

## **THE PRESSURE OF ASSIMILATION**

### **GENESIS 3:1**

1 ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

### **GENESIS 3:2**

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

### **GENESIS 3:3**

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

### **GENESIS 3:4**

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

### **GENESIS 3:5**

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

### **GENESIS 3:6**

6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

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### **ASSIMILATE,**

**to take in and incorporate as one's own; absorb:  
to bring into conformity with the customs, attitudes, etc.  
to cause to resemble.**

### **NUMBERS 13:21**

21 ¶ So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

### **NUMBERS 13:22**

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

### **NUMBERS 13:23**

23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

### **NUMBERS 13:24**

24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

### **NUMBERS 13:25**

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

### **NUMBERS 13:26**

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and **brought back word unto them**, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

### **NUMBERS 13:27**

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

### **NUMBERS 13:28**

28 **Nevertheless** the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

### **NUMBERS 13:29**

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

### **NUMBERS 13:30**

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

### **NUMBERS 13:31**

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

### **NUMBERS 13:32**

32 And they brought up an **\*EVIL** report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

**EVIL:** dibbah {dib-baw'}  
whispering, defamation, unfavourable saying

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### **NUMBERS 14:37**

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

### **NUMBERS 13:33**

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

### **JOSHUA 15:13**

13 ¶ And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

### **JOSHUA 15:14**

14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

### **NUMBERS 14:1**

1 ¶ And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

### **NUMBERS 14:2**

2 And all the children of Israel **murmured against Moses and against Aaron**: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

### **NUMBERS 14:3**

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

### **NUMBERS 14:4**

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

### **NUMBERS 14:5**

5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

### **NUMBERS 14:6**

6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

### **NUMBERS 14:7**

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is **an exceeding good land.**

### **NUMBERS 14:8**

8 If the LORD **delight in us**, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

### **NUMBERS 14:9**

9 **Only rebel not ye against the LORD**, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

### **NUMBERS 14:10**

10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

### **VERSE 21**

### **NUMBERS 14:21**

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

### **NUMBERS 14:22**

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

### **NUMBERS 14:23**

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

### **NUMBERS 14:24**

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

### **NUMBERS 14:36**

36 ¶ And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

### **NUMBERS 14:37**

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

### **NUMBERS 14:38**

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

### **DANIEL 6:3**

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

### **DANIEL 6:4**

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

### **DANIEL 6:5**

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

**DANIEL 6:7**

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

**DANIEL 6:8**

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

**DANIEL 6:9**

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

**DANIEL 6:10**

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

**DANIEL 6:11**

11 ¶ Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

**DANIEL 6:19**

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

**DANIEL 6:20**

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

**DANIEL 6:21**

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

**DANIEL 6:22**

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

**DANIEL 6:23**

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

**DANIEL 3:12**

12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

**DANIEL 3:13**

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

**DANIEL 3:14**

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

**DANIEL 3:15**

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour



into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

**DANIEL 3:16**

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

**DANIEL 3:17**

17 **If it be so**, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

**DANIEL 3:18**

18 **But if not**, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

**DANIEL 3:19**

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

**DANIEL 3:20**

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

**DANIEL 3:21**

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

**DANIEL 3:22**

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

### **DANIEL 3:23**

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

### **DANIEL 3:24**

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

### **DANIEL 3:25**

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

### **DANIEL 3:26**

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

### **DANIEL 3:27**

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

### **DANIEL 3:28**

28 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have

changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

**DANIEL 3:29**

29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.