3rd Quarter – Week 10

(Conquest of Northern Canaan – The Need for Judges)

Day 1 **Joshua 11–12**	**Key Thoughts:** ● The Northern kings form an alliance and gather to fight Israel. The army is large and has advanced weaponry. God promises Joshua the victory (11:1–6). ● Israel launches a sudden ambush and routs the alliance. They then turn back and utterly destroy the cities of the northern kings (11:7–15). ● A summary of Joshua's conquest is recorded. God hardened the hearts of the Canaanites keeping them from seeking peace. The imposing giants, the Anakim, who terrified the original spies are defeated. The land is now under Israel's control bringing in a time of rest (11:16–23). ● Joshua 12 is a transitional chapter summarizing the defeat of 33 kings (12:1–24). **Jesus Christ:** Over and over again Israel was taught to trust in God's power. Jesus teaches His Church to trust only in His power.
Day 2 **Joshua 13–14**	**Key Thoughts:** ● God tells an aging Joshua there is more land to be possessed. The directions on how to divide the land are given. God begins with the dividing of the land East of the Jordan with the Levities receiving no land (13:1–33). ● The land is divided west of the Jordan according to the casting of lots. Nine and a half tribes receive what God intended them to have (14:1–5). ● Caleb asks for Hebron based on the promises from Moses. Joshua blessed him by giving him the land. Caleb was blessed with strength from God being as strong at 85 years of age as he was when he was 40 years old (14:6–15). **Jesus Christ:** Joshua could provide a rest from war on earth, Jesus provides true, lasting spiritual rest (Matt. 11:28).
Day 3 **Joshua 15**	**Key Thoughts:** ● The boarders of the large portion of land given to Judah are defined. Caleb moves into Hebron and conquers and drives out the opposition. Othniel captures Debir and wins Caleb's daughter (15:1–19). ● A long, detailed list of towns grouped by regions are recorded. The regions consist of the Negev, the lowland, the hill country and the wilderness (15:20–62). ● Judah fails to drive out the Jebusites in Jerusalem. The failure will come back to produce future conflicts (15:63). **Jesus Christ:** The city of Jerusalem continues to this day to be a hot spot for conflict. Jesus will be the One to rule over Jerusalem literally and physically in the millennial kingdom. In the meantime, Satan tries to interfere in God's plans for Israel and Jerusalem.

Day 4 **Joshua 16-17**	**Key Thoughts:** ● The children of Joseph are assigned land. Ephraim's allotment is laid out with the borders and towns described. Ephraim makes a mistake by not driving out the Canaanites in Gezer. Instead, they are used for forced labor (16:1-10). ● Joseph's other son, Manasseh, is given an inheritance of land as well. The borders are recorded, and like his brother, he fails to drive out all the Canaanites (16:1-13). ● Ephraim and Manasseh complain their allotment is too small. Joshua tells them to clear out the forest and drive out the enemies using the strength of God (16:14-18). **Jesus Christ:** Joshua's advice to clear the land with the strength of God is echoed in Jesus' words with God all things are possible (Matt. 19:26).
Day 5 **Joshua 18**	**Key Thoughts:** ● The Tabernacle is set up and then Joshua rebukes the seven tribes who had not received their inheritance, failing to inherit their land. Three men from each of the seven tribes map the remaining territory into seven sections (18:1-9). Joshua then cast the lots determining who would receive which section of land before the Lord (18:10). ● The specific borders and cities of Benjamin are defined. Much detail is given about the borders and what families were given (18:11-28). **Jesus Christ:** The seven tribes were rebuked for lack of action. Jesus calls his followers to trust and obey. We are to move forward in faith.
Day 6 **Joshua 19**	**Key Thoughts:** ● Joshua 19 lays out the land allotted to the last six tribes. Simeon received land inside of Judah's excess portion. Zebulun and Issachar receive land in the northern valleys and plains. Asher and Nephtali are allotted land in the coastal and northern mountain regions. Dan received land which they would later expand when they needed more territory (19:1-28). ● When everyone had received their land, Joshua is given an inheritance. The people give Joshua Timnath-Serah (19:49-51). The country is now divided amongst the tribes of Israel. **Jesus Christ:** Joshua goes last putting others before himself. Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of humility and putting others first (Phill. 2:5-7).