

Deception  
Lesson #5  
Joshua 9 - 10:27

With the fall of Jericho & Ai, the kings west of the Jordan, in Canaan, knew that Joshua was coming their way. However, knowing Israel was routed at Ai changed the local kings fear of Israel to a hope of stopping them. Chapters 9 and 10 show the different strategies of these kings.

**The Kings West of the Jordan River - 9:1-21**

1. Using Joshua 9:1, 2:
  - The kings of what nations are listed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What was their strategy?
  
2. What had God told Israel regarding these nations? (Exodus 3:17 & 23:23)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What was the strategy of another group called the Gibeonites? (Joshua 9:3 - 6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What had God said about making treaties when they entered the Promised Land? (Deuteronomy 7:1-4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. The men of Israel seem suspicious. What did they ask? (Joshua 9:7)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What was their response? (Joshua 9:8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What was God's command regarding peace with distant cities as opposed to neighboring cities? (Deuteronomy 20:10-18)

8. How did they convince Joshua? (Joshua 9:9-13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What was the sin committed on Israel's part? (Joshua 9:14, 15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How long did it take to discover the deception? (Joshua 9:16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What did Israel do next? (Joshua 9:17, 18a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What happened when the assembly of Israel found out? (Joshua 9:18b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. How did leadership handle this? (Joshua 9:19-21)
  - Please comment on this.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. Joshua called the Gibeonites to him and reprimanded them. Then he pronounced a curse (consequence) for their deception. What was the curse? (Joshua 9:22, 23)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What was their defense to Joshua when asked why they did it? (Joshua 9:24)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Record their surrender to Joshua. (Joshua 9:25)

**King Adoni-Zedak - 10:1-27**

17. King Adoni-Zedak (lord of righteousness) who reigned in Jerusalem, heard Joshua had totally destroyed his neighbors Ai and Jericho and made a treaty with Gibeon. Which of these events caused him more alarm and why? (Joshua 10:1, 2)
  
18. What strategy did king Adoni-Zedak use? (Joshua 10:3, 4)
  
19. From verses 5 & 6 what happened?
  
20. What was Joshua's response to this unexpected plea? (Joshua 10:7)
  
21. What were God's words to Joshua and why do you think He said them at this point? (Joshua 10:8)
  
22. Describe the battle. (Joshua 10:9-11)
  
23. Apparently this battle took longer than the normal daylight hours to finish. What additional miracle did God perform to help Joshua's army? (Joshua 10:12-14)
  
24. How was this event seen? (Joshua 10:14b)

