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Joshua 11:1 - 12:24

11 **1** When King Jabin of Hazor heard what had happened, he sent messages to the following kings: King Jobab of Madon; the king of Shimron; the king of Acshaph; **2** all the kings of the northern hill country; the kings in the Jordan Valley south of Galilee ; the kings in the Galilean foothills ; the kings of Naphoth-dor on the west; **3** the kings of Canaan, both east and west; the kings of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites in the towns on the slopes of Mount Hermon in the land of Mizpah. **4** All these kings came out to fight. Their combined armies formed a vast horde. And with all their horses and chariots, they covered the landscape like the sand on the seashore. **5** The kings joined forces and established their camp around the water near Merom to fight against Israel. **6** Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them. By this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel as dead men. Then you must cripple their horses and burn their chariots." **7** So Joshua and all his fighting men traveled to the water near Merom and attacked suddenly. **8** And the LORD gave them victory over their enemies. The Israelites chased them as far as Greater Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward into the valley of Mizpah, until not one enemy warrior was left alive. **9** Then Joshua crippled the horses and burned all the chariots, as the LORD had instructed. **10** Joshua then turned back and captured Hazor and killed its king. (Hazor had at one time been the capital of all these kingdoms.) **11** The Israelites completely destroyed every living thing in the city, leaving no survivors. Not a single person was spared. And then Joshua burned the city. **12** Joshua slaughtered all the other kings and their people, completely destroying them, just as Moses, the servant of the LORD, had commanded. **13** But the Israelites did not burn any of the towns built on mounds except Hazor, which Joshua burned. **14** And the Israelites took all the plunder and livestock of the ravaged towns for themselves. But they killed all the people, leaving no survivors. **15** As the LORD had commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua. And Joshua did as he was told, carefully obeying all the commands that the LORD had given to Moses. **16** So Joshua conquered the entire region—the hill country, the entire Negev, the whole area around the town of Goshen, the western foothills, the Jordan Valley, the mountains of Israel, and the Galilean foothills. **17** The Israelite territory now extended all the way from Mount Halak, which leads up to Seir in the south, as far north as Baal-gad at the foot of Mount Hermon in the valley of Lebanon. Joshua killed all the kings of those territories, **18** waging war for a long time to accomplish this. **19** No one in this region made

peace with the Israelites except the Hivites of Gibeon. All the others were defeated. **20** For the LORD hardened their hearts and caused them to fight the Israelites. So they were completely destroyed without mercy, as the LORD had commanded Moses. **21** During this period Joshua destroyed all the descendants of Anak, who lived in the hill country of Hebron, Debir, Anab, and the entire hill country of Judah and Israel. He killed them all and completely destroyed their towns. **22** None of the descendants of Anak were left in all the land of Israel, though some still remained in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod. **23** So Joshua took control of the entire land, just as the LORD had instructed Moses. He gave it to the people of Israel as their special possession, dividing the land among the tribes. So the land finally had rest from war.

12 **1** These are the kings east of the Jordan River who had been killed by the Israelites and whose land was taken. Their territory extended from the Arnon Gorge to Mount Hermon and included all the land east of the Jordan Valley. **2** King Sihon of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, was defeated. His kingdom included Aroer, on the edge of the Arnon Gorge, and extended from the middle of the Arnon Gorge to the Jabbok River, which serves as a border for the Ammonites. This territory included the southern half of the territory of Gilead. **3** Sihon also controlled the Jordan Valley and regions to the east—from as far north as the Sea of Galilee to as far south as the Dead Sea, including the road to Beth-jeshimoth and southward to the slopes of Pisgah. **4** King Og of Bashan, the last of the Rephaites, lived at Ashtaroth and Edrei. **5** He ruled a territory stretching from Mount Hermon to Salecah in the north and to all of Bashan in the east, and westward to the borders of the kingdoms of Geshur and Maacah. This territory included the northern half of Gilead, as far as the boundary of King Sihon of Heshbon. **6** Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the Israelites had destroyed the people of King Sihon and King Og. And Moses gave their land as a possession to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. **7** The following is a list of the kings that Joshua and the Israelite armies defeated on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, which leads up to Seir. (Joshua gave this land to the tribes of Israel as their possession, **8** including the hill country, the western foothills, the Jordan Valley, the mountain slopes, the Judean wilderness, and the Negev. The people who lived in this region were the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.) These are the kings Israel defeated: **9** The king of Jericho The king of Ai, near Bethel **10** The king of Jerusalem The king of Hebron **11** The king of Jarmuth The king of Lachish **12** The king of Eglon The king of Gezer **13** The king of Debir The king of Geder **14** The king of Hormah The king of Arad **15** The king of Libnah The king of Adullam **16** The king of Makkedah The king of Bethel **17** The king of Tappuah The king of Hopher **18** The king of Aphek The king of Lasharon **19** The king of Madon The king of Hazor **20** The king of Shimron-meron The king of Acshaph **21** The king of Taanach

The king of Megiddo **22** The king of Kedesh The king of Jokneam in Carmel **23** The king of Dor in the town of Naphoth-dor The king of Goyim in Gilgal **24** The king of Tirzah. In all, thirty-one kings were defeated.

Luke 17:11 - 37

17 11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. **12** As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, **13** crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” **14** He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. **15** One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” **16** He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. **17** Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? **18** Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” **19** And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.” **20** One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?” Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. **21** You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.” **22** Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it. **23** People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them. **24** For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. **25** But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation. **26** “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. **27** In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** “And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business — eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building— **29** until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. **30** Yes, it will be ‘business as usual’ right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed. **31** On that day a person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return home. **32** Remember what happened to Lot’s wife! **33** If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it. **34** That night two people will be asleep in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. **35** Two women will be grinding flour together at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.” **36 37** “Where will this happen, Lord?” the disciples asked. Jesus replied, “Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.”

Psalms 84:1 - 12

84 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Heaven's Armies. **2** I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the LORD. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God. **3** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow builds her nest and raises her young at a place near your altar, O LORD of Heaven's Armies, my King and my God! **4** What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises.

Interlude **5** What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. **6** When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings. **7** They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem. **8** O LORD God of Heaven's Armies, hear my prayer. Listen, O God of Jacob. Interlude **9** O God, look with favor upon the king, our shield! Show favor to the one you have anointed. **10** A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked. **11** For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. **12** O LORD of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.

Proverbs 13:5 - 6

13 5 The godly hate lies; the wicked cause shame and disgrace. **6** Godliness guards the path of the blameless, but the evil are misled by sin.