

"These are the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho." Numbers 36:13 KJV



Israel had been mightily delivered from Egypt's bondage. They had reached the point of no return when the Red Sea closed behind them over their enemy's head, forever destroying him! They had been given all the commandments of God. They had consecrated a dwelling place for God in their midst and He had faithfully guided them through many desert places; providing their every need. God taught them with severity the dangers of incurring His wrath. He promised them "a land flowing with milk and honey." They had balked in fear at the prospect of fighting against "the inhabitants of the land." Because of their unbelief, God let them wander another 40 years in the desert until all the unbelievers died. He brought them back again to the Promised Land and they camped in "the plains of Moab." These are clear parallels to the Believer's pilgrimage. Maybe you've just been delivered by the "Red Sea" of Christ's shed Blood that closed over and destroyed death forever. Maybe you're learning God's Word; consecrating your "Tabernacle" as the dwelling place of God. You may be experiencing God's faithful provision as you follow Him day and night: or, you may be balking in unbelief at conquering the giants of besetting sins. Maybe you're in a purging period of unbelief, or camped "in the plains of Moab," again faced with "the inhabitants of the land." Maybe you're poised to cross Jordan into the "Promised Land, flowing with milk and honey" to realize your position as "more than conqueror through Him that loved us." You may be circling Jericho with the victory trumpet of faith, or already involved in the day to day battles of the Promised Land. Maybe you've compromised with "the inhabitants of the land." All "Good success," all meaningful joy, and all peace comes from believing and obeying God's Word. God is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever; with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." His Word is "forever settled in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt nor thieves break in and steal!" God's righteousness is free to whosoever will humbly repent and come to Him for forgiveness; the penalty of death forever removed from their sentence! A path to victory forever opened to them through "the faith of Jesus Christ. For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God."

The deserts of besetting sin,
Hinder saints from entering in,
The Promised Land of sweet relief,
Because they balk in unbelief. ~CGP

Israel's story is given that we may learn thereby and avoid the same pitfalls of carnal lust. Study and learn from them. "All these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Are you still "camped in the plains of Moab?" Victories in "the Promised Land" are only as secure as faithful obedience to our Conquering Lord; Jesus Christ; the "Word made flesh!" Reading, studying, and obeying God's Word by faith, heals your soul's deafness and once heard, God's Voice of Truth will forever free you from any doubt!

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. – For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." James 1:22; 1 John 5:4 KJV