

Joshua Chapter 10

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Introduction

Joshua 10:1-43 ^{LITV-TSP}

¹ And it happened, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem ^a heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and to its king, so he had done to Ai and to her king and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, ^b and were in their midst,

² they were greatly afraid because Gibeon [H1391, “hill city” or “hilly”] was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

³ And Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

⁴ Come up to me and help me. And we shall strike Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua, and with the sons of Israel.

⁵ And the five kings of the Amorites assembled, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, they and all their camps. And they camped against Gibeon, and fought against it. [See [#Jos 10:5 - the five kings of the Amorites](#)]

⁶ And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua, and to the camp at Gilgal, ^c saying, Do not withdraw your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites living in the hills have gathered against us. ^d

^a This is the first time the word Jerusalem is found in Scripture.

^b See Jos 8:22-29

^c H1537 *Gilgal* “wheel of rolling” גִּלְגָּל

^d It doesn't take long for the Gibeonites to exercise their rights pursuant to their covenant with Joshua/Israel.

⁷ And Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, even all the mighty warriors.

⁸ And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not be afraid of them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.

⁹ And Joshua came to them suddenly he had traveled all night from Gilgal)

¹⁰ and Jehovah troubled them before Israel, and struck them with a great blow at Gibeon, and He pursued by the way of the ascent of Bethhoron, and struck them to Azekah, and to Makkedah.^e

¹¹ And it happened, as they fled from the face of Israel, they were in the descent of Bethhoron, [^{H1032} a house of hollowness] even Jehovah cast great stones on them out of the heavens, to Azekah; [^{H5825} "dug over", tilled] and they died. The many who died by the hailstones were more than the sons of Israel had killed by the sword.

¹² Then Joshua spoke to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah gave the Amorites up before the sons of Israel; and he said, Sun, stand still before the eyes of Israel in Gibeon! And, Moon stand still in the valley of Aijalon! ^f ¹³ And the sun stood still, and the moon stood still, until the nation was avenged on its foes. Is it not written in the Book of the Upright? Yea, the sun stood still in the middle of the heavens, and did not hasten to go down for a full day. ^g ¹⁴ And there has not been a day such as that, before it or after it; for Jehovah listened to the voice of a man. For Jehovah fought for Israel. ^h

¹⁵ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

¹⁶ And these five kings fled, and were hidden in a cave at Makkedah. ⁱ

¹⁷ And it was told to Joshua, saying, the five kings have been found hidden in a cave at Makkedah.

¹⁸ And Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men over it to watch them. ^j

¹⁹ And you, do not stand still. Pursue your enemies, and you shall strike the hindmost of them. Do not allow them to go into their cities, for Jehovah your God has given them into your hand.

²⁰ And it happened, when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished destroying them with a very great blow, until they were completely destroyed, and the remnant of them who escaped went into the fortified cities,

²¹ that all the people returned to the camp in peace, to Joshua at Makkedah. Not one sharpened his tongue against the sons of Israel, against any man.

²² And Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out to me these five kings from the cave.

^e H4719 מַקְדָּה *Makkedah* = "place of shepherds"

^f stand thou still. Hab 3:11. This is not the only miracle in connection with the sun. See shadow going back (2Ki 20:11; Isa 38:8). Going down at noon (Amo 8:9). No more going down (Isa 60:20), Darkened (Isa 13:10. Eze 32:7. Joe 2:10, Joe 2:31; Joe 3:13. Mat 24:29. Rev 6:12; Rev 8:12; Rev 9:2; Rev 16:8). Miracle to be again performed (Luk 23:44, Luk 23:45). His motion described (Psa 19:4-6). Source CB Notes.

^g the book of Jasher. Why may not this be "the book of the Upright", another name for Israel, like Jeshurun? See note on Deu 32:15. Is. It is so in Arabic and Syriac. It is mentioned in 2Sa 1:18. In the Targum it is "the book of the Law". Josephus appeals to it as a book in the temple, which probably perished with it. Two spurious books so called, A.D. 1394 and 1625. Source CB Notes.

^h What exactly was the point of the sun and moon standing still? Was it really necessary for the victory to be fully completed? It kind of infers that, but I wonder if there is something else that I'm missing.

ⁱ **Rev 6:15 KJV** And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

^j **Mat 27:66 KJV** So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

²³ And they did so, and brought out to him these five kings from the cave [אֵת | מֶלֶךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם], the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon.

²⁴ And it happened, when they brought out these kings to Joshua, Joshua called to every man of Israel and said to the commanders of the men of war who had gone with him, Draw near, set your feet on the necks of these kings. And they drew near and set their feet on their necks.^k

²⁵ And Joshua said to them, Do not fear nor be afraid. Be strong and brave (חִזְקוּ וְאַמְצוּ)¹, for so Jehovah shall do to all your enemies with whom you are fighting.

Jos 10:25 HSB5

al- not אַל ye- ho- Shu- a', And Joshua יְהוֹשֻׁעַ a- lei- Hem about אֵלֵיהֶם vai- Yo- mer said וַיֹּאמֶר
te- Chat- tu; not nor be dismayed תַּחַתוֹ ve- 'al- not וְאַל ti- re- 'U unto them Fear תִּירְאוּ
Cha- chah, thus כֹּכְהָ ki for כִּי ve- 'im- Tzu, and of good courage וְאַמְצוּ chiz- Ku be strong חִזְקוּ
le- chol to all לְכֹל Yah- weh for thus shall the LORD יְהוָה ya- 'a- Seh do יַעֲשֶׂה
at- Tem you' אַתֶּם a- Sher whom' אֲשֶׁר o- ye- vei- Chem, to all your enemies' אִיְבֵיכֶם
.o- Tam : אוֹתָם nil- cha- Mim against whom ye fight נִלְחַמְתֶּם

²⁶ And afterward Joshua struck them, and put them to death, and hung them on five trees. And they were hanging on the trees until the evening.

²⁷ And it happened at the time of the going of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and threw them into the cave where they had been hidden, and put great stones on the mouth of the cave until this very day.

²⁸ And that day Joshua captured Makkedah. And he struck it by the mouth of the sword, and he destroyed its king, them, and every person in it. He did not leave a survivor. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

²⁹ And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Makkedah to Libnah. And he fought with Libnah.

³⁰ And Jehovah also gave it into the hand of Israel, and its king. And they struck it by the mouth of the sword, and every person in it; he did not leave a survivor in it. And he did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.

³¹ And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Libnah to Lachish. And they camped against it, and fought against it.

³² And Jehovah gave Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he captured it on the second day, and struck it by the mouth of the sword, and every person in it, according to all that he did to Libnah.

³³ Then Horam the king of Gezer came up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people until there was not left to him a survivor.

³⁴ And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Lachish to Eglon. And they camped against it, and fought against it,

^k TSK: put your feet: Deu 33:29; Jdg 8:20; Psa 2:8-12, Psa 18:40, Psa 91:13, Psa 107:40, Psa 110:1, Psa 110:5; Psa 149:8-9; Isa 26:5-6, Isa 60:11-12; Mal 4:3; Rom 16:20; Rev 2:26-27

¹ http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Meditations/Chazak_v_ematz/chazak_v_ematz.html

³⁵ and captured it on that day, and struck it with the mouth of the sword. And he destroyed every person in it on that day, according to all that he did to Lachish.

³⁶ And Joshua went on, and all Israel with him, from Eglon to Hebron. And they fought against it,

³⁷ and captured it, and struck it by the mouth of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and every person in it; he did not leave a survivor, according to all that he did to Eglon, and destroyed it and every person in it.

³⁸ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it.

³⁹ And they captured it and its king, and all its cities. And they struck them by the mouth of the sword, and destroyed every person in it; he did not leave a survivor. As he did to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; even as he did to Libnah, and to its king.

⁴⁰ And Joshua struck all the land: the heights and the Negeb, and the Lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings; he did not leave a survivor, but he destroyed all that breathed, as Jehovah the God of Israel had commanded.

⁴¹ And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea, even to Gaza, and all the land of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

⁴² And Joshua captured all these kings in their land at one time, for Jehovah the God of Israel fought for Israel.

⁴³ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him to the camp at Gilgal.

Standalone Aleph Tav of Jos 10:23

There is a lot of similarities/clues/hints found in this chapter of Joshua that are found in the death, burial and resurrection story of Yeshua. These similarities whoever are different in that they are in “reverse” (an inverse relationship if you will).

First let’s review the verse in English and then followed by the Interlinear.

²³ And they did so, and brought out to him these five kings from the cave [יְרוּשָׁלַם | מֶלֶךְ אֶת], the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon.

Jos 10:23 HSB5

e· Lav, about אֵלֶּיּוּ vai· yo· Tzi· ’u so and brought forth וַיֵּצִיאוּ Chen, so כֵּן vai· Ya· ’a· su And they did וַיַּעֲשׂוּ
 ha· El· leh these הָאֵלֶּה ham· me· la· Chim kings הַמְּלָכִים cha· Me· shet those five אֶת־ הַמִּשָּׁת
 יְרוּשָׁלַם Me· lech the king מֶלֶךְ אֶת | אֶת ham· me· ’a· Rah; unto him out of the cave מִן־ הַמְּעָרָה from
 chev· rOn of Hebron חֶבְרוֹן Me· lech the king מֶלֶךְ אֶת־ ye· ru· sha· Lim, of Jerusalem
 Me· lech the king מֶלֶךְ אֶת־ yar· Mut, of Jarmuth יַרְמוּת Me· lech the king מֶלֶךְ אֶת־
 eg· Lon. of Eglon עֵגְלוֹן : Me· lech [and] the king מֶלֶךְ אֶת־ la· Chish of Lachish לַכִּישׁ

Notes.

1. I emphasized the standalone Aleph Tav in this verse by increasing its font size.
2. Along with the single standalone Aleph Tav, there is 5 Aleph Tav + Hyphen’s

Inverse similarities

1	Yeshua is put on a cross alive and on the cross and then he dies.	The five kings are put on the cross after they are killed
2	A sign is placed over Yeshua’s head with the inscription for the title “King of the Jews”	Adoni-zedec holds the title of King of Jerusalem
3	Yeshua’s dead body is placed in a cave “involuntarily”	Adoni-zedec et. al. go into the cave voluntarily.
4	Yeshua’s dead body is placed in a cave with a large stone covering it.	Adoni-zedec et. al. go into the cave alive.
5	After three days, Yeshua is resurrected and the cave is open supernaturally.	
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Similarities

1	Joshua (Yahoshua) means the salvation of YHVH	Yeshua mean the salvation of YHVH
2	Yeshua is mocked by the Roman Soldiers	Joshua instructs the men of Israel to humiliate Adoni-zedec et. al. by placing their foot on their necks.
3	Yeshua's body was brought down before the evening	The bodies of the five king's was brought down before evening.
4	Yeshua is the great shepherd	The name of the cave is maqqedah which means a place of shepherds
5	Yeshua's	
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Other things / further study

Yeshua is executed with 2 others whereas the King of

The relationship between Adoni-zedec, and Melchizedek king of Salem Gen 14:18;^m Heb 7:1

Regarding Melchizedek, what, if any, is the relationship to the two standalone Aleph Tav of Gen 14:9, 14ⁿ

Word Study

H139 Adoni-zedek my lord is righteous ^{KJC 2 Josh 10:1, 3}

אֲדֹנֵי צֶדֶק

^m Gen 14:18 KJV And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

ⁿ The standalone Aleph Tav is translated as with, see Standalone-Aleph-Tav-Gen-14-9-and-Gen-14-16, Article #[565](#)

Strong's From [H113](#) and [H6664](#); *lord of justice*; (BDB: “my lord is righteous”) *Adoni-Tsedek*, a Canaanitish king: - Adonizedec.

KJC: 2 adonizedek, 2 [Jos 10:1](#), [Jos 10:3](#)

H4719 *maqqedah* place of shepherds

מִקְדָּה

Strong's: From the same as [H5348](#) in the denominative sense of *herding* (compare [H5349](#)); *fold*; *Makkedah*, a place in Palestine: - Makkedah.

BDB: Makkedah = “place of shepherds” 1) the location of a cave in Judah where Joshua captured and executed five Canaanite kings during the conquest; located near Bethhoron and Libnah

KJC: [Jos 10:10](#), [16-17](#), [21](#), [28-29](#), [12:16](#), [15:41](#)

H1537 *Gilgal* “wheel of rolling”

גִּלְגָּל

Strong's: The same as [H1536](#) (with the article as a properly noun); *Gilgal*, the name of three places in Palestine: - Gilgal. See also [H1019](#).

BDB: “a wheel, rolling”

KJC 41 times.

Jos 10:5 - the five kings of the Amorites

Jos 10:5 KJV “Therefore the five kings of the **Amorites**,^{H567} (a **sayer**, **publicity**, prominence, mountaineer)

1. the king of **Jerusalem**,^{H3389} teaching of peace
2. the king of **Hebron**,^{H2275} association, seat of association
3. the king of **Jarmuth**,^{H3412} heights
4. the king of **Lachish**,^{H3923} invincible
5. the king of **Eglon**,^{H5700} calf