



CONNED INTO A COVENANT

Joshua 9



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CHAPTER 9 FLOW

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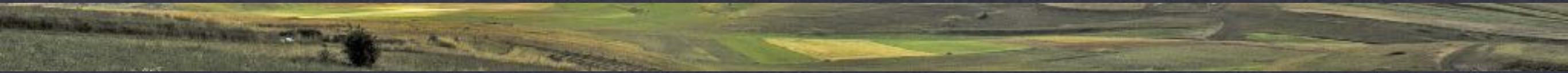


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“Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?”

Joshua 9:6–7





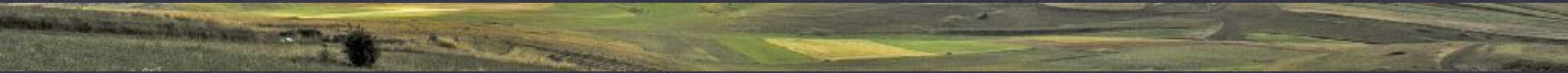
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“Observe what I command you this day.

Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Take care,
lest you make a covenant
with the inhabitants of the land to which you go,
lest it become a snare in your midst.”

Exodus 34:11-12





CUNNING CASE FOR A COVENANT

“When you draw near to a city to fight against it, offer terms of peace to it. And if it responds to you peaceably and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do forced labor for you and shall serve you.”

Deuteronomy 20:10–11





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Joshua 9:8a





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**And Joshua said to them,
“Who are you?
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Joshua 9:8

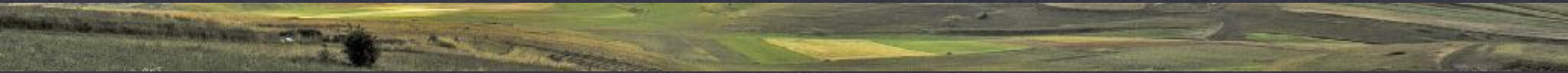




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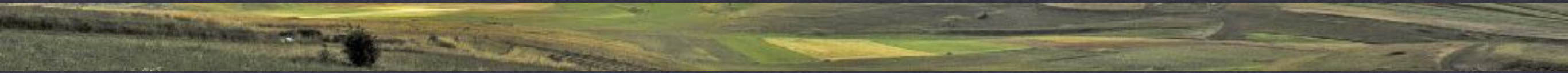




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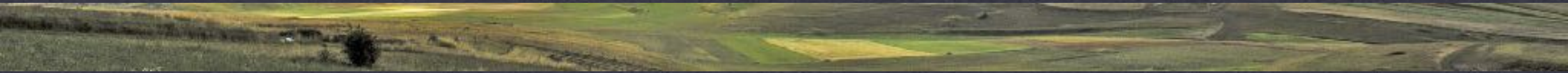




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... **“We are your servants.**

Come now, make a covenant with us.”

Joshua 9:9–10, 11b





CUNNING CASE FOR A COVENANT

“Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.”

Joshua 9:12–13



CONNED INTO A COVENANT

“So the men took some of their provisions...”



Joshua 9:14a



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**“So the men took some of their provisions,
but did not ask counsel from the Lord.”**



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“And Joshua **made peace** with them
and **made a covenant** with them,
to let them live,
and the leaders of the congregation
swore to them.”

Joshua 9:15

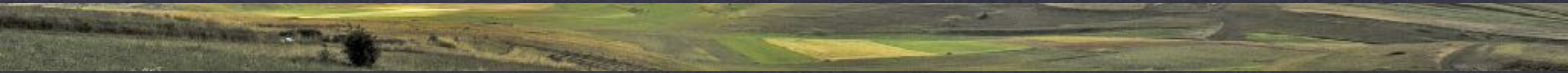


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PAUSE ... PRAY





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“Prayer is the disciplined refusal to act before God acts.”

Eugene Peterson





KEEPING THE COVENANT

At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they **heard** that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. And the people of Israel **set out** and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim.

Joshua 9:16–17





KEEPING THE COVENANT

But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had **sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel.**

Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders.

But all the leaders said to all the congregation, “We have **sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel,** and now we may not touch them.”

Joshua 9:18–19





KEEPING THE COVENANT

“This we will do to them:
let them live,
lest wrath be upon us,
because of the oath that we swore to them.”

And the leaders said to them,
“**Let them live.**”

Joshua 9:20–21a





KEEPING THE COVENANT

“So they became **cutters of wood** and **drawers of water** for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

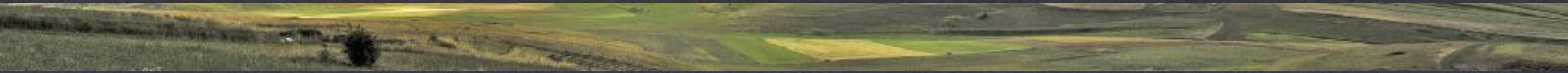
Joshua 9:21b

“...you are **cursed**, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, **cutters of wood** and **drawers of water** for the house of my God.”

Joshua 9:23

But Joshua made them that day **cutters of wood** and **drawers of water**...”

Joshua 9:27





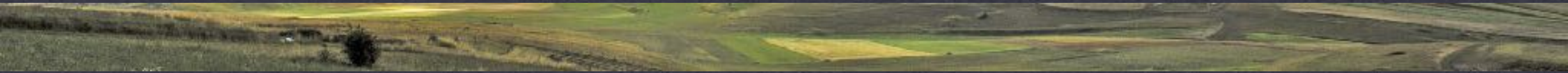
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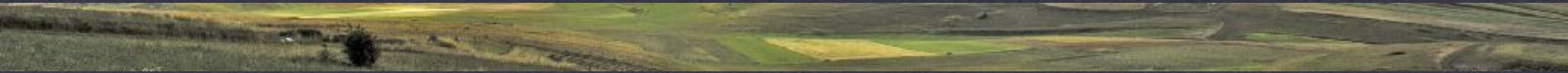


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THE GIBEONITES TELL THE TRUTH

“Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the Lord your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you **all** the land and to destroy **all** the inhabitants of the land from before you—so **we feared greatly** for our lives because of you and did this thing.”

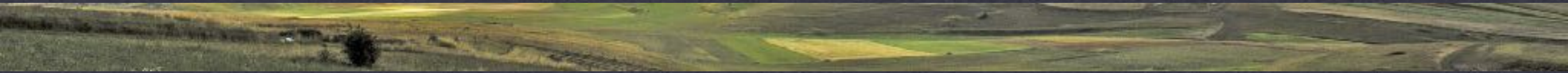
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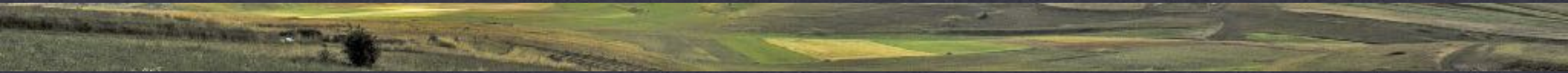
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