

## Inheriting the Land of Promise JOSHUA

Now it came about when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had utterly destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king), and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were within their land,

<sup>2</sup>that he 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.

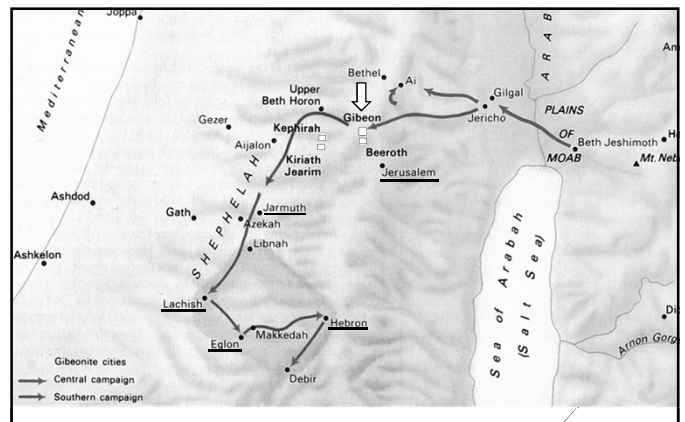
<sup>3</sup>Therefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent *word* to Hoham king of Hebron and to Piram king of Jarmuth and to Japhia king of Lachish and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

<sup>4</sup>"Come up to me and help me, and let us attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel."

<sup>5</sup> So 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 with all their armies, and camped by Gibeon and fought against it.

<sup>6</sup> Then the men of Gibeon sent *word* to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us."

Joshua 10:1-6



### A. Overarching Lesson

#### ❖ *The battle belongs to the Lord*

- Yahweh, the warrior, fights for His people and subdues their enemies under their feet
- as God's people, we are not to fear or be dismayed, but be strong and courageous in following the Lord

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#### ❖ *The battle belongs to the Lord*

- Joshua is a type of Christ – all enemies will be put under His feet (c.f. 1 Cor. 15:25-26)

## B. Perspectives on Providence

### 1. God's Good Design

- the Lord's purpose is not thwarted but served by the foolish error of His people
- c.f. Romans 8:28

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### 2. Motivation for Action

- God's sovereignty, rightly used, does not discourage but energizes human response
- though completely self-sufficient, God is pleased to use our actions as His ordinary means of accomplishing His purpose

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### 3. The Miracle/Mystery of Prayer

- the extraordinary nature of prayer is that God listens and responds to the voice of man!
- God has ordained prayer as a real cause to real events