

Bible History Puzzle 70

It had been a long time since the Lord had promised the land of Canaan to Abraham, Isaac, and _____. When the children of Israel were in Egypt and were prisoners of the angry pharaoh it seemed like nothing would ever come of it, but the Lord had still done what He had promised.

Tired of wandering and _____, the Israelites finally enjoyed the land of Canaan which the Lord had given it to His people. Still, not all the Canaanites were conquered. They would have to be driven out yet. For now, these Canaanites did not dare to _____ the people of Israel.

Even though there was no more fighting, it was still very busy. There was so much to do. Houses needed to be built and fields needed to be plowed and _____.

Before they could all get to work they needed to split up the land to the different tribes. Joshua called all of the men of Israel together. Eleazar, the high _____, helped him with this difficult task. They prayed to the Lord for wisdom and to be able to do it fairly.

The Lord pointed out a portion of the conquered land for each _____. Each tribe also received cities and villages, and around those cities and villages was plenty of fields. There was also plenty of grass for the cows and sheep. There were vineyards with delicious _____ and bees for delicious honey. And so it was just as the Lord had said, a land flowing with milk and honey!

How glad the Israelites were to be in their own country and to be able to work there. The Lord blessed their work. That was most important! If the Lord doesn't bless the work, then all the work is for nothing.

The tribes all received a portion of land, except for the tribe of Levi. Were the Levites not getting anything? Yes, each tribe gave a few cities with the ground around it to the Levites. And so the Levites lived spread through the whole _____.

Why did the Lord do this? Well, the Levites were the priests, and now those priests could _____ the people the law of the Lord.

But the priests also belong to the tabernacle and the tabernacle was in _____. When the Levites tended to do their work in the tabernacle, they would have to leave their homes for a while and travel to Shiloh. When they were finished with their turn, other Levites would come up to go to work in the _____.

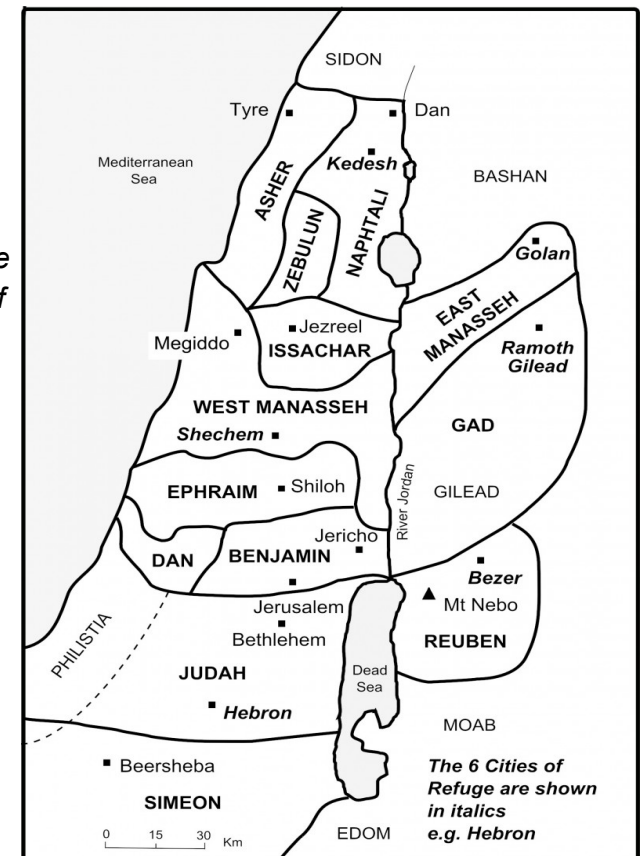
And so the Israelites settled into a new way of life, in their own country, after all those years of wandering in the wilderness and then the _____ years of fighting to remove the Canaanites out of the promised land. Actually, they lived around Shiloh. And that name means rest. That was a fitting name, because so it was! The Israelites could _____ from all their wandering and fighting.

This is how the land was divided.

Study the names...

How come there are 12 tribes with land if the Levites didn't receive their own?

Find Shiloh and circle it on the map.



WORD BANK: fighting tabernacle seven tribe Shiloh
sown harm grapes rest Jacob priest land teach

Start at the circled letter and curve back and forth across the lines to form a sentence. (5 words)

D	T	R	I	B	E
L	T	S	A	C	S
O	T	S	A	T	S
O	H	O	L	I	H
D	U	E	P	W	J
Q	W	I	N	P	P

Memorize the tribes of Israel with this song:
(tune of Jesus Loves me) (written by: Dene Ward)

Reuben, Simeon, then Levi,
Judah, Dan and Naphtali,
Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulon,
Last were Joseph and Benjamin.

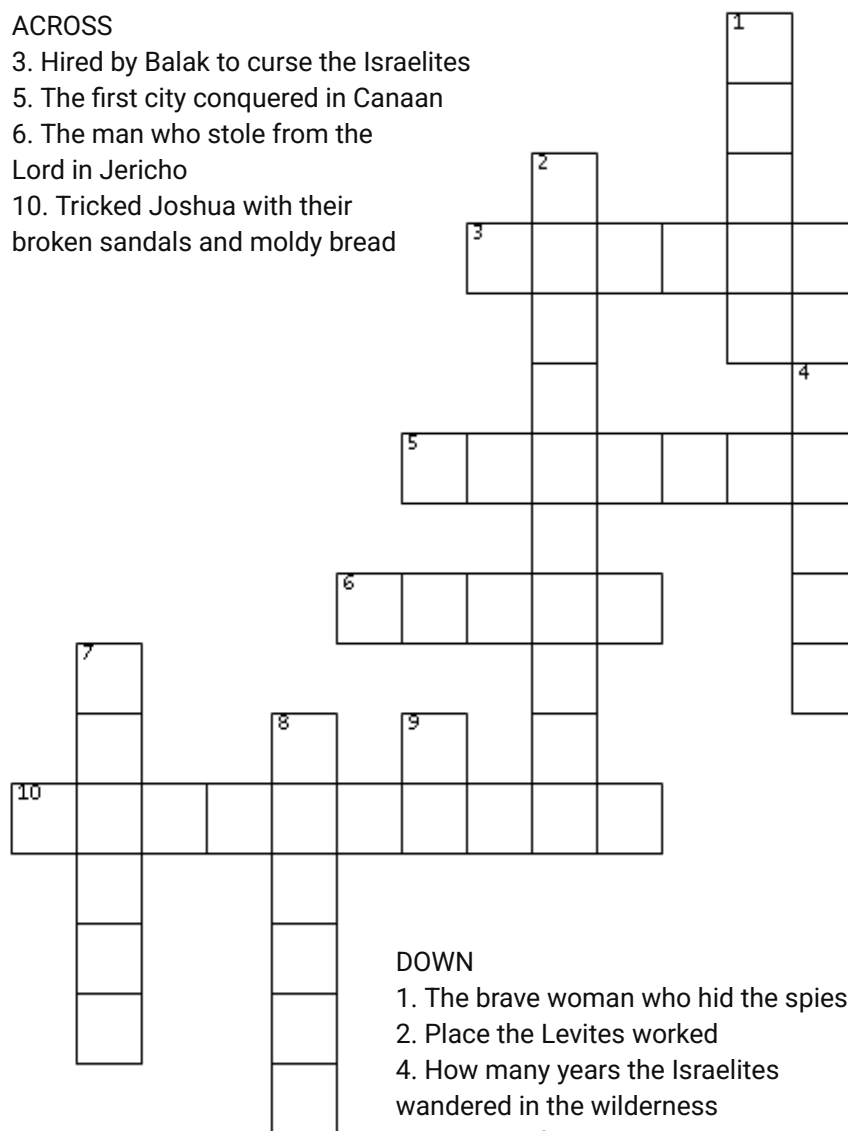
Chorus: Jacob had 12 sons
 Yes, he had 12 sons
 Jacob had 12 sons
 The children of Israel.

Parents: If you are struggling to fit the words to the notes, there are examples on youtube such as : Learn the Names of the Children of Israel by Singing - Steve Singleton

Review Puzzle

ACROSS

3. Hired by Balak to curse the Israelites
5. The first city conquered in Canaan
6. The man who stole from the Lord in Jericho
10. Tricked Joshua with their broken sandals and moldy bread



DOWN

1. The brave woman who hid the spies
2. Place the Levites worked
4. How many years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness
7. "Place of Rest" where the tabernacle was placed in the promised land
8. The river the Israelites had to cross to get into the promised land
9. The second city conquered in Canaan that took two tries