

Joshua 9-11 King of Kings

The city of Jericho has fallen, and the town of Ai has been defeated. In this study we'll find that news travels fast and people respond in different ways to the coming kingdom of God. But as you read through these chapters, think carefully about the way many people respond to God today.

Read Joshua 9:1-6, 10:1-5 and 11:1-5.

1. What similarities and differences do you notice in these passages?

2. What seems to have changed from the attitude of the kings in Joshua 5:1? Why do you think this has happened (cf. Josh 7:4-11)?

A Clever Trick - In Joshua 9, it can be hard to work out whether Joshua and the leaders are to blame for what happens next. It's a complex problem. Let's do some background research and look at God's instructions to Moses about making treaty agreements (covenants) with the inhabitants of the Promised Land.

Read Deuteronomy 7:1-2 and Joshua 9.

3. Did Joshua and his leaders do the right thing in making a covenant with the Hivites from Gibeon? Why or why not?

4. Like Rahab, the Gibeonites are Gentiles who seek rescue from certain death. How does their approach differ from Rahab's (cf. Josh 2:1-21)?

5. Do you think the Gibeonites' approach might be a model for people today who are outside God's kingdom (Josh 9:24-25)? Why/why not?

Read Joshua 10:1-15.

7. Israel's warriors and mighty men of valour once again step out in faith with Joshua to fight a victorious battle. How do they achieve victory (vv. 7-11)?

8. Verses 12-14 describe an extraordinary event., according to v 14, what was the most remarkable thing about that day? What does it tell us about Joshua's confidence in God (cf. Josh 1:5-9)?

Read Joshua 11.

9. What makes the victories against the northern forces so impressive (vv. 4-5)?

10. What is the main point, do you think, of the summary of the victories in verses 15-20?

Implications

- In the New Testament, Jesus is revealed as the King of kings and Lord of lords (e.g. Rev 17:14, 19:11-16). How do you think Jesus the King will treat his enemies?
- Read John 3:36, 1 Corinthians 15:24-27a, and Hebrews 10:12-13. What do these verses say about how Jesus the King will treat his enemies?
- How will the King of kings treat anyone who comes to him for mercy? Choose two or three of the following passages to help you answer this question: Luke 23:39-43; John 3:16-18; Acts 2:36-41, 10:34-39; Rom 5:6-10, 10:9-13; Eph 2:4-8; 1 Pet 1:3.
- Thank God for his mercy towards all who believe in the name of the Lord Jesus and bow the knee to him.
- Praise God for his power over all, winning victory over death in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for God's help to live in humble service of your king and to recognize his right to rule over your daily life, especially your decisions.