

/I will now begin the twelfth lecture. / At this time, I will discuss Joshua chapters 12 and 13. / The regions conquered by the Israelites are recorded in chapter 12. / In 12:1-6, / the regions located at the east of the Jordan are recorded.

/Read verse 1. / These are the kings of the land whom the Israelites had defeated and whose territory they took over east of the Jordan, from the Arnon Gorge to Mount Hermon, including all the eastern side of the Arabah:

/These were all conquered before the Israelites have crossed the Jordan River. / In verse 2, it is written, 'Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon.' / Sihon was a powerful king. / But even this king was conquered by the power of God.

/Next in verse 4, 'Og king of Bashan' appears. / Even though this king was powerful, / the Israelites were able to conquer him by the power of God. / But these lands were distributed 'to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh' / when Moses was alive.

/Verse 6. / Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the Israelites conquered them. And Moses the servant of the LORD gave their land to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh to be their possession.

/Moses, the servant of the LORD gave those lands to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. / When they first requested for this land, / Moses declined the requests.

/Then they promised that they would conquer the land of Canaan with their brothers and return to these lands. / As they have promised, they returned to these lands after they have conquered the entire land of Canaan.

/In verses 7-24, the conquered regions located at the west of the Jordan are recorded.

/Verse 7. / These are the kings of the land that Joshua and the Israelites conquered on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir (their lands Joshua gave as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel according to their tribal divisions-

/Sixteen kings were conquered from the west of the Jordan to the southern region of Canaan. / Also, fifteen kings were killed in the northern region of Canaan. / Hence, including the two kings that were defeated in the east of the Jordan, 33 kings were conquered altogether.

/There were many kings / but God allowed the Israelites to defeat them through Joshua. / So what does this teach us? / Today, the redeemed saints are in spiritual battles.

/Apostle Paul once said, / 'fight the good fight of faith.' / As long as the saints live on this earth, they will continually be in spiritual battles. / Then who is our enemy today? / It is those who go against the church, / and the evil spirits.

/We must daily fight against our sins and triumph in battles. / Also, we are constantly in battle with the devil. / He tries to make the saints fall whenever there is a chance. / He uses our weaknesses.

/Moreover, he trips us when our faith becomes weak / and uses our greed to make us fall. / Even Jesus defeated the devil and was victorious. / He won through prayer and the Word.

/And our battle today is with the world. / There are so many temptations around us. / We must not be tempted by wealth of this world / but conquer this world with the Gospel.

/Furthermore, we are fighting against ourselves. / There is an old self and a new self within us. / And there is a fleshly thought and spiritual thought. / We must daily discipline our body and strive to live as the new man.

/We can triumph in spiritual battles when we depend on God. / Only the inheritance of those who daily triumph will expand / and only the record of victory will be written like this.

/We can be assured of the existence of God through victory we earn every day. / God conquered the land of Canaan through Joshua. / Joshua trusted God / and was assured of the promise of God.

/After the victory in chapter 12, / distribution of the land to each tribes is recorded in chapter 13. / In 13:1-7, / God ordered Joshua to 'allocate these lands.'

/13:1. / When Joshua was old and well advanced in years, the LORD said to him, "You are very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over.

/Some of the lands were conquered by Joshua / but not all of the lands. / However, God ordered Joshua to allocate these remaining lands / because He has handed them to Israel.

/Joshua became old. / Through this lesson, we must acknowledge that we cannot do the work of God forever. / We are not always young. / The time passes quickly.

/That is why we must wisely use our time. / Even this great leader has grown old. / So we must not waste the opportunities given to us by God.

/We must be loyal servants who do their best when God protects us. / Also, God only gives us tasks which we are able to accomplish. / When Joshua was young, God ordered him to conquer the lands. / Now that he has grown old, God did not order him to conquer the lands.

/Now, he is ordered to 'allocate the lands'. / God gives tasks according to the skills of a person. / There is a time to conquer the lands / and to allocate them. / Old people cannot accomplish such physical works.

/Even though he waged wars in the past, / God ordered him to allocate the land/ now that Joshua became old.

/In verses 2-7, it is written that there were parts of the land that need to be conquered. / Although this land was not completely conquered, / the Israelites were assured that God would hand the entire land to them. / That is why Joshua was ordered to allocate the entire lands.

/Verses 6-7. / "As for all the inhabitants of the mountain regions from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, that is, all the Sidonians, I myself will drive them out before the Israelites. Be sure to allocate this land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have instructed you, and divide it as an inheritance among the nine tribes and half of the tribe of Manasseh."

/It is written, 'Be sure to allocate this land to Israel for an inheritance.' / God ordered Joshua to allocate the remaining land to the nine tribes and half of the tribe of Manasseh as inheritances.

/We are saved from sin and death. / And we are saved by the grace of God. / The territory of the saved expands according to our obedience to God. / Nothing can change our salvation.

/That is why we must daily obey God and conquer this world with the gospel. / God orders us to conquer through obedience. / In verses 8-13, a record of allocating the lands located at the east of the Jordan to the two and a half tribes is written.

/Verse 8. / The other half of Manasseh, the Reubenites and the Gadites had received the inheritance that Moses had given them east of the Jordan, as he, the servant of the LORD, had assigned it to them.

/The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh received the land before they crossed the Jordan River. /Joshua once again recorded in here. / In verse 13, the Israelites did not drive out the people of Geshur and Maacah.

/Because of this, / they have become thorns to the eye and the waist. / Those people stayed quietly when the Israelites were strong.

/But when the Israelites became weak, those people stood up and harassed the Israelites. / Today, we must throw away every remnant of evil within us. / When we are weak in faith and idle in prayer, / the corrupt nature of our flesh controls the body if we do not take care of it.

/If our faith grows weak, we become greedy, / we lie and envy, / and hate others. / If we do not get rid of those, we do not know when those would appear once again.

/We must eliminate every evil parts in our heart. / No person is without a corrupted heart. / But these things do not appear / when we pray, / meditate the Scripture, / and live by the grace of God.

/If we do not pray / and live sinfully before God, / the corrupt nature holds of ourselves and harms our faith.

/Today great harm has been caused to the Israelites / because they did not drive out the people of Maacah and Geshur. / So we can serve God and live faithfully

when we / get rid of sinful nature in ourselves. / In verse 14, it is stated that the tribe of Levi was not given an inheritance.

/Verse 14. / But to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance, since the offerings made by fire to the LORD, the God of Israel, are their inheritance, as he promised them.

/The tribe of Levi sacrificed offerings to God. / But why were they not given an inheritance? / It is because they had to focus in serving God in the temple.

/Today, those who are called to be His servants / receive blessings of God including their basic necessities / when they serve God and be loyal to Him./ God provides our necessities when we live for Him alone.

/Even though we do not have any inheritance or land, / God Himself becomes our inheritance. / And He supplies our basic needs to live by ourselves / He provides everything to the loyal servants. / Next, in verses 15-23, the inheritance given to the Reubenites is written.

/Verse 15. / This is what Moses had given to the tribe of Reuben, clan by clan:

/God gave the land to the tribe of Reuben, clan by clan. / What can we learn from this? / God does not grant everything that we ask according to our greed. /He has placed everyone in a right place.

/In addition, God permitted the inheritance according to the maturity of faith and the number of family. / Even today God provides according to our faith. / As we live in this world, He leads us to certain environment and surroundings.

/Hence, the best place to be at is where God has placed us. / People believe that they have to go somewhere to become rich. / They simply pursue their greed.

/However, the best place for us is where God has placed us to be. / As God allocated the land, / in verse 22, He killed Balaam with a sword.

/Verse 22. / In addition to those slain in battle, the Israelites had put to the sword Balaam son of Beor, who practiced divination.

/It is written, 'in addition to those slain in battle, the Israelites had put to the sword Balaam son of Beor, who practiced divination.' / In the past, Balaam was a powerful person. / If he cursed, the curse came true / and when he blessed, the blessing came true.

/But because he was blinded by money, he accepted the invitation of Balak, the king of Moab. / He gave enormous wealth to Balaam and requested him to curse Israel. / But God ordered Balaam not to go to Moab.

/Even though it was clear that God has spoken to him, Balaam asked for guidance because of money. / He still went to Moab when a donkey rebuked him. / But when he tried to curse Israel, he could not do so.

/Therefore, he instead informed Balak about the sins that would destroy Israel. / Those sins were idolatry / and adultery with Moabites. / And the Israelites fell to those sins and 24,000 people were killed.

/It is written, "Balaam, who practiced divination" / but he was a false prophet. / Even today, false teachers / and prophets / tempt the people to sin / and lead them to corruption / and destruction.

/It is an enormous blessing for us to meet a good leader of a nation or a church. / If a nation is led by a false leader, he corrupts the people and leads them to destruction. / It goes the same for the church as well.

/Thus, the role of a leader is important in any generation. / There are numerous leaders and workers today. / There are leaders who sacrifice for their sheep and God, / while there are false prophets.

/These people work not for God but for themselves. / They exploit other people to satisfy their greed / and they even sin to fulfill their desires.

/God is looking for a great leader. / And it is a great blessing and grace of God for saints to meet a true servant of God. / In verses 24-28, the inheritance given to Gadites is recorded.

/Verse 24. / This is what Moses had given to the tribe of Gad, clan by clan:

/Even Gadites were given according to the clan. / And in verse 28, it is stated, 'These towns and their villages were the inheritance of the Gadites, clan by clan.' / God has assigned borders in every individual.

/We must not try to take the land out of our greed. / What is the boundary set by God? / Which land has God given to us? / The best place is where God has permitted to us according to His will.

/We will receive blessing if we obey the guidance of God. / Next in verses 29-31, the half-tribe of Manasseh receives the inheritance.

/Verse 29. / This is what Moses had given to the half-tribe of Manasseh, that is, to half the family of the descendants of Manasseh, clan by clan:

/Before they crossed the Jordan, they already received their inheritance at the east of Jordan. / And the remaining inheritance was given and it was the land located at the west of the Jordan.

/Verse 31. / half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei (the royal cities of Og in Bashan). This was for the descendants of Makir son of Manasseh--for half of the sons of Makir, clan by clan.

/It is written that they took Edrei, the royal cities of Og in Bashan. / Although God has temporarily assigned foreign kings to possess those lands, / He, according to His promise, has driven out the enemies and allowed Israelites to take over.

/No matter how strong enemies might seem, / the promise of God will surely be fulfilled. / The Israelites, through the power of God, drove them out / and have received the inheritance of God in order for His Word to be fulfilled.

/Today, God lets His servant conquer the land with the Gospel and expand the territories. / But there are uncountable lands possessed by evildoers / and this world is filled with evil.

/That is why we must daily conquer this world by faith / and advance the kingdom of God. / The devil could temporarily reign this world. / But in the end, God will take that ownership from the devil.

/We must be good soldiers of Christ and conquer the land with the Gospel. / We should drive out the power of darkness, / evil, /and devil / so we can conquer the land with faith.

/And in verses 32-33, it is stated that God became the inheritance to the Levites.

/Verses 32-33. / This is the inheritance Moses had given when he was in the plains of Moab across the Jordan east of Jericho. But to the tribe of Levi, Moses had given no inheritance; the LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he promised them.

/In verse 33, it is written, 'But to the tribe of Levi, Moses had given no inheritance;' / It is so because God is the inheritance as He has said in the past. / Therefore, the Levites must focus in serving God.

/Today, all redeemed saints are holy priests of God. / 1 Peter 2:9. / We can come before God and serve Him.

/If we serve God, / He will supply us with everything necessary. / Also, the reason why God did not give an inheritance to the Levites is / to make what other tribes have offered to God to be their supply.

/Pastors today do not have any other worldly occupations. / It is because God provides every necessities when they loyally serve God.

/It is written in the Bible, 'do not muzzle the ox while it is treading the grain.' / In every generation, God supplies the need to His loyal servants. / Moreover, He does the same to the believers as well.

/In Matthew chapter 6, / it is written, so do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

/God the father clothes and feeds us. / In Matthew 6:33, Jesus instructed us to "seek first the kingdom and his righteousness." / If believers loyally serve God, He will provide every necessary things to them.

/Because God is our inheritance, He will supply our need. / To the Levites, God did not give them any inheritance but reaffirmed them that 'God is their inheritance.' / Even today, God is the inheritance to all believers.

/If we obey the Word of God / and stay loyal, / God will be our inheritance and will supply our needs.

/Just as we have conquered the world by faith, God has allocated our inheritance.
/Just as we live in obedience to the Word of God, we can participate in the glory of kingdom of God.

/Therefore, we must not put our hope in this world but in the kingdom of God and conquer this world by faith.

/This is the end of the twelfth lecture on the book of Joshua. / Thank you.