

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR 8/13/12 TO 8/19/12

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 Read Joshua 8:1 to 9:27

The Lord will now reverse the defeat Achan brought on Israel. The people follow their Commander's strategy to the letter, and He gives them total victory. But just when things are going well, a major lapse mars Joshua's leadership record. He and the rulers of Israel fail to "ask counsel of the Lord" (9:14, NKJV) and commit the nations to a treaty they never should have made.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012 Read Joshua 10:1-43

Joshua and the nation he leads soon have a chance to keep their word to Gibeon. Angered and frightened by Gibeon's treaty with Israel, five nearby city-states declare war on Gibeon. True to his oath, Joshua sends his troops into battle to defend Gibeon. Once on the attack, Israel's army sweeps through most of the southern third of Canaan, and the Lord gives every enemy into their hands.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012 Read Joshua 11:1 to 12:24

The Lord's enemies march north in a campaign that probably lasts nearly seven years. Just as southern Canaan fell under the sword of Joshua, so do all the cities of the north. As chapter 11 ends, none of the remaining Canaanite kings have any desire to attack God's people. Israel has rest.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012 Read Joshua 13:1 to 15:63

Today and in several days to come, the Scripture passages we will read outline the boundaries of the land each tribe will inherit. As you read, note especially the inheritance the tribe of Levi receives. Note, too, how often the *inheritance* appears. The land was God's gift to His people, not something they earned.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012 Read Joshua 16:1 to 17:16

Today's reading provides more details about the borders of two tribes of Israel. As you skim it, note the hints the holy writer drops about Israel's failure to drive the Canaanites completely from the land. Note also the possible reasons for this failure.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012 Read Joshua 18:1 to 19:51

Joshua moves his headquarters to Shiloh. He has the tabernacle set up there too. A large part of Canaan remains to be occupied. Seven tribes have no land yet. After some brief words of reprimand and encouragement, Joshua sends representatives from each tribe to survey the rest of the land. When the surveyors return, Joshua subdivides the territory by lot and assigns sections to those tribes that have not yet received their inheritance.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012 Come to worship in the morning and join us in the celebration of the Lord's supper. Take some time in the afternoon or evening to catch up on any readings you missed.