

Walking On Water Thursday Nights

October 29th, 2009

Numbers Chapter 26 - 27, "Joshua Replaces Moses"

I. **Context**

- a. Israelites on the Plains of Moab about 39 years in desert at this time.
- b. Ch. 26:1-4 The Lord tells Moses to take Census #2
- c. Eleazar had taken Aaron's place as the Priest.
- d. Ch. 26:63-65 "Not one of them was counted in the first Census"
- e. Balak had tried to get Balaam to curse Israel from many different angles and persistence.

II. **Moses Doesn't Enter Promised Land**

Numbers 27:12-14

1. **Moses Didn't TRUST God or Honor God's Holiness in front of the community**

- a. **Ch. 20:10** Moses said, "Listen you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" WE?
- b. Moses struck the Rock at Meribah twice
 - i. Meribah means Strife
- c. Wages of even Moses' sin was death
- d. God knew Moses' and Aaron's hearts in this
- e. Leaders have a big responsibility

2. Moses is Replaced by Joshua

Characteristics of a Good Leader:

A. **V. 15-17** Moses **concerned for the People** to have a Shepherd.

i. Moses **wanted his position to be replaced** as he was not selfish and competitive.

ii. V. 20 Give him some of your authority...

B. **V. 21 Inquires of The Lord**

iii. Urim was casting lots or dice

iv. **1 Samuel 23:4** Once again David **inquired** of the **LORD**, and the **LORD** answered him, "Go down to Keilah, for I am going to give the Philistines into your hand."

B. **V. 17 and V. 21** Good Leader/Shepherd **leads them out and back in with God's blessing**

JOSHUA:

1. Yeshua means Salvation or to liberate or be victorious
2. Joshua was by Moses' side during Exodus
3. Joshua was with Moses part of the way up Mt. Sinai for 10 Commandments
4. Joshua was from tribe of Ephraim became most military focused tribe of Israel because of Joshua
5. Joshua was the Commander of Israel Army during first battle against the Amalekites