MARCH 9 Read Joshua 15–17

CHAPTER 15

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; even to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

- 2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looketh southward:
- 3 And it went out to the south side to Maalehacrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadeshbarnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa:
- 4 From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.
- 5 And the east border *was* the salt sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan. And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:
- 6 And the border went up to Bethhogla, and passed along by the

north of Betharabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:

- 7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of Enshemesh, and the goings out thereof were at Enrogel:
- 8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants northward:
- 9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which *is* Kirjathjearim:
- 10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount

Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Bethshemesh, and passed on to Timnah:

- 11 And the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.
- 12 And the west border *was* to the great sea, and the coast *thereof*. This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.
- 13 ¶ And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.
- 14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.
- 15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjathsepher.
- 16 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

- 17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.
- 18 And it came to pass, as she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?
- 19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.
- 20. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.
- 21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,
- 22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,
- 23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,
- 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,
- 25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,
- 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

- 27 And Hazargaddah, and Heshmon, and Bethpalet,
- 28 And Hazarshual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,
 - 29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,
- 30 And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,
- 31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
- 32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages:
- 33 *And* in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,
- 34 And Zanoah, and Engannim, Tappuah, and Enam,
- 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
- 36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:
- 37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdalgad,
- 38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,
- 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
- 40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,
- 41 And Gederoth, Bethdagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:
 - 42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

- 43 And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
- 44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages:
- 45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages:
- 46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages:
- 47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*:
- 48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,
- 49 And Dannah, and Kirjathsannah, which *is* Debir,
- 50 And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,
- 51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:
 - 52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,
- 53 And Janum, and Bethtappuah, and Aphekah,
- 54 And Humtah, and Kirjatharba, which *is* Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:
- 55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,
- 56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

- 57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:
 - 58 Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,
- 59 And Maarath, and Bethanoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:
- 60 Kirjathbaal, which *is* Kirjathjearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:
- 61 In the wilderness, Betharabah, Middin, and Secacah,
- 62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi; six cities with their villages.
- 63 ¶ As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAPTER 16

AND the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Bethel,

- 2 And goeth out from Bethel to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,
- 3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of Bethhoron the nether, and to

Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

- 4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
- 5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Atarothaddar, unto Bethhoron the upper;
- 6 And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanathshiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;
- 7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
- 8 The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.
- 9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.
- 10 And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer:

but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; to wit, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

- 2 There was also *a lot* for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.
- 3 ¶ But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these *are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
- 4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheri-

tance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

- 5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side Jordan;
- 6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.
- 7. And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lieth* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of Entappuah.
- 8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim;
- 9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea:
- 10 Southward *it was* Ephraim's, and northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they

met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

- 11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.
- 12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.
- 13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.
- 14. And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

- 15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood *country*, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.
- 16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Bethshean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel.
- 17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only*:
- 18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Caleb was a man of spiritual vision as well as spiritual vitality; and these two qualities led to spiritual victory.

Caleb's nephew Othniel helped him in one of his conquests and gained Caleb's daughter for his wife. Othniel later became the first Judge of Israel and thus carried on the family leadership. It is wonderful when a man of faith can influence others and help them share in the inheritance.

Caleb's daughter illustrates a wonderful spiritual truth in chapter 15:18,19. After her marriage to Othniel, she returns to her father to ask for a further blessing! Caleb had given her a field, but she also wanted the springs of water to nourish the field. It is wonderful when the Christian continues to ask the Father for greater blessings, and it is especially wonderful when the believer desires the "spiritual springs" that water the fruitful life. The field that God gives us will never produce fruit, apart from the springs of water (John 7:37-39).

In our reading today, Joshua continues to apportion the land. Ephraim's portion is covered in chapter 16 and Manasseh's in chapter 17.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Proverbs 9:9).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 10: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

INEZ WILLIAMS

HYMN FOR TODAY

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD Scottish Psalter, 1650

One of the characteristics of the relationship that exists between a shepherd and his flock is that sheep can always distinguish the voice of their particular shepherd. The sheep's responsibility is simply to listen and follow.

As Christians, we worship and acknowledge God as our Creator and Redeemer. But how comforting it is to realize that this same great God is also "my Shepherd." In time of stress, I can rest securely in His strong arms. With the Good Shepherd leading, even death's dark vale need not be feared since death to

the believer is simply a release to God's eternal home.

As members of Christ's flock, we too must recognize our heavenly Shepherd's voice. To do so, we must always remain close enough to hear it.

This lovely setting of the 23rd Psalm was originally put in stanza form for the Scottish Psalter of 1650, a collection that contained only the 150 psalms arranged in metrical form for congregational singing. The charming and child-like tune has only recently begun to appear in American hymnals. "The Lord's My Shepherd"...for many children the first Bible verse learned and often the last repeated before entering "death's dark vale." A psalm of priceless heritage!

The Lord's my Shepherd—I'll not want; He makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,

e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho I walk thru death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill, for Thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT WAS OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED.

1847

THE DATE OF THE BATTLE OF VERA CRUZ.

1890

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE COMMUNIST LEADER MOLOTOV.

1875

MOODY AND SANKEY BEGAN THE FAMOUS LONDON CAMPAIGN.

Of course, we should thank God for the contribution of Dwight Moody to our country and to our world. Then we should pray for London. America owes much of her spiritual heritage to England—her John Wesleys, Charles Wesleys, George Whitefields, and others. She made tremendous contributions to America. In a real sense, England is our mother. England has seen the days of Moody, the days of Spurgeon, the days of Wesley, and the days of Booth and has truly seen the days of real revival. Today she languishes in apostasy and the Gospel is certainly not the norm for English people. Pray today for England. Pray for missionaries there. Pray for pastors there. Pray for God's people there. Pray for revival in England.

While we are thinking about revival in England, we should also think about revival in America. America was born in revival. The revival in the 1700's and 1800's with Peter Cartwright and Jonathan Edwards, the revival starting with the Fulton Street prayer-meeting, the revivals of Dwight Moody, the revivals of R.A. Torrey, the revivals of Billy Monday, and others still ring in our ears while we sadly bow our heads and say with the Psalmist, "We have heard with our ears, O God our fathers have told us..." (Psalm 44:1). God help us somehow not only to hear about the revivals in the past but to see revivals today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1911

WHITE FIREMEN OF THE CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS AND TEXAS PACIFIC RAILROAD STRUCK to protest the hiring of black firemen.

1913

HARRIET TUBMAN, "ENGINEER" OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, DIED.

She was born in 1821.

1931

THROUGH THE 25TH
WALTER F. WHITE NAMED NAACP EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY.

DEATH OF IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT (78), Chicago.

1966

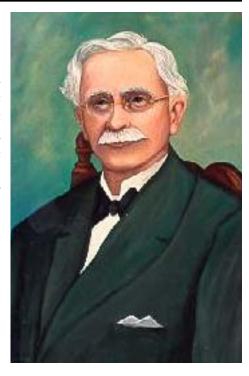
ANDREW F. BRIMMER BECAME THE FIRST BLACK GOVERNOR of the Federal Reserve Board.

A Christian Life:

AMZI CLARENCE DIXON 1854-1925

American pastor and author. Born June 6, 1854, A.C. Dixon was reared in North Carolina, attended Wake Forest College (class of 1875) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1876. He held three successive pastorates in North Carolina, then pastorates in Baltimore, Brooklyn, and Boston. He pastored Moody Memorial Church from 1906 to 1911, when he accepted a call to fill Spurgeon's pulpit in the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London. In 1922 he returned to Baltimore, where he ministered until his summons home June 14, 1925.

In addition to pastoring, Dixon wrote a number of encouraging and inspirational books on the life of faith, including *The Bright Side* of Life, The Bright Side of Death, The Young Convert's Problems, and The Glories of the Cross.



The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS:

GOD'S SUPREME SACRIFICE

(Assignment 10)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

His Son's death on the cross became our:

Sin-bearer.

() 1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Substitute.

() 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Sacrifice.

() Isaiah 53:5 (Isa. 53:6, 10)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Sin-offering.

() 2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Redeemer.

() Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: