

Joshua 9 - Advance With Inclusion

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I - Context:

1. Joshua Chapters 6-8: The battles over Canaan
2. City of Gibeon - Ch. 10:2
3. Rahab's foreshadow - Ch. 2:9,11

II - Two Responses to Israel's Victories:

1. Regional Kings join forces against Israel - Chapter 9:1-2
2. The Gibeonite Deception -
 - The Plan - Ch. 9:3-6
 - The Action - Ch. 9:7-9, 12-15

III - Joshua honors God's Covenant Word:

1. Israel does not attack by the Lord's Oath - Ch. 9:18-19
2. Israel avoids God's wrath - Ch. 9:20
3. The curse/blessing on the Gibeonites - Ch. 9:22-27
4. The Gibeonites serve God's Altar - Ch. 9:26-27

IV - Advance with God's Covenant of Inclusion:

1. Faith of Rahab the Canaanite and her family - Ch. 2:9,11; 6:25
2. Faith of the Gibeonites - Ch. 9

"The sporadic inclusion of Gentiles such as Rahab or the Gibeonites in the people of God is not an anomaly; it is built into the very heart of the story of redemption that traces through the whole Bible (Rom. 15:4-13).

- ESV Gospel Transformation Bible