



GATEWAY EQUIP

Joshua- The Appointed Successor

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Numbers 26:65; 27:12-23; 32:28; 34:17-18 NKJV

12 Now the L-RD said to Moses: "Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel.

13 And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered.

14 For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to sanctify Me at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

15 Then Moses spoke to the Lord, saying:

16 "Let the L-RD, the G-D of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the L-RD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

18 And the L-RD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;

19 set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight.

20 And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

21 He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the L-RD for him by the judgment of the Urim. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him--all the congregation."

22 So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

Context: Num. 27- Daughters of Tzelophchad of Manasseh as successors and heirs to their father. Elazar has succeeded his father Aaron as High-Priest. Two cases of succession end w/children inheriting from fathers.

- Daughters of Tzelophchad have the chutzpah to challenge and bring change to a standard that needed to be reformed. Joshua has had to fight to establish a standard. Elazar has been raised to maintain a standard. Elazar has come into his position by default since he's the son of the High Priest but Joshua has had to fight his way and be faithful into his calling.

Notes

- Joshua has had the same amount of time for ministry preparation as Moses had...40 yrs.

The Appointed

Ex. 33:11, So the L-RD spoke with Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then he would return to the camp, **but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the tent.**

וּמִשְׁרָתוֹ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן-נוּן נָעַר, לֹא יָמִישׁ מִתּוֹךְ הָאֹהֶל

שְׂרָת /sharat: attendant, minister...waiter

נָעַר /na'ar: teenager, young man, immature person, uncultivated man. Joseph, Gen.37:2

He is front and center in every major episode and turning point after the Exodus.

- Battle with Amalek, Ex.17
- On the Mount w/Moses, Aaron, Nadav, Avihu, & 70 elders, ibid.24. He stands between Moses and the rest of the leaders as Moses goes up Mt.Sinai and Joshua waits for him.
- 1st to notify Moses of noise in the camp
- Num.11:28, Is in midst of elders prophesying
- 1 of the 13 Spies, Num.13 - He and Caleb are the only ones to stand against the assembly and try to persuade them to take the Land.
- Could be said he's right in the middle of everything due to being Moses' right hand man
- **Lo yamish mitokh ha'ohel** /did not leave the tent...lit. **did not depart/yield from the midst of the tent** usual verb for "exit/leave" is not used. The actual verb used implies a pressing forward, someone who doesn't give way or withdraw from engaging. Consistent or progressive type of determined individual. There's never an occasion where he is wavering, he's always steadfast. This really characterizes Joshua totally since...
 - **Ex.17**, First introduced as a military leader. He goes to war with Amalek and this battle lasts a considerable amount of time that Moses' hands gets tired, he has to sit on a stone, Aaron and Hur have to hold his hands up and this battle apparently takes place all day until sunset, v.9 tomorrow, v.12, until the sunset. Could have been a battle anywhere from 6-12,14 hours. Joshua is relentless in the battle even though the spiritual authority, Moses, is sometimes lowering the staff and sometime raising it up. This the kind of

person who is submitted to authority but is not swayed by how the authority is maintaining the spiritual standard. He's a military leader. He isn't taking liberties by entering into the same criticism's to challenge Moses' when others like Korah do.

- He's unyielding on the battle field, unyielding in G-D's presence, and in Num.13 he's unyielding to be persuaded via political and peer pressure.

Num. 27:18, And the L-RD said to Moses, take for yourself Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit.

אִישׁ, אֲשֶׁר-רוּחַ בּוֹ

- G-D doesn't choose Joshua because of anything other than this reason. Not family lineage, not his works, not anything other than him being a man of the Spirit. There are only 2 people in the Torah who are spoken of as having the Spirit of G-D. Bezalel, in Ex.31:1 was "filled" with the Spirit but only 2 men are said to have the Spirit and the exact phrase is used for both. 1 is Joshua.
- What tribe was Joshua from? Ephraim a son of Joseph.
- Joseph is the only other person in the Torah said to have the Spirit of G-D. **Gen.41:38, אִישׁ, אֲשֶׁר-רוּחַ** Joshua's ancestor Joseph is a man who has the Spirit and Joshua has the same Spirit.

Num. 27:16-17, Let the L-RD, the G-D of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

יִפְקֹד יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵי הַרוּחֹת לְכָל-בָּשָׂר, אִישׁ, עַל-הָעֵדָה

- **רוּחַ Ruchot/ spirits, pl.** Since Joshua is a man filled with the **רוּחַ Spirit/Ruach sing.** He has a relational gifting to relate to all the people individually since the L-RD is G-D over the spirits of all flesh.¹ I.e. G-D relates to all spirits because He is G-D and L-RD over His people likewise by having G-D's Spirit, Joshua will be able to listen and relate to all without compromising G-D's directives. Seen in Num.13. Joshua has a level of understanding not to compromise but to be still and to listen. Quiet until a critical point in Num.13. An adaptive leader who has to step up to being a leader in the midst of a society that is shifting as they are about to go into the Land. The thought pattern of Israel has made a shift from the enslaved condemned generation to the younger generation who is about to take the Land. Today's leadership is undergoing a shift in how we engage society around us by entering into dialogue without compromising G-D's Word and Ways. This is the challenge to our generation. Can we walk in the relational gifting to listen and relate to without compromising and take the Land. This is exactly how Yeshua engage with the lost people around Him. He was able to relate effectively without compromising and without sinning. He was totally relentless and unyielding when it came to many times when He to press through crowds, press through prayer, press through to the other side in a storm on a lake, press through in the Garden, press through 40 days of fasting and temptation, press through the road to the hill where He was

¹ Sifrei Pinchas 23

crucified without losing a step, losing his cool, and finally to press through to having a heart that would not yield to being hardened and could still cry out for forgiveness before the Father in the face of His accusers and murderers.

17 who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the L-RD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd...**21**, He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the L-RD for him by the judgment of the Urim. **At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in**, he and all the children of Israel with him--all the congregation."

- Servant leadership gets on the front lines and gets the strategy for whatever shifts occur to engage society with.

Appointed Footsteps

Interesting parallels between Joshua and his famous ancestor, Joseph. Some of the same terminology in both their stories is used and is unique to only them.

- Both are called נָעָר /na'ar: **teenager, young man, immature person, uncultivated man**. Joseph, **Gen.37:2**. (This term is used in 2 Kings 5, "na'arah k'tona" (little girl) Jewish girl kidnapped by Aramean raiders and used of Na'aman who is healed and his appearance becomes like 'na'ar katon' (little boy). What is the mystery behind this term? **Matt.18:3-4**, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are changed and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My Name receives Me." (Grk. term here for "little child/ren" is παιδια which is the same term the LXX uses when translating נָעָר /na'ar to Grk.))
- Joseph is the only other person in the Torah said to *have* the Spirit of G-D. **Gen.41:38**, אֵישׁ, אֶשְׁרֵר-רוּחַ
- Joseph was instrumental in Israel going down to Egypt. Joshua was instrumental in Israel going up into the Land.
- Both undergo the same kind of appointing via the verb פָּקַד **Gen.41:34**, **Num.27:16**. Leading verb throughout the portion of the Torah this chapter is a part of (**Pinchas, Num.25:10-30:1**). It says alot about the direction and theme of what is being said throughout as there is much discussion about appointing, taking an account of what will come and succeed to enter into inheritance. What are you setting up? This verb is used mostly in terms of logistics, counting, appointing into position to be used for higher purpose.
- Some rabbinic commentators equate Joshua's surname **Bin-Nun** as one word **Binnun (understanding one)** and see **Nun** a contraction of **Navon** the same term used of Joseph in **Gen.41:33**.²
- Both are appointed into leadership positions for a strategic time in a major shift in society. Both are a "new" kind of leadership needed for "such a time as this." Both Egypt and Israel were on a righteous path under both Joseph and Joshua's

² RaMBaN, Shemot 33:11.

leadership only to go astray after their deaths. The same terminology is used of the new pharaoh that arose after Joseph as the terminology used of the other generation that arose after the generation of Joshua, **Ex.1:8, Judges.2:10**. Both the new Pharaoh and the other generation “**knew not**” G-D nor their predecessor.³

- Both died at the exact same age, 110, **Gen.50:22, 26 ; Josh.24:29, Judges.2:8** but oddly both Joseph and Joshua’s age of death are recorded in a way no one else’s is since they are both recorded 2x.
- Joseph’s name implies succession, “**May the L-RD add another,**” **Gen.30:24**.
- Joseph had 2 dreams. 1st Dream, **Gen.37:5-8** about the sheaves of his brothers bowing to his. 2nd Dream, **Gen.37:9-11**, Sun, Moon, and 11 Stars bowing to him. Jacob gives an interpretation of the Sun being Jacob, Moon being Rachel, 11 Stars being Joseph’s brothers. This is the plain interpretation but it isn’t fulfilled entirely the way Joseph dreamed it because Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin, **Gen.35:19**. So this aspect of his dream wasn’t fulfilled and there’s no record of any of Jacob’s wives bowing to him later.
- Did the dream have to be completely fulfilled in order for it to be fulfilled? No, **Jer.23:38** puts dreams as the lowest level of prophecy that contain truth but often may not be fulfilled exactly as given. However...
- Joseph’s dreams were fulfilled but what if some element of his dreams extended beyond himself to his family? There are many occasions where 1 person’s calling extends to their descendants e.g. Aaron, David, etc.
- Israel had Joseph’s bones with them to bury when they got into the Land but Joseph’s bones weren’t buried until Joshua himself died, **Josh.24:29, 32**.
- Joseph’s 2nd dream was in the beginning of fulfillment in his lifetime but is it possible that it reached a total fulfillment in Joshua’s lifetime since the sun and moon are never associated with the children of Israel (Gen.1:16; Ps.148:3; Job. 9:7) yet the stars are, Gen.15:5; Num.24:17. Pouring water into a glass results in the glass being filled the moment water visibly touches the bottom but isn’t filled until it’s full to the top. No such thing as double fulfillment since it’s either filled or not but is there multi-faceted fulfillment of a dream or prophecy?

Josh.3:14, 4:14, The L-RD told Joshua He would begin to exalt him before all the eyes of Israel from that day forward. **Josh.10** records one of the strangest miracles. He has marched all night and is engaging in a battle with five kings and needs time on his side. Joshua commanded the Sun and the Moon to stand still. **Josh.10:12-14**. All of the tribes are there and the sun and moon literally yield/bow to the word of the L-RD out of Joshua’s mouth, while the 12 tribes are submitted to his leadership.

³ Ex.1:8, וַיִּקַּם מֶלֶךְ-חֲדָשׁ, עַל-מִצְרַיִם, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדָע, אֶת-יְוֹסֵף

Judges.2:10, וַיִּקַּם דּוֹר אַחֵר אַחֲרֵיהֶם, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדָעוּ אֶת-יְהוָה

Joshua fulfilled Moses' mission and fulfilled Joseph's.

1. What is not fulfilled in your time is fulfilled in your line
2. What the Father/Predecessor began the Son/Successor completed because the Son was appointed. What are we appointing, setting into position, preparation in our lives to continue on into the plan of G-D. Is there something that needs to be set into place to lead?
3. Succession into leadership isn't predicated on family lineage or anything else other than being filled with G-D's Spirit and bearing the fruit of Him. Succession and appointment has to do with becoming first like a little child staying humble, teachable, influenced by G-D's presence.
4. Could there be dreams and prophecies given to us so we set a standard that becomes a legacy where those dreams and prophecies are fulfilled by our descendants? How we are obedient and submitted to the call of G-D in our life has reverberations through our family line. The daughters of Tzelophchad persisted for their deceased father's inheritance, Elazar inherited his father's calling, Joshua stepped unknowingly into destiny and the footsteps of his forefather Joseph by persisting and being unyielding to the presence of G-D.
5. What do we inherit and what has G-D distributed to us through the completed work of Yeshua, His Son, Who has inherited all things? **Rom.8:12-17**

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of G-D, these are sons of G-D. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of G-D, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of G-D and joint heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.