

Levitical City 利未的城市

Joshua 21

I. The Prophecy 預言

(Gen 49:5-7)

II. The Story 故事

(Num 20:10-12)

(Exod 32:19-20)

(Exod 32:25-29)

(Num 3:41)

III. The Fulfillment 應驗

A. Simeon inherited land in the midst of Judah 西緬支派在猶大支派當中得地為業 (Josh 19:1, 9)

B. Levites inherited cities among the tribes 利未支派在所有以色列人支派當中得地為業 (Josh 21:1-3)

(Eccl 12:1)

Application 應用:

1). Do not believe in fate. 不要相信命運。

2). Destiny 命定:

J. I. Packer in his *Dignity, Destiny, Freedom* (尊嚴, 命定, 和自由) 尊嚴—The assertion that man is made in God's image shows each man his true dignity and worth. As God's image-bearer, he merits infinite respect. God's claims on us must be taken with total seriousness. No human being should ever be thought of as simply a cog in a machine, or mere means to an end.

命定—The assertion points also to each man's true destiny. Our Maker so designed us that our nature finds final satisfaction and fulfillment only in a relationship of responsive Godlikeness—which means, precisely, that state of correspondence between our acts and God's will which we call obedience. Living that is obedient will thus be teleological—progressively realizing our *telos* (Greek for “end” or “goal”).

自由—Also the assertion confirms the genuineness of each man's freedom. Experience tells us that we are free, in the sense that we make real choices between alternatives and could have chosen differently, and theology agrees. Self-determining freedom of choice is what sets God and his rational creatures apart from, say, birds and bees, as moral beings.

Your Father Loves You by James Packer, Harold Shaw Publishers, 1986, page for February 23.

3). Prepare for that day. 預備迎接那一天。

It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day.
— Matthew Henry (1662-1714)

There are two days on my calendar—‘Today’ and ‘That Day.’
— Martin Luther (1483-1546)

- Christian Destiny does not depend on a lucky roll of the dice. 基督徒的命定不是丟擲幸運的骰子 –Alonzo, Prison Ministry, 8/26/2009

Reflection 回響

1. Have you had spiritists predicted your fate before? Ask God to remove the fear and the deception from you. 你是否有過算命的經驗? 禱告求神拿掉你心中的懼怕, 不再受惡者的欺騙。

2. What is your destiny? Share it with your spiritual partner. Who has the control of your destiny? Do you have any freedom in attaining that destiny? 你在主裡面的命定是甚麼? 誰能夠控制你的命定? 你有任何的自由權嗎?

