

Joshua

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OBSERVATIONS

1. What was God's relationship (promise) to Joshua? (Chapter 1)
2. What kind of reputation did Israel have in Jericho? (Chapter 2)
3. What did Rahab think about the God of Israel? (Chapter 2)
4. How did Israel cross the Jordan and what did they leave for a memorial? (Chapter 3-4)
5. What does Gilgal mean and why was it named such? (Chapter 5)
6. Why did Israel lose the Battle of Ai, and what did Joshua think about God at the time? (Chapter 7)
7. After Israel's cleansing and repentance, how were they able to capture Ai? (Chapter 8)
8. Why did Israel not perceive the Gibeonites' trickery? (Chapter 9)
9. How did most of the enemy soldiers die when Israel defeated the Amorites? (Chapter 10)
10. Why did Joshua want the sun to stand still? (Chapter 10)

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DEEPER THOUGHT

1. What does Rahab the harlot's actions show us about faith? (Hebrews 11:31, Chapter 2)
2. What does the story of Rahab the harlot show us about righteousness? (James 2:25-26, Chapter 2)
3. What might the scarlet cord for Rahab's window represent? (Chapter 2)
4. What does the crossing of the Jordan represent in the Christian's life? Volumes could be written about this, so keep your answer short and to the point? (Chapter 3)
5. Why did the manna stop the day after they ate some produce from the land of Canaan? (Chapter 5)
6. Who did Joshua meet before taking Jericho and what might this represent in our lives? (Chapter 5)
7. There is much symbolism in the Jericho victory. What do all the sevens mean? (7 priests, 7 trumpets, 7 days, 7 trips on the 7th day...) (Chapter 6)
8. What was the worst part of Achan's sin? (Chapter 7)
9. What can we learn from the defeat of the Amorites? (Chapter 10)
10. How can we explain the killing and mercilessness that God caused Israel to partake in? (Joshua 11:20)

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Consider this:

Joshua commanded the sun to stand still. We do not always need understanding to operate in faith, because everyone now knows that it's the earth that moves, not the sun!

ANSWERS TO LESSON 17

OBSERVATIONS

1. God promised Joshua that He would be with him as He was with Moses. (1:5)
2. The people of Jericho were afraid because they had heard about the victories God had given Israel. (2:9)
3. She believed the God of Israel was indeed God of heaven and earth. (2:11)
4. The Lord spoke to Joshua and told him to have the priests cross with the ark. The water stopped and everyone followed on dry ground (3:17) On the other side, they left an altar with 12 stones for a memorial (4:5-7)
5. Gilgal means "roll" and it was named that because the Lord "rolled away" the reproach of Egypt at the place. (5:9)
6. Because of the disobedience of Achan, Joshua thought God had abandoned them (7:6-12)
7. God gave them a wise plan which they followed. (8:10-29)
8. They did not inquire of the Lord. They only looked on the outward signs. (9:14)
9. By hailstones thrown on them by God. (10:11)
10. So he could finish defeating the enemy. (10:12-14)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. Faith does not depend on our sins or righteousness, but on our heart toward God. (2)
2. Righteousness is our faith put into action. (2)
3. The scarlet cord was a symbol similar to the blood on the doorpost at Passover for Israel. It could represent the blood of Christ. The warriors passed by the house without killing the people inside. (2:17-21)
4. Crossing the Jordan represents the Christian laying hold of that which is his in Christ This is done in faith by following the Lord's leading in one's life not self-effort. They did not swim the Jordan, they walked on dry ground. (3)
5. The manna was provided miraculously in the desert where there was no food, but once they had natural food, the miracle was no longer needed. (5:11-12)
6. He met the commander of the Lord's army (Jesus). We need to meet with the Lord personally to gain a victory. (5:13-15)
7. The number seven is the number of completion. God completes things in sevens in the Bible. He wanted Joshua and Israel to know that the Jericho victory was totally his doing. (6)
8. His disobedience to God and trying to hide it. (7)
9. When God has calls us He works for us miraculously when our own strength runs out. (10:9-14)
10. Just as in the case of Pharaoh, God saw that these nations were not choosing Him and honoring Him as God, so He hardened their hearts and used them as vessels of dishonor.

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OBSERVATIONS

1. What kind of testimony did Caleb have after the forty years in the wilderness? (Chapter 14)
2. How did Ephraim and Manasseh lack in faith compared to Joshua? (Chapters 16-17)
3. Why did the rest of the Israelites almost go to war against the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh? (Chapter 22)
4. What was the inscription that the Reubenites and Gadites put on the altar that they built? (Chapter 22)
5. In Joshua's final exhortation, what did he say was the reason that Israel was able to rout the enemy? (Chapter 23)
6. What does Joshua say will happen if Israel intermarries or associates with those foreigners that still live among them? (Chapter 23)
7. What does Joshua say about God's promises? (Chapter 23)

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1. What might be the purpose of the many chapters in Joshua which record the actual allotment of land to the tribes of Israel? (Chapters 13-22)
2. Caleb had a valuable inheritance in Canaan and was generous to his daughter and gave her prized land with springs of water. What was Caleb's attitude toward the land he possessed? (Chapter 25)
3. Some of the tribes possessed their land right away, but the last seven had to be prodded by Joshua. (verses 1-10) What type of Christians do these two groups represent? (Chapter 18)
4. Why were there cities of refuge for killers guilty by accident? (Chapter 20)
5. The Levites were given cities of refuge. What does this tell us? (Chapter 21)
6. There are many lessons that can be learned from Joshua 22. What does it tell you about unity and communication? (Chapter 21)
7. What did Joshua teach the people about commitment to the Lord in Chapter 24?

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CONSIDERATION CORNER

Consider this:

We sometimes wonder why much space is taken up in the Bible with such things as descriptions of borders of different countries and tribal lands. However, look at what the major disputing is about concerning the Middle East Peace Treaties – land and borders!

ANSWERS TO LESSON 18

OBSERVATIONS

1. Caleb was the only one, besides Joshua who lived through the 40 years in the wilderness. He was just as strong and vigorous as before the wilderness experience!(14:10-11)
2. They did not think they could drive out the Canaanites, but Joshua said they could. (17:12,17-18)
3. Because the Reubenites and Gadites built an altar of their own. (22:15-18)
4. "A witness between us that the Lord is God." (22:34)
5. Because the Lord their God fought for them. (23:9-11)
6. They would become snares and traps, whips on their backs and thorns in their eyes! (23:12-13)
7. Every promise was fulfilled, not one failed. (23:14)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. This record of allotment shows God's faithfulness. Israel inherited the land as God said they would. It also shows that God has a specific inheritance for each individual family. (13-22)
2. He held his earthly inheritance lightly because he was a man of faith. (15:18-19)
3. Christians who know the promises in Christ from the start, and Christians who need the prodding of others to enter into God's promises. (18:1-10)
4. God is merciful and full of grace and doesn't want His people to suffer for human error. (20)
5. The Levites who were the Lord's ministers, became elders of the cities of refuge and had to judge the cases brought there. The Lord gives some people the calling to judge situations wisely. (21)
6. Communication is essential to keep unity. The rest of Israel misunderstood the purpose for the altar that the Reubenites, a n d Gadites built and they almost destroyed them because of it. (22)
7. He wanted the people to see that if they choose to serve the Lord, but then forsake the Lord for other gods, they would bring disaster on themselves. It would be better for them not to say they would serve the Lord if they didn't follow through with it. (24)