

Bible study:

KEY GEOGRAPHY AND BATTLES OF ISRAELITE CONQUEST OF CAANAN

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Israel and her neighbours at time of The Conquest - key locations, rivers, nations

I. rivers & bodies of water<sup>1</sup>

\*\*Mediterranean Sea

\*\*Sea of Galilee

\*\*Jordan River

\*\*Dead Sea

\*\*Nile River

\*\*Gulf of Arabia

\*\*Gulf of Suez

\*\*Red Sea

II. nations<sup>2</sup>

\*\*Ammon

\*\*Moab

\*\*Edom

\*\*Philistines

III. selected locations [from north to south]<sup>3</sup>

1. Hazor

2. Shechem

3. Mount Gerizim

4. Bethel

5. Ai

6. Gibeon

7. Jericho

8. Jerusalem

9. Ashdod

10. Ashkelon

11. Lashish

12. Hebron

13. Debir

14. Dibon

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<sup>1</sup> 1, Scofield KJV Bible, map, "The Promised Land showing the settlement of The Twelve Tribes," Plate 2 and 3.

<sup>2</sup> 1, Scofield KJV Bible, map, "The Promised Land showing the settlement of The Twelve Tribes," Plate 2 and 3.

<sup>3</sup> 2, Bimon and Livingston, "Redating The Exodus," Biblical Archeology volume 13, number 5. 1987. map "Israelite Conquest of Caanan," page 43.

LESSON TWO:

Five phases of Israelite conquest of The Promised Land. <sup>4 5</sup>

I. Phase One – On the West side of the Jordan River

NUMBERS 20

1. Edom - fought against & refused Israel passage, forcing Israel to go around her territory

NUMBERS 21

2. Ammon - King Sihon of Heshbon, leader of Amonites, resisted Israel & was destroyed

JUDGES 3

3. Moab - had also resisted Israel, subdued them for a time, then was defeated

4. Zaretan - where the Jordan River waters parted & Israel entered into Caanan; Near Adam and not far from Jericho on the opposite bank

II. Phase Two – First battles on the East side of the Jordan River

JOSHUA 6

5. Jericho - destroyed

JOSHUA 7 & 8

6. Ai - destroyed

7. Bethel - taken

JOSHUA 9

8. Gibeon – treaty made with Israel

JOSHUA 10

9. the 5 Kings of the Amorites at Gibeon – Israel destroys the combined army of the Kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon

III. Phase Three – Central and Southern thrusts

JOSHUA 10

10. Lachish - destroyed

11. Debir - destroyed

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<sup>4</sup> 3, KJV Bible. Verses noted record the events of The Conquest under Joshua.

<sup>5</sup> 4, Bruce et al, Nelsons Illustrated Dictionary of The Bible, Map 3, “The Conquest of Canaan.”

IV. Phase Four – From the Central to the Northern thrust

JOSHUA 11

12. Hazor – destroyed; King Jabin of Hazor assembled a great alliance against Israel – all destroyed

JOSHUA 12

13. list of more Caananite kings destroyed

JOSHUA 15

14. Jerusalem – Israel fails to capture the city; would not be secured until King David

JOSHUA 17

15. Shiloh – where the Israelites set up The Tabernacle of The LORD

16. Bethshean – unconquered, but under tribute

17. Megiddo – unconquered, but under tribute

V. Phase Five – later completion of the conquest

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18. Debir - conquered by Judah as part of her allotted domain

19. Hormah - conquered by Judah as part of her allotted domain

20. Gaza - conquered by Judah as part of her allotted domain

21. Ashkelon – conquered by Judah as part of her allotted domain

22. Ekron - conquered by Judah as part of her allotted domain

I SAMUEL 31

23. Mount Gilboa - where King Saul and his sons died in battle against the Philistines

II SAMUEL 5

24. Jerusalem - King David at last captures Jerusalem from the Jebusites for Israel

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