

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Joshua 14:1-15**  
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**Joshua 14:6-15**

**Numbers 14:24**

**The Book Of Joshua: (Joshua covers 25 years)**

**Joshua 13-24 – Division of The Land – 18 years**

**The word “Inheritance” is found over 50X in these next 9 chapters.**

**1. Verses 1-5 – Western Canaan:**

**2. Verses 6-9 – Kadesh-barnea:**

**3. Verses 10-11 – Wilderness:**

**4. Verses 12-15 – Hebron:**

**1. Verses 1-5 – Western Canaan:**

Joshua 14:1

(Numbers 34:16-29)

Joshua 14:2

Proverbs 16:33

Proverbs 18:18

Joshua 14:3-5

**2. Verses 6-9 – Kadesh-barnea:**

Joshua 14:6

Caleb – “Wholehearted”

(Joshua 14:6-15, 15:13-19; 21:12)

Kenizzite – This was a tribe that was to be exterminated by Israel (Genesis 15:19)

Obstacle was Racial Prejudice – Kenizzite – 2X verse 6, 14 Numbers 32:12

Numbers 13:4-15 – Caleb was the representative of the tribe of Judah.

Joshua 14:7

Faithful Past – We are first introduced to Caleb in Numbers 13 where he is sent out to spy out the land.

It mentions that they spied out Hebron; the burial place of Abraham, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Joseph.

Numbers 13:27-33

Numbers 13:30-33

Joshua and Caleb – They looked at God, not the circumstances, and when compared to God, the giants were grasshoppers. Numbers 14:9

The Obstacle Of Peers –

Caleb was out-voted by his peers and was ridiculed by the multitude.

Numbers 14:10

Joshua 14:7

The Obstacle Of Time –

#### 5 Characteristics That Made Caleb Stand Out:

1. He Was Honest – I brought word back to him as [it was] in my heart.

Prov. 16:23

Psalms 112:7

Joshua 14:8

Matthew 5:8 “pure” here refers to “a purity that is the result of a washing.”

Joshua 14:8

2. His Love –

The heart that is pure can endure the filth thrown at it!

3. His Devotion – but I followed the LORD my God fully.

Numbers 14:24

Six times it says this phrase about Caleb that was the theme of his life:

Verse 8 – "followed the LORD my God fully."

Verse 9 – "followed the LORD my God fully."

Verse 14 – "followed the LORD God of Israel fully."

Numbers 14:24 – "different spirit and has followed Me fully."

Numbers 32:12 – "followed the LORD fully."

Deuteronomy 1:36 – "he has followed the LORD fully."

1 John 5:4

Joshua 14:9

4. He Remembered The Promise – "Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance"

5. He Believed The Word –

### **3. Verses 10-11 – Wilderness:**

Joshua 14:10

Caleb was 40 when he set out, 38 years in the wilderness, 7 years in Canaan makes 85 years.

The Obstacle Of Age –

God's Faithfulness – "the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years,"

Joshua 14:11

God's Goodness – "I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me;"

Neh. 8:10

### **4. Verses 12-15 – Hebron:**

Joshua 14:12

God's Power – "perhaps the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out as the LORD has spoken." (Humility Not Doubt)

Psalms 18:32-34

He Claims The Blessing – “Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day,”

Joshua 14:13-14

He did drive them out, Joshua 15:14-17

Joshua 14:15

Hebron – “fellowship” this speaks of what the blessed communion with God in faith has brought the soul.

Anakim – Num. 13:33, Duet. 2:10,11

### **Application:**

1. Why should the lapse of time and old age weaken us as saints? Those that lose their first love will also lose their strength of the Lord too.
2. Psalm 1 speaks about fruitfulness and prospering as a Christian. Our age should not diminish that. We may not physically be able to do certain things, but our usefulness for the Lord will continue.
3. The ability to walk in victory lies not in our ability or wisdom or our schemes, but in His presence with us.