

## Joshua 9

King James Version (KJV)

**9** And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof;

<sup>2</sup> That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. (These were all heathen peoples that had mated with the fallen angels. They practiced perversions in their idol worship and even practiced human sacrifice of their own children)

<sup>3</sup> And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

<sup>4</sup> They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; (wilily = with trickery, deceit)

<sup>5</sup> And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy. (clouted = patched up) (They are trying to make it appear that they have come from far away)

<sup>6</sup> And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us. (They're from close by; they're lying to trick Joshua into a non-aggressive pact)

<sup>7</sup> And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you? (What are you asking of us?)

<sup>8</sup> And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? (Joshua should be asking God about this. Instead he is taking these liars at their word)

<sup>9</sup> And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, (They know that God wants them wiped out, but Joshua doesn't. He is about to make a mistake that will haunt Israel for many generations. By letting these people

survive, their evil ways will infiltrate Israel to the point that they will eventually become as bad as the worst of the Canaanites)

<sup>10</sup> And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.

<sup>11</sup> Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

<sup>12</sup> This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: (more lies, offered as fake proof)

<sup>13</sup> And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. (They're falsely "proving" that they are not living on the very land than God wants Joshua to wipe out and take for the 12 tribes)

<sup>14</sup> And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD. (There's the mistake. Now they will be stuck with these scum bags, living in their own backyard. God wanted them destroyed)

<sup>15</sup> And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them. (He gave them his word. The contract is now binding. Joshua got taken by these liars)

<sup>16</sup> And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. (It's too late to do anything about this)

<sup>17</sup> And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.

<sup>18</sup> And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. (Once again the

leaders let the people down. The people had no part in making this deal)

<sup>19</sup> But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. (These heathen people will bring idolatry and perversion into the 12 tribes over and over in the history of Israel)

<sup>20</sup> This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

<sup>21</sup> And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

(Later, they are called Nethanim – the given to service. They eventually take over the synagogues and the entire religion for all of Israel. That gives them the ability to corrupt the worship of God by bringing in their own traditions, instead of following God's Word as HE wanted for Israel) See Ezra and Nehemiah

<sup>22</sup> And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? (Now he smartens up? Why didn't Joshua ask God?)

<sup>23</sup> Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. (Another mistake – he takes them right into the House of God. They will be servants at first, but eventually they will begin to do the duties of the lazy Levite priests)

<sup>24</sup> And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. (You can't blame them; this is all on Joshua, for not asking God about this. This will let their perversions survive in the Promised Land. This is exactly what God had warned Moses of)

<sup>25</sup> And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

<sup>26</sup> And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. (The contract should have been void because it was made under false conditions. Another mistake by Joshua)

<sup>27</sup> And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

1Chronicles-2:55 (Israel even let the Kenites keep their books and their records for them. Israel allowed their enemies to infiltrate. Eventually this led to their downfall)