

得勝有餘的獨居之民 (7) :

承受迦南的福份與挑戰

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背誦經文：3 願頌讚歸與我們主耶穌基督的父 神！祂曾照自己的大憐憫，藉耶穌基督從死裏復活，重生了我們，叫我們有活潑的盼望，4 可以得著不能朽壞、不能玷污、不能衰殘、為你們存留在天上的基業。(彼前 1:3-4)

一. 分地的屬靈意義 - 承受產業

二. 分地的原則

52 耶和華曉諭摩西說：53 「你要按著人名的數目將地分給這些人為業。54 人多的，你要把產業多分給他們；人少的，你要把產業少分給他們；要照被數的人數，把產業分給各人。55 雖是這樣，還要拈鬮分地。(民 26：52-55)

1. 根據 神的主權 - 拈鬮分地

- 祂為我們選擇產業，就是祂所愛之雅各的榮耀。(細拉) (詩 47:4)
- 5 耶和華是我的產業，是我杯中的分；我所得的，你為我持守。6 用繩量給我的地界，坐落在佳美之處；我的產業實在美好。(詩 16:5-6)

2. 根據新造生命度量 - 按新生一代人數多少來分

28 我們曉得萬事都互相效力，叫愛 神的人得益處... 29 因為祂預先所知道的人，就預先定下效法祂兒子的模樣...30 ...叫他們得榮耀。(羅 8:28-30)

三. 得地的挑戰

1. 二支派半憑己意揀選河東之地

- 1 他們看見雅謝地和基列地是可牧放牲畜之地，2 就來見摩西和祭司以利亞撒...說：「...求你把這地給我們為業，不要領我們過約旦河。」...16 ...我們要在這裏為牲畜壘圈，為婦人孩子造城...19 我們不和他們在約旦河那邊一帶之地同受產業，因為我們的產業是坐落在約旦河東邊這裏。」(民 32：1-5，16-19)

2. 約瑟子孫的埋怨 (書 17:14-18)

18 「山地...雖是樹林，你也可以砍伐...迦南人雖有鐵車，雖是強盛，你也能把他們趕出去。」

3. 眾支派的妥協 (士一)

- 27 瑪拿西沒有趕出...的居民...迦南人卻執意住在那些地方...以法蓮沒有趕出...亞設沒有趕出... 34 亞摩利人強逼但人住在山地，不容他們下到平原...
- 倘若你們不趕出那地的居民，所容留的居民就必作你們眼中的刺，肋下的荊棘，也必在你們所住的地上擾害你們。(民 33:55)

四. 神的提醒

- 「你年紀老邁了，還有許多未得之地」(書 13：1)
- 「你們耽延不去得要幾時呢？」(書 18：3)

The Blessings and Challenges of Inheriting Canaan

Memorization Verses:

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance ⁱⁿ incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (1 Pet 1:3-4)

- I. The Spiritual Significance of the Allotment – Receiving Inheritance
- II. The Principles of the Allotment

⁵² Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ⁵³ “To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names. ⁵⁴ To a large *tribe* you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small *tribe* you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them. ⁵⁵ But the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. (Numbers 26:52-55)

- a. According to God's Sovereignty - Dividing the land by lot
 - He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah (Psalm 47:4)
 - ⁵ O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant *places*; Yes, I have a good inheritance. (Psalm 16:5-6)
 - b. According to the measure of the new life – according to the number of the new generation
 - ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30)
- III. The Challenges of Receiving the Land
 - a. The two and a half tribes choose the land east of the river according to their own will
 - ... and when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that indeed the region *was* a place for livestock, ² the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest ... saying, ... ⁴ the country which the LORD defeated before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.” ⁵ Therefore ... Do not take us over the Jordan.” ¹⁶ ... “We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones, ... ¹⁹ 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.” (Numbers 32:1-5, 16-19)
 - b. The complaints of Joseph’s descendants (Joshua 17:14-18)

- ¹⁸ but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it *is* wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots *and* are strong.” (Joshua 17:18)
 - c. The compromise of all the tribes (Judges 1)
 - ²⁷ However, Manasseh did not drive out *the inhabitants* ... for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. ... ²⁹ Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites ... ³¹ Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants ... ³⁴ And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley; (Judges 1:27-34)
 - ⁵⁵ But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain *shall be* irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. (Numbers 33:55)

IV. God’s Reminder

- a. “You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed.” (Josh 13:1)
- b. “How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? (Josh 18:3)