

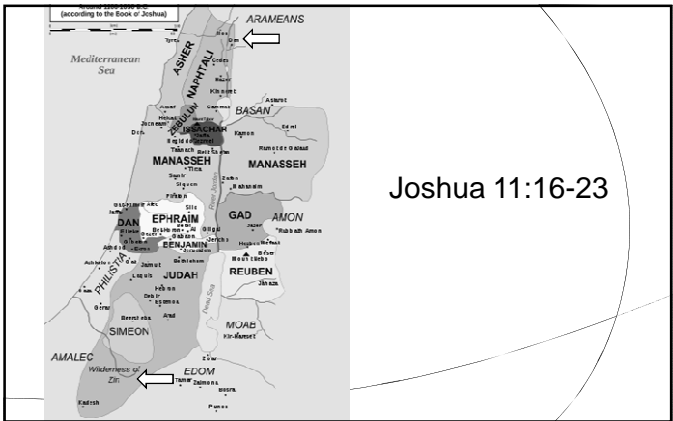
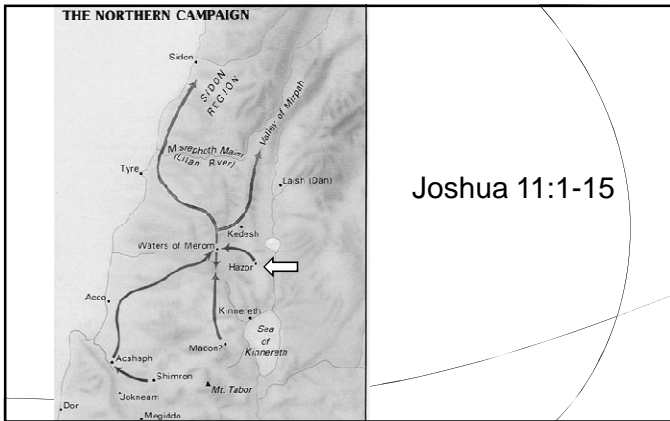
Inheriting the Land of Promise
JOSHUA

- Land of Promise & Us
- 1.) Inheriting the land of Canaan is a type of the salvation-rest brought by Jesus culminating in the final kingdom-inheritance
 - 2.) Holy war by Israel prefigures the establishment of God's kingdom through the triumph over His enemies by the greater "Joshua"

- Land of Promise & Us
- As we pursue our inheritance given to us in Christ, we are engaged in "holy war" against real enemies

Then it came about, when Jabin king of Hazor heard of it, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Achshaph,
²and to the kings who were of the north in the hill country, and in the Arabah—south of Chinneroth and in the lowland and on the heights of Dor on the west—
³to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite at the foot of Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.
⁴They came out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots.
⁵So all of these kings having agreed to meet, came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

Joshua 11:1-5



Holy War...One Last Time

1. Concerted opposition to God's purposes

- wherever God is granting His inheritance to His people, there will be much opposition
- this opposition is far beyond our human abilities to overcome

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2. Wholehearted trust by God's people

- trust in God's delivering power enables us not to fear but to obey in the face of opposition
- we must not trust in our abilities or strength but in the Lord our God (c.f. Psalm 20:7)

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3. Absolute sovereignty of God's work

➤ *seen in His extraordinary victory*

- it is the Lord who conquers His enemies and gives our inheritance

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3. Absolute sovereignty of God's work

➤ *seen in His just judgment*

- the Lord hardened the hearts of the people of Canaan in order to destroy them in battle
- the judgment of the people of Canaan was according to God's purpose which He sovereignly brought to pass

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➤ *God's "hardening" work*

- the Canaanites were obstinate idolaters
- the Canaanites were without excuse for their persistent unbelief
- God did not create or coerce sin in the people of Canaan but gave them over to their wicked desires to bring His judgment to pass

Conclusion

*"So then He has mercy on whom He desires,
and He hardens whom He desires*

(Romans 9:18)

*"Today if you hear his voice do not harden
your hearts"*

(Hebrews 3:15)