

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

May 1, 2022

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Numbers 25:1-9 *McKenna South*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *Trouble in Paradise* (Joshua 22:10-34)

Announcements

Dave Stewart messages that appear on our church website will soon *also* be available on *Berean Bible Society's* website. This will include his messages on Acts, Romans, I Cor-inthians, Philippians, Hebrews, and I&II Peter. Let's be praying they work effectually in men's hearts (IThes.2:13).

Work Day: Saturday, May 21, plan to be here at 9 a.m. to give our church a thorough spring cleaning, and work on any special projects you might have in mind. Reserve the date!

Our Spring Picnic date is confirmed for June 5, now that Sue Ostrowski has obtained our permit. Mark that date too!

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone.

Joshua 15:16—17:18 *Here Comes the Bride!*

Offering your daughter as a reward (15:16) was not unheard of (ISam.18:17,25). Caleb's daughter is a type of *the bride of Christ*. God was married to Israel (Isa.54:1-10), but when they began to worship other gods, God considered it spiritual adultery *and divorced her for cheating on Him* (Jer.3:8).

But God plans to *remarry* Israel in the person of Christ. That's why Revelation 19:7 says the Lamb will marry His "wife," not His bride, for they got engaged way back in the wilderness (Jer.2:2), and married in time past. We know the wedding will take place at the beginning of the millennium, for the kingdom is *described* a few verses later (20:1-3). That's *also* when the land of Israel will be divided up *again* into 12 sections, one for each of Israel's 12 tribes, as a sort of wedding present for the happy couple. And we're seeing this all typified here in Joshua, when the land is divvied up here, and Caleb's daughter is married here as well.

But to marry Caleb's daughter, Othniel had to conquer a town in Israel. The Bible calls this *overcoming* Canaan's towns (Num.13:30). So when God helped Othniel overcome the unsaved men in Kirjath-sepher to get his bride, that's a type of how the Lord Jesus will help Tribulation Jews overcome the unsaved men in the Tribulation to get His Bride (IJo.4:1-4). They'll be saying antichrist is Christ, so Jews will have to overcome them by their faith in *Jesus* Christ (I John 5:4,5; Rev.2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21).

If they do, they'll be clothed in white *like a bride* (Rev.3:5) to symbolize their righteousness (Rev.19:7,8), the way our brides wear white to symbolize their purity. We get in on being part of the bride *by grace* (Rom.7:4; II Cor.11:2), the way Adam and Eve and Noah, etc., got in on it, even though they weren't part of Israel either. Some say we can't be part of the bride because, as members of His Body, we're part of the groom. But kingdom Jews were *also* part of the groom (Rom.16:7). So who's the bride? The Lord overcame unseen wicked spirits at the cross *for the saved of all ages* (Rev.3:20), so the bride will be made up of all God's saved.

Brides get *new names*, like Eve became *Mrs. Adam* (Gen.5:2), because they become so *one* with their husbands *that they lose their identities in theirs*. That happens to us *positionally* when we get saved, but it won't happen *experientially* until we can't sin any more and express our *old* identity.

God wrote His old name on Aaron (Ex.28:36), but plans to write His *new* name on *all* the people in His bride (Rev.3:5; Jer.23:5,6 cf. 33:16).

But land without water isn't much good, so Caleb's daughter got an additional wedding present (Josh.15:18,19), water!—a type of *the water of eternal life* (John 4:13,14; Rev.22:17).

If the dividing of the land in Joshua is a type of the dividing of the land in the kingdom, as we've seen, does that mean there'll be *complaining* in the kingdom (Josh.17:14)? Yes, and judges will settle those issues (Isa.1:25,26; Mt.19:28).

“A great people” (Josh.17:14) meant *numerous* (cf. I Ki.3:8). They were griping that the lot Joshua gave them wasn't big enough. But he *assigned* them *two* lots (Josh.14:4); just had not taken possession of the second. So he told them to

(v.15). They said it *still* wouldn't be big enough, but that was a lame excuse to hide the fact they were afraid of the giants.

Joshua *sounds* like he was giving them the kind of pep talk that God said to give Israel's army before battles (Deut.20:1-4), but he wasn't their *priest*, he was their *commander*. He was actually assuring them that if they'd go back to obeying God, *then* he'd send the priest to assure them that God would fight for them. Spiritual leaders today who assure *modern Gentile armies* that God is fighting for them are making a dispensational error--one that might cost soldiers their lives!

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

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Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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