

CALEB AT HEBRON

A THREEFOLD CONVERGENCE

¹³ Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. ¹⁴ So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

Joshua 14:13,14

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-

John 1:3-5,9-12

⁴⁹ “Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.” ⁵⁰ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”

Luke 9:49,50

- I. Three forces in redemptive history
 - A. General revelation - The Melchizedek factor (Starry heavens above, moral law within)
 - B. Special revelation -The Abraham factor (Divinely revealed Holy scripture)
 - C. The darkness that opposes both. The Sodom factor.
 - * The God who is at work in creation and in the hearts of people is the same God who sent His son. (He prepared the gospel for the world, and the world for the gospel.)
- II. The Melchizedek factor
 - A. Melchizedek is an archetype of general revelation. He represents the special priesthood after which Christ's priesthood was established - a priesthood established by personal worth rather than lineage.
 - B. Melchizedek people are people of general revelation from outside the comfortable bonds of special revelation. (The queen of Sheba, the Syro Phoenician woman, the centurion, Ruth, Rahab, the widow at Zarephath, the Samaritan woman at the well, Gentiles)
- III. The Sodom factor - The perversion of truth

The darkness of syncretism that opposes both General and Special revelation is known as corruption, mixture, poison. Known by many codenames: Sodom, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Balaam, Gomorrah. All speak of corruption, revelation, decadence, idolatry, and false religion.

 - B. God must give us discernment to accept General and Special revelation and to refuse spiritual perversion.

(Examples: Paul and Bar Jesus. Acts 13; Simon magus. Acts 8; Ananias and Saphira. Acts 9.

IV. Caleb at Hebron - a threefold convergence.

- A. At Hebron, Joshua is present - the Abraham factor.
- B. Caleb is present - the Melchizedek factor.
- C. And the darkness of giants inhabiting holy ground and the unbelief of the people - the Sodom factor.
- D. God is right now displacing darkness that has been squatting on holy ground and near holy things. A supernatural move of deliverance is beginning.
- E. God is tightening his grip on evil and darkness.
- F. The rising of the sun will effortlessly melt and displace all the ice castles of hell.
- G. God is confronting smallness in his people. It must be driven out.