



How old are you?

Joshua 12-14

**The Testimony of Three Old Men
Moses, Joshua and Caleb**

Map of Israel's Natural Divisions



Great Achievements

Chapter 12 gives a list of 33 kings defeated as Israel comes to take possession of the land God promised them

2 kings on the east of the Jordan defeated under Moses' leadership

Sihon king of the Amorites

Og king of Bashan (one of the giants)

31 kings on the west of the Jordan defeated under Joshua's leadership

Chapter 13 describes the allocation of land to the tribes Reuben, Gad and ½ Manasseh in the east.

3 special points in Chapter 13:



When Joshua was old and well advanced in years, the LORD said to him, "You are very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over. "This is the land that remains.. all the regions of the Philistines and Geshurites.. Etc... v1

More work to be done but it's not all up to you.
God's retirement plan for Joshua.
Jobs for the next generation?

3 special points in Chapter 13:

Joshua 13:14 But to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance, since the food offerings presented to the LORD, the God of Israel, are their inheritance, as he promised them. v33 the LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance



Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

3 special points in Chapter 13:

Joshua 13:22 In addition to those slain in battle, the Israelites had put to the sword Balaam son of Beor, who practiced divination.



In the first of his prophecies, Balaam said..

Numbers 23:10 “Who can count the dust of Jacob or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!”

Allocating the inheritance: how did they do it?

Now these are the areas the Israelites received as an inheritance in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun and the heads of the tribal clans of Israel allotted to them. Their inheritances were assigned by lot to the nine-and-a-half tribes, as the LORD had commanded through Moses.

Is it fair?



Proverbs 18:18 The lot puts an end to quarrels and decides between powerful contenders.

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Nobody is left out ... The Lord provides.

The Levites received no share of the land but only towns to live in, with pasturelands for their flocks and herds. So the Israelites divided the land, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. v4



The Lord gave them
somewhere to live.

The testimony of Caleb, an old man of faith

Now the men of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, ... v6

Notice they didn't have surnames. They follow the father's line. Kenaz was a grandson of Judah.

Draw near and bring your requests

Philippians 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Caleb said to him(*Joshua*), "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me." v6

Do you remember God's promises?



I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. v7



In his prime ?

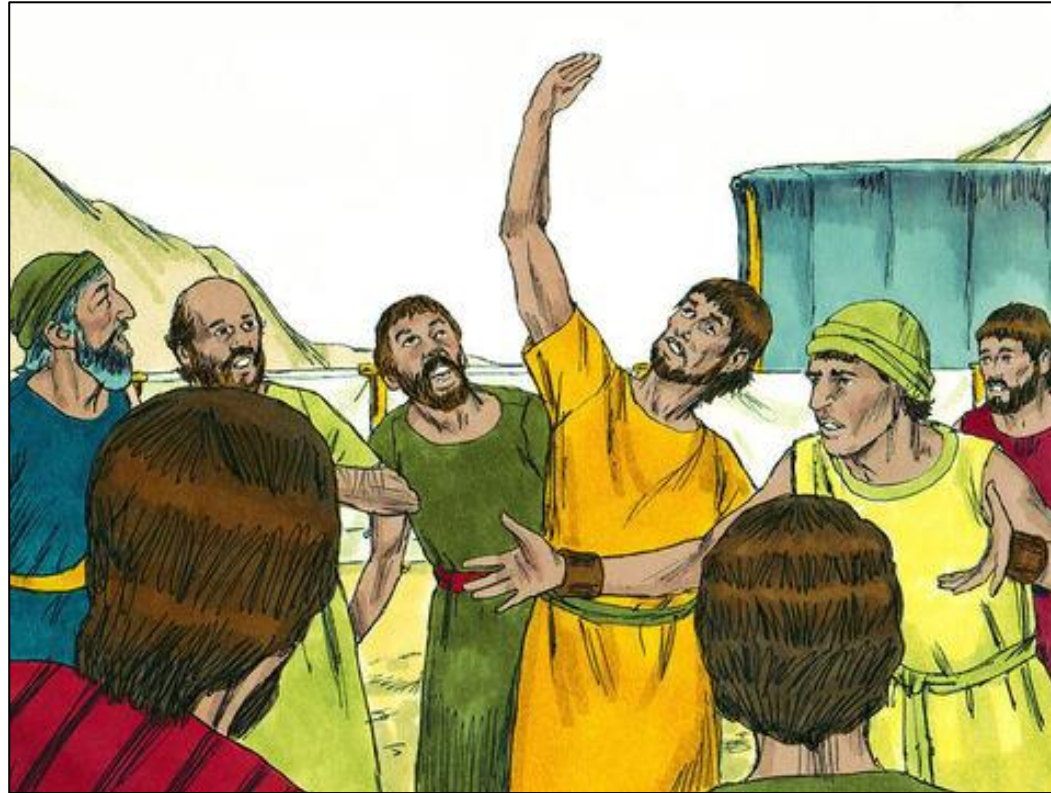
And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, v7

and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. ESV



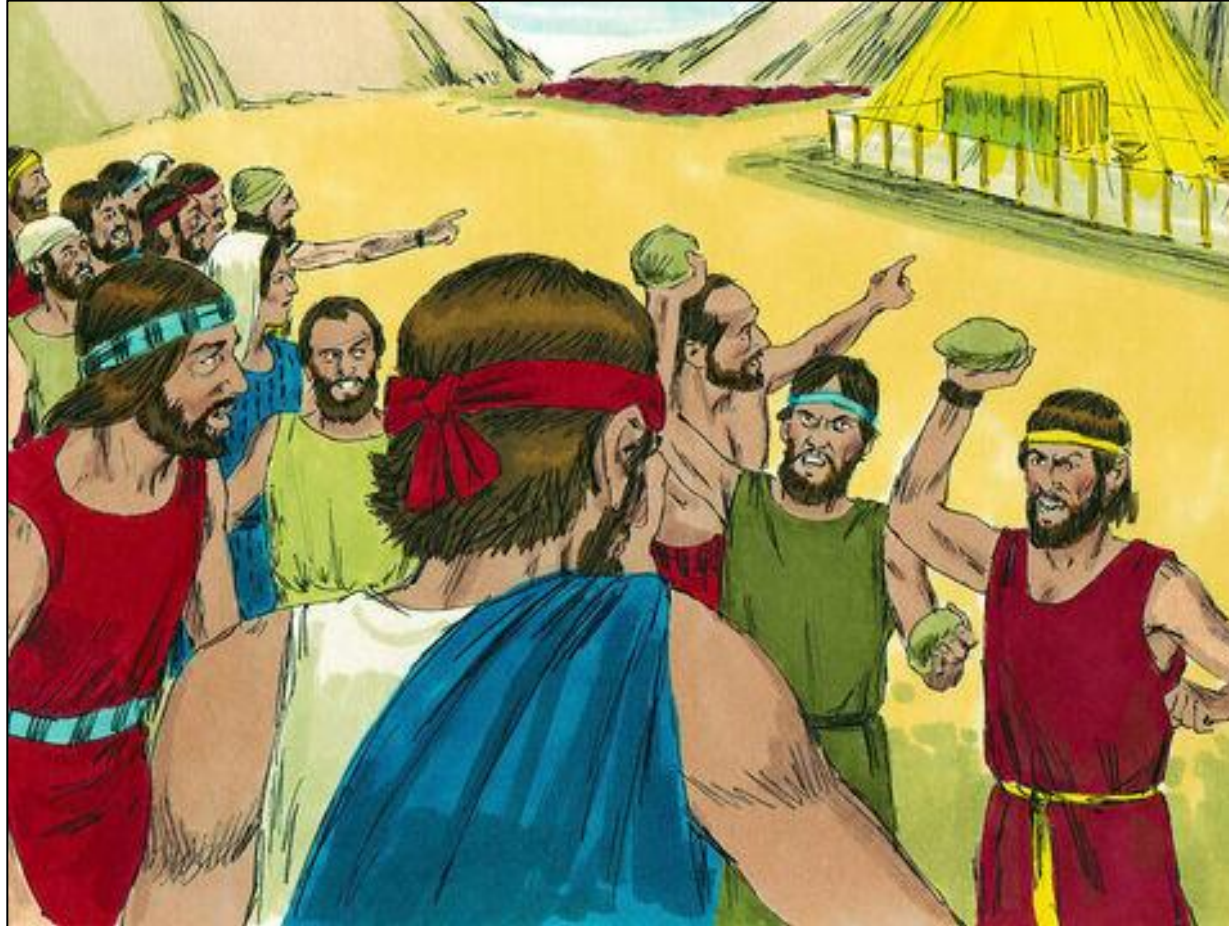
The place where convictions need to be kept

but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. v8



Beware! Negative attitudes are contagious

I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly. v8



Unlike them, he believed God and his promises

So on that day Moses swore to me, `The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.` v9



Your inheritance in Jesus?
Our faith can affect our children's futures.

Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. v10



Both Caleb and God's promise lived on!
Patience and perseverance needed.

So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I`m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. v11



2 Corinthians 4:16
Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. v12



**A bold
request**

An aerial view of Tel Hebron in the front and the modern city of Hebron at the rear

You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.” v12



Caleb is a realist with faith in God's word.

Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and **gave him** Hebron as **his inheritance.** v13



Hebron is a very special place. It is here that the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah are buried.

Blessings in the Bible aren't just words.
When did Caleb possess his inheritance?

So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

v14



(Hebron used to be called Kiriath Arba after Arba, who was the greatest man among the Anakites.) v15



It used to be ... BUT it isn't anymore.

15:13-14 According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the descendants of Anak.



Then the land had rest from war. v15

Cf. previous Chapter 11 verse 23

Cf. bible narratives : general -> detail
and now we are back to the same place.



How old was Caleb?



» How old are you?

The Lord has prepared an inheritance

John 14:2-3 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

