

Lesson 8 Battles with the Canaanites

Find positive and negative examples (with verses) of our five themes (implied or in action) in Joshua 10-11.

Every Place the Sole of Your Foot Treads, I Have Given You

Positive

Negative

No One Will Be Able to Stand Before You

Positive

Negative

Be Strong and Courageous

Positive

Negative

Be Careful to Do According to All the Law

Positive

Negative

The Law Shall Not Depart from Your Mouth/Meditate on It Day and Night

Positive

Negative

Thought Questions

1. Why do you think the Canaanite kings (led by the king of Jerusalem) decide to attack Gibeon as a means of attacking Israel, given how strong its people are said to be (v.2)? Look at a map for clues.

2. Find some comparable instances in Scripture where a man commanded nature without God giving prior authorization (in other words, not like Exodus 16:6, for example). List some similarities and differences to this story.

3. How does the story of the sun standing still impact our understanding and application of passages like Luke 17:5-10?

4. Find the cities that Joshua conquers in ch.10 on a map. What seems to be Israel's strategy for conquering the land? Why do you think they went south first? Consider also 11:4.

5. Make notes about the various battle strategies the Israelites used in the conquest stories. Why do you think Israel used such varied battle plans?

<u>Battle</u>	<u>Strategy</u>
Jericho, 6:3-5	<i>Modified siege warfare</i>
Ai, 8:4-8	
Five Kings, 10:9-11	
Southern Cities, 10:29-39	
Northern Alliance, 11:6	