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**November 8–14*

Ultimate Loyalty: Worship *in a War Zone*

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: Josh. 5:1–7; Exod. 12:6; 1 Cor. 5:7; Josh. 8:30–35;
Deut. 8:11, 14; Heb. 9:11, 12.

Memory Text: “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (*Matthew 6:33, ESV*).

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THURSDAY

November 13

Longing for His Presence

Read Joshua 18:1, 2. What was the activity for which Joshua interrupted the process of allotting the land?

Joshua 18:1, 2. Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and **set up the tabernacle of meeting there**. And the land was subdued before them.

2 But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

After the description of the territories allotted to the two greatest tribes on the west side of the Jordan and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, **this passage portrays an assembly of the congregation at Shiloh, where the land is apportioned to the remaining seven smaller tribes.**

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The establishment of the sanctuary, "My Tabernacle," represents the fulfillment of God's promise to live among His people (*Exod. 25:8; Lev. 26:11, 12*) and reveals the central theme of the book: God's presence in the middle of Israel has made possible the possession of the land and is going to be a continual source of blessing for Israel and, through them, to all the earth (*Gen. 12:3*). **The worship of God takes center stage and preeminence, even over conquest and allotment of the land!** The presence of the sanctuary, and later the Temple, should have always helped the people realize the presence of God among them and their obligations to follow the covenant.

Question: why at Shiloh?

Gen 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

Deuteronomy 12:10-11 **10** But *when* you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety,
11 then there will be the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the Lord.

Read Hebrews 6:19, 20; Hebrews 9:11, 12; and Hebrews 10:19–23. What can we as Christians who do not have an earthly sanctuary enshrining the physical presence of God among us, learn from Joshua?

Hebrews 6:19, 20 **19** **Heb 6:19** **KJV** Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;
Heb 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 9:11, 12 **Heb 9:11** **KJV** **11** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Heb 9:12 KJV Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the **holy place**, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Hebrews 10:4 4 **Heb 10:4** For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Hebrews 10:19–23. 19 **Heb 10:19** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Heb 10:21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Heb 7:25 KJV Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them**.

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The appearance of the sanctuary should not come as a sudden surprise, because the theme of the sanctuary has been present in the Joshua narrative through the ark of the covenant. This was the central piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place, and it marked the first two sections of the book: the crossing and the conquest. Now, by placing the erection of the tabernacle in the focal point of the land distribution, Joshua shows that all the life of Israel revolved around the sanctuary, the earthly headquarters of Yahweh.

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My place which was in Shiloh,” the Lord declared by the prophet Jeremiah, “where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel.... Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by My name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.” Jeremiah 7:12-14. . PP 514.3-PP 514.4

It is even more important for us, as Christians living in the antitypical Day of Atonement, to focus our eyes on the heavenly sanctuary as we continue our struggle with the modern (or postmodern) giants that challenge our faith, hope, and spiritual inheritance. As we constantly rely on the work of Christ accomplished on the Cross and in the heavenly sanctuary, we can look forward in faith to the time when God once again will dwell among His people, but this time it will be forever. (*Compare with Rev. 21:3.*)

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

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Additional Notes

Heretofore Gilgal had been the headquarters of the nation and the seat of the tabernacle. But now the tabernacle was to be removed to the place chosen for its permanent location. This was Shiloh, a little town in the lot of Ephraim. It was near the center of the land, and was easy of access to all the tribes. Here a portion of country had been thoroughly subdued, so that the worshipers would not be molested. "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there." The tribes that were still encamped when the tabernacle was removed from Gilgal followed it, and pitched near Shiloh. Here these tribes remained until they dispersed to their possessions.

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From: Andrew's Study Bible on Rev. 18:1-2

Shiloh was an excellent site near here, graphical central Palestine, and thus easily accessible. Field tests have shown that the acoustics and visual capacity at Shiloh made it an ideal spot for a large assembly to hear and see the worship proceedings.... for 300 years this was the place where the Shekinah Glory hovered over the ark of the covenant, and to this Terrace all Israel came to worship at the annual festivals. Archaeological excavations

From Adam Clarke

Israel assembled together at Shiloh - This appears to have been a considerable town about fifteen miles from Jerusalem, in the tribe of Ephraim, and nearly in the center of the whole land. **To this place both the camp of Israel, and the ark of the Lord, were removed from Gilgal**, after a residence there of seven years. Here the tabernacle remained one hundred and thirty years, as is generally supposed, being the most conveniently situated for access to the different tribes, and for safety, the Israelites having possession of the land on all sides; for it is here added, the land was subdued before them - the Canaanites were so completely subdued, that there was no longer any general resistance to the Israelitish arms.