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Joshua 18, Isaiah 24, Hebrews 6|7



Be not Slack or Slothful, hold the Anchor of the Soul

Israel assembled at Shiloh and set up the tabernacle of the congregation. The land was subdued but seven tribes had not received their inheritance. Joshua said, “How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which Yahweh God of your fathers hath given you? (18:1-3). They had not followed Joshua (Yeshua) to mark out, or survey, their inheritance.

Those who don't take hold of their inheritance lose it. Isaiah said, “Behold, Yahweh maketh the earth empty and scattereth abroad the inhabitants”(24:1). They lose their foundation. “The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage”. Having power now is no answer as “Yahweh shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth”. Then “Yahweh of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and shall be glory before his ancients”. (24:19-23)

His 'ancients' are those who have held their foundation, “the principles of the doctrine”. So “let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God” (6:1). That is that ye be not slack, or stop believing, or “slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (6:12). As they are sure “confirmed” “by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation”, This is a firm foundation for us “who have fled for refuge”. We “lay hold upon the hope set before us.. an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast” and where we hope to enter into “that within the veil” of the most holy, of the tabernacle of the congregation, where Yeshua was a

“forerunner”. Yeshua was not slack and was “made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. (17-20). He was “made after the power of an endless life” (7:17) and as “he continueth ever” and “hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (7:24-25).