

I. Biblical history and the practice of being God's people

- A. Different phases of Israel's history
- B. Each has something to teach us about being God's people
- C. We are looking at life during and after the conquest

II. God's people have a task (31)

III. God's people are to practice justice (10-12)

- A. The Sabbath Year
- B. The Sabbath Day
- C. Justice and rest

IV. God's people are to be his alone (13-17, 19, 23-24, 32-33)

- A. They are not to worship like the Canaanites
 - i. worship their gods
 - ii. worship with their disgusting practices
- B. They are to acknowledge God as the giver of every gift

V. God is gentle with his people (27-30)

- A. God will send fear before those who oppose his people.
- B. God will not overwhelm his people with new responsibility (see Luke 13:18-20)

VI. God will bless his people in the conquest (25-26)

- A. God promises blessings for his people if we belong to him alone (see Matthew 6:33)
- B. Sustaining care
- C. Fruitfulness (see Matthew 18:2; 19:13; John 13:33; Romans 9:8)
- D. The blessing of children

VII. God's people are led by Christ (20-22)

- A. Who is this angel?
- B. Joshua
- C. The true Joshua (Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22; 7:37)