

The Book of Joshua
Lesson Three
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- I. Joshua Chapter 1:10-18
 - A. Read Joshua Chapter 1: 10-18
 - B. In verses 12-16 The Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh have already received their inheritance. They are now to help the rest of the tribes to get their rest. Rest in the Hebrew is nûah. It means to dwell, stay, let fall, place, let alone, withdraw, give comfort, to settle down etc.) They have been looking for a home since they were enslaved in Egypt.
 - C. These tribes made their request to Moses to receive this land in Numbers 32:1-5
 - D. Numbers 32:6-15 Moses says Shall your brethren go to and you sit? He also worried about fear and doubt being spread through out the camp if they stayed in this land that they wanted.
 - E. They tell Moses they will build and take their inheritance here, but they would fight with the other 9 and 1/2 tribes and once they get their land, they would come back and rest in this land that they are requesting.
 - F. What can we take away from this scripture?
 - G. Moving ahead Read Joshua 22:1-6 Joshua releases the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh.
 - H. They leave the city of Shiloh is a Hebrew word that is translated in English place of rest. Shiloh is the temporary home of the ark of the covenant. The tribe of Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh build this great impressive alter by the Jordan river. This alter was tall that it could be seen from a great distance. It was not built to be an Alter, but more so to be a memorial. The other 9 and half tribes hear about it and decide they want to go to war. Jos. 22:7-12. In the law of Moses, they were to sacrifice in one tribe designated by God. That place was Shiloh, at this time.
 - I. Jos 22: 13-20 Phinehas and the 10 tribes begin with the accusations that they heard. They accuse them of rebelling against the Lord. They name the iniquity of Peor (The story of the Balaam and King Balak). They tell them if the land is unclean come back over the Jordan and join us. They mention Achan and how when he sinned and God's wrath was on everyone.
 - J. Jos. 22:21-34
 - K. There is danger in division. Here are some keys taken from these scriptures to keep unity.
 - 1. Be careful with your freedom (1Corinthians 10:23-24). Hind sight is 20/20. The tribe of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh chose land across a river that

could have caused division. They feared that someday the 9 and a half tribes' descendants, on the west side, would say What do you have to do with the LORD, the God of Israel.

2. Get your information from the source. When you don't have enough information, you will use your imagination.
3. Don't jump to conclusions

II. Read Joshua Chapter 2

1. Joshua sent out spy. This time it goes better. They are not sending out spy to see if they can take the land. They are sending out spies to see how to take the land.
2. Jericho is the oldest city in the world known to man. Damascus is the oldest city continually inhabited.
3. Rahab is saying in 2:9 that I know that the Lord has given you the land that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. Because she believed God. God saved her and her family. Hebrews 11:31.
4. The Canaanites knew about the God before the Children of Israel got there. They had a choice to surrender to God or rebel against God. The world still has a choice today.
 - a. They heard the stories of the miracles that God did for the children of Israel. They heard the story of the battles that Israel won through God. (Joshua: 2:9-11)
 - b. All of man innately (naturally, or inborn) knows there is a God. (Romans 1:18-20)
 - c. Read Acts (17:22-34)
 - d. It is up to us to meditate the word, speak the word, and do the word. Our lives will testify of the true and living God.
5. An oath was made between the spies and Rehab. Because she hid the spies the spies promise not to destroy her and her family. They give her a scarlet(red) cord to put her window. This scarlet cord is a symbol of Christ in the Old Testament. This is similar to the blood on the door post on the children of Israel's homes in Egypt. When the death angel saw the blood, he passed over their houses. Hebrews 9:19-22. Despite her life style, God chose to save her and her family. Rahab believed God like Abraham did, and God counted to her as righteousness. She obeyed the spies.
6. Taken from my study bible page 305. No more unlikely character than Rahab could have been divinely chosen for deliverance from ungodly Jericho. The salvation of Rahab, the harlot, illustrates that even in a doomed city a wicked individual could find grace by turning to God in faith. Those who charge Israel with barbaric cruelty in exterminating the inhabitants of Jericho fail to comprehend that Israel was God's

instrument of divine judgment. The people of Jericho, hopelessly depraved (cp. Lev. 18:24-26), had chosen to fight Israel instead of seeking mercy as did Rahab. Those who perished did not believe (Heb 11:31). Even Rahab's lie not to be taken as an example, was evidently motivated by her belief that God would destroy Jericho as had been predicted. Rahab, as an ancestress of David, is thus in the Messianic line (Ruth 4:21-22; Matt. 1:5-6; Luke 3:31-32).