

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Message  
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### All Of Them Were Taken In Battle

*Joshua 11:16-12:24*

*The Conquest Of Obedience Series*

Life Change: We take on the hard spiritual work God has for us.

**Laszlo Polgar's children...**

**The work was hard.**

**11:16-20**

Key phrase – “It was the LORD’s intention to harden their hearts, so that they would engage Israel in battle.”

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– H.A. Ironside, *Joshua*

Key lesson – People who refuse to accept God’s mercy become hardened. They become incapable of even seeing mercy.

**The Anakim were eliminated as a force.**

**11:21-23**

Key phrase – “the land had rest.”

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**11:21-23**

Key lesson – Each generation gets to stand up to its own giants.

**Moses’ east bank victories are reviewed.**

**12:1-6**

Key phrase – “Moses the LORD’s servant and the Israelites struck them down.”

Key lesson – Those who try to speak against God’s promises to Israel are dumber than donkeys.

**Joshua’s west bank list is reviewed.**

**12:7-24**

Key phrase – “Joshua gave their land...to the tribes of Israel.”

Key lesson – it is an honor to do God’s hard work.

**Why does the Lord make it hard?**

It’s a natural & fair consequence of a now-sinful world.

Gen 3

To develop our character.

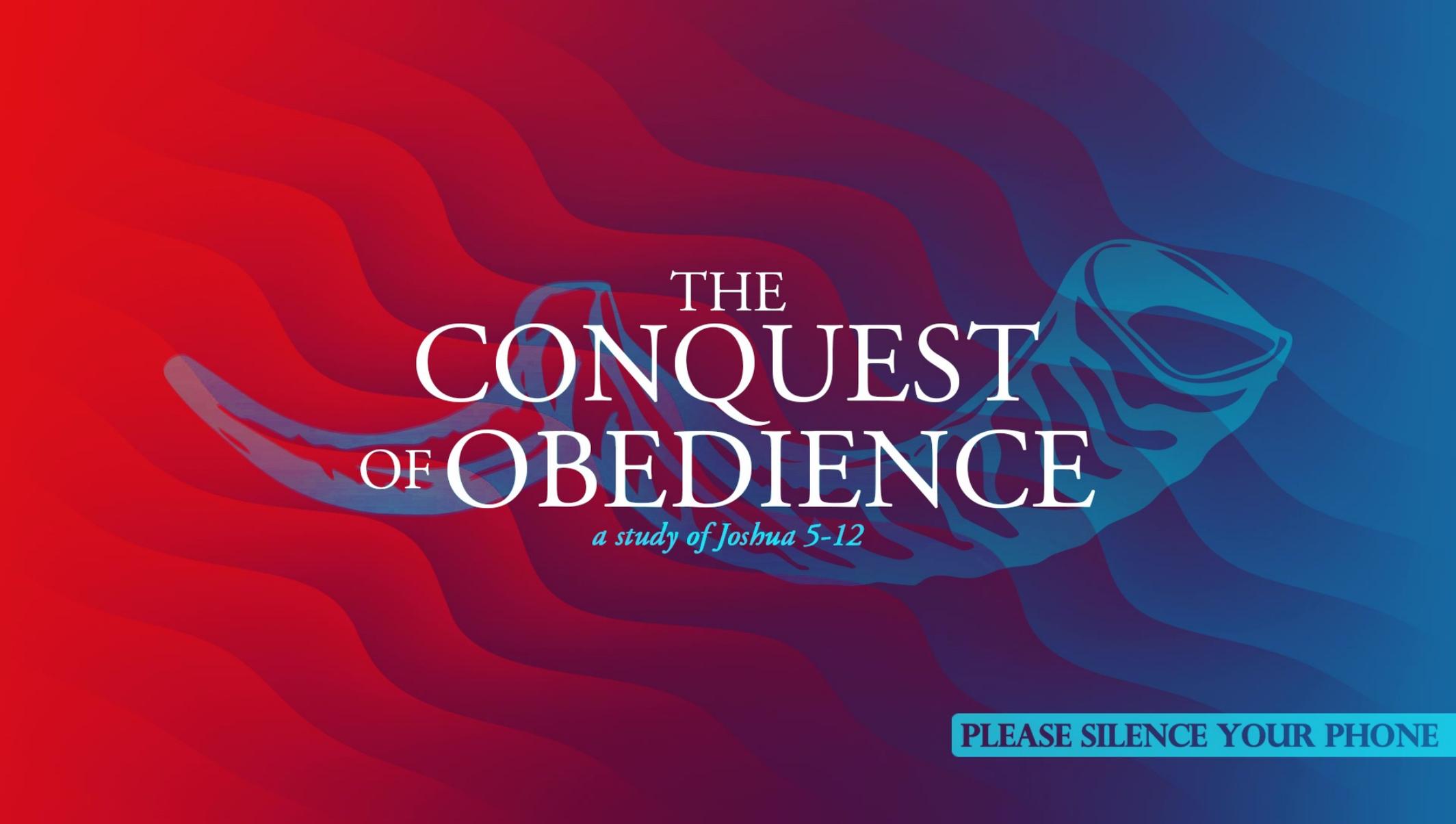
James 1

To prepare for a display of God’s power.

John 6 & 9

To bring glory to God.

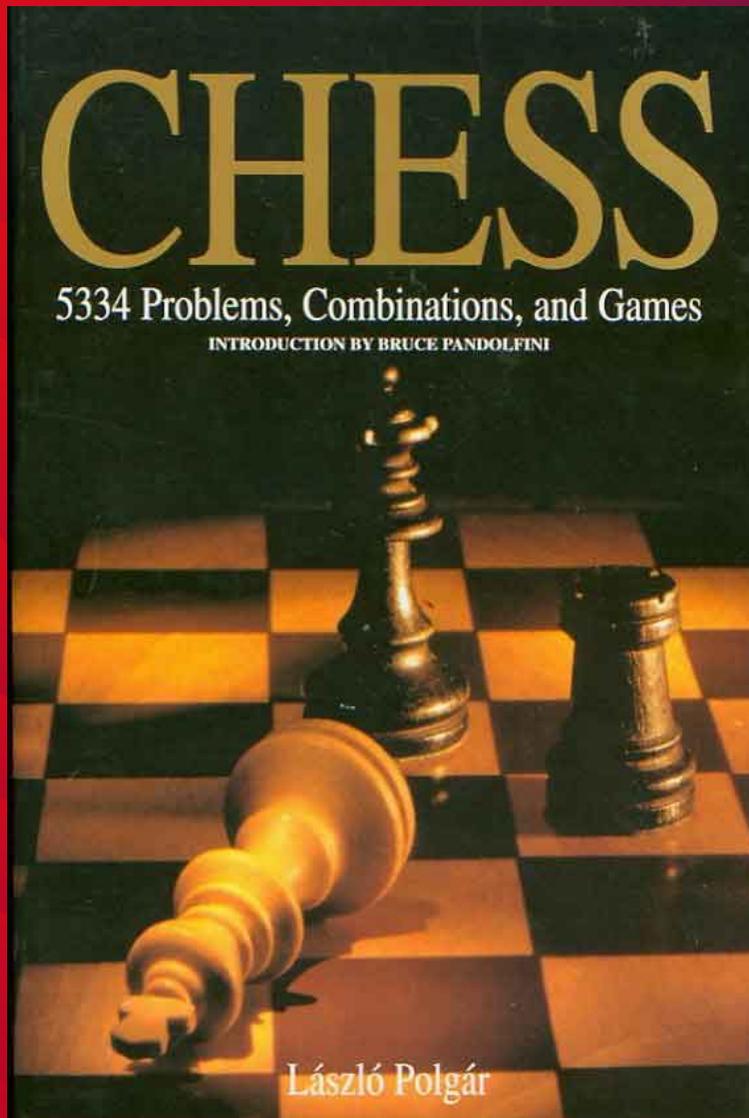
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*a study of Joshua 5-12*

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## Laszlo Polgar



courtesy Hungarian Academy of Sciences

# Zsofia, Susan, Judit, & Laszlo Polgar



courtesy Hungarian Academy of Sciences

## Zsuzsa (Susan)

- became a Grand Master [ $< 0.1\%$ ]
- highest-ranked female player in history



Judit Polgar vs Magnus Carlsen



# Judit Polgar

- Grandmaster at 15 years and 4 months
- Rose to world #8
- Considered greatest female player of all time

In this game, she crushed world #1 Magnus Carlsen.

Zsofia Polgar



Everything came  
easiest to Zsofia, so  
she became lazy.  
– Zsuzsa Polgar, in  
*The Economist*



# Joshua 11

**<sup>16</sup> So Joshua took all this land—the hill country, all the Negev, all the land of Goshen, the foothills, the Arabah, and the hill country of Israel with its foothills—<sup>17</sup> from Mount Halak, which ascends to Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon at the foot of Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings and struck them down, putting them to death.**

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**This shouldn't  
be hard!**



# The Surge

## General Petraeus and the Turnaround in Iraq

by William A. Knowlton, Jr.



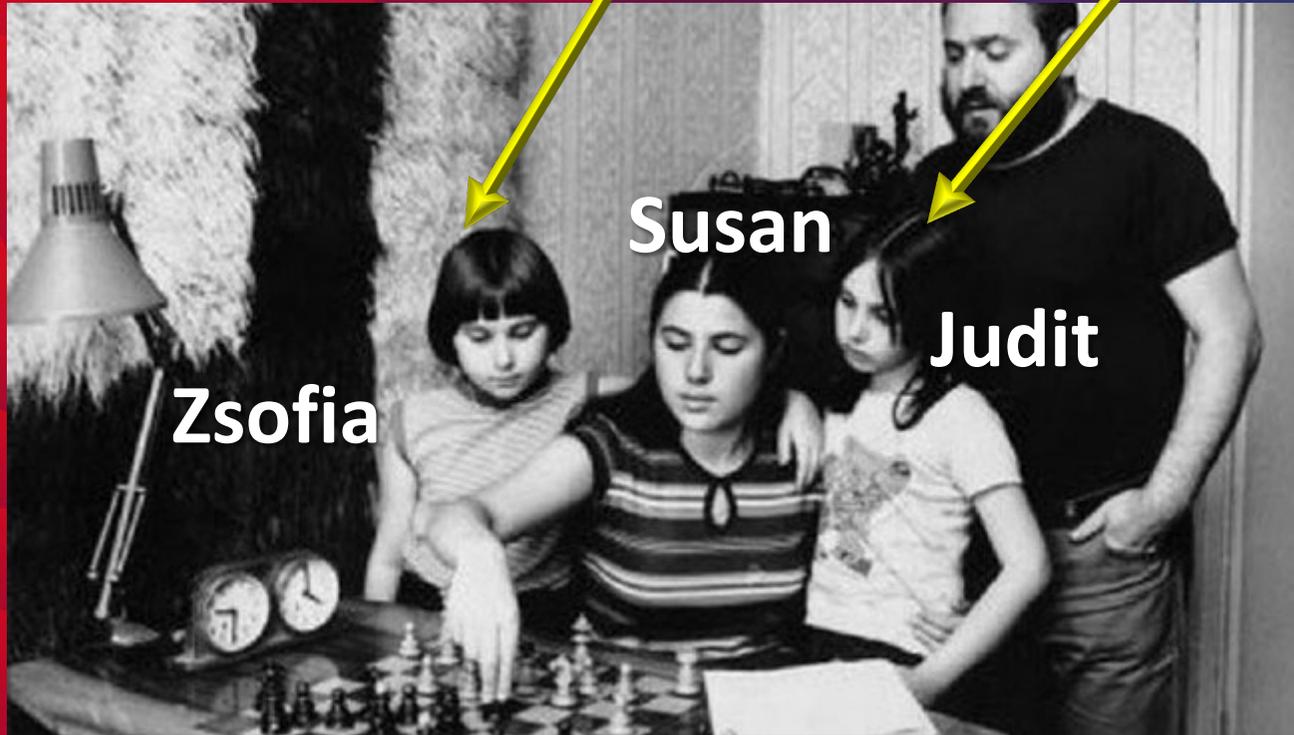
**General  
Petraeus  
proved that an  
army willing  
to hard things  
could succeed.**

courtesy NDU

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# Is Joshua more like this Polgar or these?





courtesy filterfreeparents

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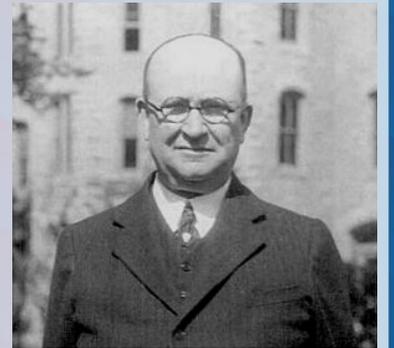
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**#1 – God Almighty is sovereign, and He chose to make the conquest hard for the Israelites.**

**#2 – The people who reject God's mercy end up with hard hearts.**

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# Genesis 15

**18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “I give this land to your offspring, from the Brook of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River.”**

**These peoples have had ample witness to what it means to relate to God by grace through faith. Yet for 500 years they rejected every opportunity.**



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courtesy British Museum



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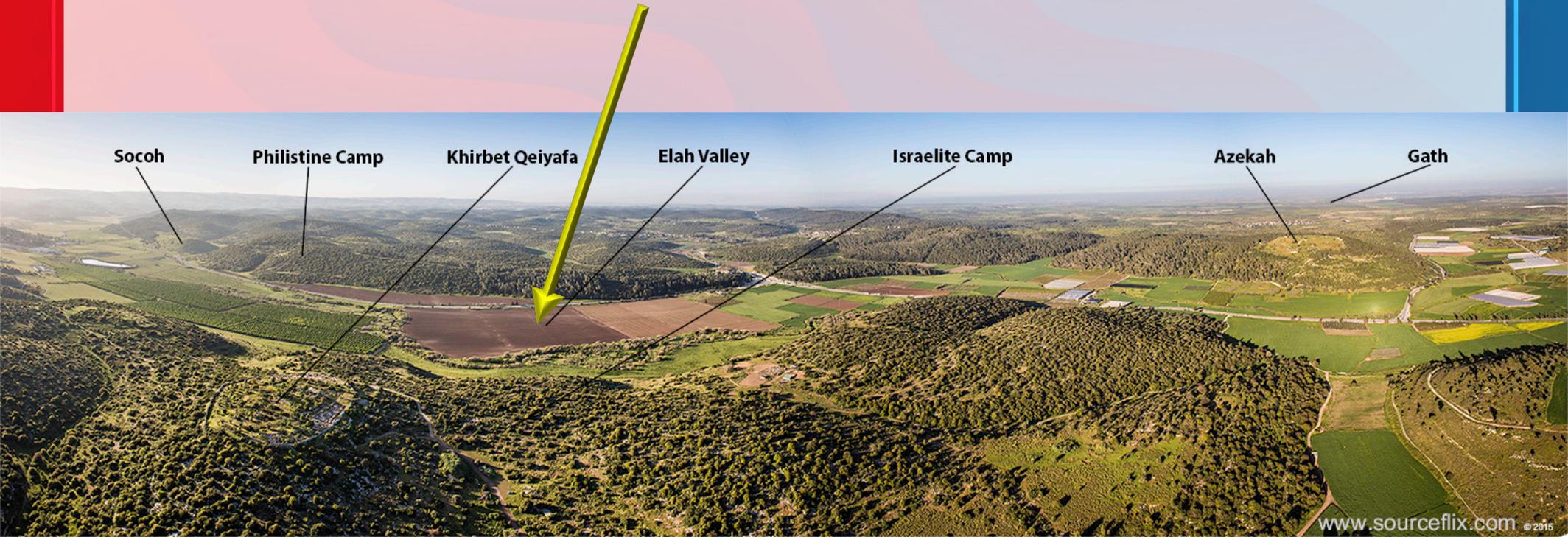
# Romans 8

**22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. <sup>CSB</sup>**



**Each generation gets to stand up to its own giants.**

**Elah – where David fought his own son of Anak.**

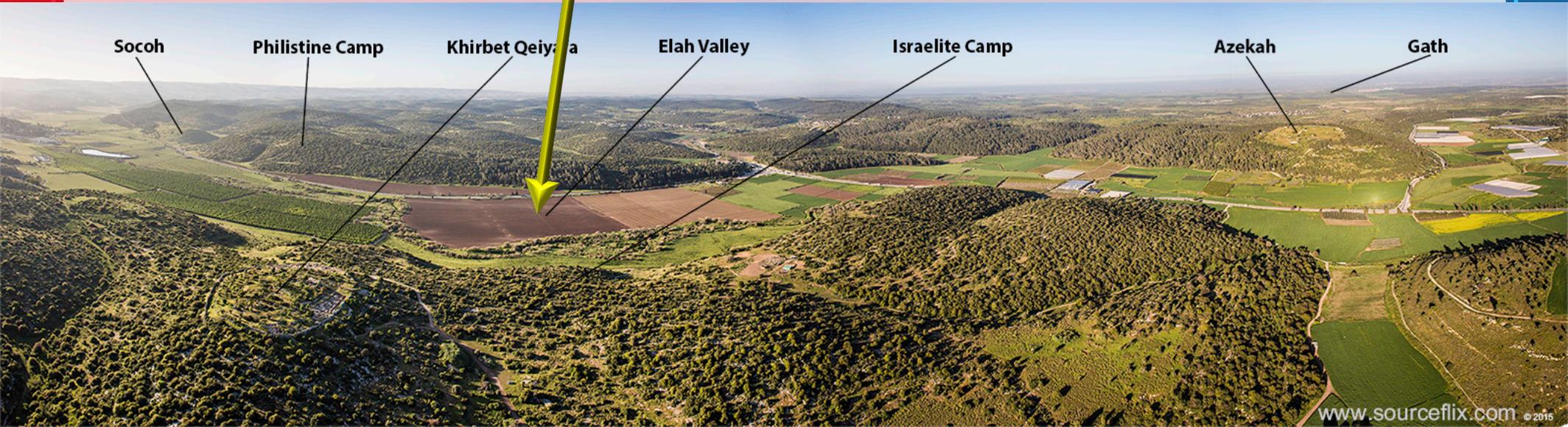




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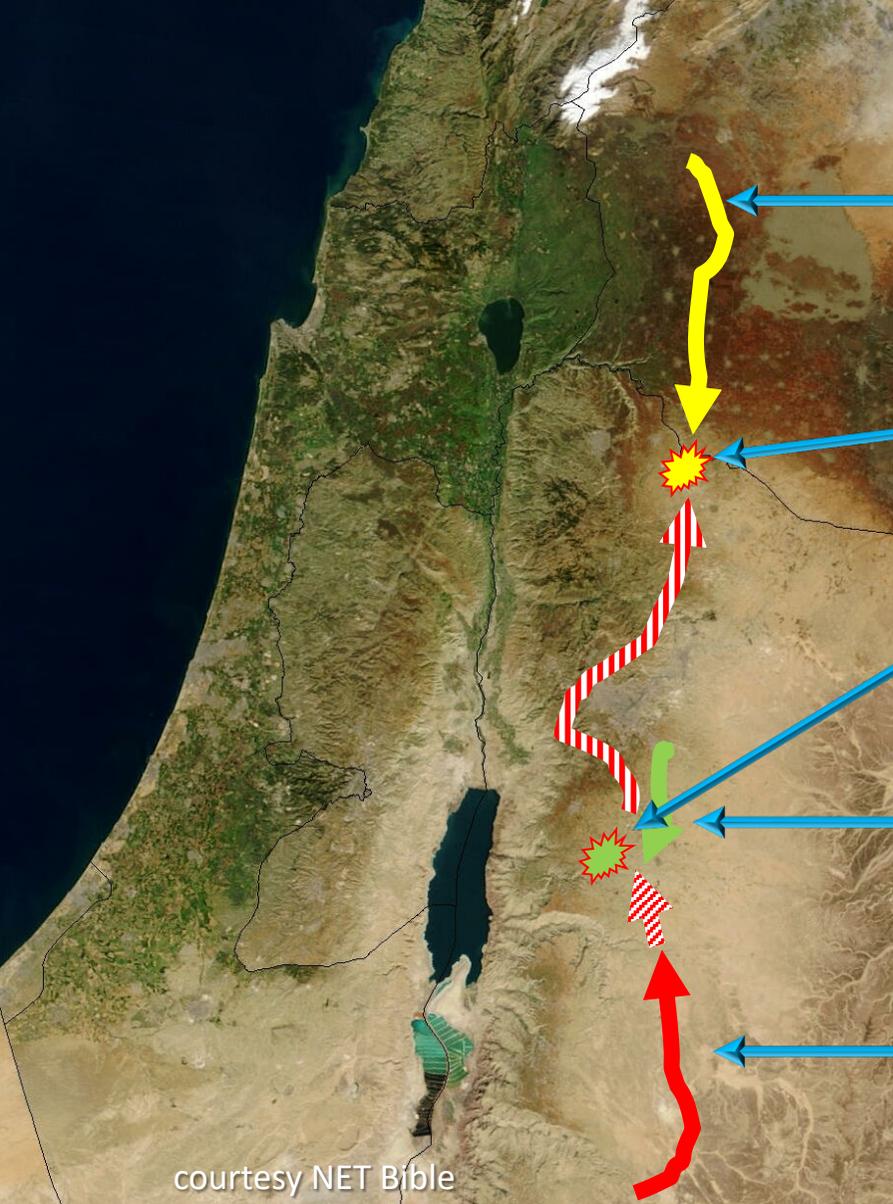
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# Joshua 12

**<sup>1</sup> The Israelites struck down the following kings of the land and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan to the east and from the Arnon River to Mount Hermon, including all the Arabah eastward: <sup>2</sup> King Sihon of the Amorites lived in Heshbon. He ruled from Aroer on the rim of the Arnon River, along the middle of the valley, and half of Gilead up to the Jabbok River (the border of the Ammonites), <sup>3</sup> the Arabah east of the Sea of Chinnereth to the Sea of Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea), eastward through Beth-jeshimoth and southward below the slopes of Pisgah.**

# Joshua 12

**<sup>4</sup> King Og of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei. <sup>5</sup> He ruled over Mount Hermon, Salecah, all Bashan up to the Geshurite and Maacathite border, and half of Gilead to the border of King Sihon of Heshbon. <sup>6</sup> Moses the LORD's servant and the Israelites struck them down. And Moses the LORD's servant gave their land as an inheritance to the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh. <sup>CSB</sup>**



**4. Og, the giant-king, attacks from far north.**

**5. Moses meets Og at Edrei & wins again.**

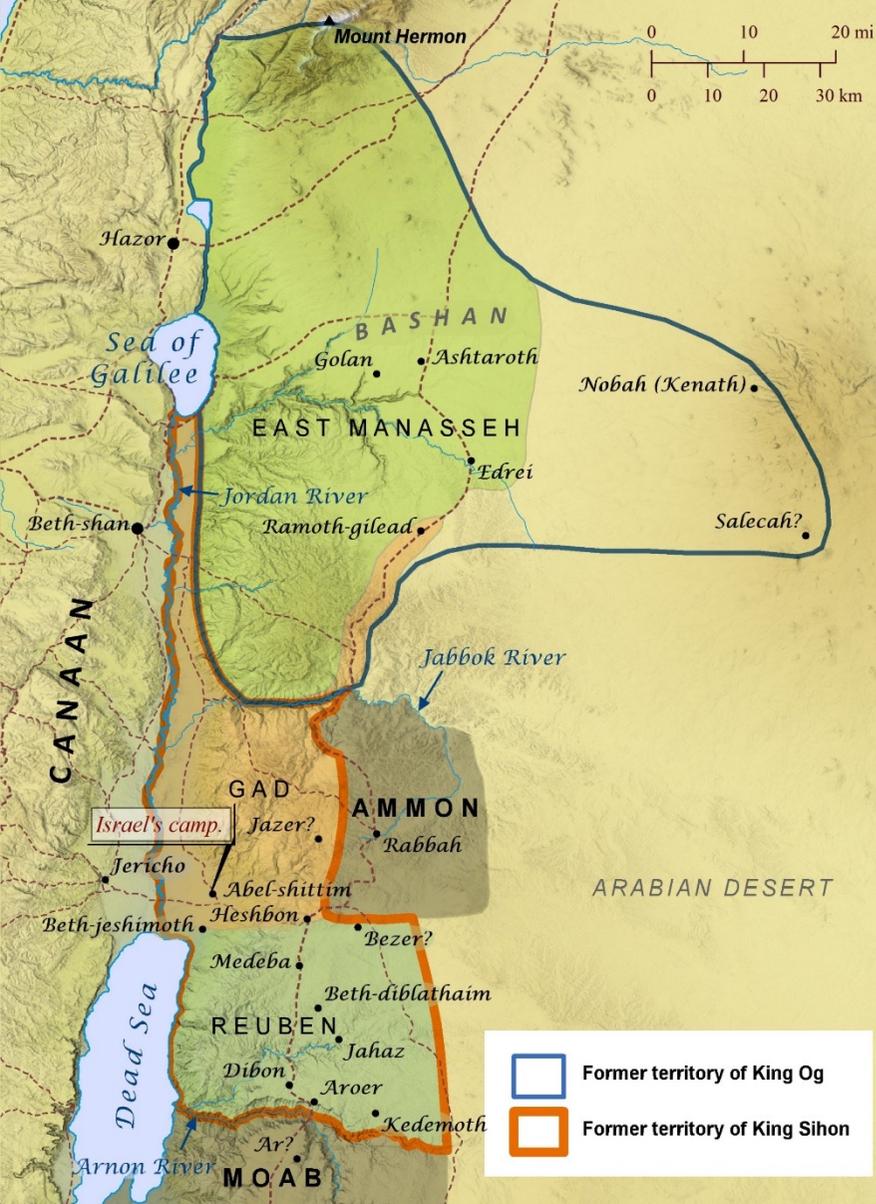
**3. Moses meets Sihon at Jahaz & destroys him.**

**2. Sihon refuses safe passage & attacks from Heshbon.**

**1. Moses guides Israel into Transjordan.**

# Joshua 12

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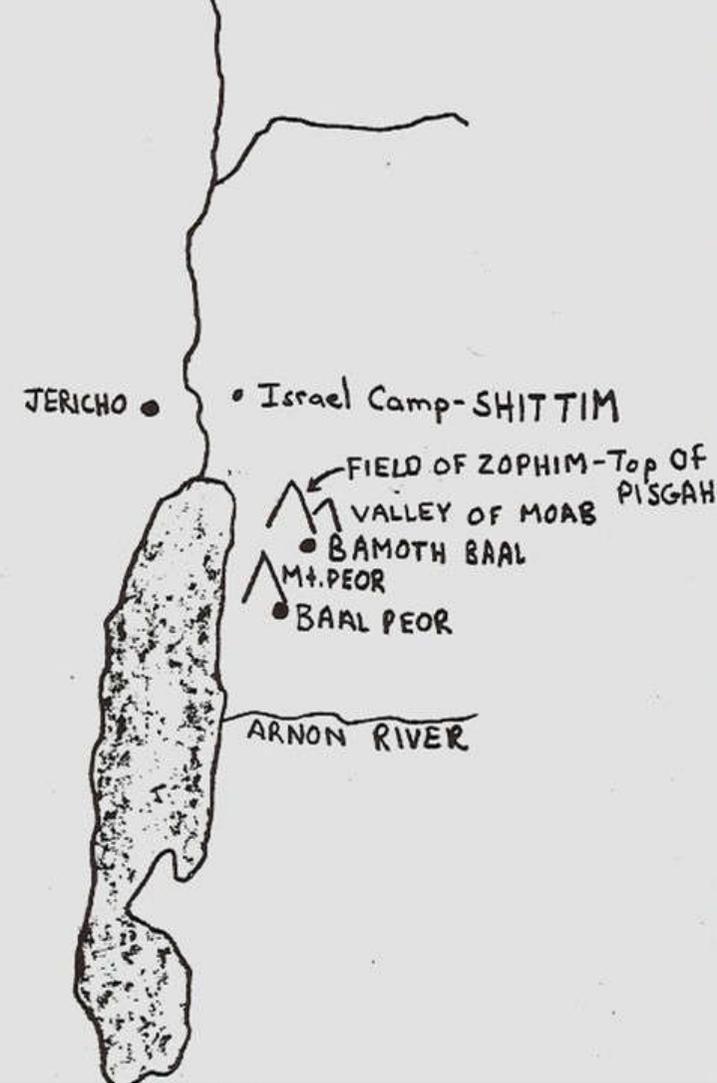




# BALAM COMES TO BALAK

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***Balak watches as  
Balaam blesses Israel  
Gustave Dore, 1902***



*Balaam and the Ass*  
Rembrandt van Rijn  
1626

courtesy MMA



# Genesis 12

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# Joshua 12

**<sup>7</sup> Joshua and the Israelites struck down the following kings of the land beyond the Jordan to the west, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, which ascends toward Seir (Joshua gave their land as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel according to their allotments: <sup>8</sup> the hill country, the Judean foothills, the Arabah, the slopes, the wilderness, and the Negev—the lands of the Hethites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites): <sup>CSB</sup>**

# Joshua 12

**<sup>9</sup> the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;**

**<sup>10</sup> the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;**

**<sup>11</sup> the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;**

**<sup>12</sup> the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;**

**<sup>13</sup> the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;**

**<sup>14</sup> the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;**

**<sup>15</sup> the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;**

**<sup>16</sup> the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;**

**<sup>17</sup> the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;**

# Joshua 12

**18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;**

**19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;**

**20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph,  
one;**

**21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;**

**22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in  
Carmel, one;**

**23 the king of Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the king of  
Goiim in Gilgal, one;**

**24 the king of Tirzah, one: in all, thirty-one kings. <sup>NASB</sup>**



The passage is written in this sing-song manner because this would be an important memorization tool for Hebrew children. These kings cover the whole area that was taken by Joshua.

“From the \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_  
white with foam.”

*Prairie Ocean*  
Sonya Shannon  
2012



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**7 Joshua gave their land as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel according to their allotments**



**There are no spiritual grandchildren. You can build on the great work that came before you – but you can't rest on the work of others. Each follower of God is expected to construct on the foundation he or she inherits.**

# 1 Corinthians 3

**11** No one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. **12** Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. **13** But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. **14** If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. **15** But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. <sup>NLT</sup>



**Why does the  
Lord make it  
hard?**



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*Animals in Eden*

**Jacob van der Kerckhoven**

**1680**

**this  
age**



*The Millennium*

**James Long**

**2018**

## Genesis 3

**17 And he said to the man, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘Do not eat from it’: The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life.”** <sup>CSB</sup>

# Romans 3

**17 There is no  
one righteous,  
no – not one. <sup>CSB</sup>**



# 1 Peter 3



<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. <sup>NASB</sup>

**Life is hard, which is a fair & natural consequence of sin. But even in the hardness, God is working all things for the salvation of humans – because He loves us!**



# James 1

**<sup>2</sup> Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials,**

**<sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>CSB</sup>**

# In the wilderness...

- **Abraham talked with God.**
- **Jacob wrestled with God.**
- **Gideon was changed into a warrior.**
- **David prayed & wrote psalms.**
- **Elijah recovered from his depression.**



# In the wilderness...

- **Jehoshaphat led a mighty revival.**
- **Hosea rebuilt his marriage.**
- **Amos saw visions of the future.**
- **John the Baptizer pointed to the Messiah.**
- **Jesus was tempted and stood undaunted.**
- **Israel will be preserved during the tribulation.**



# “In the wilderness” by Michael Card

In the wilderness  
In the wilderness  
He calls His sons and daughters  
To the wilderness  
But He gives grace sufficient  
To survive any test  
And that’s the painful purpose  
Of the wilderness  
– Michael Card, “In The Wilderness”



**Philip, how will you feed these people?**

**That's too hard!**

**Ha! Actually, this was a test to prepare for a display of God's power.**

**See John c. 6.**



# Nick Vujcic



**There were times when I felt depressed and angry because I couldn't change the way I was, or blame anyone for that matter. I went to Sunday School and learnt that God loves us all and that He cares for you. I understood that love to a point as a child, but I didn't understand that if God loved me why did He make me like this?**

# Nick Vujicic

Then, I completely gave my life to Christ at the age of fifteen after reading John 9. Jesus said that the reason the man was born blind was “so that the works of God may be revealed through Him.” I truly believed that God would heal me so I could be a great testimony of His Awesome Power. Later on, I was given the wisdom to understand that if we pray for something, if it’s God’s will, it’ll happen in His time. If it’s not God’s will for it to happen, then He has something better.

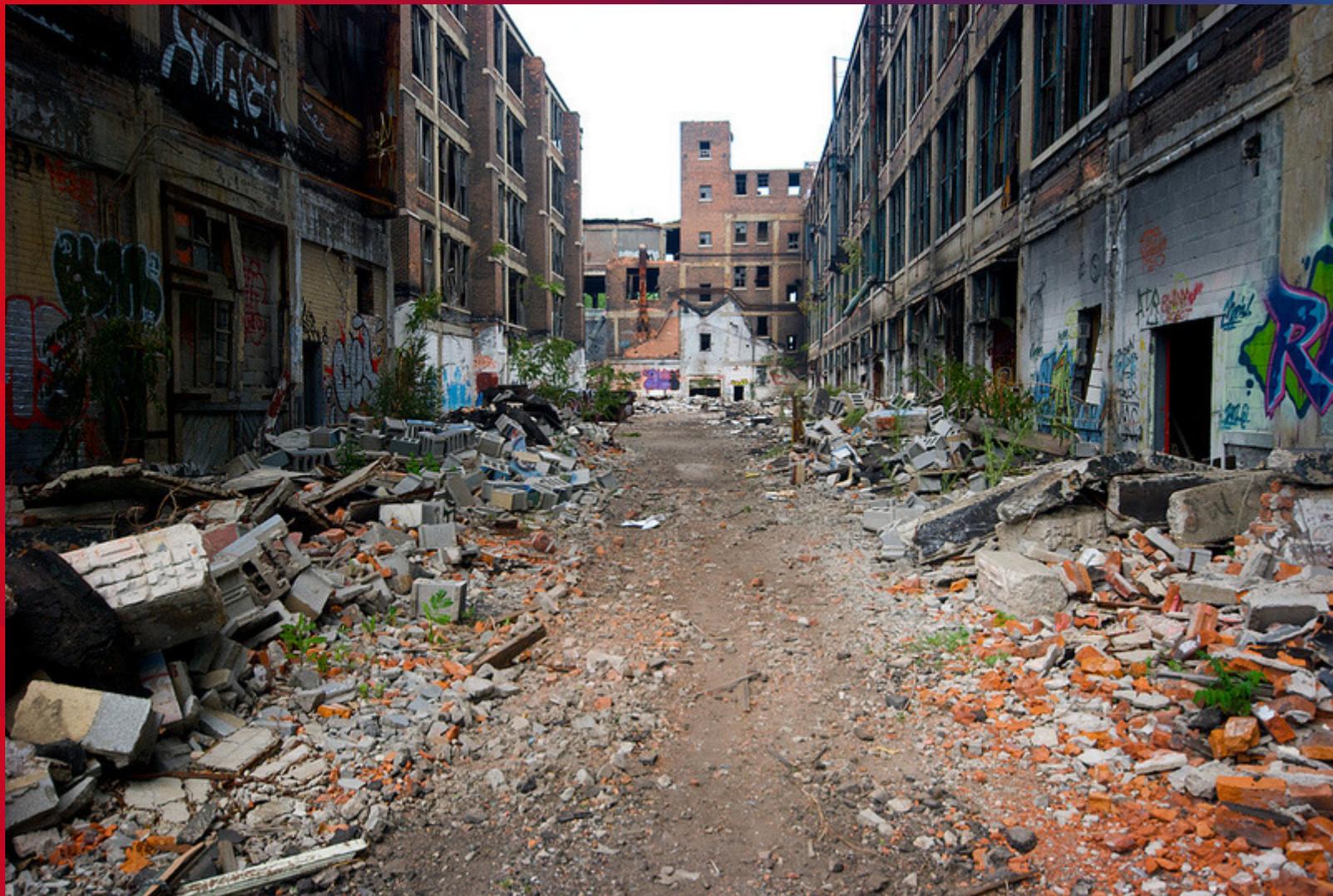




**I now see God's power & glory revealed as He is using me just the way I am and in ways others can't be used. I share my testimony all over the world through speaking, my books, and on the internet. – Nick Vujicic**

# 1 Peter 1

**<sup>6</sup> You rejoice in this [salvation], even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials <sup>7</sup> so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>CSB</sup>**



courtesy Lyceum



**(Let us) boldly face the life of strife, resolute to do our duty well and manfully; resolute to uphold righteousness by deed and by word...Above all, let us shrink from no strife, moral or physical. – Theodore Roosevelt  
“The Strenuous Life”**



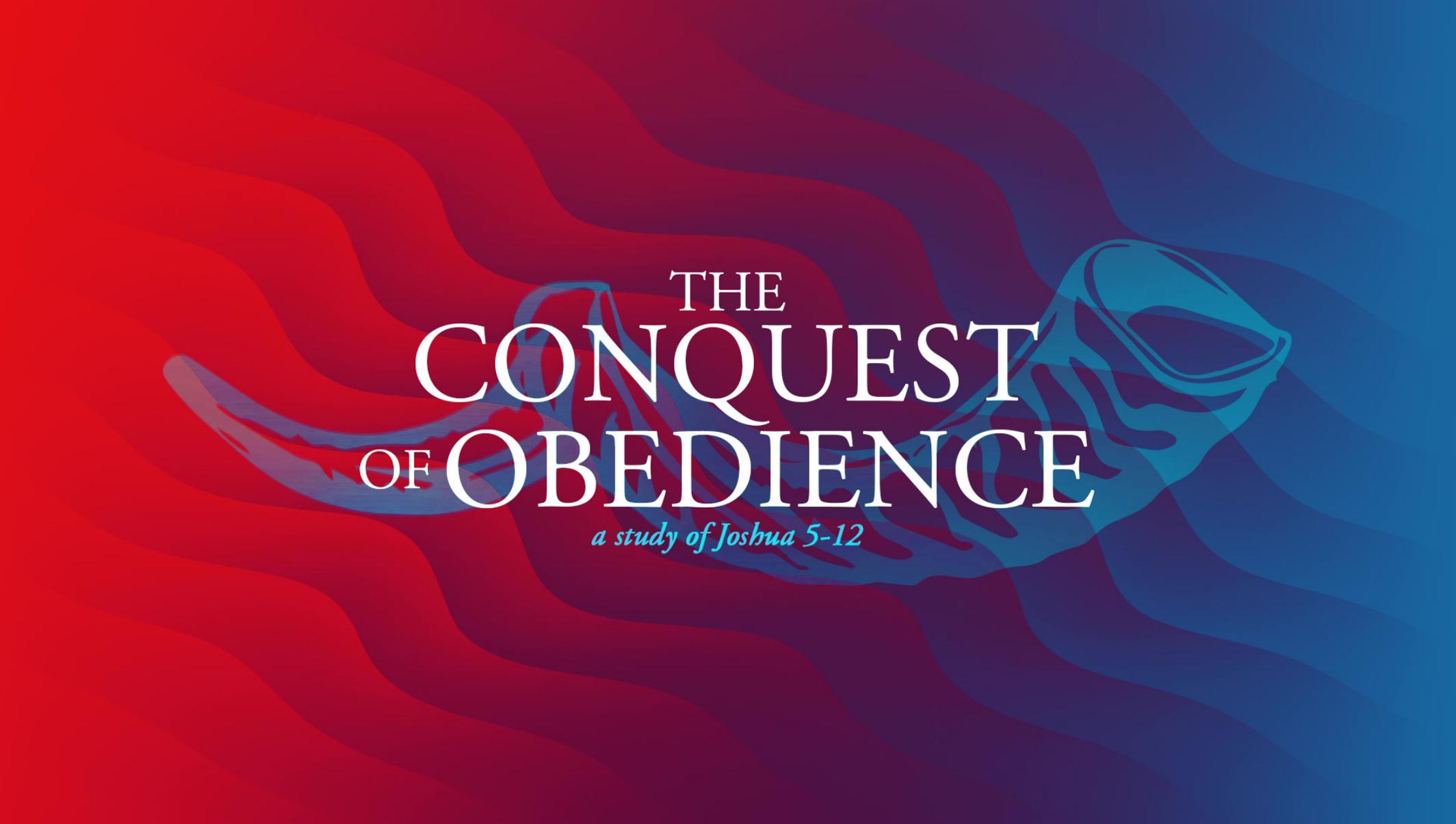
**Susan – had  
to work hard**



**Zsofia – all  
came easily**

## a few applications

- **Positively use God's name in my sphere of influence.**
- **Serve Christ through His church.**
- **Share the Gospel of Jesus regularly & naturally.**
- **Champion true inclusiveness – which is only found in Jesus, who calls, changes, and claims all who come to Him.**



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