

Northern Kings Defeated - Joshua 11:1-12:24

Topics: Achievements, Affirmation, Challenge, Encouragement, Enemies, Hardheartedness, History, Instructions, Obedience, Perseverance, Problems, Success, Victory, War

Open It

1. What words or comparisons would you use to describe something very, very big?
- * 2. What emotions do you feel when you face an overwhelming problem?
3. What problem-solving techniques do you practice at work or at home?

Explore It

4. Who initiated the plan for the northern kings to join forces and attack Israel? (11:1)
5. How is the combined army of the northern kings described? (11:4)
6. Why was it necessary for all of the northern cities to combine their armies? (11:4-5)
- * 7. What encouragement did the Lord give to Joshua when he faced this immense army? (11:6)
8. What specific instructions did the Lord include in His promise of victory to Joshua? (11:6)
9. What strategy did Joshua use against the armies of the northern cities? (11:7)
- * 10. What was the outcome of the battle between Israel and the northern cities? (11:8)
11. Who is given credit for Israel's victory? (11:8)
- * 12. In what specific way did Joshua obey the Lord? (11:9)
13. In addition to the Lord, whom was Joshua obeying by destroying the royal cities? (11:12)
14. How long did Israel's war with the northern cities continue? (11:18)
15. Why did the northern kings decide not to make treaties of peace with Israel? (11:20)
16. Why did the Lord harden the hearts of the northern kings against Israel? (11:20)
17. How was the land divided after Israel had won it through battle? (11:23)

Get It

18. How do you think Joshua felt when he saw a huge army ready to fight Israel?
19. What do the Lord's actions in this story reveal about His sovereign control over history?
20. Why is the land that the Israelites won referred to as an "inheritance"?
21. How did Joshua deal with problems that seemed too big to solve?
- * 22. What do Joshua's actions teach us about obedience?
23. What do God's actions in this situation reveal about the relationship He wants us to have with Him?
24. How has the Lord encouraged you recently to deal with a difficult issue in your life?
25. In what ways can we give God praise for victories we experience in our lives?
- * 26. What is the one problem you are facing that seems too difficult to handle?

Apply It

- * 27. What steps of obedience do you need to take in resolving a problem you are now facing?
28. What concrete action can you take to entrust your "impossible" circumstances to the Lord?
29. How could you encourage a friend who is facing a difficult situation in the next few days?