

The Biblical SWAMP – 08/10/2021 AM PM

Psalm 68:27 1st mention (1/25); Psalm of David: Date? Baseline (Ps 51 circa 2Sam 12:13 > ~1034 BC)

Conclusion: Judah (whose capital is Jerusalem) had a council ~1034 years before Jesus arrived

Josh 15:8,63 Let's look for any clues about Judah in the splitting up of Israel's Inheritance.

(**Joshua ~1444 BC predates Psalm 68 by ~400 years**)

Jebusites swarmed Jerusalem- Would this affect development of the Capital city & ruling council?
How could it not???

Jebusite appears 37x in the Bible

- A. 19x Listed w/ neg “birds of a feather” (**Gen 10:16, 15:21; Ex 3:8**, 3:17, 13:5, 33:2, 34:11; **Num 13:29; Deut 7:1; Josh 3:10, 9:1, 11:3; 12:8, 15:8; Judges 3:5; 1Ki 9:20; 1Chr 1:14; 2Chr 8:7; Neh 9:8**
- B. Ex 23:23-24 – A cut off people
- C. Deut 20:17-18 – Commanded by God to be destroyed
- D. Josh 24:11 – A Missed opportunity: God says they CAN! Prevent future pain & suffering
- E. Josh 15:63; Judg 1:21; **Josh 23:11-13** – Became thorns
- F. **Judg 19:11** – Had a general negative reputation
- G. **2Sam 5:6,8; 1Chr 11:4** Present in the days of David – **Ties to time of Ps 68 starting point (1034BC)**

2Sam 24:16, 18- Threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite

1Chr 21:15, 18, 28 – Threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite **2Chr 3:1** – Site of Temple tied to Jebusite

H. **Ezra 9:1-2** – Practiced pagan abominations & marriages

I. **Zech 9:7** – (as late as ~ 487 BC) Jebusites have a tie in to ruling class in Judah!

Conclusion: JEBUSITES ARE A PICTURE OF THE FLESH & CORRUPT WORLDLY INFLUENCES (SWAMP)

- 1. Put it to death! The FLESH (**Rom 8:5-8**); The WORLD (**1Jn 2:15, Jas 4:4**)
- 2. We can in Christ (**Rom 6:6; Gal 2:20**)
- 3. When it infects your “capital city,” > A recurring thorn in side; A Ruined testimony
- 4. Addressing is a 2-way street **1Chr 21:15** – The Lord began destroying Jerusalem, but then stays hand
- 5. **Would ~1500 yrs of Jebusite SWAMP influence have any effect on the rulers & “council” of Judah?**

How could it not? (Eg. temple site!) & It would be negative, which we see in Jesus' time & beyond

Indeed it is a parallel of man's corrupt nature! What are you feeding in your life? Flesh or Spirit?

New Testament Councils

Mt 5:22	Danger of threat from
Mt 10:17, Mk 13:9	Punishment
Mt 12:14 , Lk 22:66, Jn 11:47	Intent to “cancel” Jesus (“The Jesus Conspiracy”)
Mt 26:59, Mk 14:55	Intent to “manufacture” witnesses (false ones)
Mk 15:1	Bound Jesus & escalated trial to Pilate
Acts 4:15, 5:21, 27, 41	Negative force persecuting the disciples
Acts 5:34	Not 100% bad; Individual exceptions (Gamaliel) don't purify the whole
Acts 6:12-13	Condemned Stephen
Acts 22:30, 23:1, 6, 20, 28; 24:20; 25:12	Judged Paul
Acts 23:6	Divided by doctrine (Pharisees & Saducees) Divisions/Disunity, in general, are Negative (Matt 12:25; 1Cor 3:3)

Conclusion: Councils are negative, as they spring from human governance which is corrupt by nature

- 1. Don't expect human councils to TRULY solve problems. **Psalm 118:8-9**
- 2. Good individuals like Gamaliel can be found in councils, but they cannot purify the whole.
- 3. The positive meeting of apostles in Acts 15 with a positive outcome is definitely NOT a council.
- 5. Studying councils should make a true student of the Bible long, look, & hope even more for Christ's Ultimate Reign (**Rev 11:15**): Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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Exodus 23: ²³ For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and **the Jebusites**: and **I will cut them off**.
²⁴ Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

Deut 20: ¹⁷ But thou shalt **utterly destroy them**; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and **the Jebusites**; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: ¹⁸ That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

Josh 24: ¹¹ And you went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and **the Jebusites**; and **I delivered them into your hand**.

Josh 15: ⁶³ As for **the Jebusites** the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah **could not drive them out**; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

Judg 1: ²¹ And the children of Benjamin **did not drive out the Jebusites** that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

Josh 23: ¹¹ Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. ¹² Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto **the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you**, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: ¹³ Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and **thorns in your eyes**, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

2Sam 5: ⁶ And the king and his men went **to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites**, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

Rom 8: ⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ **For to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is **enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God**.

Rom 6: ⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

1Chr 21: ¹⁵ And God sent an angel **unto Jerusalem** to destroy it: and **as he was destroying**, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, **stay now thine hand**. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan **the Jebusite**.