

# ANUARY 20, 2017

- SUN., JANUARY 22 Guest Speaker (6 PM service) - Nick Stelzig, Church Planter to Boston
- FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 27-28 Faithful Men's Retreat with Evangelist Randy Starr
- SUN., JANUARY 29
  Guest Speaker Evangelist Randy
  Starr
- SAT., FEBRUARY 4 Wilmington Soul-Winning; meet at the church at 9 AM; expected return around 1:30 PM
- FRI., FEBRUARY 10 Family & Friends Banquet at 6 PM; Guest Speaker - Dr. S.M. Davis



#### SUNDAY

Early Service	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Choir Practice	4:30 PM
Missionary Prayer Time	5:30 PM
Evening Service	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	
Ladies' Ministry	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Teen Meeting	6:15 PM
Children's Service	7:00 PM
Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 PM
Soul-Winning & Visitation	
Wednesday	3:30 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM

### IS IT REALLY ABOUT THE LAND? - PART 3 Judges 11:12-29 | Pastor T. H. Moore

In Judges 11, we read of a dispute between the king of Ammon and Jephthah, Israel's leader, over the possession of the Promised Land. Although this dispute has continued on to this day, the Bible gives us the clear answer as to whose land it is and why this dispute is happening. This battle is about much more than a piece of real estate in the Middle East; it is a spiritual battle.

Thus far, we have seen:

- I. The Battle over the Land (vs. 12-13)
- II. The Bible and the Land (vs. 14-23)

This week, let's consider:

### III. The Battle and the Lord (vs. 24-29)

We read in these verses, "Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess. And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them, While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? Why therefore did ye not recover them within that time? Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. *Then the Spirit of the LORD came* 

upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon." What is this battle all

What is this battle all about? Why does this small land area mean so much to so many? Why, when Israel declared their independence on May 14th, 1948 were they immediately invaded by six Arab nations? Why do the Arabs desire to annihilate the Jews? Why did Hitler murder 6 million Jews in an effort to exterminate them? Why did the false prophet Mohammed say, "The last hour will not come before Muslims fight the Jews and the Muslims kill them?" Why does the Koran state over 100 times to kill Jews and Christians?



Why, in 1973, when Israel was in the midst of a Holy Day, did Arab nations send thousands of tanks to invade Israel across Sinai from Egypt and down Golan from Syria, outnumbering Jews 1.2 million to 300,000? Why has the UN condemned Israel more than 370 times for simply defending themselves but has never condemned their attackers? Why has the country of Jordan expelled the Jews and renamed the area the "West Bank"?

I submit to you that it is more than just a battle over the land; it is a battle over the Lord! Notice Jephthah's statement in verse 24, *"Wilt not thou possess*  that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess." Then in verse 27, he asks why the children of Ammon didn't say anything for the past 300 years.

God's plan in this world is vitally connected to the Jew. The Jews were raised up by God to be His messengers on this earth. But when the Jews committed idolatry, failed to get the message of the Messiah out, and rejected the Lord Jesus Christ when He came to this earth and presented Himself as their Messiah, God set them aside and raised up the local New Testament church. But God is not done with the Jew. Although the Jew is in "blindness" today, after the rapture of the church age saints, God is going to revert back to the Jew. If the Jews were exterminated in the Old Testament, then the Messiah could not be born. If the Jews were exterminated today, then God would be a liar and unable to fulfill His promises to restore Israel to the land and for Christ to reign on David's throne. The real battle is over the Lord! And the fact that Israel is today back in their land, and the mounting rage that we are seeing against Israel today tells me one thing-that the church has very little time left on this earth! If you are not saved, then get saved today! And if you are saved, you ought to be serving the Lord and winning souls because the real battle is not over the economy, political positions, or even our freedom. It is much bigger than that. It is a spiritual battle over the souls of men!



- FASTON BAPTIST CHURCH: financial needs
- WILMINGTON CHURCH PLANT: Get-Acquainted Meetings March 2017; John & Romans distribution; deputation travels; financial support (currently at 72%); Sunday afternoon services at 2:00 PM
- MAYFAIR PARK PROPERTY: continued progress towards land swap
- KATRINA BISH: stage 4 brain cancer
- CORNEL BUCKLEY: nerve problems
- RUTH EVANS: broken neck recovery
- FARRIS FAMILY: bereavement loss of Ruby
- , JOHN HASKINS: cancer
- DORIS HUTCHINSON: cardiopulmonary disorder, in Kent General Hospital
- **GWEN LEYS:** colon cancer; ability to eat solids
- MARYANN MACDONALD: health
- BETHANY MCKAY: pregnancy complications; bed rest
- TERRY MEDLIN-JOHNSON: hip replacement surgery on January 30
- HEATHER REECE: back trouble
- ERIC ROBUTKA: eye surgery recovery





Please pray for Doris this week as she struggles with her health, and consider sending a note of encouragement.

CHURCH SERVICES 4 visitors

SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP 1 new member



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From the Mission Field DAN & TRICIA DUBBE - GERMANY

Dear Ones in Christ,

*"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."* Romans 8:15. Believers are to walk in faith and not fear before the presence of the Father. That is the liberty our souls long for and is part of our inheritance in Christ, and we can claim it and walk it out. The stronger our relationship to the Heavenly Father is, the further we can reach out to others who need Him!

**Finding the Father:** The middle of October is our annual Bible conference, and we will be dealing with "Finding the Father." It is for believers but also an evangelistic outreach for nonbelievers. We would appreciate your prayers for the team that is coming and for God's Spirit to work in a great way during these meetings!

**Fatherland:** Germany is the only country in the world of almost 180 counties that refers to itself as the "Fatherland." We have been here now for 25 years and see it as a "Fatherless" land. Lacking in many families is a good father relation, resulting often in anger and resignation. Most importantly is the lack of a living and thriving relation to the Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ. Our goal and burden as a church and ministry is to introduce others to a good good Father!

**No Father:** Many Muslims are pouring into Germany. A former Muslim Imam (preacher) who converted to Christianity and pastors

here in Germany gave a great presentation in a nearby city that the Muslims are also desiring to find a meaningful father relationship. We minister to refugees that are broken and often desperate. Our church desires to be a place where the Father's love is present and experienced, where they can fall in love with Jesus. There is a reason why so many refugees are coming to the "Fatherland!"

**Father's Compassion:** In September, our church heard from our missionary in Lithuania. This country has the highest rate of suicide among the youth in Europe. They need desperately the love of the Father. Compassion Sunday was the last week in September to raise support for orphan children. Tricia and I visited our son, Adam, in Zambia, Africa, in August. What a heart stirring and moving time for us. I enjoyed speaking in a village church and seeing all those children in the villages. I wish there were two of me and would really like to minister there as well!

**Father's blessing (Shalom):** Thank you to our friends and co-laborers in prayer and giving to this ministry in Germany. We appreciate your partnering with us to let this part of the world in on the great news about the Father and the way to Him through Jesus Christ. Shalom!

Yours for souls, Dan & Tricia Dubbe

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