

JOSHUA

WEEK 7

DECEPTION...

Joshua 9:3-6 (NLT) But when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they resorted to deception to save themselves. They sent ambassadors to Joshua, loading their donkeys with weathered saddlebags and old, patched wineskins. 5 They put on worn-out, patched sandals and ragged clothes. And the bread they took with them was dry and moldy. 6 When they arrived at the camp of Israel at Gilgal, they told Joshua and the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant land to ask you to make a peace treaty with us."

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE ENEMY'S CAMP WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE SUCCEED?

WHY IS WHAT WE SEE SO POWERFUL?

WHY IS PRIDE SO EASILY ABLE TO TAKE US DOWN?

EXAMINED...

Joshua 9:14-16 (NLT) So the Israelites examined their food, but they did not consult the Lord. 15 Then Joshua made a peace treaty with them and guaranteed their safety, and the leaders of the community ratified their agreement with a binding oath. 16 Three days after making the treaty, they learned that these people actually lived nearby!

WHAT IS SO WRONG WITH MAKING A TREATY?

WHAT WAS THE FATAL MISTAKE?

HOW DID IT IMPACT THE NATION?

DO NOT BE AFRAID...

Joshua 10:8 (NLT) “Do not be afraid of them,” the Lord said to Joshua, “for I have given you victory over them. Not a single one of them will be able to stand up to you.”

WHY IS GOD’S PROMISE SO SPECIFIC?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ACCEPT GOD’S PROMISE?

GOD FIGHTS...

Joshua 10:11 (NLT) As the Amorites retreated down the road from Beth-horon, the Lord destroyed them with a terrible hailstorm from heaven that continued until they reached Azekah. The hail killed more of the enemy than the Israelites killed with the sword.

WHY IS GOD’S INVOLVEMENT HERE SO IMPORTANT?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE EXAMINE THE RESULTS?

JOSHUA’S PRAYER...

Joshua 10:12-14 (NLT) On the day the Lord gave the Israelites victory over the Amorites, Joshua prayed to the Lord in front of all the people of Israel. He said, “Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon.” 13 So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies. Is this event not recorded in The Book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day. 14 There has never been a day like this one before or since, when the Lord answered such a prayer. Surely the Lord fought for Israel that day!

WHY IS GOD’S PROMISE STILL IN FORCE?

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JOSHUA’S PRAYER?