Study Guide for *Commentary on Joshua*, by John Calvin

Extra Reading for the course: "The Book of Joshua"

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**Review Questions**

**Introducción**

1. Where does the commentary on Joshua fit into Calvin's life and work?

2. What is Calvin's opinion regarding the author of the Book of Joshua?

3. According to Calvin, what is the lesson from the Book of Joshua regarding losing a key leader?

4. According to Calvin, how did the apparent failure to receive the complete inheritance of Canaan at the time of Joshua become a blessing?

**Capítulo 1**

1. What is Calvin's teaching about why God fulfilled the promises to inherit Canaan, in spite of Israel's unfaithfulness?

2. According to Calvin, what did God imply when He told Joshua not to let the Law "depart from his mouth"?

3. What does Calvin suggest about the timing of Joshua's command for the officers to prepare to cross over the Jordan (Joshua 1:10-11)? When did he give the command?

**Capítulo 2**

1. Does Calvin think Joshua was wrong to send spies to Jericho, showing a lack of trust in God?

2. Does Calvin think that Rahab was a prostitute, or an innkeeper?

3. What is Calvin's view about the lie that Rahab told to protect the spies? Was it a sin?

4. Does Calvin believe that Rahab expressed true faith in the true God?

5. Does Calvin think that the spies showed a lack of faith in God after leaving Jericho, because they went to hide for three days?
Capítulo 3

1. Según Calvin, ¿cuál es la lección que podemos aprender del hecho de que la gente se mantuviera a distancia del arca mientras se preparaban para cruzar el Jordán?

2. ¿Qué dice Calvin sobre los peligros del río Jordán en el momento de la cruzada de Israel?

Capítulo 4

1. Teniendo en cuenta el hecho de que las piedras no hablan, ¿qué enseñanza nos da el monumento de doce piedras levantado en Gilgal acerca de la responsabilidad de los padres?

2. ¿Qué sugiere Calvin sobre cómo las piedras abandonadas en el río sirvieron como testimonio?

3. En qué momento los ríos del Jordán comenzaron a fluir nuevamente?

Capítulo 5

1. ¿Cree Calvin que fue un error circuncidar a todos los varones circuncisos derecho después de cruzar el Jordán?

2. ¿Cree Calvin que el comandante del ejército del Señor que apareció a Joshua cerca de Jericó fue una aparición pre-incarnada de Jesús?

Capítulo 6

1. Calvin dice, "...El Señor a veces, por un tiempo, esconde su propia fuerza bajo ______, y parece burlarse de las cosas más menores, de modo que su debilidad finalmente aparece más fuerte que toda la fuerza, y su locura es superior a toda la sabiduría."

2. ¿Los israelitas estaban supuesto a alentar a todos a quienes atacaban a rendirse, ofreciendo la esperanza de perdón?

3. ¿Quién desobedeció el mandato de nunca reconstruir Jericó y sufrió las consecuencias del castigo?

Capítulo 7

1. Según Calvin, ¿por qué Dios culpó a un pueblo completo por el robo secreto de Achan?
2. What is Calvin's evaluation of Joshua's response to losing the first battle at Ai?

3. What is Calvin's warning about finding the punishment of Achan too severe?

Capítulo 8
1. Calvin suggests two possible reasons that God may have ordered Joshua to carry out a strategic plan of attack on Ai, in contrast with what He asked him to do at Jericho. What are those two possible reasons?

2. Does Calvin think that normally it is not correct to use deceit to defeat an enemy in war?

3. Does Calvin believe that it was cruel and unlawful to hang the king of Ai?

Capítulo 9
1. According to Calvin, why did God tell Israel to offer peace to anyone from Canaan who might surrender?

2. Does Calvin think that Israel was right in keeping their oath to make peace with the Gibeonites, even though the Gibeonites had deceived them?

3. Did Israel keep the promise to save the lives of the Gibeonites? How did they treat them?

Capítulo 10
1. According to Calvin, did the Gibeonites confess their fraud and obtain forgiveness?

2. Did Joshua refuse to help the Gibeonites when they were attacked by the five kings of the Amorites, since they had deceived Israel?

3. Does Calvin think that when Joshua 10:13 says that the sun "stood still," it is only a figure of speech?

Capítulo 11
1. Does the Bible say that God hardened the hearts of the Canaanites?

2. How many cities from Canaan made peace treaties with Israel?
Capítulo 12

1. Calvin points out that the summary in Joshua 12 of the kings and territories conquered by Israel show that there had been a complete fulfillment of the promises made to _______.

2. How many kings were defeated by Israel at the time of Joshua?

Capítulo 13

1. The southern boundary of the Promised Land was to be a river bordering what country?

Capítulo 14

1. What leaders were involved in supervising the distribution of the land to the tribes of Israel?

2. How was the land distributed to the tribes of Israel? How were the leaders involved?

3. Why was the city of Hebron given to Caleb as a special inheritance?

Capítulo 15

1. From what important city did the tribe of Judah fail to drive out all the inhabitants?

Capítulo 16

1. For what is the tribe of Ephraim criticized in Joshua 16?

Capítulo 17

1. Did any women from the tribes of Israel inherit territory in their name?

2. Why did the sons of Joseph complain to Joshua?

Capítulo 18

1. When the whole congregation of Israel assembled at Shiloh, what did they set up there?

2. After the assembly as Shiloh, how many tribes had still not received their inheritance?

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Capítulo 19

1. What was unusual about the territory allotted to the tribe of Simeon?

Capítulo 20

1. Why were all the cities of refuge Levitical cities?

Capítulo 21

1. In general, where were the cities that had been given to the Levites?

2. By the end of the life of Joshua, had the Israelites completely eliminated all the Canaanites from the Promised Land?

Capítulo 22

1. Does Calvin think that the tribes east of the Jordan committed a sin when they built an altar? Why?

Capítulo 23

1. Did Israel separate themselves from the Canaanites and their religious practices?

Capítulo 24

1. Does Calvin think that Joshua was being a weak leader when he told Israel to "choose" whom they would serve?

2. According to Calvin, in his final speech at Shechem, why did Joshua tell Israel that they were unable to serve the Lord?