

JOSHUA 11 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.

The Northern Conquest

¹ When King Jabin of Hazor heard these things, he sent a note to King Jobab of Madon, the king of Shimron, and the king of Achshaph,

² and to the kings of the north in the hill country, and the Arabah south of Chinneroth the Judean foothills, and the slopes of Dor to the west,

³ the Canaanites in the east and west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite at the foot of Hermon in the land of Mizpah.

⁴ They went out, with all their armies, a multitude as numerous as the sand on the seashore -- with very many horses and chariots.

⁵ And when all these kings joined forces, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

⁶ But the Lord said to Joshua, Do not fear them, for this time tomorrow I will bring all of them dead before Israel. You must hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.

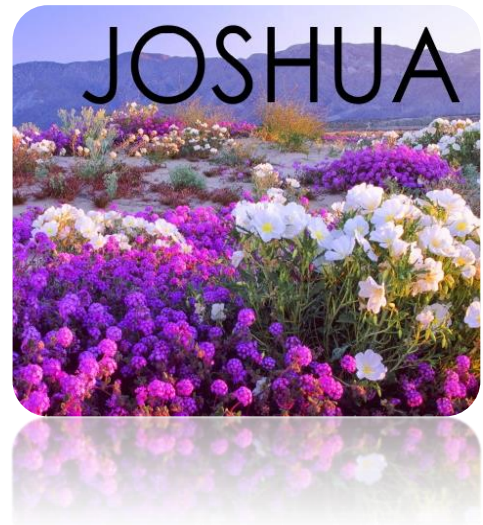
⁷ So Joshua and all the troops with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and attacked them.

⁸ And the Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to Greater Sidon, to the Brook Misrephoth, and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left no survivors.

⁹ So Joshua did to them as the Lord had told him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots.

¹⁰ Then Joshua turned back and took Hazor, and struck down its king with the sword; for Hazor was previously the ringleader of all those kingdoms.

¹¹ And they struck down everyone in it with the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left alive. Then he burned Hazor.



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¹² So Joshua captured all those kings, and their cities and struck them down with the sword. **He utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord had instructed.**

¹³ But **Israel** did not burn any of the cities that stood on their mounds, except Hazor, which Joshua burned.

¹⁴ And all Israel plundered these cities for their spoils and livestock for themselves; but they struck down every person with the sword until they destroyed them, leaving none alive.

¹⁵ **As the Lord instructed Moses His servant, so Moses instructed Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the Lord had instructed Moses.**

Summary of Joshua's Conquests,

¹⁶ So Joshua took all this land -- the hill country, all the Negev south, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, and the Jordan plain -- the mountains of Israel and its lowlands,

¹⁷ from Mount Halak which ascends to Seir, as far as Baal-Gad in the Valley of Lebanon at the foot of Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings, and struck them down putting them to death.

¹⁸ Joshua waged war for a long time with all those kings.

¹⁹ There was not a city that made peace with the children of **Israel**, except the Hivites who inhabited Gibeon. All the others were taken in battle.

²⁰ **For it was the Lord who harden their hearts,** that they should come against **Israel** in battle, and be completely destroyed without mercy, **so he destroyed them as the Lord instructed Moses.**

²¹ And at that time Joshua went to eliminate the Anakim from the hill country -- from Hebron, Debir, Anab -- from all the hill country of **Judah**, and all the hill country of **Israel**; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

²² None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of **Israel**; except some remained in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod / places still in the news today.

²³ **So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war.**

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