

“DEALING WISELY WITH THE TACTIC OF DECEPTION”

(Joshua 9)

* Ephesians 6:10-19

I. ENTERING THE LAND BY FAITH (Joshua 1-5)

II. CONQUERING THE LAND BY FAITH (Joshua 6-12)

A. Defeating Jericho by Faith (6)

B. The Defeat at Ai through Disobedience (7)

C. Victory at Ai (8)

D. The Deception of the Gibeonites (9)

1. Direct Opposition of Israel’s Enemies (9:1-2)

a) Israel’s adversaries had formed an _____ against them. (9:1-2)

** Who was ultimately behind this and why?*

b) These city-states compromised _____ of the territory of the promised-land. (9:1)

** Will the kings and nations of the earth unite again in their opposition to God?*

** What spiritual principle can you learn from this?*

2. Deceptive Opposition of the Gibeonites (9:3-15)

a) The Gibeonites were _____ in their plan to deceive Israel and preserve their lives. (9:3-6)

** What were the Gibeonites like?*

** What did the Gibeonites demand from Israel?*

b) The true identity of the Gibeonites is that they were _____. (9:7)

* *What was Israel commanded by God to do to this nation? (Deut. 7:1-6)*

* *What was Israel allowed to do with countries outside the promised-land? (Deut. 20:11-15)*

c) The Gibeonites used _____ as part of their plot to deceive Joshua and Israel. (9:8-11)

* *What is the difference between the situation with Rahab in Josh.2 and these Gibeonites?*

d) Joshua and Israel's leaders failed in this situation because they judged by _____ and did not _____ of God. (9:12-14)

* *How should Joshua have sought the will of God at this time? (Exod. 28:29-30; Num. 27:19-21)*

* *What kind of agreement did Israel establish with the Gibeonites? (v.15)*

3. Dealing Wisely after a Bad Decision (9:16-27)

a) Israel could not break their oath and covenant in the _____ to let the Gibeonites live. (9:16-20; cf. 2 Sam. 21:1; 2 Chron. 36:13; Ezek. 17:11-20)

b) Joshua wisely decided to make the Gibeonites _____ - _____. (9:21-27)

* *Why was this a spiritually-wise decision?*

* *What can you learn from all of this?*