

Joshua 11 Notes

Book of Joshua, Joshua means “Yahweh saves”

God saves completely as Hebrews 7:25 teaches.

The book of Joshua covers about 25 years soon after the death of Moses.

Two Key passages to keep in mind is Joshua 21:45, “not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed, all came to pass” and Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous, do not tremble or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Review:

Joshua 10:40-43 sets the tone for chapter 11

Chapter 11 begins like chapter 5 and 10 with the word “Heard”. Heard what? How Israel overpowered and destroyed their enemies.

11:1-5

The scene is set, the deck is stacked against Israel in human terms.

Chapter 5 the kings feared Israel but not so much now. How easy we forget!

What we see is an increase in hostility and a coalition was formed with the kings, plural.

Joshua 11:6 “do not be afraid”. Fear is a big reality for many and what God does is encourage verbally. Aspects of fear are weakness, robs us of confidence, squashes hopes and dreams. Psalm 56:3, “when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.” Lamentations 3:22-23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” 2 Tim 1:7, “For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” Hebrews 10:25, “encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching.” When you are unsure, nervous, fearful, turn to the scriptures for help and encouragement.

Vs 6b “You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.” Notice that this is a command from God. Why? It ensures that Israel, in the long process of taking the land does not trust in horses or chariots. Psalm 20:7-8

Vs 7-9 Joshua obeys and was blessed. Jesus obeyed. Other choose not to obey and paid the price. People like Adam, Jonah didn’t then finally did.

11:10-15. Sweeping and intense complete destruction. Why? It reminds them and us of the judgment of God, Israel’s obedience and the depravity of the Canaanites.

11:16-20, the judgment on the Canaanites was accomplished when God harden their hearts against Israel. We see God’s explanation in Romans 1:24-28.

11:21-23

Final thoughts- resistance, a formidable enemy, faith, trust, obedience, destruction, rest.

The only true rest one can really bath in is that of Jesus Christ. He gives rest, peace, hope, strength, help but only to those who turn to Him.

will you turn to Him. He is there for you, waiting for you because you matter to Him. Don’t ever forget that.