

JOSHUA 10: A MULTI-LEVEL STORY

- On the surface level, the story of conquering southern Canaan
- Next level: God's faithfulness
- Next level: the result of obedience
- Next level: victory is costly and a bumpy road
- We need to see the story as history and as a series of God-principles



PROVERBS AND SAYINGS

An apple a day keeps
the doctor away.



The early bird
catches the worm.



A stitch in time
saves nine.

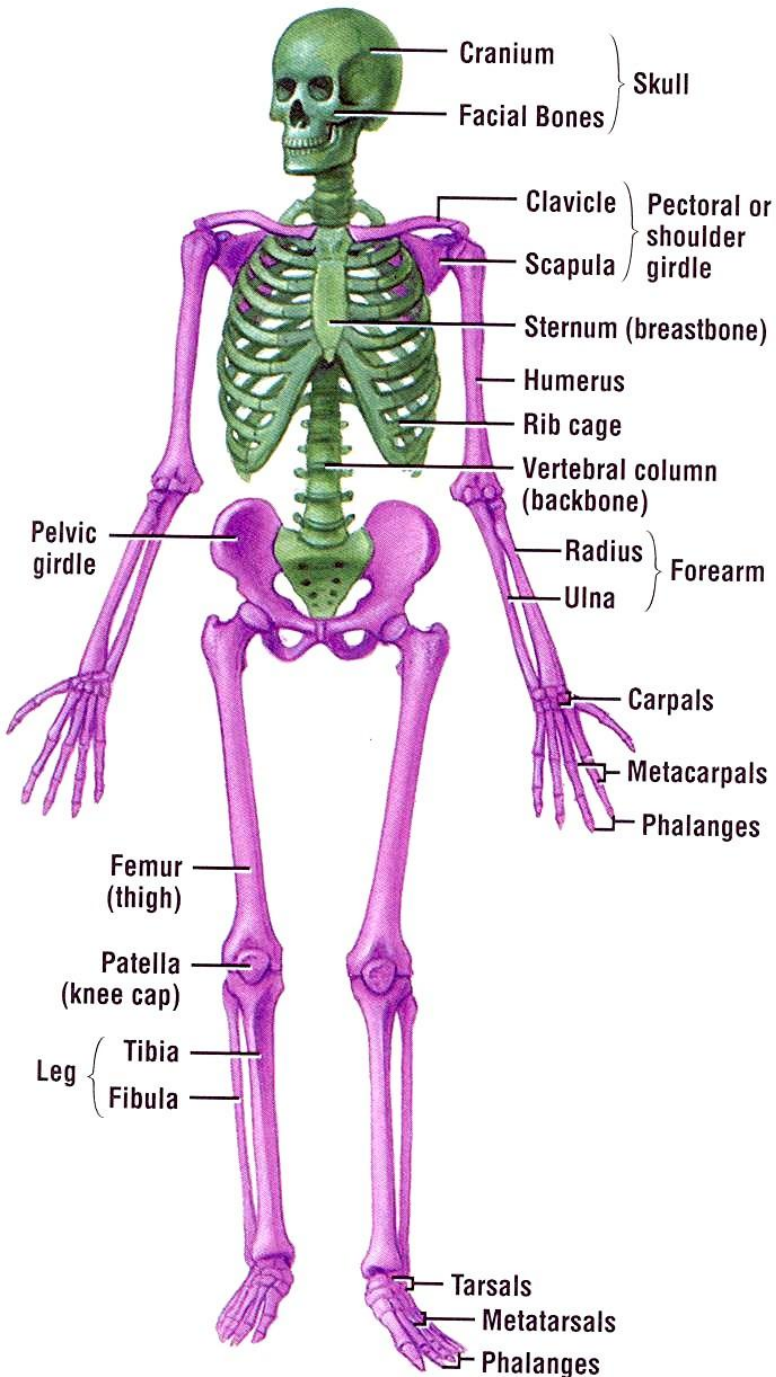


Where there's a will
there's a way.



- Biblical Proverbs = ancient Hebrew sound bites
- Short, general, over-simplified truths
- Bible was meant to be a spoken word
- Use of Proverbs can be illustrated with the human skeleton

PROVERBS ARE LIKE A SKELETON



- Skeleton gives a discernable shape of a human being
- A full picture only immerses with organs, muscles, ligaments, skin, etc.
- Bible verses and phrases are today being used like Proverbs
- Truth in every verse and phrase, but drawing conclusions from one or two is dangerous

MY VERSE IS BETTER THAN YOUR VERSE

Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the
door will be
opened to you.
Matthew 7:7



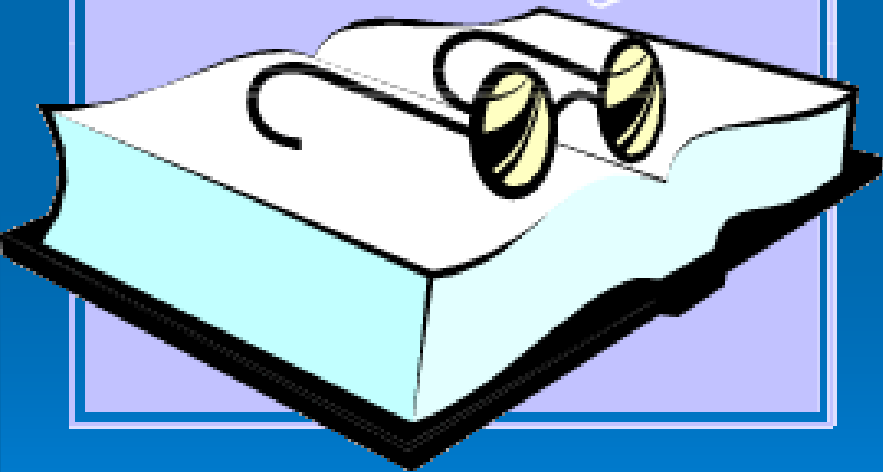
- If we turn a verse into a Proverb, we'll find many contradictions in the Bible
- Can we get a clear picture of what a human looks like better from a hand, or a foot?
- We don't have to guess how to put the Word of God together
- God gave us His principles, in a certain order, so they could be connected properly



THE BIBLE IS A WHOLE

BIBLE

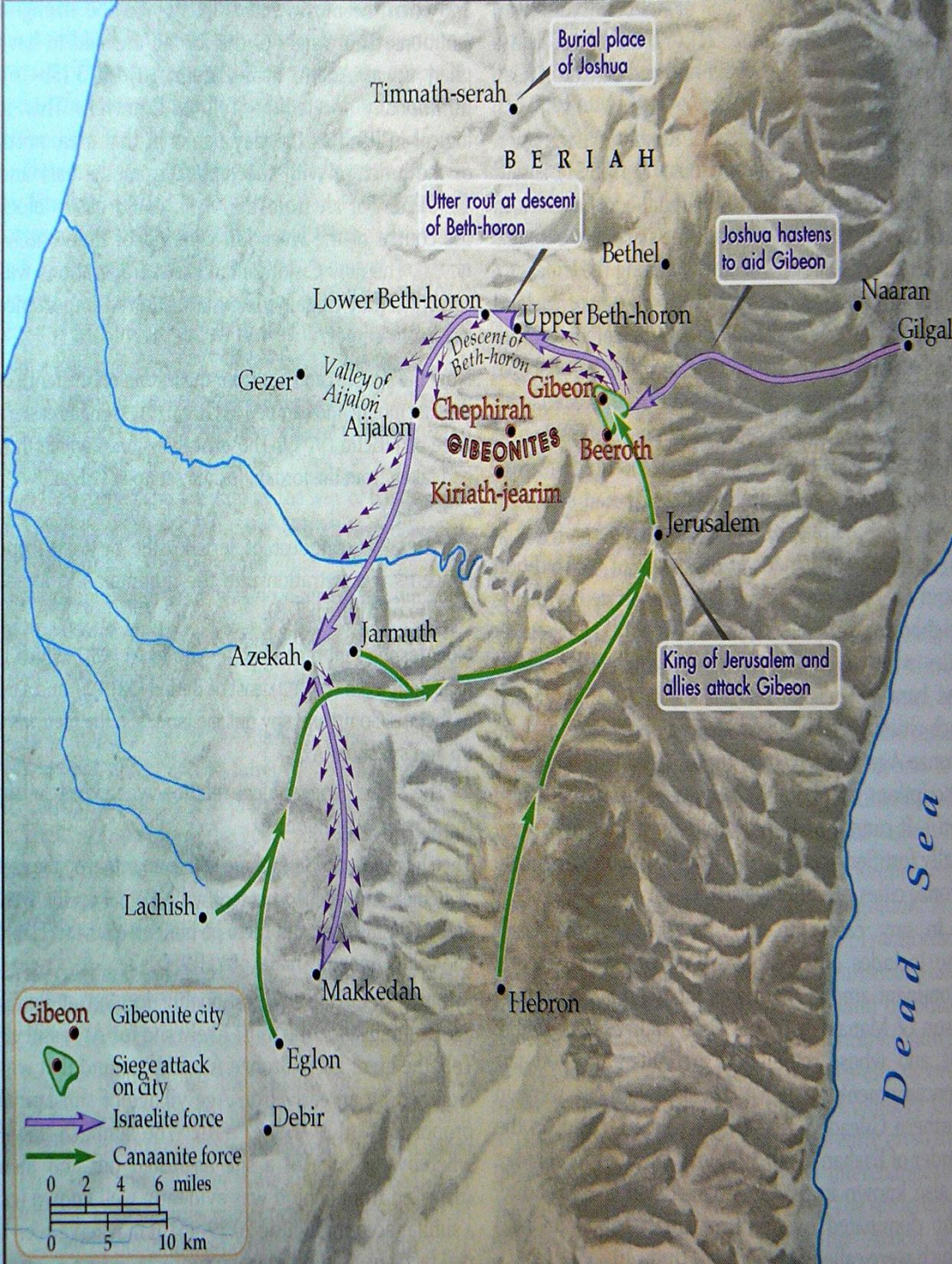
Study



- Bible cannot be studied as a collection of tiny pieces connected any way we choose
- We cannot separate out a piece or two and say they represent the whole
- We cannot dispose of pieces we don't like
- We must learn it all by beginning at the beginning
- There are no shortcuts!
- No single verse or two is the final word on any given subject!!

DEFEAT OF THE 5 KINGS

- 5 kings fled to Makkedah
- Joshua was at Gilgal
- Kings trapped in a cave
- Joshua's 1st priority was to kill all the enemy troops before they could get back to the walled cities



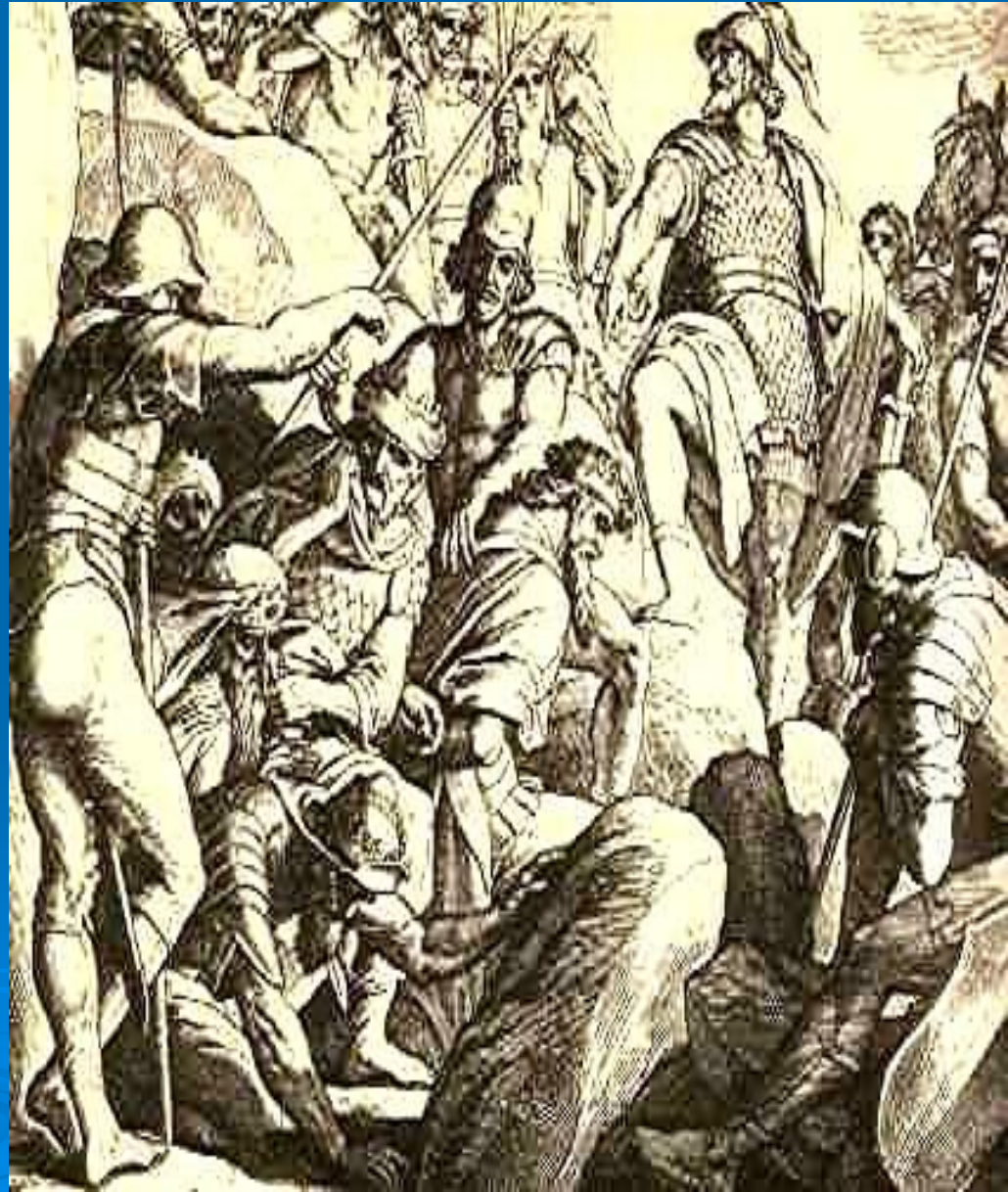
ISRAEL HAD TO CLAIM THE VICTORY THROUGH BATTLE!



- After missteps at Ai and with Gibeon, Israel was determined to obey God!
- Claiming victory does not mean waiting for the enemy to surrender
- Israel had to CLAIM what the Lord had already given to them
- To CLAIM means to take action!
- We must do more than sit and pray; prayer and consulting God is only the preliminary step to ACTION

CAVE AT MAKKEDAH

- After chasing the survivors of the 5 armies, Israel's troops returned to Makkedah
- Joshua ordered the 5 kings to be brought before him
- Kings of Jebus, Hebron, Yarmuth, Lachish, Eglon
- Joshua's officers put "their foot on their necks"
- A symbolic gesture of subjugation and superiority

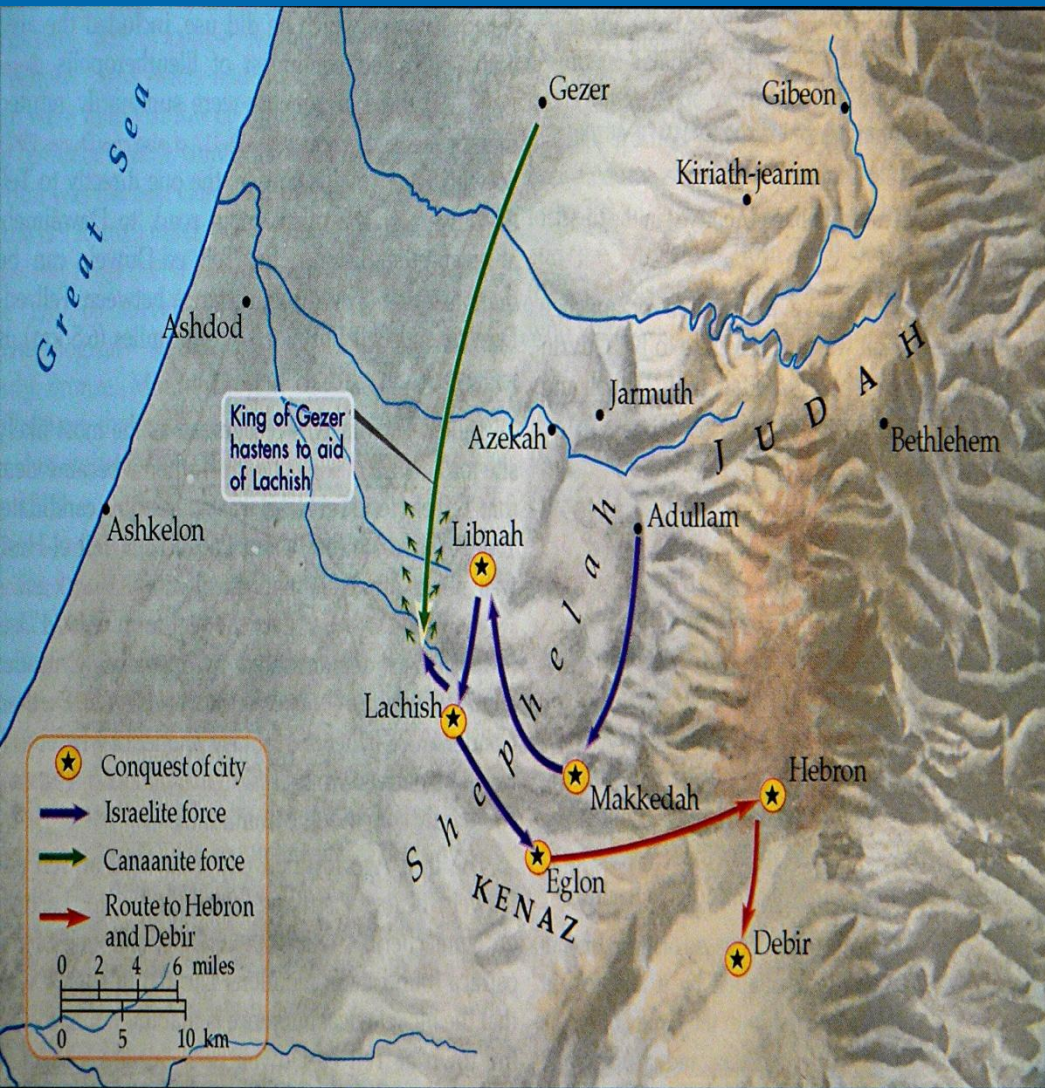


HUNG ON A TREE

- Means to “impale” on a wooden device
- *Ets* = tree or wood
- Being “hung on a tree” indicated being cursed by your god
- Deut. 21:22 “...a person who has been hanged has been cursed by God...”
- Gal.3:13 “...everyone who hangs on a stake comes under a curse...”



ISRAEL ATTACKS 7 CITIES



- All 7 cities in the area of Makkedah
- The city people were killed, possessions and livestock taken as spoils
- First city taken in Canaan was Jericho
- Jericho was “firstfruits” so all spoils were devoted to God
- From Ai onward, God received dwellings and people ONLY

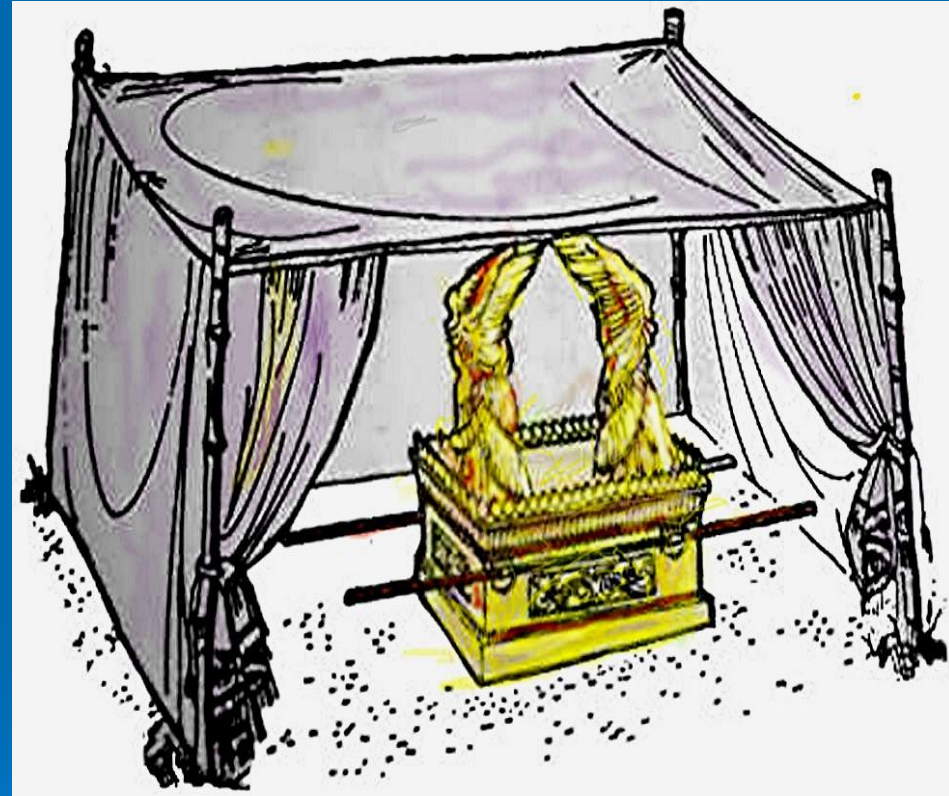
AREA OF SOUTHERN CONQUEST



- Much disagreement over exact location of some of these cities
- Gaza is the same as today
- Land of Goshen was same name as in Egypt, but nonetheless a different place

SANCTUARY LOCATED AT GILGAL

- At Gilgal the Wilderness Tabernacle was set up
- High priest, priests, Levites performed rituals and sacrifices there for decades
- Later it was moved to Shiloh
- 3 centuries before in Jerusalem
- Wherever it was located was where people went for festivals, sacrifices

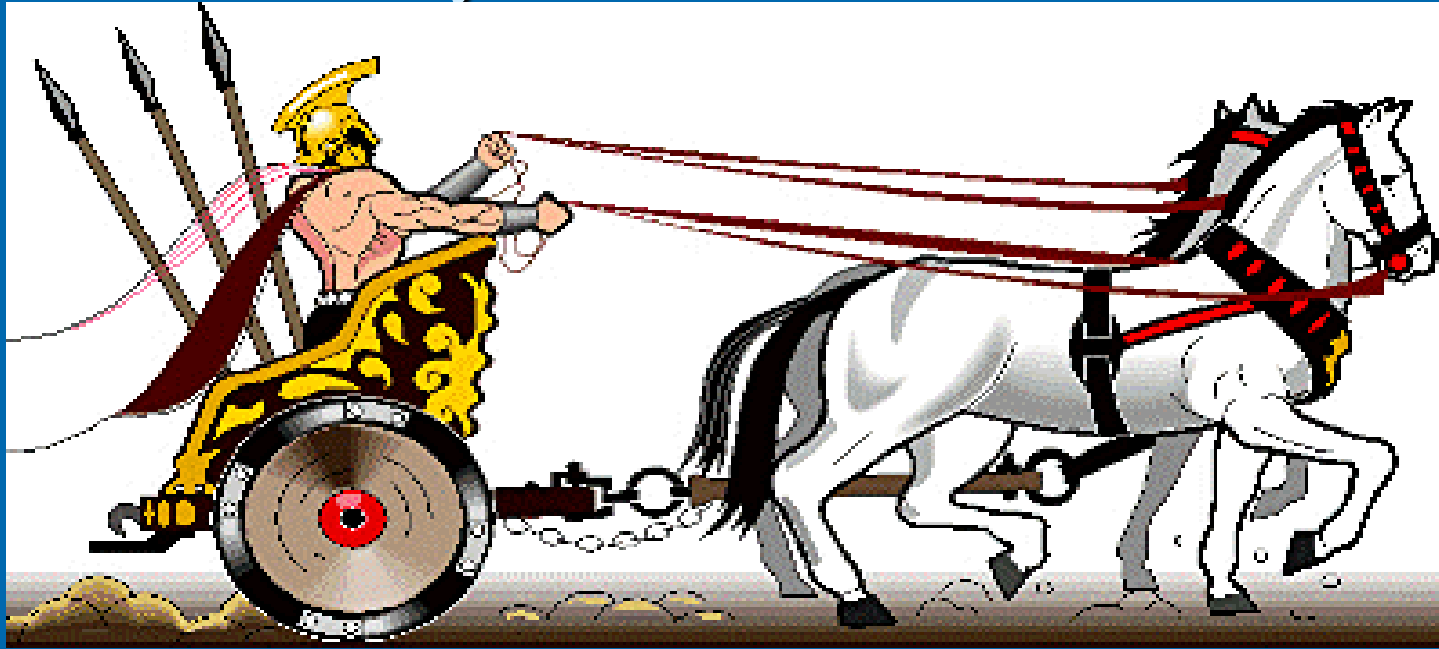


JOSHUA 11: BATTLE FOR NORTHERN CANAAN



- Chapters 10 and 11 are one unit, shouldn't be divided
- Historical and theological patterns
- Northern kings unite to ward off Israel
- God instructs Joshua, Joshua instructs Israel, Israel obeys, victory happens

JABIN, KING OF HAZOR



- King of Hazor reacts to the defeat of the 5 kings in the south
- Alliance formed between Hazor, Madon, Shimron, Achshaph, and other lesser kings of the north
- WHY did Israel wait for these armies to attack?
- Canaanite forces came OUT from their fortifications to fight Israel so it was to Israel's advantage

GOD DRAWS THEM OUT

- God put it in the enemy's heart and minds to leave their fortresses to attack Israel
- Enemy becomes vulnerable
- Same idea as what the Lord did with Pharaoh
- Exact thing will happen in the future
- Ezekiel 38 - 39

