



Lesson 72

The Battle of the Five Kings

Story Elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text: Joshua 10:1-43 • Setting: circa 1405 B.C., near Gilgal. • Characters: God, Joshua, Adonizedek king of Jerusalem, Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon • Plot: The Gibeonites are invaded, and Joshua comes to their rescue, winning the victory | <p>through the miracles of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key word(s) “ _____ them not” (vv 8, 25) • Climax “<i>Then spake 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, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.</i>” (v 12) |
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Defending Allies

1. **REVIEW:** The tales of the Israelites conquering Jericho and Ai quickly spread throughout Canaan. The Gibeonites feared the Hebrews and successfully (although deceptively) made peace with them.
2. (vv 1-5) Amorite kings, upon hearing of the league between Israel and Gibeon, decided to invade Gibeon to _____ them for being confederate with the Hebrews.
3. (vv 6-10) Since they had made peace with the Hebrews on the contingency of servitude, the Gibeonites were under Hebrew protection. When the Amorite kings made war with Gibeon, they sent for Joshua’s help.

APPLICATION → As the Gibeonites applied to their Joshua for help, so may we go to our Joshua for help in time of need. And we can be assured that he will hear us: “for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor _____ thee.” (Heb. 13:5)

- a. Joshua and his army marched all night to get to Gibeon. On the way, the LORD promised Joshua, “Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them _____ before thee.”
- b. Once at Gibeon, the Hebrews executed a surprise attack on the enemy force and put them into retreat.
4. (vv 11-14) Two notable miracles happened during the battle that day:
 - a. As the Amorite forces retreated, they were struck down by giant _____ – “they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.” Here we are reminded of God’s words to Job:

Job 38:22 *Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, Against the day of battle and war?*

- b. During battle, Joshua prayed that God would make the sun stand still so they would not lose daylight before they could finish destroying the enemy. This amazing event is summarized in verse 14: “And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a _____: for the LORD fought for Israel.”

Destroying Enemies

5. (vv 16-21) After the Amorites were routed, news reached Joshua that the five kings were hiding in a cave in Makkedah.

- a. Joshua instructed his men to _____ the defeated kings in their hiding place until the campaign was finished.
 - b. Meanwhile, the Hebrew army continued to pursue and destroy all the remaining Amorites, except a few survivors that fled into fortified cities.
6. (vv 21-25) Later, the victorious Israelites returned to Makkedah and Joshua had the five kings brought out of the cave.
- a. Joshua told his commanders to put their feet on the necks of the vanquished foe, saying, “Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.”

APPLICATION → Here is a powerful picture of our victory over the powers of darkness. We, too, are invited to put our feet on the necks of our sins and to fear no enemy.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise _____ under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

7. (vv 28-39) After the slaughter of the five kings, Joshua went on a campaign against all the major cities of the hill country, including Makkedah, Libnah, Lachish, Gezer, Eglon, Hebron, and Debir.
- a. The Hebrews were _____ in this southern campaign, and they conquered every city they encountered.
 - b. The success of this conquest was because God was Joshua’s strength and the true Captain of the Host.

Joshua 10:42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

Notes: _____

Answer Key: Key word(s): “fear” • 2. punish • 3. →forsake • 4. a. hailstones; b. man • 5. a. seal • 6. Rom. 16:20 *Satan* • 7. a. undefeated

How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study: (1) Read the Bible passage given in the **Story Elements** section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. (Note: some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.