



ACCURATE BUILDING CONCEPTS

PRINCIPLES OF MIGRATION

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LESSON 1 - (ABC)

READ JOHN 5:1-15

1. What is the definition of migration?
2. What feast was being celebrated?
3. What is the meaning of BETHESDA?
4. What symbols indicate that a church is being pictured?
5. What clues are there to indicate that this is an inaccurate church?
6. What 3 applications can you make from the following words of Jesus in vs. 8?
 - 6.1 RISE
 - 6.2 TAKE UP YOUR BED
 - 6.3 WALK
7. What characteristics of a religious spirit are manifested in the Jews? (vs.10, 11, 12)
8. Why would you say that the impotent man migrated accurately?
9. How would you relate the impotent man to the feast of the Passover?
10. Below is a list of inaccurate LOCATIONS. Indicate the accurate LOCATION with scriptural support.
 - 10.1 ISOLATION
 - 10.2 GIFTS
 - 10.3 WANDERING
 - 10.4 MANIFESTATION
 - 10.5 ABSTRACT DOCTRINE
 - 10.6 TRADITIONS
 - 10.7 ESCAPISM
 - 10.8 DEPENDANCE
 - 10.9 LOCAL
 - 10.10 ENTRANCE
 - 10.11 SPECTATOR
 - 10.12 NEW BIRTH
11. What are the hindrances to migration?
12. Give examples of inaccurate migration and their consequences.
13. What are the benefits of accurate migration?
14. What are the requirements for accurate migration?
15. Outline other passages from which migration may be taught.

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John 5:1-16

1After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

4For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

9And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

10The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

13But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

14Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

15The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.(NKJ)

ANSWERS -LESSON 1(ABC)

- 1. Migration is moving from one location to another. Spiritual migration involves movement to a spiritual position or location that is in the perfect will of God - a new position or location that pleases God and attracts his favour.**
- 2. Most Bible scholars agree that the feast celebrated was the Feast of the Passover.**
- 3. House of Mercy**

4. SYMBOLS:

4.1 BETHESDA (HOUSE OF MERCY) - HOUSE IS A PICTURE OF A CHURCH.

1 Tim 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.(NKJ)

Thus Bethel(house of God) is a picture of a church. Bethlehem, Bethsaida etc are all pictures of churches with special characteristics derived from their names.

Bethlehem - house of bread. This house majors on revelation.

Bethsaida - house of provision. This house majors on meeting felt needs.

4.2 POOL

This House has water. WATER is a picture of the Word of God.

Eph 5:26

that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,(NKJ)

WATER AS A SYMBOL OF THE WORD OF GOD:

- To leave Egypt the nation had to pass through the Red Sea. -
To leave the world (Egypt) you have to pass through the Word.
- To leave the wilderness the nation had to pass through Jordan.
To leave the inaccuracies of the wilderness you have to pass through the Word.
- The triumph over the Moabites was due to the reflection of the sun on the water.
(2 Kings 3:20-24)
The triumph over demons is through the Word.
- The recurrent miscarriages were due to polluted water.(2 Kings 2:18,19)
When the Word of God is polluted, visions abort.
- Moses survived on the water.
The Word will save you.

4.3 FIVE PORCHES

This is a picture of the five-fold ministry.(Eph.4)

OTHER PICTURES OF THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY:

- **THE HAND**

1King 18:44

Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"(NKJ)

Dan 5:5

In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote(NKJ)

- **THE 5 BARS**

Exod 26:27

"five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward.(NKJ)

4.4 GREAT MULTITUDE(vs.3)

This is a picture of a mega church.

4.5 STIRRED UP THE WATER/MADE WELL OF WHATEVER DISEASE (vs.4)

This is a picture of a church with manifestations.

4.6 SHEEP GATE

This is a picture of Jesus.

John 10:7

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.(NKJ)

This church had Jesus. Anyone sitting in this church could see Jesus.

5. INACCURACY BECAUSE:-

5.1 "BY THE SHEEP GATE"

Now the Sheepgate is Jesus. This church was by Jesus, not in Jesus. The legitimate scriptural position is that the believer be in Christ.

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.(NKJ)

1 Pet 5:14

Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.(NKJ)

The "in Him" position denotes a genuine commitment to Christ.

5.2 POOL - STAGNANT WATER

Water is a picture of the Word of God. An accurate church has a RIVER (SPIRIT-FILLED WORD), not a pool which is a picture of the Word without the Spirit.

2 Cor 3:6

who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.(NKJ)

5.3 IMPOTENT PEOPLE

This "mega church" was filled with the blind, lame and paralyzed - dysfunctional believers. In fact, when the angel moved the blind man could not see it, the lame man could see it but could not walk into it and the paralyzed man could not even crawl into the water. The only person who could get in was someone that was well. Thus this could more appropriately be called a house of torture.

If God were to move in this church, the blind man would not see the move of God, the lame man would not walk into the move of God and the paralyzed man would not even crawl into the move of God.

5.4 ANGELIC MANIFESTATION

This was an house of angelic manifestation, not HOLY GHOST manifestation.

5.5 INFIRMITY FOR 38 YEARS (vs 5)

Deut 2:14

"And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them.(NKJ)

38 represents an inaccurate, wandering position.

5.6 IN THAT CONDITION A LONG TIME (vs.6)

An inaccurate position for a long time. This depicts traditional positions - a longstanding, adaptation to an inaccurate position.

5.7 DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL (vs. 6)

A traditional position can become so comfortable in its abnormality that individuals do not want to be made well.

5.8 SIR (vs7)

An inaccurate house does not recognize the visitation of Jesus - calls Him sir, instead of Lord.

5.9 I HAVE NO MAN (vs. 7)

In an inaccurate house no one is in charge - when no one is in charge you will always be overtaken.

5.10 JESUS WAS NOT MOVED WITH COMPASSION despite the sufferings of the multitude in Bethesda.

6. RISE - Change your position. This is a movement from a paralyzed, impotent, dysfunctional, religious position to a functional position.

TAKE YOUR BED - disconnection - this leaves no reason to come back.

WALK - Change your location (migration)

7. The Jews were more concerned about the law than his healing. They did not ask him who was the man who made you well. Instead they asked "who told you to take up your bed and walk?" They were too troubled by his migration to recognize his healing.

7.1 A RELIGIOUS SPIRIT HAS A LEGALISTIC FOCUS.

7.2 A RELIGIOUS SPIRIT MISSES THE MIRACLE BECAUSE OF A LEGAL FOCUS.

7.3 RELIGIOUS SPIRITS SURFACE WHEN MIGRATION OCCURS.

8. Vs14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple.

The Sheepgate was the only legitimate entrance to the temple. The man left his position at the pool, went through the Sheepgate to the temple. He was paralyzed for 38 years. He could have celebrated his healing at any place of his choice. He voluntarily went to the temple demonstrating his passion for God. **A MOVEMENT FROM THE HOUSE TO THE TEMPLE REPRESENTS ACCURATE MIGRATION.**

People of passion are in the temple:-

ANNA - Luke 2:37

SIMEON - Luke 2:25

JESUS - Luke 2:46

The Father's business is in the temple.

Hab 2:20

But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.(KJV)

9. The Passover Feast celebrated Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Israel migrated from Egypt.

In a way it was a feast that celebrated their migration. The impotent man's migration is in a way the celebration of Passover in his own life in the Feast of the Passover.

10. ACCURATE MIGRATION

10.1 FROM ISOLATION TO RELATIONSHIPS/NETWORKING

Heb 10:25

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.(NKJ)

10.2 FROM THE GIFTS TO THE GIVER

This is a movement from a gift focus to a Christ focus. From healing to the healer.

Phil 3:8

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,(KJV)

Heb 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.(KJV)

10.3 FROM WANDERING TO SETTLING/STABILITY

This is a migration to stability e.g.

10.3.1 STABILITY IN FAITH

Col 2:7

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.(KJV)

1Thes 3:2-4

2And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

3That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.(KJV)

Rom 1:11

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;(KJV)

10.3.2 STABILITY IN DOCTRINE

Heb 13:9

Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.(KJV)

10.3.3 STABILITY IN PRESENT TRUTH

2 Pet 1:12

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.(KJV)

10.3.4 STABILITY IN LOVE

Eph 3:17-19

17That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.(KJV)

10.4 FROM MANIFESTATION TO THE VOICE OF GOD

Virtually every manifestation is accompanied by the voice of God. Manifestations direct us to the voice of God. Examples:

10.4.1 THRONE TO THE VOICE

Isa.6:1-4; 8 manifestation of the throne was followed by the voice of God.

10.4.2 MOVE OF THE SPIRIT TO THE VOICE

Gen 1:2-3

2And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.(KJV)

10.4.3 DOVE TO THE VOICE

Matt 3:16-17

16And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.(KJV)

10.4.4 LIGHT TO THE VOICE

Acts 9:3-4

3And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?(KJV)

It is totally inaccurate to focus on the manifestation and ignore the voice.

10.5 FROM ABSTRACT DOCTRINE TO DYNAMIC EXPERIENCE.

Positional truth must become practical truth. Doctrine must become manner of life.

2 Cor 3:2

You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men ;(NKJ)

2 Tim 3:10

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, (NKJ)

10.6 FROM TRADITIONS TO BIBLICAL ACCURACY

Mark 7:13

"making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."(NKJ)

Our instruction in righteousness must come from the scriptures, not from human traditions.

2 Tim 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,(NKJ)

The Spirit and the Word must agree.

10.7 FROM ESCAPING TO OCCUPYING

Luke 19:13

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.(KJV)

1 Pet 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;(NKJ)

Our royalty is manifested by an occupying mentality.

Eph 1:22-23

22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

(KJV)

Eph 1:22-23

22And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.(NIV)

Deut 28:13

"And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.(NKJ)

10.8 FROM DEPENDANCE TO AUTONOMY

Eph 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

(NKJ)

This is a level of personal stature that delivers one from addiction to leadership.

Heb 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.(NKJ)

1 Tim 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;(KJV)

Ultimately our dependence must be on Christ.

10.9 FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."(NKJ)

Matt 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:(KJV)

10.10 FROM ENTRANCE TO THE FINISH

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.(KJV)

2 Tim 4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:(KJV)

This is a migration from a salvation experience to a position of functional ministry in the Body of Christ.

10.11 FROM SPECTATOR TO PARTICIPANT

This is a migration from audience based Christianity to functional ministry as above.

10.12 FROM NEW BIRTH TO PERFECTION

Heb 6:1

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

(NKJ)

OTHER AREAS:

- FROM CONDEMNATION TO LOVE
- INSTITUTION TO FAMILY/ORGANIC CHURCH
- PRETENSION TO GENUINENESS/AUTHENTICITY
- LECTURES TO INCIDENTAL TEACHING
- MANIPULATION TO VOLUNTARY ACCOUNTABILITY
- SLAVERY TO SONSHIP
- LOGOS TO RHEMA
- APATHY TO PASSION
- REVELATION TO IMPLEMENTATION
- MY WILL TO HIS WILL
- ADULLAM TO HEBRON
- HEBRON TO ZION
- HOLY PLACE TO THE MOST HOLY PLACE

11 HINDRANCES TO MIGRATION

11.1 DAMAGED MINDSETS

These are mental strongholds that exalt themselves above the knowledge of God.

2 Cor 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,(NKJ)

Examples: 11.1.1 SUPERSTITIOUS MINDSET

11.1.2 TRADITIONAL MINDSET

11.1.3 SENTIMENTAL MINDSET

11.1.4 ILLOGICALITY

11.2 WRONG COMPANY

Solomon's immoral associations prevented him from moving into the purposes of God.

1 King 11:1-5

11.3 ABSENCE OF FAITH

Faith destroys fear. It propels the believer to take risks. In Mark 10:50-52 Bartimaeus moved from blindness to sight in a clear demonstration of risk by throwing aside his garment (his livelihood depended on this item of clothing for it validated his disability). An absence of faith will preclude the believer from taking the risk in migration.

11.4 REBELLION

This is plain disobedience to the word of God - e.g. Jonah.

11.5 FLESH (CARNALITY)

1Cor.10:5-11

The Israelites failed to migrate to the Promised Land because of works of the flesh.

11.6 IGNORANCE

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:(KJV)

II Ki 17:32-33

32So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.(KJV)

Ignorance and fear led to idolatry.

Bethesda was ignorant of the fact that someone greater than an angel was there.

11.7 SPIRIT OF FEAR

The 10 spies feared the giants in the promised land. This inhibited their migration.

11.8 MATERIAL COMFORT AND SECURITY

Luke 12:19

'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."'(NKJ)

Personal comfort, security and satisfaction hinder the need for progress.

11.9 THE SPIRIT OF CONTROL

The prophetic voice accelerates migration into the current purposes of God. The Spirit of Jezebel is antagonistic to the prophetic voice. Uncle Laban who operated under a Jezebellian Spirit hindered Jacob's progress.

11.10 SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS

Matt 13:13-16

13"Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14"And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive;

15For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'

15"But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear ;(NKJ)

A lack of sensitivity to the things of God.

12. EXAMPLES OF INACCURATE MIGRATION

• DEMAS

2 Tim 4:10

for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica-- Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.(NKJ)

DEMAS WENT BACK TO THE WORLD.

• ELIMELECH

Ruth 1:1-2

INow it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

2The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion-- Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.(NKJ)

ELIMELECH LEFT BETHLEHEM (HOUSE OF BREAD) AND WENT TO THE PLACE OF INIQUITY. HE DIED IN THE PLACE OF INACCURACY.

- **LOT**

Gen 13:10-13

10And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.

11Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.

12Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.

13But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.(NKJ)
LOT MIGRATED TO THE FERTILE PLAINS OF JORDAN. IT DID NOT BOTHER HIM THAT IT WAS LOCATED NEAR SODOM. HIS RIGHTEOUS SOUL WAS VEXED. HIS WEALTH IS EVENTUALLY BURNED UP AND HE IS RAPED BY HIS DAUGHTERS. HIS OFFSPRING ARE AMMONITES AND MOABITES.

- **ABRAHAM**

Gen 12:10-11

10Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.

11And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.(NKJ)

ABRAHAM LEFT THE PROMISED LAND AND WENT TO EGYPT. HE ACQUIRED HAGAR IN EGYPT. THE REST IS HISTORY.

- **THE YOUNG PROPHET**

IKing 13:14-17

14and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place.

17"For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'"(NKJ)

IKing 13:19-23

19So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

20Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,

22'but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'"

23So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back.(NKJ)

THE YOUNG PROPHET WENT BACK TO BETHEL, IN VIOLATION OF THE WORD OF THE LORD. HIS JOURNEY ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

- **JACOB**

God's command was that he return to the land of his family.

Gen 31:13

'I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.'(NKJ)

JACOB WAS ON HIS WAY TO HEBRON. HE MADE A DETOUR AND SETTLED IN SHECHEM. HERE HIS DAUGHTER DINAH WAS RAPED.

Gen 33:17-34:1

17And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city.

19And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.

20Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.

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INow Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.(NKJ)

13. BENEFITS OF MIGRATION

MNEMONIC "PILGRIMAGE"

PRESENCE(CLOUD)

INHERITANCE(PURPOSE)

LIBERTY (OUT OF EGYPT AND BABYLON)

GROWTH(NUMERICALGROWTH)

REVELATION(WORD FROM THE LORD)

IMPARTATION(ELIJAH AND ELISHA)

MATURITY(BLIND MAN AT SILOAM)

ABUNDANCE(4 LEPERS)

GLADNESS (LAME)

ESCAPE

AMPLIFICATION

PRESENCE(CLOUD)

The benefits of the cloud were for those who moved with the demands of God.

Exod 13:21-22

21And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

22He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people. (NKJ)

1 Cor 10:1-2

IMoreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,

2all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (NKJ)

The Ark of the Covenant shifted from Mount Gibeah to Mount Zion. To access the presence one had to go to Mount Zion.

1 Chr 13:2-3

2And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us;

3"and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul. (NKJ)

Accurate migration shifts you to where God is, not where He was.

Cain's inaccurate migration shifted him out of the presence of God.

Gen 4:16

Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.(NKJ)

INHERITANCE(PURPOSE)

The inheritance of the Promised Land was contingent upon accurate migration across Jordan.

The two and half tribes go with Joshua but choose the wrong side of Jordan.

It was God's will that the entire nation go across Jordan. The Promised Land was across Jordan. The end result of their inaccurate migration was a loss of inheritance.

Josh 1:2

"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-- the children of Israel.(NKJ)

Gad and Reuben develop a vision outside of Moses'.

THEY REQUEST NOT TO BE TAKEN ACROSS JORDAN.

Num 32:2-5

2the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

3"Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Shebam, Nebo, and Beon,

4"the country which the LORD defeated before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock."

5Therefore they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not take us over the Jordan."(NKJ)

Num 32:6-15

6And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben: "Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here?

7"Now why will you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them?

8"Thus your fathers did when I sent them away from Kadesh Barnea to see the land.

9"For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10"So the LORD'S anger was aroused on that day, and He swore an oath, saying,

11'Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me,

12'except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the LORD.'

13" *So the LORD'S anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.*

14" *And look! You have risen in your father's place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the LORD against Israel.*

15" *For if you turn away from following Him, He will once again leave them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people."*(NKJ)

MOSES IS WORRIED ABOUT A POSSIBLE MISCARRIAGE.

Num 32:16-30

16" *Then they came near to him and said: "We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones,*

17"but we ourselves will be armed, ready to go before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place; and our little ones will dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18"We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance.

19"For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan."

20" *Then Moses said to them: "If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before the LORD for the war,*

21"and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him,

22"and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you may return and be blameless before the LORD and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23"But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

24"Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do what has proceeded out of your mouth."

25And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying: "Your servants will do as my lord commands.

26"Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock will be there in the cities of Gilead;

27"but your servants will cross over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, just as my lord says."

28So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel.

29And Moses said to them: "If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every man armed for battle before the LORD, and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead as a possession.

30"But if they do not cross over armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."(NKJ)

Moses succumbs to their request.

Num 32:31-33

31Then the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying: "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.

32"*We will cross over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, but the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us on this side of the Jordan.*"

33*So Moses gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the surrounding country.*(NKJ)

Joshua sees to it that that their request is honoured.

Josh 22:1-4

1*Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, and said to them: "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.*

3*You have not left your brethren these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.*

4*And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; now therefore, return and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.*(NKJ)

Josh 22:9

9*So the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had obtained according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.*(NKJ)

THE 2 AND ½ TRIBES LOVED MOSES' VISION, FOUGHT FOR THE VISION BUT IN THE END WERE LOYAL TO THEIR OWN VISION, ON THE WRONG SIDE OF JORDAN.

THEY EVEN CALLED THEIR VISION "THE LORD HAS SAID".

Num 32:31-32

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The land they chose was eventually called the country of the Gadarenes.

SEE THE OUTCOME OF THIS VISION SEVERAL YEARS LATER.

Mark 5:1-3

1*Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.*

2*And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,*

3*who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,* (NKJ)

Mark 5:11-12

11*Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains.*

12*So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.* (NKJ)

THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY CHOSEN BY THE 2 AND ½ TRIBES WAS NOW:

- A GRAVEYARD(TOMBS)
- A HABITATION FOR DEMONS.
- A GRAZING PLACE FOR PIGS.

This is a result of inaccurate migration.

LIBERTY (OUT OF EGYPT AND BABYLON)

- **FROM BABYLON**

Ezra 2:1

Now these are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.(NKJ)

- **OUT OF EGYPT**

Exod 3:10

"Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt. (NKJ)

Hosea 11:1

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. (NKJ)

GROWTH (NUMERICALGROWTH)

- **PENTECOSTAL MIGRATION**

Acts 2:41-42

41Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.(NKJ)

- **THE LAME MAN'S MIGRATION FROM THE GATE**

Acts 3:7-11

7And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God.

9And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

10Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. (NKJ)

Acts 4:4

However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. (NKJ)

REVELATION (WORD FROM THE LORD)

Those who moved under the cloud had access to the manna.

A change in mental position leads to

Prov 1:23

Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.(NKJ)

Repentance positions one to access revelation.

IMPARTATION (ELIJAH AND ELISHA)

Elisha migrated from Abel Meholah to Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho to Jordan to access a double portion of Elijah's anointing.

2 Kings 2

MATURITY (BLIND MAN AT SILOAM)

Following his visit to the Pool of Siloam, the blind man shifted from blindness to sight – symbolic of a shift to maturity following accurate migration.

See John 9

ABUNDANCE (4 LEPERS)

II Ki 7:3-5

3Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?

4"If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

5And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there.

(NKJ)

II Ki 7:8

And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it.(NKJ)

The migration of the leprous men from the gate of Samaria to the Syrian camp, shifted them to abundance.

The migration of the Israelites across Jordan shifted them to the milk and honey of the Promised Land.

GLADNESS (LAME)

Acts 3:6-9

6Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

7And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God.

9And all the people saw him walking and praising God. (NKJ)

The lame man migrated from the gate to the temple with gladness.

Acts 8:6-8

6And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

8And there was great joy in that city.(NKJ)

Samaria's migration was followed by joy.

ESCAPE

FROM

- **OPPRESSION E.G ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT**
- **POVERTY – PRODIGAL SON**
- **IDOLATRY – ABRAHAM**
- **FAMINE – NAOMI(RUTH)**

- DEATH – FOUR LEPERS
- BEGGING – LAME MAN AT THE GATE CALLED BEAUTIFUL
- SUPERSTITION AND STAGNATION – IMPOTENT MAN AT BETHESDA.

14. REQUIREMENTS FOR MIGRATION

SOMETIMES A LEADER MAY MIGRATE WITHOUT HIS PEOPLE.

JEHOSHAPHAT

2 Chr 20:31-33

31So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD.

33Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.(NKJ)

MANASSEH

2 Chr 33:15-18

15He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city.

16He also repaired the altar of the LORD, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to the LORD their God.

18Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.(NKJ)

UZZIAH(AZARIAH)

II Ki 15:1-5

1In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king.

2He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

3And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done,

4except that the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5Then the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son was over the royal house, judging the people of the land.(NKJ)

REQUIREMENTS FOR MIGRATION:

- JESUS

Jesus is central to every migration.

In the Passover - He is the Passover lamb.

In Bethesda, His arrival is central to migration

At the gate called Beautiful - healing took place in His name and was the inception

to the migration of the lame man.

He is the pillar of fire.

He is the rock that gave water.

He is the cloud.

JESUS IS QUINTESSENTIAL FOR ANY MIGRATORY PROCESS.

- **ELIMINATION OF HINDRANCES**

REFER TO HINDRANCES TO MIGRATION.

Elimination of spiritual insensitivity. The natural man cannot receive the things of God – he is spiritually insensitive. He has no concept of migration.

Deliverance from blindness (Emmaus road experience).

Perception determines pursuit.

You cannot move into that which you cannot see.

The rich man going through the eye of the needle - He must offload the riches of the old move.

- **SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION**

This often precedes migration.

The Red sea parting.

The parting of Jordan.

The pillar and cloud.

The healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda.

- **UNITY**

PRINCIPLES OF UNITY FOR MIGRATION.

1. **SIMILAR BELIEFS** (believe the same things)

This is the one accord principle. The gathering together as one man.

2. **ONE MIND WITH THE SET MAN**(saying the same things)

Joshua

go over this Jordan, you and all this people

David and his men.

There must be agreement with the leader.

3. **CORPORATE BROKENNESS**(feeling the same way)

Proud folk cannot migrate. A Gideon company is needed.

4. **DWELLING TOGETHER (PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP)**

There must be covenant community.

5. **SIMILAR ACTIVITY**(doing the same things that God has instructed)

Walking around the walls, breaking vessels, warfare.

- **SET MAN THAT HAS MIGRATED**

You cannot lead people where you have not been.

The set man models transition.

HEZEKIAH INSPIRED TRANSFORMATION IN THE PEOPLE

2 Chr 31:1

Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the sacred pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden images, and threw down the high places and the altars-- from all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh-- until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned to their own cities, every man to his possession.(NKJ)

The people migrated with their leader. Under his leadership the people changed. Under his leadership the people became autonomously godly - the people now did what was right in God's eyes. His spirit was transferred to the people.

- **JEHOIADA GRACE**

A second man is needed. Jehoiada was not a set man – under his influence the people migrated.

2 Chr 23:16-17

16Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD'S people.

17And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.(NKJ)

When the work force migrates then the whole church migrates.

Leadership support is vital for corporate migration.

- **OUTGROWTH**

Isa 28:20

For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the covering so narrow that one cannot wrap himself in it.(NKJ)

OUTGROWTH PUTS PRESSURE TO MIGRATE.

“Enough, no more, tis not so sweet now as it was before”-SHAKESPEARE.

- **INCENTIVES**

SEE BENEFITS OF MIGRATION ABOVE.

- **NEED vs. OPTION**

Migration must be seen as a necessity rather than one of many options for it to take place. The four lepers recognized that if they did not migrate, death was certain.

- **EMPOWERMENT**

Must be empowered before migration.

When Israel left Egypt, they left with resources.

Jacob had resources before migration. Even the man at the pool had a bed.

- **DESIRE**

The desire to please God must be present for migration to take place.

Ps 110:3

Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of Your youth.(NKJ)

Neh 4:6

So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.(NKJ)

15. OTHER PASSAGES FOR MIGRATION

PEOPLE THAT MIGRATED

MNEMONIC – “PAINFUL”

PRODIGAL SON

ABRAHAM

IMPOTENT MAN

NAOMI

FOUR LEPERS

UNITED NATION OF ISRAEL

LAME MAN

AMPLIFICATION

PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15:18-20

18'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

19and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

20"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

(NKJ)

ABRAHAM

Gen 12:1-4

1Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

2I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

3I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.(NKJ)

IMPOTENT MAN

John 5:8-9

8Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

9And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.(NKJ)

NAOMI

Ruth 1:5-7

5Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

6Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.

7Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

(NKJ)

FOUR LEPERS

II Ki 7:3-5

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4'If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

5And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there.(NKJ)

UNITED NATION OF ISRAEL

- **FROM EGYPT**

Exod 12:30-43

30So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said.

32"Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also."

33And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead."

34So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

35Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.

36And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

37Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.

38A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds-- a great deal of livestock.

39And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

40Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

41And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years-- on that very same day-- it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42It is a night of solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is that night of the LORD, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

43And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it.(NKJ)

• **FROM THE WILDERNESS**

Josh 1:2-4

2"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-- the children of Israel.

3"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

4"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.(NKJ)

LAME MAN

Acts 3:2-9

2And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

4And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

5So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

7And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God.

9And all the people saw him walking and praising God.(NKJ)