

## Possess the Land

### Introduction

#### *Lesson 1*

#### **I. Introduction**

- A. Is there a relationship between the children of Israel possessing the Promised Land and believers possessing the Land of Promises?
  - 1. Luke 12:32
  - 2. Romans 8:32
  - 3. Ephesians 1:3
  
- B. Why do we not see all believers living in the blessings of God? Consider the following scriptures:

1. Ephesians 3:20 – "...according to the power that works in us,"
  2. II Corinthians 1:20 – "...unto the glory of God by us."
  3. II Peter 1:2-4 – The land of promises
  4. Hebrews 6:12 – Faith and patience inherit the promises.
  5. II John 1:8 – Receive a full reward
  6. Matthew 11:12 – The violent take it by force.
  7. The paradox: God has given us all things, but we must receive by faith that which has been given.
- C. The promise to Israel – This same pattern can be seen in the story of Israel entering the Promised Land.
1. The Promised Land
    - a. Numbers 13:1-2 – "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, send thou men,

that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel."

- i. The spies saw the land but also saw giants. Even though the Lord had given them the land, there were enemies that had to be defeated. Fear entered the hearts of ten of the spies.
- b. Numbers 14:1-9 – The power of fear
- c. Deuteronomy 1:8 – "Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them."
- d. Deuteronomy 1:21 – "Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged."

- e. Joshua 1:1-9
- f. Numbers 33:53 – “And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.”
- g. Deuteronomy 1:30 – “The Lord your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;”
- h. Deuteronomy 2:24 – “Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.”
- i. Deuteronomy 7:1 – “When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites,

and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou."

- j. Deuteronomy 11:23 – "Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves."
- k. Deuteronomy 11:25 – "There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you."
- l. Joshua 10:25 – "And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."
- m. Joshua 23:9 – "For the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no

man hath been able to stand before you unto this day."

n. I Corinthians 10:1-13

## D. The promise to the Church

### 1. The Land of Promises

- a. Hebrews 8:6 – "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."
- b. Acts 20:32 – "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."
- c. Acts 26:18 – "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them

which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

- d. I Timothy 6:12 – “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”
- e. II Timothy 4:7 – “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”
- f. Romans 8:37 – “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”
- g. I John 2:13-14 – “... I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.”
- h. I John 4:4 – “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them:

because greater is he that is in you,  
than he that is in the world.”

- i. Luke 10:19 – “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”
- j. II Peter 1:4 – “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
- k. Hebrews 6:12 – “that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
- l. II Corinthians 1:20 – “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”



- E. God's purpose has not changed.
  - 1. Genesis 1:26-28
  - 2. Psalm 115:16
  - 3. Psalm 8:4-6
  
- F. Possessing the abundant life
  - 1. Genesis 22:17 – "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;"
  - 2. Matthew 16:15-19 – "The gates of hell shall not prevail!"
  - 3. Leviticus 20:24 – "But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land..."