

## Timeline of Truth – Joshua Prepares the People to Enter the Land (Joshua 1:10-18)

**Joshua 1:10-11** <sup>10</sup> Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.' "

### 1. Joshua Commands the Leaders to Get the People \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Who is the speaker – \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Who is the recipient - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the people
  - i. Officer - military term, these are the people who will lead Israel to war.
- c. The message –
  - Pass through the camp and command the people – Joshua is delegating authority to the leaders of the people.

**Exodus 18:17-22** <sup>17</sup> So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do *is* not good. <sup>18</sup> "Both you and these people who *are* with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing *is* too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. <sup>19</sup> "Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. <sup>20</sup> "And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. <sup>21</sup> "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. <sup>22</sup> "And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be *that* every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear *the burden* with you.
  - This is what they are to say:
    - Prepare provisions for yourself – Lit. "Make yourself prepared with food" – they were about to begin what would be a seven year campaign to take the land – they needed to make sure that they were ready.
    - In three days they will cross over the Jordan
    - In order to possess the land
      - Which God is giving them to possess.

**Joshua 1:12-15** <sup>12</sup> And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, <sup>13</sup> "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.' <sup>14</sup> "Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, <sup>15</sup> "until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He *gave* you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

### 2. Joshua Commands the Eastern Tribes to \_\_\_\_\_ their Promise

- a. The recipients – The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh
- b. The message –
  - Remember what Moses commanded to them:
    - God is giving them rest  
In the land where they are at now

- God is giving them the land
  - Their wives, children and livestock will remain in the land.
  - The men will fight with the rest of Israel
    - Until the Lord gives their brethren rest
    - Until they have taken the rest of the land
  - Only then will they return to their land
- c. **Numbers 32:16-19** <sup>16</sup> Then they came near to him and said: "We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones, <sup>17</sup> "but we ourselves will be armed, ready to go before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place; and our little ones will dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. <sup>18</sup> "We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance. <sup>19</sup> "For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan."

**Joshua 1:16-18** <sup>16</sup> So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. <sup>17</sup> "Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses. <sup>18</sup> "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

### 3. The Leaders Promise to \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua

- a. The promise \_\_\_\_\_
  - All that Joshua commands them, they will do
  - Wherever Joshua sends them, they will go
- b. The condition \_\_\_\_\_
  - Just as they heeded Moses, they will heed Joshua
  - This is as long as "the Lord God be with you, as He was with Moses."
- c. The consequences \_\_\_\_\_
  - If someone does not obey:
    - Rebels - מַרְדָּה , *marah* - be contentious, refractory, rebellious (hiph)  
Lit. "Whoever rebels against your mouth."
    - Does not heed – "does not hear"
    - In everything you command
  - They shall be put to death
- d. The encouragement \_\_\_\_\_
  - Only be strong and of good courage
  - **Deuteronomy 31:1-8**

### Takeaways:

#### 1. There is a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ the leaders which God has put over us.

**Titus 3:1-2** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

#### 2. We should be willing to do \_\_\_\_\_ in whatever God desires for us to do.

**Ephesians 4:14-16** <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.