

How The Promised Land Was Won

A Study of Joshua

Devilish Deceptions: The Big Battles with the Devil Joshua 9

The Devil attacks in several ways:

- Like a roaring Lion (1 Peter 5:8)
- Like an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- Like a slithering serpent (Genesis 3, Revelation 12:9)

The Devil will be devilish:

1. Expect the Devil to use tricks.

- Deceptive wiles (vs. 3-5)
- Deceptive words

2. Expect the devil to demand a treaty.

- The Devil can't take you back to Egypt (salvation)
- The Devil can't expel you from the promised land (victory)
- The Devil can link you up with a Gibeonite (unhealthy alliances)

3. Expect to have to live with the consequences (v. 16)

4. Expect the Devil to try to dictate

- Don't proceed without prayer (v. 14)
Isaiah 48:17b "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.
- Don't proceed without counsel (v. 18)
- Don't provide him (the devil) a place.
- Don't proceed because of pressure verse – watch out for rush decisions. (vs. 6, 9, 11)
- Do perceive the Spirit's promptings (vs. 7-8). Until you clear up doubts, don't!
- Do plan to employ your problems (vs. 23, 27)

Your biggest mistake in life may turn out to be your biggest door of opportunity in the future.