

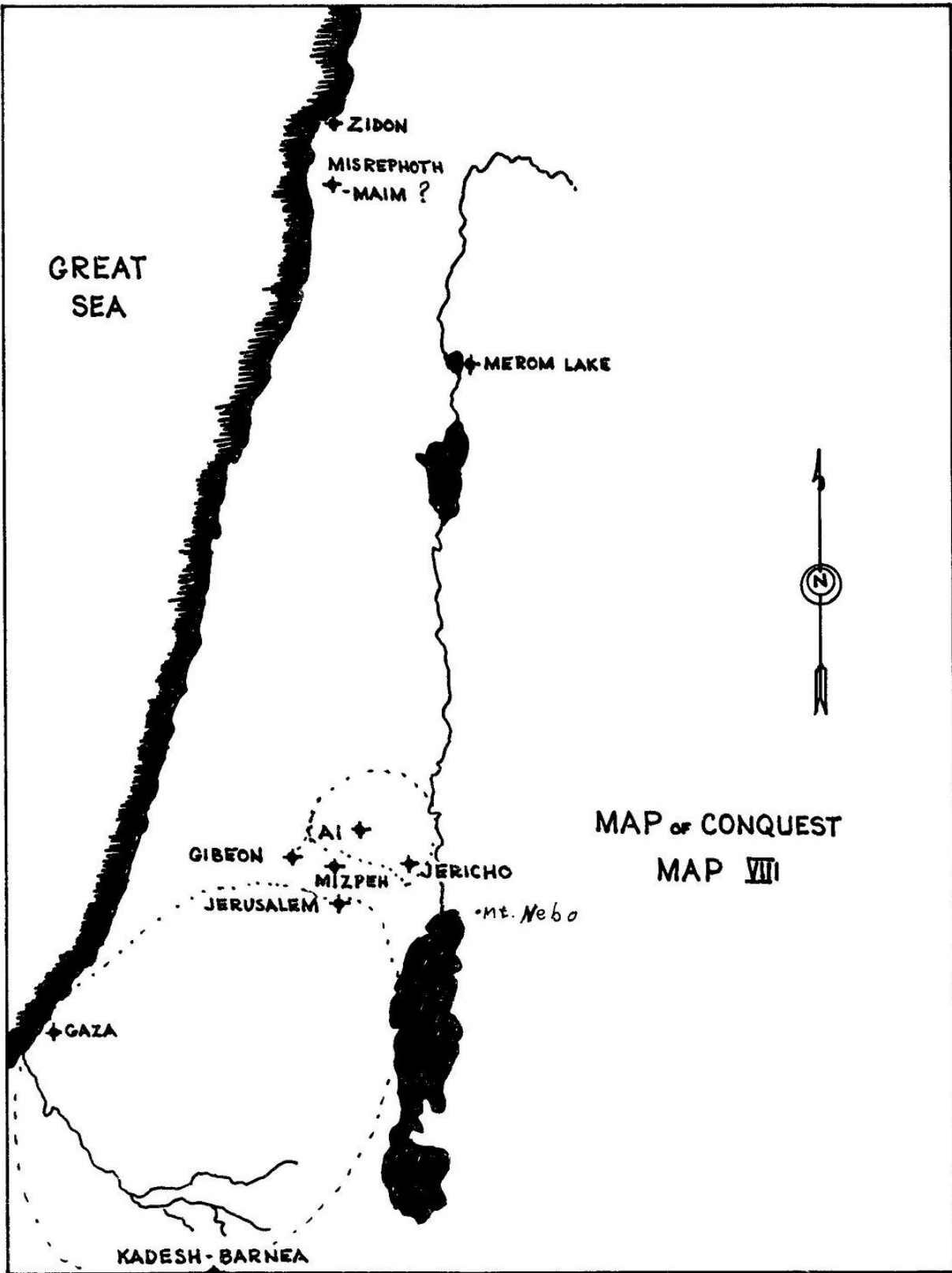
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PERIOD THREE

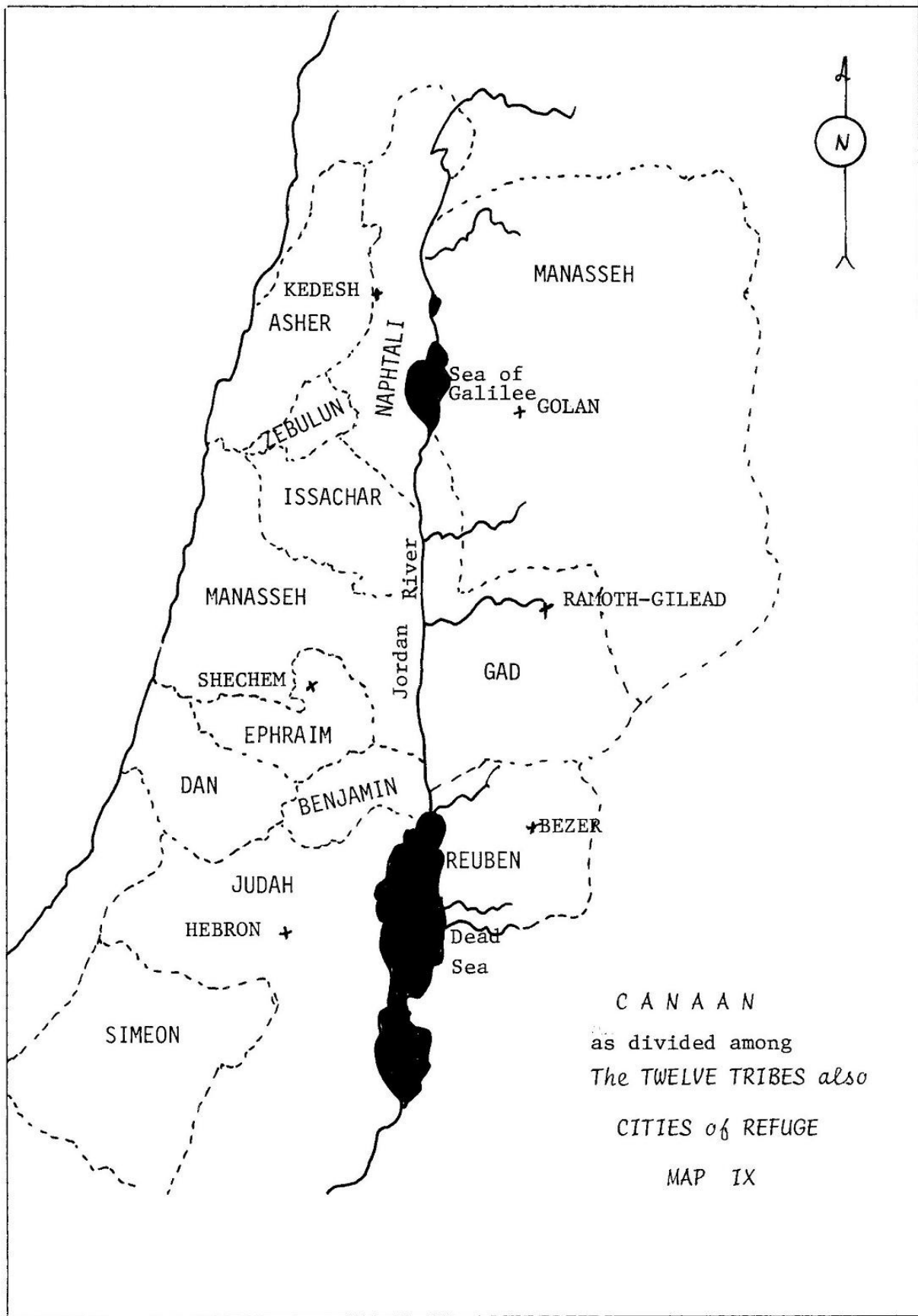
THE HEBREW NATION - TAKING AND SETTLING THE LAND

LESSON 17

Time	PERIOD THREE THE HEBREW NATION				
Main thought	MAKING A NATION AND TAKING LAND				
Books that tell of each part	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA
What this part tells about					SETTLING THE LAND
				TAKING THE LAND	
			WANDERING IN WILDERNESS		
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		SET FREE			
	SLAVE				



Print out maps VIII and IX so that you will be able to color in the different places.



1. THE LAND OF CANAAN ENTERED, Joshua 1:1 - 4:24.

A. Joshua, the new leader, Joshua 1:1-18.

READ JOSHUA 1:1-18.

God talked to Joshua. He reminded him of the promises made to Moses. God also told Joshua to be strong and courageous. It would be good to underline words like, "be strong," "be courageous," "be not dismayed."

We need to be reminded many times "be strong" and "be of good courage."

About what did Joshua remind the tribes of Reuben, Gad and half tribe of Manasseh (Joshua 1:13-15)?

B. Two spies went to Jericho, Joshua 2:1-24.

Who saved the spies at Jericho (Joshua 2:1)?

Why did she save the spies (Joshua 2:9-13)?

What does Hebrews 11:31 say about Rahab?

C. The people of Israel crossed the Jordan River, Joshua 3:1 - 4:24.

READ JOSHUA 3:1 - 4:24.

Many songs and hymns have been written about crossing Jordan. These hymns picture the crossing of Jordan as going into heaven. Heaven is the place promised to the child of God. It is a place of rest.

When the people of Israel crossed Jordan they entered into the land God had promised them. This land was to be a place of rest (Psalm 95:8-11).

However, as we study these verses, we see that the promised land was not a place of rest (Hebrews 4:8). It was a place of battle. There were many enemies to be destroyed. There was much land to be taken. When the people finished taking the land, they had rest for a while.

Crossing the Jordan is much like a person entering into the Christian life. When a person becomes a Christian, he is set free from the power of Satan. He is no longer wandering around in a life of sin. The Holy Spirit wants to rule the Christian's life.

Satan tries to get the Christian to go back into sin. Therefore, the Christian life is a life of war (Ephesians 6:12-18). When the Christian lets the Holy Spirit rule all of his life, the Christian has peace (Galatians 5:22,23). An eternal rest (heaven) is promised to the Christian (Hebrews 4:9-11).

Who went first into the Jordan River (Joshua 3:6,8)?

What did they carry (Joshua 3:6)?

The waters were cut off some 15 to 20 miles up the river from where they crossed. The Jordan River is a narrow river. It is a fast flowing river.

Joshua asked the men to make a pile of stones in the river. He asked them to make a pile of stones on the shore. Why were they to do this (Joshua 4:5-9)?

2. THE LAND OF CANAAN TAKEN, Joshua 5:1 - 12:25.

A. The people got ready for war, Joshua 5:1-15.

READ JOSHUA 5:1-15.

When the people of Israel first entered the land, they took the land. It was theirs. But they did not rule all of it. There still were many enemies living in the land. These enemies would work against them.

When Jesus Christ comes into a person's life, that life belongs to Jesus. But the new Christian may not let Jesus have all of his life. He may still do things that work against Jesus. A Christian is to destroy the things which work against Jesus, (Galatians 5:24). The people of Israel were to destroy the other nations so that they would not lead them into sin.

- **Right with God.**

None of the men had been circumcised while they were in the wilderness. God wanted the people of Israel to remember the covenant He made with Abraham. That is why all the men were circumcised at this time. What else did they do at this time (Joshua 5:10)?

- **Encouraged by God.**

What happened to the manna God gave the people of Israel (Joshua 5:12)?

Who met Joshua at Jericho (Joshua 5:14)?

B. The people took central Canaan, Joshua 6:1 - 8:35.

Each city in Canaan was a little nation. Each city had its own king. The cities had little to do with each other. Only when big nations came to bother them, would they fight together.

How did God give the city of Jericho to the people of Israel (Joshua 6:12-20)?

What happened to the army of Israel when they fought against Ai? (Joshua 7:5)?

Why (Joshua 7:11)?

Who was to blame (Joshua 7:19-21)?

One Christian living in sin can keep God from blessing a church.

The people of Israel destroyed all the people in these cities. A Christian should destroy all the sinful desires in his life (Romans 6:11,12). A Christian has "died" to the sinful desires.

Find Jericho and Ai on Map VIII. Color the land around them red.

C. The people took southern Canaan, Joshua 9:1 - 10:43.

What six nations came together to fight against Israel (Joshua 9:1,2)?

What did the nation of Gibeon do (Joshua 9:3-15)? (tell in your own words)

What did Joshua do when he saw what the people of Gibeon did (Joshua 9:22-27)?

Five kings fought against Gibeon. The men of Gibeon asked Joshua to help them. Joshua helped them. He defeated the five kings. How did God help Joshua (Joshua

10:12,13)?

On map VIII find Gaza and Kadesh Barnea. Color all the country from Jerusalem to these cities yellow.

D. The people took northern Canaan, Joshua 11:1 - 12:24.

The kings from the north came to fight against the people of Israel (Joshua 11:5). Joshua defeated them. The people took this part of the country.

Find Merom on the map. Find Zidon and the valley of Mizpeh on the map. Color this country green.

When you look at your map, you can see when the people of Israel took the different parts of the country.

Joshua chapter 12 tells us about the land that was taken. It also gives the names of the kings who had been killed. Even though 31 kings had been killed, the people of Israel did not rule all the land.

3. THE LAND OF CANAAN DIVIDED, Joshua 13:1 - 24:33.

A. The land east of the Jordan River divided, Joshua 13:1 - 14:15.

Find the land given to Reuben on map IX. See Joshua 13:15-23. Color it red.

Find the land given to Gad on map IX. See Joshua 13:24-28. Color it orange.

Find the land given to the half tribe of Manasseh. See Joshua 13:29-31. Color it yellow.

B. The land west of the Jordan River divided, Joshua 15:1 - 19:51.

READ JOSHUA 15:1 - 19:51.

Find the land given to Judah on map IX. Color it green. See Joshua 15:1-12.

Why could Caleb choose a special piece of land (Joshua 14:6-9)?

Did Caleb choose an easy place (Joshua 14:12)?

Was he able to take it (Joshua 15:14,15)?

Find the land given to each of the tribes on map IX. Color them.

Tribe	Reference	Color to use
Judah	Joshua 15:1-12	green
Ephraim	Joshua 16:5-10	blue
Manasseh	Joshua 17:7-11	yellow
Benjamin	Joshua 18:11-20	purple
Simeon	Joshua 19:1-9	brown
Zebulun	Joshua 19:10-16	black
Issachar	Joshua 19:17-23	green (different than the one used)
Asher	Joshua 19:24-31	blue (different than the one used)
Naphtali	Joshua 19:32-39	red (different than the one used)
Dan	Joshua 19:40-48	orange (different than the one used)

C. The cities of refuge, Joshua 20:1-9.

The cities of refuge are:

- Kedesh in Galilee
- Shechem in Mount Ephraim
- Hebron in Judah
- Bezer in Reuben
- Ramoth in Gilead (Gad)
- Golan (Bashan) in Manasseh

Find these cities on the map.

To find a place of refuge means to go to a place where a person is safe. The cities of refuge were places where people would be safe. This was for those who killed a person. When a person did not want to kill someone, but it happened by accident, then he could go to a city of refuge. Those who killed a person because they planned to kill, were killed.

D. The cities of the Levites, Joshua 21:1-45.

The Levites were given cities in the land of the other tribes. They were to lead the other tribes in the worship of God.

The Levites could keep cattle. They were given land close to their cities for cattle. The Levites were given 48 cities. Six of the cities given to them were the cities of refuge.

4. REUBEN, GAD AND HALF TRIBE OF MANASSEH GO TO THEIR LAND, Joshua 22:1-34.

What did the two and one half tribes do when they came to their land (Joshua 22:10)?

How did the other tribes feel about it (Joshua 22:12)?

Why (Joshua 22:16-18)?

The two and one half tribes said that the altar was not for worship. It was to remind their children that they belonged to the rest of Israel. Their children were to go to the temple of God to make sacrifices. When the other tribes heard this, they were not angry anymore.

5. LAST DAYS OF JOSHUA, Joshua 23:1 - 24:33.

READ JOSHUA 23:1 - 24:33.

Joshua reminded the people to obey the Word of God. He told them that God would give them all the land. He warned them to stay away from the other nations and from their gods.

Joshua told the people that he would soon die. He warned the people, "If ye forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that He hath done you good" (Joshua 24:20 King James Version).

Joshua made the people promise again that they would serve the Lord and no other gods (Joshua 24:14-16).

Joshua died at the age of 110 years.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. consume - to completely destroy, to get rid of.
2. dismay - to make weak by fear.
3. foreign - strange.

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