

Greetings, today our manna is Judges 1; Acts 5; Jeremiah 14; Matthew 28.

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Judges Introduction

A brief book commentary by F. B. Meyer [Blue inserts added]

This is a history of the chosen people during the 400 or 450 years which intervened between the death of Joshua and the time of Eli, Act 13:20.

Act 13:18 “Now for a time of about forty years He sustained them in the wilderness.

Act 13:19 “And having destroyed seven nations in the land of Kena’an, He gave their land to them as an inheritance.

Act 13:20 “And after that He gave judges for **about four hundred and fifty years**, until Shemu’el the prophet.

It is not a connected history, but a collection of outstanding incidents, which determined the fortunes of the chosen people, and gave special illustrations of the power of faith in God [YHWH]. The **chief lesson of the book is the intimate connection between loyalty or disloyalty** to God [YHWH] and the corresponding results in well-being or misery. This is distinctly stated in Jdg 2:11-23.

The judges were extraordinary agents of the divine pity and helpfulness, raised up as the urgency of the people’s need demanded, to deliver Israel from their oppressors, to reform religion, and to administer justice. Their **administration was generally local**, as Barak [a mighty Hebrew warrior called upon by YHWH and Deborah] among the northern tribes, Samson in the extreme south, and Jephthah across the Jordan in Gilead.

It must not be supposed that Israel perpetrated an unbroken series of apostasies. Though these and their special deliverances occupy the major part of the book, **there were evidently long interspaces of fidelity and prosperity**. And in the darkest hours, there were probably large numbers who, amid the abominations, sighed and cried for a better day.

There are two appendices, relating events which took place not long after Joshua’s death, and therefore preceding the greater part of the history. We may almost consider the book of Ruth as the third. The touches of human characteristics are very vivid and instinctive, and **the book deserves much more attention than it receives from the ordinary reader**.



The Continuing Conquest of Canaan

Jdg 1:1 And it came to be, after the death of Yehoshua, that the children of Yisra'el asked יהוה, saying, “Who of us should go up first against the Kena'anites to fight against them?”

Jdg 1:2 And יהוה said, “Yehudah does go up. See, I have given the land into his hand.”

Jdg 1:3 And Yehudah said to Shim'on his brother, “Come up with me into my allotment, and let us fight against the Kena'anites. And I myself shall also go with you into your allotment.” So Shim'on went with him.

At this time there was no successor to Joshua; Elazar had also died; and now we see the tribes asking YHWH directly who should go up first against the Canaanites. YHWH informs them that Judah was to go up.

The tribes were still possessing their lands and driving out paganistic peoples; those of corrupted flesh. We will see, the children of Israel don't always drive them out as they were commanded.

Once these battles cease, the children of Israel would be busy settling in their territories. Previously, YHWH had forewarned them if they did not drive out the people nations; they would become a thorn in their side.

Jdg 1:4 And Yehudah went up, and יהוה gave the Kena'anites and the Perizzites into their hand. And they struck ten thousand men at Bezeq.

Jdg 1:5 And they found Adoni-Bezeq in Bezeq, and fought against him, and struck the Kena'anites and the Perizzites.

Jdg 1:6 But **Adoni-Bezeq fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.**

Jdg 1:7 **And Adoni-Bezeq said, “Seventy sovereigns with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather food under my table. As I have done, so Elohim has repaid me.” And they brought him to Yerushalayim, and he died there.**

Excerpt by TSK x-ref. their thumbs: Heb. the thumbs of their hands and of their feet, This was not an unusual act of cruelty in ancient times towards enemies. - Alian informs us, that in after ages "the Athenians, at the instigation of Cleon, son of Cleonenetus, made a decree that all the inhabitants of the island of Agina should have the thumb cut off from the right hand, so that they might ever after be disabled from holding a spear, yet might handle an oar." It was a custom among those Romans who did not like a military life, to cut off their thumbs, that they might be incapable of serving in the army; and for the same reason, parents sometimes cut off the thumbs of their children.

Jdg 1:8 And the **children of Yehudah fought against Yerushalayim and captured it,** and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

Jdg 1:9 And afterward the children of Yehudah went down to fight against the Kena'anites who dwelt in the mountains, in the South, and in the low country.

Jdg 1:10 And Yehudah went against the Kena'anites who dwelt in Hebron – now the name of **Hebron was formerly Qiryath Arba** – and they struck Shëshaj, and Ahiman, and Talmaj.

Jdg 1:11 And from there they went against the inhabitants of Debir – now the name of **Debir was formerly Qiryath Sèpher.**

Kaleb's Vow

Jdg 1:12 And Kalëb said, **“He who smites Qiryath Sèpher, and shall capture it, to him I shall give my daughter Aḳsah as wife.”**

Jdg 1:13 And Othni'ël son of Qenaz, Kalëb's younger brother, captured it. And he gave him his daughter Aḳsah as wife.

Jdg 1:14 And it came to be, when she came in, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And when she got off from her donkey, Kalëb said to her, “What is the matter?”

Jdg 1:15 And she said to him, “Give me a blessing. Since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water.” **So Kalëb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.**

As we discussed previously, I found Kaleb's vow an interesting way to designate a spouse for his daughter. Kaleb had shown himself faithful to YHWH and a worthy soldier since Kadesh-Barnea. Now, as he was conquering the territories allotted to him, he makes a vow, which apparently would reveal the worthiest spouse for his daughter.

Kaleb for sure didn't want his daughter with someone like the 10 spies that had given a bad report. No, it seems he would want a brave warrior that was willing to conquer and possess the lands in order to marry his daughter. The one that fulfilled this task was

Othniel. I can only imagine that Kaleb was pretty sure, who would become his daughter's spouse. A warrior recognizes a warrior.

BDB Definition: Othniel = **"lion of God"**

1) son of Kenaz, younger brother of Caleb, and husband of Achsah the daughter of Caleb and his own niece; first judge of Israel, who after the death of Joshua, delivered the Israelites from the oppression of Chushanrishathaim

Jdg 1:16 And the children of the Qěynite, father-in-law of Mosheh, went up from the city of palms with the children of Yehudāh into the Wilderness of Yehudāh, which is in the Neḡeb of Araḏ. And they went and dwelt among the people.

Jdg 1:17 And Yehudāh went with Shim'on his brother, and they struck the Kena'anites who inhabited Tsephath, and put it under the ban. So the name of the city was called Ḥormah.

Jdg 1:18 And Yehudāh captured Azzah and its border, and Ashqelon and its border, and Egron and its border.

As we continue, we will see partial possessions of the territories within the Promised Land. Warriors like Kaleb followed YHWH's commands totally, but others did not. Much like today, some give YHWH just part of their lives; but choose to blend the other part of their lives with worldly ways and associations.

YHWH is not an Elohim of 'blending.' He wants us to dwell with Him with our whole heart. He wants us to conquer anything in our lives that is not pleasing to Him through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh.

Jdg 1:19 **And יהוה was with Yehudāh, so they took possession of the mountains, but they were unable to drive out the inhabitants of the plain, because they had chariots of iron.**

Jdg 1:20 And they gave Hebron to Kalēb, as Mosheh had said, and he drove out from there the three sons of Anaq.

Jdg 1:21 However, **the children of Binyamin did not drive out the Yebusites who inhabited Yerushalayim, so the Yebusites have dwelt with the children of Binyamin in Yerushalayim to this day.**

Jdg 1:22 And the house of Yosēph also went up against Běyth Ĕl, and יהוה was with them.

Jdg 1:23 And the house of Yosēph sent men to spy out Běyth Ĕl – now the name of the city was **formerly Luz**.

Jdg 1:24 And the watchmen saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city, and we shall show you loving-commitment."

Jdg 1:25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword. But the man and all his clan they let go,

Jdg 1:26 and the man went to the land of the Ḥittites and built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day.

Failure to Complete the Conquest

Jdg 1:27 **And Menashsheh did not dispossess** Běyth She'an and its villages, nor Ta'anak and its villages, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, nor the inhabitants of Yible'am and its villages, nor the inhabitants of Meġiddo and its villages, for the Kena'anites desired to dwell in that land.

Jdg 1:28 And it came to be, when **Yisra'ěl was strong**, that **they put the Kena'anites into compulsory labor, but did not completely drive them out.**

Jdg 1:29 **Neither did Ephrayim drive out** the Kena'anites who dwelt in Gezer, so the Kena'anites dwelt in their midst, in Gezer.

Jdg 1:30 **Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Qitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol**, so the Kena'anites dwelt in their midst, and became compulsory labour.

Jdg 1:31 **Neither did Ashěr drive out the inhabitants of Akko nor the inhabitants of Tsidon, nor of Aĥlab, nor of Aĥzib, nor of Ĥelbah, nor of Aphiq, nor of Reĥob.**

Jdg 1:32 So the Ashērites dwelt in the midst of the Kena'anites, the inhabitants of the land, because they did not drive them out.

Jdg 1:33 **Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Běyth Shemesh nor the inhabitants of Běyth Anath**, but they dwelt among the Kena'anites, the inhabitants of the land. And the inhabitants of Běyth Shemesh and of Běyth Anath became compulsory labour for them.

Jdg 1:34 And **the Amorites pressed the children of Dan into the mountains**, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley,

Jdg 1:35 and the Amorites desired to dwell in Mount Ĥeres, in Ayalon, and in Sha'albim. **But when the hand of the house of Yosēph became stronger, they became compulsory labor.**

Jdg 1:36 And the border of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Aqrabbim, from Sela, and upward.

Acts 5

Ananias and Sapphira

Act 5:1 But a certain man named Ĥananyah, with Shappirah his wife, sold a possession.

Act 5:2 And he kept back from the price, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the feet of the emissaries.

Act 5:3 But Kěpha said, "Ĥananyah, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Set-apart Spirit and keep back from the price of the land for yourself?"

Act 5:4 "While it remained, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your authority? **Why have you conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to Elohim.**"

Act 5:5 Then Ĥananyah, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all those who heard of this.

Act 5:6 But the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out and buried him.

Act 5:7 And it came to be, about three hours later, that his wife came in, not knowing what had taken place.

Act 5:8 And Kěpha responded to her, "Say to me whether you sold the land for so much?" And she said, "Yes, for so much."

Act 5:9 So Kěpha said to her, "Why have you agreed to try the Spirit of יהוה? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out."

Act 5:10 And immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.

Act 5:11 And great fear came upon all the assembly and upon all who heard of this.

The Spirit filled assembly had received a prophetic word by YHWH in **Acts 1:8**. The assembly of believers ‘born anew’ was growing.

Their witness was taking hold in Jerusalem but still ahead was Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. There was much to be done and now for sin to be so quickly done against the Ruach HaKodesh, was not tolerated.

The sin of lying, deceit, and hypocrisy was quickly confronted. Resources were growing and were needed, and we know the ‘love’ of money is the root of all evil.

Most had now devoted their lives to the ministry. Were Ananias and Sapphira wolves in sheep’s clothing? Had a Jezebel spirit crept into the assembly? Ananias and Sapphira wanted to appear righteous as they proclaimed a lie.

Many Signs and Wonders Done

Act 5:12 And through the hands of the emissaries many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one mind in Shelomoh’s Porch.

Act 5:13 **But of the rest no one had the courage to join them**, however, the people made much of them.

Act 5:14 And more believers were added to the Master, large numbers of both men and women,

Act 5:15 so that they **brought the sick** out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Kěpha, passing by, might fall on some of them.

Act 5:16 A large number also gathered from the surrounding cities to Yerushalayim, bringing **sick ones and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, and they were all healed**.

The prayers in Acts 4 for boldness and for YHWH to work mighty miracles through them, were being answered and large numbers of both men and women were being saved.

The Apostles Arrested and Freed

Act 5:17 But the high priest rose up, and all those with him, which is the sect of the Sadducees, and they were **filled with jealousy**,

Act 5:18 and seized the emissaries and put them in the public jail.

Act 5:19 But a messenger of יהוה opened the prison doors at night and brought them out, and

said,

Act 5:20 **“Go and stand in the Set-apart Place and speak to the people all the words of this life.”**

Act 5:21 Now when they heard, they **went into the Set-apart Place early in the morning, and were teaching.**

But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Yisra’ël, and sent to the prison for them to be brought.

Act 5:22 **But having come, the officers did not find them in the prison, and they went back and reported it,**

Act 5:23 saying, **“We found the prison shut in all safety, and the watches standing outside before the doors. But having opened them, we found no one inside!”**

Don’t you just love to see the hand of YHWH at work! This old priestly system was all man-driven now. The true reigning High Priest was Yahusha HaMashiach of the Melchizedek Order; and all those believing in Him by faith, were being made into His kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. This kingdom of priests would no longer require specific mother / father lineage. These were those having been born from above and having been entered into the heavenly register.

Psa 87:5 And of Tsiyon it is said, “Each one was born in her; For the Most High Himself does establish her.” Psa 87:6 **יהוה does write, In the register of the peoples, “This one was born there.” Selah.**

Heb 12:22 But **you have drawn near to Mount Tsiyon** and to the city of the living Elohim, to the heavenly Yerushalayim, to myriads of messengers,

Heb 12:23 to **the entire gathering and assembly of the first-born** having been enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 and to יהושע the Mediator^d of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling which speaks better than *the blood* of Hebel.

Act 5:24 And as the high priest and the captain of the Set-apart Place and the chief priests heard these words, they were puzzled and wondered what this might be.

Act 5:25 But one came and reported to them, saying, **“Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the Set-apart Place and teaching the people!”**

Act 5:26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them, not with force, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

Act 5:27 **And having brought them, they set them before the council and the high priest asked them,**

Act 5:28 saying, **“Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this Name? And look, you have filled Yerushalayim with your teaching, and intend to bring the blood of this Man upon us!”**

Act 5:29 And Kēpha and the other emissaries answering, said, **“We have to obey Elohim rather than men.”**^a Footnote: ^aSee Act 4:19.

Act 5:30 **“The Elohim of our fathers [Exo 3:15](#) raised up יהושע whom you laid hands on, hanging Him on a timber. [Deu 21:22-23](#).”**

Act 5:31 “Him, a [Prince^b](#) and a Saviour, Elohim has exalted **to His right hand**, [Psa 110:1](#) to give repentance to Yisra’el and forgiveness of sins. Footnote: ^bSee [Act 3:15](#).

Psa 110:1 יהוה said to my Master, **“Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”**

Psa 110:2 יהוה sends Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendours of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, **“You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq.”**

Act 5:32 “And **we are His witnesses** to these matters, and **so also is the Set-apart Spirit** whom Elohim has given to those who obey Him.”^c Footnote: ^cSee also [1Jn 3:24](#).

Act 5:33 And **those hearing were cut to the heart, and took counsel to kill them.**

[1Jn 3:24](#) And the one guarding His commands stays in Him, and He in him. **And by this we know that He stays in us, by the Spirit which He gave us.**⁹ Footnote: ⁹ [Joh 14:23-24](#), [Act 5:32](#), [Rom 8:7-11](#), [1Jn 2:5](#), [1Jn 4:13](#).

We are also His witnesses! Those guarding and obeying His commands. Those set-apart to Him in service.

Act 5:34 But a certain one in the council stood up, **a Pharisee named Gamli’el, a teacher of the Torah, respected by all the people, and ordered them to put the emissaries outside** for a little while,

We will see later in Acts 22; Paul shares he was taught by Gamliel.

Act 22:3 “I am indeed a Yehudi, having been born in Tarsos of Kilikia, **but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamli’el**, having been instructed according to the exactness of the Torah of our fathers, being ardent for Elohim, as you all are today,

Act 5:35 **and said to them**, “Men of Yisra’el, **take heed to yourselves what you intend to do to these men.**

Act 5:36 “For before these days Toḡah rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, did join him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were dispersed, and came to naught.

Act 5:37 “After him, Yehudaḡ of Galil rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were scattered.

Act 5:38 **“And now I say to you, stay away from these men and leave them alone, because if this plan or this work is of men, it shall be overthrown,**

Act 5:39 **but if it is of Elohim, you are unable to overthrow it, lest you even be found to**

fight against Elohim.”

Act 5:40 **And they heeded his advice**, and having called for the emissaries, **beating them**, they commanded that they should not speak in the Name of **יהושע**, and let them go.

Act 5:41 **Then indeed they went rejoicing from the presence of the council, because they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name.**

The emissaries took their beating; rejoiced and picked up where they left off! They continued to teach the Good News of Yahusha HaMashiach! Unlike the false leaders mentioned by Gamliel, the Good News of Yahusha spoken by His believers, prevails to this very day and forevermore!

Act 5:42 **And daily in the Set-apart Place, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and bringing the Good News: יהושע the Messiah!**

Jeremiah 14

Destruction was coming, famine, sword, and pestilence. Sadly, there were many false prophets saying otherwise even ‘in His Name’; but they were liars.

Today, if you hear the True voice, His voice, respond; for we are not guaranteed of tomorrow. When He closes the Door; it is closed. Do not be deceived by all the little ‘g’ gods and false prophets.

Famine, Sword, and Pestilence

Jer 14:1 **The word of יהוה that came to Yirmeyahu concerning the matter of droughts.**

Jer 14:2 “Yehudah has mourned, and her gates have languished. They have mourned on the ground, and the cry of Yerushalayim has gone up.

Jer 14:3 “And their nobles have sent their little ones for water, they went to the cisterns and found no water, they returned with their vessels empty. They were put to shame, and blushed and covered their heads.

Jer 14:4 “Because the ground became cracked, for there has been no rain in the land. The ploughmen were put to shame, they covered their heads.

Jer 14:5 “Even the deer gave birth in the field, but left because there was no grass.

Jer 14:6 “And wild donkeys stood in the bare heights, they sniffed at the wind like jackals. Their eyes have failed because there was no grass.”

Jer 14:7 **ו יהוה, though our crookednesses witness against us, act, for Your Name’s sake. For our backslidings have been many, we have sinned against You.**

Jer 14:8 O Expectation of Yisra’el, its Savior in time of distress, why should You be like a stranger in the land, or like a traveler who turns aside to lodge?

Jer 14:9 **Why should You be as one who is stunned, as a mighty man that is unable to save? Yet You, ו יהוה, are in our midst, and Your Name has been called on us. Do not leave us!**

Jer 14:10 Thus said יהוה to this people, **“So they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet. Therefore יהוה has not accepted them. Now He does remember their crookedness and punish their sins.”**

Jer 14:11 And יהוה said to me, **“Do not pray for this people for their good.**

- Jer 14:12 “When they fast, I do not hear their cry.
- And when they offer ascending offering and grain offering, I do not accept them.
- Instead, I am consuming them by sword, and by scarcity of food, and by pestilence.”

Lying Prophets – Major damage can be done by deceiving prophets!

Neil T. Anderson once said,

“If I were to tempt you, you would know it. If I were to accuse you, you would know it. But if I were to deceive you, you wouldn’t know it. The power of Satan is in the lie. If you remove the lie you remove the power.”

Jer 14:13 But I said, “Ah, Master יהוה! See, the prophets say to them, **‘You are not to see a sword, nor have scarcity of food, for I give you true peace in this place.’**”

Jer 14:14 Then יהוה said to me, **“The prophets prophesy falsehood^a in My Name. I have not sent them, nor commanded them, nor spoken to them. They are prophesying to you a false vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own heart.** Footnote: ^aSee Jer 23:11-36.

Jer 14:15 **“Therefore thus said יהוה** concerning the prophets who prophesy in My Name, whom I did not send, and who say, ‘Sword and scarcity of food shall not be in this land.’

- ‘By sword and scarcity of food those prophets shall be consumed!
- Jer 14:16 And the people to whom they are prophesying shall be thrown out in the streets of Yerushalayim because of the scarcity of food and the sword, with no one to bury them – them nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters. For I shall pour their evil on them.’

Jer 14:17 **“And you shall say this word to them,**

- ‘Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the maiden daughter of my people has been crushed with a mighty blow, with a very severe wound.
- Jer 14:18 If I go out to the field, then see those slain with the sword!
- And if I enter the city, then see those sick from scarcity of food! For both prophet and priest go about in a land they do not know.’”

Jer 14:19 Have You completely rejected Yehudah? Has Your being loathed Tsiyon? Why have You stricken us so that there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but there was no good; and for the time of healing, but see – fear!

Jer 14:20 O יהוה, we know our wrong and the crookedness of our fathers, for we have sinned against You.

Jer 14:21 Do not scorn us, for Your Name’s sake. Do not despise the throne of Your esteem.

Remember, do not break Your covenant with us.

Jer 14:22 Are there among the worthless idols of the nations any causing rain? And do the heavens give showers? Are You not He, O יהוה our Elohim? And we wait for You, for You are the One who does all this.

Matthew 28

The Resurrection – Praise Yah! The messenger of YHWH rolled the stone away so that the women would see that Yahusha had been raised. And not only that, Yahusha appears to them Himself! Can you imagine how their hearts rejoiced! The greatest day ever and they were there!

Mat 28:1 **But late in the sabbath,^a as it was dawning into day one of the week,^b Miryam from Maḡdala and the other Miryam** came to see the tomb. Footnotes: ^aGk. Sabbaths. ^bGk. One of the sabbaths. See also [Mar 16:2](#), [Luk 24:1](#), [Joh 20:1](#) and [1Co 16:2](#). See Explanatory Notes - First Day of the Week.

Mat 28:2 And see, **there was a great earthquake**, for **a messenger of יהוה** came down out of heaven, and **came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.**

Mat 28:3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his garments as white as snow.

Mat 28:4 And the guards trembled for fear of him, and became like dead men.

Mat 28:5 **And the messenger responding**, said to the women, **“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek יהושע who was impaled.**

Mat 28:6 **“He is not here, for He was raised, as He said. Come, see the place where the Master lay.**

Mat 28:7 **“And go quickly, say to His taught ones that He was raised from the dead, and see, He is going before you to Galil. There you shall see Him. See, I have told you.”**

Mat 28:8 And they left the tomb quickly, with fear and great joy, and ran to report to His taught ones.

Mat 28:9 And as they were going to report to His taught ones, see, **יהושע met them, saying**, “Greetings!” And they came and held Him by the feet and did bow to Him.

Mat 28:10 **Then יהושע said to them**, “Do not be afraid. Go, report to My brothers, to go to Galil, and they shall see Me there.”

The Report of the Guard

Mat 28:11 And while they were going, see, **some of the watch having gone into the city, reported to the chief priests all that took place.**

Mat 28:12 And when they had come together with the elders and taken counsel, **they gave enough silver to the soldiers,**

Mat 28:13 **saying**, “Say that His taught ones came at night and stole Him away while we slept.

Mat 28:14 “And if this should be reported to the governor, we shall win him over and keep you

out of trouble.”

Mat 28:15 And having taken the silver they did as they were instructed. And this account was widely spread among the Yehudim, to this day.

Evil deeds can never be completely covered and hidden from YHWH. There is no rest in evil. There is only betrayal and lies upon lies; and payoffs for secrecy. Broken promises and death; no integrity; a state of having one's conscience seared.

1Ti 4:1 But the Spirit distinctly says that in latter times some shall fall away from the belief, paying attention to misleading spirits, and teachings of demons,

1Ti 4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having been branded on their own conscience,

The Great Commission

Mat 28:16 And the eleven taught ones went away into Galil, to the mountain which יהושע had appointed for them.

Mat 28:17 And when they saw Him, they bowed to Him, but some doubted.

Mat 28:18 And יהושע came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 “Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name^c of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit.^d Footnotes: ^cNote: The singular. ^dNot found in the Hebrew Shem Tob text, “...and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit.”

Mat 28:20 teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Amēn.

Rev 12:11 “And they overcame him because of the Blood of the Lamb, and because of the Word of their witness, and they did not love their lives to the death.

~ *Shalom* ~ *Libby*

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