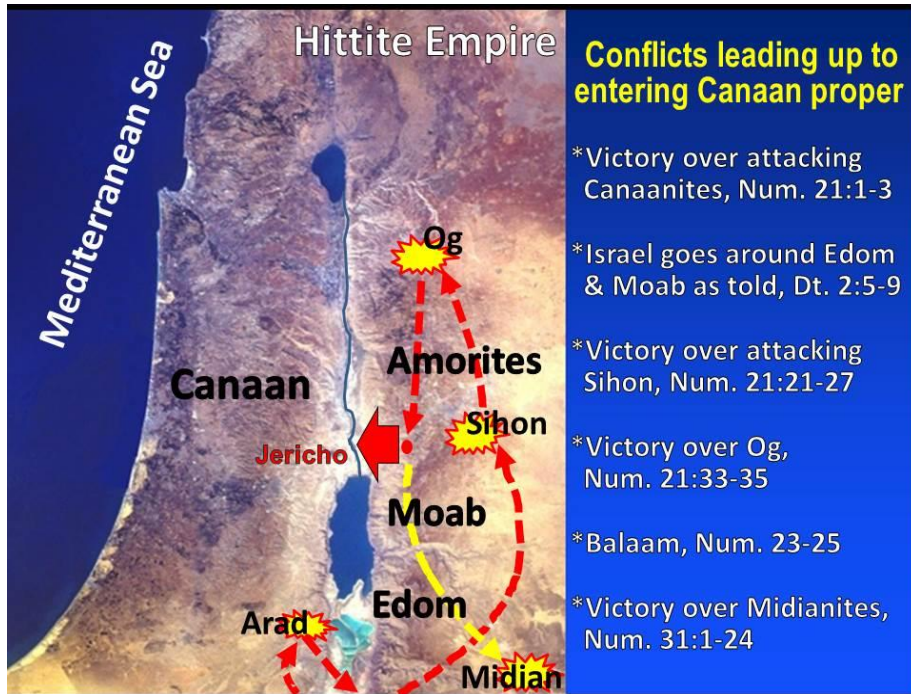


The Morality of Israel's Manifest Destiny Joshua 1:10-18

Joshua's charge to the people, 1:10-15

- ◆ Command for everyone to prepare for crossing the Jordan
- ◆ Command for preparation and the transjordan tribes to fulfill their promise—1/2 tribe of Manasseh, Gad, Reuben, 1:14b, 4:12,13.
- ◆ “Rest” = safety from enemies (23:1, 1 Kgs. 5:4); See NT in Heb. 4.

FLASHBACK TO TRANSJORDAN BATTLES



The conquest actually gets under way as Israel tries to gain access to Canaan proper, as several battles occur with upset neighboring states.

People's pledge to obey Joshua, 16-18

- ◆ Enthusiastic / sincere pledge here, but recall Ex. 24:3,7 yet Ex. 32!
- ◆ Again call to be “Be strong and courageous”—this is from Israelites.

What about the genocide of the Canaanites?

- ◆ Why war? Wickedness—Dt. 7:16, 18:9-12, 20:16-18, Lv. 18:21-25,
- ◆ Why is atheistic “moral outrage” often worse over this judgment?
- ◆ How should I respond to this holy war?