

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

April 10, 2022

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11 *Tracey South*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *Joshua's Old Age Project* (Joshua 13:1—14:15)

Announcements

Happy Palm Sunday! It's sometimes called "the triumphal entry," but the *real* triumphal entry is described in Zechariah 14:4, when "His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, *and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof.*"

Today's message will skip over Joshua 12, and then skip a-round in Joshua. This is how we will study the remainder of the book. If you have any questions about any verses we pass over, please see the pastor. Please *also* see the pastor if there is anything in verses we skip that you feel should be mentioned in the notes of the reference Bible we're working on.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone.

Joshua 11:1-23 *The Last Stand of the Canaanites*

After hearing Joshua conquered Jericho and Ai (v.1), Jabin is so scared, he asks 5 other kings to help him attack Israel (v.2-5). Since they numbered as many "as the sand of the sea" (v.4), this upcoming battle is a type of *the battle of Gog and Magog* (Rev.20:7-9). Gog and Magog are gathered "from the four quarters of the earth," i.e., the four *directions* (IChr.9:24), just as Jabin gathered these armies from the four directions (Josh.14:1-3). That makes Jabin a type of Satan.

Of course, Gog and Magog come 1,000 years after Armageddon (Rev.19:11—20:9), and the battles in Joshua are types of the mop-up battles that will come *before* the millennium. But the type *jumps over* the millennium because nobody in the Old Testament knew the first 1,000 years of the kingdom would be different than the rest.

The Lord tells Joshua that "to morrow about this time" He would deliver those nations to Joshua (Josh.11:6), and Joshua beat them "suddenly" (v.7), staying true to the suddenness of the fire that will win the battle in Revelation 20:9.

Jabin's kingdom is said to be the "head" of all the kingdoms (Josh.11:10) because Jabin is a type of Satan, and *his* kingdom is the head of all *earth's* kingdoms (John 12:31).

Destroying "all that breathed" (Josh.11:11) *also* fits the type of what will happen at Gog and Magog. The cities that "stood still" (v.13) were those *still standing* after they conquered those cities. They burned the cities *not* still standing, but *inherited* the ones that were (Deut.6:10,11),

including the “labour” it took to *build* those cities (Ps.105:42,45).

The “long time” Joshua warred with those nations (Josh.11:18) describes *all* his battles, not just this sudden type of Gog and Magog. We know Joshua is looking back at all Joshua’s battles because he mentions the league with Gibeon (v.19).

Joshua 11:20 says God hardened the hearts of those kings to get them to attack Israel so He could wipe them out. That’s fair because of *how* He hardened their hearts. He got them to harden their *own* hearts, as He did with Pharaoh. He threatened to kill his son (Ex.4:21-23 cf. 8:15).

But the way God got *these kings* to harden their hearts was more like how He hardened *Sihon’s* heart. He had Moses tell Sihon that Israel wanted to pass “through” his land, but God hardened his heart so he wouldn’t let them (Deut.2:26-30), by speaking *respectfully* to him, promising him that Israel wouldn’t eat his crops, etc. (Num.21:21,22). That was truthfully their intention, but Sihon didn’t *believe* the truth (Judges 11:20,21). He figured it was a trick to get his land!

And that’s how God hardened the hearts of these kings—by telling them the truth—the truth that the land was His, and He was taking it! They didn’t want to *believe* that truth, so hardened their own hearts. That’s a type of how the Lord will sit on the throne of earth for 1,000 years telling the world He’s King of their kings, but they won’t want to hear it, so they’ll harden their hearts and fight God at Gog & Magog.

When Pharaoh and Sihon didn’t respond well to threats *or* respectful language, that’s reminiscent of how Israel didn’t respond well to John’s threats of judgment and the Lord’s loving ministry of healing (Mt.11:16-19). God always

bends over backwards for people before judging them, so don’t feel sorry for the babies He ordered destroyed (ISam.15:3). That’s just God giving an eye-for-an-eye kind of justice, because that’s how His enemies treated Israel (Ps.137:8,9).

Joshua drove all the giants out of the land (Josh.11:21,22cf. Num.13:33), but there were some left in “Gath” (Josh.21:22 cf. I Sam. 17:4). The Jews did later wipe the giants out (IISam.21:16-22;Amos 2:9). The “rest” from war that followed this type of Gog and Magog is a type of the rest that will follow the actual battle (cf.Isa.2:2-4).

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

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Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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