

JOSHUA 9-12

1. How many kings banded together to fight Israel in 9:1-2? How many kings banded together in 10:1-5? How many allied themselves in 11:1?

In each case, what was it that led the kings to band together?

2. Read Exodus 34:11-12. Who could Israel *not* make a covenant with? Why?

Look at Deuteronomy 20:10-15. Who *could* Israel make terms of peace with (see v. 15a)?

3. Israel did not ask **counsel of the Lord** when the Gibeonites wanted to make a covenant with them. Look at Numbers 27:18-21. What could Joshua have done to receive counsel from the Lord?
4. For what reason(s) did the Gibeonites *actually* come to Joshua and Israel? For what reason(s) did they *say* they'd come?
5. Why do you think Joshua and Israel accepted the Gibeonites story as true, even though they were skeptical of their story at first?
6. The alliance of kings that formed at the beginning of chapter 10 didn't attack Israel but who?

When Gibeon was attacked, how did they respond?

7. In 10:8, the Lord promised to give the enemy into Joshua's hand. In verses 10-14, what are some of the things that the Lord did to help them win the battle?

8. When Joshua had the five kings brought out of the cave, he used the occasion to teach what lesson(s) to his army?

9. After defeating the city of Makkedah, Joshua defeated the people of how many different cities in 10:29-39?

10. The coalition of kings that allied themselves at the beginning of chapter 11 had how many troops? How many **horses** and **chariots** did they have?

11. Read about Joshua's defeat of Hazor and other cities in 11:6-15. What are some statements you see in these verses that emphasize that Joshua was **obedient** to the Lord or Moses?

12. Why did all the cities of Canaan (except Gibeon) not seek peace with Israel but instead came against them in battle (see 11:19-20)?

13. Who are the final people mentioned in chapter 11 (vv. 21ff) that Israel defeated?

What do we learn about these people in Numbers 13:28, 33?

14. What are at least two **lessons** that we can learn from our reading in chapters 9-12?