-27**

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**28 Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 Amalek is living in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan."**

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**30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it."**

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**31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." 32 So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying,**

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**"The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size.**

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**33 There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."**

Retell Numbers 14:1-7

**Joshua and Caleb spoke to the people saying,**

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**Numbers 14**

**7... "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us--a land which flows with milk and honey."**

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**9 Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they shall be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."**

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**10 But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.**

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**11 And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?"**

**Retell Numbers 14:13-16, 17-19**

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**Numbers 14**

**20 So the LORD said, "I have pardoned them according to your word; 21 but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD. 22 Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs, which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness,**

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**yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, 23 shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it.**

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**24 But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it. 25 Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys; turn tomorrow and set out to the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea."**

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**26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who are grumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are making against Me.**

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**28 "Say to them,**

**'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you; 29 your corpses shall fall in this wilderness, even all your numbered men, according to your complete number from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me.**

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**30 Surely you shall not come into the land in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.**

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**31 Your children, however, whom you said would become a prey--I will bring them in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your corpses shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your sons shall be shepherds for forty years in the wilderness, and they shall suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness.**

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**34 According to the number of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your guilt a year, even forty years, and you shall know My opposition. 35 I, the LORD, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be destroyed, and there they shall die.'"**

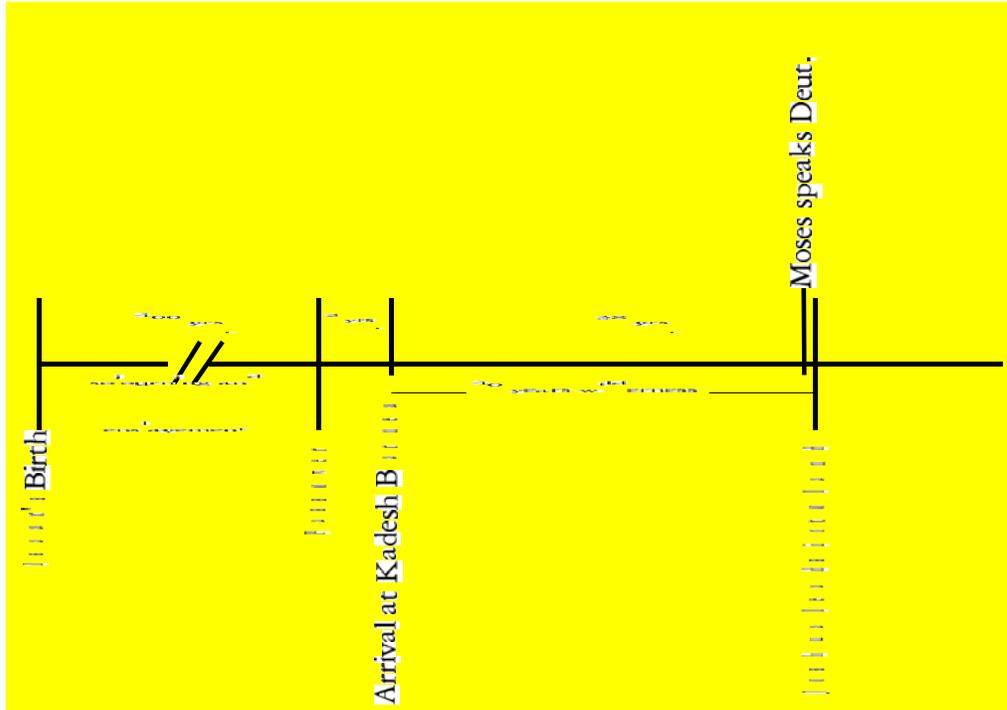
**Retell vv. 36-39**

**Retell vv. 40-45**

And so due to a lack of belief resulting in disobedience and additional 38 years is added to their wilderness trek.

Can we see the next timeline slide, please?

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Then, 38 years later, after the entire 1<sup>st</sup> generation died in the wilderness (they were “laid low in the wilderness” Moses spoke to the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, now poised to go in and begin to receive their inheritance. The very land that the previous generation had forfeited. Deuteronomy is the Book where God re-tells the Law to the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation through Moses. It is just before Moses’ death; just before Joshua was going to take them into the land.

The first chapter tells the story that I have just told you. Mention is even repeated of the details the 10 spies said about the people in the land... **"The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there."**

In spite of all the encouraging words that Moses and Joshua and Caleb had given to the people there at Kadesh Barnea, they would not listen, they would not be comforted. And so Moses, in the Book of Deuteronomy, repeated again what God had decreed 38 years prior:

So Moses said:

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**Deuteronomy 1**

**“...34 Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying, 35 'Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.'**

Moses then went on to explain why he could not even go into the land, but would only see it.

Moses died, Joshua was visited by the Lord, and commanded to be strong and courageous and OBEY the law. Joshua led the people across the Jordan River, where they saw the waters that were flowing downstream, stand in a heap, until they all crossed over the Jordan. And not only had they all crossed over, but the priests were sent back into the river bed to gather 12 stones, which were to be set up as a memorial as a testimony to what God had done for this second generation. Then they could eat the produce of the land. And the manna stopped. It was shortly after this that Joshua meant a character he would never forget. It was “the Captain of the Hosts of Lord.” I cannot imagine.

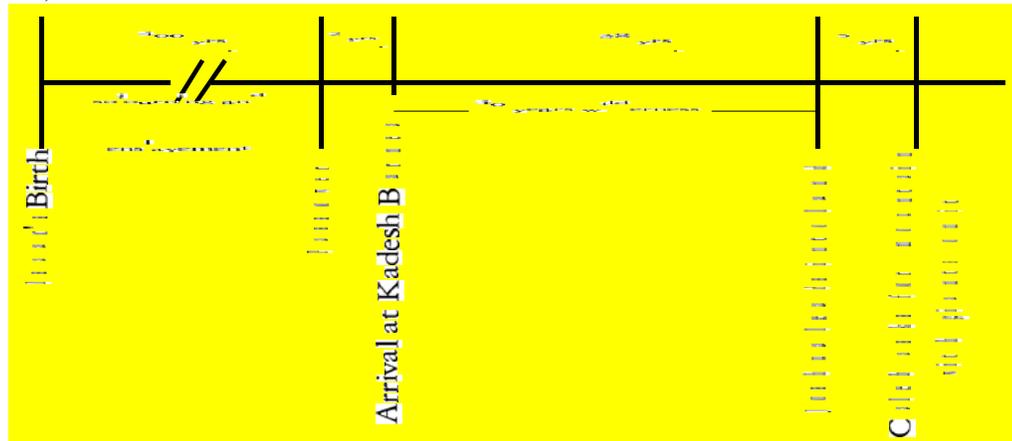
Joshua fell with his face to the ground. And the Lord told him to take off his shoes, he was on holy ground!

They had gotten to the Land of Promise. The land of their inheritance.

Next was Jericho...the SIX silent daily march around the city, which was closed up tight!  
On the seventh day, six silent treks around the city, then  
The rams horns, the shout...  
Jericho's walls...  
Rahab the harlot...

Chapter after chapter in the book of Joshua tells the story of the way the Lord allowed Joshua and the Children of Israel to come into the Land and to receive their inheritance. FINALLY, 5 years later... **Can we see the next timeline slide?**

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Let's read about it.

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**Joshua 14 (Caleb said to Joshua...)**

**6 ... "You know the word which the LORD spoke to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh-barnea. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as it was in my heart.**

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**8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God fully. 9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.'**

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**10 "And now behold, the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today.**

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**1 I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in.**

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**12 Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out as the LORD has spoken."**

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**13 So Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully.**

The next verse explains that Hebron had living there Arba who was the greatest man among the Anakim.

Then the land had rest from war.

Joshua 15 goes on to explain that Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Then he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir;

And Caleb said, "The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife."

In the end, before his death, Joshua puts the choice before the Children of Israel.

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**Joshua 24**

**15 "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**

**Type/Antitype:**

**Joshua**

**Caleb**

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**Psalm 95**

**1 O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. 3 For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods, 4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also.**

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**5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. 6 Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

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**7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;**

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**9 When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.**

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**11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest."**

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**Hebrews 4**

**6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, 7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,**

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**"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.**

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**9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.**

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**11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

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**13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.**

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**15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.**

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**16 Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.**

