

WHEN GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU

Joshua 10:1—15

JOSHUA 10:5

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.



JOSHUA 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.’



THIS TIME JOSHUA DOES THE RIGHT THING



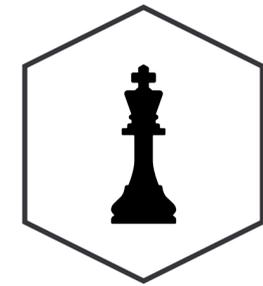
PRAYER

He prays to God and asks for help, v12.



INTEGRITY

Upholds the treaty despite danger, v7.



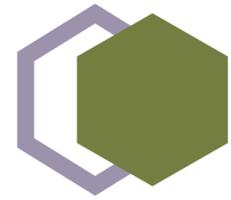
STRATEGY

Devises a plan of speed and surprise, v9.

JOSHUA 10:8

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.’





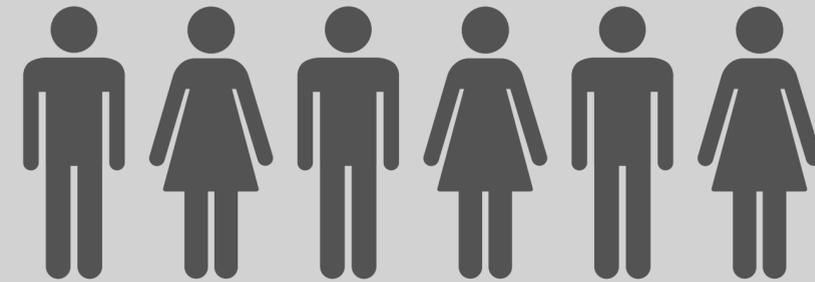
GOD'S GRACE TO JOSHUA & THE GIBEONITES



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JOSHUA

God redeems
Joshua's mistake



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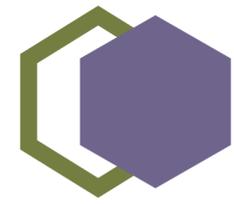
GIBEONITES

God rescues
his enemies

JOSHUA 10:8, 10–14

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.’

10 The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely 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, and more of them died from the hail 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: ‘Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, 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 human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!



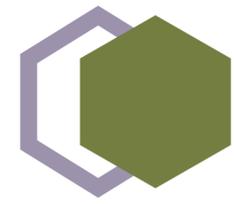
GRACE IN ACTION: DIVINE INTERVENTION



CONFUSION

"The Lord threw them
into confusion before
Israel..."

v10



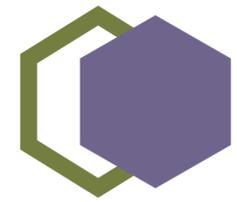
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HAIL

"...the Lord
hurled large
hailstones down
on them..."

v11

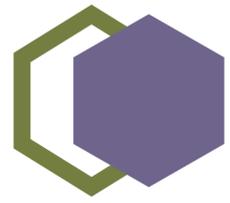


GRACE IN ACTION: DIVINE INTERVENTION

SUN

"The sun
stopped in the
middle of the sky
and delayed
going down
about a full day."

v13



How is Joshua 10:1 –15 relevant to us?

WE ARE LIKE THE GIBEONITES

- ▶ Vulnerable to death and punishment.
- ▶ As Christians, still vulnerable to world, flesh, devil... individually and as a church.
- ▶ But the Lord helps us; fights for us!



HOW JOSHUA 10:1 – 15 POINTS TO THE CROSS & BEYOND

Joshua 10:1 – 15

The cross

Enemies thrown into confusion

Sun stops

Hail

Joshua means 'salvation'

"Never been a day like it"

"Come quickly and save us!"

"Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!"



Satan thrown into confusion

Darkness at midday

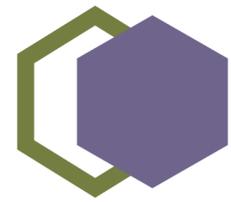
Earthquake

Jesus means 'salvation'

Never a day like the resurrection

"Jesus, remember me!"

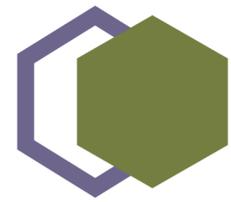
"Surely this man was the Son of God!"



GOD FIGHTS FOR US INDIVIDUALLY



Philippians 1:6
"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."



GOD FIGHTS FOR HIS CHURCH



Matthew 16:18

"...I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades
will not overcome it."