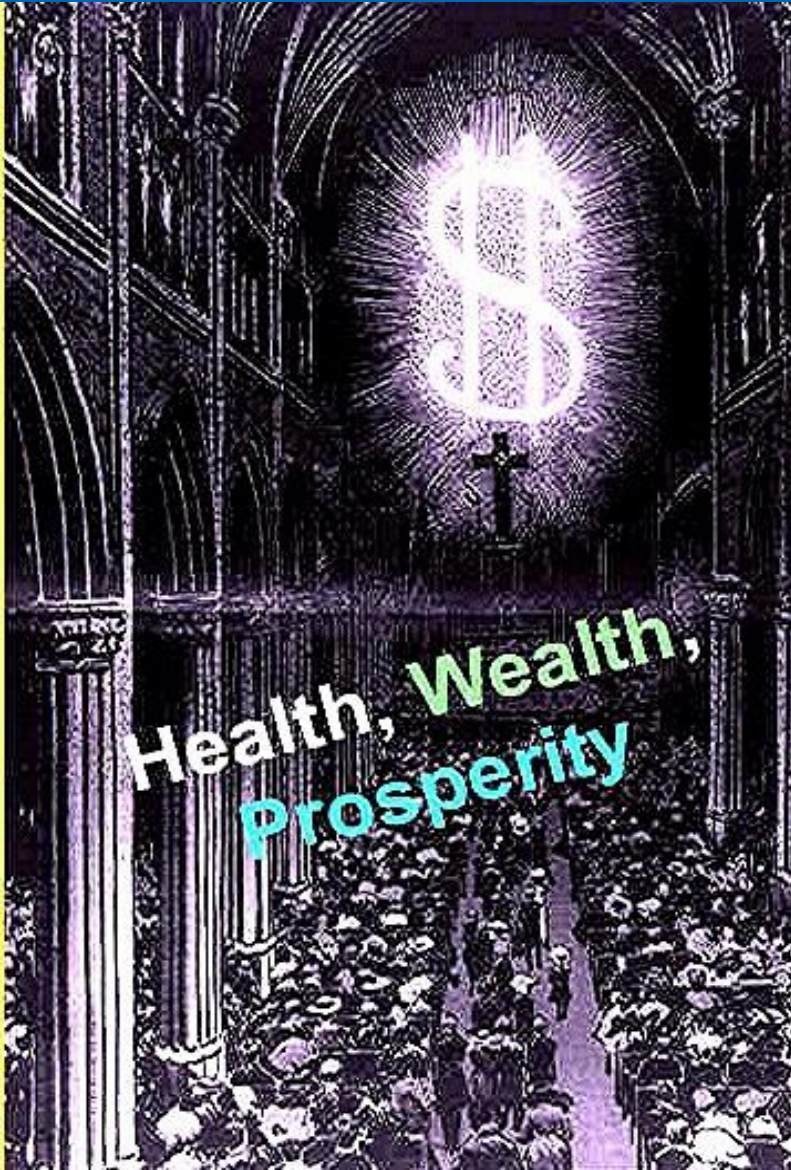


THE LAW IS ONLY THEORY IF NOT PUT INTO PRACTICE



- Putting the Laws of Moses into practice is what we see happening in Joshua
- Joshua 9: encounter with the Gibeonites
- O.V. Gerlach: “...*the world seeks peaceable recognition with the church*”
- This is a warning to Jews and Christians in the 21st century

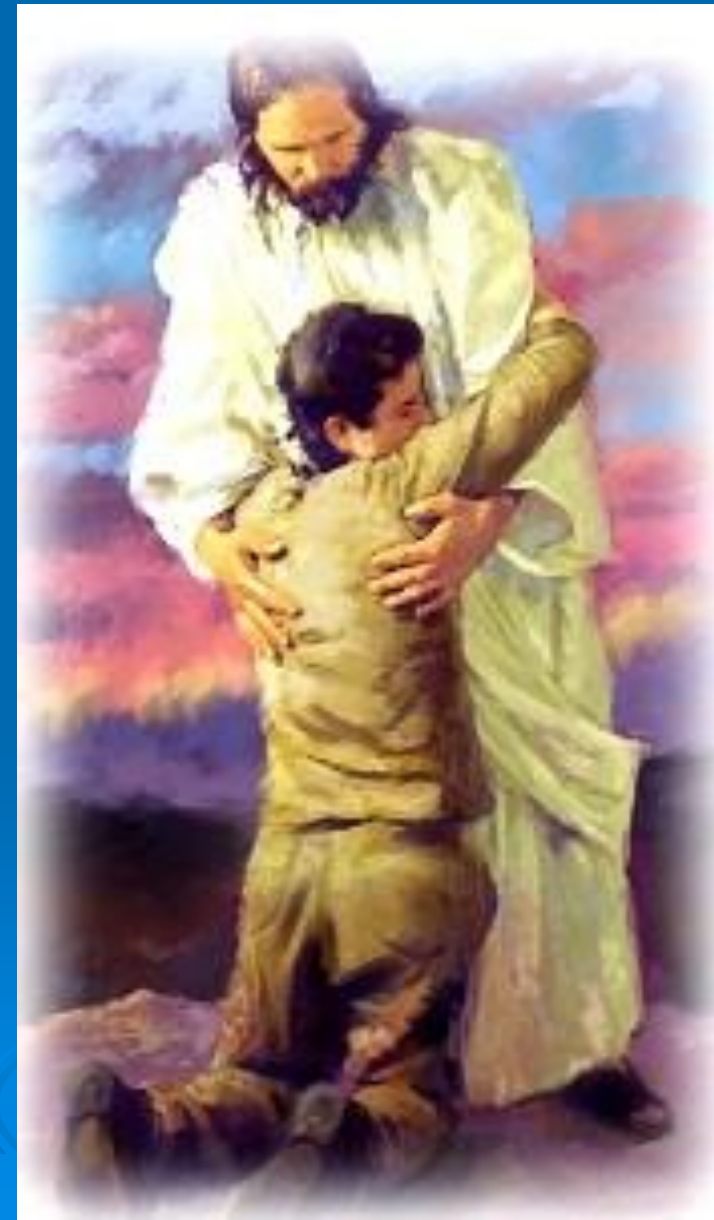
6 NATION CONFEDERACY



- Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites
- Some Canaanites no longer feared Israel because of their initial defeat at Ai
- Achan's sin
- Errors from our past can follow us the rest of our days

REDEMPTION DOESN'T PARDON US FROM ALL EARTHLY RAMIFICATIONS

- Salvation gives us new spiritual life that is eternal
- But it is not a universal mulligan that erases all earthly consequences of our earlier rash actions and rebellion



CANAAN A REGION AND NOT A NATION



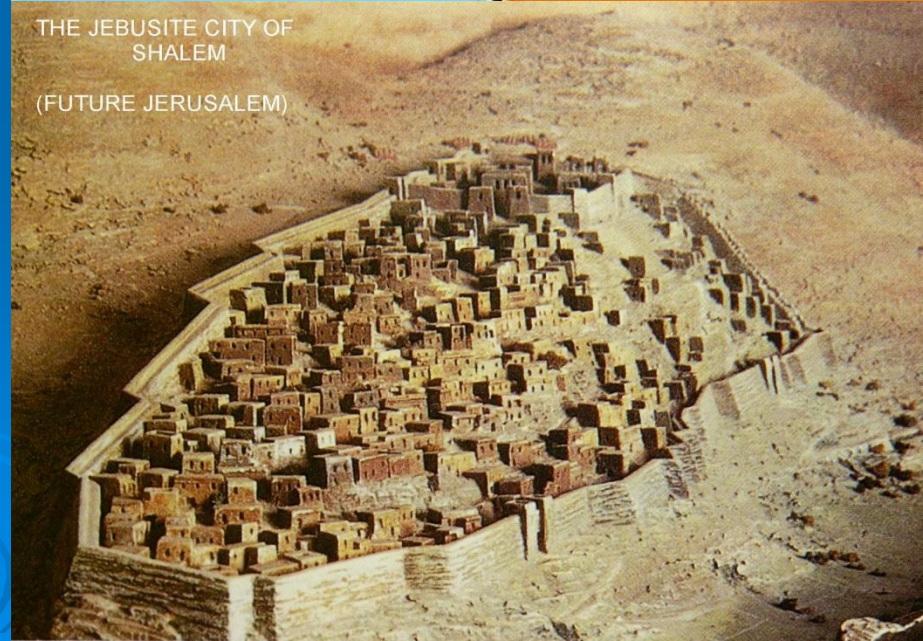
- Land of Canaan like saying “Middle East” or “Europe”
- Many tribes and nations lived in Canaan
- Identified themselves according to their own tribe or nation
- Canaan named after Noah’s grandson Canaan

THE ARMY OF 6

- Hittite kingdom in modern Turkey
- Jebusites founders of Jerusalem
- Perizzites a collection of hill dwellers
- Hivites located around Shechem
- Amorites from Mesopotamia
- Exodus 34:11 orders Israel to drive out these 6 nations



THE JEBUSITE CITY OF SHALEM
(FUTURE JERUSALEM)

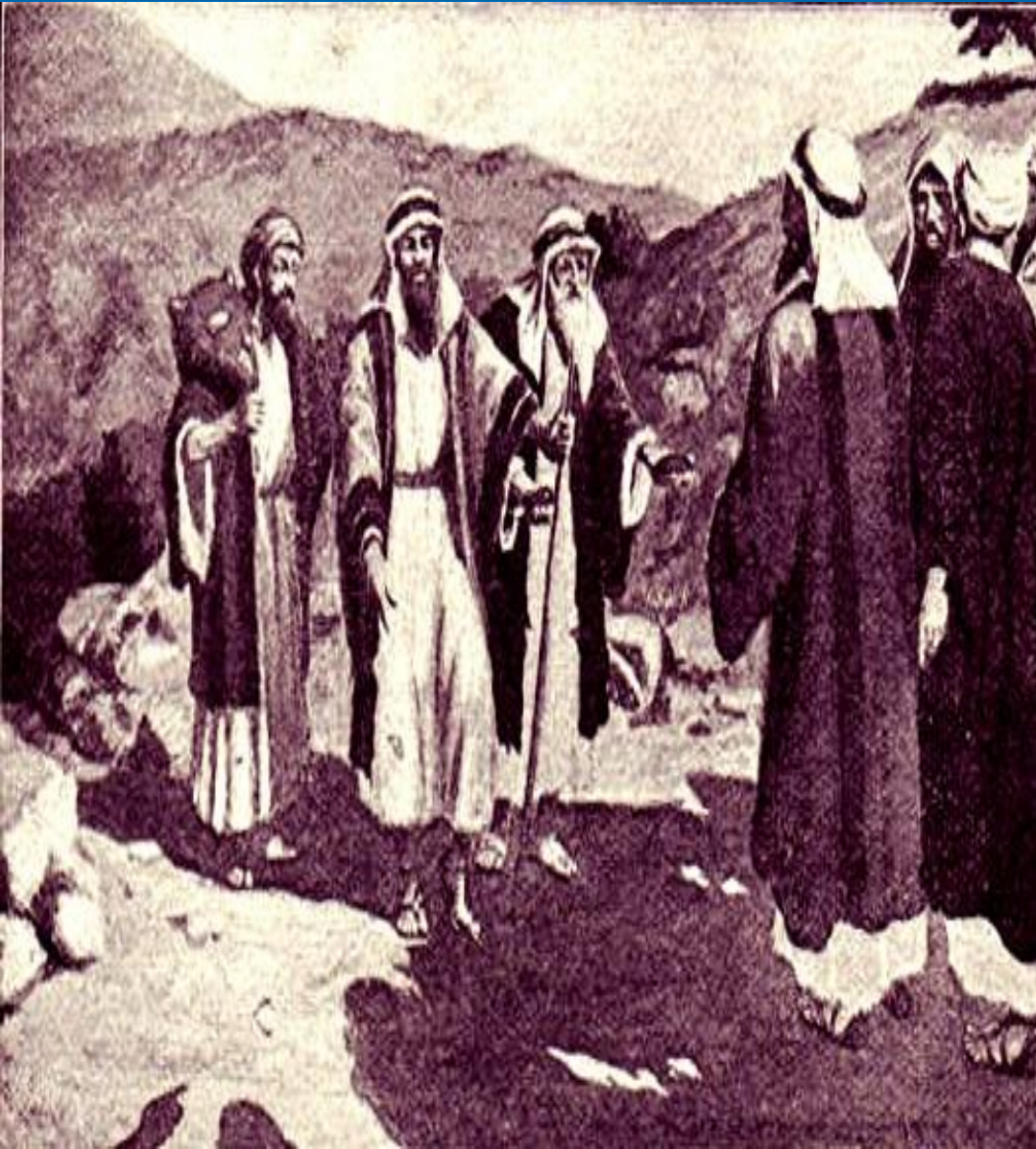


GIBEON FEARED ISRAEL

- Gibeon a small confederacy of cities
- Gibeon knew that Yehoveh ordered Israel to destroy all Canaanites
- Ambassadors from Gibeon went to Joshua pretending to be from a nation outside the Land of Canaan



GIBEONITES DECEIVE ISRAEL



- Gibeonite representatives come in tattered clothing with spoiled food
- They tell Israel they come from another land, a far away place
- “We are your servants”, is just flattery
- Said they knew about Egypt, Sichon, and Og

CONSULTING THE LORD

- Leaders of Israel believed the Gibeonites
- Israel did NOT seek the Lord for advice
- Urim and Thummim used to “seek the Lord”
- Used by High Priest only
- Gave ONLY yes or no answers
- Lots used by regular leaders
- Lots allowed for multiple options



SUZERAIN OR VASSAL TREATY



- An agreement between UN-equals
- One party is subservient to the other
- Treaty established by making a vow
- Gibeonites sought protection under Israel
- After 3 days Israel finds out they had been duped



GIBEON LOCATED IN BENJAMIM'S TERRITORY

- Israel has create a dilemma for itself
- Do they keep the vow or do they obey Moses and attack Gibeon?
- Breaking the vow is wrong because it was invoked in God's name
- Not attacking Gibeon is wrong because it was God's direct order

MAKING A VOW

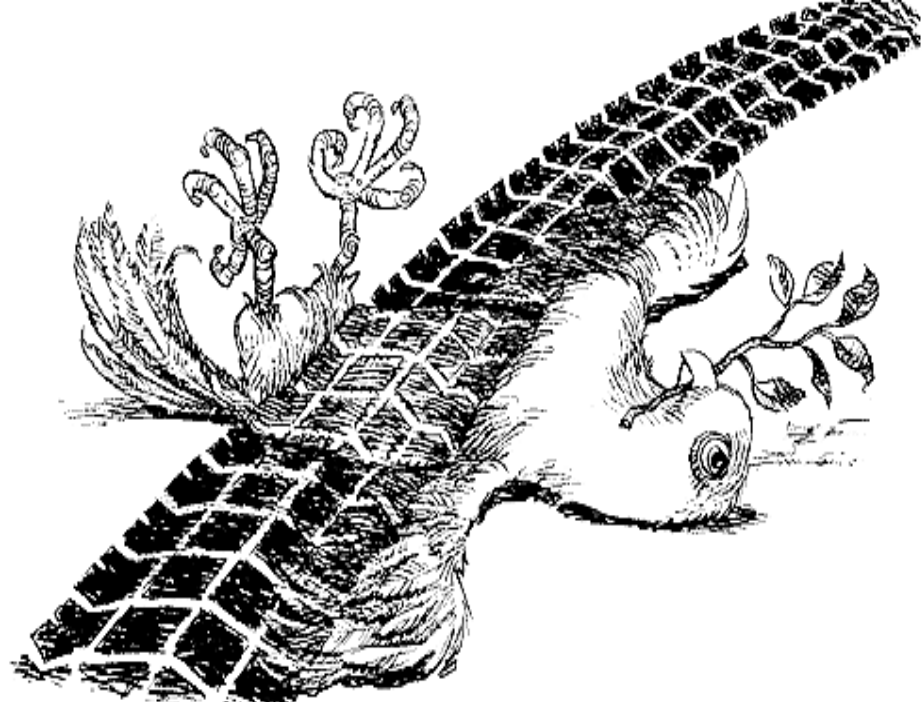
- Vow making usual and customary in the Middle East
- Participants' god was invoked as the witness and guarantor of the agreement
- Most vows were public and involved politics or business
- Breaking a vow could mean war, or punishment
- It also meant supernatural consequences at the hand of your god



DECEPTION DID NOT NEGATE A VOW



- Putting one over on a friend or enemy was a badge of honor for the winner!
- Clever lying and cheating is considered OK in the Oriental mindset
- Jephthah made a rash vow that resulted in the death of his daughter
- Bible point of view on vows: better not to make them



TWO STATE SOLUTION?

- Israel and USA would do well to heed Joshua
- Today's battle over Israel is a replay of Joshua
- This is a roadmap to WAR WITH GOD!
- Israel is to drive out those who will not join Israel and worship Yehoveh



PALESTINANS AND GIBEONITES COME AS DECEIVERS

- By abandoning SOME of the Word and keeping the parts we like, we have built a prison of confusion
- Modern Israel knows they are dealing with liars, but continue to make more agreements that ARE AGAINST GOD'S COMMANDS!



JOSHUA MAKES THE GIBEONITES SERVANTS OF ISRAEL

- Choppers of wood and drawers of water simply means that men and women will do menial tasks for Israel
- But, even worse, Joshua ordered the foreign Gibeonites to chop wood for the altar and draw water for the sacred rituals
- God ordained that ONLY Levites could do this!
- Stark contrast between Rahab and her family, and Gibeon and their people
- Rahab came to Israel in truth, Gibeon in lies
- Rahab wished to join Israel, Gibeon did not
- Rahab wished to worship the God of Israel, Gibeon did not