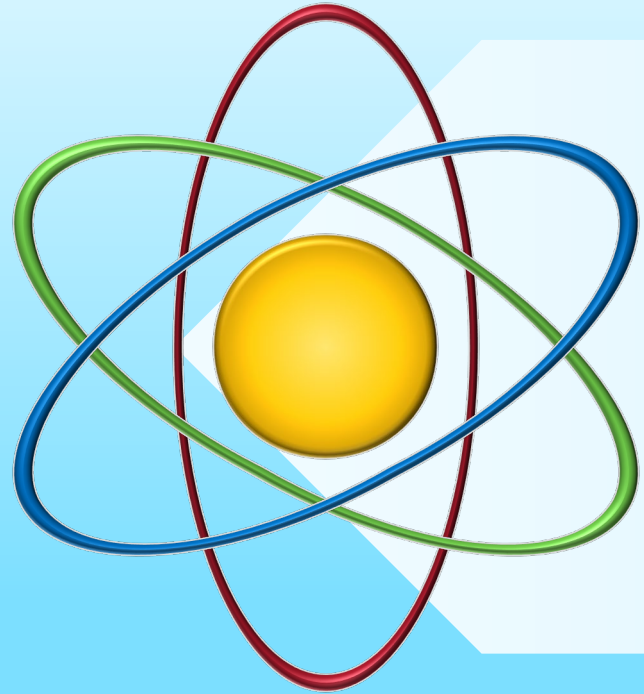


# THE COSMIC DEFEAT OF THE AMORITES

Joshua 10

*Science is not the answer!*



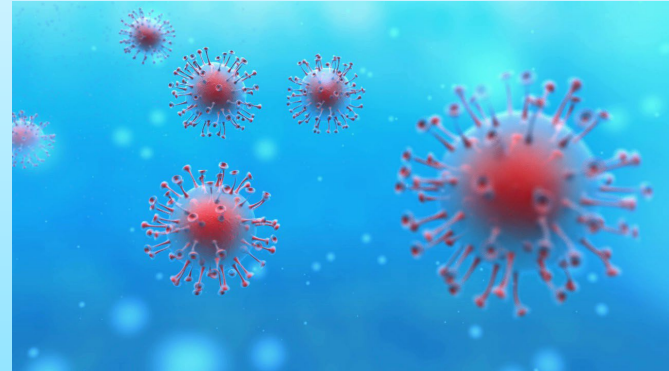
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- The following slide contains an additional introduction.
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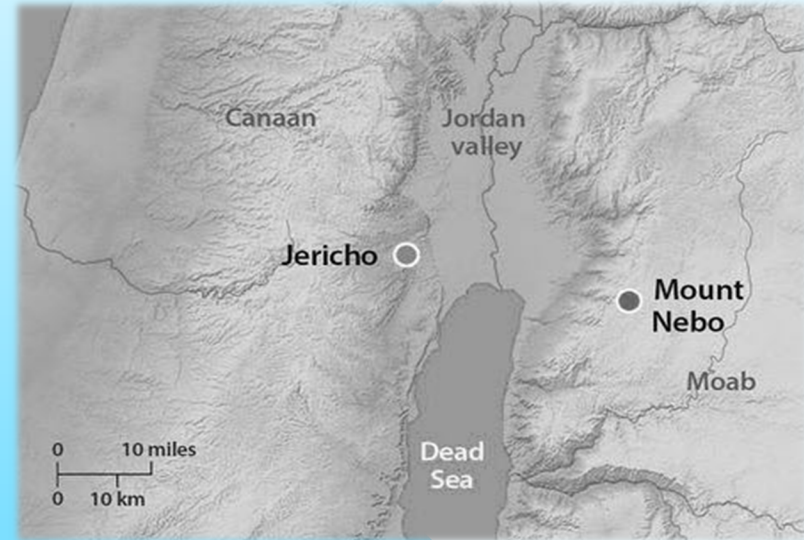
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# EAST SIDE WEST SIDE

A Spiritual Geography Lesson

Joshua 12 (YAH 5/20/20)

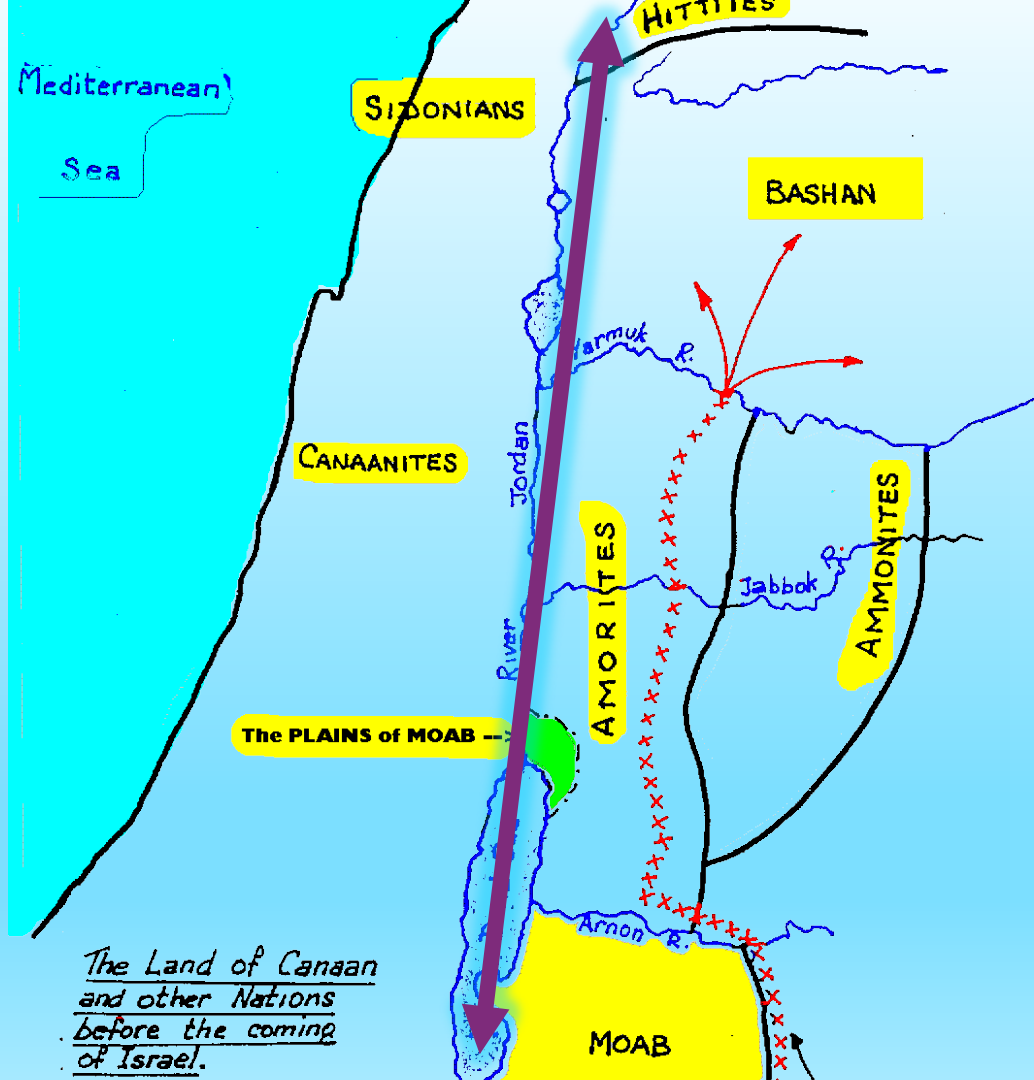
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## *Our Plan for Today*

- I. Some Beginning Reminders**
- II. The Kings Defeated by Moses**
- III. The Kings Defeated by Joshua**
- IV. Some Ending Reminders**

# The Lands Conquered by Joshua and Moses



*The Land of Canaan and other Nations before the coming of Israel.*

## A Few Reminders About the Jordan Valley.

1. It was the result of a huge collision of the Asian and African plates.
2. It was the most significant fault known to the ancient world.
3. There was far more water there than there is now.

*Some beginning Reminders:*

**1. God is king over all the earth. Period. Psalm 47:7,8**

*For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.*

He does not need us to share His authority, to partner with Him, or help Him in any way to get His job done.

*Some beginning Reminders:*

**2. God, overtly claims full ownership of both heaven and earth. Here's just one example in Exodus 9:29**

*And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD'S.*

We chose this verse because it is a stated reminder to all who oppose God, as well as to all who love Him, that He has *property rights*. Period. Later, we'll discuss exactly how God manages His property. Verse 6 will give us a good jumping off place for that.



*Some beginning Reminders:*

**3. Our God is a military God who He WILL be exalted among the nations, and His is an everlasting kingdom. Psalms 46:6-11:**

*The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

This is not merely an Old Testament idea whose time has come and gone. This theme saturates and virtually bookend's our Bible. Never, ever blink when the enemies of our God accuse Him of being warlike. He is a bulwark, a protector, and a defender.

*Some beginning Reminders:*

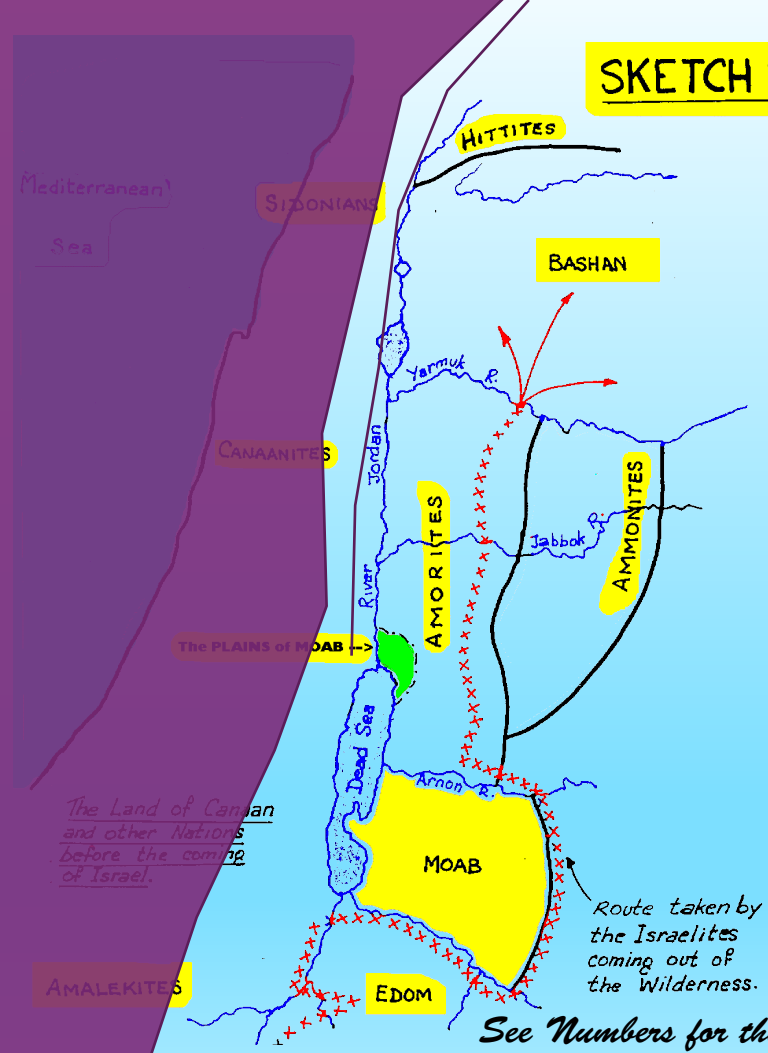
#### **4. Our God is continually creating and allowing circumstances which try men's hearts.**

Keep this in mind as we will need it later in our study. God is interactively involved in the conflicts and struggles of men and allows them in order to effect His own purpose. 2 Chronicles 17:9

*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.*

- **Our prevailing lesson is this: God can and does create and allow a variety of circumstances as His eyes go to and fro throughout the earth testing believers as well. Psalm 11:4**
- **In our study we observe God laying the groundwork for Israel's future struggles as she faces enemies from without and within. There will be winners and there will be losers.**

# SKETCH 1



East  
Jordan

The lands  
conquered  
by Moses

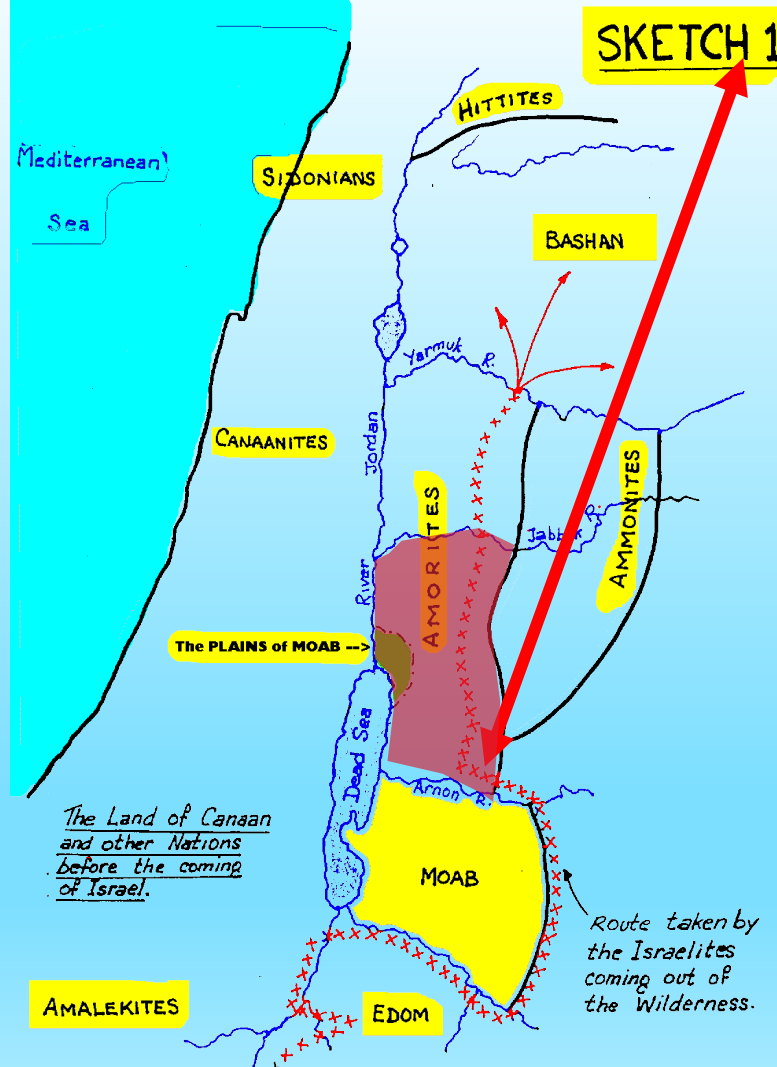
*The Land of Canaan  
and other Nations  
before the coming  
of Israel.*

*Route taken by  
the Israelites  
coming out of  
the Wilderness.*

*See Numbers for the stories of Edom & Moab.*

# East Jordan

The lands conquered by Moses



## Joshua 12

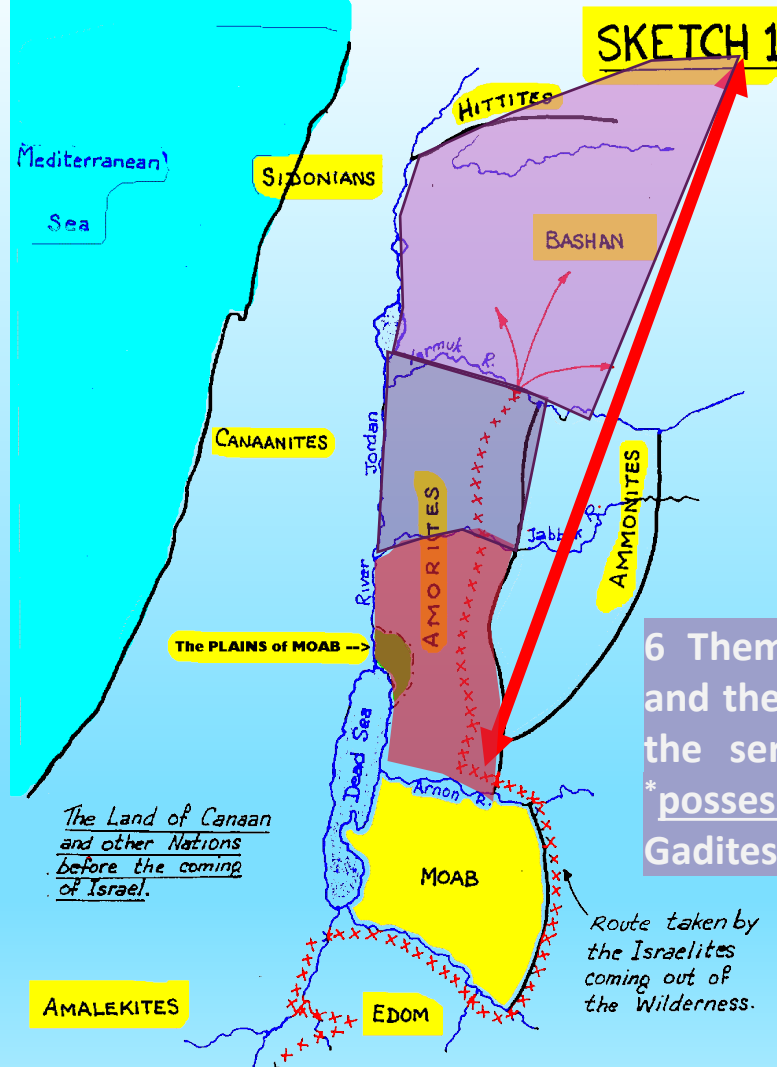
Now these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;



# East Jordan

## The lands conquered by Moses



4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,  
5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 They did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

*\*In this case, the word possession should be understood as "inheritance." (See your lexicon.)*

# Lessons From the Other Side of Jordan

A Spiritual Geography Lesson



## Jordan East – Living Among the Enemy.

- It is true that God gave these tribes their petitions and they were not to be judged or excluded because of their choice.
- It is also true that these tribes had good intentions and they kept their word and commitment to the other tribes during the war years.

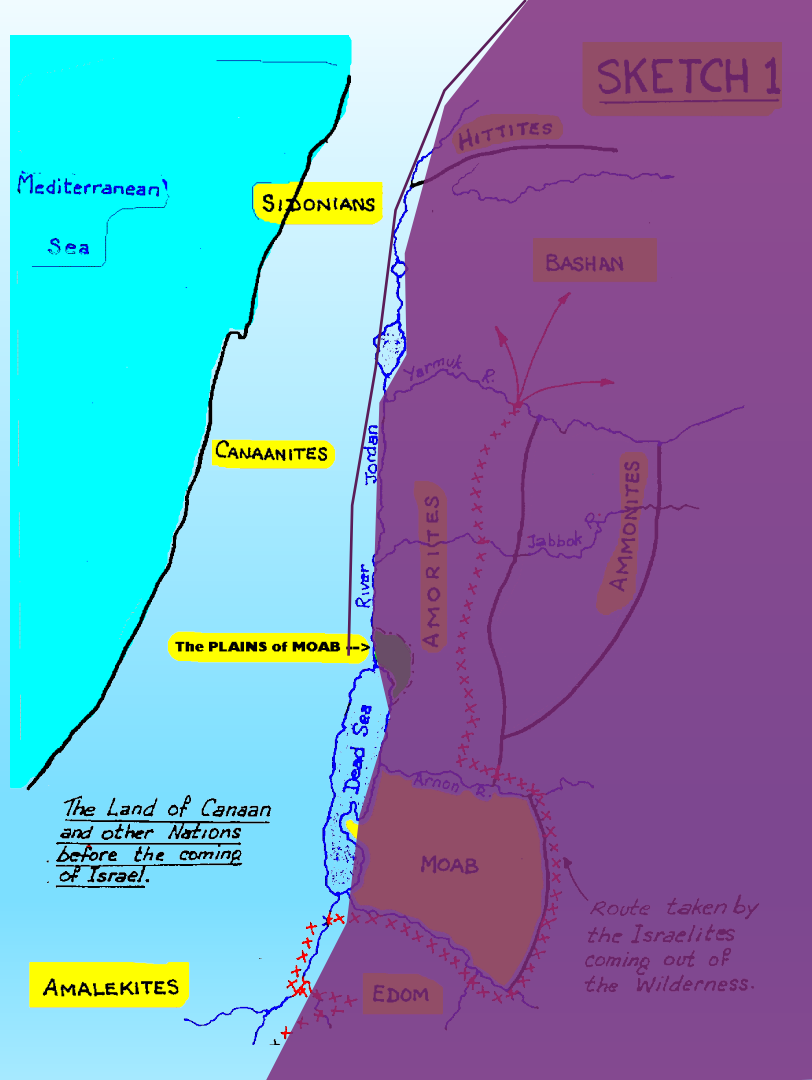
There were also sad *long-term* consequences.

- They were unprotected from enemy attack.
- They were unprotected from social “cultural” infiltration
- They lived further from the fellowship and teachings of the temple.
- Their children were far more vulnerable.



# West Jordan

The lands  
conquered  
by Joshua







# The West Side Story

9 The king of the Amorites, the king of the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;  
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 all the kings thirty and one.

# Lessons From This Side of Jordan

A Spiritual Geography Lesson

## Jordan West – The Enemy Living Among Us.

- On the one hand, they had been obedient in fighting the *national* battles.
- On the other hand, they had *failed to engage* in their *local* battles.

There were also sad *long-term* consequences.

- They did not teach their children to war. [**Pacifism**: Failure to confront and rebuke.]
- They chose coexistence instead of cultural and spiritual separation. [**Relationalism**: Canaanite campfires]
- They chose **pluralism** over the exclusive worship of Jehovah. [Spirituality trumps Truth - Civil Religion]
- They did not purge out the leaven. [**Pragmatism**]



The heathen are come  
into thine inheritance.

Ps. 79:1

# Long Term Consequences from Both Sides

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Jordan East

Jordan West

## Common Errors

They were **content**  
They settled for a modicum of separation

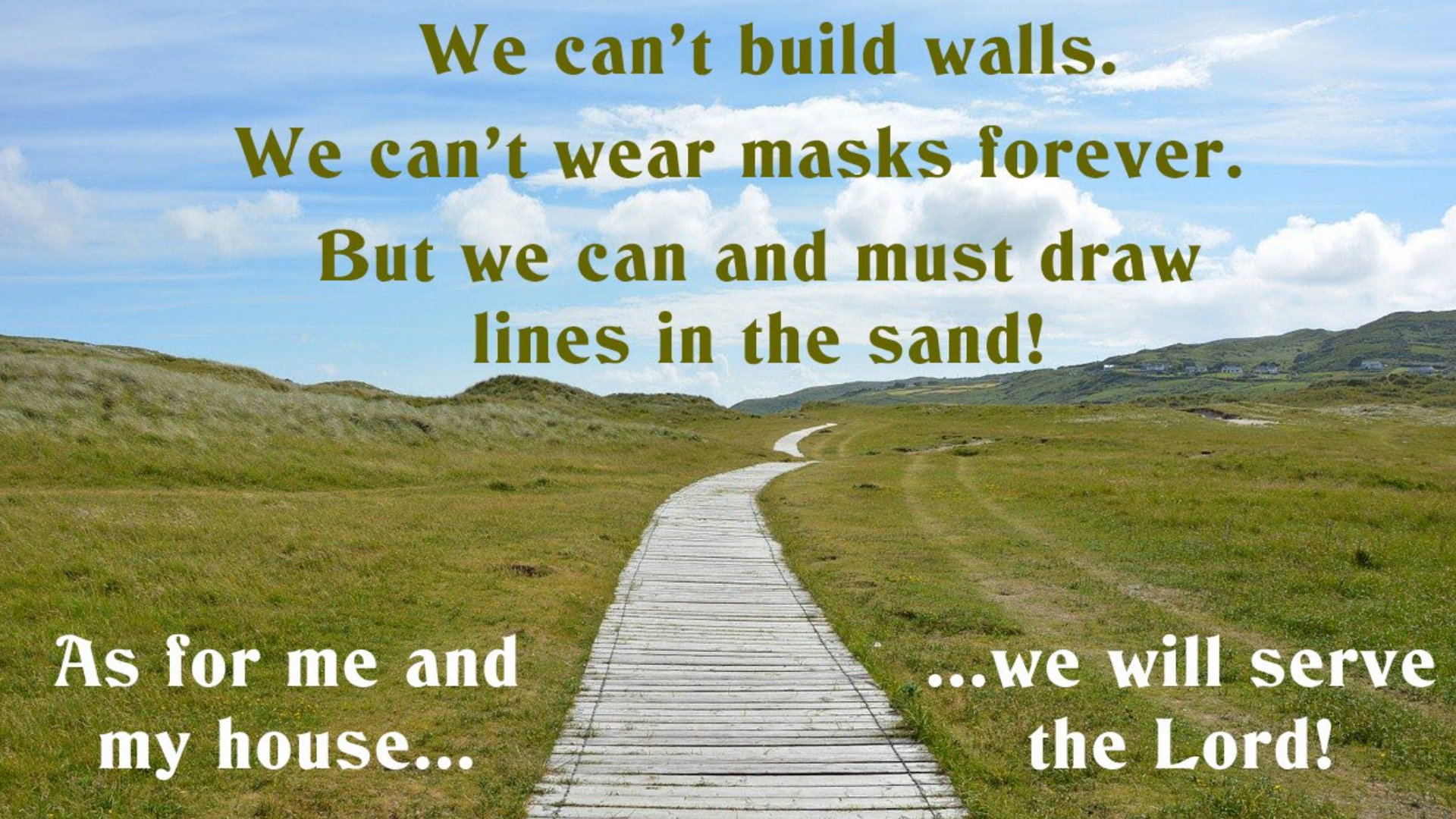
They were **complicit**

- Spiritually
- Morally
- Educationally
- Politically

*“They remembered not His hand nor the day  
when He delivered them from the enemy.”*

Psalm 78:42

An overview of Joshua 12

A wooden boardwalk made of weathered planks winds through a vast, green, grassy field. The path curves gently to the right in the distance. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. In the far background, there are rolling hills and a small cluster of buildings.

**We can't build walls.  
We can't wear masks forever.  
But we can and must draw  
lines in the sand!**

**As for me and  
my house...**

**...we will serve  
the Lord!**

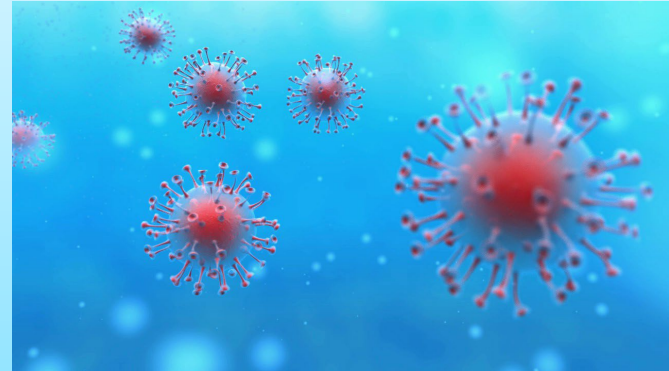


**THE FLESH  
HATES  
SPIRITUAL  
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# Can you draw 8 analogies...



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*Viruses and sin compared.*

**1. Unlike bacteria, viruses are not likely to have been created by God.**

*“God did not create viruses, since they do not reproduce after their kinds or even clone themselves, like microbes. They are modified genetic material that can capture a cell’s reproductive processes. Thus, it forces it to make copies of itself. Viruses never do good, like the good things God made.”* - Victor McAllister

God did not create sin. God is not the author of sin or of confusion of any kind, but He is the author of salvation and forgiveness! Read Hebrews 12:2.

*Viruses and sin compared.*

## **2. Unlike bacteria, scientists continually debate whether viruses are dead or alive.**

*“Nobody’s quite sure if we can label viruses as living. Many scientists struggle with this question.” - Lifelique*

**While we can define sin and even speak of its properties we do not fully understand its exact nature and we certainly cannot see it. Biblical teachers may debate whether it is an entity or not, but we agree it is very much present! Just as the oceans contain at least 200,000 unique viral populations (BBC.com), so sin has infected all of mankind. Just as all men must contend with viruses, all men have been infected with sin**

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).*

**Sin entered the world through God’s creatures and it is what separates us from our God. In our efforts to quarantine ourselves from viruses we have separated ourselves from each other. As man tries to quarantine himself from sin through good works he only separates himself even more from God. We cannot cure ourselves. We can only make things worse.**

*“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” - Romans 4:4-5*



*Viruses and sin compared.*

**3. Viruses are parasitical. They cannot reproduce on their own.**

**James says that sin is the result of lust (from the outside) reproducing itself as sin inside the human heart. For a full explanation, read James 1:13-18. Sin cannot reproduce on its own. It requires a host. We sin because we are sinners. We are not innocent victims of sin.**

*“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” - James 1:15*

*Viruses and sin compared.*

#### **4. Viruses appear deceptively similar to natural functions.**

***“They can be defined as a collection of a few molecules of genetic material, nucleic acid covered by a layer of protein mass to shelter themselves.”*** - Lifeliqe

**When we wash our hands singing Happy Birthday, we are exposing the virus for what it is and destroying its mucous like shield. At that point the body can recognize and destroy it.**

**When we cleanse our spiritual hands, we can stave off the spawning of sin in our own lives.**

***“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”*** - James 4:8

**This cleansing is readily available:**

***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*** 1 John 1:9-10.

*Viruses and sin compared.*

## **5. Viruses force the body to do their own bidding.**

***They cannot survive for a long by themselves, therefore they need a host on whom they can 'parasite'. However, this coexistence is only beneficial for the virus, as it takes over its host and forces him to do his bidding by overwriting its genetic material with its own."*** -

Lifelique

**Sin brings bondage and, ironically death.**

***"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness...For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*** - Romans 6:20...23

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**6. Viruses use human cells to manufacture new copies until the victim is overwhelmed.**

*“Cells become a ‘manufactory’ and create many copies of the original virus, which then inflict other ones and continue until the immune system or drugs slows them down or stops them.” - Lifeliqe*

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*Viruses and sin compared.*

## **7. Viruses mutate, making them difficult targets.**

*“Every virus mutates. It is part of the life cycle of the virus.”* .

Healthline.com

***“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”***

**- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

*Viruses and sin compared.*

## **8. Viruses are vulnerable to light.**

***“As the researchers explained, broad-spectrum UVC light kills viruses and bacteria, and it is currently used to decontaminate surgical equipment. But this type of light can cause skin cancer and cataracts, so it’s not used in public spaces.”*** - WebMd

***“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”*** - John 3:20,21

**Conclusion:** The struggle with viruses will likely continue and may even be hinted at in the book of Revelation. The solution for sin, on the other hand has been provided and is freely available to all.

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