

Joshua – Lesson 36: Success – The Campaigns of Joshua PT 2 Joshua 12:1-24

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

Did we learn our lesson? Study Questions from lesson 35 (Campaigns PT 1)

1. According to Matthew 10:16, how is the believer sent into the world?
Answer: As sheep (followers of the Lord – Only yielding to His command).
2. According to Joshua 10:29-41, what kingdoms did the children of Israel conquer?
Answer: Libnah, Lachish, Gezer, Eglon, Hebron and Debir (7).
3. According to Joshua 10:42, why were the children of Israel victorious?
Answer: Because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.
4. According to 1 John 5:11, what does God promise the believer?
Answer: That God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

5. Complete the following scripture:

Matthew 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a **word**.

True / False

False The children of Israel took many captives in their conquest. (JOS 11:8)

True The children of Israel returned to Gilgal after the southern victory. (JOS 10:43)

True The northern kingdoms united against the children of Israel. (JOS 11:5)

False The 'world' welcomes the believer. (JOHN 15:19)

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"I have not yet begun to fight!" — John Paul Jones (1779)

- Father of the US Navy: His response to British Captain Richard Pearson, when asked if Captain Jones was prepared to surrender (the American ship USS Bonhomme Richard critically damaged), to which he replied in 'the most negative', as he and his men continued to fight and against all odds, and emerge victorious over a 'superior' opponent.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

- The victory of Christ is personal – It is the individual's triumph over death through Christ (the believer is inspired to have confidence of eternal salvation and transformed to incorruptible)
- The victory of Christ is universal – It is the triumph of truth over the deceiver's 'world', as sin (to include all who reject God's gift of the Christ) are cast into the lake of fire (eternal damnation – REV 20)

The believer is encouraged to face the world with the knowledge that the victory of Christ is already accomplished, and that the believer has not yet begun to be a champion for Christ.

Joshua and the children of Israel continue their conquest to completely secure the promised inheritance over seemingly superior forces, never considering 'surrender'.

Joshua 12:1-6 – Victories with Moses

(1) Now these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

(2) Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

(3) And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on the east, the way to Bethjeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdodthpisgah:

(4) And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

(5) And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

(6) Them did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

- Sihon, king of the Amorites
- Og, king of Bashan, remnant of the giants

These two victories established the reputation of God and the children of Israel (inspiring fear among much more established armies and fortified defenses)

Joshua 2:10-11

(10) For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

(11) And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

- Rahab (of Jericho) testifies to Israeli spies of the reputation of God and the children of Israel, and the effect this had on the morale of the people of Jericho (a great walled city that had not been breached)

Numbers 21:21-24 – The background

(21) And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

(22) Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the king's *high way*, until we be past thy borders.

(23) And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

(24) And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong.

- Moses and the children initially attempted diplomacy, as a wandering nation appealing to a neighbor for consideration as a measure of humanitarianism – It failed, and God supported the children of Israel in a victory over a much larger force (a defending army in fortified cities).
- Why did diplomacy fail?

Leviticus 20:24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

- It was the plan of God that there would be no compromise with the inhabitants of the inheritance.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- The believer is encouraged to not compromise with the world, not to seek a diplomatic resolution to the existing conflict, but to stay strong in faith, not surrendering to the world's lure of lusts.

Joshua 12:7-24 – Victories with Joshua

(7) And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions;

(8) In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

(9) The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one;

(10) The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

(11) The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

(12) The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

(13) The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

(14) The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

(15) The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

(16) The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

(17) The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

(18) The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

(19) The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

(20) The king of Shimronmeron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

(21) The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

(22) The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

(23) The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

(24) The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

The children of Israel, with the power of God, secured the remainder of the inheritance, to overcome incredible odds, as they followed through in faith.

Numbers 14:22-23 – Why Joshua and not Moses

(10) Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

(11) Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it.

Matthew 10:33 *But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.*

- As Moses was punished for disobedience, humanity will be judged against their testimony (submission to God through the gift of the Christ) – Those who deny will not see eternity in heaven, but damnation. Believers – Go forward in confidence, not surrendering – For we have not yet begun to fight!

Next Lesson: Joshua – Succeeding where others fail

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Study Questions

1. According to 1 Corinthians 15:57, what is the instrument of God's victory?

2. According to Joshua 12:1-6, what two kingdoms did the children of Israel conquer with Moses?

A. _____

B. _____

3. According to Romans 12:2, what is the believer's relationship to the world?

4. According to Joshua 12:24, how many kingdoms did God and the children of Israel conquer?

5. Complete the following scripture:

Matthew 10:33 But whosoever shall _____ me before _____, him will I also
_____ before my _____ which is in _____.

True / False

T F The people of Jericho felt they were ready for the Israeli invasion.

T F Moses first attempted diplomacy with Sihon king of the Amorites.

T F Moses was denied entry to the inheritance due to old age.

T F God's plan was for the children of Israel to share the inheritance with the inhabitants.