

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship

Worship in Music

Worship in Message

Worship in Commissioning

Worship in Giving

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They Failed To Ask The Lord

Joshua 9:1-27

The Conquest Of Obedience Series

Life Change: We make decisions under God's guidance.

"They never check the date."

A story of deception.

The setting was fear and respect.

Josh 9:1-15

1-2

The Gibeonite plan was simple and sneaky.

3-6

The Israelite's questions were answered craftily.

7-13

The bait was taken and the trap sprung.

14-15

The enemy's deceptions in our lives today:

Scripture is given to prepare us for Satan's tricks.

2 Cor 2:9-11

The enemy appears as an angel of light.

2 Cor 11:14-15

Satan leads into unequally yoked partnerships.

2 Cor 6:14

He draws folks into sexual immorality.

Rev 2:20-24

The answer – touch the bases in order.

God's Word is 1st base.

Is 8:20

The Holy Spirit is 2nd base.

John 16:13

Human advisers are 3rd base.

Prov 15:22

Reminder – run the bases in the right direction.

The truth comes out.

The wrongs are discovered.

Josh 9:16-27

The Gibeonites come clean and submit.

Joshua makes a fateful choice.

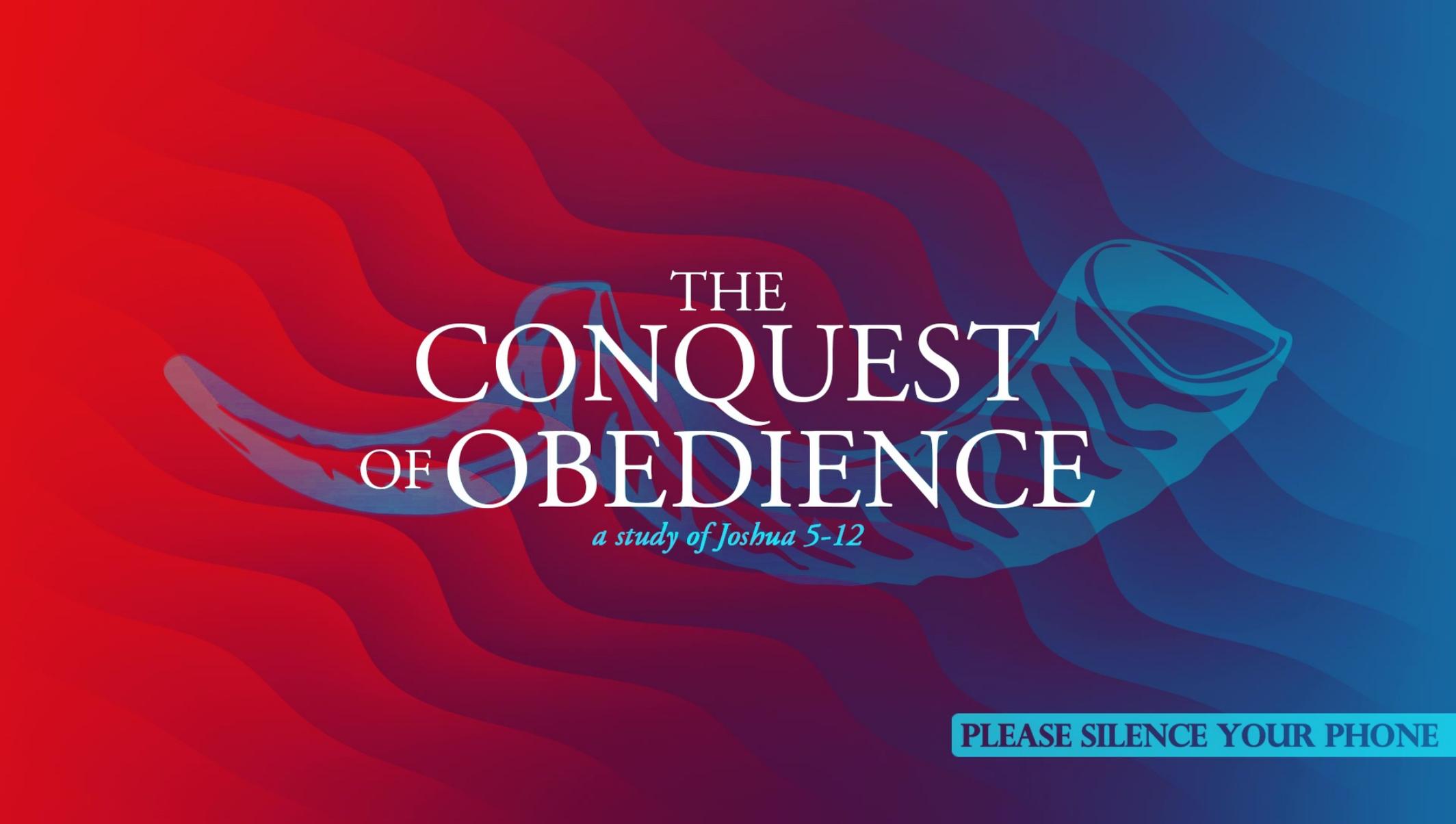
The results are surprising.

The Gibeonites kept their word.

God held Israel to their word.

We also have fled to God for refuge.

Heb 6:18-19



THE
CONQUEST
OF OBEDIENCE

a study of Joshua 5-12

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



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courtesy Longhorn Steakhouse – which was NOT the restaurant in the story

**Why don't we
ever eat there?**



courtesy tlc

They never
check the
date.





courtesy USDA



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1) Now I'm hungry.
2) What in tarnation
does that have to do
with the Bible?

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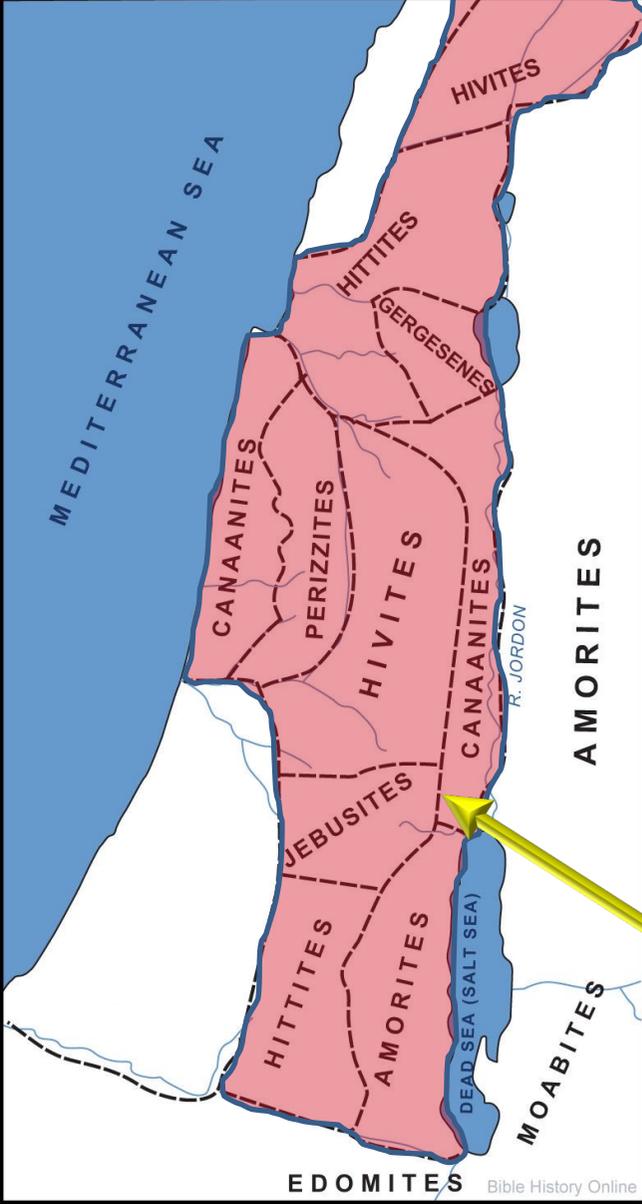
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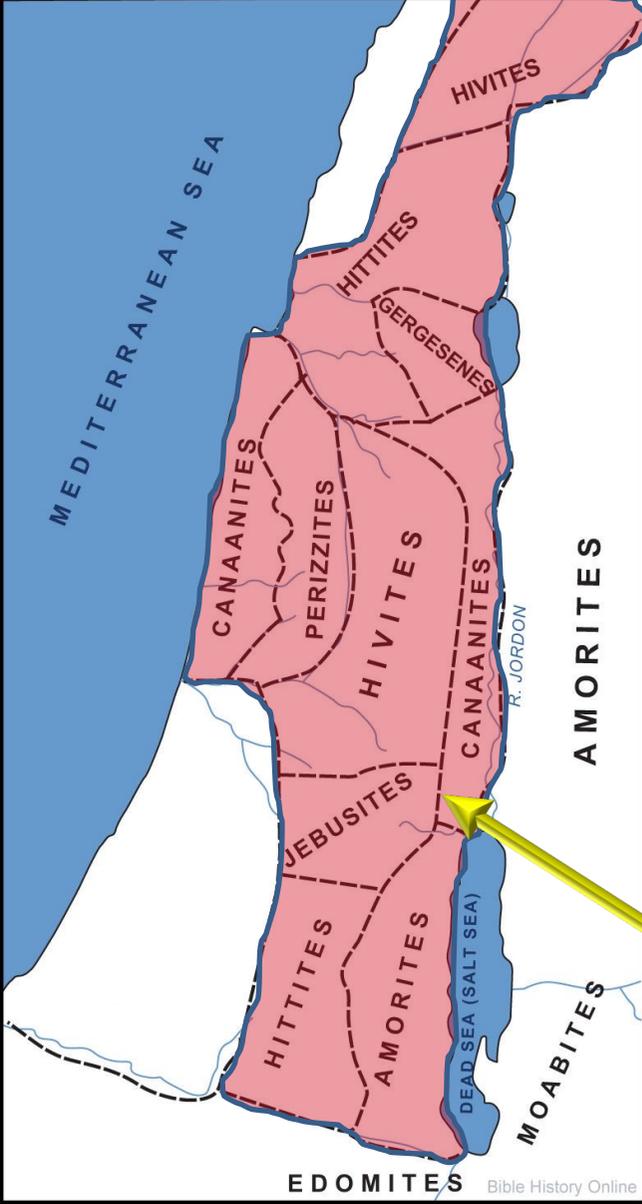


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Joshua 6

17 ...Only Rahab the prostitute and everyone with her in the house will live, because she hid the messengers we sent.

Hebrew: מַלְאָכִים malakim = envoy, angel; from a word used in many Semitic languages; big idea – ambassador for the king

Malakim play an essential role in politics...functioning as the king's emissaries rather like modern diplomats.

– Claus Westerman, *God's Angel Needs No Wings*

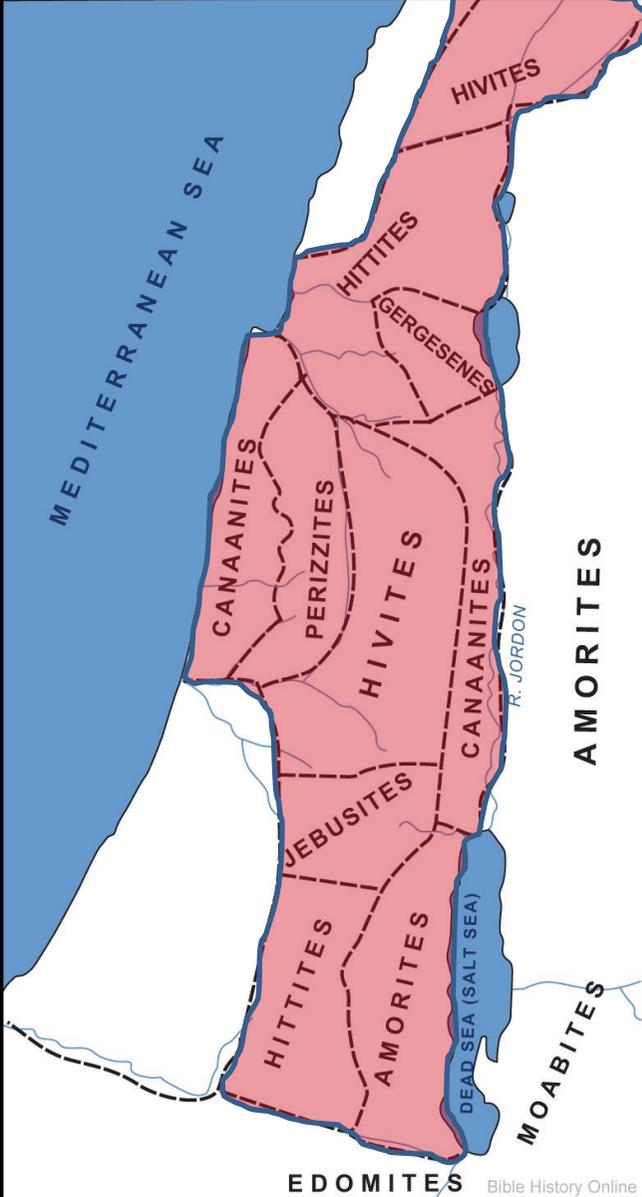
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Joshua 9

³ When the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, ⁴ they acted deceptively. They gathered provisions and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys and old wineskins, cracked and mended. ⁵ They wore old, patched sandals on their feet and threadbare clothing on their bodies. Their entire provision of bread was dry and crumbly. ⁶ They went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the men of Israel, “We have come from a distant land. Please make a treaty with us.”

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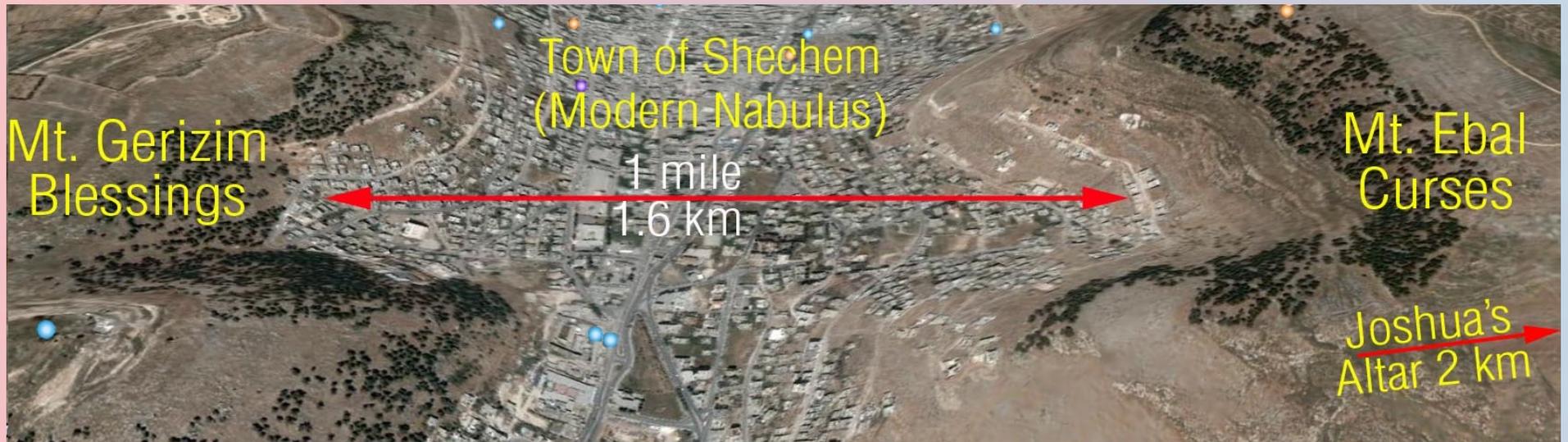


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Joshua 8

33 All Israel—resident alien and citizen alike^{CSB}





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SCAMMERS TARGETING CHURCHES

courtesy Arizona 15

Joshua 9

⁷ The men of Israel replied to the Hivites, “Perhaps you live among us. How can we make a treaty with you?”

⁸ They said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” Then Joshua asked them, “Who are you and where do you come from?” ⁹ They replied to him, “Your servants have come from a faraway land because of the reputation of the LORD your God. For we have heard of his fame, and all that he did in Egypt, ¹⁰ and all that he did to the two Amorite kings beyond the Jordan—King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan, who was in Ashtaroth.

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¹¹ So our elders and all the inhabitants of our land told us, ‘Take provisions with you for the journey; go and meet them and say, “We are your servants. Please make a treaty with us.”’ ¹² This bread of ours was warm when we took it from our houses as food on the day we left to come to you; but see, it is now dry and crumbly. ¹³ These wineskins were new when we filled them; but see, they are cracked. And these clothes and sandals of ours are worn out from the extremely long journey.” ^{CSB}

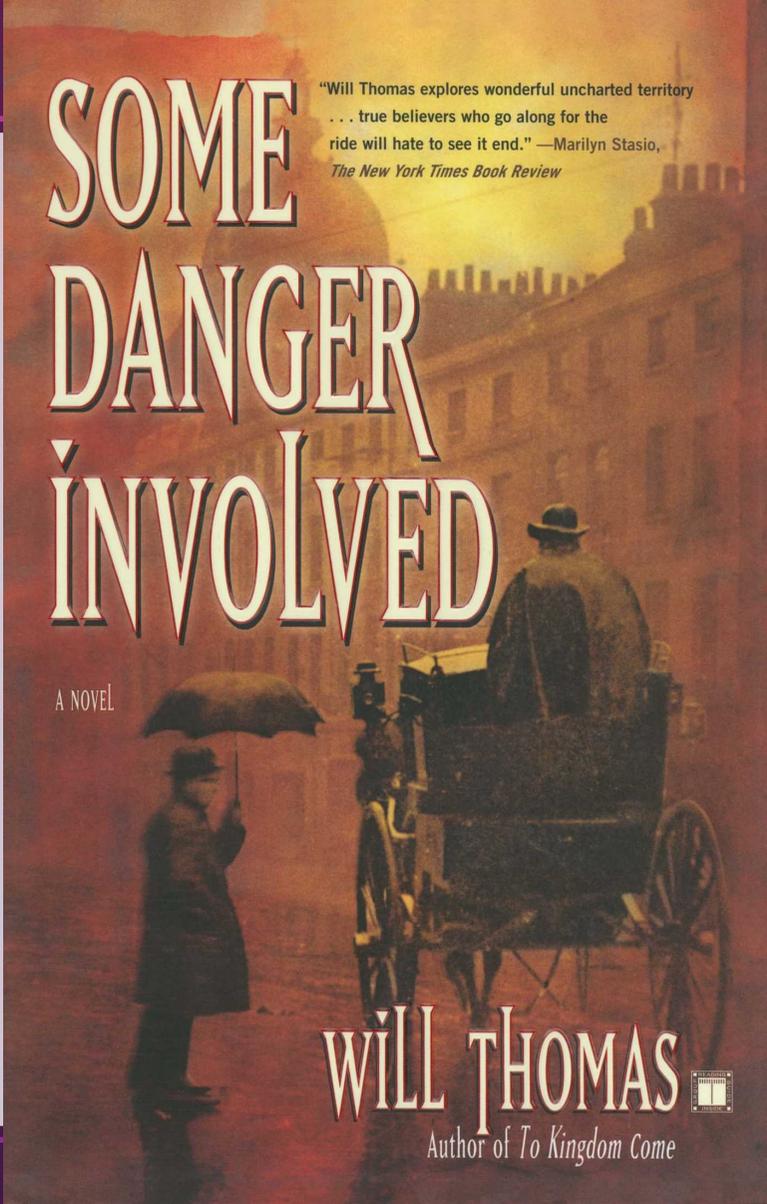
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Barker: Such a pathetic mixture of half-truths, twisted logic, and outright lies I have never heard in all my born days. “Of all the creatures in the garden, the serpent was most subtle.” ...That man wants to make Christ over in his own likeness, not the other way around.

Lewellyn: He’s not alone in that.

courtesy Simon and Schuster; I highly recommend this book!



SOME DANGER INVOLVED

A NOVEL

“Will Thomas explores wonderful uncharted territory . . . true believers who go along for the ride will hate to see it end.” —Marilyn Stasio,
The New York Times Book Review

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Rahab

I know that the LORD has given you the land...Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's household, and give me a pledge of truth.

Josh 2:9-12 NASB

Gibeon

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Rahab's idea

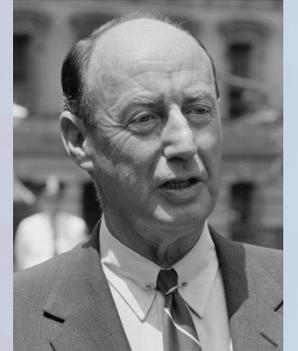
Nahum 1:7



The Lord is the very present help in time of trouble.

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Adlai Stevenson



A lie is an abomination unto the Lord – and a very present help in trouble.

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2 Corinthians 2

**⁹ I wrote for
this purpose... ¹¹ so
that we may not be
taken advantage of by
Satan. For we are not
ignorant of his
schemes. ^{CSB}**

**What exactly are
Satan's schemes?**



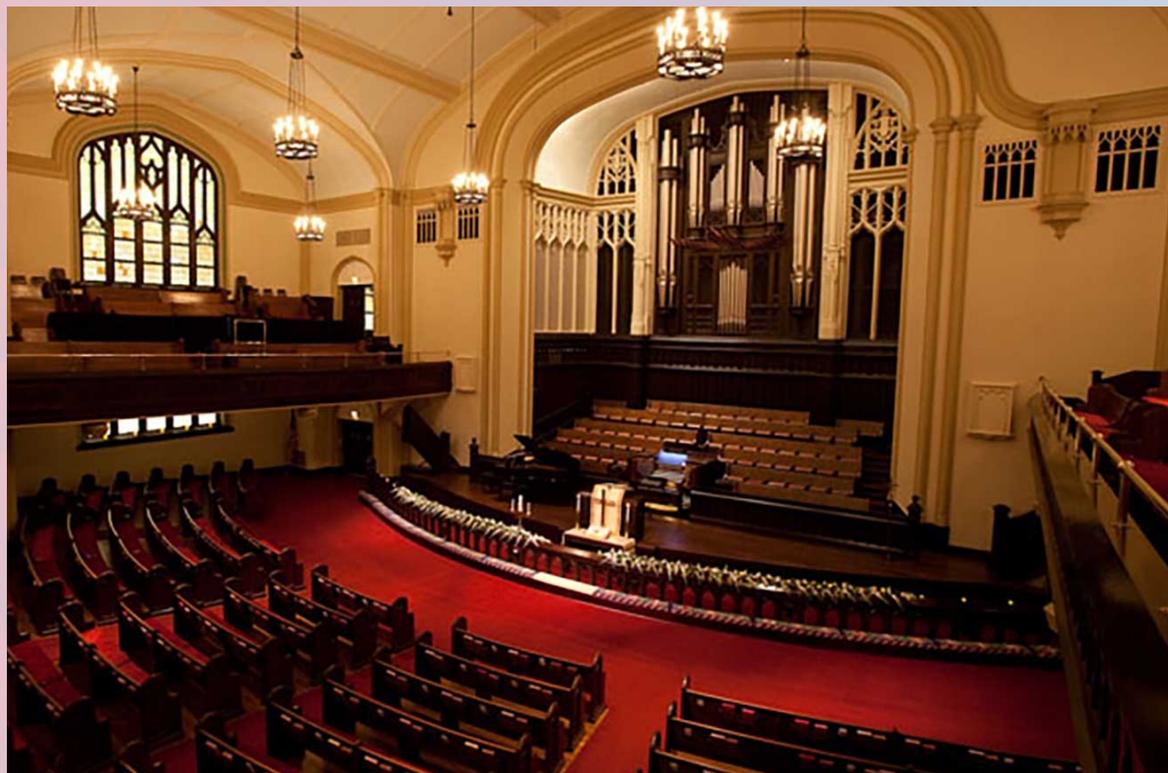
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2 Corinthians 11

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When something feels or looks nice but isn't biblical, run!

2 Corinthians 6

14 Do not be yoked together with those who do not believe. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? 15 What agreement does Christ have with Belial [slang for “Satan, the lawless one”]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? ^{CSB}

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Don't jump out of the boat to fish. — Dick Shurtz

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Revelation 2

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan...^{ESV}

20 teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality^{ESV}

It [sexual immorality and the celebration of it] is a blasphemous desecration of a sacred symbol, taking that which was intended as a sign of God’s love and faithfulness and of our dependence upon Him and turning it into an aggressive symbol of human autonomy and sexual decadence. – Carl Trueman, “Welcome to Pride Month, Christian”



Dr. Carl Trueman

Satan ensnares Christians with sexual immorality, tempting partnerships, & false teaching that feels good.





**WHAT CAN MAN DO AGAINST SUCH
RECKLESS HATE?**

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It's all about baseball!



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Counselors

Prov 15:22 **Plans fail when there is no counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.** CSB



Holy Spirit



Safely home

John 16:13 **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.** CSB

God's Word

Is 8:20 **Go to God's instruction and testimony!** CSB



Joshua 9

¹⁶ Three days after making the treaty with them, they heard that the Gibeonites were their neighbors, living among them. ¹⁷ So the Israelites set out and reached the Gibeonite cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. ¹⁸ But the Israelites did not attack them, because the leaders of the community had sworn an oath to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. Then the whole community grumbled against the leaders.

Joshua 9

19 All the leaders answered them, “We have sworn an oath to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them. 20 This is how we will treat them: we will let them live, so that no wrath will fall on us because of the oath we swore to them.” 21 They also said, “Let them live.” So the Gibeonites became woodcutters and water carriers for the whole community, as the leaders had promised them. ^{CSB}



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General territory of the Hivite people

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“3 wrongs don’t make a right.”

- Gibeon was wrong to play tricks.**
- Israel’s leaders were wrong to act rashly.**
- A third wrong – violating the new contract, wouldn’t help.**

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22 Joshua summoned the Gibeonites and said to them, “Why did you deceive us by telling us you live far away from us, when in fact you live among us? **23** Therefore you are cursed and will always be slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God.” **24** The Gibeonites answered him, “It was clearly communicated to your servants that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you. We greatly feared for our lives because of you, and that is why we did this. **25** Now we are in your hands. Do to us whatever you think is right.” CSB

Joshua 9

²⁶ This is what Joshua did to them: he rescued them from the Israelites, and they did not kill them. ²⁷ On that day he made them woodcutters and water carriers—as they are today—for the community and for the LORD’s altar at the place he would choose. ^{CSB}

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King Saul of Israel tried to strengthen his polling numbers by fostering racism toward the Gibeonites. Eventually, that wasn't enough, so Saul conducted a pogrom, killing many Gibeonites.



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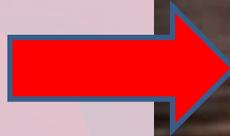
- **Other Hivites stirred up rebellion against Israel. No member of the Gibeonite group is ever mentioned.**
- **A Gibeonite man became one of David's mighty men – the most trusted & talented fighters in the world.**
- **Zerubbabel's genealogy included Gibeonites in the restored Israel.**
- **Nehemiah listed Gibeonites helping to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.**

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True repentance leads to victory.

Josh 9:25 **Now we are in your hands. Do to us whatever you think is right.** CSB



Hebrews 6

¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. ^{NLT}

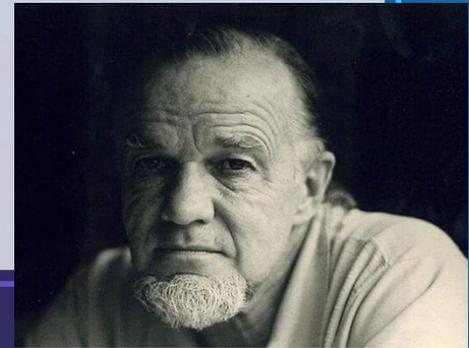
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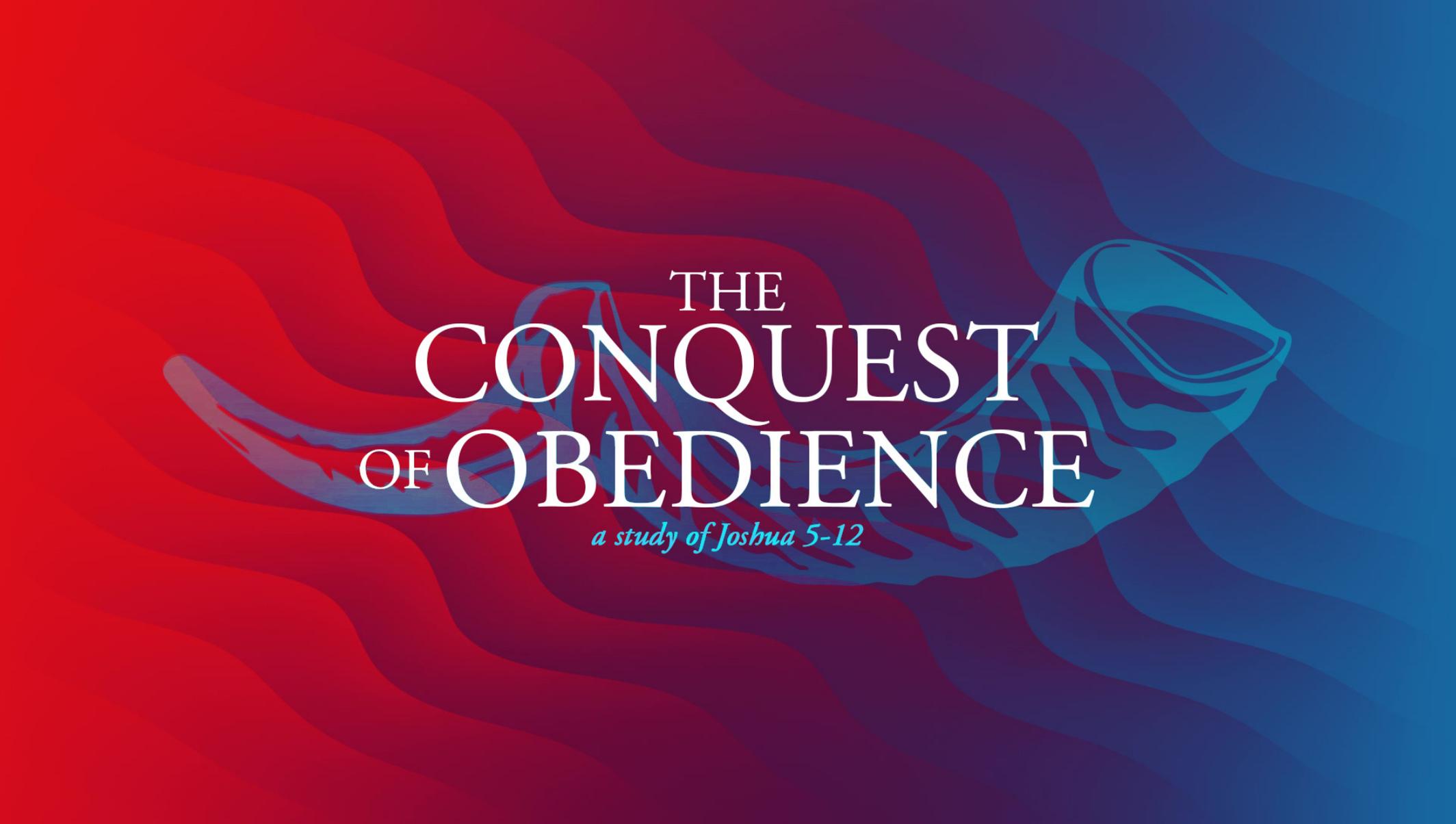
Every Christian, no matter who he is, was once, like Rahab the prostitute and the Gibeonites the liars, under the wrath and judgment of God. We were all rebels. Not one of us was born good.

Francis Schaeffer

Those who are not Christians remain where Rahab and the Gibeonites stood prior to their identification with the people of God. But Rahab and the Gibeonites believed, and they were accepted. If it is true that God accepted them, how much more true can it be for us who have an open invitation from God. Jesus said, “Whosoever will may come” (see, for instance, John 3:15-16).

If the Gibeonites could rely on an oath the Israelites made in the adverse circumstances of the Gibeonite's deception, when the Israelites did not even ask God's counsel, how much more confident can we be in God's oath to us. May we rely upon it. May we cast ourselves upon Christ and be those of a completely quiet heart. – Francis Schaeffer, *Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History*





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