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Obey God

I really enjoyed Biblical Literature and all of the helpful information presented. However, one of the lesson I enjoyed was about the children of Israel for this was the beginning of God example of his plan to deliver us. Although they had some reoccurring problems, during their journey to the promise land as well as serving God. This encourages me for I know each encounter I have is for the glory of God. In Chapter Six Eugene H. Merrill writes about several challenges the Israelites faced on their journey to the promise of the lord. I discovered in chapter six the conquest and conflicts, God's chosen nation encountered.

This great nation conquest had begun after Moses death, for God had told them that the older people of this nation would not enter into the promise land. After Moses had died in 1406 B.C, God chose Joshua to lead them into the promise land. Joshua had some doubts. However, Joshua was right next to Moses and knew how he operated. God knew that Joshua was capable of carrying out this conquest, for Joshua was a man of faith. Therefore, God told Joshua to go thru the river Jordan and take his people over to the promise land. Then God comforted him by saying, Every place the sole of his foot tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses and there shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.¹ Joshua then commanded the priest to carry the Arc of the Covenant through the river and the river dried up, then the

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people began to follow. After they enter into Jericho, the next command was to walk around the walls of Jericho seven times. Then they was able to defeat them and take over the land.

The conflict was upon the authenticity of the nation's journey. Which had arose because of the order in which other reliable sources was stated within the Bible. Many of us do not or did not know that the bible is not in Chronological order, which lead to some misconceptions upon the. Because of lack of knowledge they believed the events stated in the book of Judges about Joshua and events that was not in order. However, the reconstruction elaborates these events in which they had taken place:

Judges 1:1-7 discusses the events of Judah's conquest after the death of Joshua. Then, verse 8 relates Judah's taking of Jerusalem, presumably before the death of Joshua. This means that 1:9-2:7 speaks of times that follow the destruction of Jerusalem under it had been in Joshua 24:29-30, and the passing of the elders contemporary with Joshua is also mentioned, as it had been before. Then after all of this there is a recitation of the succeeding generations of Israel's history in capsule form in Judges 2:11-23.²

This explanation as well as dates helped me gain a better understanding upon the events of the chosen nations while proving they are a reliable source.

The history of the Hebrew Israelites provides added knowledge, to help me to focus on the prize of living righteously, having faith in God and do exactly what he tells me. For if I obey him I will be able to enter into the promise land through Jesus.

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