

GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

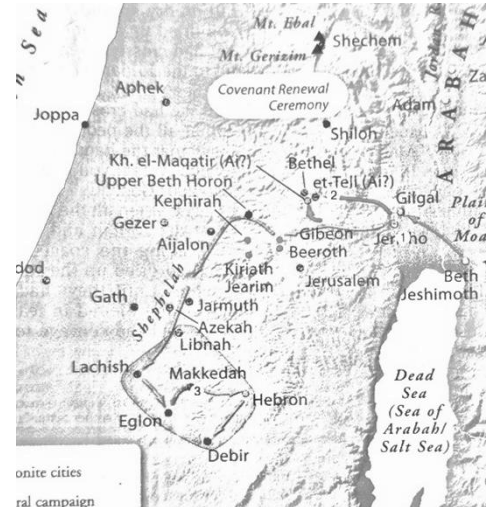
If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

Joshua 10

"All these kings and their lands Joshua conquered in one campaign, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel." Joshua 10:42

Read Joshua 10:1–8.

1. List each king with his territory (see the map):
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
2. How is Gibeon described in this passage?



What reason does Adoni-Zedek have for attacking Gibeon?

3. The Gibeonites can appeal to Joshua for help on the basis of the treaty (or covenant) that Joshua made with them. What does this illustrate about our relationship with the Lord?

Read Joshua 10:9–15.

4. List the ways the Lord fights on Israel's behalf. (vv. 10, 11, 14)
5. How is Joshua a picture of Christ in verses 12-14?
6. Verse 14 indicates that Joshua has a unique relationship with the Father. In the New Testament we see that the man Jesus (Joshua) has an even more unique relationship to the Father. If we are united to Him, what does that mean for our relationship with the Father?
7. Describe Israel's contribution to the success of the battle.
8. In what ways does this battle help you to understand the nature of the Christian life? (Phil. 2:12-13)

Read Joshua 10:16–28.

9. Why do you think Joshua has his army's commanders put their feet on the necks of the Amorite kings? (v. 24)
10. What similarities and differences can you see between the Amorite kings' being hung on trees after they were killed and Jesus' death on the cross? (Deut. 21:22-23)

Read Joshua 10:29–39.

11. Trace the progression of the Israelite's battles on your map of the promised land. From a military perspective, what do you think makes the success of this campaign so important?
12. What phrases keep reoccurring in the descriptions of each of these battles?
13. What light does Deut. 20:16–18 shed on Joshua's treatment of the inhabitants of these cities?
 - a. How does the destruction of the inhabitants of these cities reflect God's holiness? (Hab. 1:13; Ps. 5:4)
 - b. How does God call us to deal with sin in our own lives as Christians? (Matt. 5:29-30; Col. 3:5)

Read Joshua 10:40–43.

14. What reason is given for Joshua's overwhelming success during this campaign? (v. 42)
15. What indication do you get from these verses that Joshua is learning obedience?
16. Reflect on what, in your own life, would show that you are becoming more obedient.