

# Finishing Well

Lesson #30

Enemies That War In My Soul - JEBUSITES

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Victory From A Spring

The Jebusite giant is usually listed last when God lists the Canaanite nations who must be utterly destroyed. The Jebusite spirit's goal is to control Jerusalem [City of Peace] and control believers who are the dwelling place of God and rob us of God's peace.

This is Satan's fiercest weapon to beat us down by guilt and condemnation.

He attacks believers on 3 fronts:

- Discourage & Intimidate Us
- Accuse Us
- Condemn Us

Jebusite is associated with a "threshing place," a location where the precious grain [the real wheat] of the field is taken and thrashed and winnowed by being mercilessly beaten and bruised.

- Jebusites love to suppress the spiritual authority in fellow believers.
- They are legalistic and love to put down and humiliate others.
- Spirit of oppression; feelings of heaviness; being trampled
- A vile, malevolent spirit sent to tread down, pollute and defile the holy things of God such as the Temple and believers who are the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- This spirit brings the believer to a point of intimidation, accusation and condemnation which leads the believer to feeling defeated and down-trodden.

Powerful Liar: Believers can undergo constant "threshing" from the enemy until our faith is placed in our feelings, our failures to please God, and memories of our sinful past.

Throughout the Word of God, the Jebusite demon worked havoc and destruction against the people of God. From the time of Joshua and Caleb to the time of Judges and King Saul, this giant continued to tread down and to beat down God's people. This evil spirit enjoyed turmoil, victory, and conquest in murdering and destroying God's children.

The Israelites were not able to utterly destroy the Jebusites due to their endurance and tenacity. This enemy is the most tenacious enemy we will face.

It drains our strength by appearing impossible to breakthrough.

God's Word records the name of the city of God as Jerusalem over 814 times.

Jerusalem, chosen by God as His city as a symbol of eternal reality, [I Kings 14:21]

is ~5,020 years old. It is pictured as a type of the Heavenly city, where man will dwell in eternity with God. All the great cities of antiquity have come and gone, but Jerusalem remains. God chose it as a symbol of weakness to confound the wise. In human wisdom Jerusalem would never be chosen. It had no great attributes; no great river or minerals; not on a sea front or on a trade route. It barely had a water supply - the Gihon Spring.

The physical manifestation of the Jebusite spirit is revealed in its physical dealings with Israel. Jebus, an old name for Jerusalem, [Joshua 18:28] was originally controlled by the Jebusites. The Israelites had great difficulty in conquering this city when they entered the Promised Land. Adoni-Zedek had set himself up as lord of righteousness, treading down and polluting the holy place, which God had chosen as His holy city, His dwelling place.

### The Capture Of Jebus: II Samuel 5 & I Chronicles 11

II Sam. 5:1-8 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a leader over Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the Lord in Hebron; then they anointed David king over Israel. David was 30 years old when he became king, and he reigned for 40 years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for 7 years and 6 months, and in Jerusalem he reigned for 33 years over all Israel and Judah.

<sup>6</sup>And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land:

Note: When David became king of all Israel, he ruled over all the northern and southern kingdoms. Problem: They did not have control of Jebus which was the "heart" of the land.

- Distance from Hebron to Jebus, Jerusalem = 18.3 miles [traveled south to north]
- Encounter a fortress wall ~7 stories high
- Why go to Jerusalem?

God chose Jerusalem for His dwelling place in the Promised Land.

Deut. 12:5 But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and you shall come there.

I Kings 14:21 ...the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there...

II Chron. 6:6 I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel.

Problem: The mocking Jebusites governed the walled fortress of Jerusalem-the heart of the nation. They weren't leaving just because David had become king. When they saw King David arrive, they mocked him, saying that even the blind and the lame could defend their city.

II Sam. 5:6-7 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

Nevertheless, David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

When the Jebusites saw David and the Israelite soldiers coming against their city, it was not something new or frightening to them. In their history, such attacks had occurred with some frequency, but never successfully. So, safely behind the walls of the city, the Jebusites mocked David and his men. [like an arrogant bully threatening].

Were they intimidated by David's army? Not at all! They were so secure they could turn their defense over to those who were blind and lame.

II Sam. 5:8 Then David said on that day, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites, let him go up through the [underground] water shaft to strike the lame and the blind, who are detested by David's soul [because of their arrogance]." So [for that reason] they say, "The blind or the lame (Jebusites) shall not come into the [royal] house [of Israel]."

I Chron. 11:6, 9 And David said, Whosoever smites the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.

Note: Jebusites were confident: their strong walls and secured supply of water.

Warren's Shaft: According to this account in the Masoretic Text, David managed to conquer the city by a surprise attack, led by Joab, through the water supply tunnels.

- The Gihon Spring was the ONLY water source for Jerusalem.
- It was underground and outside the city walls.
- To get the water into the city, the Jebusites dug a diagonal tunnel in the bedrock.
- At its end, they dug a deep vertical shaft.
- From the top of this shaft, water jugs were lowered to the spring flowing below.
- Thus, access to the spring was hidden from the enemy outside the city.

The water shaft was a small tunnel that brought water into the city. It would have been dark, wet, and cold but if someone was committed, he could crawl through and take the inhabitants by surprise.

When King David went to conquer the city for Israel, he promised command of his military to that soldier who could scale the shaft and get Israel's forces inside the city walls.

After scaling a vertical shaft into the city, Joab likely led the procession to open the city gates where David's troops entered en masse.

#### Key Thoughts:

1. The Gihon Spring was Jerusalem's ONLY source of water which is necessary for life.
2. Gihon = bursting forth = a gushing fountain
3. King David, a type of Jesus Christ, told the men the only way to conquer the stronghold of the Jebusites on Jerusalem > let him go up through the [underground] water shaft

Underground Secrets Revealed: You need to go the way provided by the Gihon Spring, the spring of living water.

4. Joab heeded the words of the "anointed one," King David.
5. He saw no one's advice or suggestion as valid. Joab heard the word of his king and quickly moved to obey and meet the challenge.
6. Humble yourself; Willing to obey; Make the commitment; Journey>Absolute Surrender
7. THEN they would have victory over the enemy.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

I Cor. 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

➤ God chose believers for His dwelling place and provides an abundant life. His Peace  
In the Christian life the counterpart of Jerusalem is that place of sanctification and completion in the Lord in the heart of the believer.

As believers we strive to be obedient to the upward call of God in Christ Jesus to be sanctified and abide in Him. Christ is to rule in the heart of man and in control of his life.

- When the believer walks in the Holy Spirit, he enters into the abundant life.
- The Fruit of the Spirit is a cluster of the character traits of Jesus Christ produced by the Holy Spirit who dwells in the believer.
- Abiding in the vine causes the life of Jesus Christ to flow through the believer.

Note: He promises there will be good fruit IF I abide in Him. [John 15:5]

- That will be important at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Application: Remember: Jerusalem wasn't always the possession of the Israelites.

- For years this city was the pride and joy of the Jebusites. [listed last in list]
- It was considered an "unconquerable fortress", an impenetrable safe haven for the enemy to dwell in the very heart of Israel.

Consider: Jerusalem, in the hands of the Jebusites, represents for every child of God, those "unconquerable things" that have taken up residence in our hearts.

How does the Jebusite spirit tower over believers?

Problem: The Jebusite spirit wants to dethrone God in your heart. They want to rule in the center of your heart just as they desired to rule Jerusalem, God's chosen city & dwelling.

### The Jebusite Attacks Believers On 3 Fronts

#### 1. To Discourage and Intimidate

- Bring you to the point of saying: "I cannot."

Goliath intimidated Saul to the point that Saul could not face Goliath.

- Goliath's suggestion: The battle be decided on the outcome of a fight between the biggest men on each side. The Philistines had a man bigger than anyone.

Why did Saul agree to the terms put forth by Goliath?

- The enemy grabbed the initiative and intimidated the people of God.
- Saul's reaction = hid in his tent

Consider: It is easy to bury a difficult decision at the bottom of the pending tray.

The thought of the problem can easily tower over you, robbing you of peace of mind.

## 2. Accusations

Although the believer is declared by God to be justified by the blood of Jesus, the enemy attacks the feelings. Satan is the accuser of the brethren. [Rev.12:9 - 10]

Satan suggests to the believer: "You are no good. What right do you have to call yourself a believer after what you have just done? You to claim to serve the Lord?"

He will beat you down to the point you question your salvation. You may not "feel saved" or victorious. He always intimidates, accuses and condemns the believer.

The Book of Job shows how Satan appears before God to accuse God's own children.

Job 1:9 Satan found fault in Job and accused him. He reported every weakness to God.

He accused Job of worshipping God only because God had blessed him.

Whereas Satan accuses believers, Jesus ever intercedes for them.

Rom. 8:34 Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

A believer should analyze the thoughts, which cloud his mind and find that it is Satan, who is leveling accusations against him. He will emphasize every mistake in detail and make the believer feel a failure. He will use people close to you to criticize you and bring out any mistakes you make, laughing at you and putting you down.

There is little as damaging as a false accusation unsupported by evidence.

## 3. Condemnation

This is not God's purpose or attitude toward His children.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Condemnation destroys the peace of the believer and makes him ineffective.

It leaves him with a feeling of worthlessness and being downtrodden.

Some believers are so downtrodden that they genuinely doubt their salvation.

Insert personal testimony

Remember the call from the Jebusites to David was: "The blind and the lame can keep you out." What a put down! The saying "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me," is a lie. Discouraging remarks and insults can sting far longer than physical wounds. A man may remember a hurtful remark from years ago even when he has forgotten a painful injury.

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Truth: It is only when you are able to dislodge this Jebusite spirit through victory in Jesus Christ that you enter into the fullness of Christ and experience His Peace that passes all understanding.