

Title: Inheritance of the Promised Land
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A. Those who could not make it

Exodus 17:3-6

³ And the people thirsted there for water. And the people murmured against Moses and said, Why is this, that You brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our sons and our cattle with thirst? ⁵ And Jehovah said to Moses, Go on in front of the people, and take with you the elders of Israel. And take your rod with which you struck the river, in your hand, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb. And you shall smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, so that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Why they did not make it:

1. Strife and no sanctification

Numbers 20:8-13

⁸ Take the rod, and gather the assembly, you and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes. And it shall give forth its water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock. So you shall give the congregation and their animals drink. ⁹ And Moses took the rod from before Jehovah as He commanded him. ¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he struck the rock twice. And the water came out plentifully, and the congregation and their animals drank. ¹² And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. ¹³ These *are* the Waters of Strife, because the sons of Israel fought with Jehovah, and He showed Himself holy among them.

2. Fear and intimidation

Numbers 13:31-33

³¹ But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we. ³² And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched to the sons of Israel, saying, The land through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eats up those who live in it. And all the people whom we saw in it were men of stature. ³³ And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, of the giants. And we were in our own sight like grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

B. Those who made it

1. A promise

Joshua 1:2-3

² My servant Moses is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people to the land which I give to them, to the sons of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I said to Moses.

2. A different spirit

Numbers 14:24

²⁴ But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed Me fully, I will bring him into the land into which he went. And his seed shall possess it.

Joshua 14:10-11

¹⁰ And now, behold, Jehovah has kept me alive these forty-five years as He said, even since Jehovah spoke this word to Moses, while Israel wandered in the wilderness. And now, lo, I am eighty-five years old today. ¹¹ As yet I *am as* strong today as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in.

3. Courage and the Word

Joshua 1:7-9

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous so that you may be careful to do according to all the Law which My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may act wisely wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall act. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. For Jehovah your God *is* with you in all places where you go.

C. Wilderness vs. Promised Land

- Running vs. Consecration
- Cloud and fire vs. Commander's rule
- Birds and manna vs. Living off the land
- Survival vs. Conquest (giants)
- Strangers vs. Inheritance

D. In the Promised Land

- Achan – holiness (Joshua 7)
- Gibeonites – compromise (Joshua 9)
- Choose whom you will serve (Joshua 24)
- Deuteronomy 6:10; Psalm 16:5-6