

# JOSHUA 9 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.

Deception of the Gibeonites,

**1 And it happened, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hill country, the lowlands, and in along the coasts of the great sea next to 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 Joshua and Israel.**

**3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,**

**4 They craftily worked, and went as ambassadors, and took worn-out sacks on their asses, and or, torn and mended wine skins;**

**5 and old patched up sandals on their feet, and old garments on them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.**

**6 And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We have come from a far country: now therefore make a covenant with us.**

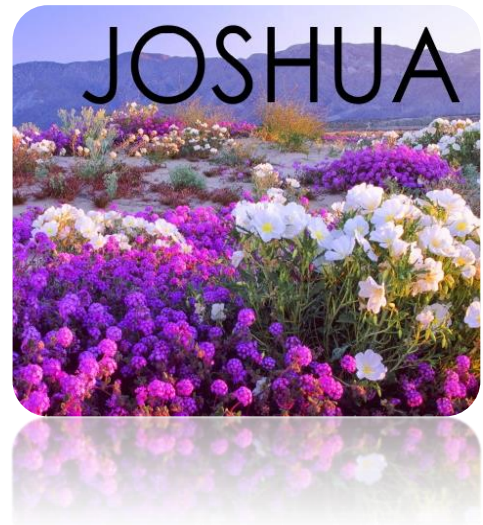
**7 And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you dwell in our land; so why will we make a covenant with you?**

**8 And they said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? and from where do you come?**

**9 And they said to him, Your servants have come from a very far country because of the fame of the LORD your God: for we have heard the report of Him, and all He did in Egypt,**

**10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.**

**11 So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provisions with you for the journey, and go meet them, and say to them, We are your servants: now then make a covenant with us.**



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**12** This our bread, warm when we took it for our provision from our houses on the day we left to come to you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is moldy:

**13** And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they are torn: and these our garments and our sandals are worn out by reason of our very long journey.

**14** So the men of Israel took of their provisions, and did not ask counsel of the LORD.

**15** And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and the leaders of the assembly pledged to them.

**16** And it happened at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors, and that they lived within their land.

**17** Then the children of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim.

**18** And the children of Israel did not strike them, because the leaders of the assembly had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the assembly murmured against the leaders.

**19** But all the leaders said to all the assembly, We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel: so now we may not touch them.

**20** This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we pledged to them.

**21** And the leaders said to them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the assembly; as the leaders had promised them.

**22** And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We are very far from you; when you live within our land?

**23** Now therefore, you are cursed, **and you will never cease being slaves**, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

**24** So they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told your servants, that the LORD your God instructed His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

**25** And now, behold, we are in your hands: do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us.

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26 Thus he did to them, and delivered them from the hand of the children of Israel, that they did not kill them.

27 But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the assembly, and for the altar of the LORD, even to this day, in the place which He would choose.

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