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- You are the God who works **wonders**; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. Psalm 77:14
- Therefore they [Paul and Barnabas] spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that **signs** and **wonders** be done by their hands. Acts 14:3
- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8
- Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.” John 14:12

1. Creation - Genesis 1:1-27
2. Enoch's translation - Genesis 5:24
3. The Flood - Genesis 7:17-24
4. Confusion of tongues at Babel - Genesis 11:3-9
5. Sodomites blinded - Genesis 19:11
6. Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed - Genesis 19:24-25
7. Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt - Genesis 19:26
8. Donkey speaking in human voice - Numbers 22:21-35
9. Burning bush - Exodus 3:3
10. Moses' rod changed into a serpent - Exodus 4:3-4, 30
11. Moses' hand made leprous - Exodus 4:6-7, 30
12. Aaron's rod changed into a serpent - Exodus 7:8-10
13. River turned to blood - Exodus 7:20-25
14. Frogs - Exodus 8:1-15
15. Lice - Exodus 8:16-19
16. Flies - Exodus 8:20-24
17. Death of Egyptian livestock - Exodus 9:1-7
18. Boils - Exodus 9:8-12
19. Hail - Exodus 9:18-24
20. Locusts - Exodus 10:1-20
21. Darkness - Exodus 10:21-23
22. First-born destroyed in Egypt - Exodus 12:29-30
23. Pillar of cloud and fire - Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19-20
24. Crossing the Red Sea - Exodus 14:21-23
25. Bitter waters sweetened - Exodus 15:25
26. Manna sent - Exodus 16:13-36
27. Water from the rock in Rephidim - Exodus 17:5-8
28. Amalek defeated - Exodus 17:9-13
29. Strange fire on Aaron's sacrifice - Leviticus 9:24
30. Nadab and Abihu destroyed - Leviticus 10:1-2
31. Israel's judgment by fire - Numbers 11:1-3
32. Miriam's leprosy - Numbers 12:10-15
33. Korah and his gang destroyed by unnatural means - Numbers 16:31-35
34. Murmurers destroyed by a ravaging plague - Numbers 16:41-50
35. Aaron's rod blossoms - Numbers 17:8
36. Water from the rock in Kadesh - Numbers 20:8-11
37. Brazen serpent healed many bitten by fiery serpents - Numbers 21:9
38. Jordan supernaturally divided - Joshua 3:14-17
39. Fall of Jericho - Joshua 6:6-20
40. Dew on Gideon's fleece - Judges 6:37-40
41. Sun and Moon stood still - Joshua 10:12-14

42. Angel in flame - Judges 13:20
43. Lion slain by Samson - Judges 14:5-6
44. Thirty Philistines killed by Samson - Judges 14:19
45. Water from the hollow place Lehi - Judges 15:19
46. City gates carried away by Samson - Judges 16:3
47. Dagon's house pulled down by Samson - Judges 16:29-30
48. Dagon's fall before the Ark - 1 Samuel 5:1-12
49. Men of Beth-shemesh destroyed - 1 Samuel 6:19-20
50. Thunder and rain in harvest time - 1 Samuel 12:18
51. Uzzah's mysterious death - 2 Samuel 6:6-7
52. Jeroboam's hand withered and restored - 1 Kings 13:4-6
53. Rending of the altar in Bethel - 1 Kings 13:5
54. Drought ordered by Elijah - 1 Kings 17:1; James 5:17
55. Elijah fed by ravens - 1 Kings 17:4-6
56. Widow's oil and meal supernaturally increased - 1 Kings 17:12-17
57. Widow's son raised from dead - 1 Kings 17:17-23
58. Sacrifice consumed by fire - 1 Kings 18:38
59. Rain in answer to prayer - 1 Kings 18:41
60. Captains destroyed by Elijah's command of fire - 2 Kings 1:9-12
61. Jordan divided by Elijah's mantle - 2 Kings 2:8
62. Elijah translated to heavens in a chariot of fire - 2 Kings 2:11
63. Jordan divided by Elisha with Elijah's mantle - 2 Kings 2:14
64. Waters of Jericho healed - 2 Kings 2:20-22
65. Young mockers of Elisha torn by bears - 2 Kings 2:24
66. Waters supernaturally supplied for Jehoshaphat - 2 Kings 3:16-20
67. Widow's food supernaturally multiplied - 2 Kings 4:1-7
68. Shunammite's widow's son raised from dead - 2 Kings 4:19-37
69. Poisoned pottage made harmless - 2 Kings 4:38-41
70. Hundred fed with 20 loaves - 2 Kings 4:42-44
71. Naaman cured of leprosy - 2 Kings 5:10-14
72. Gehazi struck with leprosy - 2 Kings 5:27
73. Axehead caused to float - 2 Kings 6:5-7
74. Ben-Hadad's plans revealed - 2 Kings 6:8-13
75. Syrian army defeated - 2 Kings 6:18-20
76. Resurrection by touch with Elisha's bones - 2 Kings 13:21
77. Sennecherib's army destroyed by an angel - 2 Kings 19:35
78. Hezekiah healed - 2 Kings 20:7
79. Shadow returned to sundial - 2 Kings 20:11
80. Uzziah afflicted with leprosy - 2 Chronicles 26:16-21
81. Three men delivered from fiery furnace - Daniel 3:19-27
82. Daniel delivered from the lion's den - Daniel 6:16-23
83. Preservation of Jonah in the belly of a fish for 3 days - Jonah 2:1-10

# Miracles in the Old Testament

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1. Water made wine in Cana - John 2:1-11
2. Son of nobleman healed in Cana - John 4:46-54
3. Christ passed unseen through crowd in Nazareth - Luke 4:28-30
4. Demoniac in synagogue healed in Capernaum - Mark 1:23-26
5. Peter's mother-in-law healed in Capernaum - Matthew 8:14-17
6. Draught of fishes in lake of Galilee - Luke 5:1-11
7. Leper cleansed in Capernaum - Matthew 8:1-4
8. Paralytic healed in Capernaum - Matthew 9:1-8
9. Impotent man healed in Jerusalem - John 5:1-9
10. Withered hand restored in Galilee - Matthew 12:10-13
11. Centurion's servant cured of palsy in Capernaum - Matthew 8:5-13
12. Widow's son raised in Nain - Luke 7:11-17
13. Demoniac healed in Galilee - Matthew 12:22-23
14. Tempest stilled in lake Galilee - Matthew 8:23-27
15. Two demoniacs cured in Gadara - Matthew 8:28-34
16. Jairus' daughter raised from dead - Matthew 9:23
17. Woman with issue of blood healed - Matthew 9:20-22
18. Blind men cured - Matthew 9:27-31
19. Dumb spirit cast out in Capernaum - Matthew 9:32-33
20. Five thousand supernaturally fed - Matthew 14:15-21
21. Walking on the sea - Matthew 14:25-33
22. Syro-phonician daughter healed - Matthew 15:21-28
23. Four thousand supernaturally fed - Matthew 15:32-39
24. Transfiguration of Christ - Matthew 17:1-6
25. Tribute money supernaturally provided - Matthew 17:24-27
26. Deaf and dumb man healed - Mark 7:31-37
27. Blind man healed - Mark 8:22-26
28. Devil cast out of boy - Mark 9:14-29
29. Miracles by the seventy - Luke 10:17
30. Ten lepers cleansed - Luke 17:11-19
31. Jesus passed unseen through crowd in the temple - John 8:59
32. Man born blind healed - John 9:1-7
33. Lazarus raised from dead - John 11:38-44
34. Woman with infirmity cured - Luke 13:11-17
35. Man with edema is cured - Luke 14:1-6
36. Two blind men cured in Jericho - Luke 18:35-43
37. Fig tree cursed and withered - Mark 11:12-14
38. Malchus' ears healed - Luke 22:50-51
39. Second draught of fishes - John 21:1-14
40. Resurrection of Christ - Luke 24:6

41. Christ's appearance to Mary Magdalene - Mark 16:9
42. Christ's appearance to other women - Matthew 28:9
43. Christ's appearance to two disciples - Luke 24:15-31
44. Christ's appearance to Peter - 1 Corinthians 15:5
45. Christ's appearance to ten apostles (Thomas absent) - John 20:19-24
46. Christ's appearance to eleven apostles (Thomas present) - John 20:126-28
47. Christ's appearance to seven disciples fishing - John 21:1-24
48. Christ's appearance to eleven apostles in Galilee - Matthew 28:16-17
49. Christ's appearance to five hundred brethren - 1 Corinthians 15:6
50. Christ's appearance to James - 1 Corinthians 15:7
51. Christ's appearance to eleven apostles on day of Ascension - Acts 1:2-9
52. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1-14
53. Christ's appearance to Paul at his conversion - Acts 9:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:18
54. Lame man cured by Peter - Acts 3:6
55. Death of Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5:5, 10
56. Many sick people healed by Peter - Acts 5:15
57. Apostles freed from prison by angelic intervention - Acts 5:19; 12:7-11
58. Stephen's great miracles - Acts 6:8
59. Dying Stephen's vision of Christ - Acts 7:55-56
60. Philip cast out unclean spirit - Acts 8:6-13
61. Ananias' vision - Acts 9:10
62. Paul's sight restored - Acts 9:17-18
63. Aeneas healed of palsy - Acts 9:34
64. Dorcas restored to life - Acts 9:40
65. Cornelius' vision - Acts 10:3-4, 30-32
66. Peter's vision - Acts 10:9-20
67. Agabus' prophecies - Acts 11:28; 21:11
68. Peter released from prison by angelic intervention - Acts 12:7-11
69. Elymas blinded - Acts 13:11
70. Lame man cured by Paul - Acts 14:10
71. Damsel delivered from evil spirit - Acts 14:10
72. Paul's vision on the way to Damascus - Acts 16:9
73. Earthquake released Paul and Silas - Acts 16:25-26
74. Gift of tongues - Acts 19:6
75. Special miracles by Paul - Acts 19:11-12
76. Evil spirit overpowered Sceva's seven sons - Acts 19:13-16
77. Eutychus restored to life - Acts 20:10
78. Paul unharmed by viper's bite - Acts 28:5
79. Publius' father healed - Acts 28:8
80. John's vision on Patmos - Revelation 1:9; 22:21
81. Innumerable miracles of Christ not recorded but witnessed by the apostles - John 20:30; Acts 10:38-39

# Miracles in the New Testament

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# **The Sun Stood Still**

**Joshua chapters 9-10**

Now it came about when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan [River], **in the hill country** [of Canaan] and **in the lowland** and **on all the coast** of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it [Israel's loss and then defeat against the people of the city of Ai], that they gathered themselves together with one accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel. Joshua 9:1-2

\*After hearing the news of Israel's defeat at the first battle of Ai, these kings knew it was at least possible for Israel to lose a battle (Joshua 7-8).

# Canaanite Tribes and the Route of the 12 Spies

Numbers 13  
Joshua 3:10



The frightened kings are grouped according to three geographical areas: those from the hill country of central Canaan, the western foothills (valleys or lowlands), and the coastal plain stretching north to Lebanon. That they were not able to unite as planned into one fighting force is a tribute to the success of Joshua's strategy in driving a wedge through the backbone of Canaan.

But powerful confederations did form in both the north and the south. Truces were declared in tribal wars and deadly enemies were ready to make common cause against the invasion force of God's people.

- Bible Knowledge Commentary

When the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they also acted craftily and set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins worn-out and torn and mended, and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and had become crumbled. Joshua 9:3-5

\* Located in the hill country only six miles northwest of Jerusalem and about the same distance southwest of Ai, Gibeon was known as “an important city” (Joshua 10:2) and was head of a small confederation including three neighboring towns (cf. Joshua 9:17). – Bible Knowledge Commentary

They [Gibeonites] 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.” Joshua 9:6

- Why the emphasis on being from a far country and the deceptive performance to “prove” it? Apparently the Gibeonites had become aware of the provisions in the Mosaic Law permitting Israel to make peace with cities that were at a considerable distance, but requiring them to wipe out completely the cities of the seven nearby Canaanite nations (Deuteronomy 20:10–18; Deuteronomy 7:1–2). – Bible Knowledge Commentary

- The Gibeonites staked their hope for a peace treaty on Israel's policy of making peace with compliant cities that were far removed from Israel, and not a part of the condemned nations who might pollute them. The Gibeonites therefore pretended to come from a great distance. – New Bible Commentary
- “I will fix your boundary from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River Euphrates; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you will drive them out before you. You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods. “They shall not live in your land, because they will make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.” Exodus 23:31-33

The men of Israel said to the Hivites [Gibeonites], “Perhaps you are living within our land; how then shall we make a covenant with you?” But they said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” Then Joshua said to them, “Who are you and where do you come from?” They said to him, “Your servants have come from a very far country because of the fame of the Lord your God; for we have heard the report of Him and all that He did in Egypt [plagues, parting the Red Sea], and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon [Numbers 21:21-25] and to Og king of Bashan who was at Ashtaroth.” Joshua 9:7-10

[The Gibeonites said...] “So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, ‘Take provisions in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them and say to them, “We are your servants; now then, make a covenant with us.” ’ This our bread was warm when we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become crumbled. These wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and our sandals are worn out because of the very long journey.” Joshua 9:11-13

So the men of Israel took some of their provisions [food], and **did not ask for the counsel of the Lord. Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them**, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them. Joshua 9:14-15

- Joshua and the Israelites made two mistakes.
- First, in sampling their provisions they accepted as evidence things that were highly questionable. If the visitors were true ambassadors with power to conclude a treaty with another nation they should have had more substantial credentials. It was foolish of Joshua not to demand them.
- The second and primary reason for Israel's failure is stated in verse 14: the leaders did not seek direction from God. Did Joshua think the evidence to be so beyond question that they needed no advice from Yahweh? Did he think the matter too routine or unimportant to "bother" God with it? Whatever the cause it was a mistake to trust their own judgment and make their own plans. They walked by sight, not by faith.

It came about at the end of three days **after they had made a covenant with them**, that they heard that they were neighbors [located only 17 miles from Gilgal] and that they were living within their land [of Canaan]. Then the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim. Joshua 9:16-17

\*The children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. This was the proper test of the Gibeonite claims, not merely looking at their bread and sandals. This test came too late, and the Israelites discovered the deception of the Gibeonites.

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# CANAAN

IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA

Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim are cities of the Hivites



The four towns constituting this league controlled the approaches to Jerusalem from the northwest and so lived on a vital artery within the Israelite confederacy. The assembly rightly complained against their leaders because Israel's existence in the land was now threatened by this pagan presence.

The sons of Israel did not strike them [Gibeonites] because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord the God of Israel. **And the whole congregation** [of Israel] **grumbled against the leaders.** But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, “We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them. This we will do to them, even let them live, so that wrath will not be upon us for the oath which we swore to them.” The leaders said to them, “Let them live.” So they became hewers [cutters] of wood [for burnt offerings] and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them. Joshua 9:18-21

\*The very thing the Gibeonites hoped to attain they lost. They desperately wanted to remain free men; in the end they became slaves. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Then Joshua called for them [Gibeonites] and spoke to them, saying, “Why have you deceived us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you are living within our land? Now therefore, you are cursed, and you shall never cease being slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.” So they answered Joshua and said, “Because it was certainly told 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; therefore we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. Now behold, **we are in your hands; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us.**” Joshua 9:22-25

\*The Gibeonites knew what all the Canaanite tribes understood. They knew that the God of Israel sent Israel to take the land from the Canaanites as judgment against them. The Canaanites who willingly remained in the land, knowing the judgment of God was coming, would receive that coming judgment. They could have fled and spared their lives.

Thus he [Joshua] did to them, and delivered them [Gibeonites] from the hands of the sons of Israel, and they did not kill them. But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place which He would choose.

Joshua 9:26-27

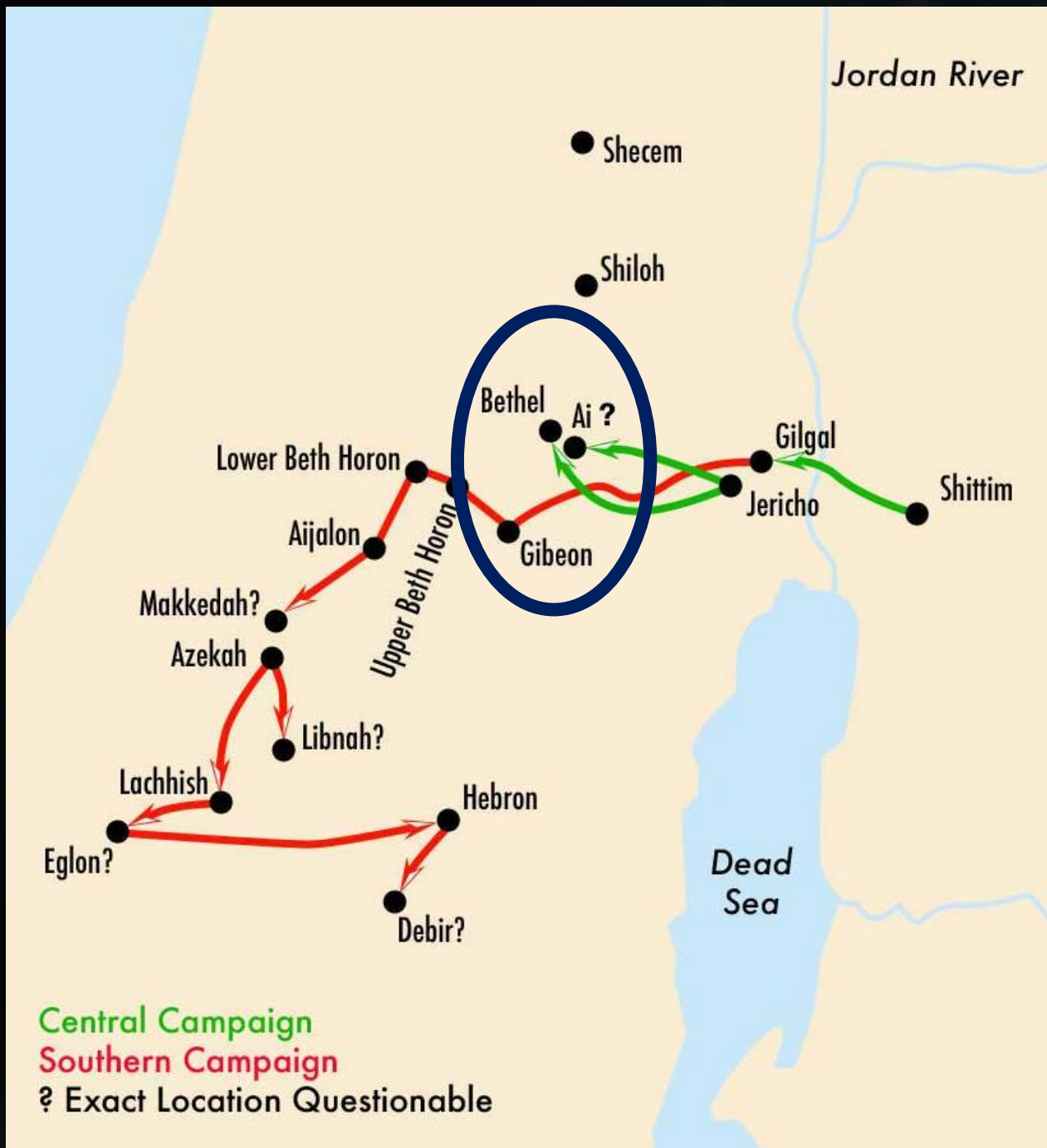
The story of the Gibeonites after Joshua 9 shows what God can do with sinners who come to Him in humility and honor, seeking mercy.

- The Gibeonites became servants at the tabernacle, just as Joshua had commanded (2 Chronicles 1:3).
- Gibeon became a priestly city. The ark of the covenant stayed at Gibeon often in the days of David and Solomon (1 Chronicles 16:39-40, 1 Chronicles 21:29).
- At least one of David's mighty men was a Gibeonite (1 Chronicles 12:4).
- God appeared and spoke to Solomon at Gibeon (1 Kings 3:4-5).
- Gibeonites were among those who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with Nehemiah (Nehemiah 3:7, Nehemiah 7:25).
- Prophets such as Hananiah the son of Azur came from Gibeon (Jeremiah 28:1).

Now it came about when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had utterly destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king), and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were within their land, that he 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 [Gibeon's] were mighty [good fighters]**. Joshua 10:1-2

- The treacherous surrender of the Gibeonite cities completed an arc beginning at Gilgal and extending through Jericho and Ai to a point just a few miles northwest of Jerusalem. The handwriting was on the wall. Jerusalem's security was being severely threatened. If the advances of Israel's armies continued without challenge Jerusalem would soon be surrounded and captured. – Bible Knowledge Commentary
- Joshua's conquest of Ai, and the submission of mighty Gibeon, prompted the alarmed king of Jerusalem to form an alliance with four other royal cities and besiege Gibeon. – New Bible Commentary

In the biblical narrative, Gibeon and Ai were two strategic Canaanite cities situated in the central hill country of Israel, just miles apart.



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Therefore Adoni-zedek [“My Lord is Righteous”] king of Jerusalem [who ruled over a city composed of Amorites and Hittites] sent word to Hoham king of Hebron and to Piram king of Jarmuth and to Japhia king of Lachish and to Debir king of Eglon [southern cities since Israel already controlled the area to his north], saying, “Come up to me and help me, and let us attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel [considered by Adoni-Zedek to be treason].” Joshua 10:3-4

So the five kings of the **Amorites**, [made up of the city-states of...] 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 with all their armies, and camped by Gibeon and fought against it [city of Gibeon, because they had made a peace treaty with the Israelites]. Joshua 10:5

# Battle of the Five Kings (Joshua 10:1-28)

*Descent of Beth-Horon*

**Gibeon** (circled in red)

**Ai**

**Gilgal**

**Jericho**

Israelite troops

**Azekah**  
(Tell ez-Zakariyah)

**Jarmuth**

**Jebus**  
(Jerusalem)

**Eglon**

**Lachish**

**Makkedah**  
(Tell el-Qom ?)

**Hebron**

DEAD SEA

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Afraid to attack Israel directly, the alliance of five kings attacked their subjects, the Gibeonites. They hoped to make Gibeon a warning to other Canaanite tribes that might consider surrendering to the Israelites.

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Then the men of Gibeon sent word [by a messenger] to Joshua to the camp at **Gilgal**, saying, “**Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us**, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us.” Joshua 10:6

- Gilgal was the place of memorial (Joshua 4:20).
- Gilgal was the place of radical obedience (Joshua 5:2-3).
- Gilgal was the place where reproach was removed (Joshua 5:9).
- Gilgal was the place of obedience and the remembrance of salvation (Joshua 5:10).
- Gilgal was the place where the manna stopped, and they began to live from what the Promised Land provided (Joshua 5:11-12).

- Why should Joshua respond to this cry for help from the very people who had deceived him? Why not just sit back and let the Canaanites fight among themselves? The Israelites would then be rid of evidence of an embarrassing failure.
- That this was not an option for Joshua is made clear by his immediate reaction. Some suggest that this is evidence that the covenant between Israel and the Gibeonites' league was a mutual defense pact. But the scriptural record does not state that. And it seems preposterous that Israel would obligate herself in a treaty to go to the rescue of a "distant" nation which Israel assumed about the Gibeonites when the treaty was adopted.
- The reason for Joshua's response lies in the area of military strategy. Up to this time Israel's army attacked one fortified city at a time, at best a long and drawn-out offensive procedure for conquering the entire land of Canaan. But now Joshua sensed he had the strategic break he needed. The combined Amorite armies of southern Canaan were camped together in an open field outside Gibeon. An Israelite victory would break the backs of the enemy forces of the entire region. Furthermore God assured Joshua that he need not be afraid of them (cf. Joshua 1:9; 8:1) for God would give him victory. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant warriors. The Lord said to Joshua, “**Do not fear them**, for I have given them into your hands; not one of them shall stand before you.” Joshua 10:7-8

So Joshua came upon them suddenly [catching the enemy by surprise] by marching all night [8-10 hours] from Gilgal [20+ miles, elevation climb of 3,300 feet]. And the **Lord confounded** them before Israel, and **He slew them** with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and **pursued them** by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and **struck them** as far as Azekah and Makkedah. As they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, **the Lord threw** large [hail] stones from heaven on them [Canaanites but not Israelites] as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword. Joshua 10:9-11

- Panic seized the enemy and after a short stand in which many were killed they broke and fled in wild confusion toward the west. Their escape route was through a narrow pass and down the Valley of Aijalon with the Israelites in hot pursuit. – Bible Knowledge Commentary
- This is the first example in Joshua of *counterattack*, of the enemy initiating a battle against Israel. “Here for the first time Israel does not initiate the aggression but responds to an ally’s appeal.” (Hess) - <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-10/>
- Because he remained committed to helping the Gibeonites, Joshua and the people of Israel only had to go to battle once (against the alliance of Canaanite kings) not multiple times

- “The battle of Gibeon is the last battle described in any detail in the book of Joshua (the others are the encounters at Jericho and Ai) since after this the text merely summarizes the campaigns in the south (Joshua 10:28–43) and in the north (Joshua 11:1–23).” (Howard)
- Seeing God’s miraculous hand in action gave Joshua the boldness to ask for an even more remarkable miracle – to keep the day going, to keep the sun from setting so that Israel had time to accomplish a complete victory before darkness fell.

Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, “O sun, stand still at Gibeon, and O moon in the valley of Aijalon.” Joshua 10:12

- The day of the battle of Beth Horon was wearing on and Joshua knew that the pursuit of the enemy would be long and arduous. At the most the military leader had 12 hours of daylight ahead of him. He clearly needed more time if he were to realize the fulfillment of God’s promise (Joshua 10:8) and see the total annihilation of his foes. – Bible Knowledge Commentary
- The Canaanites coming up the slopes from the west of Gibeon (to which Joshua had brought relief after his strenuous, all-night climb) were looking east into the blinding sun above Gibeon when the battle began. To keep the advantage, Joshua, praying to the Lord, commanded the sun and moon, as the Lord’s subordinates, to stay put until Israel avenged itself (i.e. defensively vindicated its sovereignty) on its enemy. – New Bible Commentary

So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation [of Israel] avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar [collection of Hebrew poems and war songs]? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky [noon] and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. Joshua 10:13

- What actually happened on that strange day? The answers are numerous (an eclipse, clouds over the sun, refraction of the sun's rays, etc.). But the best explanation seems to be the view that in answer to Joshua's prayer God caused the rotation of the earth to slow down so that it made one full rotation in 48 hours rather than in 24. God stopped the cataclysmic effects that would have naturally occurred, such as monstrous tidal waves and objects flying around. Evidence that the earth's rotation simply slowed down is found in the closing words of Joshua 10:13: "The sun ... delayed going down about a full day." The sun was thus abnormally slow or tardy in getting to sunset, that is, its progression from noon to dusk was markedly lethargic, giving Joshua and his soldiers sufficient time to complete their victorious battle.
- An important fact that should not be overlooked is that the sun and moon were principal deities among the Canaanites. At the prayer of Israel's leader Canaan's gods were compelled to obey. This disturbance to their gods must have been terribly upsetting and frightening to the Canaanites. The secret of Israel's triumph over the coalition of Canaanites is found in the words, "Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!" In answer to prayer Israel experienced the dramatic intervention of God on their behalf and victory was assured.

There was no day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel. Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp to Gilgal. Joshua 10:14-15

Now these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah. It was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah." Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave [to imprison the kings], and assign men by it to guard them, but do not stay there yourselves; pursue your enemies and attack them in the rear. Do not allow them to enter their cities [in retreat], for the Lord your God has delivered them into your hand." It came about when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, until they were destroyed, and the survivors who remained of them had entered the fortified cities, that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No one uttered a word against any of the sons of Israel. Joshua 10:16-21

Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave.” They did so, and brought these five kings out to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came near and put their feet on their necks [symbolizing total subjugation]. Joshua then said to them, “**Do not fear or be dismayed!** Be strong and courageous, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies with whom you fight.” Joshua 10:22-25

## What happened next?

Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. Joshua 10:42

## What was the result?

- The 5 kings of the Canaanites were killed in one battle (Joshua 10:42)
- The people of Gibeon were saved

# Sun Stood Still

- **How** did this happen? No one knows for sure
- We do know that the sun is **ALREADY STILL**, it is the earth that rotates on its axis (giving us night and day and the perception that the sun is moving).
- We say the sun “rises” and “sets” when it actually does not move.
- From Joshua’s perspective, the sun stood still, giving the people of Israel additional hours of sunlight to fight the battle.

# Sun Stood Still

**How** did this happen? No one knows for sure.

- Slowing of the earth's rotation
- A prolonged solar eclipse
- A tilting of the earth's axis
- A miracle of reflecting the light of the sun after sundown
- Joshua perceiving the glory of God as sunlight

# Sun Stood Still

**Why** did this happen?

**Why** did Joshua request this?

- So they could continue on the work of the Lord until completion

# “O sun, stand still”

- Do we understand what Joshua requested?
- Joshua asked God to make the sun stand still.
- He asked God to change nature and science.
- Joshua asked God for a miracle so Joshua could keep serving God and fighting a spiritual battle.
- Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Hebrews 4:16
- “Bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers. If your prayers aren’t impossible to you, they are insulting to God.” - Mark Batterson

# Praying for Miracles at First Melissa

- Salvations of family members and friends
- Healing of marriages and broken relationships
- Healing of illness and sickness
- Creating and deepening connections among the Body of Christ
- Raising up the next generation of faithful followers of Jesus
- Church construction loan paid off
- Expansion of our church property
- Upgrades to our existing church facilities and campus
- Construction of new church facilities
- Expansion of ministry opportunities

# Steps in a “Sun Stood Still” Miracle

- Remember God’s past grace, provision and protection
- Be willing to show grace and mercy to others, even your enemies
- Keep your promises, to God and others
- Believe that God can do anything
- Believe that God is sovereign over His creation
- Believe that God hears our prayers
- Pray bold prayers
- Ask God for miracles
- Trust God to fight for us when we are serving Him
- When God answers our prayers, keep moving forward in faith