

# THE JOSHUA STUDY

## CHAPTER 10:1-21

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## Victory in the Life of the Christian

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### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

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### SUBJECT REFERENCE:

## Christian Victory, Winning the Battle

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We've Learned That Disobedience and Prayerlessness  
Always Lead to Defeat

Joshua is an Old Testament Type  
of Our Jesus who was to Come.

Joshua was the one Ordained  
to Lead the People into The Promised Land...

A Land That Was **"Flowing with Milk and Honey"**  
a Land that Had Been Predetermined by God to be an Inheritance to  
the Children of God - The Nation Israel.

# But This Promised Land must be Understood

within it, was the enemy nations steeped in paganism and hedonism  
which usurped authority based on squatters rights

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## An Occupation of the Land

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It Was

A Land of Full Blessing / A Land of Intensive Warfare

## There is a New Testament Application for Us Today

The Promised Land of Israel was to be the Land that was to be Home for His People,  
the Jews

Israel was the land in Which the Jews Lived and Walked and Warred!

The Believer that Comes to Christ by Faith, enters into a Spiritual  
Promise-Land,  
a life that is a constant dynamic of Spiritual Victory

A Life Where;

- *Wars are Fought and Won as We apply God's Truth.*
- *Battles are Waged and Deep, Eternal Lessons are Learned.*
- *Victory is Guaranteed so long as we Follow the Leader.*

What The Promised Land was to Israel  
so The Christian Walk is to the Believer

# Spiritually - We Fight in This Life

I Jn 2:16-17

For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world... And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The Lust of the **Flesh**, The Lust of the **Eyes**, And The Pride of **Life**.

## A Great Example for Us Is Jesus' Earthly Life

Matthew 4:3-11

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold,

## Jesus Fought Back With the Bible

*if it was good enough for the Son of God, it's good enough for us!*

## Victory in the Life of the Christian

1.) Comes By Way of Evil Plots and Plans

vv. 1-5

Chapter 9:1-2

1 And it came to pass when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon-- the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite-- heard about it, 2 **that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.**

## By Way of Evil Plots and Plans

### a.) By a United Opposition; An Unholy Alliance v.1-2

Now it came to pass when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem **heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it--** as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king-- and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, **2 that they feared greatly**, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

#### Verse 1

Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem  
The Lord (Adoni) & (Zedek) of Righteousness

### By Name, He was an Imposter

Adoni-Zedek is a Type of Satan or Antichrist of Joshua's day

2 Corinthians 10:4

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal  
but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

#### The Accuser

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

#### Verse 2

**that they feared greatly**

Our Spiritual Enemy Attacks **Whenever We Succeed**  
**"Victory in the Life of the Christian"**

By Way of Evil Plots and Plans

### b.) By Bitterness; Evil Plans are Made, but God Rules v.3-5

Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 "Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon,

for (because) it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it.

This Bitter, Godless Alliance Only Made It  
Better for Joshua and Israel,

Now there was only One Army to Fight Against,  
not the five earlier

## Adoni zedek's Resentment toward Gibeon

The Flesh doesn't quit Easily  
The Most Experienced Christian Can Say - Amen!

## Temptations are not from God

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD.

## Victory in the Life of the Christian

2.) God's Plan for Practical Success vv. 6-10

a.) An Example of Faith - Seen In Gibeonites v.6

6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us."

b.) An Example of Hope - Seen By Joshua v.7-8

So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you

## Notice;

The Gibeonites' Faith in Joshua  
(to keep a promise; the promise he had made them)

The Gibeonites, Now Allied with Israel,  
are a beautiful type of the flesh that has been brought under the submissive control to the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:15-17

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

### c.) An Example of Perseverance - Seen in Israel v.9-10

9 Joshua therefore **came upon them suddenly**, having marched all night from Gilgal. 10 So the LORD **routed them** before Israel, **killed them** with a great slaughter at Gibeon, **chased them** along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and **struck them** down as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

#### Verse 9

So Joshua came upon them suddenly...  
the LORD routed them, killed them chased them and struck them

an all night march from Gilgal  
energized by the Lord, without sleep, they attack in His strenght  
(A 25 Mile Hike, Ascending 4,000 ft. Up)

# Victory in the Life of the Christian

3 God's Plan for Supernatural Deliverance vv. 11-14

a.) God's Intervention Can Be Expected v.11

11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died.

There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword. as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them

## hailstones

Talk About Smart Bombs

**Not One Israeli Was Hit By An Ice-Bomb, Only The Paganites**

**The Lord Never Brings Wrath Upon His People**  
(discipline yes, wrath, never)

All "Hail" is Going to Break Loose Again in the Near Future

Revelation 16:21

And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

b.) Time is On Our Side - God Governs Time !!! v.12-14

12 Then Joshua spoke 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 still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." 13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for **about a whole day**. 14 And there has been no **day** like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

# Even Though We Are Called to Fight Against The Enemy The Lord Has Already Assured Us Of The Victory

## Verse 12

**Then Joshua spoke 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 still over Gibeon;  
and  
Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon**

## Verse 13

So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,  
till the people had revenge upon their enemies

This Passage Has Been Attacked By Those of

# T.L.G.S.

It's a Group of People That Suffer From

## The Little God Syndrome

Jeremiah 32:17

'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm.  
There is nothing too hard for You.

Jeremiah 32:27

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

## If You Can Let God be God in Genesis 1:1

*then the rest of the Bible is easy*

**"The Long Day of Joshua"**



Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for **about a whole day**

The Old Testament, Hebrew Scholar,  
Gleason Archer Notes That:

So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven,  
and **did not hasten** to go down

The Normal 24 hour Cadence of the Sun/Earth  
Relationship was **Retarded**, Slowed Down from the Norm.

**Astronomically**

**There is No Sunset and Sunrise**

The Earth is What Gives Us the Appearance of the Heavens Rising and  
setting  
**(Definition by Observation)**

the earth's rotation is 365 1/3 days around the Sun

The Earth Slowed  
(deceleration)

Prof. Pickering (Harvard Obser.)

In Plotting Celestial Movements, States that there is nearly a full day missing From the  
Astronomic TimeTable

The Green Belt Maryland Study  
23 hours, 20 minutes is Missing on the astronomical timetable...

**“the sun stood still, and the moon stopped”**

This Had To Horrify The Canaanites  
Because They Believed That The Sun and The Moon Were gods  
and So They Worshipped Them All Their Lives...

C.S. Lewis Wrote;  
“The Mind that Desires a Nonmiraculous Christianity is a Mind that has slipped Away from  
real Christianity to a Poor Religion”

b.) Satan’s time is short as long as we have the day v.12-14

## I Often Think About

Just How One 24hr Day, Has Got To Be So Hard on Satan

## Hell Week

**Monday!**

“They’re fresh off another Sunday Worship service...”

**Tuesday!**

O’ no, The Holy Spirit is Using the Message in their Lives

**Wednesday!**

They’re Inviting their Friends to Church Tonight

**Thursday!**

They’re Growing in the Knowledge of God...

**Friday!**

I Hope they Choke on a Fish Bone

**Saturday!**

I have to Work Overtime to Tempt Them, To Condemn Them, Because...

**It’s Sunday!**

24 hours This Day, In 24 Time Zones Around the World, People Will Be Worshipping, Tithing,  
Serving, Learning,

**Psalm 118:24**

This is **the day** the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are **new every morning**; great is Your faithfulness.

**Matthew 16:18**

"Jesus said, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**He Didn't say, The Gates of Hell Would Not Attack,  
He Said, The Gates of Hell Would Not Prevail**

**Hell's Attacks Would Hold No Power Over The Church  
Are You In The Church?**

**Hebrews 10:25-26**

Because not to forsake our own **assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another all the more, as you see the day drawing near.



**assembling**

grk 1997 episunagoge (ep-ee-soon-ag-o-gay');

a meeting of worship (the singing of praises, the giving of self, the study of the word)

## **Going to Church Doesn't Make You A Christian**

**But The Christian is Dedicated to Going to Church**

## **It's In Our Blood**

**Hebrews 12:22-24**

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant...

**1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**John 9:4-5**

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

**Warring / Walking , In The Light**

1 Thessalonians 5:2-9

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

## Victory in the Life of the Christian

### 4.) Is Certain As Long As We Dependent Upon Him v. 15-19

Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah." 18 So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them. 19 "And do not stay there yourselves, but pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand."

#### Verse 17

"The five kings have been found hidden in the cave"

### How did these kings come to hide in a cave?

It Was The Lord's Victory (Our Victory)  
5 Times in Chapter 10 - It's **Gilgal!**

#### #1

Joshua 10:6

And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at **Gilgal**,

#### #2

Josh 10:7

So Joshua ascended from **Gilgal**,

#### #3

Joshua 10:9

Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from **Gilgal**.

## #4

Joshua 10:15

in the middle of the campaign,

Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at **Gilgal**.

## #5

Joshua 10:43

Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at **Gilgal**.

# Every Time They Advance From Gilgal, They're Successful

## Why Gilgal ?

Because It was the place of; **Remembrance**, they had entered Y(J)ardan, Death

Because It was the place of; **Resurrection**, the crossing over meant new Life

Because It was the place of; **Renunciation**, the reproach of Egypt was gone

Because It was the place of; **Restoration**, renewed fellowship with the Lord

Because It was the place of; **Realization**, a land flowing with milk & honey

Because It was the place of; **Revelation**, where the Capt. Of the Lord's Army...

## Verse 7

So Joshua ascended from Gilgal

We Will Always Be Victorious if We Ascend From Our Gilgal

## Mount Calvary

Because of; **Remembrance**, Our Y(J)ardan, Death

Because of; **Resurrection**, Our new Life

Because of; **Renunciation**, Our reproach was Taken Away

Because of; **Restoration**, We Have fellowship with the Lord

Because of; **Realization**, Our Citizenship is in Heaven

Because of; **Revelation**, Christ Jesus is Our Life

You See,  
The Joshua Then, Led Them Forth From Gilgal  
The Joshua Now, Leads Us Forth From Calvary

Gilgal/Calvary was a Place of Surrendering to God  
Gilgal/Calvary is a Place of Continuance with God

c.) God's People Should Be Feared (awed by assoc.) v.20-21

20 Then it happened, while Joshua and the children of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they had finished, that those who escaped entered fortified cities. 21 And all the people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace. **No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.**

## There was a Reverence

The Church of Jesus Christ  
Should Strike Fear in the Heart of Evil

There must be a Reverence Today  
They are the Evil  
to them the church should be hated

They are the Broken  
to them the church should be attractive

They're the Redeemed  
and to them the church should be their home

If the church lives like it should... it should  
cause evil to tremble

Acts 19:13-16

13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

- What Reaction Does Your **Name** Produce in Hell?
- What Reaction Does Your **Family** Produce in Hell?
- What Reaction Does Your **Church** Produce in Hell?
  - When you pray, do demons tremble?
  - When you serve in the Church, do demons tremble?
- When you worship in singing, study and in giving, do demons tremble?

## Is Your Life a Threat to Satan's Realm?

I, You, We, Are To Be On The Offensive,  
Never On The Defensive  
To Be On The Offensive is to be Advancing  
To Be On The Defensive is to Be Retreating

Matthew 11:12

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

## Just the Beginning...