

An open Bible is shown at the top and bottom of the image. The top part shows the pages of the Bible with some text visible. The bottom part shows the spine and cover of the Bible, with a sword resting on it. The background is a textured, parchment-like surface. The word "JOSHUA" is written in large, dark, serif letters across the middle of the image.

# JOSHUA

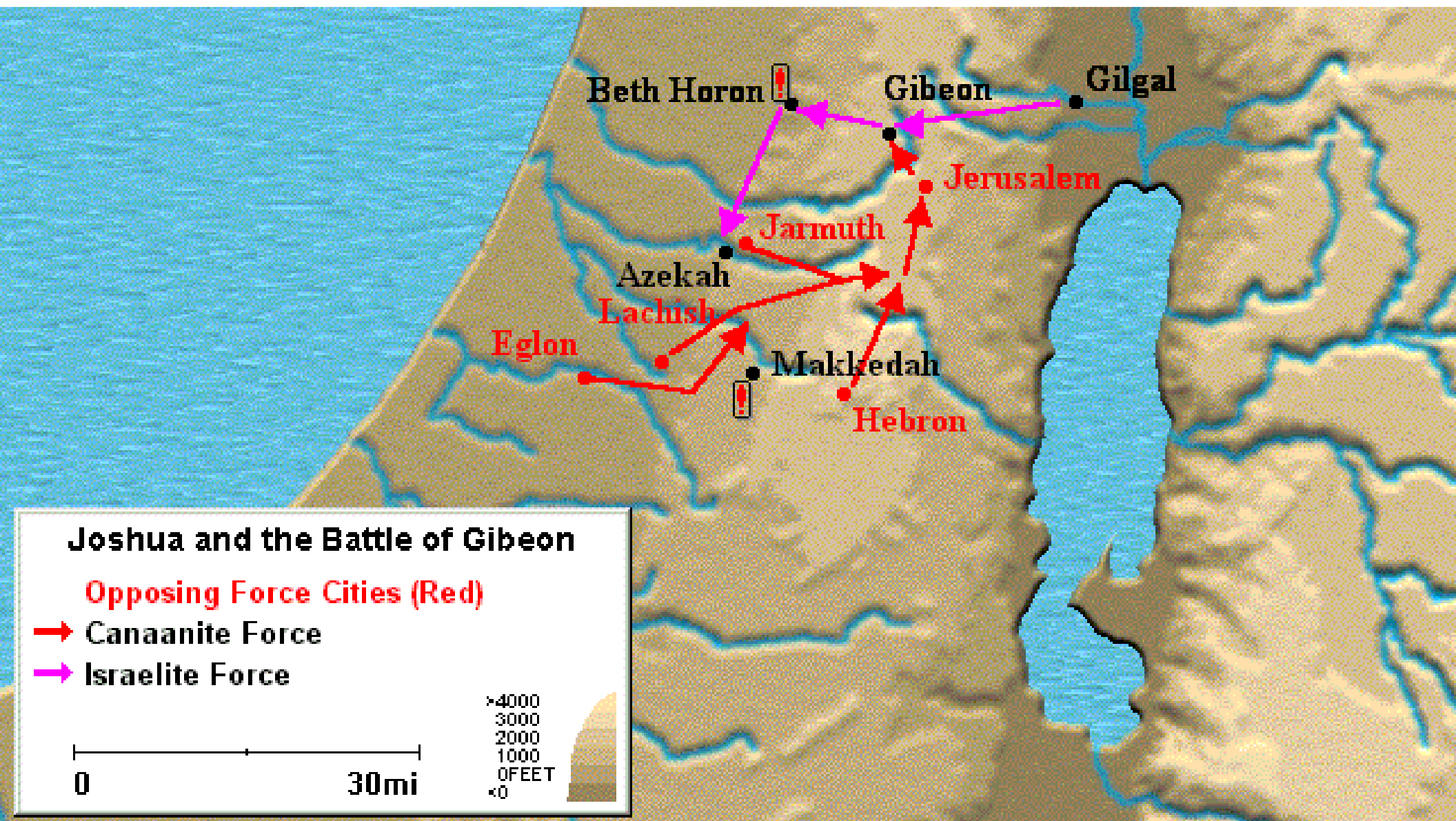
Called For Such Times

# GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Joshua in VICTORY!**
  - Joshua has been tested in many things
  - Gibeonites show we can all FAIL!!!
  - Rash decisions are usually costly!
  - ...but the thing about GOD...
- **God now USES what choices Joshua made!**
  - An Opportunity and a Victory...

# Chapter 10

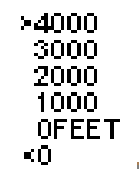
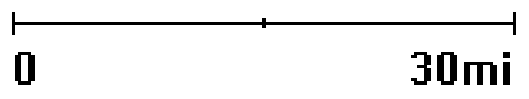
- **5 Kings get miffed! (vv. 1-5)**
  - They heard about the destruction of Ai and Jericho
  - They did not like that Gibeonites made peace
  - “they greatly feared”
- **So they come up with a plan...**
  - Let’s destroy Gibeon!
  - This is a plan... destroy an ally!!!???
  - Like a “royal city” (10:2)



### Joshua and the Battle of Gibeon

Opposing Force Cities (Red)

- Canaanite Force
- Israelite Force

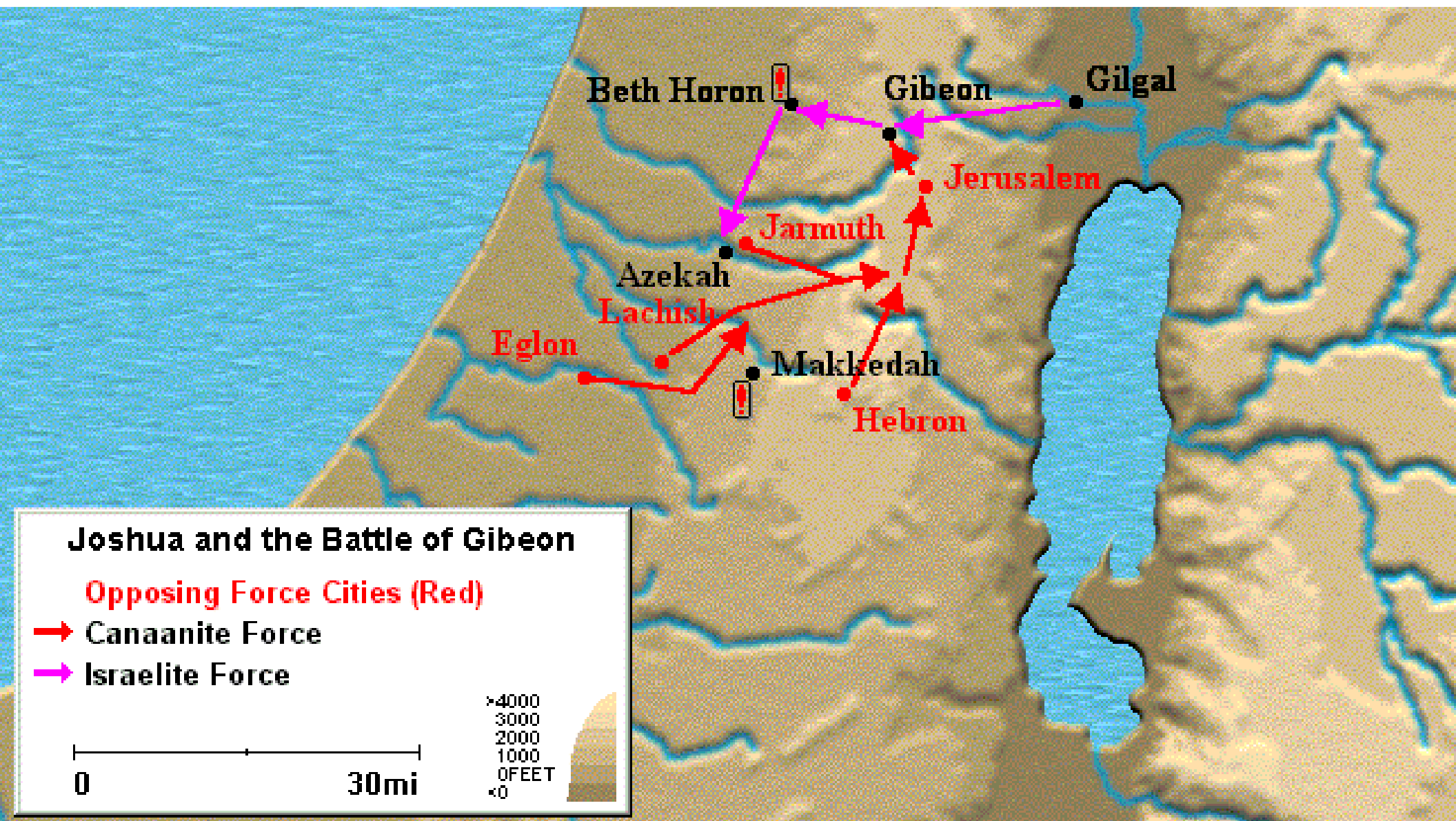


## No deception this time...

- **10:6 – do not abandon us!**
  - These 5 cities would have annihilated Gibeon...
  - A treaty required intervention
  - Joshua responds by treaty... A test for Joshua's heart
- **The Lord said to Joshua (8)**
  - God always has a plan!!!
  - “do not fear” ... did they?
  - I have given them...
  - Not one shall stand before you...

# Night Walk with God

- **Walking with God ...**
- **God had promised, Joshua responds... (9)**
  - **Was this by the Lord's word?**
  - **Lord "confounds" – move noisily, confuse, vex**
  - **God's kills many along the way...**
  - **"large stones" (11) kill more than Joshua!**

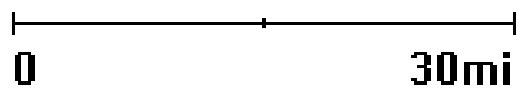


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# Joshua Cries out!

- The had marched all night...
- Enemy is routed and scattered...
- “in the sight of Israel” ... not a quiet, private prayer
- **SUN STAND STILL!!! Moon, too**
  - He did not ask for...
  - He wanted time **TO FINISH THE TASK!**
  - Book of Jashar (2Sam 1:18)
  - Book of Wars? Num 21:14



## What did God do...

- **Symbolic language?**
- **Sun's rays reflected in some way?**
- **Moon stopped too... literal. Solar system stalled?**
- **Slowed rotation of earth?**
- **See Isaiah 38:8; 2Kings 20:9-11**
- **No day like it – 48 hours! (14)**

## A side test...

- The kings had tried to hide in a cave...
  - Be careful of caves... no one does well in them!
  - Pursue your enemies...!
- Some would have stopped for the **BIG KILL!!!**
  - Temptation for fame and fortune...
  - Don't **STOP!!!**
- **21 – mouths of the peoples stopped!**
- **5 kings killed at the right time (22-27)**

## Does this tell us...

- **God's power over nature is ABSOLUTE!**
- **Does a star leading magi sound so strange?**
- **If this is our God... what is He wanting to do?**
- **Imagine the possibilities if we ask!**
- **For your family, your neighbors, your workers**
- **Cry out to God...**

Next week...

**The Feast of LIGHTS!**

**Hanukkah!!!**

**(eat something fried!!!)**