

## KEYS TO CONQUERING SEVEN SPIRITUAL NATIONS

Deut. 7:1 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

Deut. 7:2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

Deut. 7:3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

Deut. 7:4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Deut. 7:5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Deut. 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Deut. 7:7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

Deut. 7:8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deut. 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

I. Each of these nations area spiritual type & shadow of carnal attributes and spiritual strongholds we must destroy in our life in order to be victorious Christians

A. **Hittites**: Def. Fear & terror

1. We must learn to overcome the spirit of fear:

- a. Throughout the bible the believer is instructed by God to: “Fear not”
- (1) we cannot walk by faith as instructed in 2 Cor 5:7 and live in fear
  - (2) living in fear will paralyze us spiritually and stop us from entering into our destiny and victory Jesus Christ has provided us
  - (3) 2 Tim 1:7 **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

**B. Gergashites:** Def dweller in clay

1. The Gergashites actually built their homes out of clay
2. **Clay** is a type and shadow of the first man: Adam
  - a. The Gergashites are a type and shadow of a person who has never conquered the “Old Man” and carnal, fleshly ways
3. Isa 45:9 **Woe** unto him that **striveth** with his **Maker!** *Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth.* Shall the **clay say** to him that **fashioneth** it, What **makest** thou? or thy **work**, He hath no **hands**?
  - a. We must yield to the hand of the Potter and working of the Holy Spirit in our life to the point that “Christ is formed in you” Gal 4:19

**C. Amorites:** Def to say, to speak, boasting:

1. This deals with pride. As believers we must learn to:
  - a. we must learn the spiritual keys of humility as taught in:  
1 Pet 5:6 **Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
  - b. and learn to surrender to the will of God as Jesus did when he prayed in Lk 22:42 “not my will, but thine, be done”

**D. Canaanites:** Def merchant, trafficker:

1. This spirit deals with Greed, and attempts to traffic the things of this world to the believer in exchange for their soul and spiritual well being
  - a. Just as when the devil offered Jesus the wealth & power of the kingdoms of this world, if The Lord would worship him
  - b. Jesus said this in regard to greed:
    - (1) Matt 16:26 **For what** is a **man profited**, if he shall **gain the whole world**, and **lose his own soul?** or **what** shall a **man give** in exchange for **his soul?**

**E. Perizzites:** Def a squatter, a dweller

1. This is a type and shadow of demonic spirits who attest to squat, stay in the life of the believer:
  - a. for example: it could be generational curses ....
    - (1) Though Born Again, washed in the blood of Jesus and the property of Almighty God
      - (a) these spirits will attempt to squat, dwell in the life of the believer, if the believer does not learn how to flow in the authority of the Word of God
      - (b) Just as in Numbers Chapter 33, Israel was instructed to drive out the inhabitants of the land, based upon God's covenant with them, the Born Again believer has the same responsibility to do so today to the powers of darkness that attempt to squat in our life & rob us of our blessings & inheritance

**F. Hivites:** Def life giver

1. These are deceiving and religious spirits that attempt to appear as if they are the source to immortality and eternal life
  - a. can be religious spirits: attempting to get man to acquire salvation through works instead of grace and faith
  - b. can be clubs, secret societies, organizations and even denominations who make it appear being a member of their organization brings you eternal life
  - c. But, Jesus clearly teaches: Jn 14:6 **Jesus saith** unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**G. Jebusites:** Def Jebus ... old name for the city of Jerusalem

1. The Jebusites dwelt where the Temple of Solomon was eventually erected
  - a. The Old Jerusalem ruled by the Jebusites are a type and shadow of the "old man" ruling from the temple of the heart of the believer
  - b. "Flesh" sitting upon the throne of our heart, instead of Jesus Christ ruling from the throne of our heart

II. In vs 2-9 we discover keys for victory, overcoming these demonic strongholds and carnal nature, that we need to apply to our life:

**A. Deut 7:2 "when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee;"**

1. Do we grasp the victory that Jesus has given us through:

- a. His shed Blood on Calvary's Cross
- b. Authority of the Word of God
- c. Power of: Prayer, binding & loosening in Jesus Name
- d. Power of Praise & Worship
- c. The Gifts of the Spirit
- d. The whole armor of God

B. Listen to the defeat Jesus brought the power of darkness, sin & the grave:

1. Col 2:15 *And* having **spoiled principalities and powers**, he made a shew of **them openly**, triumphing **over them in it**.

a. **Def Spoiled:** to strip, unclothe

(1) Jesus stripped the authority of the devil from the life of the Born Again believer

(2) Rev 1:18 I *am* he that **liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for**, **Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

C. When Israel was taking the promise land they had to obey God's instructions to drive their enemies out of their Promise Land

1. Num. 33:50 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

Num. 33:51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

Num. 33:52 Then ye shall **drive out all the inhabitants of the land** from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

Num. 33:53 And ye shall **dispossess the inhabitants of the land**, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

Num. 33:54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

Num. 33:55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

Num. 33:56 Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

- a. vs 52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants”  
vs 53 “And ye shall disposses the inhabitants of the land”  
(1) Results: “Ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families”
- b. **Def “Drive out”**: to occupy, cast out
- c. **Def “Dispossess”**: to occupy by driving out the previous yonents, expel, to inherit
- d. These “inhabitants” are a type and shadow of demonic strongholds the Born Again, Spirit Filled Believer is to drive out of their life and receive their spiritual inheritance by obeying the instructions Jesus gave us in:  
(1) Lk 19:13 **“Occupy till I come”**
- e. Just as God backed up Israel with His Presence, Word, Power & Angels  
(2) Jesus backs us up to drive out, dispossess the powers of darkness with:
  - (a) Presence of God, The Power and Anointing of the Holy Ghost, The Word of God & Delegated Authority of the Name of Jesus
- 2. Have you learned to live with the enemy or are you driving them out of your life? If we fail to drive out the enemy:
  - a. Drive out the powers of darkness
  - b. drive out sin & carnality the following takes place in the life of the believer as it did Israel:
    - (1) vs 55 “then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.
      - (a) “Pricks in your eyes”: Type spiritual blindness
      - (b) “Thorns in your sides”: Type hindrances in your walk with God
      - (c) “Vex you in the land”: Type constant spiritual warfare with no relief of victory in sight

## II, Keys to Victory in driving the enemy out of our life:

**Deut. 7:5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.**

- A. Note: it was Israel’s personal responsibility to destroy the idols in the land
  - 1. As it is our personal responsibility to destroy the idols of the world that

attempt to remain or come into our life:

- a. Idols demand worship and first place in the heart of an individual
- b. God demands the same, and will not share the throne of our heart with Anyone or anything else:

(1) That is why one of the Names of God the father is Lord

(2) That is why Jesus Christ is Named: The Lord Jesus Christ

(3) Listen to this portion of what we call the Ten Commandments:

(a) Deut. 5:6 ¶ **I am the LORD thy God,** which brought thee out of the land Of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Deut. 5:7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

Deut. 5:8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is In the waters beneath the earth:

Deut. 5:9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for **I the LORD thy God am a jealous God,**

(b) We need to examine our heart and look to see what we are putting first In our life:

(1) Are we putting God Our Heavenly Father first

(2) Are we putting Jesus First and surrendered our will

(3) are we faithfully living according to the Word of God

(4) Are we surrendered to the leading & voice of the Holy Spirit, or do we grieve and quench him

(5) Are we seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness as Jesus instructed us in Matt 6:33 or are we allowing idols to remain in our life

**II. Deut. 7:6 “For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.”**

A. We are to be a “**HOLY PEOPLE UNTO THE LORD**”

1. 1 Pet 1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

a. **Def Holy:** Pure and consecrated

b. Rom 6:22 gives us an understanding of what it means to live a holy life:

(1) “**But now** being made **free from sin**, and become **servants to God**, ye **have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**”

(a) once we have repented and our sins washed away by the power of the Blood of Jesus we have been: “**made free from sin**”

(b) and we have “**become servants to God**”

(1) not serving the devil

(2) not serving sin

(3) Rather: serving God / servants of God

(c) note here the fruit we are to bare as servants of God:

(1) “**ye have fruit unto holiness**”

c. As we bare the fruit of holiness in our life it cuts off many avenues of access for the powers of darkness to have a means to defeat us

(1) That is one of the reasons it tells us this in Eph 4:27 “Neither give place to the devil.”

B. Deut 7:6 “The Lord thy God hath **chosen** thee to be a **special people unto Himself**”

1. **Def Special:** peculiar, a jewel

a. this shows us how valuable we are to our Heavenly Father

b. and Note: “a special people **unto Himself**”

(1) in other words God is not willing to share our heart with the world, sin or the devil

C. This is an important key to learn in regards to walking in the victory Jesus Christ has provided you and I:

1. Deut 7:7 “**The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people**”

a. Just as God did not set His love & choose Israel because they had it all together, have the largest population of people on the earth so they could be able to defeat the enemies they faced

(1) they were the fewest in number .... they did not have it all together

(2) Rather here is why Israel prevail in victory ... and it is the same reason why we can prevail in victory today:

(a) Deut. 7:8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deut. 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

(1) Because **God loves you**

- (2) Because **God is Faithful & will keep the oath** ... promises of His Word  
... God is a covenant keeper, not a covenant breaker
- (3) Because God has “**Redeemed you out of the house of the bondmen**”
- (a) Redeemed out of the house of slavery to sin & the devil
- (b) **Def Redeemed:** to ransom, to rescue
- (1) 1 Pet 1:**18** Forasmuch as ye **know that** ye **were not redeemed** with corruptible **things**, *as silver and gold*, **from your vain conversation** *received* by tradition from your **fathers**;
- 19** But with the **precious blood** of **Christ**, **as** of a **lamb** without **blemish and** without **spot**:
- (2) The Prophet Zachariah sums it all up with this revelation in chapter 4:6 “ **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**”
- (1) It is not our strength ... it is God’s strength within us
- (2) It is not my word ... Rather it is the promises of God’s word
- (3) It is not my Name ... it is Jesus Name
- (4) It is not my gold, silver ... money .... it is The Finished work of Jesus Christ upon Calvary’s Cross
- (5) as long as we keep our lives in alignment with the Covenant of The Blood of Jesus and the Word of God Deut 7:9 tells us:  
“**Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God,**”