

The Value of Obedience

PLOT

Josh 11:1 When Jabin king of Hazor heard of this, he sent word to Jorabab king of Madon, to the kings of Shimron and Acshaph, 2 and to the northern kings who were in the mountains, in the Arabah south of Kinnereth, in the western foothills and in Naphoth Dor on the west; 3 to the Canaanites in the east and west; to the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites and Jebusites in the hill country; and to the Hivites below Hermon in the region of Mizpah. 4 They came out with all their troops and a large number of horses and chariots—a huge army, as numerous as the sand on the seashore. 5 All these kings joined forces and made camp together at the Waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

- _____ is born out of _____
 - normally _____ and fiercely oppositional
 - brought together by shared _____ and _____
- the mismatch in _____ is fantastic
 - _____ with horses & chariots; Joshua with _____ soldiers
- the _____ are fabulous- “the sand on the seashore”

PROMISE

6 The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel, slain. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.”

- once again Joshua is told not to be _____
- “hamstringing their horses and burning their chariots”
 - showed _____ for the mismatch in weaponry
 - displayed their weakness in _____ over strength
 - _____ their continued dependence upon God rather than _____
- the biggest little _____ mark

PURSUIT

7 So Joshua and his whole army came against them suddenly at the Waters of Merom and attacked them, 8 and the LORD gave them into the hand of Israel....9 Joshua did to them as the LORD had directed.... 12 Joshua took all these royal cities and their kings and put them to the sword. He totally destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded.

- Joshua _____ his enemies...again
- Joshua totally _____ everything... again

10 At that time Joshua turned back and captured Hazor and put its king to the sword. (Hazor had been the head of all these kingdoms.) 11 Everyone in it they put to the sword. They totally destroyed them, not sparing anything that breathed, and he burned up Hazor itself.

- Joshua gives the king his due _____ treatment
- _____ has its privileges and its curses
- the _____ city is burned for the leadership of its _____

14 The Israelites carried off for themselves all the plunder and livestock of these cities, but all the people they put to the sword until they completely destroyed them, not sparing anyone that breathed. 15 As the LORD commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

- the other cities are only _____, not burned
 - ready for immediate _____ - fulfillment
- Joshua was _____ obedient to the Lord’s command, and he was _____ just as relentlessly

23 So Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war.

- the “happily ever after” at the end of the _____ story
- the final “_____” at the end of the run-on sentence of war
- a pivotal turning point:
 - from _____ to _____ of the land

more PURSUIT

PLUNDER

PROSPERITY

putting it into PRACTICE

- 1- God sometimes works through _____ people.
- 2- _____ will come, individually or corporately.
- 3- Close _____ with God is key.
- 4- We can withstand those who stand _____ us.
- 5- God fulfills his promises in their _____, not in part.
- 6- We can’t just sit back and wait for God to do it all. Our _____ is ours.
- 7- Obedience brings _____.