

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: Joshua – Message 12

2018 VISION: *Mission Jerusalem: Reach* ①

Scriptures for Today: Joshua 10:1-43 – God and Joshua versus all the kings of the Amorites!

Today's Message: Heavenly Help – *He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep!*

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw the Gibeonites come to Joshua to be saved from his destruction through lies and false pretenses! Joshua showed them mercy and grace by appointing them as ***bondmen forever***. Today, we see God's glorious _____ from heaven as Joshua will lead Israel to victory over the kings of the Amorites. Joshua's strategy has been _____ and conquer! So far, they have taken the middle of the Promised Land. Now, Joshua will conquer the south from Gibeon all the way to **Kadeshbarnea** (____ years earlier). With God fighting for His people, ____ enemy will be able to stand against them!

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text Joshua 10:1-43

- **United against** – Adonizedek led a confederacy of kings _____ the Gibeonites.
10:1-5 “when **Adonizedek king of Jerusalem** had heard... *Gibeon had made peace*”
- **Urgent help** – The Gibeonites called Joshua for ____; God fought for them from heaven!
10:6-15 “Joshua **therefore came unto them suddenly**... up *from Gilgal all night*.”
- **Five kings in a cave** – Five mighty kings fled to a ____; Joshua put their necks under foot!
10:16-27 “And Joshua said... **Fear not**... thus shall *the LORD do to all your enemies*”
- **Sword fighting** – With God fighting and their _____ in hand, Joshua led to victories!
10:28-39 “And **the LORD delivered it also**... *smote it with the edge of the sword*...”
- **No Casualties** – Joshua took all the kings and land; he returned “with ____ Israel with him”!
10:40-43 “...take **at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel**.”

2. The History & Prophecy Job 38; Revelation 16; 1 Kings 17-18; James 5

- **Hailstones** – God was casting down great stones from heaven – *hailstones* to be exact. The Bible says God has a storehouse of them in heaven for His use. During the Tribulation Period, God will again throw great hailstones at His enemies.
Job 38:22-23; Ex 9:22-26; Ps 18:12-13; 78:47-48; Rev 6:15; 11:19; 16:21

NOTE God's past judgments prove to the world His future judgments will come. These were **100-pound, 30-inch hailstones!** The fact that in the battle they only hit the enemy and not God's people is proof of God's divine intervention. As one expert put it, *"It would also be the envy of modern smart weapons technology."*

- **The Sun** – The Bible records that ***the sun stood still***, and ***the moon stayed***. The sun did not go down for about a whole day! _____ it! It is true! So, what actually happened? There are several possibilities, but it is possible that God slowed the rotation of the earth (*"sun...hasted not to go down about a whole day."*)
Joshua 10:12-14; 1 Kings 17:1-18:46; James 5:17-18; Matt 8:23-27

NOTE The fact is, the Bible says, ***"there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man..."*** Elijah was like us, and yet he prayed for no rain – and it did not for 3 ½ years. He also called fire down from heaven. Joshua spoke, and God listened and acted. What a thought! God does that for you and me also. **Creation obeys our Lord's voice!** He is all-powerful!

3. The Lessons Psalm 121; Matt 8:27; Hebrews 4:14-16; Rom 6:12; Col 3:5-9

✓ *The Gibeonites were only God's servants; Yet, God and Joshua were their ever-present help!*

- **Heavenly Help** – God had been gracious to the Gibeonites, but His care did not end there!

Ps 121:1-8 *"My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."*

Truth: God's character is to come to _____ those under His watch and care!

Learning: **Our help comes from God! What troubles you today? Run to Jesus!**

✓ *When Joshua needed God to help and even defy laws of creation, He was ready to answer!*

- **Ask Him** – In the midst of battle, Joshua had faith to call upon God for help – He listened!

Mt 8:27 *"What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!"*

Heb 4:14-16 *"Let us **therefore** come boldly... and find grace to help in time of need."*

Truth: God overruled the laws of creation to answer; He _____ for your prayers!

Learning: **God is ready to help you overcome the world, flesh and devil. Ask Him!**

✓ *With God's help, Joshua / Israel were able to conquer and destroy all enemies before them!*

- **Let none remain** – Joshua **did not LET** any enemy remain; he utterly destroyed them all.

Rom 6:12 *"Let not sin **therefore** reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it..."*

Col 3:5-9 *"Mortify **therefore** your members which are upon the earth... put off..."*

Truth: The victorious Christian life is only possible when _____ is utterly destroyed.

Learning: **What sin easily besets you? Do not ALLOW it to rule. Let none remain!**