**GO IN AND TAKE THE LAND**

These were the words conveyed to Joshua after the time allocated by the LORD for **“the new generation”** who God prepared to possess the land of Canaan He had promised their ancestors.

A new generation of Israelites camped on the eastern side of the Jordan River. Similar, to their parents, they readied themselves for war in preparation to enter **“the land of Promise.”**

 Between the first and second censuses, God refined the people of Israel as they wandered, fought for survival, and struggled spiritually.

It was messy, and Israel faced constant tests. The book of Numbers is a surprising and clever presentation of God. He acted in remarkable and intriguing ways throughout the book. These include working through a donkey **(Num. chs.22-24),** an earthquake **(Num. 16:31-34),** and a bronze serpent **(Num. 21:4-9).**

God chose to reside with Israel, worked powerfully, and never gave up.

**If you don’t give up on the LORD, the LORD will not give up on you!!!!**

**Numbers 15: 2**

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: “when you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you”

**Numbers 15:18**

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: “when you come into the land to which I bring you”

**Numbers 15:41**

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.”

**Moses is being replaced by Joshua:**

Moses encourages Israel **(Deut. 31:1-6)**

Moses encourages Joshua to be strong **(Deut. 31:7-13)**

Moses and Joshua appear before God **(Deut. 31:14-18)**

Moses writes a song of witness to Israel **(Deut. 31:19-23)**

Moses dead and buried **(Deut. 34:5-8)**

**Joshua the new leader:**

**Deut. 34:9 KJV**

“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so, the children of Israel heeded him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.”

Joshua chosen to succeed Moses, and God filled him with the spirit of wisdom.

But there was another, a prophet like Moses, who would be greater even then Moses. That other was the Lord Jesus Christ.

 **(Acts 3:19-26)**

**19.** “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

**20.** and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

**21**. whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

**22.** For Moses truly said to the fathers, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

**23.** And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

**24**. Yes, and all the prophets, as Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

**25**. You are sons of the prophet, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

**26.** To you, first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”

**Eph. 1:11**

“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”

**The chosen Stone and His chosen People:**

**I Peter 1:4-9**

**4.** “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

**5.** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**6**. therefore, it is also contained in the Scriptures,

“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

**7.** Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone,”

**8.** and,

“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

**9.** But you are **a chosen generation**, **a royal priesthood**, **a holy nation**, His own **special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**10.** who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

**CONCLUSION:**

**St. John 14: 20**

“At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

**We are the generation in Him!**

**St. MATT. 1: 12-17 (17)**

“So, all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until Christ are fourteen generations.”

 1.Shealtiel

1. Zerubbabel
2. Abuid
3. Eliakim
4. Azor
5. Zadok
6. Achim
7. Eliud
8. Eleazar
9. Matthan
10. Jacob
11. Joseph
12. Jesus called Christ
13. .

**No Mystery:** We are in Christ, the mystical body, He, being the Head, out of Him fourteen **(I Cor. 12:13, 27)**

We are going in to possess the Land (type of our spiritual blessings)

**A Chosen Generation:**

God has not left to chance who will be a part of the unique body of people, a group who will serve Him.

**A Royal Priesthood:**

Believers are transformed not only internally, which describes us as being made into a “Holy Priesthood” but also externally. We are a priesthood that functions in a ruling capacity, as kings.

**A Holy Nation:**

Believers are a unique group of people set apart for God’s use.

**A Special People:**

God protects those whom He has adopted into His family.

**Strangers and Pilgrims:**

 With these words, Peter reminds believers that this world is not our home. we are foreigners here, traveling to our eternal home, heaven.

**PRAYER:**