

# JOSHUA 10 vs 1

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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Destruction of the Amorite coalition,

**1 Now it happened, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;**

**2 that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty.**

**3 Wherefore Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem, sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,**

**4 Come up to me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.**

**5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.**

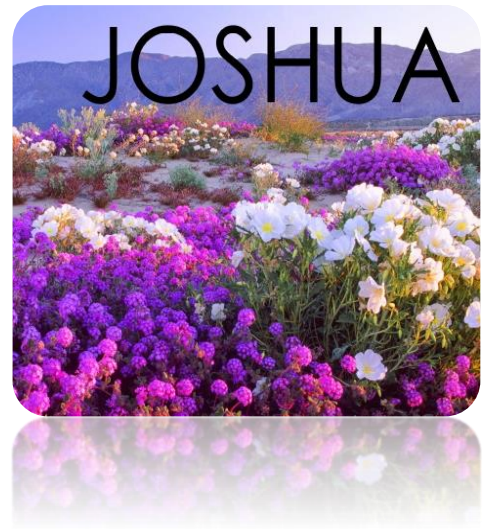
**6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not your hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.**

**7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.**

**8 And the LORD said to Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them to your hand; there will not a man of them stand before you.**

**9 Joshua therefore came to them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.**

**10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goes up to Beth-horon, and struck them to Azekah, and to Makkedah.**



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11 And it happened, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD threw down great stones from heaven upon them to Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 Then spoke Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, O Sun, stand still on Gibeon; and O Moon, in the valley of Aijalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. **Is this not written in the book of Jasher?**

So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hurry to go down for about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD listened to the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones against the mouth of the cave, and station men by it to guard them:

19 but do not stay, but pursue after your enemies, and hit them in their buttocks; do not allow them to enter their cities: for the LORD your God has delivered them to your hand.

20 And it happened, when Joshua and the children of Israel finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were destroyed, that the survivors who remained entered the fortified cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No one spoke a word against any of the children of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave.

23 And they did so, and brought those five kings to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

**24 And it happened, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the leaders of the men of war who went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.**

**25 And Joshua said to them, Do not fear, nor be dismayed, be strong and courageous: for thus will the LORD do to all your enemies against whom you fight.**

**26 So afterward Joshua struck them, and killed them, hanging them on five trees: and they hung from the trees until the evening.**

**27 And it happened at sunset, that Joshua instructed, and they took them from the trees, and threw them to the cave where they hid themselves, and put great stones over the mouth of the cave, which remain until this very day.**

**28 And that day Joshua captured Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were in it; he let none survive: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.**

**29 Then Joshua and all Israel passed from Makkedah to Libnah, and fought against Libnah:**

**30 and the LORD delivered it also, and its king, into the hand of Israel; and he struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it; he let none survive in it; but did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.**

**31 And Joshua crossing from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:**

**32 And the LORD delivered Lachish to the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.**

**33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him no survivors.**

**34 And from Lachish Joshua and all Israel with him crossed to Eglon; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:**

**35 and they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.**

**36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it:**

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37 And they took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls that were in it; he left no survivors, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were in it.

38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it:

39 And he took it, and its king, and all its cities; and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were in it; he left no survivors: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

40 So Joshua struck all the land; the hill country, and the Negev, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings: he left no survivors, but utterly destroyed all who breathed, as the LORD, the God of Israel instructed.

41 And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD, the God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

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