

**The Promise!**

Larry Van Cleave

The sun is coming up slowly. The trees and the cultivated areas gleam bright green along the river Nuseiriyeh. Several small rivers and creeks flowing west from the high plateau make this area good to farm. Without this water the Plains of Moab would be arid and useless.

Some dust rises up behind cattle being moved along a path. Children start to play around the tents and huts. Some women are laying out the washing to dry.

The livestock is being fed and human voices can be heard through the camp. Most of the people are packing up and getting ready to move... again. Is

it really happening now? We have been hearing about the promise of Canaan for some 800 years - 400 years from Abraham to Joseph, 400 years while in captivity in Egypt.

We've been camped here for about nine months. Moses died thirty days ago, the word is out that Joshua is the new leader, and we are moving into Canaan. The local rulers will be happy to see all of us go away, anyway.

The tribes of Reubenites, Gadites and the half of the tribe of Manasseh want to stay here where they are camped now, East of the Jordan. They have agreed, however, to send their available men to fight with Israel. Just like the words of Moses said.

Joshua is not exactly

a new leader; he has been with Moses some 40 years and has been handling most of the military leadership. His instruction now is to pack up and gather near the Jordan, and then to be ready to move in three days. This means pack what we can carry. We are not coming back. Oh yes, since we don't know where we are going, when we see the Ark of the Covenant, we have to stay back a thousand feet or so, just to make room to organize, and then follow it.

(If we are going into Canaan we have to go West and cross the Jordan River. It is near the end of "the season of harvest," around the end of March or the beginning of April, the tail of the rainy season. Run-off from the

rain plus snow melt from Mount Hermon has swelled the Jordan. A strong man can cross if he picks the right spot, like the fords just north and south of Jericho, but to ask most of the nation of Israel to cross is very risky.)

And what about the people who are in the land that we are to take control of? We hear that God is setting the stage here too.

The Land of Canaan including up the coast of the Mediterranean is controlled by Egypt. The Pharaoh who endured the plagues had beat up on some neighbors in anger, but by now, forty years later, has settled into a life of pleasure. The Egyptian military have their hands full with territorial

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**August Birthdays**

3 Pat Van Camp  
8 Rachel Patterson  
21 Rebecca Floyd  
28 Pauline Aldridge

4 Linda Cosick  
11 Bob Cosick  
23 Lyn Aufdenkamp  
28 Debbie Clark

5 Logan Ghiringhelli  
11 Alberta Glissman  
24 Brenda Loveday

8 Randy Navo  
11 Newton Goodrich  
26 Carol Ornelas  
30 Emily Floyd

**September Birthdays (first week)**

1 Hazel Lace

7 Cliff Cromer

7 Greg Fowler

**August Anniversaries**

1 Larry & Barbara Van Cleave  
22 Mark & Connie Lagerwey

2 Jerry & Karen Snapp  
30 Rick & Marla Carr

14 Phil & Jane Lynch

19 Chris & Karen Navo

**September Anniversaries (first week)**

6 Brad and Alana Fowler

**If your birthday or anniversary does not appear here, and it occurs during this month, please call the church office and let us know, so we can include it in the future.**

# Schedules for August

## Noah's Ark

|                        | Early Service        |   | Late Service         |   |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| August 7<br>Lesson 10  | Teacher-Floater Baby | Jerry Snapp<br>Karen Snapp<br>Jessica Mayfield    | Teacher-Floater Baby | Jerry Snapp<br>Karen Snapp<br>Madeline Iriarte      |
| August 14<br>Lesson 11 | Teacher-Floater Baby | Clara Watkins<br>Naomi Hayward<br>Judy Burch      | Teacher-Floater Baby | Joyce Smethers<br>Bhret Patterson<br>Laura Heeschen |
| August 21<br>Lesson 12 | Teacher-Floater Baby | Conni Fowler<br>Lyn Aufdenkamp<br>Sandra Lundin   | Teacher-Floater Baby | Debbie Ghiringhelli<br>Laura Heeschen               |
| August 28<br>Lesson 13 | Teacher-Floater Baby | Sandra Lundin<br>Connie Watson<br>Connie Strawser | Teacher-Floater Baby | Marni MacDonnell<br>Betty Lloyd                     |

## Ushers

|           | Both Services              |  |
|-----------|----------------------------|--|
| August 7  | Door 1<br>Door 2<br>Door 3 | Wayne Badding & Marge Sapp<br>Doug Johnson, Vic Giles<br>Mark & Connie Lagerwey  |
| August 14 | Door 1<br>Door 2<br>Door 3 | Bob & Linda Cosick<br>Doug Johnson, Vic Giles<br>Jerry & Karen Snapp             |
| August 21 | Door 1<br>Door 2<br>Door 3 | Bev Carlson & Hazel Lace<br>Doug Johnson, Vic Giles<br>Joe & Sheila Ramus        |
| August 28 | Door 1<br>Door 2<br>Door 3 | Randy & Patti Cassel<br>Doug Johnson, Vic Giles<br>Phil Gemmill & Josie Nicholls |

## Elementary Classes

|                        | Early Service                                |             | Late Service                                 |             |
|------------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| August 7<br>Lesson 11  | Mike Lundin<br>Mark & Connie Lagerwey        | 4-7<br>8-11 | Mike Lundin<br>Mark & Connie Lagerwey        | 4-7<br>8-11 |
| August 14<br>Lesson 12 | Jessica & Mary Johanson<br>Papa & Dee Murphy | 4-7<br>8-11 | Jessica & Mary Johanson<br>Papa & Dee Murphy | 4-7<br>8-11 |
| August 21<br>Lesson 13 | Linda Cosick<br>Teresa Goodwin               | 4-7<br>8-11 | Linda Cosick<br>Teresa Goodwin               | 4-7<br>8-11 |
| August 28<br>Lesson 1  | Linda Cosick<br>Tim & Rebecca Floyd          | 4-7<br>8-11 | Linda Cosick<br>Tim & Rebecca Floyd          | 4-7<br>8-11 |

## Worship Ministries

|           | Both Services       |  |
|-----------|---------------------|--|
| August 7  | Worship Sound Media | Greg, Amy, Linda, Chris<br>Cissy Murphy<br>Kim Moore             |
| August 14 | Worship Sound Media | Tim F, Amy, Linda, Chris<br>Cissy 1st, Rich 2nd<br>Darek Watson  |
| August 21 | Worship Sound Media | Greg, Jessica, Deb, Chris<br>Bhret Patterson<br>Darlene Saunders |
| August 28 | Worship Sound Media | Tim F, Jessica, Chris B, Deb<br>Chris Frank<br>Kim Moore         |



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disputes up near what will someday be called Eastern Turkey, where they are clashing with the Hittites.

There are raids and skirmishes all up and down the land of Canaan, but most of the other neighboring people have huge internal struggles and for the most part pay little attention to us. After all we, Hebrews look like just another nomadic tribe, even if rumors of an undefeatable God had been whispered.

There are other things

to worry about as well.

These are people in well fortified city-states, with well built heavy walls and gates, pretty safe for the residents. They live inside thick rock walls with huge lockable gates made of wood and metals. Conquering these people with the weapons that we in Israel have will be a problem even if the enemy is shaking with fear.

Now, at last, we are moving. Our family is back in the pack so we can only hear what they are doing up front from the relayed whisper of the people

around us.

We can see the heads moving back and forth as they step over the edge of the bank towards the river. My son is at my side and the three month old in my arms is not happy about something. My husband is up front with the rest of the men who can do battle and crossed after the Levites went into the river. No sounds of battle yet! Everything I own is on a pack animal or on my back. Most are walking as the river is getting closer. The crowd chatters that the Levites went into the river, and it

stopped, just like Joshua had said, repeating Gods promise.

We get to the bank, and now we can see the Levites standing there in the empty river bed. They are visibly tired but standing straight and holding the ark in the manner that the Lord requires. The people ahead of us walk carefully around the Ark and toward the far bank.

We have seen many hardships without a tear; now there are tears.

**God keeps  
His promises.**