



# Thirty-Three Kings against the King of Kings

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## **WELCOME:** Fixing Our Focus

### **Suggested icebreaker:**

Invite your GG members to participate in an activity where they have to list down from memory as many people in a single category as possible in one minute, after which you may compare your lists to see who was able to identify the most. For the first round, list as many Philippine presidents as you can. For the second round, list as many cities in the Philippines as you can. For the third round, do something different and give each GG member two minutes to open their Bibles to Joshua 12 to see the kings that Joshua and the Israelites defeated. Then, after closing their Bibles, let them list down as many kings as they can in one minute from memory.

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## **WORSHIP:** Adoring Our God

### **Suggested songs:**

- [Build Your Kingdom Here](#)
- [Facing A Task Unfinished](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will learn of God's justice and holiness and be moved to respond to Him in submission and obedience.
2. GG members will worship the Lord upon understanding more of His timeless and intergenerational faithfulness to His people.

### INTRODUCTION

Previously in Joshua, the Israelites had fulfilled their promise to the Gibeonites by defending them against the five Amorite kings who had united against them. The victory was assured because of God's power and faithfulness, seen in how He threw down hailstones and famously caused the sun to stand still. The Amorite kings who had fled were then pursued and struck down.

### The conquest in southern and northern Canaan continued (vv. 10:28-11:23)

As the five kings were captured at Makkedah, the text for today continues with the Israelites' capture of that city. They continued their conquest first along the southern territories of Canaan before moving to the northern territories.

1. It would be helpful to consult maps of the conquests in [southern Canaan](#) and [northern Canaan](#) to visualize the story better. What were the different lands that were conquered, and who were the kings that were defeated in southern Canaan (Joshua 10:29-43)? What about in northern Canaan (Joshua 11:1-23)?
2. Identify the phrases that describe the totality of the destruction that happened to the people in the land and how often these phrases were used. What do you think this teaches us about the attitude of the Israelites? What could this teach us about the nature of God (cf. Deuteronomy 20:16-18)?
3. Similar to what we saw previously, several of the kings in northern Canaan had also formed a coalition against the Israelites. How were their forces described in the text? How did God prepare the Israelites for their battle with this coalition?
4. How might we come to understand the hardening of hearts in verse 20 of chapter 11? Allow Scripture to interpret Scripture. You may consult passages such as Genesis 12:3, Genesis 15:16, Leviticus 18, Psalm 14:3, and Romans 3:10.
5. What do you think is the significance of how the stories of these conquests end in verse 23? What are some of the timeless reminders you can gain from these recordings?

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### Application

The great, unfathomable harmony between the grace and justice of God allows sinful people like us to be redeemed by the love of Christ. In the text we studied, the Lord used the Israelites to exercise judgment for the iniquity of the inhabitants of Canaan in spite of giving them a long time to turn from their wickedness.

Today, we still encounter wickedness, and God, in His grace, is giving people opportunities to turn to Him. When you look at the world around you, what do you believe God is calling you to urge others to repent of? What can we, as a local church, do to share the truth of Christ to the lost lovingly?

### The kings defeated by Moses and Joshua were recounted (vv. 12:1-24)

The narrative of Joshua transitions from the conquests of the land to a new section that deals with the allotment of the portions of the Israelites. It began with a recounting of the total number of kings the Israelites had defeated up to that point, under the leadership of both Moses and Joshua.

1. Make observations on the list of kings Moses defeated. Who were the kings that were defeated, and where was their territory? To whom was their land given, according to verse 6? It may be helpful to view a [map](#) to see the land they had conquered under Moses. (cf. Numbers 21:21-35).
2. Similarly, make observations on the list of kings Joshua had defeated. How many were they? What was the boundary between these lands conquered under Joshua and the lands conquered under Moses?
3. What similarities can be drawn between the leadership of Moses and the leadership of Joshua? In what areas do you think they are distinguished from one another? How was the Lord seen in both of their times leading the Israelites?

### Application

God oversaw the success of Moses and Joshua, and He also oversaw the succession of Joshua from Moses. This is the same faithful God who leads us today as we face our battles. He has called us to be leaders ourselves, bringing the name of Christ wherever He calls us to be witnesses for the Gospel in order to bring about the transformation of every nation. How is this reminder of God's leadership and faithfulness moving you to make Christ's Kingdom take hold of your school, your workplace, your family, etc.?

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### PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, I remember that I am talking to the King of kings. There is none to compare to You, and there is no place here that will not one day confess the name of Jesus. You are my King, and I want to live in obedience because You have graciously accepted me into Your kingdom. As You guided Moses and Joshua, guide me in the battles I face and in the trials of leadership. Use me to contribute to the goal of every nation one day proclaiming that You are our King. This I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen. ■



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