

GOD'S COMMAND CONCERNING CANAAN
Joshua 1

After the days of mourning for Moses were ended, the Israelites began a new chapter in the history of their nation. Study the beginning of this new era below:

A. God's Message to Joshua: Read Joshua 1:1-9

1. What had Joshua been before Moses' death? Joshua 1:1
2. Now that Moses was dead, what did God command Joshua and the people to do? Joshua 1: 2

- _____
3. What promise did God make to Joshua? Joshua 1:3

- _____
4. Notice the boundaries of the land which was to be theirs: Joshua 1:4:
From the _____ on the east and _____ on the northwest, to the _____ river _____ on the northeast, and to the _____ sea on the west. (Locate each of these on a map.)

5. What four great promises did God give to Joshua? Joshua 1:5, 6b

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

6. What charge did God twice give to Joshua? Joshua 1:6a, 7a

- _____
7. Why did He want Joshua to do this? Joshua 1:7b

- _____
8. What must Joshua be careful not to do? Joshua 1:7c

- _____
9. Why must he do this? Joshua 1:7d

- _____
10. What two things did God tell Joshua about the book of His law?

Joshua 1:8a, b

- a. _____
- b. _____

11. What would be two results if Joshua did these things? Joshua 1:8c

- _____
12. What was God's final promise to Joshua? Joshua 1:9c

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B. Joshua's Commands to the People: Read Joshua 1:10-18

1. What did Joshua command the officers to tell the people to do, and why? Joshua 1:10, 11

2. What did Joshua ask the Reubenites, Gadites and Manassites to remember? Joshua 1:12, 13a

3. What two parts had there been to this command? Joshua 1:14
a. _____
b. _____
4. How long were these tribes to help their brethren? Joshua 1:15a

5. Then what would they be able to do? Joshua 1:15b

6. What was the three-fold reply of these tribes? Joshua 1:16, 17a
a. _____ b.
_____ c. _____
7. What did they say should be done to anyone who would not do as they said? Joshua 1:18a-c

8. What was their final word to Joshua? Joshua 1:18d

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How long did Joshua wait before he began to carry out God's command?

2. Has God given me a command? Is there a territory He wants me to "conquer" for Him? Have I begun to obey? If not, why not? What is God's message to *me* concerning this? (See Joshua 1:9)

SPYING OUT CANAAN

Joshua 2

After receiving God's command to enter Canaan, Joshua began immediately to make preparations for this venture. Read below about some of these preparations:

A. Rahab's Treatment of the Spies: Read Joshua 2:1-7

1. What part of the land did Joshua send spies to view secretly? Joshua 2:1a

2. To what place in that city did the spies come? Joshua 2:1b

3. Who learned of their arrival in the land? Joshua 2:2

4. What did his messengers ask Rahab to do? Joshua 2:3

5. But what did she do instead? Joshua 2:4a

6. What three things did she tell the messengers about the spies

Joshua 2:4, 5a, 5b

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

7. But what two things had she actually done with the spies? Joshua 2:6

8. Did the messengers do as she had suggested? Joshua 2:7

B. Rahab's Conversation with the Spies: Read Joshua 2:8-14

1. What three things did Rahab tell the spies that she knew? Joshua 2:8, 9

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. What two things had her people heard about the Israelites?

Joshua 2:10a, b

a. _____

b. _____

3. What happened to them as soon as they heard these things?

Joshua 2:11a, b

a. _____

b. _____

4. What had Rahab herself decided after hearing these things?

Joshua 2:11c

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5. Therefore, what did she ask the spies to do for her, in return for the kindness she had showed them? Joshua 2:13

6. On what condition did the spies promise that they would do this? Joshua 2:14

C. The Spies' Instructions to Rahab: Read Joshua 2:15-21

1. How did Rahab help the spies to escape? Joshua 2:15

2. Notice where she told them to go, and why: Joshua 2:16

3. How did they say Rahab should mark her house for the spies? Joshua 2:17, 18a

4. What must she also do to assure her family's safety? Joshua 2:18b-19

5. Did Rahab carry out the spies' instructions? Joshua 2:21b

D. The Spies' Report to Joshua: Read Joshua 2:22-24

1. How long did the spies wait before returning to Joshua? Joshua 2:22

2. What did they do after they had returned? Joshua 2:23

3. What did they say to Joshua? Joshua 2:24a

4. How did they know that this was true? Joshua 2:24b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What effect would the spies' report have on Joshua and the people of Israel?

2. Would God have me to go in and spy out the territory He wants *me* to "conquer" for Him, before I actually begin the task of conquering it? What should be the result of such spying to me?

ENTERING CANAAN Joshua 3:1 - 5:9

With all the preparations now completed, the time had come to cross the Jordan River into Canaan. Read now how this was done, and what effect this event had on the Canaanites.

A. Crossing the Jordan: Read Joshua 3

1. What did Joshua and all the Israelites do the morning after the spies returned? Joshua 3:1

2. What was the signal for their next move? Joshua 3:3

3. What did Joshua ask the people to do, and why? Joshua 3:5

4. What did God promise Joshua at this time, and why? Joshua 3:7a
 - a. What? _____
 - b. Why? _____
5. What two things would the Israelites learn from the events this day? Joshua 3:10
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
6. Notice what Joshua said would happen to the waters of the Jordan River: Joshua 3:13. Did his prediction come to pass? Joshua 3:14-16b.

7. What did the people then do? Joshua 3:16c

8. What did the priests do during this time? Joshua 3:17

B. Marking the Crossing of the Jordan: Read Joshua 4

1. What did the Lord then tell Joshua to have 12 men do? Joshua 4:3a, b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. What two things would this be to the Israelites in the future? Joshua 4:6a, 7b

3. Were these instructions carried out? Joshua 4:8

4. What else did Joshua do? Joshua 4:9

5. After all this was completed, what happened? Joshua 4:11

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6. What were two effects of this crossing upon the people of Israel?

Joshua 4:14

7. What happened as soon as the priests' feet were placed on dry land?

Joshua 4:18

8. Where did the Israelites camp after this ? Joshua 4:19

9. What did they do there? Joshua 4:20

10. To what previous miracle did Joshua compare this miracle? Joshua 4:23

11. What were two of God's great purposes for performing this miracle?

Joshua 4:24

a. _____

b. _____

C. The Effect of Crossing the Jordan: Read Joshua 5:1-9

1. What happened to the kings of the Amorites and Canaanites when they heard of Israel's miraculous crossing of the Jordan River? Joshua 5:1

a. (two items) _____

b. _____

2. Notice what the Lord then told Joshua to do, and why: Joshua 5:3-7

3. What did they then do for a few days? Joshua 5:8

4. What did the Lord tell Joshua He had done that day? Joshua 5:9

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Were God's purposes for the miracle of crossing the Jordan River accomplished?

2. Has God ever worked a miracle like this for *me*? Would *he* like to? What effect would such a miracle have upon me? Upon any I am leading in the work of the Lord? Upon any who are opposing me in this work? Upon the whole earth? (See Joshua 4:23a, 24)

THE BATTLE FOR JERICHO

Joshua 5:10 - 6:27

After crossing the Jordan River, the Israelites encamped at Gilgal where several important events occurred.. Study these, and other events which followed, below:

A. Events Near Jericho: Read Joshua 5:10-15

1. What did the children of Israel do at Gilgal? Joshua 5:10

2. What happened on the next two days after this? Joshua 5:11, 12

a. _____

b. _____

3. What did Joshua see when he was near Jericho? Joshua 5:13a

4. What did Joshua ask this man? Joshua 5:13b

5. What was his reply? Joshua 5:14a

6. What 3 things did Joshua do when he heard this? Joshua 5:14b, c

a. (two Items) _____

b. _____

7. What was he told in answer to his question? Joshua 5:15

B. God's Message Concerning Jericho: Read Joshua 6:1-5

1. What did God tell Joshua concerning Jericho? Joshua 6:2

2. What did God tell them they should do to conquer this city?

Joshua 6:3-5

a. 3 _____

b. 4a _____

c. 4b, c _____

d. 5a, b _____

e. 5c _____

f. 5d _____

C. Israel's Response to God's Message: Read Joshua 6:6-27

1. Did Israel obey God's instructions the first day? Joshua 6: 6-9, 11

2. What special command did Joshua give the people before they began that day? Joshua 6:10

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3. Did they follow God's instructions the second day? Joshua 6:12-14a

4. How many days in all did they follow this procedure? Joshua 6:14b

5. When did they begin their work on the seventh day? Joshua 6:15

6. What did Joshua tell the people to do the seventh time, and why?
Joshua 6:16

7. List Joshua's instructions to the people before they shouted:
Joshua 6:17-19

a. 17a _____

b. 17b _____

c. 18 _____

d. 19 _____

8. List the events which happened when the priests blew the trumpets and the people shouted:

a. 20d _____

b. 20e, f _____

c. 20g _____

d. 21 _____

9. What did Joshua then tell the two spies to do? Joshua 6:22

10. After they had done this (vs.23), what did the Israelites do to the city?
Joshua 6:24a

11. What happened as a result of Joshua's victory at Jericho? Joshua 6:27

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did it require on the part of the Israelites to follow God's seemingly foolish instructions concerning Jericho? (See Hebrews 11:30, 31)

2. Do I have enough faith to follow God's instructions exactly--no matter how foolish they may seem to me? What will be the results if I do? If I don't?

THE FIRST BATTLE FOR AI

Joshua 7

Following their glorious conquest of Jericho, no doubt the spirits of Joshua and his men were very high. Read now what they did, evidently right after this battle:

A. The Battle Itself: Read Joshua 7:2-5

1. What did Joshua send men to Ai to do? Joshua 7:2

2. Did God tell him to do this? Joshua 7:2 and *THINK!*

3. What did the spies discover about Ai? Joshua 7:3e

4. Therefore, what did they recommend concerning the capture of this city? Joshua 7:3a-d

5. What happened when their recommendation was followed? Joshua 7:4, 5a-c
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. What happened to all the people because of this battle? Joshua 7:5d, e

B. Joshua's Reaction to the Battle: Read Joshua 7:6-9

1. What did Joshua and the elders of Israel do after this battle? Joshua 7:6
 - a. 6a, c _____
 - b. 6b _____
2. To whom did Joshua turn for help? Joshua 7:7, 8

3. What two things did Joshua fear would happen because of this battle?
Joshua 7:9
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

C. God's Evaluation of the Battle: Read Joshua 7:10-15

1. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? Joshua 7:10

2. What did He say was the reason for this terrible defeat? Joshua 7:11, 12a

3. What must they do before they could again have victory in battle?
Joshua 7:12b-13

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4. Notice how God would show who was the offender in this matter:
Joshua 7:14.

5. What did God say must be done with this offender? Joshua 7:15

D. Israel' Actions Following the Battle: Read Joshua 7:16-26

1. Read Joshua 7:16-18 and show who was pointed out as the offender: The tribe of _____; the family of _____; _____ of that family; and _____ of this household. (See Joshua 7:1)

2. What two things did Joshua ask this man to do? Joshua 7:19

- a. (two items) _____
b. _____

3. What did Achan acknowledge that he had done? Joshua 7:20

4. What three items did he say he had taken? Joshua 7:21a

5. Notice the four things he had done with these items: Joshua 7:21

6. What did Joshua do after hearing Achan's confession? Joshua 7:22

7. What did they do with the stolen items after they were recovered?
Joshua 7:23d

8. What three things did they then do with Achan and all his family?

- Joshua 7:25b-26a
a. 25b (two items) _____
b. 26a _____

9. Who else perished besides Achan himself? Joshua 7:24

10. What happened after Israel had carried out God's instructions concerning Achan?
Joshua 7:26b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it pay Achan to take the things God had forbidden him to take?

2. Have I done something God has told me not to do? How does God feel about this? What effect will it have on my life? For how long? Is there anything I can do to be restored to God's favor? (See Joshua 7:12, 13)

THE SECOND BATTLE FOR AI

Joshua 8

Now that Achan's terrible sin was put away from Israel, it was possible for them once more to have victory in battle. See now how this was accomplished:

A. God's Instructions Concerning Ai: Read Joshua 8:1, 2

1. What were the Lord's first words to Joshua after Achan's sin was put away?

Joshua 8:1a

2. What did the Lord then tell Joshua to do? Joshua 8:1b

3. What four things did God say He had given into Joshua's hand? Joshua 8:1c

4. What was to be one difference between this battle and that for Jericho?

Joshua 8:2b

5. How did God tell them to capture this city? Joshua 8:2c
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B. Joshua's Instructions Concerning Ai: Read Joshua 8:3-9

1. Where did Joshua tell the ambushers to go? Joshua 8:3, 4

2. What would he and the people with him then do? Joshua 8:5, 6

a. 5a

b. 5b

c. 6

3. Then what were the ambushers to do? Joshua 8:7a

7b

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C. The Battle Itself: Read Joshua 8:10-23

1. On what side of Ai did Joshua and his men set up camp? Joshua 8:10, 11

2. On what side did the ambushers wait? Joshua 8:12

3. After all the people were set, what did Joshua do? Joshua 8:13

4. When the King of Ai saw this, what did he do the next morning?

Joshua 8:14

5. What did Joshua and his men then do? Joshua 8:15
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6. How many of the men of Ai came after them? Joshua 8:16, 17 _____

7. What did God then tell Joshua? Joshua 8:18

8. When Joshua obeyed, what did the ambushers do? Joshua 8:19

a. (two things) _____

b. (three things) _____

9. When the men of Ai looked back, what did they see? Joshua 8:20a, b

10. Was there any way they could flee or get away? Joshua 8:20c

11. What did Joshua and the men with him then do? Joshua 8:21

12. Then what did the ambushers do? Joshua 8:22a

13. What did the Israelites then do to the armies of Ai? Joshua 8:22b

14. Who alone was saved alive? Joshua 8:23

15. After this, what did the Israelites do? Joshua 8:24-26

16. What were the only things saved from this city? Joshua 8:27

17. Then what did Joshua do with the king of Ai? Joshua 8:29

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What made the difference between the terrible defeat in the first battle for Ai, and the wonderful victory in the second battle?

2. Have I ever suffered great defeats in *my* life? What could be the reason? What must I do before I may again have God lead me to great victories for Him?

THE CONFERENCE WITH THE GIBEONITES

Joshua 8:30 – 9:27

With Ai now conquered, Joshua was free to carry out some of the commands Moses had given before his death. See now what commands these were, and what happened later:

A. Activities at Mt. Ebal: Read Joshua 8:30-35

1. What three things did Joshua now do at Mt. Ebal? Joshua 8:30, 31b, c, 32
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Where did Joshua then make all Israel stand? Joshua 8:33

3. What did Joshua do after this? Joshua 8:34, 35

B. The Request of the Gibeonites: Read Joshua 9:1-13

1. When the kings on the west of Jordan heard of Israel's activities, what did they do? Joshua 9:2

2. When the Gibeonites heard of Joshua's conquests, what did they do? Joshua 9:3, 4a

3. Notice how they did this: Joshua 9:4b-5
4. What did they ask the Israelites to do? Joshua 9:6c

5. What did the Israelites realize might possibly be true of these people? Joshua 9:7

6. When Joshua questioned them about this, what did they answer? Joshua 9:9a

7. Why did they say they had come? Joshua 9:9b

8. What two things had they heard which caused them to come? Joshua 9:9c, 10
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
9. Who did they say had asked them to come? Joshua 9:11

10. What did they claim they were told to say when they arrived? Joshua 9:11b

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11. What did they say about their bread, wine, clothes and shoes?
Joshua 9:12, 13
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C. Israel's Reaction to the Gibeonites: Read Joshua 9:14, 15

1. What did the Israelites do before making their decision? Joshua 9:14a
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2. What did they *not* do? Joshua 9:14b
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3. What two things did Joshua then do? Joshua 9:15a
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4. What did the princes of the congregation do? Joshua 9:15b
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D. Israel's Discovery Concerning the Gibeonites: Read Joshua 9:16-27

1. What did the Israelites discover about the Gibeonites after only three days?
Joshua 9:16, 17a
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(Locate each of their cities, listed in Joshua 9:17b, on a map).

2. How did the Israelites treat these cities, and why? Joshua 9:18a, b
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3. What did the congregation do as a result? Joshua 9:18c
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4. What two things did the Gibeonites become for Israel? Joshua 9:21
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5. What two other things did Joshua also tell them they were to be?
Joshua 9:23
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was God pleased about the agreement Israel had made with the Gibeonites? How would this agreement affect them in the future? Exodus 23:32, 33, 34:12-16; Deuteronomy 7:2-5. Should Israel have known better? (See Joshua 8:34, 35)
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2. Have I made any agreement with anyone God has told me not to?
(See 2 Corinthians 6:14a, 17, 18.) What effect will this have on me and on my children in the future?
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THE BATTLE FOR SOUTHERN CANAAN

Joshua 10

News of the Gibeonites' actions toward Israel traveled fast. See now to whom it came, and what happened as a result of this news:

A. Reaction to Joshua's Conquests: Read Joshua 10:1-5

1. Who heard of Joshua's conquest of Ai and the Gibeonites' league with Joshua?
Joshua 10:1 _____
2. What was the reaction to this news? Joshua 10:2a

3. Why did the people react this way? Joshua 10:2b-e
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. Therefore, to the kings of what four cities did he send messages?
Joshua 10:3

(Locate each of these on a map.)
5. What did he ask them to do? Joshua 10:4

6. Then what did all these kings do? Joshua 10:5

B. Joshua's Response to This Reaction: Read Joshua 10:6-15

1. To whom did the Gibeonites send for help? Joshua 10:6

2. When Joshua responded to this plea, what did the Lord tell him?
Joshua 10:8

3. What did Joshua then do? Joshua 10:9

4. What five things did the Lord then do to defeat the enemy?
Joshua 10:10, 11
 - a. 10a _____
 - b. 10b _____
 - c. 10c _____
 - d. 10d _____
 - e. 11 _____
5. What did Joshua then ask the Lord to do for Israel? Joshua 10:12

6. Did the Lord answer his request? Joshua 10:13, 14

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7. Then what did Joshua do? Joshua 10:15
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C. Joshua's Further Conquests: Read Joshua 10:16-43

1. What did the five kings of southern Canaan do? Joshua 10:16
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2. When Joshua heard of this, what did he tell his men to do? Joshua 10:17-19

- a. 18 _____
b. 19a _____
c. 19b _____

3. When they had done this, what did Joshua do to the five kings?

Joshua 10:22-27

- a. 23a _____
b. 24 _____
c. 26 (three things) _____
d. 27 _____

4. List the cities which Joshua then conquered: Joshua 10:28-39

- a. 28 _____ b. 29, 30 _____ c. 31, 32 _____
d. 33 _____ e. 34, 35 _____ f. 36, 37 _____
g. 38, 39 _____ (Locate each of these on a map.)

5. What was the final result of these conquests of Joshua? Joshua 10:40
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6. Notice how much Joshua had now conquered: Joshua 10:41 (See a map.)

7. Why was Joshua able to take all these kings and their lands at one time?

Joshua 10:42

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Who actually conquered southern Canaan?
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2. Am I facing a great battle in my life just now? When should I begin fighting? How will this battle be won? Should I ask God to do what is needed that it may be won? What will be my part, personally, toward winning this great battle?
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THE BATTLE FOR NORTHERN CANAAN Joshua 11 – 13:14

With central Canaan and southern Canaan now completely defeated, the prospect was very grim indeed for the kings of northern Canaan. Read to see their reaction at this time:

A. The Northern Kings' Reaction: Read Joshua 11:1-5

1. When the kings of northern Canaan heard of Joshua's conquest of southern Canaan, who took the lead in organizing the others against Joshua?

Joshua 11:1-3

2. What did they all bring with them besides their hosts (armies)? Joshua 11:4
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3. Where did they gather together? Joshua 11:5
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(Locate this place on a map.)

B. Joshua's Response to the Northern Kings: Read Joshua 11:6-15

1. What three-fold message did the Lord give Joshua at this time? Joshua 11:6

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

2. How did Joshua and his forces then come against the enemy? Joshua 11:7
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3. What happened as they arrived there? Joshua 11:8a
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4. What three things did the Israelites then do? Joshua 11:8b, c, 9a

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

5. After defeating the armies, what four things did Joshua do? Joshua 11:10-14

a. 10, 11 _____
b. 12, 13 _____
c. 14a _____
d. 14b _____

6. What was true after this conquest of Joshua? Joshua 11:15
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C. Summary of Conquests to Date: Read Joshua 11:16-23

1. How much of the land had Joshua now conquered? Joshua 11:16, 17
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2. How long did he have to fight with all those kings? Joshua 11:18

3. From Joshua 14:7, 10, try to figure out how many years this was: _____
4. Why had none of the cities except Gibeon made peace with Israel?
Joshua 11:19, 20

5. What did Joshua do with the land after he had conquered it? Joshua 11:23b

6. Then what did the land have? Joshua 11:23c

7. Notice that Joshua 12:1-6 tells of the two kings Moses had defeated, and Joshua 12:7-24 lists those defeated by Joshua. How many kings had Joshua defeated in all? Joshua 12:24b _____

D. God's Message Concerning the Land: Read Joshua 13:1-14

1. Although Joshua had defeated so many kings, what did the Lord say to him?
Joshua 13:1c

2. Read the description of the land which yet remained to be possessed:
Joshua 13:2-6a. What did God promise concerning all these peoples? Joshua 13:6b _

3. But what did He tell Joshua to do now? Joshua 13:6c

4. To whom was this land to be given for an inheritance? Joshua 13:7

5. What tribe was to receive no inheritance, and why? Joshua 13:14

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How was Israel able to conquer the whole land of Canaan? (See Psalm 44:3)

2. How shall I be able to accomplish all that God has planned for me to do? (See Psalm 60:12)

THE DIVISION OF THE LAND AMONG THE TRIBES BEGINS

Numbers 33:5 – 35:6; Joshua 13:15 – 17:18

Having received God's command to divide the conquered land among the tribes, Joshua proceeded with his great task. Read now to discover what you can concerning this:

A. The Plan for Dividing the Land: Read Joshua 14:1-5; Numbers 33:50-34:29

1. Notice the three groups to whom Moses had already given an inheritance, Joshua 13:15, 24, 29, and where their territories were located, Joshua 13:32. Where were the other tribes to receive their inheritance? Joshua 14:1a; Numbers 33:51b _____

2. Who was to help Joshua distribute this land? Numbers 34:17-29
 - a. 17 _____
 - b. 18 _____
3. How was it to be decided who should have what part of the land? Numbers 33:54, 13; Joshua 14:2a _____
4. How many tribes were yet to receive land? Joshua 14:2b; Numbers 34:13

5. Add this to the number given land by Moses. How many tribes was this in all?

6. Why were there 12 tribes receiving land, even though the tribe of Levi had no inheritance? Joshua 14:4

7. Who had determined the boundaries of the land which should be divided to these tribes? Numbers 34:1-12 (see verse 1)

B. The Inheritance of Judah: Read Joshua 14:6-15:19

1. Who was spokesman for the tribe of Judah? Joshua 14:6

2. What did he remind Joshua that Moses had promised him? Joshua 14:6c, 9

3. Therefore, what did he ask Joshua to give him? Joshua 14:12a

4. What were two characteristics of this land? Joshua 14:12b, c

5. Notice what kind of people the Anakim were: Numbers 13:33, 28. Yet how did Caleb hope to conquer them? Joshua 14:12d

6. Why was Caleb's request granted? Joshua 14:14b, 8b, 9d; Numbers 14:24, 32:12; Deuteronomy 1:36

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7. Since Caleb was promised this particular part of the land, his tribe was given territory surrounding it, which is described in Joshua 15:1-12

(Locate this territory on a map).

8. Did Caleb conquer his territory? Joshua 15:13-19; Judges 1:10-15

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9. Whom did the children of Judah *not* conquer? Joshua 15:63

C. The Inheritance of Ephraim and Manasseh: Joshua 16, 17

1. The borders of Joseph's son Ephraim are described in Joshua 16.

(Locate their territory on a map.)

2. Who did they not drive out of their territory? Joshua 16:10

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3. Which of the sons of Manasseh, Joseph's other son, had already inherited his territory on the east side of the Jordan? Joshua 17:1

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4. Who had an inheritance among the other sons of Manasseh, and why?
Joshua 17:3-6

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5. The territory of these descendants of Manasseh is described in
Joshua 16:7-12.

(Locate their land on a map).

6. Whom did they not drive out of their cities? Joshua 17:12, 13

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7. When the two tribes of Joseph complained that their land was too small, what did Joshua tell them to do to increase their territory? Joshua 17:14-18

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Although the kings and armies of Canaan had been defeated, was the fighting completely over? What would each tribe have to do before it could gain full possession of the land allotted to it?

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2. Is the fighting over for me once I have "entered the land" of Christian maturity? What must I still do to gain possession of all that God intends for me to have?

THE DIVISION OF THE LAND AMONG THE TRIBES COMPLETED

Joshua 18 – 22

In all, five tribes had now received inheritances--2 1/2 tribes east of the Jordan, and 2 1/2 tribes west of the Jordan in Canaan. Read now about the land given to the other seven tribes:

A. The Plan for Dividing the Rest of the Land: Read Joshua 18:1-10

1. Where did the whole congregation of Israel now assemble? Joshua 18:1a

2. What did they do there? Joshua 18:1b

3. What did Joshua ask the seven tribes who had as yet received no inheritance? Joshua 18:3

4. What did Joshua ask three men from each tribe to do?
Joshua 18:4b, c, 5a, 6b
 - a. (three items) _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
5. What would Joshua then do? Joshua 18:6c

NOTE: Casting lots was a means of deciding an issue or of determining God's will in a matter. Proverbs 16:33 is the only biblical clue as to how it was done.

6. How did the men describe the land? Joshua 18:9

B. The Land Assigned According to This Plan: Joshua 18:11-19:51

1. Tell which tribe's land is described in:
 - a. Joshua 18:11-28 _____
 - b. 19:1-9 _____
 - c. 19:10-16 _____
 - d. 19:17-23 _____
 - e. 19:24-31 _____
 - f. 19:32-39 _____
 - f. 19:40-48 _____(Locate each of these territories on a map).
2. Who then received an inheritance? Joshua 19:49

3. What city did he receive? Joshua 19:50

C. Special Cities Appointed: Read Joshua 20:1-21:8, 41-45

1. What special cities did the Lord then tell Israel to appoint? Joshua 20:2

2. What was the purpose of such cities? Joshua 20:3

3. Review the procedure which was to be followed in such cases: Joshua 20:4-6

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4. What three cities were appointed on the west side of the Jordan?
Joshua 20:7

5. What three cities were appointed on the east side? Joshua 20:8

(Locate each of these cities on a map).

6. Who then asked for the cities God had promised them? Joshua 21:1, 2

7. How many cities were given to them? Joshua 21:4____, 5____, 6____, 7____.

8. Joshua 21:9-40 names these cities. How many were there in all?
Joshua 21:41

9. Read the summary of all that was completed: Joshua 43-45.

D. The Actions of the Reubenites, Gadites, and Manassities: Read Joshua 22

1. Since the land was now all conquered, what did Joshua tell the 2 1/2 tribes they might do? Joshua 22:4b

2. What did Joshua charge them to do before he sent them away?
Joshua 22:5, 8

a. _____

b. _____

3. What did they make at the borders of the Jordan? Joshua 22:10

4. When the rest of Israel heard of this what did they plan to do? Joshua 22:12

5. Whom did they send to investigate this matter? Joshua 22:13b, 14a

6. Why did they fear the 2 1/2 tribes that had made this altar? Joshua 22:16

7. But why did the tribes say they had made the altar? Joshua 22:21-29

8. Did this explanation satisfy the leaders and Israel? Joshua 22:30, 31, 33a

9. What did they do after this? Joshua 22:33b, c

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did God keep the promises He made to Israel? How many of them?
(See Joshua 21:43-45)

2. Can I trust God to keep the promises He has *made* to me? *All* of them?

LAST DAYS OF JOSHUA

Joshua 23, 24

With all Canaan now conquered and divided among the tribes, Israel was free to settle down and enjoy the land God had given them. Now see what happened after this:

A. Joshua's Charge to the People: Read Joshua 23

1. A long time after Israel's wars were over, what happened? Joshua 23:1b

2. What did Joshua then do? Joshua 23:2a

3. After reviewing all God had done for Israel, what did Joshua promise God would yet do? Joshua 23:5

4. Notice Israel's part in bringing this promise to pass: Joshua 23:6-8
5. What did Joshua warn would happen if they did not do as God had told them?
 - a. 13a _____
 - b. 13b (four items) _____
 - c. 13c _____
6. What did Joshua remind them about the past? Joshua 23:14b

7. Therefore, what should they know concerning the future? Joshua 23:15, 16

B. Joshua's Farewell Address: Read Joshua 24:1-28

1. To what place did Joshua again gather all Israel? Joshua 24:1

2. Whose message did Joshua give the people? Joshua 24:2b

3. What did he say concerning their forefathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham? Joshua 24:2e

4. Read God's review of Israel's history to date, noticing what had happened.
 - a. to Abraham and to his family to begin their nation: Joshua 24:3, 4;
 - b. to Jacob and his family in Egypt and in the wilderness: Joshua 24:5-7;
 - c. to the budding nation on the other side of the Jordan: Joshua 24:8-10;
 - d. to the nation after they crossed the Jordan River: Joshua 24:11, 12.
5. What did God say He had now given Israel? Joshua 24:13
 - a. (two items) _____
 - b. _____
 - c. (two items) _____
 - d. _____

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6. What did Joshua then urge Israel to do? Joshua 24:14
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
7. If this did not seem good to them, what did Joshua say they must do?
Joshua 24:15a, b

8. But what did Joshua say he and his house would do? Joshua 24:15e

9. What did the people then answer Joshua? Joshua 24:16, 17, 18b, c
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
10. Why did Joshua say the people could not do as they had said? Joshua 24:19

11. Yet what did they answer? Joshua 24:21

12. What did Joshua tell them they must do to make this possible? Joshua 24:23

13. What did Joshua then make with the people? Joshua 24:25

14. What did Joshua do after this? Joshua 24:26a

C. Closing Events of the Book of Joshua: Read Joshua 24:29-33

1. What three events are recorded at the end of the book of Joshua?
Joshua 24:
 - a. 29, 30 _____
 - b. 32 _____
 - c. 33 _____
2. What did Israel continue to do after this? Joshua 24:31

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the Israelites make a wise decision concerning whom they would serve?

2. In view of all God has done for me in the past, whom should I decide to serve? Will I stick to this decision, once I have made it?
(See Joshua 24:15b, e)

THE BEGINNING OF THE ERA

Judges 1:1 – 2:5

Although Joshua had led the people of Israel in conquering the kings and the armies of Canaan, many of the common people of the land still lived in their cities. Read to see what God said should be done with these people, and how the Israelites reacted to God's commands concerning them:

A. God's Instructions Concerning the Heathen: Read Exodus 23:20-33; Numbers 33:52-56

1. What had God promised the Israelites as He sent them into Canaan?
Exodus 23, 27, 28
 - a. 20a, 23a _____
 - b. 23c _____
 - c. 27a, b _____
 - d. 27c _____
 - e. 28 _____
2. Would God do this all at once? Exodus 23:29

3. How would He do it? Exodus 23:30

4. What must Israel do in order to obtain these promises? Exodus 23:22a, 32-33a
 - a. 21a, 22a _____
 - b. 32 _____
 - c. 33a _____
5. Why must Israel not let any of the people of the land remain among them? Exodus 23:33b

6. What did God warn that these people would be and do if they lived among Israel?
 - a. Numbers 33:55b _____
 - b. Numbers 33:55c _____

B. Judah's Response to God's Commands: Read Judges 1:1-20

1. After Joshua's death, who did the Lord say should begin the fight against the Canaanites?
Joshua 1:1, 2a

2. What did God promise them before they even began this fight? Judges 1:2b

3. What eight places did Judah conquer? Judges 1:4b-5, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18a-c

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(Locate each of these on a map. Also all places in Section C below.)

4. What was the two fold result of Judah's conquests? Judges 1:19
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. Could God have given Judah victory over those who had chariots of iron?

6. Why then could Judah not conquer these people? (*THINK!*)

C. The Other Tribes' Response to God's Commands: Read Judges 1:21-36

1. What did the other tribes do with the people of the cities they conquered?
 - a. Benjamin, 21 _____
 - b. Manasseh, 27, 28 _____
 - c. Ephraim, 29 _____
 - d. Zebulun, 30 _____
 - e. Asher, 31, 32 _____
 - f. Naphtali, 33 _____
 - g. Dan, 34-36 _____

D. God's Evaluation of Israel's Responses: Read Judges 2:1-5

1. After these battles, what did the angel of the Lord say the Israelites had done? Judges 2:2c

2. Therefore, what did God say would happen in the future? Judges 2:3
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
3. What did the people do when they heard these words? Judges 2:4

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Israel react properly to God's commands, promises, and warnings concerning their enemies? What should they have done? Would this have made any difference?

2. What "enemies" has God commanded *me* to drive out of *my* life?
(See Colossians 3:5-10) Have I reacted properly to God's commands, promises, and warnings concerning them? What may I expect to happen if I do not react properly?
(See Numbers 33:55)

THE FIRST THREE JUDGES

Judges 2:6 – 3:31

We have seen how completely each of the tribes of Israel failed to drive out the heathen people who lived in its assigned territory, and what God said He would do as a result. Read now to see if God's predictions actually came to pass:

A. The Condition of Israel: Read Judges 2:6-23

1. How long did the people of Israel continue to serve the Lord? Judges 2:7a, b

2. What probably helped these people to live for the Lord? Judges 2:7c

3. What two things are said of the following generation? Judges 2:10

4. What did this generation begin to do? Judges 2:11a

5. List three specific sins of which they were guilty: Judges 2:11b, 12a-e
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. How did their actions cause the Lord to feel? Judges 2:12f, 14a

7. Therefore, what did God do to them? Judges 2:14b-15b

8. How did the people feel as a result? Judges 2:15c

9. Then what did God do for them? Judges 2:16

10. Yet what did the people do soon after this, and repeatedly in the days which followed? Judges 2:17-19

11. How did God feel about this? Judges 2:20

12. Therefore, what did He say He would not do from now on? Judges 2:21

13. What would He be able to prove by this? Judges 2:22, 3:4

B. The First Judge: Read Judges 3:1-11

1. What relationships did the people of Israel begin to establish between themselves and the heathen among whom they lived? Judges 3:6a, b

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2. What had God said concerning such relationships? 1 Kings 11:2;
Exodus 34:12-16

3. What did these relationships lead to? Judges 3:6c-7

4. Because of this, to what country did God sell Israel? Judges 3:8

5. After eight years of serving this enemy, what did Israel finally do? Judges 3:9a

6. What did God then do? Judges 3:9b

7. What happened as a result of this work? Judges 3:10, 11

C. The Second Judge: Read Judges 3:12-30

1. When the Israelites again did evil, what other enemy did they have to serve, and for how long? Judges 3:12, 14

2. When the people cried to the Lord, what judge did He raise up? Judges 3:15

3. Read how he began to save Israel: Judges 3:16-28. What happened as a result of his work? Judges 3:29, 30

D. The Third Judge: Read Judges 3:31

1. Who was the third judge?

2. From what enemy did he deliver Israel?

3. For what act was he especially noted?

(Notice on a map the location of each of these three enemy lands.)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused this very dark, unprofitable period in Israel's history?
(See Psalm 78:32-33)

2. Am I going through a dark, unprofitable period in my life right now? If so, what caused it? What can I do to end it? (See Psalm 81:11-16)

DEBORAH AND BARAK; THE FOURTH AND FIFTH JUDGES

Judges 4 - 5

Three times the people of Israel had committed a terrible *sin*, for which God had to send *punishment* by allowing them to be oppressed by their enemies. But in each case, when they cried out to the Lord in *repentance*, God sent *deliverance* through a judge whom He raised up for them. Read now what happened following this:

A. The Condition of Israel: Read Judges 4:1-3

1. After Ehud died, what did Israel again do? Judges 4:1

2. What did the Lord therefore do? Judges 4:2a, b

3. Who was the captain of this king's host, who led his armies? Judges 4:2c

(Locate the cities of this king and of his captain on a map.)

4. What made the oppression of this king so terrible? Judges 4:3b

5. How long did he continue to oppress Israel? Judges 4:3c

6. What did the Israelites finally do? Judges 3:3a

B. God's Message to Israel: Read Judges 4:4-10

1. Who judged Israel at this time? Judges 4:4, 5

2. Whom did she call to her? Judges 4:6a-c

3. What did she say God had commanded him to do with 10,000 men of Naphtali and Zebulun? Judges 4:6d-e

4. What two things would God then do? Judges 4:7

a. _____

b. _____

(On a map, find Barak's city, Mount Tabor, and the River Kishon.)

5. On what condition did Barak agree to obey God's command? Judges 4:8

6. Although Deborah agreed to this, what did she tell Barak? Judges 4:9

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C. The Battle Against Israel: Read Judges 4:11-16

1. When Sisera learned that Barak and his forces were at Mt. Tabor, what did he do?
Judges 4:13

2. What did Deborah then tell Barak? Judges 4:14a, b

3. When Barak's forces advanced, what four things happened? Judges 4:15, 16

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

D. The Fate of Sisera: Read Judges 4:17-22

1. To whose tent did Sisera flee? Judges 4:17

2. What did she ask him to do? Judges 4:18a-c

3. After he had done this, what two things did she do for him? Judges 4:18d, 19

4. What did he then do? Judges 4:21f

5. Then what did she do? Judges 4:21a-e

6. When Barak came looking for Sisera, what did Jael do? Judges 4:22

E. The Results of Israel's Battles: Read Judges 4:23, 24

1. What was the result of that day's battle? Judges 4:23

2. How long did the Israelites continue to prevail against the king of Canaan? Judges 4:24

3. Read Deborah and Barak's song for this deliverance in Judges 5. What did the people do that is mentioned twice? Judges 5:2, 9

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How did Israel overcome her enemies? (See Psalm 60:12) Did she deserve God's help?

2. In spite of all my sins and failures, what will God do when I repent and offer myself willingly to Him? (See 2 Chronicles 7:14)

GIDEON, THE SIXTH JUDGE

Judges 6:1 – 8:32

After God's spectacular deliverance through Deborah and Barak, one would think that certainly Israel would now follow the Lord completely. Read to see if this was true:

A. The Condition of Israel: Read Judges 6:1-6

1. After only 40 years (Judges 5:31c), what did Israel do again? Judges 6:1a

2. Therefore, to what enemy did the Lord deliver them? Judges 6:1b

3. Read Judges 6:2-6a to see how this enemy treated Israel for the next 7 years.
4. What did Israel finally do? Judges 6:6b

B. God's Messages to Israel: Read Judges 6:7-24

1. What did the Lord then do for Israel? Judges 6:8a

2. Why did He say this evil had come upon Israel? Judges 6:10c

3. To whom else did God send a messenger? Judges 6:11, 12

4. What was this man told that he should do? Judges 6:14

5. Did he feel that he could accomplish this task? Judges 6:15

6. How did the Lord say he could do it? Judges 6:16

7. Of what did Gideon want to make sure before he undertook this task? Judges 6:17

8. What sign did the Lord give him to prove this? Judges 6:21

C. Gideon's Work Begun: Read Judges 6:25-40

1. Notice what God told Gideon to do first of all: Judges 6:25, 26. When did he do this, and why then? Judges 6:27

2. Notice the two things which happened as a result of this action: Judges 6:30, 31

3. When the enemies again came against Israel, what happened? Judges 6:34a, b

4. What five groups gathered to help Gideon? Judges 6:34c, 35a-d

(Locate these on a map)

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5. Even after this, of what was Gideon not sure? Judges 6:36

6. Find two signs he asked of God to make him absolutely sure:
Judges 6:37-40

D. Gideon's Army Chosen: Read Judges 7:1-8

1. After Gideon's army was ready for battle, what did God tell him? Judges 7:2a

2. Why was this true? What would Israel do if they won? Judges 7:2b

3. Be able to tell what two groups God removed from Gideon's army:
Judges 7:3-5

4. How many was Gideon allowed to keep? Judges 7:7, 8

E. The Battle Against Midian: Read Judges 7:9–8:32

1. What did God lead Gideon to do so that he would not fear this battle? Judges 7:10-15

2. How did Gideon arrange his soldiers for this battle? Judges 7:16a, 21a

3. What were their weapons? Judges 7:16b

4. What did they do to win this battle? Judges 7:18, 20

5. What did the enemies do when they heard and saw Gideon's army?
Judges 7:21b, 22

6. Notice who then joined in the battle: Judges 7:23, 24. To what places did Gideon pursue his enemies? Judges 8:4, 5, 8, 10a

7. How many of the enemies fell in this battle? Judges 8:10b

8. Notice the two results of Gideon's work: Judges 8:28a, b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could such a victory possibly have been won by Gideon's army alone?
(See Zechariah 4:6b)

2. When God has a great work to do today, what kind of men and weapons does He choose, and why? (See 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; 2 Corinthians 10:4) Could *I* be used for a great work?

ABIMELECH: THE SELF-APPOINTED JUDGE

Judges 8:33 – 9:57

After Gideon's great victory with his small army using seemingly ineffective weapons, he continued to judge Israel until his death. See now what happened following this:

A. Abimelech's Great Desire: Read Judges 8:33 – 9:3

1. What three things did Israel do as soon as Gideon was dead?

Judges 8:33-35

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Notice how this last event came about: Which son of Gideon especially wanted to rule over Israel? Judges 9:1, 2

3. Whom did he ask to help him? Judges 9:1a

4. To whom did they go for further help? Judges 9:3

B. Abimelech's Method of Obtaining His Desire: Read Judges 9:4-6, 16-21

1. What two things did Abimelech do to accomplish his goal? Judges 9:4b, 5

- a. _____
- b. _____

2. What did the men of Shechem then do? Judges 9:6

3. Did Abimelech use right ways to gain his goal? Judges 9:19 and *THINK!*

4. Therefore, what did Jotham, Abimelech's one brother who escaped his cruelty, ask might happen to both Abimelech and those who had helped him? Judges 9:20

C. The Results of Abimelech's Action: Read Judges 9:22-57

1. How long was Abimelech allowed to enjoy what he had wrongly obtained?

Judges 9:22

2. After this, what did God do? Judges 9:23a

3. Therefore, what did the men of Shechem do? Judges 9:23b, 25

- a. _____
- b. _____

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4. In whom did the men of Shechem then place confidence? Judges 9:26

5. What did they do concerning Abimelech? Judges 9:27b

6. What did the new leader of Shechem ask Abimelech to do? Judges 9:29b

7. What did he himself then do? Judges 9:31b

8. Therefore, what did Zebul, Abimelech's chief officer, advise Abimelech to do?
a. Judges 9:32 _____
b. Judges 9:33a _____
9. Did Abimelech do this? Judges 9:34

10. When Gaal noticed Abimelech's forces coming against the city, what did Zebul tell him he must do? Judges 9:38b

11. What happened on the first day of the battle? Judges 9:40

12. And what happened on the next day? Judges 9:45

13. After this, where did the men of the tower of Shechem go? Judges 9:46

14. What did Abimelech then do to them? Judges 9:49

15. When he tried to do the same to those in a tower at Thebez (Judges 9:50-52), what two things happened to him? Judges 9:53, 54
a. _____
b. _____
16. Why did God allow these things to happen to Abimelech and the men of Shechem? Judges 9:56, 57, 24

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did God approve of Abimelech's actions? Why did Abimelech live as he did? (See Jeremiah 17:9, 10) Did it pay him to do wrong in order to get what he wanted?

2. Does God ever approve of doing wrong to get one's desire, or of helping others to do so? What may I expect to happen to me if I ever behave in such a manner?

THE EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH JUDGES

Judges 10, 11

In the days which followed Abimelech's untimely death, several judges arose to defend Israel. Read about some of these below:

A. The Eight and Ninth Judges: Read Judges 10:1-5

1. Give the names of the eighth and ninth judges, and one or two facts about each:
 - a. Judges 10:1, 2 _____
 - b. Judges 10:3-5 _____

B. Conditions in Israel Following the Ninth Judge: Read Judges 10:6-16

1. What did the Israelites begin to do after the death of Jair? Judges 10:6

2. Therefore, how did God feel toward them? Judges 10:7a

3. To what two enemies did He sell them? Judges 10:7b

4. How long did this continue? Judges 10:8

5. How far did the enemy penetrate into the land of Israel? Judges 10:9a

(Locate each of these places on a map.)
6. How did Israel feel because of this oppression? Judges 10:9b

7. What did they finally do? Judges 10:10

8. To whom did God say they should go for deliverance? Judges 10:14

9. What two things did they do after this? Judges 10:16a

10. How did God feel about the condition of the Israelites? Judges 10:16b

C. The Choice of a Leader: Read Judges 10:17–11:11

1. Where did the enemy then encamp? Judges 10:17a

2. Where did Israel gather? Judges 10:17b

(Locate each of these places on a map.)
3. What was promised to anyone who would lead Israel in battle against their enemies? Judges 10:18

4. Whom did the Gileadites ask to be their captain? Judges 11:6

5. When he agreed (Judges 11:7-10), did they keep their promise? Judges 11:11a

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6. Before whom did Jephthah utter all his words in Mizpeh? Judges 11:11b

D. Jephthah's Dealings with the King of Ammon: Read Judges 11:12-28

1. When Jephthah asked why Ammon fought against Israel, what did they reply? Judges 11:13

2. (Locate this territory on a map.) To whom had these lands actually belonged? Judges 11:22

3. When these people had refused to let Israel pass through their lands to get to Canaan, what had God done to them? Judges 11:23

4. To whom did Jephthah say the enemy king should go if he wanted help in getting possession of any lands? Judges 11:24

5. How long had it been since Israel possessed these lands? Judges 11:26

6. On whom did Jephthah call to be judge between them? Judges 11:27

7. Would the king of Ammon listen to him? Judges 11:28

E. The Battle Against Ammon: Read Judges 11:29-40

1. What happened to Jephthah at this time? Judges 11:29

2. What did Jephthah promise to give God if He would give him victory over Ammon? Judges 11:31

3. What was the result of the battle? Judges 11:32, 33

4. Who came out to meet Jephthah on his return? Judges 11:34

5. How did Jephthah feel when he saw her? Judges 11:35

6. Yet did he carry out his vow? Judges 11:39

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did God lead Jephthah to make this vow? Did it please God? (See Ecclesiastes 5:2.) What would have pleased God more? Did God want him to carry out his vow?

2. Do I ever make rash or hasty promises to God? Of what should I be sure before I make such vows? (See Ecclesiastes 5:4-6; Numbers 30:2)

THE ELEVENTH THROUGH FOURTEENTH JUDGES

Judges 12 – 15

After Jephthah's rash vow which he later regretted, he judges Israel six years. (Judges 12:1-7). See now what took place after his death:

A. The Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Judges: Read Judges 12:8-15

1. Give the name and one or two facts about each of these judges:

- a. Judges 12:8-10 _____
- b. Judges 12:11, 12 _____
- c. Judges 12:13-15 _____

B. Conditions in Israel After the Thirteenth Judge: Read Judges 13:1

1. What did Israel again begin to do? Judges 13:1a

2. Therefore, what did God do to them? Judges 13:1b

C. Events in One Family of Israel: Read Judges 13:2-24

1. What had been the problem in the life of Manoah and his wife until this time? Judges 13:2

2. What wonderful thing happened about this time? Judges 13:3

3. What was her child to be? Judges 13:5c

4. Read Numbers 6:2-8, and list the three main rules for such a person:

- a. 3a _____
- b. 5a _____
- c. 6 _____

5. Why was he to be so different from other people? Numbers 6:8

6. Because her child was to be a Nazarite from the womb, what three things must the woman avoid? Judges 13:4

7. What must she avoid doing to the child? Judges 13:5b and *THINK!*

8. What was to be God's special purpose for her child's life? Judges 13:5d

9. When the woman told her husband about the angel's visit (Judges 13:6, 7), what did he ask God to do? Judges 13:8

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10. Did God answer his request? Judges 13:9

11. After repeating instructions concerning the child (Judges 13:13, 14), what wonder did the angel do? Judges 13:20

12. What did the couple name their child when he was born? Judges 13:24

D. The Early Deeds of Samson: Read Judges 13:25 – 15:20

1. What began to happen to Samson as he grew up? Judges 13:25

2. Read the following, and list briefly the great deed Samson did in each story:

a. Judges 14:1-9 _____

b. Judges 14:10-20 _____

c. Judges 15:1-8 _____

d. Judges 15:9-17 _____

3. What happened in each case to enable Samson to do such a mighty deed? Judges 14:6a, 19a, 15:14

4. Against whom was each of these deeds directed? Judges 14:4, 19 (Ashkelon was a city of the Philistines); 15:6, 8, 14, 15

5. What miracle did God then perform for Samson, after he had done these things? Judges 15:18, 19

6. How long did Samson continue to judge Israel? Judges 15:20

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Samson begin to accomplish God's purpose for his life? What gave him power to do this? (See Zechariah 4:6b; Hebrews 11:32-34)

2. Does God have a purpose for *my* life? Have I begun to accomplish this purpose? Am I counting on God's Spirit for His power to help me complete this purpose?

THE LATER LIFE OF SAMSON, THE FOURTEENTH JUDGE

Judges 16

Samson's work as a judge was different from all the other judges in that they were empowered to lead an army against the enemy, while he was given power to perform great personal feats against them. Study now the end of Samson's life:

A. Samson at Gaza: Read Judges 16:1-3

1. Because of all Samson's feats against the Philistines, what did the Philistines in Gaza plan to do to him when they discovered he was in their city?

Judges 16:2

2. When Samson left their city at midnight, what did he take with him?

Judges 16:3

B. Samson and Delilah: Read Judges 16:4-20

1. After this, how did Samson feel toward the Philistine woman named Delilah? Judges 16:4

2. What did the lords of the Philistines ask her to do? Judges 16:5a-e

3. What did they intend to do to Samson? Judges 16:5f

4. What did they each promise to give Delilah if she could find out Samson's secret? Judges 16:5g

5. Did Delilah cooperate with the Philistine lords? Judges 16:6

6. What does this prove about her true feelings toward Samson? (*THINK!*)

7. Chart how Samson said he might be bound, and what happened when he was so bound:

a. Judges 16:7 _____ Judges 16:8, 9 _____

b. Judges 16:11 _____ Judges 16:12 _____

c. Judges 16:13 _____ Judges 16:14 _____

8. What did Delilah then ask? Judges 16:15a

9. Do you think Delilah really loved Samson?

10. What did Delilah continue to do in the days which followed? Judges 16:16a

11. How did Samson finally feel? Judges 16:16b
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12. What did he finally do? Judges 16:17

13. After calling for the lords of the Philistines, what did Delilah then do?
Judges 16:19a-c

14. What happened to Samson as a result? Judges 16:19d

15. Did Samson know this had happened? Judges 16:20b

16. Why did it happen? Judges 16:20c

C. The Philistines' Treatment of Samson: Read Judges 16:21-31

1. What three things did the Philistines do to Samson after this? Judges 16:21

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. What began to happen after this? Judges 16:22

3. What did the Philistines do to celebrate their victory over their great enemy? Judges 16:23

4. What did they make Samson do for them? Judges 16:25

5. How many Philistines were on the roof of the house? Judges 16:27

6. What did Samson then do? Judges 16:28a

7. What did he ask God to do? Judges 16:28b

8. Then what did he do? Judges 16:29-30a

9. What happened as a result? Judges 16:30b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was Samson's personal life pleasing to God? Could he have done more for God if he had not given in to his one great weakness--love for women?
(See 1 Corinthians 9:27)

2. What is *my* one great weakness? Will I allow this to keep me from serving God as fully and effectively as possible? What can give me control over this? (See Galatians 5:22)

EVENTS DURING THE TIMES OF THE JUDGES

Judges 17 - 21

Throughout the times of the judges, life in Israel was lived on a very low plane. Several examples of such life are given in the last chapters of the book of Judges:

A. Conditions in Micah's Family: Read Judges 17

1. What had Micah done with a large amount of his mother's money?
Judges 17:1, 2 _____
2. When he returned it, what did she do with part of it? Judges 17:3, 4

3. What did Micah do after this? Judges 17:5

4. Who did Micah later secure to be his priest? Judges 17:6-12

5. What did he believe would happen because of this? Judges 17:13

B. Conditions Among the Danites: Read Judges 18

1. Who recognized the above Levite's voice, and asked counsel of him?
Judges 18:1-6

2. After spying out a land and returning with soldiers (Judges 18:7-13), what did these men do? Judges 18:14-20

3. When Micah objected, did they return the stolen items? Judges 18:21-26

4. After capturing a city, what did the Danites do? Judges 18:27-31

C. Conditions Among the Benjamites: Read Judges 19

1. In those days, what did the concubine (secondary wife) of one Levite do? Judges 19:1, 2

2. When the Levite went to get her and was returning (Judges 19:3-13), in what city did he lodge? Judges 19:14, 15

3. Though one man invited him into his house (Judges 19:16-21), notice what other men of the city wanted to do: Judges 19:22. This homosexual sin is called "sodomy" after the men of Sodom, who also had practiced such acts.

4. Notice what the man did to pacify his would-be attackers: Judges 19:23-25. But what happened as a result of this? Judges 19:26-28b

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5. After returning to his home, what did the Levite do with his concubine? Judges 19:29

6. Notice what those who saw this said about that deed: Judges 19:30

D. The Response of Israel to These Conditions: Read Judges 20

1. What did the Israelites do after this? Judges 20:1, 2

2. After hearing the Levite's account of this deed (Judges 20:3-7), what did Israel decide to do? Judges 20:9

3. What did they ask the tribe of Benjamin to do? Judges 20:13a

4. What did the Benjamites do instead? Judges 20:13b-14

5. What did the people of Israel do three times in the course of the war?
Judges 20:18, 23, 27, 28

6. After the 3-day war, how many of Benjamites remained alive? Judges 20:47

E. Israel's Provision for the Benjamites: Read Judges 21

1. Before the war against Benjamin, what had all the Israelites sworn?
Judges 21:1

2. What would therefore happen, unless the Benjamites were able to get wives? Judges 21:3b

3. Notice what Israel did to provide wives for the Benjamites: Judges 21:4-24

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the writer of Judges feel that the behavior of the Israelites was right?
(See Judges 17:6, 18:1a, 19:1a, 21:25) Did *God* feel that it was right?

2. Is it enough for me today to do that which is right in my own eyes? What might keep me from being fully aware of what is right? (See 1 Timothy 4:2b.) What else do I need besides my conscience to help me do right in God's sight? (See Psalm 119:9, 11)

EVENTS IN ONE FAMILY DURING THE TIMES OF THE JUDGES

1 Samuel 1, 2:1 - 11, 18 - 21

As the era of the Judges drew toward a close, events took place which had a profound effect on the entire nation of Israel. Study now the first in this series of events:

A. A Description of One Family: Read 1 Samuel 1:1, 2

1. Who was the head of this family? 1 Samuel 1:1b

2. Where did the family live? 1 Samuel 1:19c, 1a

(Locate this city on a map)

3. What was unusual about this man's family compared to families of our culture? 1 Samuel 1:2a

4. What did one wife have that the other did not? 1 Samuel 1:2c

B. The Problem in the Family: Read 1 Samuel 1:3-8

1. Why did this man leave his own city every year? 1 Samuel 1:3a

2. To what city did he go? 1 Samuel 1:3b

(Locate this city on a map.)

3. When Elkanah made his sacrifices, what did he usually give to

a. Peninnah and her sons and daughters? 1 Samuel 1:4 _____

b. Hannah? 1 Samuel 1:5a _____

4. Of what was his gift to Hannah proof? 1 Samuel 1:5b

5. Who had caused Hannah's barrenness? 1 Samuel 1:5c, 6c

6. What made this problem of barrenness even worse? 1 Samuel 1:6a, b

7. How long did this problem continue? 1 Samuel 1:7a-c

8. Therefore, what did Hannah do? 1 Samuel 1:7d

9. Notice how Hannah's husband tried to comfort her: 1 Samuel 1:8

C. Hannah's Action Concerning Her Problem: Read 1 Samuel 1:9-18

1. After the feast, how did Hannah feel because of her problem?
1 Samuel 1:10a

2. Therefore, what did she do? 1 Samuel 1:10b

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3. For what did she ask the Lord? 1 Samuel 1:11f

4. What did she promise to do if God would grant her request? 1 Samuel 1:11g

5. What did Eli the priest think was the cause of her voiceless speech?
1 Samuel 1:12-14

6. When he learned the true cause (1 Samuel 1:15, 16), what did he say to her?
1 Samuel 1:17

7. How did Hannah feel after this? 1 Samuel 1:18

D. God's Solution to Hannah's Problem: Read 1 Samuel 1:19-2:10

1. After this family had returned to their home (1 Samuel 1:19), what later happened? 1 Samuel 1:20

2. How long did Hannah wait before going up to Shiloh again? 1 Samuel 1:21-23

3. Then what did she do? 1 Samuel 1:24b, 25b, 28

4. What else did Hannah do while she was in Shiloh? 1 Samuel 2:1a

5. How did she feel as she did this? 1 Samuel 2:1b

E. Later Events in This Family: Read 1 Samuel 2:11, 18-20

1. When the family returned to their home, what did Samuel do?
1 Samuel 2:11, 18

2. What two things did his mother do for him each year thereafter?
1 Samuel 2:19

3. Notice what Eli did upon one such occasion: 1 Samuel 2:20. After this, what did the Lord give Hannah? 1 Samuel 2:21

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it pay Hannah to take her problem to the Lord? To promise to give that which He gave her back to Him? To keep her promise to God, even though it cost her much?

2. Have I learned to take my problems to the Lord? To pray for His gain, rather than just for my own good? To keep my promises to God, even though it may cost me much? Would it pay me to develop such habits, if I have not already done so?

ELI, THE FIFTEENTH JUDGE

1 Samuel 2:12 – 4:22

The events of the previous lesson introduced us to Eli, the priest. 1 Samuel 4:18e tells us he was also a judge of Israel. Study now about him in this capacity:

A. The Actions of Eli's Sons: Read 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22

1. What two things were true of Eli's sons? 1 Samuel 2:12

NOTE: "Sons of Belial" is an expression of scorn and disdain, implying "reckless", "lawless"; a fool or worthless fellow.

2. Since the priesthood was hereditary, Eli's sons were also priests. Notice their actions when a worshipper offered an animal to the Lord: 1 Samuel 2:13-16.

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3. What does this show about their attitude toward the offerings God had ordained for them? 1 Samuel 2:17b

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4. What is their action called? 1 Samuel 2:17a

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5. Notice another terrible practice of theirs: 1 Samuel 2:22b.

B. Eli's Response to His Sons' Actions: Read 1 Samuel 2:22-26

1. Did Eli know what his sons were doing? 1 Samuel 2:22a

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3. Did he do anything about it? 1 Samuel 2:23a. What did he do?
1 Samuel 2:23b-25b

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3. Yet what did his sons do? 1 Samuel 2:25c

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4. Therefore, what did the Lord determine to do? 1 Samuel 2:25d

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5. By contrast, what did the child Samuel do? 1 Samuel 2:26

C. God's First Message Concerning Eli's Household: Read 1 Samuel 2:27-36

1. Who came to Eli at this time? 1 Samuel 2:27a

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2. After reminding Eli of all God had done for him, what did God say Eli had done?

- a. 1 Samuel 2:29a

- b. 1 Samuel 2:29b

3. Therefore, what did God say would happen in Eli's household?
1 Samuel 2:31b, 32b, 33b

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4. What was God's sign to Eli that this would actually come to pass?
1 Samuel 2:34

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5. Then what would God do? 1 Samuel 2:35

6. Notice what Eli's descendants would then do: 1 Samuel 2:36

D. God's Second Message Concerning Eli's Household:

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1

1. After long silence (1 Samuel 3:1), to whom did God speak? 1 Samuel 3:2-4

2. What did God say He was going to do? 1 Samuel 3:12

3. Why was He going to do this? 1 Samuel 3:13b

4. When Samuel told Eli God's message (1 Samuel 3:15-18a), what did Eli say?
1 Samuel 3:18b

5. What did all Israel know about Samuel after that? 1 Samuel 3:19-21

E. Events Following God's Messages: Read 1 Samuel 4

1. What did Israel then do? 1 Samuel 4:1b

2. When they were beaten, what did they decide to do? 1 Samuel 4:2-4

3. How did this cause the Philistines to feel? 1 Samuel 4:7-9

4. Yet what three things happened in the battle? 1 Samuel 4:10a, 11a, 11b

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. When this news was brought back to Shiloh, what happened?
1 Samuel 4:18-20

a. _____

b. _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Eli and his sons deserve the terrible judgments God sent upon them?

2. How does God evaluate *my* actions? Are they sinful in His sight? What will He have to do to me and my household because of these actions? Do I want this? What can I do to avoid it? (See 1 Corinthians 4:2; 1 Samuel 2:35b)

SAMUEL, THE SIXTEENTH JUDGE

1 Samuel 5 - 7

After God's predicted judgments on the household of Eli had come to pass, Samuel became the judge of Israel (See 1 Samuel 7:15). Read to see what happened during the years of his rule:

A. The Ark of God Among the Philistines: Read 1 Samuel 5:1-6:12

1. After the ark of God was captured by the Philistines, where was it placed?
1 Samuel 5:1, 2

NOTE: Dagon was the chief god of the Philistines. (Locate all cities on a map)

2. Notice what happened on each of the next two days: 1 Samuel 5:3, 4
 3. Then what two things did God do to the inhabitants of that city? 1 Samuel 5:6
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4. Therefore, what did they do with the ark? 1 Samuel 5:8
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5. Notice the three terrible things which happened there: 1 Samuel 5:9
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6. What did they then do with the ark? 1 Samuel 5:10a
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7. When the ark came to them, what did these people do? 1 Samuel 5:10b
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6. Nevertheless, notice the three things which happened there:
1 Samuel 5:11e, f, 12a
 7. Therefore, what did they recommend should be done with the ark?
1 Samuel 5:11a-c
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10. After consultation with their priests and diviners (1 Samuel 6:2-6), by whom did they decide to send the ark back? 1 Samuel 6:7
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11. If these should go to the nearest town in Israel instead of to their calves at home, as it would be natural for them to do, what did the diviners agree it would prove? 1 Samuel 6:9
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12. When the cows were turned loose, what did they do? 1 Samuel 6:10-12a
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13. Who followed, watching them? 1 Samuel 6:12b
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B. The Ark of God In Israel: Read 1 Samuel 6:13-7:2

1. When the people of Beth-shemesh saw the ark of God coming, what did they do?
 - a. 1 Samuel 6:13 _____
 - b. 1 Samuel 6:14b, c _____

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2. Then what did some of the people of Beth-shemesh do? 1 Samuel 6:19b

3. Therefore, what did the Lord do to them? 1 Samuel 6:19a, c

4. What did this teach them about God? 1 Samuel 6:20

5. To what city did they then send the ark? 1 Samuel 6:21, 7:1

6. How long was the ark in the land of the Philistines? 1 Samuel 6:1

7. Yet how long was it after its return before the Israelites began to seek the Lord? 1 Samuel 7:2

C. Samuel's Message to Israel and Its Results: Read 1 Samuel 7:3-17

1. If the people really wanted to return to God with all their hearts, what two things did Samuel say they must do to prove this? 1 Samuel 7:3c-e
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. What did he promise would happen if they would do this? 1 Samuel 7:3f

3. Did they do this? 1 Samuel 7:4

4. When Samuel gathered them together for a time of prayer, fasting and confession (1 Samuel 7:5, 6), what did the Philistines do? 1 Samuel 7:7a, b

5. How did the Israelites feel at first? 1 Samuel 7:7d

6. What did they ask Samuel to do for them? 1 Samuel 7:8

7. When Samuel did this (1 Samuel 7:9, 10b), what did the Lord do? 1 Samuel 7:10c, d

8. Therefore, what two things happened to the Philistines? 1 Samuel 7:10e, 13

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Need the Israelites have waited 20 years to gain this wonderful victory over the Philistines? Could they have had it sooner? How do you know? On what conditions?

2. Am I now burdened down under the oppression of any enemy? Need I continue under such oppression? How can I gain the victory over it? When may I do it? *Will I?*
