

## Sunday Night Message

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Joshua 12 and 13 – *A Review of Israel's Conquests*

Series – Joshua

Text – Joshua 12 and 13

### Introduction

In Chapter 13, God will pause and review what was previously accomplished by both Moses and Joshua. Moses had taken much territory on the other side, east of the Jordan River. (See Numbers 21; Deuteronomy 2:21 – 3:17)

The conquests accredited to Joshua were on the west side of the Jordan River, beginning with the central cities of Jericho and Ai, continuing with the southern campaign, and ending with the battles in the north.

### Thoughts From Chapter 12 and 13:

#### **1 These victories came, and all victories can only come, with the help of God.**

God helped Israel as long as they were fulfilling His will, His way. It was God's will for them to take this land, but they had to do it his way. The disaster at the first Battle of Ai is an example of God not helping, even though they were doing what God had previously commanded them to do.

If you and I are going to truly succeed in life, then we are going to have to find the will of God for our lives and fulfill it – His way.

#### **2 These victories came because God promised Abraham this land. (Genesis 12:7)**

*"And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him." (Genesis 12:7)*

*"And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." (Genesis 28:13-15)*

God also re-affirmed this promise to Joshua:

*"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this*

*Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them."* (Joshua 1:2-6)

**3 Joshua built upon the work that Moses had already done.**

Moses was faithful to do his part, and Joshua was faithful to take what Moses had given him, and build upon it. It's God that really does it. We can only be faithful to do what God wants us to do.

Make sure you leave something behind for the next generation to build upon.

Make sure you do not squander what the previous generation has built.

Keep building until the Lord calls you home.

**4 It is very important that we accomplish all that the Lord calls us to do. (Joshua 13: 1 - 7)**

Time is working against us. (Joshua 13:1 – Joshua is 100 years old at this time; also Caleb – Joshua 14:6 - 15)

Mistakes are working against us. (i.e. the Gibeonites; also Joshua 13:13)

**5 God sometimes gives you more than you expected. (Joshua 13:8 – 33)**

### EXTENT OF THE CONQUEST

- City: Town whose king is said to have been defeated by Israel's forces
- Town inside Israelite control
- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest
- ★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest
- Area of Israel's control

