

CAUTION FLAGS FOR ISRAEL

Introduction: Israel had an impressive list of initial victories over her enemies in the Promised Land, but the job was not done until her enemies were completely driven out or destroyed. This, however, was a task more difficult than it first appeared. They needed to stay close the LORD to have His power and blessings like Joshua and his leaders did, but the next generation departed from the LORD when the original leaders died. So it is with most Christians in the battle against their spiritual enemies: the world, the flesh and the devil. Many Christians settle down in their spiritual lives and become satisfied with mediocre performances. They compromise with sins that are difficult to overcome and later those sins become thorns in their sides. But Christians can win the battles like Joshua, if they will walk by faith in obedience to Christ.

Lesson Aim: Encourage Christians to conquer every known sin in their lives by faith in Christ's power.

Memory Verse: "Whoever is born of God overcomes the world: this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith" (1 Jn 5:4).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Consignment of Canaan to Israel — 13-21**

1. Even though Joshua conquered Canaan, what still needed to be done? 13:1
2. Who would the LORD drive out of the land promised to Israel? People living in L_____ as far as the S_____. 13:6
3. How did Joshua conquer Hebron for his inheritance? 14:6-14 Choose your answers from this list of words: contentment; courage; certainty; confidence; compliance
 - a. By _____ in the promise of the LORD - 14:6, 9
 - b. By _____ in his heart regarding the LORD's plan - 14:7
 - c. By _____ to the LORD's will - 14:8, 9, 14
 - d. By _____ with the LORD's time - 14:10
 - e. By _____ from the LORD's strength in him - 14:11-12
4. What failure is recorded against some tribes? 15:63; 16:10; 17:12
5. What did Manasseh do to the Canaanites instead of driving them out of Canaan? 17:12-13
6. Why did the children of Joseph say they could not drive out the Canaanites? 17:16
7. What did Joshua do earlier in a similar situation against a greater number of armies? 11:5-9

II. Construction of the Altar of Witness — 22

8. Name five commands Joshua gave the 2½ tribes before they returned to their inheritance. 22:5

III. Conclusion of the Ministry of Joshua — 23-24

9. Name four things that Joshua urged his leaders to do that would be good for us to do. 23:6-7, 8, 11
10. Name the common subject that Joshua mentioned when he spoke to the people. 24:14-15, 20, 23.