

JOSHUA 10 SUN STANDS STILL Part II
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Review

Joshua 1: *Strong in the Lord*
Joshua 2: *Spies*
Joshua 3: *Surge*
Joshua 4: *Stones*
Joshua 5: *Sacrament*
Joshua 5: *Supreme Commander*
Joshua 6: *Sound of the trumpet*
Joshua 7: *Sin*
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Joshua 9: *Schemers*

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Joshua 10:16

1. The five kings are the five kings from vs. 3: Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmouth, Lachish, & Eglon

Joshua 10:17

2. Cave of Makkedah - not sure of the location of the city, and therefore the cave is unknown.
3. Joshua = Jesus; the book of Joshua is a foreshadowing of Christ's conquering and victory. This is a foreshadowing of Revelation 6:15-17. *The kings hide in the caves because Christ is too much for them*

Joshua 10:18

4. What does Joshua have the men do?
a. *Roll large stones*
b. *Post a guard*

Joshua 10:19

5. Write down the four commands that Joshua commands his army to do:
a. *Don't stop*
b. *Pursue your enemies*
c. *Attack them from the rear*
d. *Don't let them reach the cities*

6. How does Joshua command? *With urgency*

7. Why? Three reasons - first is in the text; second and third reasons require a thinking cap.
a. *The Lord has given them into your hands.*
b. *The kings were no longer leading their troops. Block them up and their troops won't rally as easily; they won't fight as well without their kings.*
c. *It is easier to fight behind the walls; fighting another day when they have had a chance to recover will be harder than having hail strike them down - long days or dark days.*

Practical Application: *Do we keep our focus or do we get distracted from our goal?*

Joshua 10:20

8. How successful was Joshua and the Israelites? *Very - "destroyed them completely."*
9. Why did he have to destroy them completely? *Incredibly evil - following the command of the Lord*

Joshua 10:21

10. The second miracle is the most well known. The first miracle is almost as outstanding. The third miracle is often overlooked. If mentioned, it is mentioned only in passing.
 - a. 1st miracle - 10:11: *hailstones killed more than the swords*
 - b. 2nd miracle - 10:13: *sun ceased shining (not hot) or continued shining*
 - c. 3rd miracle - 10:21: Think of the game Risk "*The whole army then returned safely.*"
11. "No one uttered a word against the Israelites" uncertain meaning. No Israelite grumbled, complained, because there were no Israelite died.

Joshua 10:22-23

12. Probably the next day after the sun ceased.

Joshua 10:24

13. Feet: A common theme in the Bible
 - a. Genesis 3:15
 - b. Deuteronomy 33:29
 - c. I Kings 5:3
 - d. Psalm 8:6
 - e. Psalm 18:37-39
 - f. Psalm 110:1
 - g. Romans 16:20
 - h. I Corinthians 15:25-27
 - i. Ephesians 1:22
 - j. Hebrews 2:7-8

Joshua 10:25

14. What does Joshua say to the army commanders? *Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged*
15. Why does he have to say it? They just witnessed three miracles. *To encourage them that God has indeed given them the victory.*
16. Fulfillment of prophecy: Genesis 9:25-27 *Canaanites were cursed (not the blacks)*

Joshua 10:26

17. What does Joshua do to the five kings?
 - a. *Kills them*
 - b. *Hangs them on a tree*
 - c. Deuteronomy 21:22-23
 - d. What other king has he hung on a tree? *Ai*

Joshua 10:27

18. Why did Joshua take the bodies down at sunset? It was a common practice to expose the dead for days - a clear warning sign.
Obeys Deuteronomy 21:22-23

Joshua 10:28

19. What does he do to Makkedah? *Puts the city and the king to the sword*
20. What does he do the king of Makkedah? *Hangs him on a tree - then pile of rocks*
21. How many kings has he killed? *Eight: Jericho, Ai, the five kings, and now Makkedah*

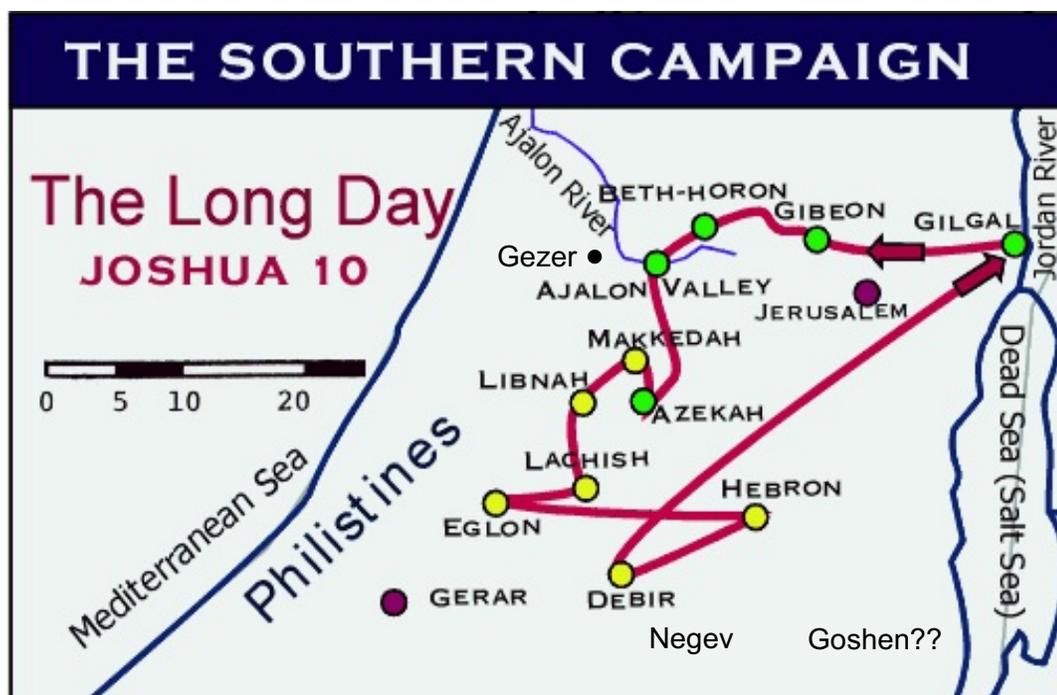


Figure 1: Map for Joshua 10: The Southern Campaign http://wwwFOUNDATIONSforFreedom.net/References/OT/Historical/Joshua/Joshua06-12/Joshua10-e_12-43_Pursuing_More.html accessed on 03 May 13

Joshua 10:29-39

22. Five Kings of Joshua 10:3 & 23
Jerusalem
- Makkedah Joshua 10:28
Libnah Joshua 10:29
Hebron Joshua 10:26
- Hebron
Jarmuth (Khirbet Yarmuk)
Lachish (Tel el-Duweir)
Eglon (Tel el-Hesi)
(current places)
- Lachish Joshua 10:31
Eglon Joshua 10:34
Debir Joshua 10:38
Gezer Joshua 10:33 (not captured but defeated)
I Kings 9:16

23. Note that Jerusalem is **NOT** conquered. Who will capture Jerusalem and how? *David captures Jerusalem through the water shaft - II Samuel 5:6-8*
24. In Joshua 10:26 Joshua kills the king of Hebron. In Joshua 10:37 he kills the king of Hebron. Is this a contradiction? *No. Hebron has a new king after the first one is killed. It could be his son, or it could be an elected one. The southern campaign did not occur instantly.*
25. What did he do to the kings of Libnah (vs. 30), Hebron (vs. 37), and Debir (vs. 39)? *Hanged them, then piled stones*
26. How many kings have been killed and rocks piled on them? *11 in total: Jericho and Ai; Makkedah; the five kings (Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, & Eglon); and Libnah, Hebron and Debir*
27. How long did it take to conquer Makkedah, Libnah, Hebron, Eglon, and Debir? *One day*

28. Why is this unusual? *These are all walled cities*
29. In vs. 33, who else attacks? *King Horam of Gezer*
30. II Kings 18:13-14. Sennacherib had captured all the fortified cities in Judah. Bas reliefs
http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/galleries/middle_east/room_10b_assyria_siege_of_la.aspx
31. II Chronicles 25:27. Amaziah flees to the second strongest city.
32. Jeremiah 34:6-7. What are the three cities that Nebuchadnezzar had not conquered yet?
- Jerusalem*
 - Lachish*
 - Azekah*
33. How long did it take to capture Lachish? *On the second day*
34. What is the fourth miracle? *Capture of all the walled cities in a day*
- John Calvin: "Therefore, when he takes one the following day, and another the very day after attacking it, these continued, easy, and rapid victories, are evidently beyond human agency."

Joshua 10:40-41

35. How victorious was Joshua? *Totally destroyed every major city*
36. Joshua did not kill the inhabitants of the land because he wanted to, but because he was ordered to. God specifically commanded the total destruction, including men, women, and children. (More on this next lesson.)
37. Goshen is the eastern Negev - 15:1 (NOT the Goshen of Egypt) (see map) Thus, "Goshen to Gibeon" means from the south desert to north of Jerusalem.

Practical Application: *Do we do "just as the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded?" May that be our epitaph.*

Joshua 10:42

38. Look up:
- vs. 8
 - vs. 12
 - vs. 14
 - vs. 19
 - vs. 25
39. How had the Lord fought for Israel? See questions 10 & 34.
- Hailstones*
 - Sun ceases*
 - Whole army returns*
 - Fortified wall cities are captured*

Joshua 10:43

40. Upon completion, they go back to Gilgal. What had the Israelites done at Gilgal in chapter 5? *Celebrated the sacraments: Circumcision and Passover*

Practical Applications:¹

- Short term gains or long term goals.*
- Encouragement, not browbeating.*
- Past errors, defeat at Ai and Gibeon, did not hinder his action. Philippians 3:13-14: "Forgetting what is behind . . . I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*
- Joshua believed God, not in God. James 2:19*
- Joshua obeyed God. Joshua 10:40*

¹ Boice, 90-92.