

Notes on Joshua 12

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Verses 1-24

1. Summarize what Joshua 12 is about.

This chapter simply lists the kings defeated by the Israelites, including the cities or territories they ruled.

Sihon king of Hesbon

First, the kings east of Jordan are listed. Sihon, king of the Amorites, lived in Heshbon (see MAP). He ruled half of Gilead, from Aroer on the Arnon to the river Jabbok. He apparently also controlled territory in the Jordan plain from the Sea of Chinnereth (Galilee) to the Dead Sea.

This territory had been captured by Israel under Moses' leadership.

Og, king of Bashan

Moses also led Israel to defeat Og, king of Bashan. He also ruled half of Gilead in the north, from the territory of Sihon to Mt. Hermon north of the Sea of Galilee.

All this territory east of Jordan was captured under Moses' leadership and given to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh.

Territory west of Jordan captured under Joshua.

The territory west of the Jordan was captured under the leadership of Joshua, as described in this book to this point. The kings defeated are listed as a summary here. The territory included from the Valley of Lebanon all the way to hills near Seir (Edom).

Altogether 31 kings were defeated.

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