

Junior Sunday School Outline
Book- Joshua
Chapter- Joshua 10
Scripture- Joshua 10:1-5

Memory verse- Psalm 77:14, *"Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people."*

INTRODUCTION- Today, we will learn about one of the most amazing miracles performed by God ever to be recorded in all of the Bible. Our God has created all things, both in heaven and upon earth. Since He is the almighty Creator, then He certainly has the power over all of His creation. In this chapter, five Amorite kings form one, giant army with the plan of attacking Israel's new ally, the Gibeonites. The Gibeonites call for Israel's help in delivering them from the Amorite armies, and Israel comes to their rescue. The battle was raging throughout the entire day, but when the sky would have become dark and the sun would set, Joshua prayed to the Lord, and God caused the sun to stand still! For almost a full, 24-hour day, the sun was shining upon them for light as they battled the Amorite armies. This chapter records Israel's victory over the southern armies and cities of Canaan.

I. THE SOUTHERN ARMIES ARE DEFEATED BY ISRAEL (v.1-27)

A. Five Amorite kings unite together to attack Gibeon with one massive army (v.1-4)-

The Amorite king, Adoni-Zedec, was a very powerful and influential king in the southern part of Canaan. He calls for the other four Amorite kings to join him with their armies to teach the Gibeonites a lesson for forming a treaty with Israel. He hoped that by attacking and destroying Gibeon that others would be afraid of making any alliance with Israel. There are some people in the world who hope to spread fear to other Christians by making an example of other believers in hurting them. We must never be afraid of what a man can do unto us, but rather we must be more concerned about what God can do unto us.

*Matt. 10:28, *"...fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

*Heb. 10:31, *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

B. The Gibeonites cry for Israel to defend them against the Amorites (v.5-9)- Because of the peace treaty between Gibeon and Israel, Joshua must protect the Gibeonites from the attack of the Amorites. God promises Israel the victory, so Joshua leads his army from Gilgal to Gibeon by night on foot for a total of 25 miles to make a surprise attack on the Amorites. We must remember, God has promised us the victory, but we must not think for a moment that the road ahead will always be an easy one to tread.

*Ps. 27:14, *"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."*

C. God gives Israel the victory over the confederated armies of the five Amorite kings (v.10-27)- During this battle, God fought for Israel by casting great hailstones down upon the Amorites from Heaven. Joshua prayed for God to allow the sun to stand still and continue giving its light until they had completely destroyed the Amorites, and God caused it to stand still and not set for nearly 24 hours. The five Amorite kings retreated and hid within a cave. Joshua had these kings brought out of the cave, and he instructed his captains to place their foot upon the necks of these kings. Putting the foot upon the neck of your enemy meant that you had total dominion over them. Israel slew these kings and hung them all upon trees until the evening. Then, at even, the dead bodies of these kings were cast into the same cave that they were found hiding out in, and Joshua had great stones rolled before the cave's entrance to seal it.

II. THE SOUTHERN CITIES ARE DEFEATED BY ISRAEL (v.28-43)

A. Joshua leads Israel in conquering the cities of the south in Canaan (v.28-39)- Israel was victorious over every city of the southern part of Canaan all because their God was fighting for them. The battle is won if the Lord be on our side!

B. Joshua returns to Gilgal with the army of Israel victorious (v.40-43)- At this time, Joshua was not interested in destroying each city of the southern part of Canaan, but rather in destroying any military resistance that he found in the south. It would be foolish to begin attacking the north when there are armies to the south still, who may at any time attack you from behind. Remember, the soldier of the Lord has been given the whole armour of God to put on as he faces the powers of the darkness of this world. However, God never lists any armour that is to be worn on our "backs", for we are to ever press "forward" (Eph. 6:11-17).

III. CONCLUSION

1. If Gibeon did not have a friend in Israel, they would have surely been destroyed by the wicked Amorite kings and their armies.
2. If Israel did not have a Friend in the Lord, they would most definitely have not been able to destroy the wicked Amorite kings and help the Gibeonites.
3. If you and I are to help any lost person in this world, we must first begin a relationship with the "Friend Who sticketh closer than any brother"—the Lord Jesus Christ!
4. Do you have a Friend in Jesus? This relationship can only be acquired by being saved.
5. Once you have been saved by Jesus, you can now go about helping others by bringing them to the same Friend Who helped you.
6. Song, "My God is so great..."