

# The Book of Joshua

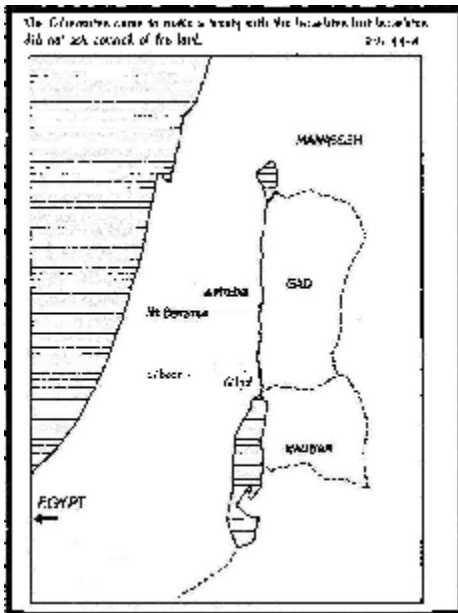
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## Chapter Nine

### 1. The Alliance of Canaanite Kings 9.1-2

**How many nations are mentioned? Compare to 3.10.**

**Consider what Psalm 2 and Acts 4.15-28 have to say about those who conspire against God?**



### 2. The Gibeonite Ruse 9.3-13

**Why was it important that the Gibeonites stressed that they were "From a land far away"?**

Deuteronomy 20.10-15

<sup>15</sup> Thus you shall do to all the cities *which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations...*

<sup>16</sup> "But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, <sup>17</sup> but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the

Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you, <sup>18</sup> lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.

### 3. Israel's Negligence 9.14-15

**What did Israel fail to do?**

**How had God specifically commanded them to make important decisions? See Numbers 27.18-23**

Numbers 27.21

**Why is it important for us to seek God's will today? How do we do that?**

James 4:15

1 Timothy 4:4



### 4. Israel's Dilemma 9.16-21

**What was Israel commanded to do to the Hivites? How serious were oaths?**

Deuteronomy 6:13

Deuteronomy 10:20

**Would Israel have been justified in breaking this oath? If forced to err, should we err on the side of mercy or justice?**

### 5. Gibeonites Serve 9.22-27

**How was the Gibeonite curse actually a blessing?**

**How can the Gibeonite incident be compared to the Rahab incident?**