

Finishing Well

Lesson #29 Enemies That War In My Soul - JEBUSITES August 11, 2021
Conflict Over Control Of Jerusalem

When Scripture lists the people opposed to the Israelites, the Jebusites are usually mentioned as Israel's last foe, the last stronghold.

- Descended from Noah's son Ham, through his son Canaan. [Jebusite = son #3]
- Wicked God-rejecting people who worshipped idols and lived filthy lives
- Jebusites dwelled in the mountains beside Jerusalem. [Num. 13:29; Judges 19:10-11]
- The Jebusites' name for "Jerusalem" was "Jebus" [ancient Salem].
- It retained that name until the time of King David [I Chronicles 11:4-5].
- It was the part of Jerusalem called the City of David.
- Israelites never conquered and gained control of Jerusalem until King David who was able to have victory over the Jebusite stronghold.

Israel's First Conflict Over Jerusalem

Jerusalem is mentioned directly in the Bible for the first time during the ancient struggles of Joshua and the Israelites attempts to take possession of the land of Canaan.

Their efforts to take Jerusalem were initially unsuccessful, although the outlying areas surrounding the city were taken and the land was given to the tribe of Judah.

Still remaining within the fortress of Salem itself were the Jebusites.

Thus, the city was known as Jebus. Joshua refers to that original conflict in Joshua 10.

- The city of Jerusalem [City of Peace] was the under the authority of a King named: Adonizedek, Lord of Righteousness.
- Joshua = God is salvation. He is a type of Jesus Christ who is the TRUE Lord of Righteousness and will bring Peace to Jerusalem and the world.

Goal of Jebusite spirit: Rule in the center of your heart just as they desired to rule in Jerusalem - God's city.

Joshua 10:1 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it [devoted to destruction]; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them; that they feared greatly...

Recall: The deceit of the Gibeonites. Satan moved the Gibeonites to disguise themselves before Joshua so Israel would be deceived and make a covenant with them.

- ❖ Purpose: Ingratiate themselves with Joshua, as though they too desired to come under Jehovah's protection.

Joshua 9:15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live [showed them mercy]; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.









- It was discouraging to see such a large city with an excellent army surrender to the enemy. [Israelites]
- The Gibeonites had capitulated to the Jews! Enemy considered it as treason!
- One more barrier was removed against the advancement of Israel in the land.
- Adonizedek was determined: the Gibeonites must be punished.
- This fear led Adonizedek to make a pact with four other kings of city-states in the land of Canaan and to persuade them to fight with him against Gibeon who had come under Israel's protection and to fight against Joshua and his army as well.
- Joshua had to fight to protect God's people and those under his protection.

But how can this be? Is he the true king of Jerusalem?

What is the mystery hidden in Adonizedek's name? It comes from two Hebrew words: Adoni which means sovereign and is translated Lord. Zedek which means righteousness. How can the "Lord of righteousness" who is king of Jerusalem come against God's people, the Israelites, to destroy them?





What do the Hebrew letters reveal about this king?

1. Look at Adoni: the letters Aleph Dalet Noon Yood

	Aleph Strong Leader		
	Dalet Picture of doorway & Can lead to life or death		
	Noon Picture Of Life Or Activity		
	Yood Work Or Mighty Deed		

Adoni = He is a strong leader that will do a mighty deed opening a doorway that leads to life.

Zedek = Tsade Dalet Qoof

	Tsade Picture of a fishhook & can mean just or righteousness		
	Qoof Picture of back of the head Means last or the least		

Dalet as we just saw means a doorway. It can be a place where change takes place.

Zedek = The king is going to make a pathway for the least to be made just or righteous.

Adonizedek = This *strong leader* will perform a *mighty deed* which will open a *doorway* for the least of us to be made righteous and to obtain life.

Joshua 10:4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.

4 Amorite Kings Who Joined Forces With Adonizedek [Joshua 10:5]

1. Hoham - Whom Jehovah impels; woe to them Hebron - place of alliance; joining
 - Binding friendship or association that brings woe
 - Jehovah impelled the king of Hebron who joined the league against Gibeon & Joshua.
2. Piram - Like a wild donkey King of Jarmuth - High
 - This king propagates a spirit of rebellion; can't be domesticated
 - Leads people to be wild, unbridled, too proud to submit.
 - It causes one to not be submitted and find their own way of righteousness
3. Japhiath - Shinning thyself King of Laschish- Invincible
 - This spirit of pride cause people to seek attention and praises for themselves.
 - Leads people to think they are more important than they really are
 - The person ends up taking God's glory for themselves.
4. Debir - Oracle or Sanctuary; Holy of Holies King of Eglon - calf; go in circles

Spirit of strange teaching; Manifest in lies, slander, accusation, discredits leaders of God, Leads to division in the church and opting for alternative truth

Joshua 10:5 Therefore the 5 kings of the Amorites,... gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon and made war against it.

It is worth noting that Adonizedek opposed the idea of making peace with Israel and chose instead to make war with the people of Gibeon because they had made peace with Israel.

The nations of the world steadfastly refuse to make peace with Israel, and still seek her destruction. But the God of Israel is still El Elyon.

He has fought for Israel before in history, and He soon will do so again.

Adonizedek recruited a confederation to oppose Israel's attempt to take possession of the city the most-high God had promised unto them.

As this confederation of armies and kings assembled, God in heaven must have laughed.

Ps.2:1-6 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, saying,

³ Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.

⁴ He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath and vex them in His sore displeasure.

⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Consider: God will use these events to accomplish His own purpose.

- Satan meant for destruction
- Instead of having to defeat those 5 city-states one by one, God will give Joshua the victory to conquer them all at one time!
- They will protect the Gibeonites and accelerate the conquest of Canaan.

Joshua 10:6 Then the men of Gibeon sent word to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us.

Note: When the Gibeonites found themselves in danger, they believed Joshua's promise and called on him for HELP! Turned the burden over to Joshua and trusted him to keep his word.

Note: Joshua is camped at Gilgal!

Joshua 4:20 Gilgal was the place of memorial.

Joshua 5:2-3 Gilgal was the place of radical obedience.

Joshua 5:9 Gilgal was the place where reproach was removed.

Joshua 5:20 Gilgal was the place of obedience and the remembrance of salvation.

Joshua 5:11-12 Gilgal was the place where the manna stopped, and they began to live off what the Promised Land provided.

Joshua 5:13-15 Gilgal was the place where Joshua met Jesus Christ in a dramatic way, as commander of the LORD's armies - and took off his sandals in reverence to holy ground.

Joshua 10:7-8 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. ⁸ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

Note: When we believe the promises of God and obey the commands of God, we act by faith and can expect God's help. No need to be afraid: God had already promised the victory.

Joshua 23:14 Not one word out of all the good promises that Jehovah your God has spoken to you has failed. They have all come true for you. Not one word of them has failed.

I Kings 8:56 There has not failed one word of all His good promise.

Joshua 10:9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly and went up from Gilgal all night.

- about 25 miles and all uphill [~ 4,000 feet] over steep and difficult terrain.
- This meant, with no opportunity to rest, his fighting men would be tired.
- They would certainly need the sovereign strength of the Lord.

II Cor. 12:9 My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Joshua 10:10-11 And the LORD discomfited [confused] them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

¹¹And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

Note: Miracle > The hail from heaven only killed the enemy.

Joshua 10:12-14 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. ¹⁴ And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

Joshua 10:15-19 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. But these five kings fled and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. [place of shepherds] And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. Joshua commanded, 'Cover the opening of the cave with large rocks and put guards at the entrance to keep the kings inside. The rest of you continue chasing the enemy and don't give them a chance to get back to their towns. The Lord has given you victory over them.'

Consider: Capturing the five kings was an important event, but there were more pressing matters. He would deal with them later for the more pressing concern was to pursue the fleeing armies. Here we see the wisdom of a leader putting first things first. This is seen in his statement, "But don't you delay! Chase your enemies and catch them! Don't allow them to retreat to their cities for the LORD your God is handing them over to you."

Joshua 10:20-21 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities. ²¹ And ALL the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

- Fear of God had fallen upon the Canaanites: so awed were they that none dared to curse their victors or utter a word of reproach against them.
- ALL = None of the Israelites had been slain by the enemy!
- Joshua = True Lord of Righteousness > Brings Peace > Place of True Shepherd

Joshua 10:22, 24 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

Joshua told the commanders of his army, 'Come and put your feet on the kings' necks. And they came near and put their feet upon the necks of them.

Joshua 10:25-27 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

Consider: Jesus Christ has defeated ALL enemies. He will return one day and destroy them forever. No matter how they may rage, the Lord's enemies are only the footstool at His feet.

Through Him, we can claim victory and put our feet on the necks of our enemies. [Rom. 16:20]

²⁶ And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

²⁷ And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

Consider: Hidden things we don't want to give up! What is hiding in my cave?

Kings & Caves

Cave #1 The five kings of Joshua

The 5 enemy kings took refuge in a cave at Makeddah to hide from Joshua and Israelites.

- They want to survive whatever Israel does to their respective kingdoms.
- They were imprisoned in the cave until after the battle.
- Then Joshua [type of Jesus] commanded they be brought before him.
- They were brought out, humiliated and put to death. Scene is gory and deadly.
- Large rocks which stood as a monument to their deaths mark the cave where they lay.
- Another monument in their Land speaking of the power and victory of the LORD.

Cave #2 The caves of David

- King Saul was Israel's first anointed king. However, he did not follow God so God chose David to be Israel's 2nd king.
- Saul realizes David has favor with God. Jealously rises up & Saul sets out to kill David.
- Many days and nights David flees for his life and hides in caves.
- He turned his cave into a refuge and a sanctuary from the enemy. wrote many psalms while hiding in a cave.

Compare David with the 5 Kings:

- The 5 kings refuse to submit to God and Israel. They flee from their enemy, Israel, and they die. Stones at the cave entrance mark the death of the five kings. The enemy of God runs away, and God pursues.
- David flees from his enemies who are against Israel and God. Pursues God.

The twist: This time the enemy is pursuing the righteous, who hides in the caves.

David, the righteous one, lives and is celebrated.

Note: David spends much of his time in caves relying upon the Lord and praying to Him.

The caves become a place of David's greatest weakness and his greatest strength.

Unlike the five kings cowering in fear, David totally waits on the Lord's rescue.

Recall: King Debir = Holy of Holies; David turns his cave into a sanctuary of praise.

Cave #3 The cave of Jesus's burial

Jesus is laid to rest upon His death. This cave is in direct contrast to the first cave of the five kings. Jesus enters the cave dead. He's already fully submitted to whatever evils men want to do to Him. He's already been pursued, caught, and killed.

He is dead, and no one expects anything else to happen. A large stone is placed at the entrance to seal and mark the cave. Jesus, though, defeats death and walks away from the cave alive. We see redemption and victory over death.

Scripture comes back around to bring the beauty from the gory.

- Five kings hide from Joshua, die, and are buried in a marked cave.
- David becomes the righteous in the cave.
- But Jesus redeems the cave because no grave can hold Him.

Great news: As Christians, we will follow the pattern of Christ.

Adonizedek was obviously a king associated with the Satanic conspiracy to supplant the royal lineage of the Messiah that would ultimately end with Jesus Christ reigning in the city of Jerusalem and sitting on the throne.

Joshua 10: The King of Jerusalem is the opposite of what we expect.

- Lord of Righteousness, King of Jerusalem - "Peace Ringleader" of all the kings
- This "king" is after your peace so that fear disarms your faith.
- He leads people to false peace, fear, guilt and ultimately depression.
- This 'king' is a type of a future king that will also be the opposite of what His name implies.

Adonizedek in Joshua 10 was a type of the prince that is to come, the son of perdition, the antichrist. He will gather the kings of the earth to make war on the Jews and those who love the true Lord of Righteousness, Jesus Christ.

Who in the future will lead the kings of the earth against God's people and declare himself Lord of all and demand to be worshiped? In what place will he make this declaration?

Matt. 24:15-16 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Paul reminds us that the day will come when this false "lord of righteousness" will sit in the temple of Jehovah in Jerusalem, declare himself to be God, and demand to be worshiped.

II Thess. 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Adonizedek symbolizes the prophesied Antichrist who will be the New Testament fabricator of the false Covenant of Peace that will be made with Israel.

- This sets the stage for the final conflict over Jerusalem when Jesus comes to put down the puppet King of Satan, *Antichrist*, who will briefly reign in Jerusalem during the Great Tribulation Period.
- Just as Joshua, type of Christ suddenly appeared with his army to defeat Adonizedek and his army, Jesus Christ will suddenly return with His army to defeat the Anti-christ and his army. [Rev. 13:1-10; Rev. 19:22-21]

What will be the fate of those caught up in the future battle brought about by the false lord of righteousness? [the Antichrist]

Rev. 6:12-14 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

¹³ And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. ¹⁴ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Rev. 6:15-17 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; and said to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne [just like the 5 kings], and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Rev. 19:11-21 And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon Him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.

¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He himself.

¹³ And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; ¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army.

²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Daniel 9:7a O LORD, righteousness belongs unto Thee,

That is "Adonai, Zedek belongeth to thee..." He is the true king of Jerusalem.

This is the one who will perform the mighty deed, the blood sacrifice that will make a pathway to righteousness for those lost in sin and will lead them to eternal life.