

THE MAKING OF A “HISTORY MAKER IV”

“JABEZ TYPE PRAYING”

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Opening Discussion:

Have you ever read the Bible all the way through? What did you do when you came to I Chronicles 1-9? Did you speed read through it, or read it at all? Yet right in the middle of this very long chronological list, the Lord pauses to reflect on a particular man? Who was this man, and why did the Lord stop to hear and answer this man’s cry? As a result, he rose above obscurity and became a “history maker”.

***I Chronicles 1-9 - “1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah. 4 The sons of Noah: Shem, Ham and Japheth. The Japhethites 5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. 6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah 4:9-10 - 9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” 10 Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request 8:39 The sons of his brother Eshek: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second son and Eliphelet the third. 40 The sons of Ulam were brave warriors who could handle the bow. They had many sons and grandsons—150 in all. All these were the descendants of Benjamin. 9:1 All Israel was listed in the genealogies recorded in the book of the kings of Israel.”**

***JABEZ TYPE PRAYING LEADING TO MAKING HISTORY...**

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***Discussion:**

1. What is the “balance” we need to strike when asking God for His blessing?
2. Why is it so important to have God’s blessings?
3. Give Biblical examples of people who “pressed in” for their blessing. What should this speak to us?

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*Eph 3:20 - “Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us...”*

***Discussion:**

1. In what ways does God want to “expand our borders”?
2. Would you consider yourself someone with big vision or small vision?
3. How does Pt 1 progress into Pt 2?

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***Discussion:**

1. What's the difference between "visitation", "habitation", and "abiding"?
2. How does Pt 3 fit into the progression with Pts 1&2?

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*I Chron 26 - 15 "...His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful. 16 But after Uzziah became powerful, his **pride** led to his downfall."*

***Discussion:**

1. In I Chron 4:10, the K.J.V. uses the word, "evil", while the N.I.V. uses the word "harm". How does the Hebrew word used here take both into account?
2. How can sin short-circuit God's destiny planned for you and I? Give some Biblical examples to back up this thought.
3. How does the progression of points sometimes lead to this danger?
4. What did Jabez prayer to combat this? How does this compare to what Jesus taught us to pray?

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CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: What was the final outcome of Jabez prayer? How does this relate to us?