

Deception & Power

Joshua 9-10

Chapter 8 ended with the reading of the blessings and the curses at Shechem. Joshua built an altar on Mt. Ebal (8:34-35). Three major leadership challenges faced Joshua.

1. **D** _____ **among the people** (ch 7)
 - shows that the choices of one person can impact many others
 - why did Achan take things from Jericho?
2. **D** _____ **among the enemy** (9:3-6)
 - a leader needs to be able to discern (Heb 5:14; Gal 5:21)
 - Satan can appear as an angel (2 Cor 11:14) or, one of the sheep (Mt 7:15)
3. **D** _____ **to your promises** (9:26)

Chapter 9 THE DECEPTION

From Shechem, Joshua takes his men back to Gilgal (9:6). This seems to be the base for where Joshua and Israel call home. The chapter begins with a coalition of several nations against Israel (9:1-2)

1. The Dilemma at Gibeon (9:3-14)
 - Gibeon was 25 miles from Gilgal and next in line to be attacked
 - description of Gibeon (10:2)

The Deception of Gibeon

1. They sent envoys to officially represent a peace alliance
2. They lied about their location
3. They gave false and misleading impressions (5, 12-13)
4. They made no mention of recent battles. (9-10)



Israel made a covenant agreement to not destroy them (15)

- The nation was upset with this agreement (9:18b)

Three days later it was discovered that they had been deceived (16)



Israel made two mistakes

- They did not _____ of the Lord (14)
- They did not _____ carefully
 - they never mentioned "Where they were from"
 - an official envoy would have had proper provisions
 - Why did they keep crumbly bread?
 - Why did they not have gifts?

Knowing that Gibeon deceived Joshua, was he required to keep the covenant he made with them?

The Punishment of Gibeon

1. They would always be manual laborers for Israel
2. Saul violated this covenant and killed many from Gibeon (2 Sam 21:1-7)
3. One of David's mighty men was from Gibeon (1 Chron 12:4)
4. David put the tabernacle in Gibeon
5. At Gibeon, Solomon made burnt offerings and received the vision of God
6. Some of remnant that returned from Babylon were of Gibeon

1. A confederacy of five kingdoms unite to attack Gibeon (10:1-5)

Why?

- word is sent to Joshua at Gilgal to help Gibeon (10:7)

What two miracles take place?

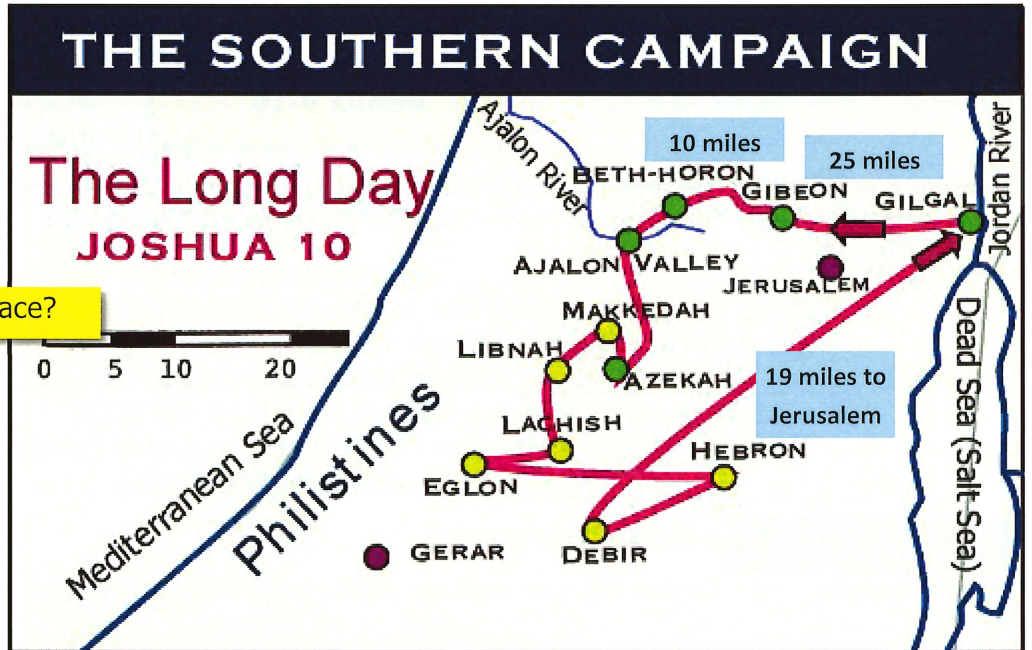
- Two powerful aftermaths
 - the Lord _____ to the voice of a man (14)
 - the Lord _____ for Israel (14)

What is meant by putting feet on the necks of the kings? (24)

- Victories at Makkeah (28), Libnah (29), Lachish (31), Eglon (34), Hebron (36), Debir (38)
- Israel returns to Gilgal (43)

These events are said to be recorded in the "Book of Jashar" (10:13)

Ancient Heb hymn book containing nationalistic songs. 2 Sam 1:18



The Sun Standing Still (12-13)

- Poetic
- Lengthened daylight
- Asking for relief from heat
- Really happened



Urban Legend: NASA scientists, using computers, found the Joshua's missing day.

"And Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel" (10:42)