

God Conquering the Promise land

Lesson # 5

Introduction:

This section of our study will be from the books of Joshua and Judges and will take us across the Jordan into the promise land and we will end this lesson by examining a tendency found perhaps in all of us to draw close to God and then slip away. (Judges)

In this Lesson we will see God's people as they cross the Jordan into the promised land. We will see the invasion and conquest of Canaan by Israel, and the division of the land among the 12 tribes. We will look at the strict warnings against disobedience and the way God expects them to care for this possession.

NOTE: The land of Canaan belongs to the decedents of Canaan the fourth son of Ham, son of Noah.

Lesson:

I. Review of Gods commands prior to entry of Promise land.

- Order to be holy Lev. 19:1,2 (You be holy because I am holy)
- Don't intermarry with people outside my promise (Deut. 7:1-5)
- keep my word close to you Josh 1:8
 - Read Law to everyone every 7 years Deut. 31:9-13
- Don't worship God in other peoples ways (Deut 12:1-5)
- When battling inside the promise land kill everything (Deut. 20:16-18)

II. Crossing the River

- Ark of covenant
 - God leads the way.
 - carried by Levite Priests
 - thousand yards distance to be kept Josh 3:4
 - God to go ahead of them and ready the way Josh3:9-11
 - Also pictured as a hornet Josh 24:1-13

III. Immediately after crossing the Jordan

- Memorial stones from the river are gathered by one man from each tribe Josh. 4:1-8
- Commanded through Moses Deut. 27:1-8
 - Set up in the river Joshua 4:9
 - Also, set up at Gilgal Josh. 4:20
 - Sign to your children to remember Josh. 4:6-7
 - And so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God. Josh. 4:24
 - Psalms 114 celebrates the crossing of Jordan in vivid poetry
- Covenant of blessings and Cursing (Deut 27:11-26)
 - shouted from tops of mount Ebal (curses) and Gerizim (blessings)

IV. Gilgal was set up as their (Base camp)

-Circumcised as sign of Covenant Josh 5:2-7

V. Israel 1st battle is with Jericho Josh Chapter 6

-God sends angel warrior to help Josh. 5:13-15

-Ban given, not to take anything Josh. 6:17-18

-Faith is expected Josh. 6:1-16

-March around city for 6 days carrying the Ark of the Covenant

-On 7th day march seven times around with Ark and blow trumpets

-Walls fell

-Achan steals some devoted things Josh. 7:1

-Rahab spared and in the line of Christ

VI. The battle at Ai

-Men of Israel loose battle Josh. 7:5

-Because there is sin in the camp Josh. 7:11

-Sin of one man affected the whole of Israel

-Stoned and burned with family Josh. 7:25

VII. Battling for the promise land

-Kings of the land were scared ban together to fight Israel

-Gibeonites plot their own deception Josh 9:3-16

-Tricked Israel into a peace treaty

-We are from far away and want to help. Josh. Josh. 9:9

-So Israel make covenant with them to protect them Josh. 9:15

-When deception is discovered they became Israels slaves Josh. 9:22-23

-5 kings of Canaan ban together and went after Gibeon

-Israel came to their defense and destroyed them with God's help

-God threw them into confusion and cast large stones at them

Josh. 10:10-11

-Joshua asked for the sun to stand still until Israel could avenge itself

And it did for a day. Josh. 10:13

-Entire land taken Josh 11:16-23 ; 21:43-45

VIII. Division of the land

-Gad, Rueben, and the ½ tribe of Manasseh got land east of the Jordan

-Other tribes got a division of land inside Canaan

-Judah (line of Christ) got Jerusalem

-Except the Levites whose portion was the Lord

IX. Choose who you will serve

-as for me and my house we will serve the Lord (Josh. 24:14-15)