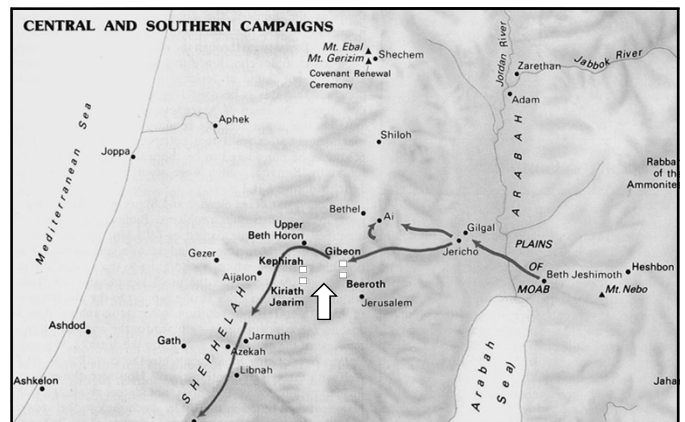


Inheriting the Land of Promise
JOSHUA

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and do not lean on your own
understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Now it came about when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country and in the lowland and on all the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it,
² that they gathered themselves together with one accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

Joshua 9:1-2



Deception of Gibeon

- *tangible evidence* – every appearance that they had traveled a long distance
- *plausible explanation* – heard the report of Yahweh's great deeds
- *commendable desire* – to make a treaty with Israel and be their servants

Deception of Gibeon

1. The necessity of the Lord's counsel

- there is a danger in relying only upon your own understanding
- we are prone to neglect the Lord's counsel when things are going well and decisions are seemingly obvious or insignificant

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2. The priority of the Lord's honor

- breaking an oath/covenant dishonors the name of the Lord and implies He cannot be trusted
- e.g. marriage covenant

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- we are called to live obediently in the circumstances brought by our folly

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3. The wideness of the Lord's mercy

- a people under the judgment of God escape His judgment by their submission and are included in the people of God
- an example of God's sovereign purpose being served by the foolish error of His people