

Battle Lessons:

Lessons from Gibeon Part 2

Numbers 30:1,2 God made no allowances for men to break their vows. Therefore, when the leaders of Israel made their treaty with Gibeon (then realized they were lied to and deceived); there was no recourse, but to follow through with it.

Romans 8:28 God promises all things will work to the good; and as you read in Joshua 10; God finds ways to bring about good from the Israelite leaders poor judgment.

Joshua 10:1-6 Five Kings; led by the King of Jerusalem are upset that Gibeon made a treaty with Israel, rather than unite with them and drive Israel out of the land. These five kings feel threatened and disheartened by Gibeon's actions and are determined to wipe them out. Gibeon appeal to Joshua to come to their aid.

Joshua 10:7-11 Joshua gathers the fighting men and they march all night and arrive in the morning to face the 5 kings. God gives the victory as He sends hailstones down which kill more people than the sword. The enemy is thrown into disarray and flee.

Joshua 10:12-15 Joshua asks God to let the "sun stand still" so they can continue to pursue their enemy and it remains light for about a full day. Israel then returns to Gilgal.

Joshua 10:16-28 Joshua receives word that the 5 kings had escaped and were hiding in a cave near the city of Makkedah. He instructs for stones be used to seal the care and a guard placed. The rest were to continue to pursue the enemy and destroy them. Some survivors reached that safety of some fortified cities. Joshua then has the kings brought out from the cave and killed. They were then hung on 5 trees until evening. At sunset, they were taken down and put back in the cave and the cave sealed with rocks.

Joshua then takes the city of Makkedah and totally destroyed everyone in the city, including the king.

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