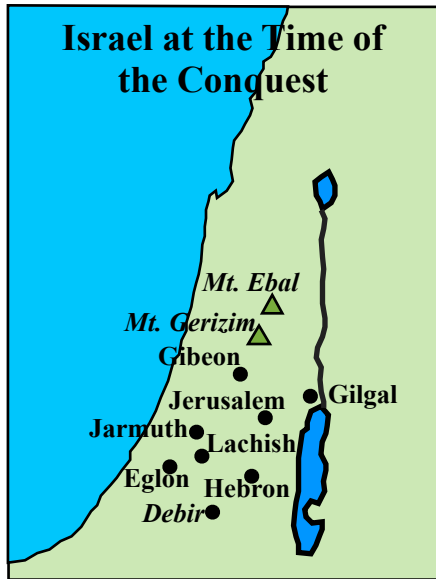


The Value of Teamwork



The Merger

Josh. 10:1 Now Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and were living near them. 2 He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters. 3 So Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon. 4 "Come up and help me attack Gibeon," he said, "because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites." 5 Then the five kings of the Amorites — the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon — joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it.

-- This is the _____ mention of Jerusalem in the Bible.

Gen. 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. . . .

1Chr. 11:4 David and all the Israelites marched to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus). . . .

-- The king's _____ -- Adoni-Zedek -- "_____ of righteousness."

-- The king was "very much alarmed" because of the Israelites and their _____ (particularly what they do to kings!) and because the Gibeonites were good _____ (gibborim).

-- The king asked four other "kings" to _____ with him and attack Gibeon -- for they had made _____ with the Israelites.

The Miracle

Josh. 10:6 The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us." 7 So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. 8 The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." 9 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. 10 The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, who defeated them in a great victory at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. 11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky, and more of

them died from the hailstones than were killed by the swords of the Israelites. 12 On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: "O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." 13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. 14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel! 15 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

1. The Gibeonites _____ for _____!

2. Joshua's response: (How would you have responded?)

Joshua _____ his promise and took his _____ fighting men.

God _____ Joshua for this and made him a _____.

3. The Israelite army _____ the armies of the five kings and _____ them. God did much of the work by . . .

-- _____ the armies;

-- And by throwing _____.

4. Joshua made a request of God in _____ of his people-- that the sun would _____ still -- and God honored the request. (Jashar)

How do we understand this? (NASA found the lost day??NO)

-- _____?

-- The earth stopped its _____?

-- God provided _____ in another _____?

Please note that this is the _____ miracle recorded in Scriptures for _____ of years!

The Military Campaign

Josh. 10:42 All these kings and their lands Joshua conquered in one campaign, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. 43 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

1. _____ cities were destroyed in _____ campaign. The southern part of Israel was _____.

2. _____ of Israel participated.

Lessons

1. God _____; God _____; and God expects us to finish the work (but we can always count on His _____.)

2. Joshua asked God for something _____ and God _____.

3. _____ is how victories are won!