2½ Transjordan Tribes 約但河東的兩個半支派 Joshua 22

I. Faithfully Fighting as Forerunners for the Israelites 忠心在 9½ 支派前做先鋒, 與以色列其餘的支派一同爭戰

A. The Command 約書亞的吩咐 (Josh 1:12-16)

(Josh 4:12-13)

40,000/110,580 = 36%

- B. Result 結果
- (1). Blessed by Joshua 約書亞祝福他們 (Josh 22:1-6)
- (2). Brought back spoil to share with the people in east.帶戰利品回去與防守的弟兄們一同分享. (Josh 22:7b-9) (Num 31:27)

II. Concern that the Next Generation Will Continue to Serve the LORD 關心後代是否能夠忠心,繼續跟隨耶和華

A. Build Altar of Witness 冒著被誤解的危險, 建造"證壇" (Josh 22:10-12), (Josh 22:21-34)

- B. Gad is a Raider 迦得是一個游擊戰的勇士 (Gen 49:19)
- C. Manasseh is valiant soldier 瑪拿西半支派是勇士(1Chr 5:23-24)
- D. 2½ tribes depended upon the LORD.流便, 迦得, 瑪拿西共同依靠神來 打敗敵人 (1Chr 5:20)
- E. They were still well under Jeroboam II.他們的名字到耶羅波安二世, 猶大王約坦的時候還記錄在族譜上面. (1Chr 5:17)
- F. Ahab was able to Ally with Aram against Assyria 亞哈王還能夠提供 大軍(最多的馬兵) 來幫助亞蘭王打亞述王

III. Downward Spiral 往下的墮落

A. Israelites worshipped the Golden Calves as the LORD. King Ahab brought in the Baal worship.以色列人跟隨耶羅波安的金牛犢,亞哈王的帶進巴力敬拜.

- B. King Ahab did not want to credit to God the victory, he was killed in the battle against Ben Hadad, king of Aram. 亞哈王不歸榮耀給神, 亞哈死於和亞蘭王便哈達的爭戰之中.
- C. King Joram, the Grandson of Ahab feared Molech, the god of Moab, he lost a winning battle.約蘭王因為害怕摩押的神摩洛,而收兵回朝,丢了摩押.
- D. Isa 8:4, When Emmanuel was 2, Damascus would be destroyed, Samaria plundered. "以瑪內利" 2 歲的時候, 大馬色被滅, 以色列遭受慘重的打擊, 2½ 支派即可能在此時被滅—732 B.C. (Isa 8:4)
- E. Isa 7:16, When Emmanuel was 12, Israel would be destroyed. "以瑪內利" 12 歲的時候, 以色列被滅—722 B.C.

(Isa 7:16)

(1Chr 5:25-26)

(2King 17:7-8)

Application

- A. It is a lips and teeth relationship btw the Transjordan and Cisjordan 唇亡齒寒, 約但河東和約但河西兩邊有很深的關係.
- B. Our children is our 2½ tribes, they need our support and eventually become our buffer to this world. 我們的孩子是我們的 2½ 支派, 他們面對首先來到的攻擊. 我們必須在屬靈的信仰上站得穩, 使得他們有一個後退可以求援的基地.

Strong Church and strong mission.強有力的教會和強有力的宣教.

C. Israel supposed to be first fruit of the world.以色列人是初熟的果子,若他們好,全世界更好(Jer 2:1-3), (Rom 11:1-2).

George Patton,

"Courage is fear that has said its prayers."