

Message Four

The Goodness of the Land—Its Minerals

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Scripture Reading: Deut. 8:7, 9; 1:30; 3:22; 20:3-4; 32:30; Eph. 6:10-13; Deut. 33:25;
Jer. 15:12; 1 Pet. 2:4-5; Dan. 10:6d; Rev. 12:5; 1:15a

- Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;
- Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
- Deut 1:30 Jehovah your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
- Deut 3:22 Do not fear them, for it is Jehovah your God who is fighting for you.
- Deut 20:3 And he shall say to them, Hear, O Israel! You are drawing near to the battle against your enemies today. Do not let your heart fail; do not be afraid or alarmed or terrified of them.
- Deut 20:4 For it is Jehovah your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
- Deut 32:30 How shall one chase a thousand, / And two put ten thousand to flight, / Were it not that their Rock sold them, / And Jehovah delivered them up?
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- Deut 33:25 Your doorbolts shall be iron and copper; / And as your days are, so shall your strength be.
- Jer 15:12 Can one break iron, / Iron from the north, or bronze?
- 1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- Dan 10:6d ... His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.
- Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
- Rev 1:15a And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace...

I. The stones, the iron, the mountains, and the copper are for the building and for the battle—Deut. 8:7, 9; Neh. 4:17:

- Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;
- Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
- Neh 4:17 Those who built the wall and those who carried burdens took the loads with one hand doing the work and with the other holding a weapon.
- A. The building and the battle always go together; if we would have the building, we must be prepared to fight—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16; 6:10-20.
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
- Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

- Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness
- Eph 6:15 And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;
- Eph 6:16 Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.
- Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
- Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,
- Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,
- Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I would speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

B. For the building we need the materials, and for the battle we need the weapons; these depend upon the stones, the iron, the mountains, and the copper.

II. We need to experience Christ as a land whose stones are iron—Deut. 8:9c; 33:25; 1 Pet. 2:4-5; Jer. 15:12; Psa. 2:9; Rev. 12:5:

- Deut 8:9c ... a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
- Deut 33:25 Your doorbolts shall be iron and copper; / And as your days are, so shall your strength be.
- 1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- Jer 15:12 Can one break iron, / Iron from the north, or bronze?
- Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.
- Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

A. Christ is a stone for God's building; this means that Christ is the material for God's building and that God's building is entirely of Christ—Acts 4:10-12; 1 Pet. 2:4-5:

- Acts 4:10 Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified and whom God has raised from the dead, in this name this man stands before you in good health.
- Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was considered as nothing by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.
- Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.
- 1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1. In the Bible stone is a major item—Gen. 28:18; Zech. 3:9; 1 Pet. 2:4-5:

- Gen 28:18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning and took the stone that he had put under his head, and he set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it.
- Zech 3:9 For here is the stone that I have set before Joshua-upon one stone are seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.
- 1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

a. God created a man of clay; hence, the first man was a clay-man—Gen. 2:7.

- Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

b. In Christ, God Himself came to be a man, and this man was a stone-man—Acts 4:10-12.

- Acts 4:10 Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name

- of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified and whom God has raised from the dead, in this name this man stands before you in good health.
- Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was considered as nothing by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.
- Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.
- c. At the end of the Bible we have a stone-city—Rev. 21:10-11, 18a, 19-20.
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.
- Rev 21:18a And the building work of its wall was jasper; ...
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- d. The Bible begins with a clay-man, continues with a stone-man, and consummates in a stone-city; this is God's economy.
2. Christ as a stone for God's building is the One in whom we are saved; He is the Stone-Savior—solid, strong, and reliable—Acts 4:10-12.
- Acts 4:10 Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified and whom God has raised from the dead, in this name this man stands before you in good health.
- Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was considered as nothing by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.
- Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.
3. Both Christ and His believers are stones for God's building—Matt. 21:42; John 1:42; 1 Pet. 2:4-5:
- Matt 21:42 Jesus said to them, Have you never read in the Scriptures, "The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner. This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?
- John 1:42 He led him to Jesus. Looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon, the son of John; you shall be called Cephas (which is interpreted, Peter).
- 1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- a. In Christ and through Christ we are becoming living stones to be built up as a spiritual house—v. 5.
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- b. We are undergoing the process of transformation so that Christ, the living stone, may be constituted into us to make us living stones for God's house—Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

- B. Iron signifies the authority of Christ—Psa. 2:9; Rev. 12:5; Matt. 28:18:
- Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.
- Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
- Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
1. Spiritual authority is always in resurrection; therefore, in order to have authority we must be in the resurrection life of Christ—Rom. 6:4-5:

Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

 - a. If we walk in the resurrection life of Christ, we will have the right to claim His authority—1 Cor. 5:3-5; 1 Tim. 1:20.

1 Cor 5:3 For I, on my part, though being absent in the body but present in the spirit, have already judged, as if being present, him who has thus done this,

1 Cor 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you and my spirit have been assembled, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

1 Cor 5:5 To deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

1 Tim 1:20 Of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan that they may be disciplined not to blaspheme.
 - b. When we are stones living in Christ, we automatically share the authority of Christ.
 - c. The authority of the church is absolutely in resurrection; the authority of the church is where the saints know what it means to be crucified with Christ and to live in resurrection—Matt. 18:18-20; Gal. 2:20.

Matt 18:18 Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

Matt 18:19 Again, truly I say to you that if two of you are in harmony on earth concerning any matter for which they ask, it will be done for them from My Father who is in the heavens.

Matt 18:20 For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
 2. If we are able to exercise the authority of Christ, we will have safety and security—Deut. 33:25.

Deut 33:25 Your doorbolts shall be iron and copper; / And as your days are, so shall your strength be.

III. We need to experience Christ as a land from whose mountains we can mine copper—8:9d; Ezek. 34:13; 37:22; 1 Sam. 17:5-6; Dan. 10:6d; Rev. 1:15a:

- Deut 8:9d ... and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
- Ezek 34:13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the streams and in all the inhabited places of the land.
- Ezek 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king will be king to all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, nor will they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all.
- 1 Sam 17:5 And there was a bronze helmet upon his head; and he was clothed with scaled armor, and the weight of the armor was five thousand bronze shekels.

- 1 Sam 17:6 And he had bronze greaves upon his legs and a bronze javelin slung between his shoulders.
- Dan 10:6d ... His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.
- Rev 1:15a And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; ...
- A. In the Bible mountains signify resurrection and ascension—Matt. 28:16:
- Matt 28:16 And the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus directed them.
1. The mountains in the good land typify the resurrected and ascended Christ—Ezek. 34:13; 37:22.

Ezek 34:13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the streams and in all the inhabited places of the land.

Ezek 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king will be king to all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, nor will they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all.
 2. As the One who has resurrected and ascended on high, Christ is the high mountain—Acts 2:32-33; Eph. 1:19-21; 4:8, 10.

Acts 2:32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses.

Acts 2:33 Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.

Eph 1:19 And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength,

Eph 1:20 Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies,

Eph 1:21 Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come;

Eph 4:8 Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."

Eph 4:10 He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things.)
 3. In the ascended Christ we may engage in spiritual warfare, for in Christ's ascension there are the peaks of reality (Amana), victory (Senir), and the destruction of the enemy (Hermon)—2:6; 6:10-20; S. S. 4:8.

Eph 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness

Eph 6:15 And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I would speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- S. S. 4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; / With me from Lebanon come. / Look from the top of Amana, / From the top of Senir and Hermon, / From the lions' dens, / From the leopards' mountains.
- B. *Bronze* and *copper* are words used interchangeably for the same materials in the Old Testament.
- C. Copper (bronze) signifies the judgment of Christ—Deut. 8:9d; Dan. 10:6d; Rev. 1:15a:
- Deut 8:9d ... and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
Dan 10:6d ... His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.
Rev 1:15a And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; ...
1. Christ's gleam in His work and move is signified by His arms and His feet being like the gleam of polished bronze—Dan. 10:6d:
Dan 10:6d ... His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.
 - a. Bronze signifies God's judgment, which makes people bright.
 - b. Christ was judged and tried by God, and God's trial and judgment made Christ bright like polished bronze.
 2. The feet of Christ are like shining bronze, signifying that His perfect and bright walk qualifies Him to exercise divine judgment—Rev. 1:15a.
Rev 1:15a And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; ...
 3. To apply Christ as the copper (bronze) is to realize that He is the perfect One, the shining One, the One who has been tested and proved—Eph. 6:11:
Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
 - a. Christ, the tested and proved One, the perfect, bright, and shining One, is our covering; the enemy can do nothing with Him—John 14:30.
John 14:30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;
 - b. We need to apply Christ as our covering—Eph. 6:13; cf. 1 Sam. 17:5-6:
Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
1 Sam 17:5 And there was a bronze helmet upon his head; and he was clothed with scaled armor, and the weight of the armor was five thousand bronze shekels.
1 Sam 17:6 And he had bronze greaves upon his legs and a bronze javelin slung between his shoulders.
 - 1) The breastplate of righteousness covers our conscience and guards us from Satan's accusations; this breastplate is Christ as our righteousness—Eph. 6:14b; 1 Cor. 1:30.
Eph 6:14b ... and having put on the breastplate of righteousness
1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
 - 2) The helmet of salvation for covering our mind is the saving Christ we experience in our daily life—Eph. 6:17a; 1 Thes. 5:8; John 16:33.
Eph 6:17a And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, ...
1 Thes 5:8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation.
John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

IV. If we would experience Christ as stone, iron, and copper, we must have some degree of spiritual maturity; wherever there is a matured life in Christians, the building of God's house will take place, and the battles of spiritual warfare

will be fought—Heb. 5:14; 6:1; 1 Cor. 14:20; Eph. 4:13:

- Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the full-grown, who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil.
- Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be brought on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,
- 1 Cor 14:20 Brothers, do not be children in your understanding, but in malice be babes and in your understanding be full-grown.
- Eph 4:13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
- A. Joshua 1:3 indicates that although God had given Israel the good land, Israel still needed to take the land; they needed to cooperate with God by rising up to fulfill God's commission to possess the land.
- Josh 1:3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given to you, as I promised Moses.
- B. If we would possess Christ as the good land, we still need to fight the spiritual warfare by faith in the Lord and in the principle of the Body; we also need to realize that we are not the ones fighting, for God goes with us and fights for us—Deut. 1:30; 3:22; 20:3-4; 32:30; Eph. 6:10-13.
- Deut 1:30 Jehovah your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
- Deut 3:22 Do not fear them, for it is Jehovah your God who is fighting for you.
- Deut 20:3 And he shall say to them, Hear, O Israel! You are drawing near to the battle against your enemies today. Do not let your heart fail; do not be afraid or alarmed or terrified of them.
- Deut 20:4 For it is Jehovah your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
- Deut 32:30 How shall one chase a thousand, / And two put ten thousand to flight, / Were it not that their Rock sold them, / And Jehovah delivered them up?
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.
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- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- C. Joshua led the children of Israel to enter the promised land and to take it, possess it, and enjoy it—Josh. 1:6:
- Josh 1:6 Be strong and take courage, for you will cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.
1. Joshua was to be occupied with God's word and let the word occupy him—v. 8.
Josh 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.
 2. The response of Israel to Joshua implied their willingness, their readiness, and their being in one accord not only with Joshua but also with Jehovah their God, as expressed by their blessing Joshua in the name of their God—vv. 16-18.
Josh 1:16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.
Josh 1:17 As in all things we listened to Moses, so we will listen to you. Only may Jehovah your God be with you, as He was with Moses.
Josh 1:18 Any man who rebels against your command or does not listen to your words in all that you command him, let him be put to death. Only be strong and take courage.
 3. Israel had become a corporate Joshua, chosen, called, redeemed, saved, trained, prepared, and qualified by God, ready to go on with God as one to take the land of Canaan.

4. To gain the all-inclusive Christ, we need to be today's Joshua, fighting the battle, taking the land, and enjoying Christ as our inheritance.
- D. The children of Israel were buried in the death of Christ, and then they were resurrected in the resurrection of Christ—4:1-11; Rom. 6:3-6:
- Josh 4:1 And when all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan, Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,
- Josh 4:2 Take for yourselves twelve men from among the people, one man from each tribe;
- Josh 4:3 And command them, saying, Take up for yourselves from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones; and bring them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.
- Josh 4:4 So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from among the children of Israel, one man from each tribe.
- Josh 4:5 And Joshua said to them, Pass on before the Ark of Jehovah your God into the middle of the Jordan, and every one of you lift up one stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,
- Josh 4:6 That this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, saying, What do these stones mean to you?
- Josh 4:7 You shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. Thus these stones will be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.
- Josh 4:8 And the children of Israel did as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, as Jehovah told Joshua to do, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel. And they brought them over with them to the place where they were to lodge, and they laid them down there.
- Josh 4:9 Then Joshua erected twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.
- Josh 4:10 And the priests who carried the Ark stood in the middle of the Jordan until everything was completed that Jehovah had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and crossed over.
- Josh 4:11 And when all the people had completely crossed over, the Ark of Jehovah with the priests crossed over before the people.
- Rom 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
- Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
- Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
1. In their old man they could not gain the victory; their old man had to be buried so that they could become a new man—Josh. 4:9.

Josh 4:9 Then Joshua erected twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.
 2. We need to realize that our old man, our natural man, is not qualified to fight the spiritual warfare for gaining the all-inclusive Christ—Rom. 6:6.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
- E. In order to possess the good land, we need to deal with the flesh, enjoy the Lord's table, enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the produce of the good land, and see a vision of Christ as our Captain—Josh. 5:2-15:
- Josh 5:2 At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make knives of flint, and circumcise again the children of Israel a second time.
- Josh 5:3 And Joshua made knives of flint and circumcised the children of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.

- Josh 5:4 And this is the reason Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt.
- Josh 5:5 Although all the people who came out were circumcised, all the people who were born in the wilderness on the way, after the others had come out of Egypt, had not been circumcised.
- Josh 5:6 For the children of Israel went for forty years through the wilderness until all the nation, the men of war who had come out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not listen to the voice of Jehovah, they to whom Jehovah swore that they would not see the land that Jehovah had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
- Josh 5:7 And their children, whom He had raised up in place of them, these Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them on the way.
- Josh 5:8 And when they had finished circumcising the whole nation, they remained in their place at the camp until they recovered.
- Josh 5:9 Then Jehovah said to Joshua, Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. So the name of that place has been called Gilgal to this day.
- Josh 5:10 And the children of Israel camped in Gilgal; and they held the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.
- Josh 5:11 And on the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.
- Josh 5:12 And the manna ceased on that day, when they ate of the produce of the land; and there was no longer manna for the children of Israel, but they ate of the yield of the land of Canaan that year.
- Josh 5:13 Now once, when Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked; and behold, there was a man standing opposite him, and His sword was drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are You for us or for our adversaries?
- Josh 5:14 And He said, Neither, but as the Captain of Jehovah's army have I now come. Then Joshua fell to the ground upon his face and worshipped. And he said to Him, What does my Lord speak to His servant?
- Josh 5:15 And the Captain of Jehovah's army said to Joshua, Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy. And Joshua did so.
1. The circumcision at Gilgal signifies the application of the Lord's death to our flesh—vv. 2-9; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:24.
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- Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

- Gal 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.
2. Israel's keeping the Passover typifies the believers' keeping of the Lord's table to remember the Lord as their Redeemer and Savior—Josh. 5:10; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 5:7.
 - Josh 5:10 And the children of Israel camped in Gilgal; and they held the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.
 - Matt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body.
 - Matt 26:27 And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you,
 - Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
 3. The produce of the good land typifies Christ as the consummated God-given food to the believers, requiring their labor on Him—Josh. 5:11-12.
 - Josh 5:11 And on the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.
 - Josh 5:12 And the manna ceased on that day, when they ate of the produce of the land; and there was no longer manna for the children of Israel, but they ate of the yield of the land of Canaan that year.
 4. Joshua saw a vision in which Christ was unveiled as the Captain of Jehovah's army; whereas Joshua was the visible captain, Christ was the invisible Captain of God's army—vv. 13-15.
 - Josh 5:13 Now once, when Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked; and behold, there was a man standing opposite him, and His sword was drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are You for us or for our adversaries?
 - Josh 5:14 And He said, Neither, but as the Captain of Jehovah's army have I now come. Then Joshua fell to the ground upon his face and worshipped. And he said to Him, What does my Lord speak to His servant?
 - Josh 5:15 And the Captain of Jehovah's army said to Joshua, Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy. And Joshua did so.
- F. The victory of Israel over Jericho was won not by their fighting but by their blowing the trumpets and exalting Christ by bearing the Ark, through their faith in God's word of instruction—6:1-27:
- Josh 6:1 Now Jericho was shut up so tight because of the children of Israel that no one went out and no one went in.
 - Josh 6:2 And Jehovah said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho and its king and the mighty men of valor into your hand.
 - Josh 6:3 And you shall circle the city, all the men of valor, going around the city one time. Thus shall you do for six days.
 - Josh 6:4 And seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Ark. Then on the seventh day you shall circle the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.
 - Josh 6:5 And when they give off the blast of the ram's horn and you hear the trumpet sound, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, each straight ahead.
 - Josh 6:6 So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Ark of Jehovah.
 - Josh 6:7 And he said to the people, Pass on and circle the city, and let the armed men pass on before the Ark of Jehovah.
 - Josh 6:8 Then when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before Jehovah passed on and blew the trumpets; and the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah went after them.

- Josh 6:9 And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; and the rearguard went after the Ark, the trumpets continually blowing.
- Josh 6:10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word go forth from your mouth, until the day I say to you, Shout! Then you shall shout.
- Josh 6:11 So he had the Ark of Jehovah circle the city, going around it one time. And they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.
- Josh 6:12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the Ark of Jehovah.
- Josh 6:13 And the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns went before the Ark of Jehovah, continually blowing the trumpets; and the armed men went before them, and the rearguard went after the Ark of Jehovah, the trumpets continually blowing.
- Josh 6:14 And they circled the city on the second day one time and returned to the camp. This they did for six days.
- Josh 6:15 Then on the seventh day they rose early, at the break of dawn, and circled the city in the same manner seven times. Only on that day did they circle the city seven times.
- Josh 6:16 And at the seventh time the priests blew the trumpets, and Joshua said to the people, Shout! For Jehovah has given you the city.
- Josh 6:17 And the city shall be devoted to Jehovah for destruction, it and all that is in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in her house, because she hid the messengers we sent.
- Josh 6:18 But as for you, keep yourselves from what has been devoted to destruction, lest you devote yourselves to destruction by taking of what has been devoted and you make the camp of Israel something devoted to destruction and bring trouble to it.
- Josh 6:19 But all the silver and the gold and the vessels of bronze and iron, these are holy to Jehovah; they shall come into the treasury of Jehovah.
- Josh 6:20 So the people shouted and the trumpets were blown; and when the people heard the trumpet sound, the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat. And the people went up into the city, each straight ahead, and they captured the city.
- Josh 6:21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city with the edge of the sword: both men and women, young and old, and oxen and sheep and donkeys.
- Josh 6:22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go to the house of the harlot, and bring out from there the woman and all that belongs to her, as you swore to her.
- Josh 6:23 And the young men who had been spies went and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all that belonged to her; all her family they brought out and set outside the camp of Israel.
- Josh 6:24 And they burned the city with fire and all that was in it; but the silver and the gold and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put in the treasury of the house of Jehovah.
- Josh 6:25 And Joshua preserved Rahab the harlot and her father's house and all that belonged to her, and she has dwelt within Israel to this day; for she hid the messengers whom Joshua had sent to spy out Jericho.
- Josh 6:26 Then at that time Joshua charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man before Jehovah who rises up to rebuild this city Jericho! At the cost of his firstborn son shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.
- Josh 6:27 So Jehovah was with Joshua, and reports of him were in all the land.
1. In the spiritual warfare the first thing we should do is exalt Christ.
 2. The silence of the people signifies being one with the Lord to carry out the matter in the Lord's way without the expression of any thought, opinion, or feeling—v. 10.
Josh 6:10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word go forth from your mouth, until the day I say to you, Shout! Then you shall shout.
 3. God did the fighting, and Israel simply shouted, proclaimed, and testified.
 4. Israel marched around the city with the Ark, a type of Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God, on the shoulders of the priests; the spiritual significance of this scene is that it is a picture of the corporate God-man—God and man, man and God, walking together as one person.

- G. The children of Israel were defeated at Ai because they were not one with God but cared only for themselves; the account of their defeat should teach us to be one with God in whatever we do—7:1-5.
- Josh 7:1 But the children of Israel acted unfaithfully in that which was devoted to destruction, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of that which was devoted to destruction; and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the children of Israel.
- Josh 7:2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, east of Bethel; and he spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. So the men went up and spied out Ai.
- Josh 7:3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, Not all the people need go up; let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Do not make all the people labor there, for the enemies are few.
- Josh 7:4 So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled before the men of Ai.
- Josh 7:5 And the men of Ai struck some of them, about thirty-six men; and they pursued them from before the gate unto Shebarim and struck them on the slope. And the heart of the people melted and became like water.
- H. The children of Israel were deceived by the Gibeonites because they were like a wife who forgot her husband; what they did in Joshua 9 was exactly the same as what Eve did in Genesis 3.
- Josh 9 be omitted.
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- I. The record in Joshua 22:10-34 about the building of another altar shows us that we must avoid division and that to experience and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ we must be one people, one Body, one universal church—1 Cor. 12:12-13.
- Josh 22:10 And when they came into the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there at the Jordan, an altar great in appearance.
- Josh 22:11 And the children of Israel heard the report, which said, Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar out in front of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan, on the side of the children of Israel.
- Josh 22:12 And when the children of Israel heard this, all the assembly of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go up in battle against them.
- Josh 22:13 And the children of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead,
- Josh 22:14 And with him ten leaders, one leader each to a fathers' house of all the tribes of Israel; and they were each the head of their fathers' houses among the thousands of Israel.
- Josh 22:15 And they went to the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead and spoke to them, saying,
- Josh 22:16 Thus says all the assembly of Jehovah, What is this trespass that you have committed against the God of Israel in turning this day from following after Jehovah by building yourselves an altar to rebel against Jehovah this day?
- Josh 22:17 Was the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day, though there was a plague upon the assembly of Jehovah,
- Josh 22:18 That you have turned this day from following after Jehovah? And now, if you rebel against Jehovah this day, tomorrow He will be angry with the whole assembly of Israel.
- Josh 22:19 But if the land of your possession is unclean, cross over into the land of the possession of Jehovah, where Jehovah's tabernacle dwells, and take a possession in the midst of us. But do not rebel against Jehovah, nor rebel against us, by building yourselves an altar besides the altar of Jehovah our God.
- Josh 22:20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the matter of the devoted thing? But there was wrath upon the whole assembly of Israel, and that one man did not perish alone for his iniquity.

Josh 22:21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel,

Josh 22:22 The Mighty One, God Jehovah; the Mighty One, God Jehovah; He knows, and may Israel itself know, whether it was in rebellion, or whether it was in trespass against Jehovah—may You not save us today -

Josh 22:23 That we built an altar for ourselves to turn away from following after Jehovah; or if we did so to offer burnt offerings and meal offerings upon it or to make sacrifices of peace offerings upon it, may Jehovah Himself require it.

Josh 22:24 But truly we have done this for a reason and out of a concern that in the future your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with Jehovah the God of Israel?

Josh 22:25 For Jehovah has made the Jordan a border between us and you, O children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no portion in Jehovah. Thus your children would cause our children to cease fearing Jehovah.

Josh 22:26 Therefore we said, Let us now take action to build the altar, though not for burnt offering or for sacrifice;

Josh 22:27 But it will be a witness between us and between you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of Jehovah before Him with our burnt offerings and our sacrifices and our peace offerings, and that your children may not say in the future to our children, You have no portion in Jehovah.

Josh 22:28 And we said, When they say this to us and to our generations in the future, we will say, Look at the copy of the altar of Jehovah that our fathers made, though not for burnt offering or for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you.

Josh 22:29 Far be it from us that we would rebel against Jehovah and turn away today from following after Jehovah by building an altar for burnt offering, for meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of Jehovah our God, which is before His tabernacle!

Josh 22:30 And when Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the assembly and the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it seemed good in their sight.

Josh 22:31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh, Today we know that Jehovah is in the midst of us, because you have not committed this trespass against Jehovah. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of Jehovah.

Josh 22:32 So Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the leaders returned from the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, from the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel; and they brought back word to them.

Josh 22:33 And the matter seemed good in the sight of the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God and never spoke again of going up in battle against them to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwell.

Josh 22:34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad named the altar; for, they said, it is a witness between us that Jehovah is God.

1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

J. We cannot enjoy Christ as the good land without the Body; we must be one with the Body to fight for the land, to possess the land, and to share our portion of the land—Num. 32:1-32; Josh. 22:1-9.

Num 32:1 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great abundance of livestock. And when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that the place was indeed a place for livestock,

Num 32:2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the assembly, saying,

Num 32:3 Ataroth and Dibon and Jazer and Nimrah and Heshbon and Elealeh and Sebam and Nebo and Beon,

Num 32:4 The land which Jehovah struck before the assembly of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.

- Num 32:5 And they said, If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession; do not make us cross over the Jordan.
- Num 32:6 And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, while you stay here?
- Num 32:7 Now why would you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from crossing over into the land which Jehovah has given them?
- Num 32:8 Your fathers did this when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.
- Num 32:9 When they went up to the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel from going into the land which Jehovah had given them.
- Num 32:10 And Jehovah's anger was kindled in that day, and He swore, saying,
- Num 32:11 Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not fully followed Me;
- Num 32:12 Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, because they have fully followed Jehovah.
- Num 32:13 And Jehovah's anger was kindled against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the whole generation which had done evil in the sight of Jehovah was consumed.
- Num 32:14 And now you have risen up in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to further increase the burning anger of Jehovah toward Israel.
- Num 32:15 For if you turn away from following Him, He will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and you will destroy this entire people.
- Num 32:16 And they came near to him and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock and cities for our little ones;
- Num 32:17 But we ourselves will be armed and ready to go before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place, while our little ones dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.
- Num 32:18 We will not return to our houses until each one of the children of Israel has inherited his inheritance.
- Num 32:19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and further on, because our inheritance has come to us on this side of the Jordan eastward.
- Num 32:20 And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing, if you will arm yourselves before Jehovah for battle,
- Num 32:21 And all of your armed men will cross over the Jordan before Jehovah until He has driven out His enemies from before Him,
- Num 32:22 And the land is subdued before Jehovah, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward Jehovah and toward Israel; and this land shall be yours for a possession before Jehovah.
- Num 32:23 But if you will not do so, then you have sinned against Jehovah; and know that your sin will find you out.
- Num 32:24 Build for yourselves cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do what has proceeded out of your mouth.
- Num 32:25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands.
- Num 32:26 Our little ones, our wives, our livestock, and all our cattle will be there in the cities of Gilead;
- Num 32:27 But your servants will cross over, everyone who is armed for war before Jehovah for battle, as my lord says.
- Num 32:28 So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel.
- Num 32:29 And Moses said to them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, everyone who is armed for battle before Jehovah, and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead as a possession.
- Num 32:30 But if they do not cross over armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.
- Num 32:31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As Jehovah has said to your servants, so will we do.
- Num 32:32 We will cross over armed before Jehovah into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance will remain with us beyond the Jordan.

Josh 22:1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh.
 Josh 22:2 And he said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, and you have listened to my voice in all that I have commanded you.
 Josh 22:3 You have not forsaken your brothers these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of Jehovah your God.
 Josh 22:4 And now Jehovah your God has given your brothers rest as He promised them. And now turn and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave you across the Jordan.
 Josh 22:5 However be very careful to perform the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, to love Jehovah your God and to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and to cling to Him and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.
 Josh 22:6 And Joshua blessed them and sent them away; and they went to their tents.
 Josh 22:7 Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given an inheritance in Bashan, and to the other half of it Joshua gave an inheritance with their brothers across the Jordan on the west. Furthermore, when Joshua sent them away to their tents and blessed them,
 Josh 22:8 He spoke to them, saying, Return with many riches to your tents and with very many cattle, with silver and with gold and with bronze and with iron and with very much clothing; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.
 Josh 22:9 So the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh went; and they departed from among the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which was in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had taken possession of according to the commandment of Jehovah through Moses.

- K. “We all need to know what the recovery is, where the recovery is, and what kind of persons can take the recovery on. We all need to see that in the Lord’s recovery today we are on a battlefield. We should be today’s Joshua and Caleb, fighting against Satan’s aerial forces so that we can gain more of Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ, setting up and spreading the kingdom of God so that Christ can come back to inherit the earth. It is not adequate for us simply to be spiritual and holy. We need to learn of Joshua and Caleb to represent God’s interest in this age to fight down the enemies that Christ can be gained by people and that Christ can be increased by His pursuers” (*Life-study of Joshua*, p. 61).

Study Questions

1. Explain the significance of the order of the riches of the good land, progressing from the waters to the minerals.
2. Show the revelation in the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, concerning the stone.
3. Explain the significance of iron as an item of the riches in the good land.
4. Explain the significance of mountains in the Bible. What do mountains have to do with our fighting the spiritual warfare?
5. Explain the significance of bronze (or copper) in our fighting the spiritual warfare.
6. After the children of Israel crossed the Jordan, what were the four matters still needed for their further preparation before the attack?