

Then the Land Had Rest from War

Joshua 11:23 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 Defeated Kings

Josh. 12:1 These are the kings of the land whom the Israelites had defeated and whose territory they took over east of the Jordan, from the Arnon Gorge to Mount Hermon, including all the eastern side of the Arabah: . . .

Josh. 12:7 These are the kings of the land that Joshua and the Israelites conquered on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir (their lands Joshua gave as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel according to their tribal divisions

In Joshua 12 we have the _____ of 31 defeated kings. *The purpose?*

-- The purpose is to show the _____ of Israel with God's help.

-- The purpose is to show that the previous chapters have not told us about _____ battle. They are a synopsis.

-- The purpose is to remind us that the work wasn't _____.

There is Work Yet to Be Done!

Josh. 13:1 When Joshua was old and well advanced in years, the LORD said to him, "You are very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over. 2 "This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and Geshurites: 3 from the Shihor River on the east of Egypt to the territory of Ekron on the north, all of it counted as Canaanite (the territory of the five Philistine rulers in Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath and Ekron — that of the Avvites); 4 from the south, all the land of the Canaanites, from Arah of the Sidonians as far as Aphek, the region of the Amorites, 5 the area of the Gebalites; and all Lebanon to the east, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath. The Trick

You don't quit just because victory is _____. You finish the work!

God's Part

Josh. 13:6 "As for all the inhabitants of the mountain regions from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, that is, all the Sidonians, I myself will drive them out before the Israelites.

On particularly difficult assignments, God will _____ you by helping to _____ your enemies.

The Land West of the Jordan

Joshua 13:6 . . . Be sure to allocate this land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have instructed you, 7 and divide it as an inheritance among the nine tribes and half of the tribe of Manasseh."

The people of Israel are _____ going to have their inheritance.

The rest of the book is about the _____ of land. *Boring?*

The Inheritance for the Levities

Josh. 13:14 But to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance, since the offerings made by fire to the LORD, the God of Israel, are their inheritance, as he promised them. . . . 33 But to the tribe of Levi, Moses had given no inheritance; the LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he promised them.

Josh. 14:3 . . . The Levites received no share of the land but only towns to live in, with pasturelands for their flocks and herds.

Josh. 18:7 The Levites, however, do not get a portion among you, because the priestly service of the LORD is their inheritance. . . .

Josh. 21:41 The towns of the Levites in the territory held by the Israelites were forty-eight in all, together with their pasturelands.

The priests were given 48 _____ in which to live but are not given areas of land for their own for several reasons:

-- They would receive resources from the _____ of the people.

-- Their "inheritance" was a personal _____ with the Lord.

-- Their "inheritance" was _____. (18:7)

-- They needed to be _____ among _____ of God's people.

Today _____ Christians are _____. There are no specially dedicated "priests" in Christianity! There is no _____ and laity delineation in Scripture and those words are _____ used in the Bible.

Rev. 1:5 . . . To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father . . .

Some Lessons:

1. Sometimes we quit when we _____ victory instead of when we _____ victory. Finish the work!

2. On the particularly tough assignments, we can expect an _____ measure of God's _____.

3. If all Christians are priests, there are some good lessons here:

-- We need to remember that our "treasure is in _____."

-- We need to remember that our treasure has been _____ to us in the form of the Holy Spirit living _____ us!

-- We need to remember that serving the Lord is a _____ to us.

-- We need to remember to _____ and live among _____ people so that we can minister to the world.

