



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Joshua 11:6-9, 16-23 Discussion Questions Choose 1 or more Questions from each of the five below.

1. The LORD told Joshua not to be afraid and promised to hand the opposing armies over to Israel (Joshua 11:6).

Why might the size and military strength of these combined armies have tempted Joshua and Israel to be afraid?

How did God's promise give Joshua courage without removing his responsibility to plan and act?

When we face an overwhelming challenge, how can trust in God lead us to faithful action rather than fear or passivity?

2. The LORD handed the enemy over to Israel, and Joshua did exactly as the LORD had commanded him (Joshua 11:7-9).

What do these verses reveal about the relationship between God's power and Joshua's obedient effort?

Why is complete obedience important even after God has already granted success?

How can success become spiritually dangerous if it leads us to depend on our own strength instead of continuing to obey God?

3. Joshua fought these kings for a long time and removed the Anakim who had once filled Israel with fear (Joshua 11:16-19, 21-22).

What does Joshua's long campaign teach us about the difference between receiving God's promise and patiently seeing it fulfilled?

How did Israel's victory over the Anakim demonstrate what faith and obedience could accomplish after an earlier generation had been afraid?

What helps followers of Jesus remain faithful when obedience requires endurance and the results do not come quickly?

4. Joshua 11:20 describes the LORD hardening the hearts of people who had persistently resisted Him and committed themselves to evil.

Why is this verse difficult for many people to understand, and what questions does it raise about God's justice and mercy?

How do God's long patience with the Amorites (Genesis 15:16) and Paul's teaching in Romans 1 help explain judicial hardening as judgment on persistent rebellion?

What warning does this passage give us about repeatedly resisting God's truth and refusing His invitations to repent?

5. Joshua received the land according to all the LORD had promised, gave Israel its inheritance, and the land had rest from war (Joshua 11:23).

How does the conclusion of this campaign demonstrate God's faithfulness to keep the promises He had made generations earlier?

How are God's justice and mercy revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, who warns us about sin and offers salvation to everyone who believes in Him?

Since now is the day of salvation, how can we respond to Jesus in faith and help others hear His gracious invitation before time runs out? Today? This Week?