

Monday 4/29

Related Verses**Eph. 2:2**

2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

Eph. 6:12

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.

Josh. 1:1-6, 10-11, 13

1 After the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, Jehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' attendant, saying,

2 Moses My servant is dead; now then arise, and cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel.

3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given to you, as I promised Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.

5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you nor forsake you.

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.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Go through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare provisions for yourselves, for in three days you are to cross this Jordan to enter and possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving you to possess.

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, saying, Jehovah your God has given you rest and will give you this land.

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If you read the Scriptures carefully, you will see a very grim and serious activity being carried on...[Satan] will do whatever he can to spoil the enjoyment of Christ as the land...Not long after God created the heavens and the earth with the intention of giving the earth to mankind as an enjoyment, Satan did something to frustrate Him. Because of Satan's rebellion, God had to judge the universe, and due to that judgment the earth was buried beneath the waters of the deep. This hindered God's plan for some time. Then God came in to work...He recovered the land from the waters of the deep. Upon this recovered land, an abundance of life came into being. And then a life with the image of God and committed with the authority of God came forth. (CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," p. 199)

However, we know that it was not long after this before the enemy came in again. He deceived man and put God in a position where judgment upon the earth was again imperative. The recovered earth was once more put under the waters of the deep: the flood came and covered the whole earth, and typically speaking, man was separated from the enjoyment of the land, which is Christ...To be separated from the earth, figuratively speaking, is to be separated from Christ [Eph. 2:12]. But through the redemption of the ark, Noah and his family obtained the right to possess the land and enjoy all its riches. The ark brought them back to the enjoyment of the land...But again, it was not long before the enemy did something more to spoil the enjoyment of the earth. So, out of that race made rebellious by Satan, God called one man, Abraham, and told him that He would bring him to a certain land. Now you realize that God's work is always to recover the land. The enemy's work is always to frustrate, to spoil, to hinder, to do something to put the land in chaos. Now the Lord once more brought His chosen one to the land. But then...it was not long before even this chosen one gradually drifted away from the land into Egypt. Yes, and the Lord brought him back once more to this piece of land. And then his sons, the people of Israel, all left this land and went down into Egypt. Then after a long period, the Lord once more

brought all the people up from Egypt and back to this very piece of land. Again, after a period of time, the enemy moved and sent the Chaldeans, the army from Babylon, to spoil the land and capture the people from it. And again, after seventy years, the Lord brought them back once more to this piece of land.

This is the history of the Old Testament. How many times did the Lord recover this land? At least five or six times. The Lord created it, but the enemy spoiled it. The Lord came in to recover, but the enemy countered with something else...Here is the struggle...Here is the battle.

I would ask you to consider the purpose of these battles recorded in the Old Testament...You must see that they were all focused upon the land...All the battles in the Old Testament were concerned with this piece of land.

What is this piece of land? Never forget that this land is the all-inclusive Christ. It is not just Christ but the all-inclusive Christ. If I were to ask you if you have Christ, you would answer, "Praise the Lord, I have Him; I have Christ." But I would ask you what kind of Christ you have. I am afraid that in your experience you have just a little Christ, a poor Christ, not an all-inclusive Christ. (CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 199-200)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," chs. 1, 12

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Related Verses**Deut. 8:7**

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;

Col. 1:12

12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Deut. 8:8-10

8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;
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.

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10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

Eph. 3:8

8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Gen. 1:9

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

2 Pet. 3:5

5 For this escapes them by their own choosing, that by the word of God the heavens were of old and the earth was compacted out of water and through water,

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Christ is the good land...The land that came out of the death water on the third day was a type of the resurrected Christ who came out of death on the third day...All the life, including the vegetable, animal, and human life, came out of the land. Even man was made from the dust of that resurrected land. Medically speaking, our physical body contains the same elements as the earth...Mankind came from the land, and the land is a figure of Christ. This signifies that Christ is the source of all kinds of life. Christ as the good land, the land that came out of the death water, the land that was elevated above and surrounded by the death water, was depicted by the land of Canaan...This land is a picture of Christ. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, 2nd edition, p. 180)

Because Deuteronomy describes the good land, we may say that the good land is revealed in the Old Testament. But because the meaning and significance of the good land are concealed, we may also say that the land is concealed in the Scriptures. As the Lord's children, supplied by His mercy and grace, delved into the Word, they began to realize that the good land promised by God to His chosen people is a type of Christ. If the passover enjoyed in Egypt and the manna experienced in the wilderness were types of Christ, then the good land must also be a type of Christ.

In Joshua 5:11 and 12 we see a hint that the good land typifies Christ as the continuation of the manna. Verse 11 says that the children of Israel ate of the produce of the land. Verse 12 is especially clear: "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." Manna was a type of Christ as the life supply for God's people. As these verses in Joshua point out, the produce of the good land was the continuation of the manna. Therefore, if the manna typifies Christ, the produce of the good land must also typify Him. By means of the supply of manna in the wilderness, God's people were able to build the tabernacle as God's dwelling place. In the same principle, through the supply of the rich produce of the land, they were able to build the temple as a more solid dwelling place for God. No doubt, the good land enjoyed by the children of Israel is a significant type of Christ, for through the enjoyment of it, the temple was built. We may even say that it is the ultimate type of Christ found in the Scriptures. It is a complete and all-inclusive type of Christ.

We need to know in detail how Christ is typified by all the items mentioned in Deuteronomy 8:7-10. He is the water that flows forth in valleys and in mountains. He is the wheat and the barley, which signify respectively the incarnated and crucified Christ and the resurrected Christ. We must go on to see how Christ is typified by vines, oil, figs, pomegranates, and minerals.

The land is the crucial focus of the Old Testament. This is the reason that in the Old Testament the Lord spoke of the land again and again. He called out Abraham and told him that He would bring him into a certain land, which was the land of Canaan...The center of the Old Testament is the temple within the city built in the good land. If we know the Scriptures and have light from God, we will realize that the center of God's eternal plan, speaking according to the type, is the land with its temple and city. Beginning with the book of Genesis, the Old Testament takes the land as the center and mentions again and again something related to the land...The land is the figure of the all-inclusive Christ, a type of Christ as

everything to us. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 164-165)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Colossians*, msgs. 6, 20

Wednesday 5/1

Related Verses

Acts 26:18

18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

2 Cor. 4:4

4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

Matt. 12:26

26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Col. 1:13

13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Rev. 12:4-9

4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.

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.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place there prepared by God so that they might nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.

8 And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any longer in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

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Ephesians 2 indicates that in the heavenlies there are different layers. Christ is in the highest layer, the third heaven, to be our everything as our good land. But there is a lower layer of the heavenlies—the air, where Satan as the ruler of the authority of the air is frustrating the people on earth from contacting God and from receiving Christ (v. 2). This is typified by the Canaanites, who were frustrating Israel from entering into the good land. (Life-study of Joshua, p. 14)

We must...remember that there are evil powers in the heavenlies. We must fight the battle with the enemy. We are enjoying a portion of the all-inclusive Christ, yet the enemy and his evil forces in the heavenlies are still usurping and occupying the land...As soon as we enjoy Christ in such a way, we realize in our spirit the reality of the evil forces in the heavenlies. These evil forces are veiling the all-inclusiveness of Christ from the Lord's children...To this very day the evil forces are still veiling the all-inclusiveness of Christ...There is an exceedingly real spiritual warfare in which we must engage. By enjoying something of the all-inclusive Christ, we will be burdened for this fighting; we will be burdened for this battle. That is why we have been formed as an army. The conflict is before us. (*CWWL, 1961-1962*, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," p. 336)

After the children of Israel entered into the good land, they had to defeat the Canaanites, the enemies that were occupying the land. These enemies typify the principalities and powers in the air that seek to keep us from enjoying the all-inclusive Christ. Within us we are troubled by the self and the flesh, and above us, in the air, there are the evil powers of darkness. When we bury the self and circumcise the flesh, the powers of darkness in the air will be exposed. The self and the flesh help the evil powers...As soon as we deal with the self and the flesh, the powers of darkness will come forth to war against us. Then we must learn how to fight the spiritual warfare. The spiritual warfare is fought in the good land with the support of the rich produce of Christ.

The good land for us today is the Triune God processed to become the all-inclusive Spirit...Through

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incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection, Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God, has been processed to become the life-giving Spirit to indwell His chosen people. Thus, the Triune God reaches us today as the life-giving Spirit. This wonderful Spirit is now in our spirit (Rom. 8:16)...He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit [1 Cor. 6:17]. Therefore, in the New Testament we are commanded to walk in spirit (Gal. 5:16, 25; Rom. 8:4)...If you do not walk in Christ, you are rebellious, even though you may be very virtuous.

We all have confessed our sins, failures, and shortcomings to the Lord. But have you ever asked the Lord to forgive you for not living by Christ? Not many Christians have prayed in this way: "Lord, forgive me for not taking You as my life today. My behavior was very good, but I did not live by You or take You as my person. Lord, forgive me for being in rebellion against You. You wanted to be lived out of me, but instead I lived according to something other than Yourself. I lived by my opinion, not by Your revelation. According to this revelation, I should walk in You. But during the whole day, Lord, I didn't walk in You at all." I can testify that, especially recently, I have made this kind of confession to the Lord almost every day. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 142-143)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Joshua*, msg. 6

Thursday 5/2

Related Verses

Exo. 23:30

30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have become fruitful and inherit the land.

Col. 3:5

5 Put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and greediness, which is idolatry;

Matt. 16:22-23

22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, God be merciful to You, Lord! This shall by no means happen to You!

23 But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.

Luke 14:26

26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and moreover, even his own soul-life, he cannot be My disciple.

Exo. 23:24, 29-30

24 You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars into pieces.

29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the animals of the field multiply against you.

30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have become fruitful and inherit the land.

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According to Exodus 23:23-24, 32-33, there are frustraters which keep us from possessing the land. These frustraters, the various pagan tribes occupying the land, signify different aspects of our natural life. For example, one of the tribes was the Canaanites. The word Canaan means "merchant." In our natural life there is a Canaanite, one who aspires to make money. Other tribes signify the lust of the natural man and the greed of the natural life...In our natural life there are many frustraters which hinder us from taking possession of the all-inclusive Christ.

These pagan tribes had idols: "You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them..." [v. 24]. Furthermore, verses 32 and 33 say, "You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you." The gods of the pagan tribes were idols, and idols are related to demons. Behind every idol there is a demon. The idols with the demons behind them represent spiritual forces (Eph. 6:12). (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 869-870)

Behind our natural life are spiritual forces...Within our natural life there is an evil temper, which we despise. But behind this evil temper there are spiritual forces, demons...As Christians, we have experienced losing our temper even when we did not want to do so. There was

something, some kind of force, which caused us to lose our temper involuntarily. This indicates that the aspects of our natural life are utilized, manipulated, and directed by spiritual forces behind the scene. The aspects of the natural life with the spiritual forces behind them frustrate us from the enjoyment of the riches of the all-inclusive Christ.

Exodus 23:22 says, “But if you will indeed listen to His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.” Here we see that if the children of Israel obeyed the Angel of Jehovah, Jehovah would cut off the pagan tribes [v. 23]. He would drive out the pagan tribes from before His people.

Verses 29 and 30 say, “I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the animals of the field multiply against you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have become fruitful and inherit the land.” Here we see that God would not cut off the pagan tribes all at once. Israel was still comparatively small in number. If God were to cut off all the tribes within one year, much of the land would be desolate, and the beasts would multiply against the people. This indicates that as Christians we should not expect to become fully spiritual overnight.

After hearing messages on the natural life, we may desire to cut off the natural life all at once. However, to do this is to become vacant and be in danger of being taken over by demons. There is a sense in which we still need our natural life for a period of time. Then the more we grow in the Lord, the more He will cut off the natural life. As long as the number of the children of Israel was rather small, there was the need for the pagan tribes to remain so that the land might be kept from the beasts. But as God's people increased, the Lord would cut off the tribes according to the degree of the numerical increase of His people. This signifies that as we grow in Christ, our natural life will be cut off gradually, according to the degree of our growth in life. God will not cut off the pagan tribes once for all, but He will do it “little by little” according to our growth. (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 870-871)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Exodus*, msgs. 12, 73; *CWWL*, 1977, vol. 1, “The Kernel of the Bible,” ch. 3

Friday 5/3

Related Verses

Matt. 6:10

10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

Col. 1:13

13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Josh. 6:21

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. 14:8-10

8 However my brothers who went up with me made the people's heart melt, but I fully followed Jehovah my God.

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, for you have fully followed Jehovah my God.

10 And now, look, Jehovah has kept me alive, as He said, for these forty-five years, since the time Jehovah spoke this word to Moses while Israel walked through the wilderness. And now, look, today I am eighty-five years old.

Matt. 7:21

21 Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.

Matt. 12:28

28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Isa. 14:12-14

12 How you have fallen from heaven, O Daystar, son of the dawn! How you have been hewn down to earth, You who made nations fall prostrate!

13 But you, you said in your heart: I will ascend to heaven; Above the stars of God I will exalt my throne. And I will sit upon the mount of assembly In the uttermost parts of the north.

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

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In typology, Canaan signifies the aerial part, the heavenly part, of the dark kingdom of Satan...As the ruler of this world (John 12:31) and as the ruler of the authority of the air (Eph. 2:2), Satan has his authority (Acts 26:18) and his angels (Matt. 25:41), who are his subordinates as principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world (Eph. 6:12)...Satan and his kingdom are at war, at enmity, with God and His kingdom. Formerly, we were in the kingdom of Satan, but God's salvation has brought us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of God's love (Col. 1:13). Now we are no longer in the kingdom of Satan but are in the kingdom of God. (*Life-study of Numbers*, pp. 239-240)

Numbers 21:1-3, 21-35 reveals that the children of Israel defeated the kings of Arad, of the Amorites, and of Bashan...In order for the children of Israel to enter into the good land, they had to pass through the territory controlled by these kings who were guarding the land of Canaan for Satan. These kings, therefore, were gate guards of the kingdom of darkness, and they had to be defeated before the children of Israel could enter into the land usurped and occupied by Satan.

What does Canaan signify in typology? A common, shallow understanding is that Canaan signifies heaven. Certain hymns speak of crossing “the cold waves of Jordan” on the way to heaven. This understanding of the spiritual significance of Canaan surely is not accurate. In the land of Canaan there were all kinds of enemies. If Canaan signifies heaven, this would mean that there are enemies in heaven.

On the contrary, Canaan typifies the main part, the leading part, the aerial part, of Satan's kingdom, with its authorities and rulers. In typology, the giants in the land of Canaan signify the evil angels, the rebellious angels who follow Satan (Rev. 12:4, 7).

[In] the past..., we have stressed the fact that Canaan, the good land, is a type of Christ. Now we are saying that Canaan is a type of the kingdom of Satan, with its evil spirits. This may seem contradictory, but actually, it is not. If we study the typology carefully, we will see that

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Canaan has two features. On the one hand, Canaan is a land of riches, as revealed in Deuteronomy 8...On the other hand, Canaan was a land full of evil persons and enemies, all of whom were to be eradicated by the children of Israel. This feature, or aspect, of Canaan signifies the most evil part of Satan's dark kingdom. As we consider these two features of Canaan, we see that whether or not we can enjoy Christ as the all-inclusive land depends on whether or not we defeat the enemies typified by the Canaanites. This indicates that the church as a whole, including all the members, should engage in the spiritual warfare revealed in Ephesians 6.

Ephesians is a book on the all-inclusive Christ. Ephesians 3:8 tells us that the riches of Christ are unsearchable. In order to enjoy such a Christ, we need to fight against the spiritual enemies, against "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens" (6:12)...We all need to keep in mind that the Canaanites typify the fallen angels, who have become the powers, rulers, and authorities in Satan's kingdom, and that a war is raging between these evil spirits and the church. The typology in Numbers 21 shows us how to fight in this war. The slaughtering of the gate guards in this chapter indicates our need to defeat the evil spirits in the kingdom of Satan. It is helpful to have this view as we...consider 21:1-3, 21-35. (*Life-study of Numbers*, pp. 239-241)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 17; *CWWL*, 1964, vol. 4, "The Vision of God's Building," ch. 1; *CWWL*, 1964, vol. 1, pp. 405-415

Saturday 5/4

Related Verses

Eph. 6:10-11

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

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

1 Tim. 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold on the eternal life, to which you were called and have confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

2 Tim. 2:1-7

1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

2 And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

3 Suffer evil with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No one serving as a soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please the one who enlisted him.

5 And also if anyone contends in the games, he is not crowned unless he contends lawfully.

6 The laboring farmer must be the first to partake of the fruit.

7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

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In our Christian experience we may not have much realization concerning the spiritual warfare about which we have been speaking. When we think of spiritual warfare, we may have in mind the warfare between our spirit and our flesh or the struggle against sin and worldliness. However, the war against sin, the world, and the flesh is the lower part of the spiritual warfare. The higher part of the spiritual warfare is the fighting in the spiritual realm against evil spirits and demons.

In the spiritual world there is a territory usurped and occupied by Satan and his followers. Paul had an excellent understanding of this and spoke much concerning it. Now we need to learn about this spiritual reality, which is Satan's kingdom, the kingdom of darkness. Within this kingdom there are the fallen angels and the demons. Whereas the fallen angels are in the air, the demons are in the water. Both the angels and the demons, as followers of Satan, are working on fallen human beings to make them subjects in Satan's kingdom. The fallen angels in the air—the rulers, powers, and authorities of the kingdom of Satan—rule the entire world, and the demons are their helpers, helping the fallen angels to usurp human beings. Thus, the kingdom of Satan comprises evil angels, demons, and fallen human beings. (*Life-study of Numbers*, pp. 243-244)

In Numbers 21:1-3 the children of Israel defeated the king of Arad..."Israel made a vow to Jehovah and said, If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I

will utterly destroy their cities" (v. 2). Israel vowed to destroy not only the people of Arad but also their cities. This indicates that we need to fight against the evil spirits, defeat them, and take over their territory. We need to exercise our Christ-given authority over the aerial powers.

"Jehovah listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and their cities" (v. 3). This indicates that Arad, the first of the gate guards, was defeated by the children of Israel. I hope that the scene here will help us to see the vision of the church's warfare against the evil spirits in the air.

In 21:21-32 the children of Israel defeated Sihon king of the Amorites (Gen. 15:16)...“Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. And Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel” (Num. 21:23). This portrays something that actually may take place in the spiritual realm. We may speak to the evil spirits, asking them to give us a way through their territory, but this stirs them to fight against us.

Israel slew Sihon, took possession of his land, and dwelt in the land of the Amorites (vv. 24-32). This indicates that after we engage in spiritual warfare against the evil spirits, part of the territory of Satan in the air becomes ours. Throughout the centuries, some of the saints have fought in such a way against the evil powers in the air.

Israel also defeated Og, the king of Bashan [vv. 33-35].

If we understand these verses regarding the three gate guards as typifying the church's spiritual warfare against the evil spirits in the air, we will obtain much that is profitable from these verses...We must fight against the evil spirits and defeat them so that we may gain more territory for God's kingdom.

The New Testament tells us that God has appointed His people to fight against the kingdom of Satan. He has assigned them the responsibility of engaging in spiritual warfare. The history of Israel's fighting against the Canaanites is a type, a picture, of the warfare raging today between us and the fallen angels and the demons.

If we read Numbers 21 from this perspective, we will see a vision concerning spiritual warfare. (*Life-study of Numbers*, pp. 241-244)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 John*, msg. 10

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Related Verses

Exo. 6:26

26 It was this same Aaron and Moses to whom Jehovah said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.

Exo. 7:4

4 But Pharaoh will not listen to you, and I will lay My hand upon Egypt and bring forth My armies, My people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

Exo. 12:11, 17, 41, 51

11 And this is how you shall eat it: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is Jehovah's passover.

17 And you shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall keep this day throughout your generations as a perpetual statute.

41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.

51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Num. 14:7-9

7 And they spoke to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, saying, The land through which we passed to spy out is an exceedingly good land.

8 If Jehovah is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey.

9 Only do not rebel against Jehovah, nor should you fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their protection has been removed from them, and Jehovah is with us; do not fear them.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *Life-study of Exodus*, msg. 73

Hymn: #893

1 Conflict today is fierce,
The strength of Satan more;
The cry of battle calling now
Is louder than before.
The rebel voice of hell
E'en stronger now becomes;
But list, the midnight cry resounds,
Behold, I quickly come!

2 Trials more bitter grow,
The fighting doth enlarge;
Hell's forces rally all their pow'rs
And gather for the charge.
Yet while we wait and watch
And feel the war severe,
We hear the joyful song ring out,
Jesus, the Lord, is near!

3 'Tis harder at the end
The word to testify,
For Satan fights with all his pow'r
Our witness to defy.
Much greater strength we need
The foe to overcome;
How happy when the Lord we see
And all our sighing's done!

4 Who then will forward go
Strong in His mighty power?
Who then will firmly trust the Lord
Until the vict'ry hour;
Till with the conqu'rors blest,
The triumph song's begun?
That man will then rejoice to hear,
Behold, I quickly come!

5 Who then will choose God's best,
And take the narrow track,
Though passing thru the wildest storms,
Yet never turning back?
Who now will dare press on,
Enduring pain and fear?
All such will then rejoice to see
Jesus, the Lord, is near!

6 Though deep the darkness be
We still would onward go,
Till we the day of rapture greet
And glory 'round shall glow.
'Tis there we'll see the Lord,
And Satan overcome;
The overcomers will rejoice,

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews (Week 11)

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 4:8-13

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msgs. 18-19

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Sins and Disobedience of the Children of Israel Trying, Testing, and Provoking God

Scripture: Heb. 3:7-4:11

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Numbers*, msgs. 19, 21, 29

Supplemental Reading: None

Questions:

1. Enumerate some of the sins and disobedience of the children of Israel in the wilderness.
2. How might we try, test, and provoke God in a manner after that of the children of Israel in the wilderness?
3. What must we realize and learn from the failures of the children of Israel in the wilderness?
4. Why is unbelief evil in the eyes of God?