

# The Prayer of Jabez

“Oh that you would enlarge my territory”

And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, *Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!* And God granted him that which he requested. – 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

1. Oh that you would bless me indeed (barak, barak)
  2. Oh that you would enlarge my territory, (let me be all I was made to be)
  3. Oh that your hand might be with me, (anoint me to do exceptional things)
  4. Oh that you would keep me from evil. (don't let me sink my own ship)
- (So) that I do not cause pain.

## **Bless me that I might be a blessing**

Genesis 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless <01288> you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: (a command, be a blessing!)

Numbers 6:24-26 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Deuteronomy 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail;

## **Enlarge me that I might be a blessing**

Fulfill your promise in and through me. Give me all the inheritance you planned for me. Thy kingdom come, on earth, and in me as in heaven.

Isaiah 54:2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For you shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left;

## **Anoint me that I might be a blessing**

Fill me with you Holy Spirit. Anoint me with your hand and blessed presence.

Without you I can do nothing. I need thee, oh, I need thee.

## **Protect me from evil that I might be a blessing.**

Cover me in the shelter of the Most High, that I might abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**So that in the end I cause no more pain. I want to be a blessing.**

**Walk with the King today, and be a blessing!**

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## **Territory/Coast/Borders**

Joshua 23:15 Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you;

Judges 1:3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

Judges 11:24 Wilt not you possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

Exodus 23:30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until you be increased, and inherit the land.

Numbers 33:53 And ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants* of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

Deuteronomy 33:23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess you the west and the south.

Isaiah 54:2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For you shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Psalms 16:5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

## **Enlarge**

Genesis 9:27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

Exodus 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

Deuteronomy 12:20 When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

Deuteronomy 19:8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

Matthew 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

## **Covetousness is sin! Thou shalt not covet. More, more**

Proverbs 30:15 The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give.

Luke 12:18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

## **Your Hand On Me**

Psalms 139:5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine [hand upon me](#).

Ezra 7:6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the [hand of the LORD](#) his God upon him.

Ezra 7:28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the [hand of the LORD](#) my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

1 Kings 18:46 And the [hand of the LORD](#) was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Hand of God you can fall into, or he can put his hand on you.

Hebrews 10:31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the [living God](#).

Isaiah 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the [hand of the LORD](#), and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Daniel 9:15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a [mighty hand](#), and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

Ezekiel 1:3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the [hand of the LORD](#) was there upon him.

Ezekiel 3:14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the [hand of the LORD](#) was strong upon me.

Luke 1:66 And all they that heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the [hand of the Lord](#) was with him.

Acts 11:21 And the [hand of the Lord](#) was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

Acts 4:30 By stretching forth thine [hand to heal](#); and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the [mighty hand](#) of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

## **Your Hand Upon Me**

Luke 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, [the Lord is](#) with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

1 Chronicles 4:9 And Jabez <03258> was more honourable <03513> (8737) than his brethren <0251>: and his mother <0517> called <07121> (8804) his name <08034> Jabez <03258>, saying <0559> (8800), Because I bare <03205> (8804) him with sorrow <06090>. 10 And Jabez <03258> called <07121> (8799) on the God <0430> of Israel <03478>, saying <0559> (8800), Oh that <0518> you would bless <01288> (8762) me indeed <01288> (8763), and enlarge <07235> (8689) my coast <01366>, and that thine hand <03027> might be with me, and that you would keep <06213> (8804) *me* from evil <07451>, that it may not grieve <06087> (8800) me! And God <0430> granted <0935> (8686) him that which he requested <07592> (8804).

Hebrew is strange to us. Not only is it a different language but it is also a different manner of speaking. It is kind of a Yoda speak.

Literally –

- ?? Ya`bets *yah-bates'* (Jabez)
- ?? qara' *kaw-raw'*(called)
- ?? 'elohiym *el-o-heem'* (GOD)
- ?? Yisra'el *yis-raw-ale'* (Israel)
- ?? 'amar *aw-mar'* (saying)
- ?? 'im *eem* (if only)
- ?? barak *baw-rak'* (bless me)
- ?? barak *baw-rak'* (indeed)
- ?? rabah *raw-baw'* (enlarge)
- ?? g@buwl *gheb-ool'*or (coast)
- ?? yad *yawd* (hand)
- ?? `asah *aw-saw'* (keep me)
- ?? ra` *rah* (evil)
- ?? bUe `atsab *aw-tsab'* (hurt not)

Jabez means sorrow, pain, or grief.

### **Bore him in pain**

06090 bUe `otseb *o'-tseb* (Backward rendition of Jabez, o-tzeb a variation of 06089; n m

AV-sorrow 2, wicked 1, idol 1; 4

1) pain, sorrow

2) idol

**That it not grieve me, or (I do not cause pain.)**

Actually the phrase is not a phrase in Hebrew. It is one word. Grieve not

06087 בוע `atsab *aw-tsab'*

a primitive root; v

AV-grieve 10, displeased 1, hurt 1, made 1, sorry 1, vexed 1, worship 1, wrest 1; 17

1) to hurt, pain, grieve, displease, vex, wrest

1a) (Qal) to hurt, pain

1b) (Niphal) to be in pain, be pained, be grieved

1c) (Piel) to vex, torture

1d) (Hiphil) to cause pain

1e) (Hithpael) to feel grieved, be vexed

2) to shape, fashion, make, form, stretch into shape, (TWOT) worship

2a) (Piel) to shape, form

2b) (Hiphil) to form, copy, fashion