

# Lessons from the Conquest of the Land

## Joshua 11-14

The book of Joshua is divided into two sections:

- Conquest of the land (ch 1-12)
- Settlement of the land (ch 13-24)

### Chapter 11

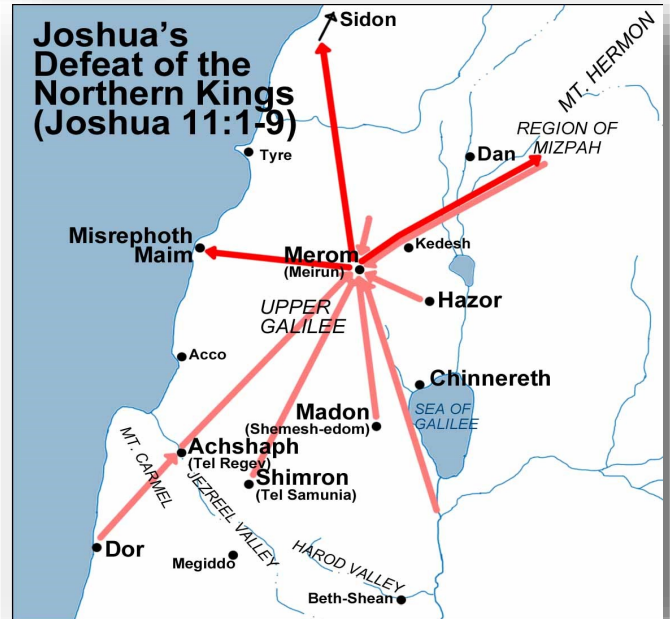
A massive confederation goes against Israel (11:1-5)

- Before the battle begins Joshua knows the outcome (11:6)
- Israel took offensive measures (11:7)
- They destroyed all the cities (11:12) as Moses had directed them (Deut 20:16)
- They battled a long time (11:18– about 7 years)
- The “giants” were destroyed (11:22; Num 13:28)

#### Principle & a Lesson:

“He left nothing undone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses” (11:15)

- *What ought we to learn from this? (cf. Titus 1:5)*



### Chapter 12

Chapter twelve is a short history of Israel's victories

- It begins with Moses (12:6) and ends with the defeat of Tirzah (12:24).
- Thirty-one kings. Israel was 31-0.

This reinforced the promise that God had made (1:3)  
This was also a reminder that the task wasn't finished (13:1)

Why is it essential to drive enemies out of our heart?



#### Living among the Nations (23:8-13)

Became a snare & a trap: Israel would stumble because of this  
Whips on your sides: make you weak  
Thorns in eyes: keep you from seeing clearly

#### Three enemies that we must drive out

1. Becoming sidetracked (2 Tim 4:10): d \_\_\_\_\_
2. Becoming discouraged (Lk 18:1): losing \_\_\_\_\_
3. Becoming like the nations around us: c \_\_\_\_\_



#### How do we accomplish this?

1. Live with \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 5:9)
2. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ with what God has given us (Mt 6:33)
3. Make deliberate \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 4:14-15,22-24; Col 3:5-16)

### Chapter 13

Here we begin to see the distribution of the land on the East side of the Jordan River

- This was considered an “inheritance” (13:8)

#### Principle & a Lesson:

*“But the sons of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurites...for Geshur and Maacath live among Israel until this day” (13:13)*

- *What ought we to learn from this?*

- The chapter begins by telling us that Joshua is old (13:1) - likely high 80's or 90's
- Caleb is 85 (14:10)

## Chapter 14

Prepares for the settlement of the land on the West side of the Jordan

- The actual distribution won't begin until chapter 15
- Caleb requests a specific hill (14:6-12)  
There are eight references to God in Caleb's speech

He believed what God said (Num 14:6-8)  
He wasn't swayed by the disbelief of others  
He followed the Lord fully (Josh 14:9)

### How do we keep or maintain spiritual strength through the years (14:11)?



#### Principle & a Lesson:

*"I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me..." (14:11)*

- What challenges do older Christians face?

We commonly say that "young people are the church of the future." If that is the case, then what are "old people," the church of the past?

*What would be a better expression?*

### The different Spirit (Num 14:24)

Leads us to doing things that are not always \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
Leads us to treasure the very things the world \_\_\_\_\_  
Leads us to developing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
Gets \_\_\_\_\_

