

Joshua 9

1. What news caused the Canaanite nations to work together to fight against Joshua and Israel?
2. From verses 9, 10 and 24, explain how much the Gibeonites knew about Israel:
3. This chapter deals almost exclusively with the Gibeonites. What general tactic did they use to get their way? (see 4 & 22)
 - a. What was their objective? (6 & 11)
4. Describe the clothes and sandals that they wore:
5. Describe the food that they brought:
6. Though they may have had some suspicions about the Gibeonites (v. 7), what did Israel fail to do according to verse 14?
7. At the end of _____ days, what did Joshua and Israel make with the Gibeonites?
8. What did Joshua and Israel then learn about the Gibeonites?
 - a. Even after learning this information, what did Israel NOT do, and why?

9. What jobs were then assigned to the Gibeonites because of their deception?
 - a. How long would they serve Israel and the altar?

10. Joshua 9:18-20 has been misused by some “gospel” preachers in an effort to defend a particular divorce and remarriage error. It is argued that these verses prove that an oath must be kept even when the covenant is unscriptural. This principle is then applied to unscriptural remarriages with the conclusion that even unauthorized remarriages must be kept intact due to the promise or oath that was made in forming those marriages.
 - a. What is wrong with this argument according to Matthew 19:9?

 - b. What is wrong with this argument from the standpoint of the nature and definition of *repentance*?

 - c. What does Hebrews 13:4 teach about the consequences of unscriptural remarriage?

 - d. What does Matthew 19:6 teach about the marriage bond?

 - e. In the written exchange that I had with the leading proponent of this error, I asked him if his conclusion would apply in cases of oaths taken in the formation of gay marriages. How would you answer this?