

## **The Wilderness Generation**

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- God speaks fondly of the 'wilderness generation' Jr2:2, 6:16a, Nm23:21-24; 24:5-9, Dt2:7, 8:2-3, Jsh24:31, Jdg2:7, Ez16:3-6, 43a, 60, Hs2:14-15, 9:10a, 11:1, 12:9, 13:4-5,
- The 'exodus generation' all died in the wilderness Nm14:2-4, 26:1-2, 64-65, Dt2:13-18
- The wilderness generation is compared to 'first fruits', like New Testament church; and the promise of 'a kingdom of priests and a holy nation' similarly transferred is from Israel to the Church Jr2:3a, 21a, 4:1-2, Gn12:2-3, Ex19:5-6, 2Th2:13, Jm1:18, 1Pt2:9, Rv1:6a, 5:10, 14:4, 20:6

### **The Post Conquest Golden Age**

- Nm14:28-33 All of the exodus generation (over 20) to die in the wilderness; except Caleb and Joshua; children to wander 40 years, then possess the land (Dt1:39).
- Dt31:23 Commission of Joshua: no chronological information, we know he was 20+ at the start of the wanderings; so, he is 60+ at the end; call his age 60 + Y.
- Jsh1:1-9 God begins to work with Joshua – still no chronological information.
- Jsh13:1 Conquest under Joshua complete; he is 'old and advanced in years'; therefore, significantly older than at the start of the conquest; call his age 60 + Y + C.
- Jsh23:1-2, 14 Joshua approached death, 'a long time afterwards'; call his age 60 + Y + C + L.
- Jsh24:29 Joshua dies 'being 110 years old'; this is an Egyptian idiom meaning he was of a 'good old age'; it does NOT give us any chronological information – how old was Joshua?
- If Y is 5 – 10 years; C is 10 – 20 years; and L is 15 – 25 years: Joshua's age at death is between (60+5+10+15) 90 and (60+10+20+25) 115; certainly 'a good old age'.
- Jsh24:31 'The Golden Age' the period during which Israel faithfully served YHWH; how long was it?
- 'The days of the elders who outlived Joshua' - all were younger than Joshua by up to 20 years – they were less than 20 at the start of the wanderings; call this E – the amount by which the elders outlived Joshua (about 20 years).
- The Golden age comprised periods L + E: between (15+20) 35 and (25+20) 45 years; at least a full generation – all those born during this period had NO memories of the exodus or the wilderness wanderings.

### **The World Today is Like Canaan**

- The world is utterly corrupt and ready for destruction Gn15:16b, Ex23:23-32, Dt9:4-5, Ps68:1-2, Is33:3,10
- The culture and religion of Canaan were to be completely obliterated Dt7:1-6, 12:29-31, Jsh23:12-13
- The Canaanites were NOT completely destroyed Jsh13:2-6, Jdg1:1-26 (some effort), 27-36; Jr2:3b
- The culture and religion of this world are to be completely destroyed Is13:6-7, 24:1-13, 16-20, 34:1-4, Rv11:17-18
- The resurrected saints will finally eradicate the world's culture and religion through the preaching of the gospel Is19:16-22, 25:6-9, 26:1-4, 7-9, 35:1-7, Ps149:4-9, 1Cr6:2
- The new Golden Age will last 1000 years because the resurrected saints will be there to ensure corruption does not creep back in.