

Chapter 7

The Battle Begins



**“We can't attack those people,
they are stronger than we are.”
Numbers 13:31**



“The land we passed through is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us he will lead us into the land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord...



Do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.” Numbers 14:7-9



**Help from unexpected quarters.
(Joshua 2)**

**The miraculous water crossing you
hardly ever hear about.
(Joshua 3-5:12)**



**Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
- but first, some laps.
(Joshua 5:13-8)**



The community in which God can dwell will be unlike any other community because it's citizens will obey God rather than follow their own logical judgments and subjective desires.



“Be strong and courageous..... Do not be afraid.” Joshua 1:6,7-9



“Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it the right or to the left, that you may be successful ever you go. Keep this book of Law always on your lips;...



meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:7-8



“I will be with you.” Joshua 1:5

“Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and where ever you send us we will go.” Joshua 1:16



**Why would God have to
completely eliminate the native
people in these cities?**



**“it is not because of your
righteousness or your integrity
that you're going in to take
possession of their land;...**



but on account of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” Deuteronomy 9:5



**“In the fourth generation your
descendents will come back here,
for the sin of the Amorites has not
yet reached its full measure.”
Genesis 15:16**



What seems brutal and excessive in the Lower Story is asked statement about God's justice and righteousness in his upper story kingdom. God is patient and long-suffering.



He gave them more than 600 years to change their ways. If they had, God would have changed his mind. God cannot tolerate the kind of widespread evil that had infected the entire Amorite population.



“They do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods.” Deuteronomy 12:31

