

COURAGEOUS WARRIOR – Exercising Authority
Joshua 10

(v.1-4)

The “five kings”

(v.6-9) Joshua attacks.

“Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you.”

(v.10-11) “So the Lord routed them.

v.12-15

(icr.org)

“A gradual deceleration of the earth to a stop, then later a gradual acceleration again to its normal speed would not produce any necessary tectonic disturbances in the earth’s crust or any displacement of objects on its surface.

This was surely a unique miracle, but not beyond the capabilities of the Creator of the sun and moon and planets. He started their motions, has maintained them through the ages, and is able to change them at will.” (The Institute for Creation Research)

Note: (v.12) Joshua was acting in “compliance,” not “defiance,” of God’s will!

(1) God would be glorified. (2) God would be obeyed. (3) God’s work would be continued without hindrance. (4) God’s people would triumph. (Guzik)

(v.14b) “...for the Lord fought for Israel.”

(v.13b) **Book of Jashar?** Ancient poetic accounts of heroic deeds. No longer exist.

v.16-19 The “five kings” flee and hide out in a cave.

(v.28-43) we have Israel's conquest of southern Canaan.

***Goshen – refers to Goshen - Joshua 15:51**

Joshua's "victory" reflective of Christ' return.

(Revelation 19:15-16) Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

(v.22-27), "taking authority" over the enemy!

In (v.26-27) the five kings are "killed."

Symbolically: These five kings represent a "type" of satan.

Two essential steps:

First - Come near. (v.24a)

(1 John 3:8b) For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

(1 John 4:4) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

***Second* - Put your feet on his neck.**

One commentator writes. ***"This act was done symbolically as a token, not only of the present complete victory, but of their approaching triumph over all their adversaries."*** (Adam Clarke)

How can we keep the devil "under" us, rather than "over" us? **By the word of God!**

(Joshua 10:25) Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight."

(Romans 16:20) And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

(John 13:8b) Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Peter was more focused on our "unworthiness," rather than Christ' "worth!"

(Philippians 2:9-11) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CONCLUSION:

(Matthew 11:12) And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

"He that will take, get possession of the kingdom of righteousness, peace, and spiritual joy, must be in earnest: all hell will oppose him in every step he takes; and if a man be not absolutely determined and give up his sins and evil companions, and have his soul saved at all hazards, and at every expense, he will surely perish everlastingly. This requires a violent earnestness." (Adam Clarke)

Violent faith is characterized by "humble submission," in Christ!

(James 4:7, 8) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.