

- 10) When Joshua and his soldiers saw the smoke of the city, then Joshua stopped running, turned and attacked.
 - 11) Then the 5000 came from the other side and attacked them also.
 - 12) 12,000 men and women from Ai were killed.
 - 13) Joshua set fire to the rest of Ai.
 - 14) This time they could keep the spoil.
 - 15) The king of Bethel has no army left.
- c. After they conquered Ai, they went up to Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal.
- 1) Why did they go up there?
 - 2) That is where the Lord told them to go.
 - 3) He told them in Deut (what was spoken in Deut had not taken place yet), "When you get into the land, go to Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal."
 - 4) When they went up there, they renewed the covenant with the Lord and that's where they pronounced the blessing upon those that would obey that covenant and the curse on those that would disobey.
 - 5) The Law was also set up as the law of the land (the law by which they were to live).
2. The southern campaign (9-10)
- i. The Gibeonite league (9)
- a. With all these powerful cities being taken, the Gibeonites begin to think, "We might be next on the hit list. We go to do something."
 - b. Thus, the Gibeonites say, "Let's make a treaty with them. The only way we can make a treaty with them is to pretend we come from a distant country."
 - c. The Gibeonites send out a delegation and make it look like they have come from a far country.
 - 1) They had old sacks.
 - 2) They had cracked wine skins.
 - 3) They had moldy and dry bread.
 - 4) Their shoes had patches on them.
 - d. They came to Joshua and said, "We come from a far country. You know this bread was warm when we left. Look at it now. It is dry and moldy. And the wineskins were brand new. Look at them now."
 - e. So they make a treaty but Joshua failed to consult the Lord.
 - f. They made the treaty and the elders ratified it with an oath so that there was no way they could break the oath.
 - g. Three days later, the Israelites find that the Gibeonites are near neighbors and don't come from a far country.