

**Scriptures for Today: Joshua 11:1-23 – Joshua obeys God completely; God delivers the enemy**

**Today's Message: Victorious Obedience – *Leaving nothing undone of all God has commanded!***

## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw God's glorious help from heaven as Joshua led Israel to victory over the kings of the Amorites. So far, Joshua has conquered the middle and south of the Promised Land. Now, he will conquer the north as God delivers the king of Hazor and multitudes assembled to war \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua. Joshua will \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God completely throughout the chapter. As a result, he will destroy all enemies including giants! In the end, Joshua will have \_\_\_\_\_ the whole land *as God said*.

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### 1. The Text Joshua 11:1-23

- **United against** – The king of Hazor gathered **multitudes** as \_\_\_\_\_ together **against** Israel.  
 11:1-5 *“And they went out... much people... with **horses and chariots** very many.”*
- **Victory promised** – The LORD spoke to Joshua and **delivered**; Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ as God said.  
 11:6-9 *“**Be not afraid** because of them... will I **deliver them up** all slain...”*
- **Complete obedience** – They smote all with the \_\_\_\_\_; they **utterly destroyed** them.  
 11:10-20 *“...he left **nothing undone** of all that the LORD commanded Moses.”*
- **Giant killing** – Joshua cut off the \_\_\_\_\_ and **destroyed** them **utterly** with their cities.  
 11:21-22 *“There was **none of the Anakims left...** only in Gaza, in Gath... Ashdod...”*
- **Rest from war** – Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ the whole land **as God said**; the land rested from war.  
 11:23 *“So **Joshua took the whole land,** according to all that the LORD said...”*

### 2. The History & Prophecy Judges 4; Isaiah 31; Genesis 6:4; 2 Samuel 21

- **Hazor & Horses** – The Bible says Jabin the king of Hazor led a host of multitudes against Israel with horses and chariots. Hazor was burnt by Joshua, but it was again rebuilt and had a king of the same name 160 years later. God sold them into his hand for disobedience for 20 years. This Jabin had 900 chariots of iron!  
*Joshua 11:4,6,9,10; Judges 4:1-24; Psalm 20:7; Proverbs 21:31; **Isaiah 31:1-3***

NOTE Joshua was to *hough* their horses and *burn* their chariots. It means “*hamstring*” the horses by cutting their back legs so as to render them incapable of speed and force. We must *hough* our flesh so as to not allow it to sin against our God.

- **Giants** – The Bible says giants were the offspring of fallen angels and earthly women. Noah’s flood killed them. They were again on the earth in the days of Moses and Joshua who killed many. Goliath was of Gath, and he had sons and kin.  
*Gen 6:4; Num 13:22; Deut 2:10-11; 9:2; 1 Sam 17:4; 2Sam 21:16; 2 Kin 22:11*

NOTE Canaanites were descendants of Canaan, son of Ham, Noah’s son. The giants could have come by Ham’s wife’s genes or as before. Regardless, they were enemy strongholds not easily overcome by Israel. Joshua brought them down!

### 3. The Lessons Galatians 5:7, 16; 1 John 4:4, 5:3; 2 Corinth 10:4; 1 Tim 6:12

✓ *God delivered the enemy to Joshua who was to **hough** the horses and **burn** the chariots.*

- **Hough the flesh** – A **multitude** of warriors **as the sand of the sea** was no match for God!

*Psalms 20:7 “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember...”*

*Gal 5:16 “...Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”*

*Truth:* Victory will not be possible if we live *in the flesh*; we \_\_\_\_\_ walk *in the Spirit*.

*Learning:* **Our flesh will overrun us daily unless we render it incapable by killing it!**

✓ *Joshua was victorious as he did exactly what God had told him to do through Moses.*

- **Complete obedience** – The key to victory was to obey God’s Word – with **no exceptions!**

*Gal 5:7 “Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?”*

*1 John 5:3 “For **this is the love of God... keep his commandments... not grievous.**”*

*Truth:* God’s people are prone to forsake \_\_\_\_\_ obedience for fleshly desires.

*Learning:* **What areas of life have you begun to not obey God’s Word completely?**

✓ *With God’s help, Joshua was able to utterly destroy the Anakims and take the whole land.*

- **Take the promises** – Joshua “**took**” what was promised to God’s people; it was **warfare**.

*Josh 11:19 “...save... the inhabitants of Gibeon: **all other they took in battle.**”*

*2 Cor 10:4 “...the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God”*

*1 Tim 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...”*

*1 Jn 4:4 “Ye are of God... **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**”*

*Truth:* In Ch.11, “took” is found 5 times; God’s promises must be \_\_\_\_\_ by faith!

*Learning:* **To have victory and rest in Christ, you must take what God has given!**