

Bible History Puzzle 72

Not all the Canaanites were killed or driven out. Many of them lived together with the Israelites, and around the land of Canaan were still more mighty nations. The Lord had commanded them to wipe out all the Canaanites. But the Israelites didn't do it. They would rather be good friends with them. They didn't really feel like fighting either. They even liked the Canaanites. And Joshua wasn't there anymore to warn them of the danger. They didn't think about what they had promised him when they said farewell to him anymore. They even forgot Joshua, and the worst was, they forgot the Lord. The Lord, Who they had received everything from.

They saw the Canaanites bowing in front of _____(dlios), and then they started joining in their idol feasts too. Of course they still went three times a year to Shiloh to celebrate the _____(stsfea) of the Lord. They offered their offerings dutifully, but they did not mean anything with it. When they were home again they bowed in front of the idols of wood and stone. They copied these idols.

Israel had one _____(trala) which stood in Shiloh in the tabernacle, but the Israelites copied the heathens and built all kinds of altars. In their cities and villages and even in their houses it was full of all these idols. They worshiped them and said, "We are serving the Lord our God through these idols of Baal." Baal was the idol of the Canaanites.

This all was what Joshua has been so afraid of. How many times had he warned them! Israel tried to serve the Lord and the _____. Idols with ears that couldn't hear and eyes that couldn't see. Those idols were dead, but the God of Israel was and is the living God!

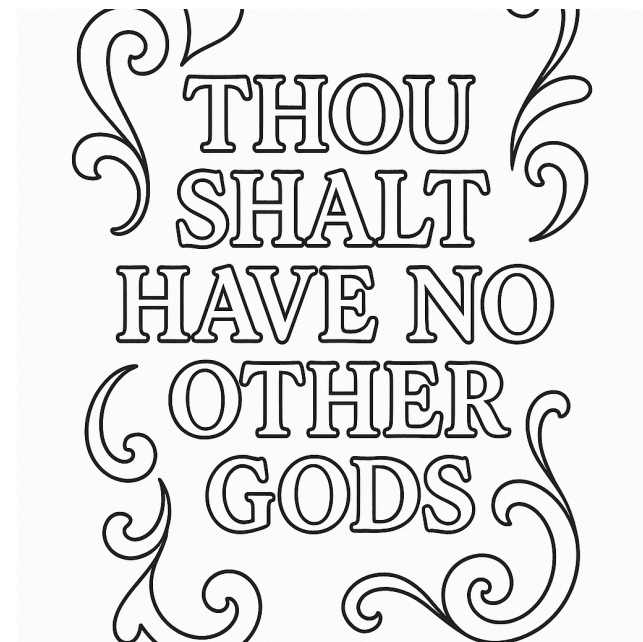
He heard the mocking of His name. He saw what the Israelites were doing. And still the Lord was patient. Although the Lord was patient, He would punish this evil. It could not go well this way.

The Canaanites thought, "Just wait. There will be a time when we will be stronger than the Israelites. Then we will chase them back _____(tou) of the land. And then they will have to work for us!"

The few Israelites who loved the Lord were very sad. They thought about the promised _____(Rdeeeemr) Who would be born out of Israel. Would the Lord leave Israel because of all the wickedness? They would pray, "Please remember your covenant and do not do what we deserve."

But most of the Israelites just followed their wicked _____(trhea). That is why they continued with their evil doing. The longer that it all went on, the worse it became.

The Lord was very patient with His people but when they wouldn't listen to His commandments then He would punish them. How foolish to be so disobedient to the Lord....but are we not all the same? That foolishness is in all of ____ (su). How necessary it is that the Lord shows us this, otherwise we will go on year after year thinking that punishment isn't really coming for us. Satan, the liar, will continue to convince us that we will not really ____ (ied) and stand before the Lord to answer for our sins, but the coming stories will be a warning to us that the Lord does punish sin. Will we listen?



Cross out all these letters to find the verse: F, J, P, Q, X, Z

“Afjnpd yzzfe sfhzaqlzl fjpmxake no lzeagque
wppitqzh the infpqhapqbitaxnts of tqxhpizs lzapnfd;
yfej sqfhpaxll tqhxzropw dfoqwpqzxn tphpepizr
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yjepx djonfpez tphfjis?”

_____ Judges 2: _____

Use the code (A=1, B=2, C=3 ... Z=26) to solve the hidden words from the Bible verses.

“Thou shalt make no _____ (3 - 15 - 22 - 5 - 14 - 1 - 14 - 20) with them, nor with their _____ (7 - 15 - 4 - 19).”

“But if ye will not _____ (4 - 18 - 9 - 22 - 5) out the inhabitants of the land ... they shall be _____ (16 - 18 - 9 - 3 - 11 - 19) in your eyes, and _____ (20 - 8 - 15 - 18 - 14 - 19) in your sides.”

Match the statements in column A to column B

Column A

1. Israelites failed to drive out...
2. Remaining Canaanites were made...
3. Canaanites were...
4. Who worshiped...
5. God warned they would become...
6. God left the nations to...
7. Joshua's warning before his death...
8. First book describing this failure...

Column B

- A. Test Israel's obedience
- B. Canaanites
- C. False gods / idols
- D. Thorns in their sides
- E. Judges
- F. Forced laborers
- G. Be faithful to the LORD only
- H. Idol worshippers