

The Sun Series

PART 3 -- JOSEPH'S DAUGHTERS

In the continued pursual of the subject of the daughters of God, it would be well to take into consideration the daughters of Joseph and their unique position. Jacob's dying blessing to Joseph contained these important words, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall."--- Gen. 49:22. These words seem very poetical, but let us look beyond the rythm ad beauty of the words and see what is actually meant.

Joseph, though not the firstborn, was given the birthright due to the disobedience of Reuben who was actually the firstborn. This in itself is attested to by the words of Jacob, "Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren...." This meant that Joseph was given the double portion of the firstborn even as other scriptures testify. Thus his position in Israel is unique because of the birthright, but in spite of this, the sceptre was given to Judah which was the ruling tribe, yet there is a rulership in Joseph also but different than the rulership of Judah. Judah rules in power whereas Joseph rules in wisdom. In view of Joseph's birthright his offspring must be taken into consideration, and so we return to the first mentioned scripture.

"Joseph is a fruitful BOUGH, even a fruitful BOUGH by a well....." The Hebrew word from which this BOUGH is translated is BEN, and it literally means SON. In other words, "Joseph is a fruitful SON" which is understandable, but the latter part of the verse says, "whose BRANCHES RUN OVER THE WALL." The Hebrew word for BRANCHES is BATH which actually means DAUGHTERS. Thus the daughters of Joseph come into prominence in this very important prophecy given by Jacob. We have no record of any of Joseph's daughters, as for the most part, daughters were not recorded in the geneologies, but to make the prophecy of force there would have to be daughters to fulfill that prophecy. From whence came these daughters? When Jacob put his hands upon the heads of the two sons of Joseph---- Ephraim and Manasseh----he gave this wonderful prophecy, "And thy (Joseph's) issue which thou begetttest after them (Ephraim and Manasseh), shall be thine...." This indicates that Joseph was to have other children besides Ephraim and

anasseh, and among that issue would be his daughters.

These daughters of Joseph well represent the daughters of God, for both must go through the same experiences, and both surmount the same difficulties, and both arrive at the same destination. As for the daughters of Joseph, so for the daughters of God---"Whose DAUGHTERS run over the wall." What is this wall that the daughters must surmount?

The Hebrew for WALL is SHUR which means wall alright, but the depth of meaning is only perceived when the root meaning is divulged. The primary root means to TURN, that is, TRAVEL ABOUT (even as a harlot or merchant). That meanings are hidden in this root! The daughters of God will never be satisfied to remain behind the walls of the traveling harlot or merchant. The harlot speaks indeed of Babylon with the confusion of teachings and doctrines and beliefs. God's daughters cannot be bound with such things but will literally run over this wall that would shut them in and bind them to the teachings of men and the limitations of revelation. It is amazing how many women of God have turned aside and literally leaped over the barricades of men and organizations and even "come outers". They cannot and will not be satisfied with a barrier that hinders their progress in spiritual matters.

Furthermore, it is not only the harlot system, but also the travelling about of the merchants who make merchandise of God's people, even the false prophets and false teachers with feigned words, that the daughters of God cannot abide. (II Pet. 2:1-3) Over this barrier they go that they might find the pure word of the Lord.

Also, the Hebrew word for WALL means FOE or ENEMY. Without much explanation we know who our arch-enemy is, and he is always there to hinder the progress of the women of God. They have always been his target, and his purpose is not only to hinder but to defile and thereby destroy the fulfilling of the promise that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head. In spite of the awful satanic pressure against the daughters, they continue to rise above this barrier and believe God for the fulfilling of what has been written. In this sense I am reminded of what was said of Mary, "And blessed is SHE that believed: For there shall be a performance of those things which were told HER from the Lord." Luke 1:45.

But it is not only this one mentioned foe that must be surmounted, for Jesus said that our enemies or Foes would be those of our own household. Every woman who

who has been apprehended of God has had to contend with battles in the home and with the family and relatives. Yet in spite of this, the daughters of God refuse to be hemmed in and closed in by such opposition, but rather they rise above it in the Spirit until their enemies become their friends. Not always are the foes removed, but rather God teaches us how to live with it and above it until it can no longer be considered a barrier but a blessing.

And, this same Hebrew word translated WALL is also the name of a large desert east of Egypt. To some the desert would be foreboding and impassable and without help, but for the women of God these sterile and desolate experiences are but the impetus to surmount them and move into the fertility of the Spirit. How bleak and unending and barren have been the deserts of spiritual experience where death has stalked every step and the way has been strewn with bleached bones! Yet these daughters refuse to turn back to limitations but rather brave the wilderness with it hopelessness and despair and depression knowing that God is beckoning onward where they shall have their rightful place in HIM, a place without bounds, a place of liberty.

To further augment the truth of the daughters of Joseph, let us turn to Josh. 17 which deals with the division of the promised land and a portion in particular for Manasseh, the son of Joseph. Read verses three through six, "But Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but DAUGHTERS:.....and they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The Lord commanded Moses to give us an INHERITANCE AMONG OUR BRETHREN. Therefore according to the commandment of the Lord he gave them an INHERITANCE AMONG THEIR BRETHREN." If you will turn to Num. 27:1-7, you will read where the daughters of Zelophehad came before Moses and brought their case before him regarding their inheritance, and Moses took the case before the Lord. The Lord's answer was, "The Daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession for an inheritance among their father's brethren." These daughters of Zelophehad were descendents of Joseph, and they, like the promise given him, fulfilled in a measure, "Whose daughters run over the wall." It was not customary at that time for the daughters to have an inheritance such as they had given to them, but they broke the barriers and refused to stay confined to tradition. They took their case to the highest

one in the land to begin with, even to Moses, and then later to Joshua. Even the Lord commended them in telling Moses that they spoke the right thing.

May I point out to you that these daughters were given an INHERITANCE AMONG THEIR BRETHREN. This inheritance was no less than their brethren's indicating indeed that they were not inferior to their brethren but on a par with them. Even the Lord listened to the words of these daughters showing that He is no respecter of persons be they male or female.

Dear daughters of God, by all means maintain your femininity but do not be cowed down nor restricted by barriers that are not of God's making. Begin to realize that you can run over the walls, you can take your possession and inheritance among the brethren, you can be a co-equal with the sons, you can begin to recognize that you are a vessel of His choice as well as the brethren. In fact, there is a position for women to fill that only the women can fill. Behold, the daughters of God shall come forth first in manifested beauty before the sons are ever manifested! That may sound strange to you in view of all we have heard regarding sonship, but bear with me until we can further delve into this subject in future issues of "The Sun Series" wherein I shall prove that this is so. We, as daughters of God, are not something inferior to the sons but a very part of God's intrinsic plan and vessels upon whom special honor has been placed. Like Joseph's daughters let us arise and scale the walls, destroy the barriers, inherit our possessions, and be what we have been called to be---GOD'S DAUGHTERS INDEED! The truth of who we are is opening fast and dawning upon our understanding, and the years of suffering and restrictions shall but prove to have been our training for what lies immediately before us!

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