

# Joshua

“The Promised Land At Last!”

## Lesson Seven

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*“Northern Campaign;  
Summary of Kings  
Defeated”*

Text: 11 – 12



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- ▣ **Cities of refuge**

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3. From Makkedah, Joshua launched a southern campaign against Lachish, Hebron, Debir, and Gaza. Victorious, he returned to Gilgal (Josh. 10).

2. Joshua made peace with Gibeon, then moved through the Valley of Ajalon and defeated the five Amorite kings (Josh. 9–10).

4. In a northern thrust, Joshua moved from Gilgal all the way to Hazor (Josh. 11).

1. Upon crossing the Jordan, Joshua camped awhile at Gilgal, then moved to take Jericho and Ai. Afterward he returned to Gilgal (Josh. 1-8).

#1

How did the rulers of the cities of the north react to the news of the south?  
(Joshua 11:1-5).

*Just like the kings of the cities of the south, the kings of the north decided that they needed to gather their forces to stop the invaders (11:5).*

How does this relate to Deut 7:1?

#2

What do we know about their  
armies? (11:4-5).

1. *They had a large number of soldiers (11:4a).*
2. *They had some of the latest and most advanced weaponry: chariots (11:4b).*

#3

What encouragement did the LORD provide to Joshua? What instructions did He give? Why do you think He did this? (Joshua 11:6).

*God told Joshua that he had no reason to be afraid because by the end of the next day all of the Canaanite armies would be destroyed (11:6).*

*He told Joshua that he was to burn the chariots and hamstring(hock) the horses (11:6).*

*God always wanted His people to depend upon Him, not their alliances or weaponry, to be secure from outside forces.*



#3

How does this relate to  
Solomon and his many wives?

No alliances with other countries. Not  
to borrow from them (Deut 28:12).

Why? Prov. 22:7.

Israel was unique: had a non-  
extradiction treaty (Deut 23:15-16)!



#4

What was done with the contents of each city? (11:14).

*The plunder (livestock and valuable goods) were all given to the people (11:14).*

#5

How were the captured cities dealt with? Why do you think Joshua decided to do this?

*All of the cities (except Hazor) were plundered but not burned. Hazor was plundered but then burned (11:13).*

*Moses had promised the Israelites that God would give them cities that they had not built for them to occupy. This would save the people a tremendous amount of effort in re-building those cities. Hazor was probably burned to prevent it from becoming a powerful fortress for any Canaanites that escaped execution by the Israelites.*



#6

How do you think God “**hardened their hearts**” (11:16-20)? Consider Lydia in Acts 16:14).

*Just as with Pharaoh, we are not told how God accomplished this. Men believe what they want to believe and ultimately do what they want to do. Undoubtedly, the ‘hardening’ process began years, perhaps even generations earlier. God could have provoked in them a pride or arrogance that would prevent them from yielding to an obviously superior Being than their own gods.*

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#6

How do you think God “hardened their hearts” (11:20)?

*He could have sent them ‘deceiving spirits’ (1 Kings 22:13-23).*

*However, the Lord did it, it was not done in a manner that overrode their freedom of choice.  
What examples of this have we seen thus far?*

*The Gibeonites were presented with the same information and chose to serve however they could instead of fighting against God.*

*Similar to Rahab’s response vs Jericho (Joshua 2:11).*

#7

Why do you think that all of the kings that had been defeated by Moses and Joshua are listed?

*Given that the purpose of the recording of their history was to teach spiritual lessons, this would teach anyone that read the text of the power of God in defeating the enemies of Israel.*

*It shows the historicity (accuracy) of these events.*

*This list demonstrates that the Lord fulfilled His promises (11:23) exactly as He stated them and because the list is so exhaustive, it shows how completely the Israelites overwhelmed the inhabitants of Canaan.*

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#7

Why do you think that all of the kings that had been defeated by Moses and Joshua are listed?

*What is the significance of “rest” in 11:23?*



#8

Who were the “Anakim”? What well-known person of “Anakim” descent do we encounter in a few hundred years?

*The Anakim were a race of people known for their stature.*

*Goliath (from Gath; see [Joshua 11:22](#)) was “6 cubits and a span” (about 9 and ½ feet) in height ([1 Samuel 17](#)).*

#9

This was not the first encounter of the Israelites with the Anakim. When did the first occur ([Deuteronomy 1:28-32](#))?

*When the 12 spies returned, they reported seeing the land occupied (in part) by the Anakim. The initial account (in Numbers) gives the name of these giants as “Nephilim the sons of Anak” ([Numbers 13:33](#)).*

**What about Genesis 6:4?**



When one puts 11:23 together with later statements such as that found in 17:12, 16-18, and Judges 1:1-8, how would you describe the situation in the land at this time?

*It appears that all organized resistance to the Israelites had been abolished. That is, no armies or even bands of soldiers remained. All had been killed.*

*What was left, however, were those that were successful in fleeing to caves, mountains, forests, and wilderness areas as well as small hamlets or farms with their occupants. While they may not have been capable of significant resistance (to an army initially), they evidently posed enough of a problem to keep the tribes from putting forth the effort to evict them. Later were allowed to establish strongholds (Judges 1:1-8).*

#10

How could this have  
possibly happened?

Faithful yet fearful.  
Believers but not empowered.

Believers but apathetic.

Good people yet distracted.

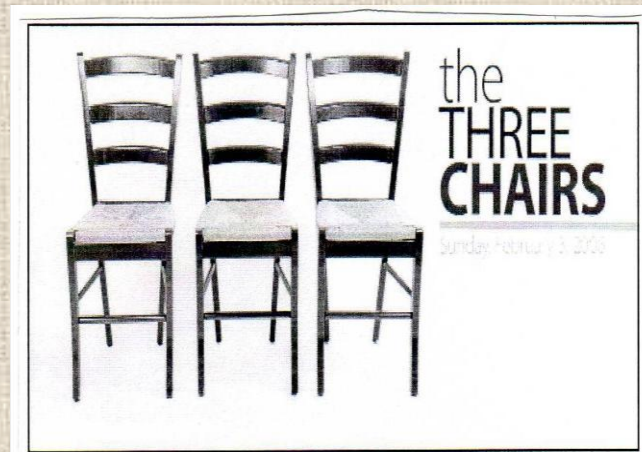
How?

Naïve about sin/evil companions

Deut 7:1-5;16, Num 33:55, I Cor 15:33.

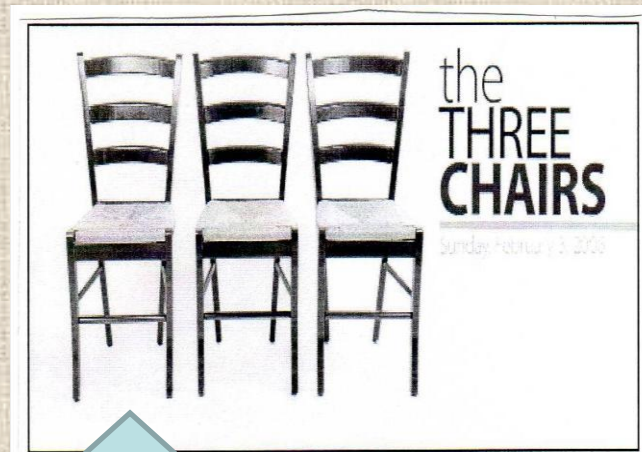
Why does man not learn from the  
lessons of history?





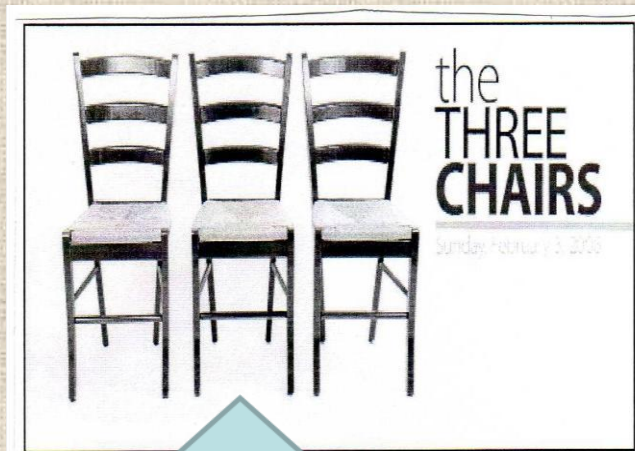
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## A Study about Commitment



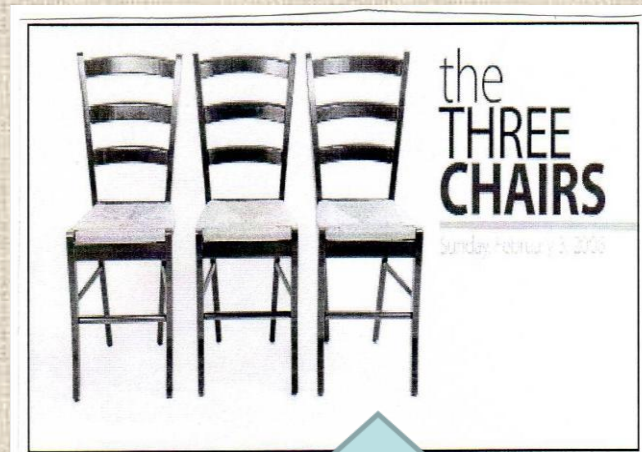
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**COMMITTED (Godly)**



**CHAIR #2**

**COMPROMISE (Apathy)**



CHAIR #3

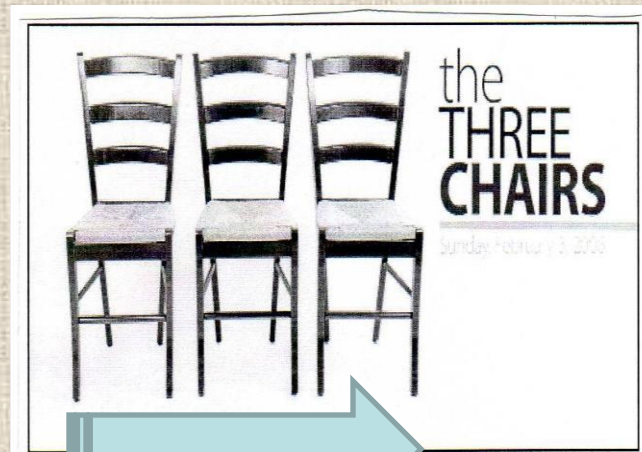
**CONFLICT (Rebellion)!**





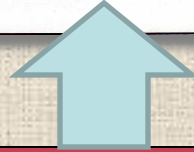
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2<sup>nd</sup> Generation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

**Each Represents a Lessening  
of Commitment**



# Churches over time tend to drift from #1 to #3

- First Stage – Fervent and focused
- Second Stage – Content to “hold their own.”
- Third Stage – More about social & convenience



If we are in CHAIR #2,  
children almost always rebel!

**COMPROMISE**

# Joshua 24:14-15



"Now, therefore, fear the LORD and **serve Him in sincerity and truth**; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 **Choose** for yourselves today whom you will serve: but **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**" NASU



# Joshua 24:31



**“Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.” NASU**

# Second Generation -- Chair #2



Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He **had done** for Israel (Joshua 24:31). NASU

# Judges 2:7



The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel. NASU

Past Tense

# Judges 2:10-13



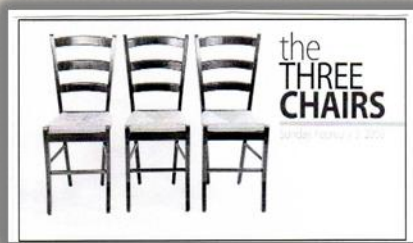
“There arose another generation who **did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.** Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served Baal.”

# CHAIR #3



10 All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who **did not know the LORD**, nor **yet the work which He had done for Israel**. Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals, 12 and they **forsook the LORD**, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt . . .

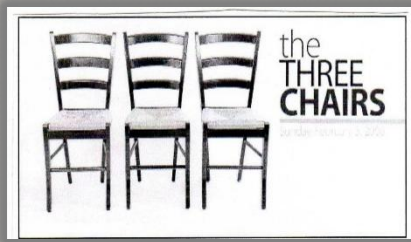




Not much outside difference  
between Chair #1 and Chair #2

THERE IS A **HUGE DIFFERENCE**  
BETWEEN CHAIR # 2 AND CHAIR #3!

2 Timothy 3:5



# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?



Prov 4:23  
Galatians 6:9

# TRUE/FALSE

11. T F *Joshua defeated 31 kings. (12:24)*
12. T F *Some of the Anakim remained in Ashdod, Gath, and Gaza. (11:22)*
13. T F *The Anakim lived in the plains, not too far from the sea. (11:21)*
14. T F *As he was commanded, Joshua hamstringed the chariots and burned the horses. (11:9)*
15. T F *When Jabin heard of the events in the south, he summoned neighboring kings for a council. (11:1-4)*



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## Lesson Eight

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*“The Lands Apportioned”*

*“Lessons from Caleb: A god-drenched spirit”*

Text: 13 – 19