

DIVINE COUPLINGS ON THE THRESHOLD

¹⁰ *Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.*

Deuteronomy 22:10

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Joshua 15:15-19

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Judges 1:12-15

⁵ *He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.*

Mark 3:5

- I. It's a season of Divine coupling and Divine uncoupling on the threshold.
 - A. God is multiplying and dividing. He is adding and subtracting. He is marrying and divorcing.
 - B. God is yoking and unyoking.
 - C. God is opening doors no one can close. God is closing doors no one can open.
 - D. We have gone as far as we can by ourselves. (One handed)
 - E. We will move forward only with our God-given yokefellows.
- II. Adam and the Tardemah of unknowing
 - A. Adam's ability to name every creature created "out of the dust" only highlighted his loneliness and inability.
 - B. God created Adam's yokefellow not out of the "dust" but out of him. (She was a yokefellow built for him.)
 - C. You don't even know what you've been looking for, nor would you have recognized it if it had walked up to you before now.
 - D. That which you will soon be yoked - with and to - is yet ahead.
- III. Othniel and Acsah - an age of kingdom power couplings
 - A. Othniel was a lion. It is a time for lions and lionesses.

- B. Othniel was a man of few words and great power.
- C. Othniel and Acsah were two third-generation minority remnants. (Thermostats, not thermometers)
- D. Othniel was yoked to Acsah only after dismantling Kiriath Sepher.
- E. Othniel had the Spirit of God upon him as no other.
- F. Othniel had no moral deficiencies.
- G. Othniel was a template which none after him would match.
- H. Othniel allowed God front and center.

IV. Othniel's enemy - Cushan-rishathaim

- A. The twice-wicked enemy assaulted the people of God for eight years.
- B. With the backing of Acsah, Othniel conquered the Devil himself.
- C. They were their best selves together.