

YEHOSHUA

Chapter 12

& Ki Tisa

As we wrap up the first half of Joshua we review an inventory of every place and king defeated by Israel under the leadership of Moses and Joshua. Before the simple list of kings on the western side of the Jordan, defeated under Joshua's leadership, we are given more lengthy descriptions of the two kings on the eastern side of the Jordan, Sichon and Og, who were defeated under Moses' leadership. Moses' victory over Sichon and Og was a greater accomplishment than Joshua's victory over the 31 Canaanite kings, because Sichon and Og ruled stronger and more powerful kingdoms, which exercised political control over the 31 kings of Canaan.

Joshua Discussion Questions:

1. Aside from simple chronology, why were the victories over Sichon and Og highlighted as they were?
2. How have you faced—or are you facing—Sichon (human reasoning) and Og (fleshly appetites) in your own life? What does victory against them look like?
3. How many of the 31 Canaanite kings listed here are explicitly mentioned in preceding chapter? Why do you think the other 14 aren't mentioned?

Ki Tisa Discussion Questions:

4. Apply the shattering of the first set of tablets and the writing of the new set to our own growth process. In what ways does "breaking" precede wholeness?
5. Discuss how it is that the mo'edim (including the Sabbath) bring unity and also help us to "remember."
6. Name some ways that the nations provide a compliment for the Jewish people. What do you think the church has discovered and developed over the centuries that is especially helpful and complimentary to the Jewish development over the years?

