

# The Biblical SWAMP – 08/10/2021 AM PM

**Psalm 68:27** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** <sup>23</sup> 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**.  
<sup>24</sup> 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:** <sup>17</sup> 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: <sup>18</sup> 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:** <sup>11</sup> 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:** <sup>63</sup> 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:** <sup>21</sup> 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:** <sup>11</sup> Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. <sup>12</sup> 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: <sup>13</sup> 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:** <sup>6</sup> 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:** <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> **For to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is **enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God**.

**Rom 6:** <sup>6</sup> 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:** <sup>15</sup> 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**.