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Joshua 9.

1 . The Treaty with the Gibeonites. .

It happened, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it

2 that they gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also resorted to a ruse, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, old and torn and bound up, 5 and old and patched shoes on their feet, and wore old garments. All the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.

6 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 The men of Israel said to the Hivites, "What if you live among us. How could we make a covenant with you?"

8 They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." Joshua said to them, "Who are you? Where do you come from?"

9 They said to him, "Your servants have come from a very far country because of the name of YHWH your ELOHIM; for we have heard of his fame, 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 to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.

11 Our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, "Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and tell them, "We are your servants. Now make a covenant with us.""

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we went out to go to you; but now, behold, it is dry, and has become moldy.

13 These wineskins, which we filled, were new; and behold, they are torn. These our garments and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey."

14 The men sampled their provisions, and didn't ask counsel from the mouth of YHWH!

15 Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live. The princes of the congregation swore to them.

16 It happened at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them.

17 The children of Israel traveled and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim.

18 The children of Israel didn't strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel. All the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to them."

21 The princes said to them, "Let them live, so they became wood cutters and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the princes had spoken to them."

22 Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you live among us?"

23 Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you will never fail to be bondservants,

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both wood cutters and drawers of water for the house of my ELOHIM!”

24 They answered Joshua, and said, “Because your servants were certainly told how YHWH your ELOHIM 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 afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 Now, behold, we are in your hand. Do to us as it seems good and right to you to do.”

26 He did so to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they didn’t kill them.

27 That day Joshua made them wood cutters and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of YHWH, to this day, in the place which he should choose.

Joshua 10.

1 . The Sun Stands Still. .

Now it happened when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

2 that they were very afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

3 Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 “Come up to me, and help me, and let us strike Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.”

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their armies, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

6 The men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, “Don’t abandon your servants! Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us.”

7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

8 YHWH said to Joshua, “Don’t fear them, for I have delivered them into your hands. Not a man of them will stand before you.”

9 Joshua therefore came on them suddenly. He went up from Gilgal all night.

10 YHWH confused them before Israel, and he killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth Horon, and struck them to Azekah and to Makkedah.

11 It happened, as they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth Horon, that YHWH cast down great stones from the sky on them to Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than who the children of Israel killed with the sword.

12 Then Joshua spoke to YHWH in the day when YHWH delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still on Gibeon! You, moon, stop in the valley of Aijalon!”

13 The sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. Isn’t this written in the book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the midst of the sky, and didn’t hurry to go down about a whole day.

14 There was no day like that before it or after it, that YHWH listened to the voice of a

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man; for YHWH fought for Israel.

15 Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

16 . The Amorite Kings Executed. .

These five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

17 Joshua was told, saying, "The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18 Joshua said, "Roll large stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them;

19 but don't stay. Pursue your enemies, and them from the rear. Don't allow them to enter into their cities; for YHWH your ELOHIM has delivered them into your hand."

20 It happened, when Joshua and the children of Israel had finished killing them with a very great slaughter until they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities,

21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring those five kings out of the cave to me."

23 They did so, and brought those five kings out of the cave to him: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 It happened, when they brought those kings out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." They came near, and put their feet on their necks.

25 Joshua said to them, "Don't be afraid, nor be dismayed. Be strong and courageous, for YHWH will do this to all your enemies against whom you fight."

26 Afterward Joshua struck them, put them to death, and hanged them on five trees. They were hanging on the trees until the evening.

27 It happened at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

28 . Conquest of the Southland. .

Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king. He utterly destroyed them and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining. He did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 YHWH delivered it also, with its king, into the hand of Israel. He struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining in it. He did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it.

32 YHWH delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel. He took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with all the souls who were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, to Eglon; and they encamped

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against it fought against it.

35 They took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed all the souls who were in it that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it.

37 They took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king and all its cities, and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and all the souls who were in it.

38 Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it.

39 He took it, with its king and all its cities. They struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to its king.

40 So Joshua struck all the land, the hill country, and the South, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but he utterly destroyed all that breathed, as YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, commanded.

41 Joshua struck them from Kadesh Barnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

42 Joshua took all these kings and their land at one time, because YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, fought for Israel.

43 Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

Job 25.

1 . Bildad: How Can Man Be Righteous? .

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,

2 “Dominion and fear are with him. He makes peace in his high places.

3 Can his armies be counted? On whom does his light not arise?

4 How then can man be just with EL? Or how can he who is born of a woman be clean?

5 Behold, even the moon has no brightness, and the stars are not pure in his sight;

6 How much less man, who is a worm, the son of man, who is a worm!”

Psalms 115.

1 . The Futility of Idols and the Trustworthiness of ELOHIM. .

Not to us, YHWH, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loving kindness, and for your truth’s sake.

2 Why should the nations say, “Where is their ELOHIM, now?”

3 But our ELOHIM is in the heavens. He does whatever he pleases.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands.

5 They have mouths, but they don’t speak. They have eyes, but they don’t see.

6 They have ears, but they don’t hear. They have noses, but they don’t smell.

7 They have hands, but they don’t feel. They have feet, but they don’t walk, neither do they speak through their throat.

8 Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them.

9 Israel, trust in YHWH! He is their help and their shield.

10 House of Aaron, trust in YHWH! He is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear YHWH, trust in YHWH! He is their help and their shield.

12 YHWH remembers us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron.

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- 13 He will bless those who fear YHWH, both small and great.
- 14 May YHWH increase you more and more, you and your children.
- 15 Blessed are you by YHWH, who made heaven and earth.
- 16 The heavens are the heavens of YHWH; but the earth has he given to the children of men.
- 17 The dead don't praise YAH, neither any who go down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless YAH, from this time forth and forevermore. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 12.

- 1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2 A good man shall obtain favor from YHWH, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rotteness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind shall be despised.
- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.
- 10 A righteous man respects the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.
- 13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.
- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel.
- 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but one who overlooks an insult is prudent.
- 17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies.
- 18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals.
- 19 Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.
- 21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to YHWH, but those who do the truth are his delight.
- 23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.
- 24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
- 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad.
- 26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are

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prized.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death.

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