

Joshua 9:1-27

(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.**



The Deception:

(3) **But when the inhabitants of Gibeon** heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, (4) they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, (5) old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on

themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. (6) And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."



(7) Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?" (Valid Question)

(8) But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants."

And Joshua said to them, **"Who are you, and where do you come from?"**

(9) So they said to him: **"From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name 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 kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroath.

We are warned:

Matthew 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

(5) For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:24 **For false christs and false prophets ... show great signs and wonders to deceive, ...even the elect.**

2 Peter 2:1-3 **But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, ...(2) And many will follow their destructive ways, (3) By covetousness they will exploit you (Make**

Merchandise of you; you are a product, a customer, a number) with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

WHAT THE GIBEONITES CLAIMED

(11) Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us." ' (12) This bread of ours **we took hot** for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now **look, it is dry and moldy.** (13) And these wineskins which we **filled were new**, and see, **they are torn**; and these our **garments and our sandals have become old** because of the very long journey." (14) Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; **but they did not ask counsel of the LORD.**

A) Looks can be deceiving, this is why we need to pray. James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let **him ask of God, who gives to all liberally...**

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, **but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving**, let your requests **be made known to God**; (7) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, **will guard your hearts** and minds through Christ Jesus.

(15) So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

(16) And it happened at the **end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them.** (17) Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their **cities on the third day.** Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim. (18) But the children of Israel did not attack them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD

God of Israel. **And all the congregation complained against the rulers.**

A) The people complained

1. That a covenant was made
2. That they should attack

(19) Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them. (20) This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them."

(21) And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but **let them be woodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation**, as the rulers had promised them."

(22) Then **Joshua called for them**, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you dwell near us? (23) Now therefore, **you are cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves**—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God."

(24) So they answered Joshua and said,
"Because your servants were clearly told that the LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

(25) And now, here we are, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us."

(26) So he did to them, and **delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them.**

Joshua 10:1-28

(1) 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.

(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.**

(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."

A) The Israelites' covenant with the Gibeonites forced them to fight the battles of Gibeon.

Gibeon was located in the hill country. When the Gibeonites came to Israel, they came **downhill** to deceive them. But after Israel entered that covenant, Israel had to go **uphill** to deal with the covenant. That is a picture of how sin works.

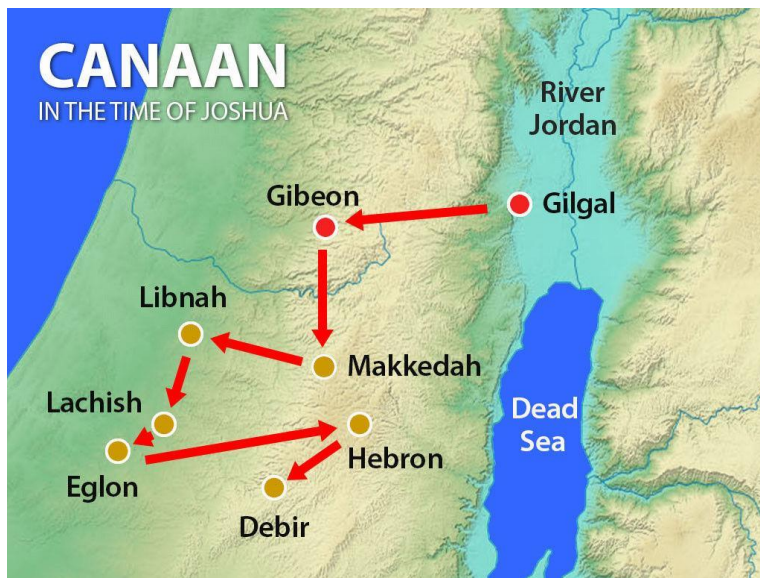
**Sin is often easy and convenient going in—
but difficult and painful coming out.**

B) God was going to use this opportunity to
give Israel more land.... **Joshua Surprise
Attack**

C) God prolongs the day for Joshua

D) Joshua destroys the kings

E) Joshua takes the lands



In conclusion,

Pray and seek God in the decisions you make.

The devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he
may devour and folks he does not come in with
a cape and pitchfork.