

12:1 Kings Moses conquered east of the Jordan which is the land given to Reuben, Gad, half tribe Manasseh vs 1-6

:7-24 Lands Joshua conquered west of Jordan to Mediterranean **31 kings** were conquered. Now they needed to possess what they conquered. Jesus *...disarmed the rulers & authorities, He made a public display of them having triumphed over them thru Him. Col 2:15-we are to possess all God's promises*

Ch 12 Looks back at what Moses & Joshua victories--past conquest help us look forward in faith, now & in the future, to possess our possessions--a prominent theme. We are saved from sin—bound for heaven but want Gods abundant life salvation promises now.

Ch 13:1-7 Joshua about 100 yrs old & still much Land to conquer west of Jordan to the north & coastal area

:7 Land given 9 1/2 tribes on **west** side of Jordan :8 Land given 2 1/2 tribes on **east** side of Jordan **31 kings** defeated--*reflect* but don't *rest* on past victories—land is given now possess it

:13 A bad precedent, failure to drive out. :14 To Levi no land, Lord is their inheritance **48 cities given 21:1-42 to spiritually influence (home fellowships)**. :22 **Balaam** died w/ enemies of Israel yet incredibly gifted Nu 22-24

Ch 14:1,2 given by lot **22 x's** as God chooses--according to ability & faith for each as God knows--no more-no less. *What God gave, God expected them to conquer*. What He gave & what they possessed-a big difference. No tribe took possession of all they were given except Caleb —*he followed wholly – Matt 9:29 'let it be done according to your faith—as you believe'*

:6-15 Caleb—saw big God & small giants—Some see big giants & small God—*so doubt*—Caleb 45 years in shadows—*as strong today* ‘as days are so *shall your strength be*’ Faith gives strength. The righteous prosper in old age....*Is 46:4 Even to your old age, I shall be the same, And even to your graying years I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.; Ps 71:18 And even when I am old & gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Thy strength to this generation, Thy power to all who are to come.*

NT when Peter walk water & sank Jesus said ‘*why did you doubt?*’ -our lot in life given by God *Ps 47:4 ‘He chooses our inheritance for us’*

Battles in mts, valleys, planes, forest,—various terrain & how they fought, attitudes developed, successes & failures—shaped who they were as a nation & people. We to wear our battle scars—marks of Christ-like character. In Rev John saw Lord as lamb slain-marks of crucifixion.

We more than conquerors thru Christ or we are conquered by enemies of Christ. Conformed Christ image or molded to a sinful unbelieving world. Possessing land a symbol or metaphor possessing all of Christ

Some enemy strongholds seem impenetrable-never been able to overcome. Answer is-- I can only possess all Jesus has for me when He possess all of me. Victory is always the result of surrender to God. *If selfish in marriage you’ll never have victory over bickering—if wandering eyes never conquer lust –if nursing a grudge, anger never defeated –total surrender to the Lord is key to putting enemy under our feet* **10:24 Rm16:20**

15:13-19 Of all the tribes & heads who were given an inheritance only Caleb possessed all he was given. The rest ‘*not able to drive out*’ haunts. Don’t live in excuses or regrets. Caleb showed it’s possible in spite of the giants we can conquer what God has given to those who wholly follow

:19 Overflowing springs he gave away-*Pr 11:25 'He who waters will himself be watered...* You can't out bless God. Jn 7 *torrents of living water*

15:19 Othniel a deliverer judges 3:9-11

:63 third son of Canaan Gen 10:15,16; 15:21 Joshua killed Adoni Zedek king of Jerusalem Josh 10 **Israel conquered** but lost until David

16:10 more compromise—theme yet 1:5,6

17:14-18 **Complaint**-portion **not** equal to our greatness--besides, enemy too strong— delusions of grandeur – imagined greatness—Joseph's tribe is Ephraim his son—greatness is never by **association** *'I'm related to or I'm son of'* but comes from **separation**—not conquer what given, although they could, so they say I'm greater than what I've got—making excuses—

Cut trees from the land given you—sweat to make it happen. if you are great (**sarcasm**) cut down trees, there's lots of land so take it—imagining you're great has no value *what you do w/ what you have says who you are.*

Cut down--cut away what hinders from making progress--remove what blocks vision—Don't' ask for more until you possess what is already given *'faithful in a little...give much.* Some are too big to serve others, they want to be served.—to have more of the Lord, we need to get rid of what stands in the way-obstructions-dead wood, what robs of victory.

18:1-10 Scouting land - Shiloh eventual place of worship 20 miles north Jerusalem where ark of covenant-Philistines took it when Saul king **1 Sam 4**

19:49-51 Finished dividing all that God promised now they needed to take possession of what God had already given. Everet Storms 27th reading of bible lists 7,487 promises of God **2Pet 1:4 He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises...so we partake of His divine nature'**

We too on a journey to live in all the promises of God to possess our possessions