

“TAKING POSSESSION OF YOUR PROMISED LAND - PT. II”

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REVIEW/INTRO (chap. 7-10): We’re in the final part of our series traveling with the people of God as they take possession of their Promised Land, so we can learn how to take possession of our Promised Land (abundant life in Christ). Their first city to take, Jericho, was *cherem* – devoted to God or devoted to destruction (somewhat of a tithe).

I. DON’T PUT “CHEREM” AMONG YOUR OWN STUFF! (Josh. 7).

- A. The next city for Israel to take was Ai, a fairly small city.
- B. When Israel attacked Ai, they lost 36 Israelites (7:1-9).
- C. God revealed what happened – someone took *cherem* which needed to be dealt with for Israel to win (vv. 1, 10-15).
- D. The *cherem* is destroyed (Josh. 7:16-26).

II. WHEN YOU TAKE A HIT, DON’T GIVE UP, BUT REGROUP AND GET BACK IN THE BATTLE (Josh. 8).

- A. The unique Ai strategy & implementation (Josh. 8:3-28).
- B. Joshua reviews their covenant with God (Josh. 8:30-35).
 - 1. Give the Word of God all the time and focus it deserves!

III. DON’T MAKE TREATIES WITH THE ENEMY (Josh. 9).

- A. The people of Gibeon deceived the Israelites into making an unwise treaty because they didn’t seek God (vv. 1-18).
- B. Making treaties with the enemy will siphon off your resources and get your focus off your destiny (10:6-7).

IV. ASK & TRUST GOD FOR MIRACLES (Josh. 10:1-27).

- A. Five kings attacked Gibeon (vv. 1-5).
- B. Because of covenant Israel came to the rescue (vv. 6-11).
- C. Joshua prayed & the sun stood still for a day (vv. 12-15)!
- D. The Amorite kings were executed (vv. 16-27).
- E. Their conquest of the southland (vv. 28-43).

CONCLUSION: The rest of the book of Joshua is basically about Israel conquering & possessing the rest of the Promised Land of Canaan & dividing the land up by tribes according to God’s specific directions & boundaries. God has some territory for you to conquer and possess! Arise & go! Be courageous! Do not fear!