

Miraculous Victory

Joshua 10:1-28

Spiritual Battles

Ephesians 6:12 "For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens."

The daily spiritual battles train us on our faith.

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10 Now Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and had become their allies. 2 He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters.

3 So Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon. 4 “Come up and help me attack Gibeon,” he said, “because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites.”

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5 Then the five kings of the Amorites—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon—joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it.

6 The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.”

7 So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. 8 The Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”

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9 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. 10 The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. 11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

12 On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel:

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“Sun, stand still over Gibeon,
and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”

13 So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on its enemies,
as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. 14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!

15 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

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16 Now the five kings had fled and hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 17 When Joshua was told that the five kings had been found hiding in the cave at Makkedah, 18 he said, “Roll large rocks up to the mouth of the cave, and post some men there to guard it. 19 But don’t stop; pursue your enemies! Attack them from the rear and don’t let them reach their cities, for the Lord your God has given them into your hand.”

20 So Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely, but a few survivors managed to reach their fortified cities. 21 The whole army then returned safely to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah, and no one uttered a word against the Israelites.

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22 Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me.” 23 So they brought the five kings out of the cave—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon. 24 When they had brought these kings to Joshua, he summoned all the men of Israel and said to the army commanders who had come with him, “Come here and put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came forward and placed their feet on their necks.

25 Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the Lord will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.”

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26 Then Joshua put the kings to death and exposed their bodies on five poles, and they were left hanging on the poles until evening.

27 At sunset Joshua gave the order and they took them down from the poles and threw them into the cave where they had been hiding. At the mouth of the cave they placed large rocks, which are there to this day.

Southern Cities Conquered

28 That day Joshua took Makkedah. He put the city and its king to the sword and totally destroyed everyone in it. He left no survivors. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Battle of the Five Kings (Joshua 10:1-28)



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God's presence and His word strengthen us to face battles.

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West Side Baptist Church Nebraska

INVESTIGATORS TO SIFT WRECKAGE



Hundreds of spectators viewed the rubble of the West Side Baptist church yesterday. (Times photo).

Blast Cause Still Unkown

The No. 1 Beatrice question still unanswered last night was: What caused the explosion which destroyed the West Side Baptist church early Wednesday night?

The question probably will continue to go unanswered until inspectors from the state fire marshal's office arrive here, perhaps today, to go over the flattened wreckage with local fire department authorities.

Fire Chief Cecil Hess indicated that he was satisfied the terrific blast, which shook houses far across town, was caused by accumulated gas, but he said he was not going to make an official statement until the state inspectors appear.

However, yesterday's developments raised some doubts that

Witness Say Ball Of Fire Soar Into Sky

A witness to the West Side Baptist church explosion Wednesday night saw a "big ball of fire" rise from the ruins and float away in the wind.

Mrs. Kenneth Salts, 113 South

Pair Held At Minneapolis

Confess Local Assault, Theft

Two Minneapolis men have been arrested here and have confessed the February 8 beating of Alfred Murphy, 21, Lincoln, at a point near Beatrice and the theft of his car, Sheriff Ned Maxwell announced yesterday.

Maxwell identified the pair as Eugene E. Lytle, 24, and Roy Withrow, age unknown, both of Minneapolis.

They were arrested on auto theft warrants issued by County Judge Oscar L. Clarke, Jr., on complaints signed by Maxwell and County Attorney William Rist.

They have waived extradition and will be returned here immediately to face trial, Maxwell

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God always hears our prayers and does what is best.

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Jesus Christ's power over sin is ours.

