

# A DEEPER DIVE

June 14, 2026  
Joshua 10:1-11

**Prayer Focus**– Each day this week as you meet with your savior, lift up in prayer the places in the world where there is war, destruction, and little hope. Also pray for the missionaries that you know of and support. Pray for our nation and our leaders, and also your local church and community. Pray daily for our Pastors and Elders. Finally, follow the instruction in Philippians 4:4-7 make your prayer personal. Remember 1 Peter 5:7.

**Monday: Reading** – Joshua 10:1-4

**Consider this** – Another alliance

Just like in chapter 9 a number of Kings come together to make an alliance against God’s people. But in chapter nine, we know nothing about this alliance or whether they ever waged war. In chapter 10, what did the king of Jerusalem find out about that made him want to partner with these other kings in war? Who does this king say they should attack? Why is he targeting this city and people?

Why was Adoni-Zedek worried about Joshua and his army? Perhaps this map will help you see the trouble as A-Z saw it – <https://ibiblemaps.com/joshua-central/>

**Tuesday: Reading** – Joshua 10:1-5

**Consider this** – They’re what, now?

Picture what life in Gibeon might have been like before Joshua and the Israelites showed up. Read how the city and the people are described. They must have been pretty happy and feeling secure. Their men are described as “good fighters.” The NKJV says that they were “mighty.” I wonder what the conference about what to do about Jacob was like? Were the leaders of the “mighty men” arguing for battle?

The new alliance doesn’t attack Joshua, instead who do they attack? Why do they do this?

**Wednesday: Reading** – Joshua 10:6

**Consider this** – Please help!

Read the description of the Gibeonite city and its inhabitants again. They make their plea for help. On what do they base their plea? They don’t brag about themselves, or their abilities. They don’t muster their mighty men. What do they do instead? What do they call themselves?

**Thursday: Reading** – Joshua 10:7-8

**Consider this** – Help is on the way.

What does Joshua do to help the Gibeonites? Who does he take with him? Based on what the Lord told him, do you think he needed all those soldiers? Note that the Lord in verse 8 basically reminds Joshua what He said to him in chapter 1 verse 5. As Davis says, “Such is the usual way God has of reassuring his children: not by unveiling to them some new truth previously unknown, but reaffirming promises already given, which somehow take on special power because of the present pressing need. That’s what God’s people usually need—not new truth but old truth freshly applied to their current need.” What promises of God do you remind yourself of everyday? What promises do you need God to remind you of to help you get through trouble and grief?

This whole section reminds me of the TobyMac song "help is on the way."  
Here's a link– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVgetlvEIAs>

**Friday: Reading** – Joshua 10:9-10

Consider this– Action and complete victory

Notice in verse 9 that Joshua had a brilliant strategy that he acted on. The story does not say that the Lord instructed Joshua about war strategy here. How did Joshua manage to ambush the opposing army? What was the first way that the Lord aided Joshua's army in this battle? During the retreat of the enemy, how did the Lord aid Joshua again?

Davis comments that, "divine reassurance does not stifle but stimulates human ingenuity...God's comfort does not sedate, but calls forth his servant's activity...The truth of God's sovereignty, rightly used, does not enervate but energizes human response." Prayerfully meditate on these truths and see if this is true in your life.

**Saturday: Reading** – Joshua 10:1-11; Psalm 24.

**Consider this** – Christ our Redeemer

Davis leaves this section with this interesting comment. "It is too bad much of the church has lost this vision of God or Christ as the warrior who fights for his people." He basically continues saying that today we see this idea as beneath us– "it does not fit our sentimental...graven images of what God ought to be like." Has God changed since these stories about Joshua? Can you read Psalm 24, especially the rousing verses 8-10 and see Christ there? Davis concludes his thought by saying, "It is only as we know the warrior of Israel who fights for us that we have hope of triumphing in the muck of this life."

**From the Henri Nouwen Society** – *It is important within all of this battle imagery that we remember this– It is God's love that allows us to love one another. It is that first love that is the basis for all creative human relationships. It is that love that we want to make visible to each other, among each other, and with each other. Jesus said, "Love one another because I have loved you first."*

**Sunday** - Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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