Most of the people of the land united to fight against Israel but the Gibeonites set out to flatter and <u>deceive</u> .
A decision was made by Israel to make a covenant with the Gibeonites without seeking <u>counsel</u> from the Lord.
Within three days the deception was <u>revealed</u> and an important lesson was learned.
Questions for Discussion & Application

- 1. What questions do you have about today's passage and message?
- 2. Have you ever made a quick decision that you later regretted?
- 3. What is the danger of making decisions based only upon our own observations and wisdom without seeking the wisdom and direction of God?
- 4. How can we seek counsel from the Lord in our decision making?
- 5. As we make important decisions, why is it important to be mindful that we are in a spiritual battle and are surrounded by enemies?
- 6. Have you experienced enemies of God seeking to flatter and deceive you?
- 7. If you were offering counsel to someone making an important decision, what counsel would you give?