

JOSHUA 10-11 – The Sun Stands Still; The Amorite Kings Executed; Conquest of the Southland; The Northern Conquest; Summary of Joshua's Conquests!

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OUTLINE OF JOSHUA (Chaps. 9-12)

5. Conquest of Southern Canaan (9:1 to 10:43)
 - a. King in Southern Canaan join forces to fight Israel (9:1-2)
 - b. Gibeonites deceive Israel into making a league with them (9:3-27)
 - c. Five Kings of the Amorites threaten war with Gibeon (10:1-5)
 - d. Gibeonites call for Israel to help them (10:6-7)
 - e. Defeat of the five kings - the sun stood still (10:8-27)
 - f. Finishing the task in Southern Canaan (10:28-43)
6. Conquest of Northern Canaan (11:1-15) 11:6; be not afraid. God delivers victory I John 5:4
7. Summary of the conquest of Canaan (11:16 to 12:24)

JOSHUA 10 – The Sun Stands Still:

Jos 10:1 Now it came to pass when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it—as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king—and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, Jos 10:2 that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

Jos 10:3 Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram (undomesticated animal) king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying,

Jos 10:4 "Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel."

Jos 10:5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it.

Jos 10:6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us."

Jos 10:7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

Joshua - An Illustration of the Spirit Filled Life!

Following Israel's defeat in their first attempt to take Ai. Realizing the reason was sin in the camp and resolving that sin of Achan, in chapter 7, we now come into chapter 8 – obedience after defeat – and then victory!

vs. 1-2 First mention of Jerusalem. Adoni-Zedek (Lord of Righteousness – but actually a hater of God's children), king of Jerusalem and its inhabitants were fearing greatly because of what God had done for Israel in defeating Jericho and Ai as well as the making of peace with Gibeon. AZ feared that other cities might do as the Gibeonites had done, thereby undermining his authority. **Type of anti-christ, maybe self-righteousness**, always a battle after moving toward or for the Lord.

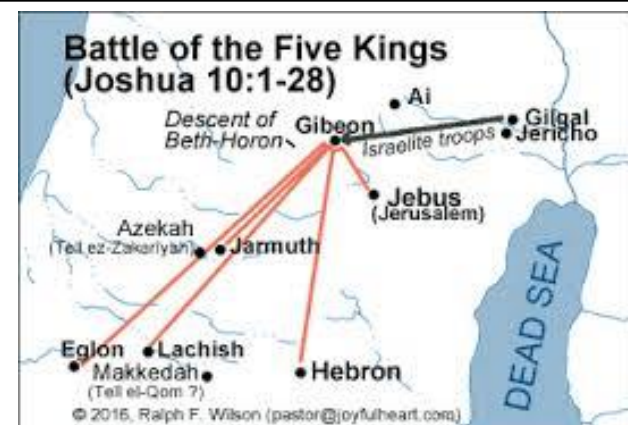
vs. 3-4 Adoni-Zedek is making a five city confederation, with the kings (for the first time their names are mentioned) – Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, Eglon for the purpose of unifying a fight against Israel, starting with the attack of Gibeon. They wanted to make an example of Gibeon, befriending Israel.

v. 5 Now the kings and their armies came out of their walled cities, gathered together and went up against Gibeon. Notice the grace of God in that it will be much easier for Israel to defeat the confederation out in the open instead of taking each city, one by one.

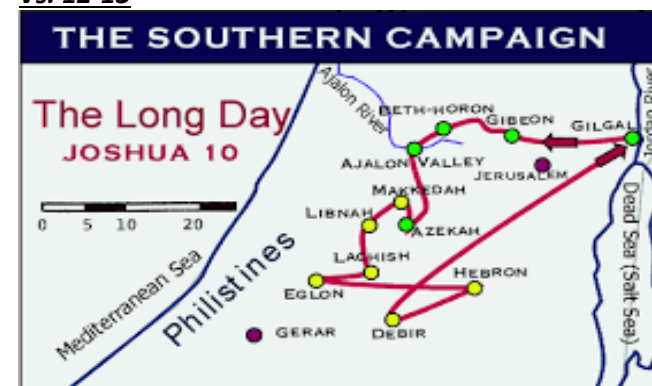
v. 6 The men of Gibeon sent an emergency plea for help to Joshua, to save us and help us! Here we see **one of the problems in making alliances with the ungodly**. This battle was not necessary if Israel had not previously made the covenant with them. **Cf. 2 Cor. 6:14** *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

vs. 7-8 Faithful to the covenant, Joshua responded and went up to Gilgal with all the people of war. The LORD graciously spoke to them telling them not to fear for He has delivered all of them into His hand. God tells them they are going to have victory even before battle! How wonderful to have a word from the Lord! We are more than conquerors!

Rom. 8:37 turning Israel's blunder into a blessing!



Vs. 12-13



v. 1. Do you see this battle as one for “Jerusalem”? Do you think Jerusalem is **the geo center of the universe**? Before the foundation of the world, the Lamb was slain!

vs. 3-4 Whenever we come into closeness, “an alliance” with our Lord, **we can always expect attack and resistance** from the enemy, the evil one and his workers of iniquity. Israel is never been right until the right king has been put in place. King David in Jerusalem. It's also truth in our heart. The right king has to be in the right place. Our Lord, in the first place in our heart! No Adoni-Zedek to have any place in our throne!

v. 7 Joshua, the name (type) of our Savior, did not hesitate to come to the Gibeon's aid, turning Israel blunder into a blessing! A wonderful reminder **that our Joshua will never fail to come to the aid of anyone who calls upon Him!**

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Jos 10:8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you."

Jos 10:9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal.

Jos 10:10 So the LORD routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makedah.

Jos 10:11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

Jos 10:12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."

Jos 10:13 So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

Jos 10:14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

Jos 10:15 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

The Amorite Kings Executed:

Jos 10:16 But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makedah.

Jos 10:17 And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makedah."

Jos 10:18 So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them.

Jos 10:19 And do not stay there yourselves, but pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand."

Jos 10:20 Then it happened, while Joshua and the children of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they had finished, that those who escaped entered fortified cities.

v. 9 Notice following the promise from God that Joshua and his army marched all night long. Must have been a great feat, going over 20 miles up an elevation increase of more than 4000 feet!

v. 10 So the LORD routed them, giving them a great slaughter of the enemy at Gibeon and chased them toward Beth Horon.

v. 11 As the enemies were descending from Gibeon, the LORD joined the battle and rained down large hailstones, which caused **more fatal casualties than those killed by the sword.** Notice how the hail only hits the enemy. What an aim! Also the god of the enemy, Baal, was supposed to be over nature and the weather. What a defeat by our God! **Rev. 16:21** God uses the **"stoning" of the enemy, with the hail, as punishment for blasphemy!**

v. 12 In the middle of this battle, Joshua realizes that although the battle is going great, there is more enemy to be killed than there is daylight. So he makes this public prayer, "Sun, stand still over Gibeon and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon!"

vs. 13-14 So God answered Joshua's prayer, giving another day of daylight, adding the supernatural, necessary to accomplish what He calls us to do! He will do, even though there are battles, whatever is supernaturally necessary to possess what is promised in the New Testament! This is one of the greatest miracles in all the Bible! It seems He is messing with the whole universe to accomplish this miracle. Great spiritual lesson here.

Joshua's steps of victory:

1 Believing His word (vs.8) -3000 specific promises? 5000?

2 Doing his best! Faith without works is dead! Made the march! Lord, I'll march all night, if necessary!

3 Calls on God! (vs. 12) – without Me you can do nothing

4 Speak in faith! (vs. 12-13) – Sun stand still! **"confess with your mouth" "Mountain, be removed" why not, fear!**

v. 15 Following this victory, Joshua and the army went back to Gilgal.

vs. 16-20 Joshua a great leader, has the priority. He realizes the defeat of the enemy is first and that the LORD has deliver the kings into his hand. He encloses the cave where the five kings were hiding, preventing them from escaping back to their cities and had the army continue to battle, making an end of slaying with a great slaughter.

v. 8 It's wonderful how the LORD encouraged Joshua before the battle: Going up against five kings now. So far, it's been one city at a time, now there are five of the major cities that have gathered together and you're heading out to meet them. And God says, "Don't be afraid, Joshua: I have delivered them into your hand." So again, this is stepping out and possessing that which God has promised already. Even as God has given us so many glorious promises that are just waiting for us to claim, waiting for us to possess. **There is so much for us in the Christian walk, there are victories for us in our Christian walk that are just waiting for us to go in and lay claim.** Even as God said to Joshua, "Every place you put your foot, I have given that to you as your possession."

v. 9 There are times when being in the perfect will of God, we must act quickly and endure hardships in securing His victory. The army had to march all night, over 20 miles, climbing more than 3,000 feet in elevation. Have you experienced times when you know it was time to stop primarily praying and begin action?

v. 10 We see here another example of victory following obedience.

v. 11 What a supernatural miracle! Large hailstones coming down only on the enemy, inflicting more casualties than those dying by the sword! What demonstration of power and the timing of our LORD!

v. 12 Joshua realizes that although the battle is going great, there is more enemy to be killed than there is daylight. So he makes this public prayer, "Sun, stand still over Gibeon and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon"! Is there anything to hard for God?

vs. 13-14 The Bible teaches us that God can add the supernatural, necessary to accomplish what He calls us to do! Here we see one of the greatest miracles in all the Bible! It seems He is messing with the whole universe to accomplish this miracle. Great spiritual lesson here. God will provide or do whatever it takes! Can you think back and see supernatural things that He has done in your life?

v. 16-18 Notice the thoroughness of Joshua's planning and leadership, he doesn't waste time with the kings until the battle is secured.

vs. 19-20 By putting the kings on hold, Joshua purses the enemy and is given a great victory!

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Jos 10:21 And all the people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace. No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

Jos 10:22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave."

Jos 10:23 And they did so, and brought out those five kings to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

Jos 10:24 So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." And they drew near and put their feet on their necks.

Jos 10:25 Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight."

Jos 10:26 And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging on the trees until evening.

Jos 10:27 So it was at the time of the going down of the sun that Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, cast them into the cave where they had been hidden, and laid large stones against the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

Conquest of the Southland:

Jos 10:28 On that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them—all the people who were in it. He let none remain. He also did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Jos 10:29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah; and they fought against Libnah.

Jos 10:30 And the LORD also delivered it and its king into the hand of Israel; he struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword. He let none remain in it, but did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

v. 21 *No one moved his tongue* - There is now great respect for Israel and their God. The victory of the battle has been overwhelming.

vs. 22-23 Now that the battle is over, Joshua attends to the five kings. Open the mouth of the cave and bring the kings out. God had preserved them to this point and now a solemn ending of the victory will be embellished by the killing of the five kings.

v. 24 The captains were told to put their feet on their necks. This was an ancient symbol of complete subjugation of the enemy.

v. 25 Joshua in telling his men not to be afraid or dismayed, to be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies whom you fight. This exhortation is not a result of pride on Joshua's part, but is being done **to build and encourage their faith!** This is not just one victory but if we obey God, He will do this for us in the future as well. Joshua made this a learning experience.

vs. 26-27 This killing of the kings and hanging them on trees and then to put them back into the cave with large stones sealing them in the cave, was to show everyone in the land that this is the result of fighting against Israel and their God.

vs. 28-30 Using the momentum of the victorious battles, on very quick strikes, he took three other cities, and royal cities too. Makkedah, into the neighborhood of which the five kings had fled, which brought Joshua and his forces into pursuit of them, and so hastened its defeat (*Jos_10:28*), Libnah (*Jos_10:29, Jos_10:30*), and Debir, *Jos_10:38, Jos_10:39*.

vs. 22-23 Now that the battle is over, Joshua attends to the five kings. God had preserved them to this point and now a solemn ending of the victory will be emphasized by the killing of the five kings.

v. 24 The captains were told to put their feet on their necks. This was an ancient symbol of complete subjugation and conquering of the enemy.

v. 25 Once again Joshua in telling his men not to be afraid or dismayed, but to be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies whom you fight. This exhortation is not a result of pride on Joshua's part, but is being done **to build and encourage their faith! He could teach with authority because of the things that had happened to him!! Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed!** Not just one victory but if we obey God, but future victories as well. Joshua made this a learning experience.

vs. 26-27 Joshua makes a victory statement by the killing and hanging of the defeated kings.

v. 28 Notice how Joshua takes full advantage of the extra daylight hours, the days immediately thereafter, and the weakening of the enemy by the LORD!

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Jos 10:31 Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish; and they encamped against it and fought against it.

Jos 10:32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

Jos 10:33 Then Hiram king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he left him none remaining.

Jos 10:34 From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it and fought against it.

Jos 10:35 They took it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword; all the people who were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

Jos 10:36 So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it.

Jos 10:37 And they took it and struck it with the edge of the sword—its king, all its cities, and all the people who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but utterly destroyed it and all the people who were in it.

Jos 10:38 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and they fought against it.

Jos 10:39 And he took it and its king and all its cities; they struck them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the people who were in it. He left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had done also to Libnah and its king.

Jos 10:40 So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded.

Jos 10:41 And Joshua conquered them from Kadesh Barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even as far as Gibeon.

Jos 10:42 All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

Jos 10:43 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

vs. 31-37 The cities of three of the kings whom he had conquered in the field he went and took possession of, Lachish (*Jos_10:31, Jos_10:32*), Eglon (*Jos_10:34, Jos_10:35*), and Hebron, *Jos_10:36, Jos_10:37*. The other two, Jerusalem and Jarmuth, were not taken at this time; perhaps his forces were either so much fatigued with what they had done or so well content with what they had got that they had no mind to attack those places, and so they let slip the best opportunity they could ever expect of reducing them with ease, which afterwards was not done without difficulty.

v. 33 One king that brought in his forces for the relief of Lachish, that had lost its king, proved to meddle to his own hurt; it was Hiram king of Gezer, who, either in friendship to his neighbors or for his own security, offered to stop the progress of Joshua's arms, and was cut off with all his forces, *Jos_10:33*. Thus wicked men are often snared in their plans, and, by opposing God in the way of His judgments, bring them sooner on their own heads.

vs. 40-43 A general account of the country which was hereby defeated and brought into Israel's hands (*Jos_10:40-42*), that part of the land of Canaan of which they first got possession, which lay south of Jerusalem, and afterwards fell, for the most part, to the lot of the tribe of Judah. Notice the great speed Joshua made in taking these cities. He seemed to fly like lightning from place to place; and though they all stood it out to the last man, and none of these cities opened their gates to him, yet in a short time he got them all into his hands, summoned them, and seized them, the same day (*Jos_10:28*), or in two days, *Jos_10:32*. Now that they were struck with fear, by the defeat of their armies and the death of their kings, Joshua prudently followed his blow. See what a great deal of work may be done in a little time, if we will but be busy and improve our opportunities. But they could not have gotten the victory if God had not undertaken the battle; then we conquer when God fights for us; and, if He be for us, who can be against us?

v. 31-43 There were many tremendous quick victories for Joshua and Israel, but notice who is behind and responsible the victories – “*because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel*. How is your experience in fighting your own battles? In relying on the Lord to fight them?

Is the “long day” literal?

Did Joshua just do two days work in one?

No, the Bible says there never was a day like it?

Does history talk about it?

Jos 10:14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY – F. Crosby – Joslin Grove Choral

To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.(Refrain)

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

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JOSHUA 11 – The Northern Conquest:

*Jos 11:1 And it came to pass, when **Jabin king of Hazor** heard these things, that he sent to **Jobab king of Madon**, to the king of **Shimron**, to the king of **Achshaph**,
Jos 11:2 and to the kings who were from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of **Chinneroth** (“harp”, another name for the Sea of Galilee) in the lowland, and in the heights of **Dor** on the west,*

Jos 11:3 to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of Mizpah.

Jos 11:4 So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots.

*Jos 11:5 And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of **Merom** (valley near **Megiddo**) to fight against Israel.*

Jos 11:6 But the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.”

*Jos 11:7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of **Merom**, and they attacked them.*

*Jos 11:8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to **Greater Sidon**, to the **Brook Misrephoth**, and to the **Valley of Mizpah** eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining.*

Jos 11:9 So Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him: he hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots with fire. (Ps. 20:7 – don’t trust in chariots; in horses!)

*Jos 11:10 Joshua turned back at that time and took **Hazor**, and struck its king with the sword; for **Hazor** was formerly the head of all those kingdoms.*

*Jos 11:11 And they struck all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left breathing. Then he burned **Hazor** with fire.*

*Jos 11:12 So all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took and struck with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them, as **Moses the servant of the LORD** had commanded.*

Stealth, speed and knowledge of the terrain! Import factors in Joshua campaign. Still emphasized by the IDF of Israel! **But we know his real strength was that he wholly followed after the Lord!** Spend time with the Lord-He will tell you what to do!

vs. 1-3 After Joshua had concluded his victorious campaign in the South, now he turns his attention to the North. Joshua’s battles are still taught at West Point, also the Prussian military strategists.

v. 4 A massive coalition! **Josephus says 300,000 troops; 10,000 cavalry; 20,000 chariots!** Although these kings had the superiority of numbers of men, as well as numbers of horses and chariot, **Israel had the trump card – the LORD God of Israel!**

v. 5 We see the **kings gathering together**. Here we have the same thing, the kings leave their own wall protected cities. In the short term this is a most difficult situation. Israel was totally outnumbered, but God will give them a tremendous victory over this consortium of northern kings.

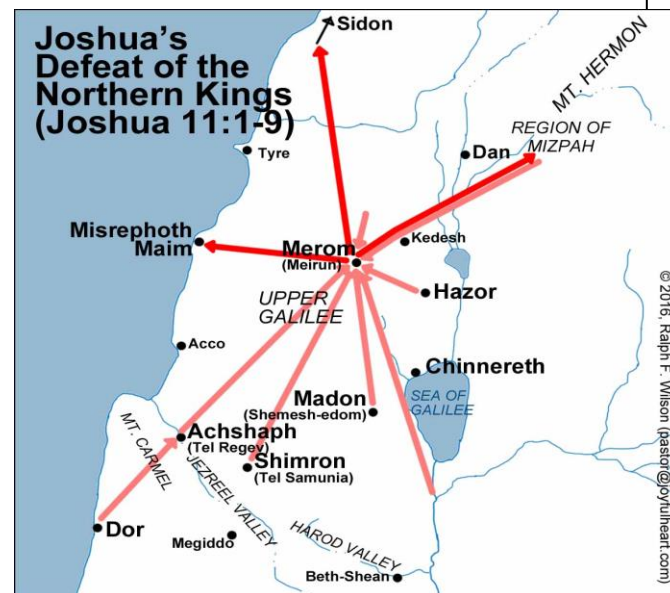
v. 6 Notice the promise in advance by the LORD that He would deliver a victory over this huge enemy “tomorrow about this time”. Joshua was to **hamstringing the many horses of the enemy**.

Why? Was it not that He didn’t want Israel to rely on military strength from horses and chariots in future battles, but to solely rely on Him? Don’t multiply horses! 2 Kgs. 23:11 (“horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun”)
v. 7 Suddenly - As before at Gibeon, Joshua anticipates his enemies. **Taken by surprise, and hemmed in between the mountains and the lake, the chariots and horses would have no time to deploy and no room to act effectively;** and thus, the large, unwieldy host of the Canaanites fell at once into **hopeless confusion**.

v. 8 One portion of the defeated host fled north-westward toward Sidon; the other northeastward up to the Valley of Mizpah.

v. 9 How important it is to notice the obedience of Joshua after the victory! Sometimes after He gives us a great victory, our flesh can be so perverse that we “re-think” it. **It’s important to be doubly on-guard to be very obedient as the Lord has led us.**

vs. 10-13 We see here the third city that was burned with fire. So far only Jericho, Ai and Hazor are told to have been burned with fire. In His love and grace, God didn’t want to have His children destroy everything, but He is giving them the majority of cities as a blessing, intact to live in and to use. **Deu 6:10** “So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build,



vs. 4-5 God’s grace is clearly shown in giving a huge victory, over not just one city at a time. Whereas the army was most likely thinking of taking a city at a time, the LORD brings many kings and their armies out into the open, away from their protective walls, and the LORD wipes them all out at once.

How often do you ask the LORD for deliverance from a small thing and He, even though you may have to go through difficulties and wait, He then delivers you from many times what you envisioned and prayed for?

vs. 6-9 God had Joshua destroy the enemy chariots and hamstringing their horses, so Israel **would not have them and use them in future battles, thereby eliminating their need for God**. A most import thing at this point is the obedience of Joshua after the victory! Sometimes after He gives us a great victory, our flesh can be so self-centered that we “re-think” the victory was because of what we did! It’s important to be doubly on-guard to be very obedient as the Lord has led us.

v. 10-14 We see God’s grace in **not destroying the majority of the cities, so that Israel would have use of them?** Sound familiar to what He has done in your life. Using past defeats for your victory?

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Jos 11:13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only, which Joshua burned.

Jos 11:14 And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the children of Israel took as booty for themselves; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they left none breathing.

Jos 11:15 As the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

Summary of Joshua's Conquests!

Jos 11:16 Thus Joshua took all this land: the mountain country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, and the Jordan plain—the mountains of Israel and its lowlands,

Jos 11:17 from Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings, and struck them down and killed them.

Jos 11:18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

Jos 11:19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All the others they took in battle.

Jos 11:20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, and that they might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Jos 11:21 And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

Jos 11:22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.

Jos 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war.

v. 14 All the spoil of these cities - Israel took - With the exception of those things which had been employed for idolatrous purposes.

v. 15 so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses. both with respect to the destruction of the people, and of all their images, pictures, altars, groves, and high places.

*v. 16-17 Joshua made war a long time with the kings and their armies. It took a long time. It's estimated that it took **7 years (because of the age of Caleb 85-38-40)** to conquer the land – from the time they entered the land until verse 18. So as with us, it's takes time to enter into Christian maturity. There are hundreds of promises in the New Testament. It takes a lifetime to take these promises into our lives. Notice Paul had been **in the ministry for at least 25 years** when he wrote the in - Php 3:12-14 *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. [13] Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14] I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

v.18 We can notice the element of time here. Even in great victories often there is the requirement for complete obedience to God over an extended period of time.

vs. 19-20 All the others - Namely, all that were taken by Joshua, were taken by the sword, and therefore it is no wonder that the war was long, when the enemy was so obstinate.

v. 21-22 The giants which the Israelite had been so fearful of, have now all been defeated. We see here, the foes of 40 years ago fall. They were no match for an army that was blessed and directed by God.

v. 23 The overall conquest has now been completed, but there are pockets which will need taking, but these will be taken by smaller battles, not involving the whole army

v. 15 When we give God complete obedience and wait for Him, we can always count on Him giving total victory! Have you experienced that?

vs. 16-19 Two things we need to give to Him – To give **Him our obedience**; To give **Him time to knock out the things that need to be removed in our lives which are hindering us**. If we give Him these two things, there will always be victory! Patience is required in this. There should always be our moving forward! We have an enemy who is against us. It will take the Christian a lifetime to take the many, many promises to us in the New Testament.

v. 20 Notice how in God's grace and mercy, He draws the enemy against Israel in battle in that He might utterly destroy them!

vs. 21-22 The giants which the Israelite had been so fearful of, have now all been defeated. The foes of 40 years ago fall. They were no match for an army that was blessed and directed by God. What a lesson for us! What of your former giants has He totally defeated over time?

v. 23 *So Joshua took the whole land!* This sums up the whole 11 chapters! It was all God and His sovereignty, but Joshua and Israel had their role! **Same with us!!! We have tremendous promises. Does that absolve us of our responsibilities? No, we have our roles! We're saved simply and solely by His blood shed on the cross, but our growth, our rewards will be based on our faithfulness**

1Jn 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. !

An important progression for us to recognize and understand! Obedience; Victory; Peace

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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