

**Like Joshua, Part 3**  
**The Victories of God & Joshua**  
**Joshua 6; Joshua 10:1-15**  
**\*Joshua 10:7-14**  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from two major battles of Joshua's day.

- Intro:
1. Two of the most well-known battles are the battle of Jericho with Joshua and the day the Sun and Moon stood still, again with Joshua.
  2. Today, we are going to learn from these two battles what can happen when we keep our faith in God.
    - a. Wickedness will be conquered, and the righteousness will stand tall.

I. Walls of Jericho & The Sun Standing Still Compared (The Events)

A. The Wall of Jericho (Joshua 6)

1. The citizens were afraid, and the city is given to them (v.1-2)

**1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. Joshua 6:1-2**

2. The commands to be followed (v.3-5)

**3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him." Joshua 6:3-5**

B. The Sun stood still (Joshua 10)

1. Several Kings and their armies panic at the threat of Israel capabilities (Joshua 10:1-5)

**1 Now it came to pass when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it—as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king—and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, 2 that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. 3 Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 "Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it. Joshua 10:1-5**

2. These kings wanted to devise a way to overcome Israel so they attacked Gibeon as their first step in their plan.

## II. The Obedience Based Victories

### A. Obedient Victory over Jericho (Joshua 6:15-21)

1. Through their obedience in following God's commands, all them, as He had prescribed (v.15-16), the walls fell flat(v.20).

**15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! Joshua 6:15-16**

**So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. Joshua 6:20**

2. Only Rahab and her family was spared (Joshua 6:17)

**Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. Joshua 6:17**

### B. Obedient Victory over – (Joshua 10:6-15)

1. Israel comes to the aide of Gibeon (v.6-7)

**6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us."**

**7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. Joshua 10:6-7**

2. God caused no one to be able to stand before Joshua (v.8)

**8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." Joshua 10:8**

3. Joshua fought bravely (v.9-10)

**9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal. 10 So the LORD routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. Joshua 10:9-10**

4. God killed fought for them (v.11) only the Kings escaped but where locked in their cave (v.16-18)

**11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword. Joshua 10:11**

**16 But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah." 18 So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them. Joshua 10:16-18**

5. God and Joshua worked together. (12-15).

**12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:**

**"Sun, stand still over Gibeon;  
And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."**

**13 So the sun stood still,  
And the moon stopped,  
Till the people had revenge  
Upon their enemies.**

**Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. 14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.**

**15 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. Joshua 10:12-15**

6. Five kings served as a reminder (v.21b,24-25)

a. No one spoke against the children of Israel – they were feared, God was FEARED (v.21b)

**No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. Joshua 10:21b**

a. God would put their enemies under their feet (v.24-25)

**24 So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." And they drew near and put their feet on their necks. 25 Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." Joshua 10:24-25**

i. A true power move, God's power move

### III. Lessons for Us Today

#### A. Victories come with God

1. Jericho fell because God was obeyed.
2. God fights for the faithful.

#### B. God is loyal & mighty

1. God said who would be with them and fight for them, and He did.
2. God protects the faithful (v.21b)

**No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. Joshua 10:21b**

Application & Conclusion:

1. By putting the feet on the necks of the kings, God was symbolically put His feet in the neck of evil.
2. God does not want us to fear those who are against us. The children of Israel had people against them, we do today as well.
3. Just like Israel of the Old Testament, with God we have no reason to fear.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9