

Trust God

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Joshua 10:1 Now Adoni-Zedek (ahh-doe-Ni-zeedek) king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and had become their allies.

• Main Point # 1: Trust God. Don't second guess His decisions, and don't try using human wisdom to define Him. Trust God

Revelation 6:15-17 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, <u>hid in caves</u> and among the rocks of the mountains. **16** They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from <u>the wrath of the Lamb!</u> **17** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

Joshua 10:2-13a He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters. 3 So Adoni-Zedek (ah-doh-Ni-zeedek) king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon. 4 "Come up and help me attack Gibeon," he said, "because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites." 5 Then the five kings of the Amorites—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon—joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it. 6 The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us." **7** So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. 8 The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." 9 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. 10 The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. 11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites. 12 On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." 13a So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

• Main Point # 2: "Grow" your faith by remembering the personal history you already have with God.

1 Chronicles 29:29-30 As for the events of King David's reign, from beginning to end, they are written in the records of <u>Samuel the seer</u>, the records of <u>Nathan the prophet</u> and the records of <u>Gad the seer</u>, **30** together with the details of his reign and power, and the circumstances that surrounded him and Israel and the kingdoms of all the other lands.

Joshua 10:13b-14 The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. 14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a human being. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!

Revelation 6:12-14 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. <u>The sun turned black</u> like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

• Main Point # 3: Trust God. Don't look for explanations, just believe what ALL of God's Word says! Trust God

Joshua 10:15-24 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal. 16 Now the five kings had fled and hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 17 When Joshua was told that the five kings had been found hiding in the cave at Makkedah, 18 he said, "Roll large rocks up to the mouth of the cave, and post some men there to guard it. 19 But don't stop; pursue your enemies! Attack them from the rear and don't let them reach their cities 20 So Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely, but a few survivors managed to reach their fortified cities. 21 The whole army then returned safely to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah, and no one uttered a word against the Israelites. 22 Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me." 23 So they brought the five kings out of the cave—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon. 24 When they had brought these kings to Joshua, he summoned all the men of Israel and said to the army commanders who had come with him, "Come here and put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came forward and placed their feet on their necks.

- 6 ways Adoni-Zedek is <u>similar to</u> the Antichrist
- A False messiah (Revelation 13:3)
- Ruled over Jerusalem (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
- Led a confederation of kings (Revelation 17:12-13)
- Faught against God (Revelation 17:14)
- Resisted God's occupation of the land (Revelation 19:19)
- Led Kings that hid in caves (Revelation 6:15-17)

Joshua 10:25-26 Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight." **26** Then

Joshua put the kings to death and exposed their bodies on five poles, and they were left hanging on the poles until evening.

• Main Point # 4: When life brings you fear and discouragement, trust God, the battle is HIS, and it's already WON!

Joshua 10:27 At sunset Joshua gave the order and they took them down from the poles and threw them into the cave where they had been hiding. At the mouth of the cave they placed large rocks, which are there to this day.

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