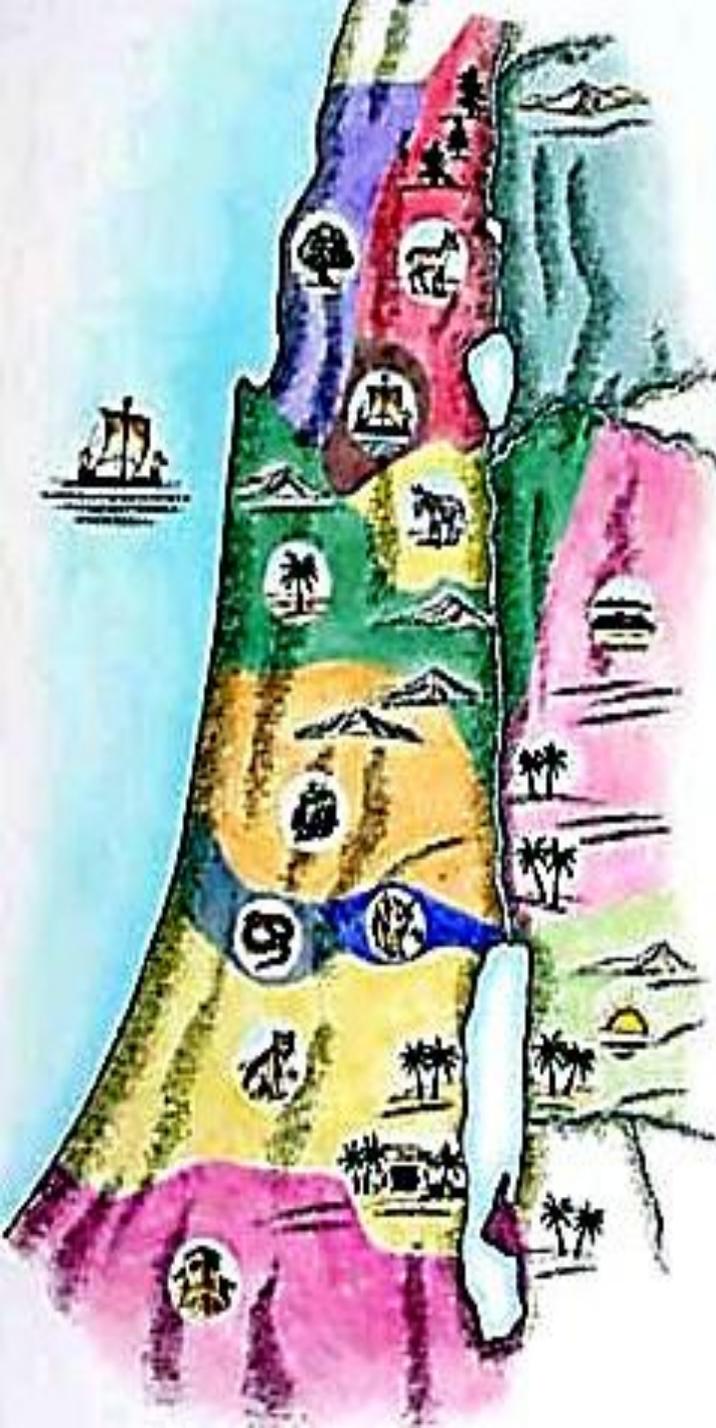


CONQUEST OF CANAAN



- Joshua 10 Conquest of the South
- Joshua 11 Conquest of the North
- Up to now, only 2 battles: Jericho and Ai
- It is the God-patterns set down in Torah that explains the rationale for Holy War procedures

SPOILS OF HOLY WAR



- The Law of Herem (the Law of the Ban)
- Holy Property = property the Lord set aside for Himself
- Could be people, animals, food, gold, anything
- All else could be distributed to the common Israelites
- **RULE: All city dwellings and all the people of Canaan were to be ban for the Lord**

PRINCIPLE OF FIRSTFRUITS



- Applied to the conquest of Canaan
- Jericho and Ai were examples
- Jericho the 1st = 4th year of new orchard, the Lord gets ALL the harvest
- Ai the 2nd = 5th year of the new orchard, the Lord gets a tithe and the people get the rest of the harvest
- The key to understanding the ways of God is in ***HIS PATTERNS***

ANOTHER MISSTEP

- Covenant (treaty) with Gibeon was a mistake
- That followed the mistake of not consulting God before attacking Ai
- Gibeonites feared Israel and so deceived Israel by saying they were from another land
- When Israel found out the Gibeonites had lied, they decided *better to keep a vow* than to obey God's directive to destroy or drive out all Canaanites
- **WRONG!!!**

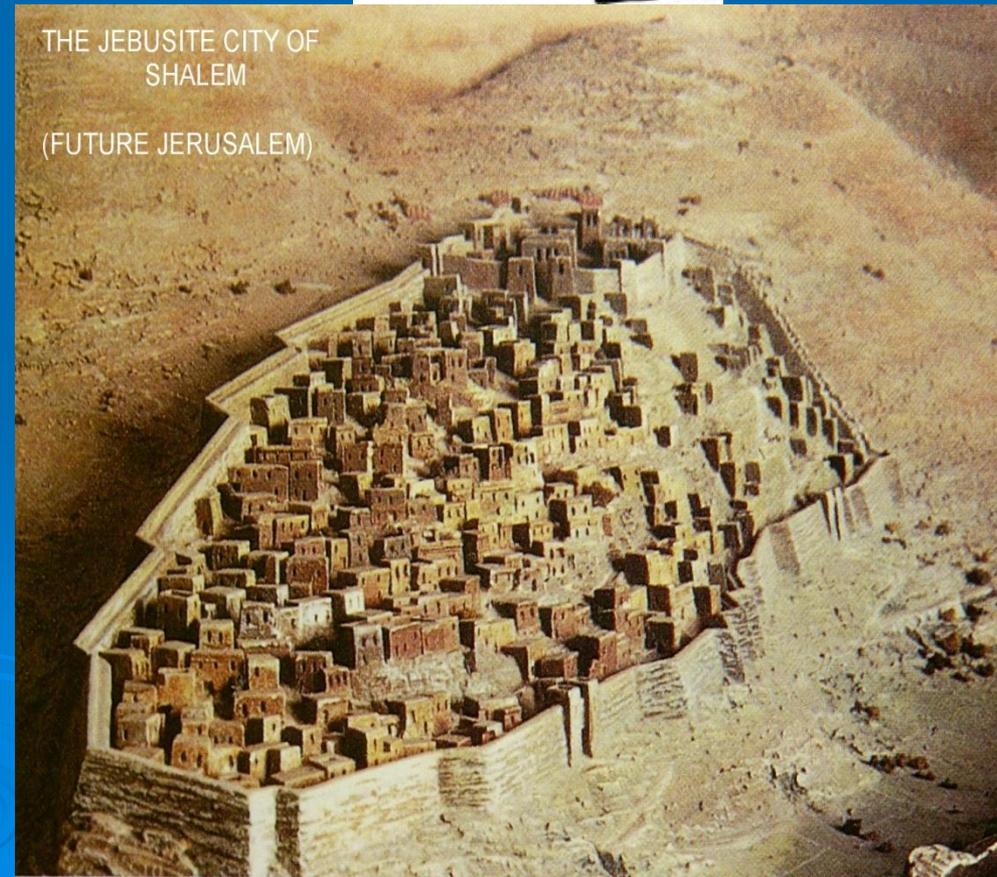


JOSHUA CHAPTER 10

ADONI-ZEDEK



- Later called Jerusalem
- Founders of Jebus called Jebus-ites
- City called Salem in Aramaic/Arabic
- Melchi-zedek and Adoni-zedek synonymous
- TITLES for the king of Jebus/Salem/Jerusalem
- Amorites a large culture originating in Mesopotamia





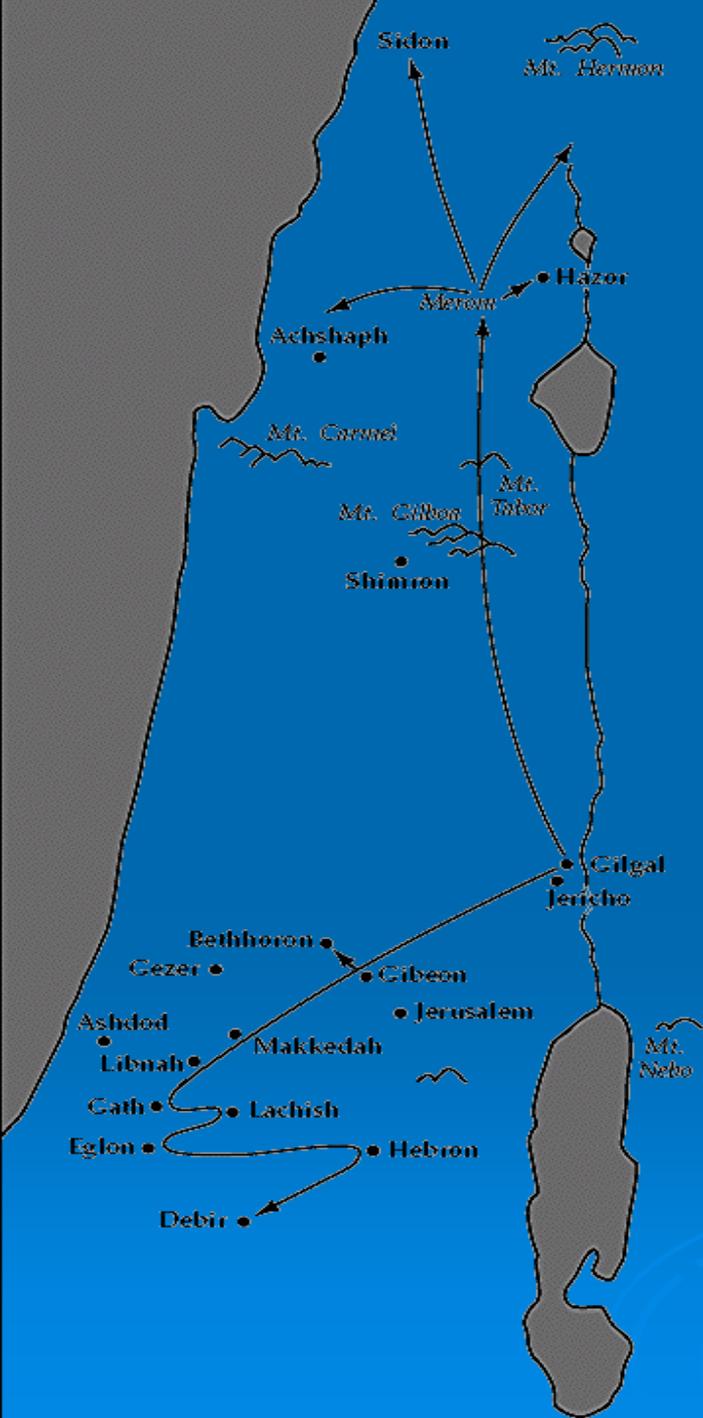
AMORITES AND GREEKS

- Adoni-zedek formed a 5 nation coalition to fight Gibeon
- Amorites evolved from a small distinct tribe into a dominant culture in the Middle East
- Greeks also evolved from being a culture of the nation of Greece to a widespread integrated system of philosophy, theology, language and government



5-NATION COALITION

- Gibeon was a GREAT society
- As big and powerful as a Royal city
- Adoni-zedek was upset with Gibeon because it was powerful yet easily gave in to Israel
- **Coalition:** Jebus, Hebron, Yarmuth, Lachish, Eglon
- Gibeon caught unprepared by attack of Adoni-zedek
- They instantly called for Israel to come and save them!!

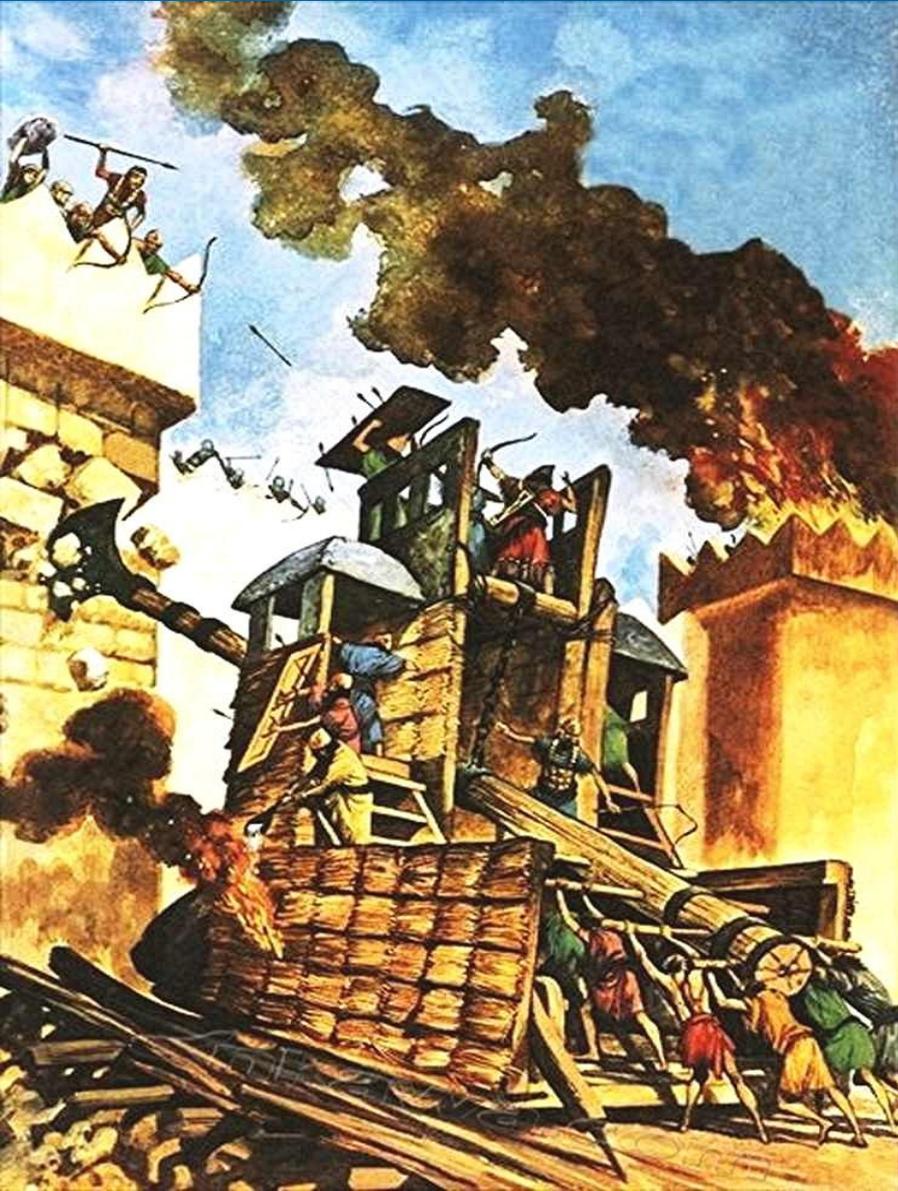


ISRAEL CAUGHT IN A BIND



- Israel's mistake by making a treaty with Gibeon was about to come back to haunt them
- NOW the Lord makes lemonade from this lemon!
- There were many fortified cities in Canaan that Israel would have to take one at a time
- The 5-king coalition represented 5 substantial walled cities

SIEGE WARFARE

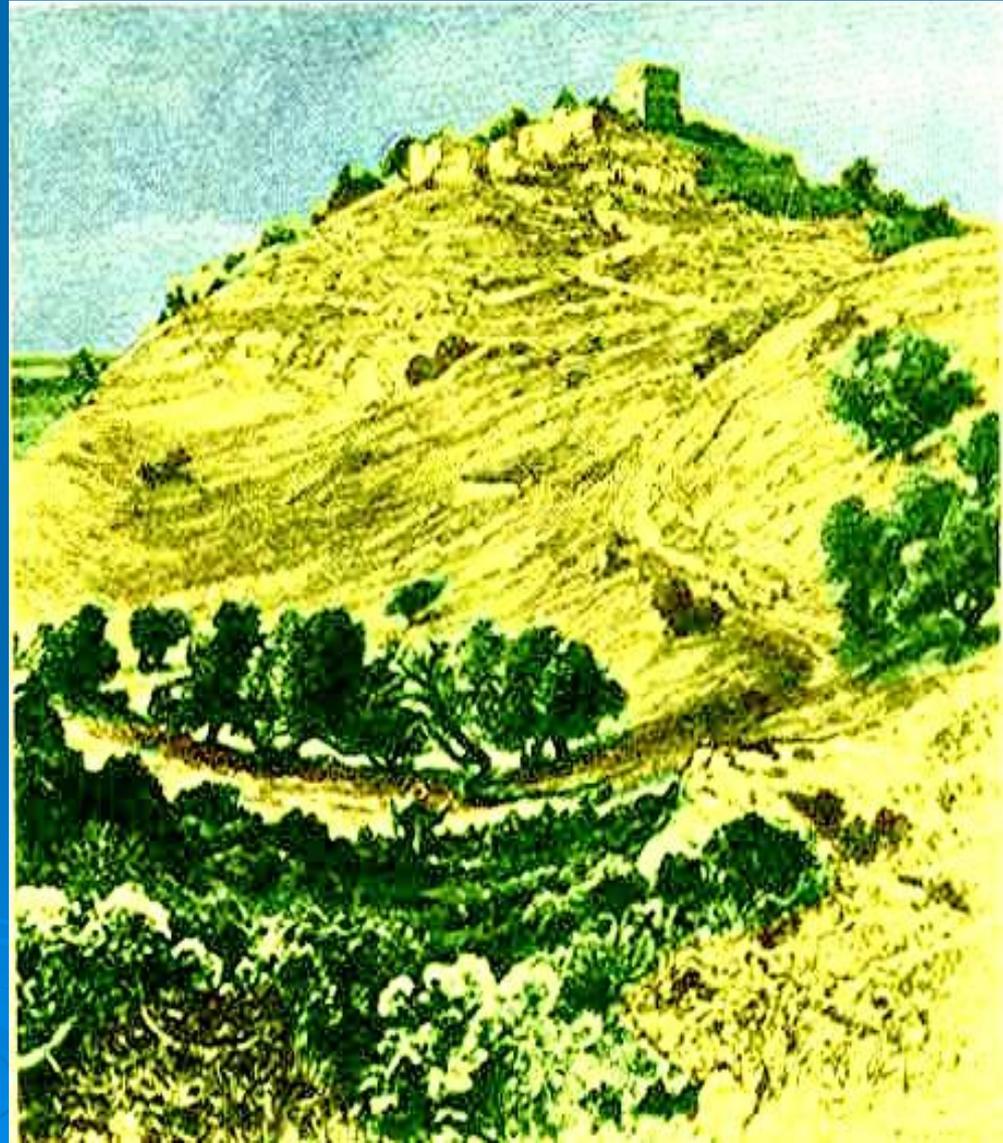


- Siege warfare was about blockading a city
- Very difficult for attacking force to overcome the city
- High casualty rates
- The trick is to get the army to LEAVE the city and come out into the open
- The Lord used Gibeon as bait
- The 5 kings and their armies left their well-defensed cities to go and punish Gibeon

JOSHUA ATTACKS THE COALITION

- “FEAR NOT!”
- Joshua was about to battle a very large and formidable force
- Israel used nighttime to their advantage
- The coalition was far away from the safety of their cities
- They needed to escape Joshua and get back to their fortresses
- Joshua needed to PREVENT that and destroy them while they were still out in the open
- Beth-horon = house of caves

BETH-HORON ASCENT

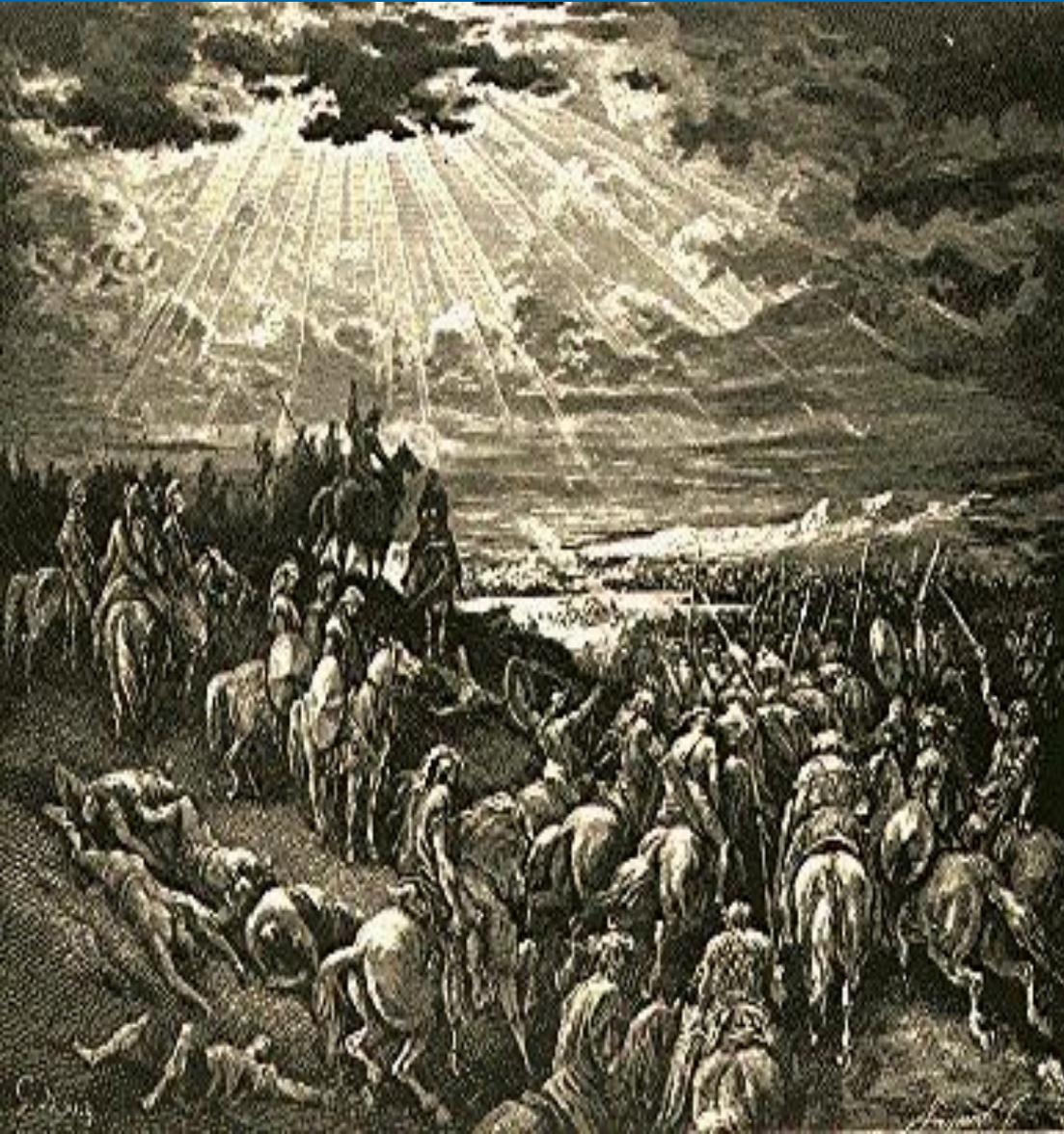




THE LONGEST DAY

- Battles usually ended at sunset
- Joshua knew that once night fell the coalition army would escape
- Book of Jasher
- Book of the Upright
- Never been found
- Seems to have contained War Songs and poetry about Israel's heroes

THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN



- Sun was over Gibeon, moon over Ajalon
- “*Lord hearkened to a man...*”
- Harkened = *shema*
- *Shema* = listen and obey
- Similar in idea to saying that whatever Moses spoke it was as if God was speaking it