

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

The Jewish people have a long and interesting history. Some of it is unique and sets them apart. For example, all children were educated according to a pattern. *“At five years old, Scripture; at ten years, Mishnah; at thirteen, the commandments; at fifteen, Talmud...”* Scripture speaks for itself; every Jewish child (males especially) had to memorize the Books of Moses. *“Mishnah”* is the study of law. The commandments refer to the *Mosaic 10 Commandments*, and the *Talmud* was the collection of writings dealing with almost everything from great Jewish minds. The education of Jewish children was not haphazard. It was carried out by every Jewish parent, especially the father, until *bar mitzvah* which signaled the coming of age, the acceptance of the responsibilities of life.

The Old Testament – a reflection of the old covenant God made with the Jewish people – is divided into five sections. Here they are:

The Law	History		Poetry & Wisdom
Genesis	Joshua	1&2 Chronicles	Psalms
Exodus	Judges	Ezra	Proverbs
Leviticus	Ruth	Nehemiah	Ecclesiastes
Numbers	1&2 Samuel	Esther	Song of Solomon
Deuteronomy	1&2 Kings	Job	
Major Prophets		Minor Prophets	
Isaiah	Hosea	Nahum	
Jeremiah	Joel	Habakkuk	
Lamentations	Amos	Zephaniah	
Ezekiel	Obadiah	Haggai	
Daniel	Jonah	Zechariah	
	Micah	Malachi	

Looking at the table above, we’re about to look at the *Historical Books*. Just as the writings of Moses differ from book to book because of purpose, so do the history books. Joshua shows up just after the death of Moses. He’s been chosen and mentored by Moses to lead the people of Israel into the *“promised land”*, and establish a nation. Next week we’ll take his history record apart. Today’s primary purpose and **THE** moral issue: *“Is war a good – ethically and legally – reason to establish a nation on the ground.”*

The short answer is that all the land belongs to God, not to the false gods the Canaanites followed, and not to those whose lifestyles were an insult to everyone else. Bestiality, homosexuality, child sacrifice and female slavery were reasons God said (in Leviticus 18) the Canaanites were to be removed. Anyone who struggles with those four indictments can argue with God... and with 90% of the rest of the human race. Joshua’s record describes his leadership of Israel through that process, some of which they did well, some of which they did not. That will be our next discussion.

Welcome

November 12th, 2023



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
 Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid’s Club
 Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we will continue our study of John 17. Our children will enjoy Kid's Club in the basement.

Flagging Class – will begin again on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:00 PM. For more information, please see Debbie DeVries.

Shoebox Gift – again this year we want to participate in giving a Shoebox Christmas to poor children in the third world through the Billy Graham Ministries. Please note the information leaflets on the table in the foyer. The boxes are in the foyer to the left as you leave the sanctuary and if you are looking at the table on your right. The labels are on the small table by the boxes.

Next Sunday, November 19 we will be delivering our boxes to the site where we are to take them. Please have your boxes here so we can deliver them Sunday afternoon. Thank you for your care and love for the lost.

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