

THE UNUSUAL COMMAND OF JOSHUA

Joshua 9 - 10

One of the most unusual pieces of literature in all history was written in connection with the conquest of the land of Canaan by Joshua and his armies. Read below about this literature and the events which gave rise to it:

A. Joshua's First Conquests: Joshua 6-8

1. What was the name of the first great city which Joshua and his army conquered after entering Canaan? Joshua 6:1, 21, 24

2. What happened as a result of this victory? Joshua 6:27

1. What was the name of the second city that Joshua and his armies conquered? Joshua 8:1-2

B. The Reaction of Other Cities to These Conquests: Read Joshua 9:1 - 10:5

1. What did all the other kings do when they heard of Joshua's victories? Joshua 9:1-2

2. What did the inhabitants of the city of Gibeon do? Joshua 9:3-6, 15

3. Why did they do this? Joshua 9:24

4. When the King of Jerusalem heard of all these things, how did he feel? Joshua 10:1-2

5. To how many kings did he send for help? Joshua 10:3 (Locate their cities on the map, page 23)

1. What did all these kings decide to do? Joshua 10:4, 5b

C. The Battle for Gibeon: Read Joshua 10:6-14

1. To whom did the people of Gibeon send for help? Joshua 10:6

2. What did God tell Joshua before this battle? Joshua 10:8

3. What happened at the battle of Gibeon? Joshua 10:10a

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4. To what cities did Joshua chase the people as they fled from the battle? Joshua 10:10b
(Locate these cities on the map, page 23)

5. What miracle did God perform to help Israel at Both-horon? Joshua 10:11

6. As the battle progressed, on whom did Joshua call? Joshua 10:12a

7. What most unusual command did Joshua then give? Joshua 10:12b

8. Was there any human possibility of this command being obeyed? Had anything like this ever happened before? Joshua 10:14

9. Notice that Joshua' command and the result in Joshua 10:12-13 are poetry, quoted from the book of Jasber, probably a book of secular history. Since they are quoted in the Bible, however, we know that they are accurate.

10. What happened as a result of Joshua's command? Joshua 10:13-14

11. What were Joshua and his armies able to do because of this? Joshua 10:13

12. What were they later able to do? Joshua 10:40, 42a

13. What was the secret of their success at this time? Joshua 10:14b, 42b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did it take on the part of Joshua to give such a command as this?

2. Do I have faith to call upon the Lord for impossible things which I need in order to accomplish my work for Him? Jeremiah 33:3
