

The OT in the Life of the Believer

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Lecture XVIII

We were speaking last week about the departure from Sinai. We called that Roman Numeral V, and under that we noticed A. The Importance of the Stay at Sinai, and B. The Departure. C. Organization of the March. D. The fact that Caleb and Joshua are not mentioned. I wonder if you are all aware of the fact that Caleb was the man who later was most outstanding in the tribe of Judah. And Joshua was most outstanding in the tribe of Ephraim. And these are the two tribes that are the leading tribes in the later days of the people of Israel, but neither of them was the head of the tribe that was mentioned earlier in the Bk. of Num. Neither of them comes into real great prominence until after this time and when they do, the one who has the greatest problem is Joshua who is of the tribe of Ephraim. But in the end it is the tribe of Judah through which our Lord came which eventually took the greatest leadership in Israel.

E. Hobab Asks to Help. I believe I mentioned at the end of the hr. last time, vs. 29-32. (Read the verses). Under this

1. Hobab's Attitude. What was Hobab's attitude? Do you think Hobab was a believer? We are not told that he was. We are not told he was not. Therefore we cannot be dogmatic upon it. But we can notice a difference between Hobab and Hobab's father. We read about Hobab's father in ch. 18 of Ex. There we read how Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, and brought her to Joseph (?) there in the wilderness. And we read <sup>in Exodus</sup> / that Jethro said to Moses that he saw that the Lord was with him. He rejoiced for all the goodness the Lord had done to Israel. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law took a burnt offering and ~~sacrificed~~ sacrifices for God. I think there is much evidence in ch. 18 that Jethro was a real believer, that Jethro was one who knew the Lord and followed the Lord, but there is every reason to question this about Hobab. You know that he does not say here in Num. that -- You come and help up and be one of us and we are sure that the Lord will extend to you the goodness that He is extending to us. Israel had with them a mixed multitude when they came out of Egypt. They had great numbers of people who joined with <sup>there</sup> the Israelites, they were prosylites to Israel all through. ~~Prosylites~~ <sup>Prosylites</sup> who became true Israelites. Look at Ruth, the Moabites who became an ancestress of our Lord. Look at Rahab the harlot, in Jerhich who was so greatly blessed and brought in among the people