

YEHOSHUA

Chapter 11 & Terumah

The defeat of the Southern Kingdoms has been completed in the previous chapter, and in this chapter the Northern Kingdoms are in the Israelites' sights. The battles continue to be made easier by God's intervention. The war is ending, and the settling of the land is about to commence. The Israelites are a picture of our consciousness. Canaan is a picture of our souls. The kings of Canaan are the parts of our souls that need to be conquered. Joshua is a picture of Yeshua, and He has been tasked by the Father to go in and All these battles that have happened within Canaan represent the war for our souls. The degree to which we follow the orders of our King, Yeshua, is the degree to which we claim our souls for God and His dwelling Presence.

Joshua Discussion Questions:

1. Hindsight is 20/20, as the saying goes. Looking back on the battles of conquest how was it that God brought about the fulfillment of the promise in Deuteronomy 6:10-11?
2. In verse 6 the Israelites are to "hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." If these represent the Egyptian culture—that has no place in the Promised Land—what elements of our modern day cultures should we "hamstring and burn", so to speak, so they have no affect on our values?
3. What are all the ways in this chapter that Joshua pictures Yeshua?

Mishpatim Discussion Questions:

4. Speak to the Midrash Tanchuma's idea that God created everything because He desired a home in the lowest realm. Why would He want that? What does the lowest realm provide that a "higher" spiritual realm doesn't?
5. What are the events in the life of a believing community that most bring that community together? What does it look like when a community is well-knitted together?
6. Why do you think sacrifice and burning and breaking of all sorts is so central to what happens in God's house? How is this also true of your own house?

