

DIFFICULT OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES

LESSON 3: Conquering Land and Peoples

ANCHOR STATEMENT: God conquers sin and wickedness so that His people may dwell with Him in safety and peace.

MAIN PASSAGE: Joshua 21:43-45

43 So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands. 45 Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That the wars and battles we read about in the Old Testament are God's way of destroying wickedness (not necessarily destroying certain people groups).

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Have a better understanding of how to approach hard-to-read passages in the Old Testament, but also look forward to the new Promised Land that is being prepared for those who follow Christ.