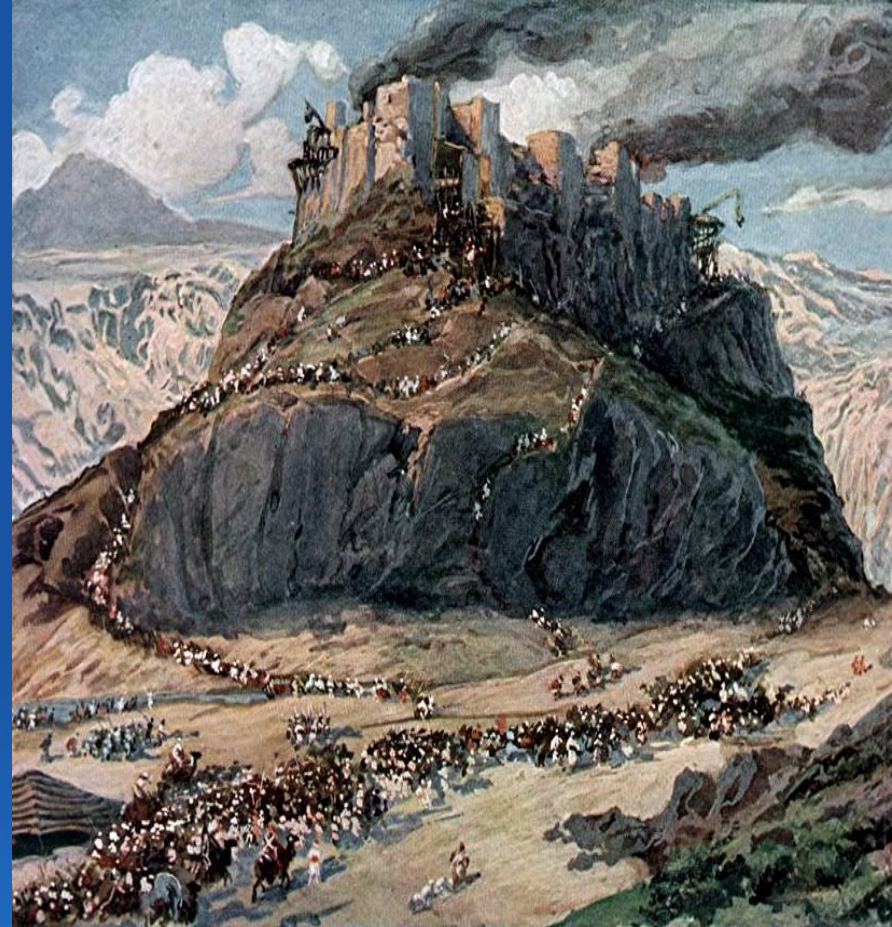
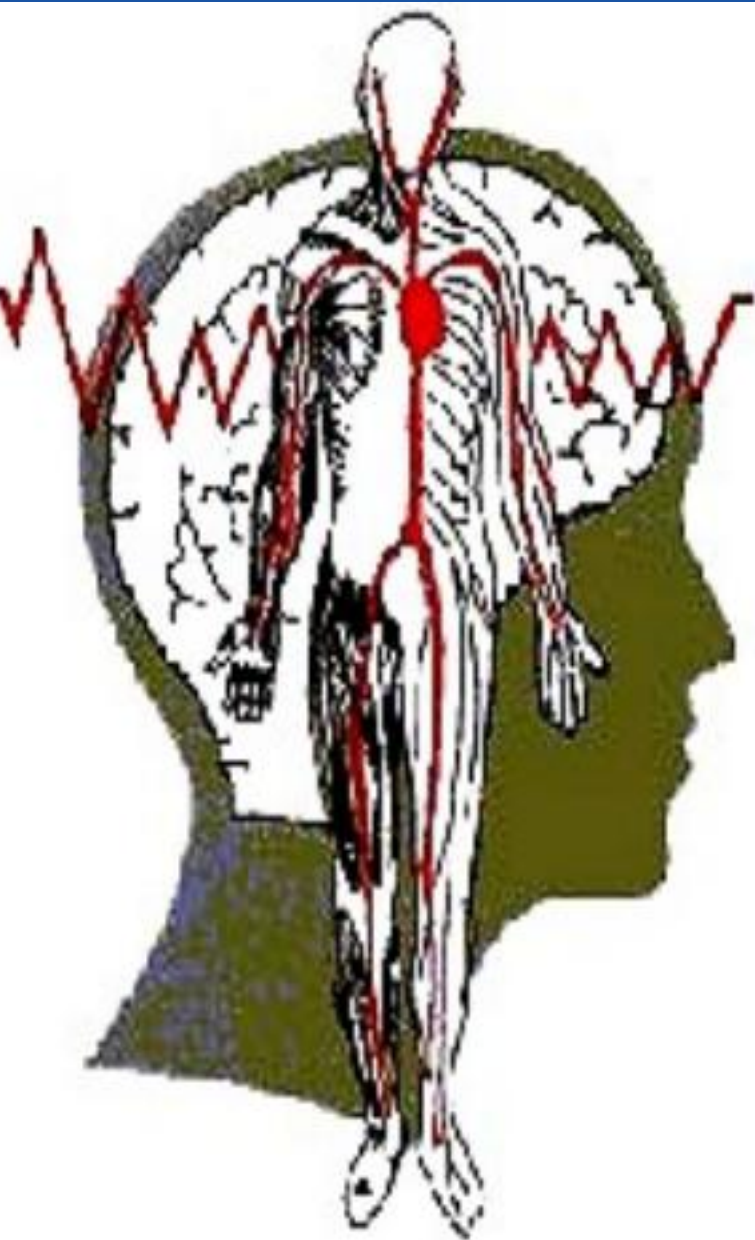


DEFEAT OF THE AMORITES

- Vs. 24 “Let the Holy War begin!”
- The first group Israel is to fight are the Amorites
- This is because in the “Unholy” war of rebellion, the Amorites defeated Israel
- Very similar to God’s Holy War against Pharaoh and Egypt
- King Sihon refused the offer of peace and attacked Israel
- Holy War is a war led BY God, not a war “in God’s name”
- The Law of Herem is central in true Holy War
- Jihad is NOT Biblical Holy War!



FREE WILL?



- That “*God never interferes with Man’s free will*” is too simplistic
- Yehoveh hardened Pharaoh’s heart AND he hardened King Sihon’s heart
- In the Bible the HEART is considered the seat of intellect, both conscious and unconscious
- The HEART NEVER had anything to do with emotion and feelings!
- Heart = Brain = Mind in the Bible
- It was late era Hellenists who made the Heart to be the center of emotional love (erotic love)

GOD'S WILL IS ABOVE HUMAN WILL



- Free Will is the human version of God's sovereignty
- God has set LIMITS on human free will
- Jonah found that there was NO escape from the Lord's will
- Paul: ***"....when I want to do right, I do evil....."***
- Our free will is susceptible to other forces
- Somehow history unfolds with men's free wills being used in a pre-determined way



DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 3



- Much is a repeat of Numbers 21
- Victory over Og
- Moses is NOW speaking to the 2nd generation of the Exodus
- The 1st generation has died out
- Eventual area called the Galilee

AREA CONQUERED

- 60 Walled cities plus many unprotected villages
- Mt. Hermon was the northernmost point
- Hermon = Hermon Sirion = Senir
- Tablelands = area of Reuben
- King Og was the last of the Rephaim



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The Twelve Tribes

- City of Refuge
- ◆ Levitical city
- Capital city
- Other city

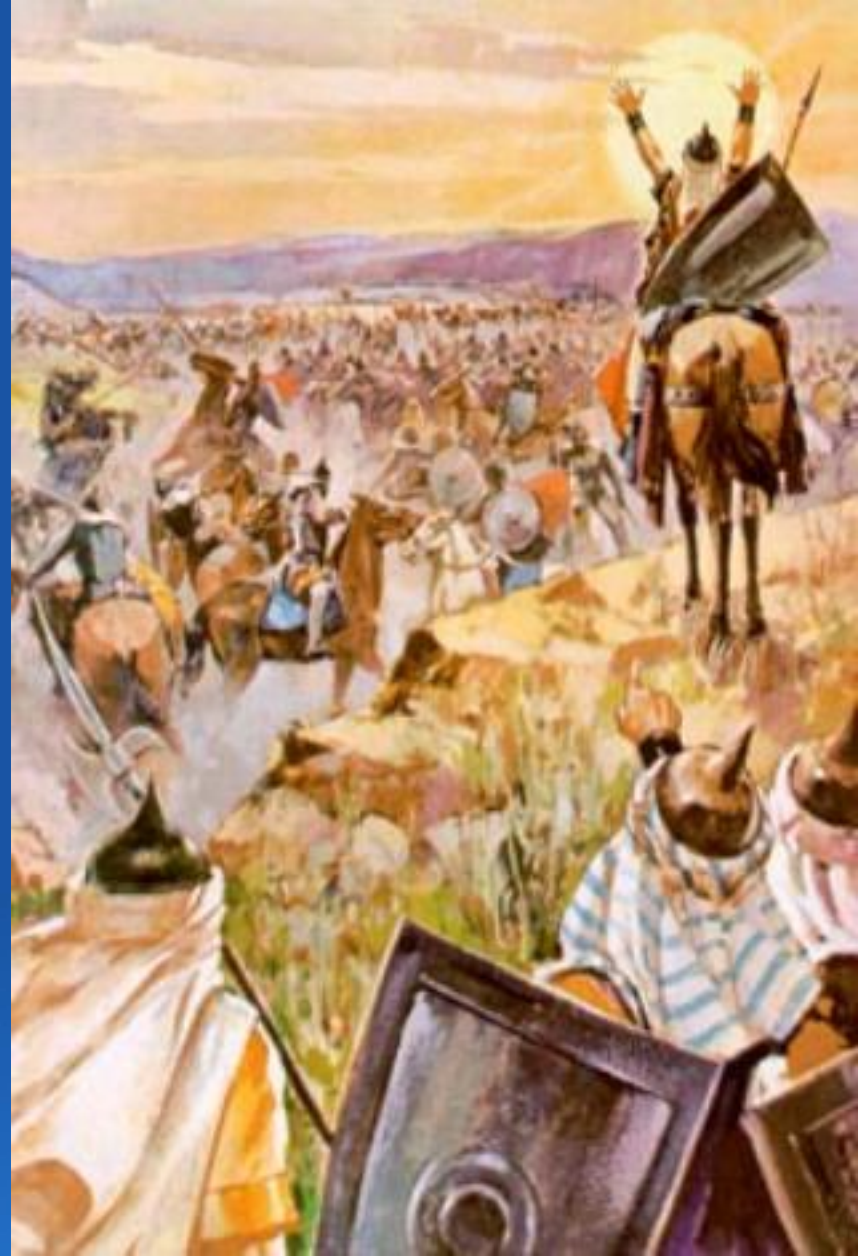


DIVIDING the TRANS-JORDAN

- **Yair** son of Manasseh
- **Machir**
- Yair and Machir were **CLANS** of Manasseh
- Son = **ben** more often means grandson or any male member of the clan
- Kinnereth = Sea of Galilee
- Dead Sea = Salt Sea

ISRAEL WAS TO ACT AS A GROUP

- Reuben, Gad and ½ of Manasseh sent crack troops to help conquer Canaan
- A condition of their receiving the Trans-Jordan area
- ***Joshua 22:1*** Joshua releases these troops from their obligation
- **God-principle**: All who are called by the Lord's name are to behave as a single group



MOSES PLEADS

- Moses says it was “because of” the people that he sinned against the Lord
- God says “ENOUGH!”
- The issue is justice
- The rebellious generation perished for their sins, therefore so must Moses
- Moses did NOT die “for the sake” or the people as did Yeshua
- Moses’ death did NOT substitute for the people’s death as did Christ’s



Do what is righteous, and let the chips fall where they may.....

- The fate of the leader and the followers are bound together
- The leader **MUST** do what is right in God's eyes no matter the personal consequences
- **BUT.....**the reward is often some form of martyrdom
- A leader is not to expect applause from the world
- Moses officially selects Joshua as the new leader
- Joshua was **NOT** the new "Mediator" of Israel
- Joshua was the new **MILITARY** leader of Israel



DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 4

- A man's last words
- What would YOU like to say to those you loved about what life has taught you?
- Moses is pleading with the people to carry on the good work the Lord has begun
- Moses sermon revolves around a history lesson
- Their historical experiences **VALIDATE** and set the **CONTEXT** for the laws the Lord has given to Israel

“.....so that you may live.....”



- Proverbs 19:16 **“..he who has regard for his life pays regard to the commands...”**
- Hebrew too all this literally
- They believed that obedience brought a full lifespan while rebellion brought early death
- Oldest Israelite to enter Canaan was about 58 – 59 years old!

SHEMA!!

- Shema usually translated as *hear* or *hearken*
- Formal name for Deut 6:4 “hear O Israel”
- Shema is an instruction to ACT!
- In our modern vocabulary *belief* does NOT mean the same thing as *trust*
- In our modern vocabulary *hear/hearken* should be replaced with *obey* or *observe*
- ***Deut. 6:4 “ OBEY, O Israel! YHWH is our God, YHWH is one! And you shall love YHWH your God with all your MIND and with all your soul and with all your might”***