

# Joshua 11 to 14

## Conquests in northern Canaan

**11** <sup>1</sup> When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard of this, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, <sup>2</sup> and to the kings who were in the northern hill country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in Naphothdor on the west, <sup>3</sup> to the Canaanites in the east and the west, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. <sup>4</sup> And they came out with all their troops, a great horde, in number like the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots. <sup>5</sup> And all these kings joined their forces and came and encamped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will give over all of them, slain, to Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.” <sup>7</sup> So Joshua and all his warriors came suddenly against them by the waters of Merom and fell upon them. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD gave them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward as far as the Valley of Mizpeh. And they struck them until he left none remaining. <sup>9</sup> And Joshua did to them just as the LORD said to him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

<sup>10</sup> And Joshua turned back at that time and captured Hazor and struck its king with the sword, for Hazor formerly was the head of all those kingdoms. <sup>11</sup> And they struck with the sword all who were in it, devoting them to destruction; there was none left that breathed. And he burned Hazor with fire. <sup>12</sup> And all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua captured, and struck them with the edge of the sword, devoting them to destruction, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded. <sup>13</sup> But none of the cities that stood on mounds did Israel burn, except Hazor alone; that Joshua burned. <sup>14</sup> And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the people of Israel took for their plunder. But every person they struck with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they did not leave any who breathed. <sup>15</sup> Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>16</sup> So Joshua took all that land, the hill country and all the Negeb and all the land of Goshen and the lowland and the Arabah and the hill country of Israel and its lowland <sup>17</sup> from Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. And he captured all their kings and struck them and put them to death. <sup>18</sup> Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. <sup>19</sup> There was not a city that made peace with the people of Israel except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took them all in battle. <sup>20</sup> For it was the LORD's doing to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>21</sup> And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. <sup>22</sup> There was

none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain. <sup>23</sup> So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

### **Kings defeated by Moses**

**12** <sup>1</sup> Now these are the kings of the land whom the people of Israel defeated and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise: <sup>2</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites... <sup>4</sup> and Og king of Bashan... <sup>6</sup> Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the people of Israel defeated them. And Moses the servant of the LORD gave their land for a possession to the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

### **Kings defeated by Joshua**

<sup>7</sup> And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the people of Israel defeated on the west side of the Jordan: <sup>9</sup> the king of Jericho, one... in all, thirty-one kings.

### **Land still to be conquered**

**13** <sup>1</sup> Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. <sup>2</sup> This is the land that yet remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites <sup>3</sup> (from the Shihor, which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, it is counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron), and those of the Avvim, <sup>4</sup> in the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites, <sup>5</sup> and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo-hamath, <sup>6</sup> all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians. I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. <sup>7</sup> Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.”

### **The inheritance east of the Jordan**

<sup>8</sup> With the other half of the tribe of Manasseh the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them...

<sup>14</sup> To the tribe of Levi alone Moses gave no inheritance. The offerings by fire to the LORD God of Israel are their inheritance, as he said to him.

<sup>15</sup> And Moses gave an inheritance to the tribe of the people of Reuben according to their clans...

<sup>32</sup> These are the inheritances that Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan east of Jericho. <sup>33</sup> But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel is their inheritance, just as he said to them.

## The inheritance west of the Jordan

**14** <sup>1</sup> These are the inheritances that the people of Israel received in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel gave them to inherit. <sup>2</sup> Their inheritance was by lot, just as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses for the nine and one-half tribes. <sup>3</sup> For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. <sup>4</sup> For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. <sup>5</sup> The people of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses; they allotted the land.

## Caleb's request and inheritance

<sup>6</sup> Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. <sup>8</sup> But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. <sup>9</sup> And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. <sup>12</sup> So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said."

<sup>13</sup> Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. <sup>14</sup> Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

## Cross References

**Matthew 18 v 19:** And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

**Colossians 3 v 5, 6:** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

**Deuteronomy 17 v 16:** Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’

**Psalm 20 v 7:** Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

**Proverbs 21 v 31:** The horse is made ready for the day of battle,  
but the victory belongs to the LORD.

**2 Kings 23 v 11:** And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD... And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

**Revelation 16 v 16:** And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

**Joshua 15 v 13, 14:** <sup>13</sup> According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). <sup>14</sup> And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the descendants of Anak.

**Genesis 6 v 4:** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

**Numbers 13 v 31 to 33:** Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” <sup>32</sup> So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. <sup>33</sup> And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

**2 Samuel 21 v 20 to 22:** <sup>20</sup> And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants. <sup>21</sup> And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down. <sup>22</sup> These four were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

**1 Peter 2 v 5:** You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1 v 11:** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...

**Colossians 1 v 12:** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**1 Peter 1 v 4:** an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...