

# **Conquest from South to North**

## **Joshua 10:29 – 13:7**

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## **Southern Cities Conquered (Joshua 10:29-43)**

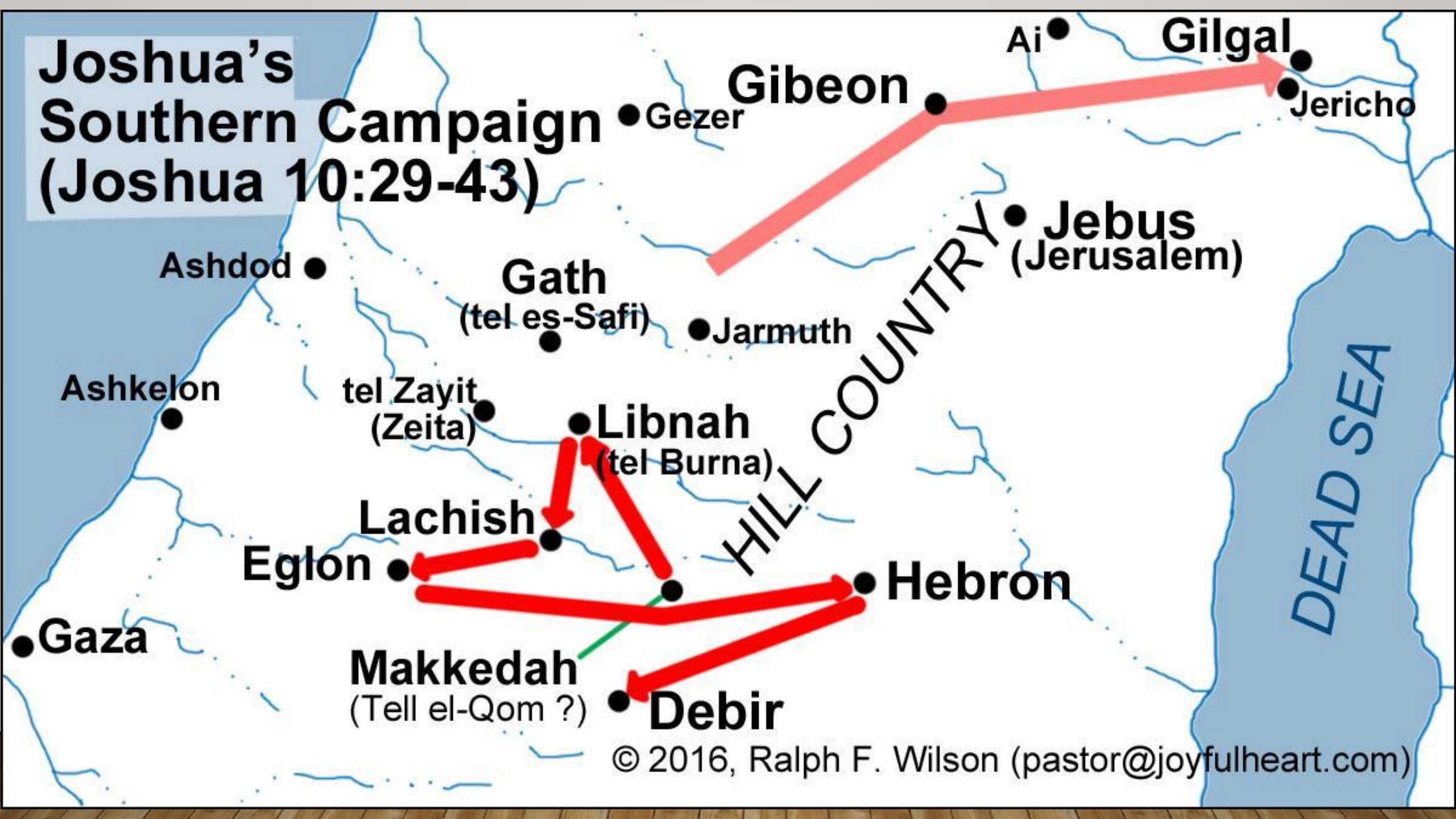
**Who?** Joshua and all Israel

**Where?** Makkedah – Libnah – Lachish – Eglon – Hebron - Debir

**What?**

- (1) Attacked
- (2) Put the city and everyone in it to the sword
- (3) Left no survivors there

# Joshua's Southern Campaign (Joshua 10:29-43)



Ashdod ●  
Ashkelon ●  
Gaza ●

Gezer ●

Gibeon ●

Ai ●

Gilgal ●

Jericho ●

Ashdod ●

Gath

(tel es-Safi) ●

Jarmuth ●

Jebus (Jerusalem) ●

Ashkelon ●

tel Zayit (Zeita) ●

Libnah

(tel Burna) ●

Lachish ●

Eglon ●

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Hebron ●

Gaza ●

Makkedah (Tell el-Qom ?) ●

Debir ●

- Just a reminder... Israelites conquered Jericho and Ai because of **God's PRESENCE**, not the strength of their army.
- Now Joshua and all Israel conquered the Southern and Northern cities (Joshua 10 - 13) because of **God's PROMISES**.



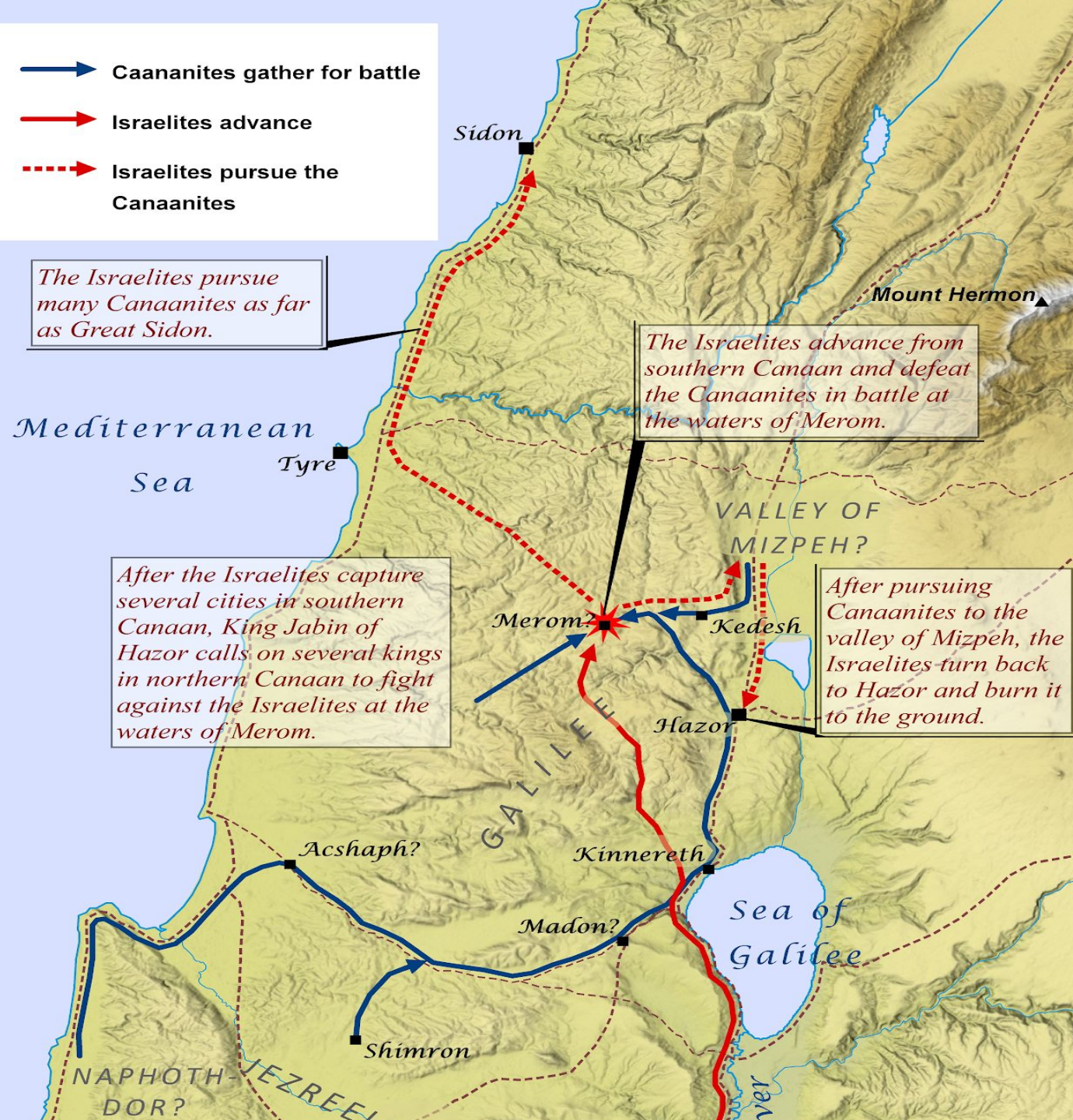
-  Caananites gather for battle
-  Israelites advance
-  Israelites pursue the Canaanites

*The Israelites pursue many Canaanites as far as Great Sidon.*

*The Israelites advance from southern Canaan and defeat the Canaanites in battle at the waters of Merom.*

*After the Israelites capture several cities in southern Canaan, King Jabin of Hazor calls on several kings in northern Canaan to fight against the Israelites at the waters of Merom.*

*After pursuing Canaanites to the valley of Mizpeh, the Israelites turn back to Hazor and burn it to the ground.*



## Joshua 11:6

The Lord said to Joshua, “**Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel.** You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.”

	Southern Conquest	Northern Conquest
Intisgator	Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem	Jabin king of Hazor
Battlefield	Gibeon	Waters of Merom
Promise from God	10:8 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."	11:6 The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel..."



	Southern Conquest	Northern Conquest
Intervention	(V10) confusion (V13) large hailstones down (V11) The sun stopped in the middle of the sky	
Instruction		(V6) "... You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots."
Victory	(V42) All these kings and their lands Joshua conquered in one campaign, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.	(V18) Joshua waged war against all these kings for a long time... (V20) For it was the Lord himself who hardened their hearts to wage war against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally...

## Area Occupied by Israel after the Conquest (Joshua 12-13)



Joshua 12 lists each of the conquered kings, first under Moses and then under Joshua.

**Moses**, the servant of the Lord, and the Israelites conquered them (Josh. 12:1-6) The east side of the Jordan.

**Joshua** and the Israelites conquered on the west side of the Jordan (Josh. 12:7-24). Thirty-one kings in all.

## Conquest from South to North (Joshua 10:29 – 13:7)

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1. Instruction from God
2. Incomplete Conquest
3. “I AM” will drive them out

Responsibility - response to His ability  
(a response of **faith** and **obedience**)



## (A) Instruction from God

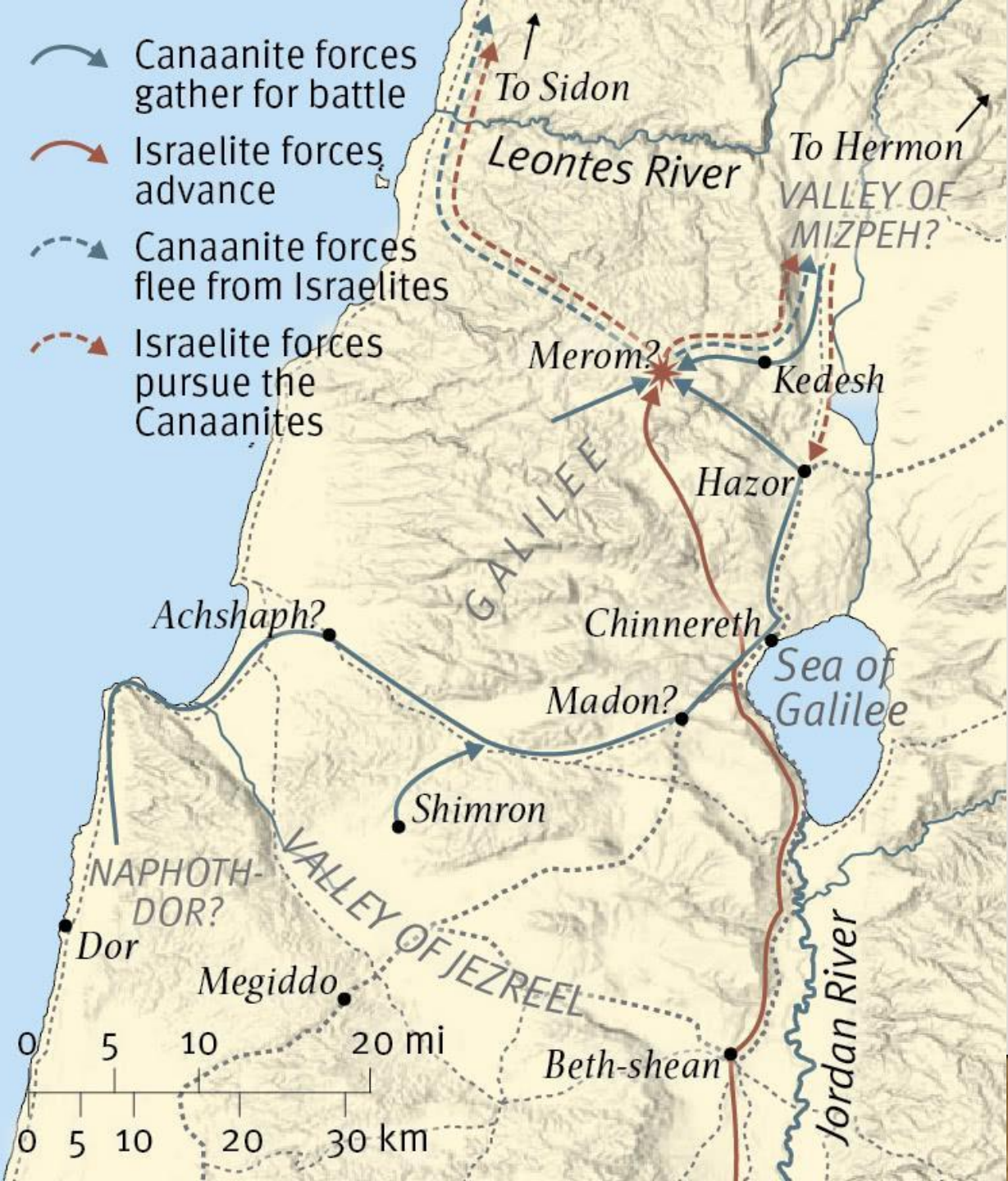
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Joshua 11:6 ...You are to **hamstring their horses** and **burn their chariots.**”

- Joshua **believed** the promise and **obeyed** the instruction as the battle is the Lord's, and all the glory belongs to Him.

	1st Gen of Israelites	2nd Gen of Israelites
Scripture	Exodus 14	Joshua 11
Opposition	Pharoah and his army came against them - 600 of Egypt's best chariots, along with the rest of the chariots of Egypt, each with its commander	King of Hazor and his coalition came out with all their troops and a large number of horses and chariots—a huge army, as numerous as the sand on the seashore.
Outcome	the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's entire army drown in the Red Sea	the Lord gave them into the hand of Israel. They defeated them and pursued them all the way... until no survivors were left.
God's Promise	Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.	Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.

-  Canaanite forces gather for battle
-  Israelite forces advance
-  Canaanite forces flee from Israelites
-  Israelite forces pursue the Canaanites



V9 Joshua did to them as the Lord had directed: **He hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots.**  
 V10 ...captured Hazor and put its king to the sword. (Hazor had been the head of all these kingdoms.)  
 VII Everyone in it they **put to the sword.** They **totally destroyed** them, **not sparing anyone that breathed,** and he burned Hazor itself.

Joshua 11



**Obedience is better than sacrifice**  
(1 Sam.15:22)

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but **we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**

Prov.21:31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but **victory rests with the Lord.**

Israel's **total reliance on God** for protection, rather than human military power.

## (B) Incomplete Conquest

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From Joshua 10, it is written time and again:

- The city and everyone in it Joshua **put to the sword**
- He **left no survivors** there..

And in Joshua 11,

- **not sparing anyone** that breathed.

Do all these show **100% total** and **complete conquest** over the land?

Some Canaanite populations remained...

- Joshua 11:22 No **Anakites** were left in Israelite territory; only in **Gaza, Gath and Ashdod** did any survive.
- Joshua 13:2 “This is the land that remains...”
- This same people group that caused the **original spies** exploring the Canaan Land so **fearful** that the Israelite spies claimed they looked like mere "grasshoppers" in comparison (Numbers 13:33).
- **Goliath** (1 Sam.17)



Deuteronomy 7:2 and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must **destroy** them totally. Make **no treaty** with them, and show them **no mercy**.

- (V3) **Do not intermarry** with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, (V4) for they will **turn your children away** from following me to serve other gods, and **the Lord's anger will burn** against you and will quickly destroy you.



## (C) “I AM” will drive them out

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Joshua 13:1 When Joshua had grown old, the Lord said to him, “You are **now very old**, and there are **still very large** areas of land to be taken over...”

Joshua 13:6 ...**I myself** will drive them out before the Israelites...

1. Importance of Joshua
2. Inheritance of the Land

# I. Importance of Joshua

Joshua 3:7 And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.

Joshua 4:14 That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

Joshua 11:15 As the Lord commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; **he left nothing undone** of all that the Lord commanded Moses. **(Commendable leader)**

It is fitting for Joshua according to 2 Tim. 4:7 - I have **fought the good fight**, I have **finished the race**, I have **kept the faith**.



## **Whatever battle it may be...**

**A – Armored fully in Christ (Eph.6:10-18)**

**B – Breakthrough**

**C – Completion of God-entrusted mandate**

**D – Do it all for His glory**

## 2. Inheritance of the Land

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Joshua 13:6-7 ...Be sure to **allocate** this land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have instructed you, 7 and **divide** it as an inheritance among the **nine tribes and half of the tribe** of Manasseh.”

- Yes, according to God’s **promises**
- Yet not so much of the land, but **GOD Himself**
- **Heart of obedience** to know and take heed of His ways
- Not other gods before Him – whatever idol in any forms

# Advancing Conquest from South to North

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- (A) Instruction from God
- (B) Incomplete Conquest
- (C) “I AM” will drive them out
  - 1. Importance of Joshua
  - 2. Inheritance of the Land

## Discussion Questions:

1. How does Joshua's trust in God, even in the middle of a major battle, challenge me to trust God in my daily struggles? [11:6]
2. In what ways can I more consistently obey God's instructions in my life, as Joshua did? [11:15]
3. How important and significant the tasks entrusted by God to me in His story, no matter the 'season' I am in?
4. What is the one takeaway that I can apply in my life this week?