

Joshua 9-12 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

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| 4. Looking at Joshua 10:1-15 who was the next king to be faced (v1), how did he react (v2, 3-5), and why (v2)? How did this affect Israel (v6-7) and how did God respond (v8, 9-10, 11, 12-15)? | |
| 5. Based on 10:16-28 what did Joshua command about the kings (v16-18) and why (v19)? What resulted (v20-21, 28), what did they do to the kings (v26-27), and why (v22-25)? Apply. | |
| 6. From 10:29-43 list the conquests and results (v29-30, 31-32, 33, 34-35, 36-37, 38-39). Summarize what Israel had done in the “southern campaign” (v40-41, 43) and why (v42). | |
| 7. According to 11:1-9 what did Israel face next (v1-3, 5) and how big was the threat (v4)? What did God tell Joshua (v6) and what happened (v7-9)? How was Joshua’s example good (v9)? | |
| 8. In 11:10-15 what was Israel’s next step (v10, 12) and why (v11)? Describe the outcome of these battles (v12, 14) and the reason Israel was so thorough (v15). | |
| 9. Using 11:16-23 summarize the conquest of Canaan (v16-17, 18, 19) and why it happened as it did (v20)? Who else was destroyed (v21-22)? What was the final result (v23)? | |
| 10. Scan 12:1-23. What kings east of the Jordan had been defeated (v1-5) and who received the land (v6)? Summarize the results west of the Jordan (v7-8) and the kings defeated in the central (v9), southern (v10-16) and northern (v17-24) regions. How many were there (v24)? | |
| 11 Summarize the conquest of Canaan—who they did defeat, who they did not defeat and why, and how thoroughly they defeated them. What was God’s twofold purpose in this (11:20, 23)? | |

Scripture to Remember

“And the Lord said to Joshua,
‘Do not fear them, for I have given
them into your hands; not one of
them will stand before you.’”

Joshua 10:8 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Choose Lordship (Colossians 1:15-18)

(Using questions from Sunday’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. As a group discuss what it means for something or someone to be your “lord”. If you think about what motivates you or occupies most of your thoughts, what is it?
2. Read Colossians 1:15-18. What is God’s goal for His Son, Jesus (v18) and why do you think that is?
3. Discuss how the significance of the fact that Jesus is the “image of the invisible God”. What did Jesus’ coming into the world do for our daily relationship with God?
4. What is the connection between Jesus as God’s “firstborn of all creation” to the truth that He embodies God’s image?
5. Describe how Jesus relates to His creation in three ways from v16-17. What do each of these tell us about our relationship to Him?
6. Talk about the importance of Jesus as the “head of the body”, the church. How should we apply that personally and corporately?
7. 1:18 also says that Jesus is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead. What does this mean and why does this entire passage qualify Him as Lord? Discuss how that should look in our lives.



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Who Are Those Guys? Joshua 9-12

In the 1969 classic, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, Butch and Sundance were pursued by a posse that, unlike all other posses, they could never elude. This puzzled them so much that over and over they said, “Who are those guys?” Similarly, in this week’s study, both Israel and the Canaanites, are unable to escape challenges to their success, but for very different reasons. Israel’s problem arose because they defaulted to relying on their senses instead of seeking God. After their victories at Jericho and Ai the Canaanites began to plan ways to overcome them. Some of the kings gathered to fight Israel, but one city, Gibeon, tried a different tack. They disguised themselves as distant travelers and requested an alliance with Israel. Rather than praying and asking God if they should agree, Joshua looked at their dry and dusty

appearance and assumed they lived outside the land; so, they entered into a treaty. When they discovered their deception, they made them forced labor, although God’s plan had been to destroy all the Canaanites. The next event showed the problem with this; when Gibeon was attacked they asked for Israel’s aid and it was given due to the alliance. However, this was of God and the battle revealed Israel receiving God’s supernatural help as He dropped huge hailstones on them and even caused the sun to stand still for a day. Israel then totally destroyed them, and returned to hang the five kings that had drawn them into battle. Next, Joshua turned to southern Palestine and defeated several cities, completely destroying all of them in accordance with God’s earlier command to Moses. This allowed God to fight for them and give



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them victory. Joshua then moved north and defeated all those kings, again in obedience to God. Once this was done the writer of Joshua reviewed God’s faithfulness. They had taken all the land, north to south and east to west. They had captured or killed all the kings, making peace only with the Gibeonites. God had caused this by hardening all of their hearts so that they would go into battle with them, allowing God to give Israel victory. Thus, just as God had promised Moses, He had given Israel their inheritance and the land had rest from war. In all thirty-one kings had been killed. Because they had been fighting God, they had to be saying, “Who are those guys”?

Study Questions for Joshua 9-12

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

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| 1. Read Joshua 9:1-6. What was the first reaction to Israel’s victories (v1-2)? What was the second approach (v6), who did it (v3) and how did they do it (v4-6)? | |
| 2. In 9:7-15 what was Israel’s initial reaction (v7) and their answers (v8-10, 11-13)? How did Israel react to this (v14) and what was the result (v15)? What really caused this problem (v14)? Apply. | |
| 3. From 9:16-27 what did Israel discover (v16) and what did they do about it (v17-18)? What did this cause (v18-19, 20) and what was the result (v21-23, 26-27)? How did Gibeon feel about this (v24-25)? | |

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