

Promised Land 1 Study and Discussion Questions
Lesson Two: The Campaigns - Joshua 5:13 – 12:24

Joshua 5:13 – Joshua 6

- 1) Give an opinion about the identity of the mysterious “Commander of the Army of the Lord” in Joshua 5:13-15. For help, compare Genesis 18:2 with Genesis 18:22 and 19:1, compare Genesis 32:24 with Genesis 32:30, and see Numbers 22:23, 31, 1 Chronicles 21:16 and Revelation 19:11-16.

- 2) From Joshua 6, describe the Israelites’ strategy in overthrowing Jericho. Was this a military strategy a human commander would be likely to devise?

- 3) Read Ephesians 6:12-18. What battle are you fighting that may involve spiritual warfare?

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- 4) Imagine being a resident of Jericho and observing the processional around the city day after day for seven days! What would have gone through your mind (see Joshua 2:8-13, 5:1)?

- 5) According to Romans 1:18-20 and 2:14-16, by what means do all people possess certain knowledge about God? What further knowledge about God did the Canaanite/Amorite peoples possess (see Joshua 2:10 and 5:1)?

- 6) From Leviticus 11:44-45, what is God’s righteous standard and, from Genesis 2:17-19, Romans 1:32, 5:12, 6:23, 8:13, Galatians 6:7-8, and James 1:15, what is the deserved consequence of our sin?

- 7) Revisit the following references from Lesson One and estimate the minimum number of years God patiently endured the Amorites’ extreme depravity (sin): Genesis 15:13-16, Exodus 12:40-41, and Numbers 32:13.

- 8) It is difficult for us to think about the destruction of an entire city.
- a) Can you think of a reason why it was necessary (and perhaps even merciful) for God to order the deaths of the young along with the old (see Romans 2:6, Hebrews 4:13, 9:27, and Revelation 20:13)?
 - b) According to Romans 3:10-11, 23 and 1 Peter 3:18, who has ever deserved God's mercy and what provision has God made for our salvation?
 - c) Read Titus 3:5. If you have experienced God's mercy and salvation through personal faith in Jesus Christ, how will you express your thanks to Him today? If you have not, what exactly is holding you back from receiving Jesus as your Savior and Lord this very moment (what assurance do you have that your life will not end and you will stand before God this very day)?

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- 9) Skim Joshua 7 and 8 (see especially 7:1-12, 20-21, 24-26; 8:1-2, 20-22).
 - a) Explain what happened that resulted in Israel's humiliating defeat at Ai.
 - b) Revisit Joshua 7:12. In what way does this verse explain the problem? What specifically did God say He required of Israel in order that He would be with them and grant them victory against Ai?
- 10) Read Joshua 8:30-35 with Deuteronomy 27:1-13 and 28:1-2, 15. After Israel occupied key cities in central Canaan, they renewed their covenant with the Lord (as Moses had instructed). According to the verses in Deuteronomy 28, why was it important for Joshua to recite the Book of the Law in the presence of all Israel?

