

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

James 1:5 “If anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

B. There is a plan from God so follow it.

Joshua 11:6a “... because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them to Israel, slain. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.”

Psalms 119:105 “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalms 128:1 “Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways.”

C. There is power and blessings from God so obey Him.

Joshua 11:7 “So Joshua and his whole army came against them suddenly at the Waters of Merom and attacked them.”

Joshua 11:9 “Joshua did to them as the Lord had directed: He hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots.”

Joshua 11:15 “As the Lord commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.”

Joshua 11:23a “So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses,”

The Challenges of Life

Joshua 11:1-23

Lesson #16

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I. The enemy prepared their attack.

A. The King of Hazor enlisted men for war.

Joshua 11:1 “When Jabin king of Hazor heard of this, he sent word to Jobab king of Madon, to the kings of Shimron and Acshaph.”

Joshua 11:2 “And to the northern kings who were in the mountains, in the Arabah south of Kinnereth, in the western foothills and in Naphtali Dor on the west.”

Joshua 11:3 “To the Canaanites in the east and west; to the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites and Jebusites in the hill country; and to the Hivites below Hermon in the region of Mizpah.”

B. The King of Hazor had an enormous army.

Joshua 11:4 “They came out with all their troops and a large number of horses and chariots—a huge army, as numerous as the sand on the seashore.”

Joshua 11:5 “All these kings joined forces and made camp together at the Waters of Merom to fight against Israel.”

II. The Lord proclaimed the enemy’s defeat.

A. Joshua was encouraged by God’s Word.

Joshua 11:6a “The Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them”

B. Joshua was enlightened by God’s Promise.

Joshua 11:6b “... because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them to Israel, slain. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.”

Psalms 20:7 “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.”

C. Joshua engaged in an enemy attack through God's power.

Joshua 11:7 "So Joshua and his whole army came against them suddenly at the Waters of Merom and attacked them."

Joshua 11:8 "And the Lord gave them into the hand of Israel. They defeated them and pursued them all the way to Greater Sidon, to Misrephoth Maim, and to the Valley of Mizpah on the east, until no survivors were left."

Joshua 11:9 "Joshua did to them as the Lord had directed: He hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots."

III. The servant of the Lord performed God's plan against the enemy.

A. Joshua executed the enemy.

Joshua 11:10 "At that time Joshua turned back and captured Hazor and put its king to the sword. (Hazor had been the head of all these kingdoms.)"

Joshua 11:11 "Everyone in it they put to the sword. They totally destroyed them, not sparing anything that breathed, and he burned up Hazor itself."

Joshua 11:12 "Joshua took all these royal cities and their kings and put them to the sword. He totally destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded."

B. Joshua eliminated the city of Hazor.

Joshua 11:13 "Yet Israel did not burn any of the cities built on their mounds—except Hazor, which Joshua burned."

C. Joshua's men were entrusted with the plunder.

Joshua 11:14 "The Israelites carried off for themselves all the plunder and livestock of these cities, but all the people they put to the sword until they completely destroyed them, not sparing anyone that breathed."

Joshua 11:15 "As the Lord commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses."

Joshua 11:16 "So Joshua took this entire land: the hill country, all the Negev, the whole region of Goshen, the western foothills, the Arabah and the mountains of Israel with their foothills."

Joshua 11:17 "From Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, to Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings and put them to death."

Joshua 11:18 "Joshua waged war against all these kings for a long time."

Joshua 11:19 "Except for the Hivites living in Gibeon, not one city made a treaty of peace with the Israelites, who took them all in battle."

D. The enemy were without excuse before God.

Joshua 11:20 "For it was the Lord himself who hardened their hearts to wage war against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally, exterminating them without mercy, as the Lord had commanded Moses."

Joshua 11:21 "At that time Joshua went and destroyed the Anakites from the hill country: from Hebron, Debir and Anab, from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua totally destroyed them and their towns."

Joshua 11:22 "No Anakites were left in Israelite territory; only in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod did any survive."

Joshua 11:23a "So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war."

How can we apply this to our life?

A. There are problems in life so commune with God.

Joshua 11:6a "The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them,

I Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually!"

Ephesians 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."