

SESSION #9 (5 Jan 10)

I. INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

Moses is taking a nation that has failed and reaped the consequences to victory.

- (1) **1 Cor 10:13** → God’s resources are sufficient for every test He sends us, including death itself
- (2) **Rom 8:28** → Testing is part of our road to maturity and final victory
- (3) **1 Thess 5:18** → Theology of Thanksgiving or Theology of Complaining
- (4) **Phil 4:6-7** → inner peace and stability in the midst of chaos

1:6-4:40 1st Exposition of the Torah = <u>motivation</u> to obey from <u>past gracious actions</u> of Yahweh	
1:6-3:29 Historical analysis of Israel from Sinai to the Transjordanian victories	
1:6-18	From Sinai to Kadesh
1:19-46	Kadesh and the wasted years
2:1-23	Negotiating already-allocated lands – honoring the Abrahamic Covenant “land grants”
2:24-3:11	1 st “holy war” victory surprises
3:12-22 Settling Transjordan & Joshua’s commission	
3:23-29 Moses excluded from the land with rest of 1st generation	

II. SETTLING TRANSJORDAN (3:12-20)

3:12 and this land. . .that time. . .

Demonstrative pronouns referring back to **3:8-11**

Specific historical evidence of Yahweh’s faithfulness to uphold his conquest promises:

Yahweh’s orders	Covenant Rationale
2:5 leave Edom (Esau) alone	Peripheral “land grant” to Abrahamic family
2:9 leave Moab alone	Peripheral “land grant” to Abrahamic family
2:19 leave Ammon alone	Peripheral “land grant” to Abrahamic family
2:31 Sihon rejected grace of 2:26-29	Holy War order #1
3:1 Og reacted to Sihon Holy War	Holy War order #2

Holy War (divinely-ordered genocide):

A. What is the justification? Answer: end of divine grace & release of divine justice

- Divine Justice existed from all _____.
- Divine Justice exercised in judgment of Satan (Garden, Revelation)
- Lake of Fire—eternal damnation (not annihilation) prepared originally for the _____ and his _____ (Matt 25:41).

- Man joins Satan’s destiny when he _____ divine grace in Christ.
- Holy War in the conquest period was against a population that had become totally demonized as the historic outworking of Noah’s curse on Canaan (**Gen. 9:20-25; 15:16**).

B. What is the relevance for the Christian? Answer: the holy war principle continues but with the ultimate targets—Satan and his demonic hordes, not their human puppets.

- Since Holy War is Yahweh’s war, no human leader can authorize it (**Num 10:35-36; Josh 5:13-15; Rev 19**) and to authorize holy war is to say that you know that grace has ended for the targets
- We continue to fight against the evil principalities and powers so we must beware of their strategy and tactics—all of which center upon our _____

3:12 that time. . .this land. . .

3:13

3:18-20 to possess. . .return to his possession which I have given you.

cross over until the LORD has given rest to your brethren as to you. . .

Why the emphasis upon inheritance of land—esp. the use of the word “rest”?

- Land was granted to _____
- Land grants → biblical doctrine of private property
- Capitalization was for economic production & financial freedom
- Non-negotiable titles to the land grants → notion of “inheritance”
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Doctrine of Property (part of biblical economics)(more development as we continue)

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1. God is ultimate property owner by virtue of creation (Ps 24:1-2; 50:10) – this is true eminent domain.
2. Property ownership implies the right to exclude others from the asset.
 - God in Eden demanded exclusion of the tree of knowledge of good and evil
 - God also demanded that Adam guard the garden (exclude enemies from it)
 - God asserted his absolute ownership and excluded Adam, Eve, and the serpent from the entire garden by lethal force—1st instance of capital punishment
3. The tribes will be given title, but will be under God’s contractual stipulations in how they are to use the land asset.
 - Blessing and cursing apply to management of capital assets
 - God-designed principles of economic prosperity or poverty apply also.

4. Violations of the biblical doctrine of property:

- Roman Catholicism for over 1300 years has perpetuated an anti-biblical view of property ownership derived from pagan Greek and Roman thought through Aquinas to modern Jesuit liberation theologians that established Communism in Latin America > ownership = _____.
- Liberal Protestants have been responsible for European social democracy > ownership = _____.
- Conservative Protestants have ignored or abandoned biblical teaching on property

Summary of 3:12-20

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

III. JOSHUA'S COMMISSION (3:21-22)

3:21 your (sg) eyes have seen. . .you (sg) pass

3:22 you (pl) must not fear. . .for the LORD your God He (emphasis) fights for you (pl).

IV. MOSES' EXCLUSION FROM THE LAND (3:23-29)

3:23-25 You have begun to show your greatness. . .Let me cross over, I pray. . .

3:26 Much to you! Don't speak any more over this matter!
See Num 20:1-13 for background.

3:27 you shall (absolutely) not cross over Jordan

3:28-29 him. . .him. . .him. ..which you will see

V. CONCLUSION

- Completed **1:6-3:29** from Sinai to the Transjordanian victories
- Full record of the behavior of God & Israel

- Complete generational switchover from 1st to 2nd except for _____ and _____
- Abrahamic family “land grants” showed _____
- Full demonstration of actual combat in the wars of Yahweh with a gracious surprise of extra land.
- Inheritance of land already an accomplished fact for 2 ½ tribes = 1/5th of the nation!!
- Moses’ exclusion → God doesn’t play favorites
- 2nd generation ready to face their maturity test that the 1st generation failed in = taking by force their inheritance from occupying evil powers = Church today having to take possession of the legal ground for the coming Kingdom on earth.