



Conquering the Land of Canaan

Joshua 10-11

The king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua and the Israelites utterly destroyed Ai, just as how Jericho was destroyed. Also, a very great city that was even stronger than Ai, Gibeon, allied with the Israelites. Now, the king of Jerusalem began to fear the Israelites. Because they looked stronger, he decided to team up with the four other Amorite kings to attack Gibeon. So the king of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon together attacked Gibeon, which asked Israel for help to defend. So Joshua went up with his warriors to fight. The LORD said to Joshua,

"Do not be afraid of them, because I have given them into your hands. Not one of them will stand before you."



**"But in all these things we overwhelmingly
conquer through Him who loved us."
(Romans 8:37)**

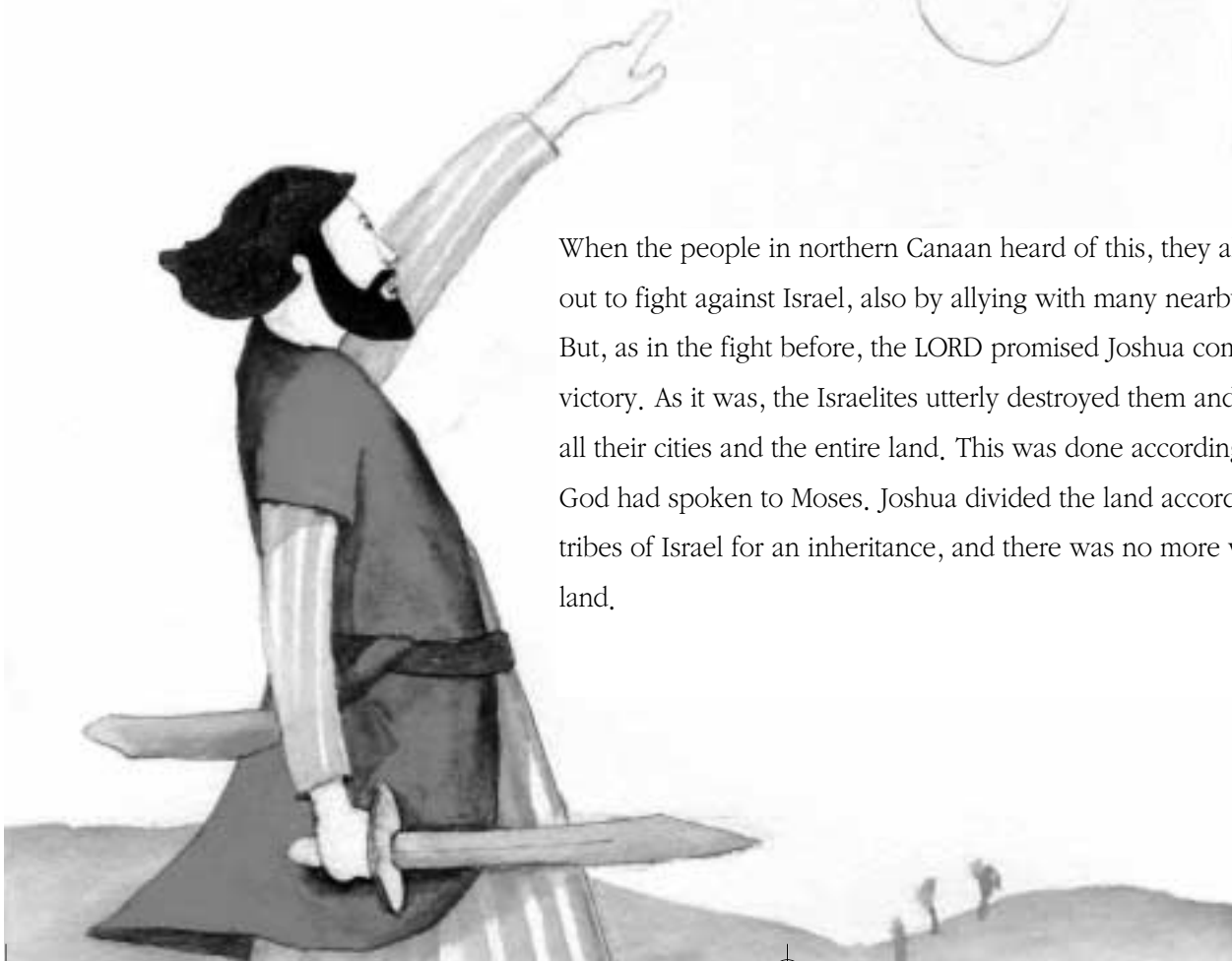


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So Joshua marched all night to Gibeon. Due to the help of God, the Amorites were greatly slaughtered. Those who tried to run away were killed by large hailstones that the LORD hurled down on them from the sky. More of them died from the hailstones than from the swords of the Israelites. When the sun was about to set, Joshua, knowing that they would not be able to gain victory before the sun set, said to the LORD, in the presence of Israel,

"O sun, stand still over Gibeon, And O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon."

So the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not go down for about a whole day, until Joshua and the Israelites destroyed the Amorites completely. It was the first time God listened to the voice of man, and it was a great victory.



When the people in northern Canaan heard of this, they also came out to fight against Israel, also by allying with many nearby nations. But, as in the fight before, the LORD promised Joshua complete victory. As it was, the Israelites utterly destroyed them and conquered all their cities and the entire land. This was done according to what God had spoken to Moses. Joshua divided the land accordingly to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and there was no more war in the land.



Today's Study

Victory Lies With the LORD

1. What allowed the Israelites to defeat the Canaanites so utterly and bravely? ()

- ① Their incredibly power.
- ② Joshua's fighting ability.
- ③ The Canaanites' miserable weakness.
- ④ God's help.

“Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.” (Joshua 10:42)

2. God promised a victory to the Israelites. Look up the Bible passage and write it down below. (Joshua 10:8)

3. The LORD fought for the Israelites, as He had promised. Look at the pictures and write down how He helped them.



“For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.” (Psalm 44:3)



Today's Study

Win the Battle

The Christian life is a battle against the devil. Look at the following pictures and think of some ways you can defeat him.



How can we win the battle against Satan? Look up the Bible verses below and fill in the blanks.

“Fear not, _____ ; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Romans 8:37)

“Yet in all these things we are more than _____ through _____ .” (Romans 8:37)

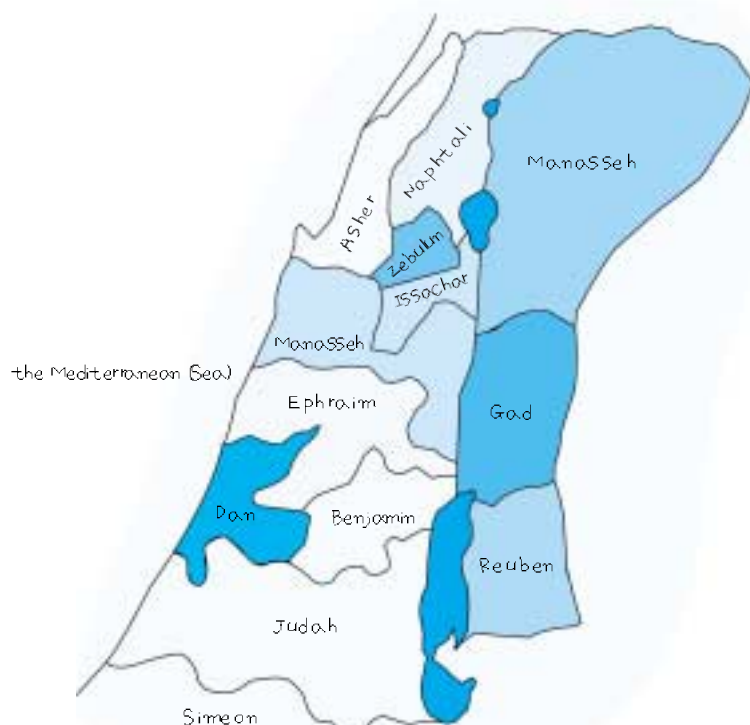
God promised that He would be with us and that we will surely win the battle against Satan.



Did you know?

* The Land Given as an Inheritance

After the Israelites conquered the land of Canaan, Joshua gave it to Israel according to their tribal divisions. The following is what each tribe took.



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