ON EAGLES' WINGS

Exodus 19:4

11Days vs 40Years
Part 11: VICTORY OVER THE WALLS OF JERICHO.

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2024 Important Broad Promises Revealed

Psalm 23: 1-6

God is our shepherd

God is our shepherd, He will position us and make our cup overflow. Exodus 19:4

God will carry us on eagles' wings, no matter what comes up. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Our only role is to fear God, listen to the Holy Spirit, in us, and obey His command.

Exodus 19:4, God recounts how He has carried Israel on eagles' wings:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself'.

VS 5-6

" ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

What did God do for the Israelites?

First: the promise: Exodus 3: 7-8 (AMP and NIV)

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I have in fact <u>seen</u> the affliction (suffering, desolation) of My people who are in Egypt, and have <u>heard</u> their cry because of their taskmasters (oppressors); for I <u>know</u> their pain and suffering." "⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites".

Exodus 6: 4 "4I also established covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners."

Second: the actions for fulfilment of promise (journeying to Canaan) – carrying them on eagles' wings:

- The exodus out of Egypt after 430years in slavery/bondage: Exodus 12:31-50... they left with silver/gold
- God brought Israelites out of Egypt with a mighty hand (Daniel 9:15)
- Crossing the red sea & killing the Egyptians without Israel's efforts Exodus 14:1-31
- Leading Israel through the wilderness: Exodus 15:22 Ex 18 (bitter water became sweet, manna & quail from heaven, water from the rock, etc.)

Third: the request to stay SANCTIFIED/OBEDIENT in order to become God's special ones: Exodus 19:5-6 " ⁵ Now if you obey me <u>fully</u> and keep my covenant, <u>then out of all nations</u> you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

As we saw last week, in Exodus 23: 20-33, God laid His unprecedented pathway to the Israelites:

20 "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared 23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

Naturally, the people that are being displaced from their land will not keep quiet, they will make efforts to defend/protect their territory. For instance,

In Joshua 2, ¹When Joshua secretly sent two spies from Shittim to "Go, look over the land,", "especially Jericho", and they entered the house of Rahab, ³ So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. ⁵ At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them. ⁷ So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan.

In Joshua 6 said "Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in."

Brethren, what is clear is that the occupants of the land allotted to us will not be happy BUT one thing is certain, the land has been given to us by the Lord.

And "He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.(1 Thessal. 5:24)

We have lessons to learn from how Joshua ensured his victory:

- 1. Focus on the call, on what God has told you (Joshua 2)

 Joshua sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land." Upon their return, the two spies: 24 said to Joshua, "The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us."
- 2. Follow the leading of the Lord: it is an unprecedented path you have never been before (Joshua 3).
- the officers went throughout the camp, ³ giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. ⁴ Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.

3. Consecrate yourself & worship God always: "without holiness, no one will see God" (Hebrews 12:14)

Joshua 3:5 5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

Joshua 5:2, 9 "2 the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again." ... "9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you."

4. Fear not, no matter what problems or difficulties come up, the Lord will exalt you.

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. (Joshua 3:5)

This is one of those moments that Isaiah talked about when he said:

"2The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

3You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God." (Isaiah 62: 2-3)

"9 Joshua said to the Israelites, 10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that He will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. 11 See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you... 13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah was completely cut off. So the people crossed over (on dry ground.) opposite Jericho.

5. Make notes to keep track of what God is saying and doing.

Joshua 4 ²When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."…

¹⁹ On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. ²⁰ And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. ²¹ He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' ²² tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' ²³ For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over.

Conclusion: "The battle is not yours but the Lord's" (2 Chronicles 20:15)

- The Lord weakened the enemy

Joshua 5, "1 Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

- The Lord took over the battle and brought the wall of Jericho down

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, ... The commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Brethren, let's focus on making right our relationship with God and He will give us victory over the walls of Jericho on our path.

God Bless You!

