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No Other Day Like It



1) The kings turn against Gibeon.

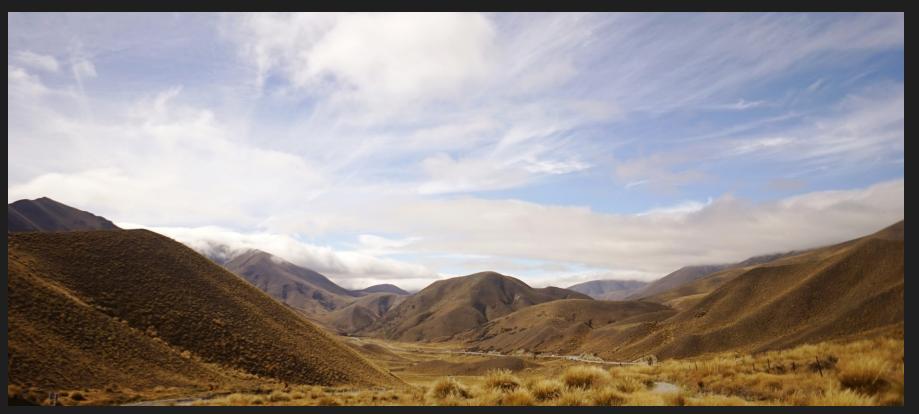
¹ Now it came about when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had utterly destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king), and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were within their land,

² that he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

³ Therefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent *word* to Hoham king of Hebron and to Piram king of Jarmuth and to Japhia king of Lachish and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 "Come up to me and help me, and let us attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel."

⁵ So the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they with all their armies, and camped by Gibeon and fought against it.



2) Gibeon asks for Joshua's help.

⁶ Then the men of Gibeon sent word to Joshua to 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."

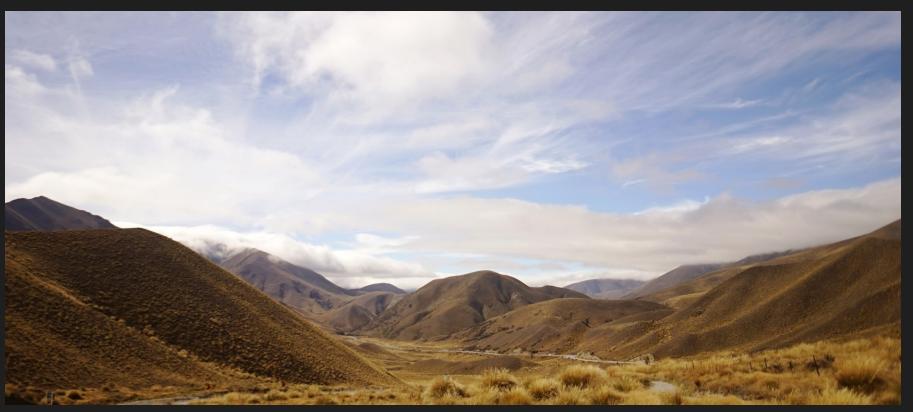
- ⁷ So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant warriors.
- ⁸The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; not one of them shall stand before you."

⁹ So Joshua came upon them suddenly by marching all night from Gilgal.

¹⁰ And the LORD confounded them before Israel, and He slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and pursued them by the way of the ascent of Bethhoron and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

¹¹ As they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

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3) Joshua's <u>prayer</u> and God's amazing <u>answer</u>.

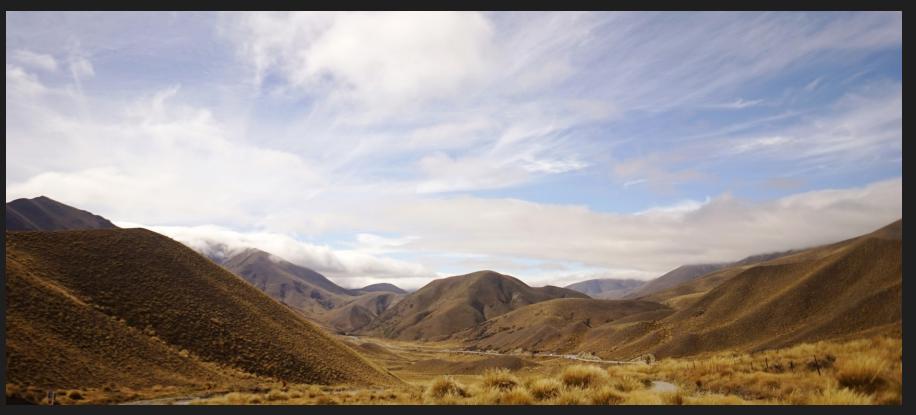
¹² Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

- "O sun, stand still at Gibeon, And O moon in the valley of Aijalon."
- ¹³ So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,
- Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies.

Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

¹⁴ There was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

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4) Defeating the <u>army</u>.

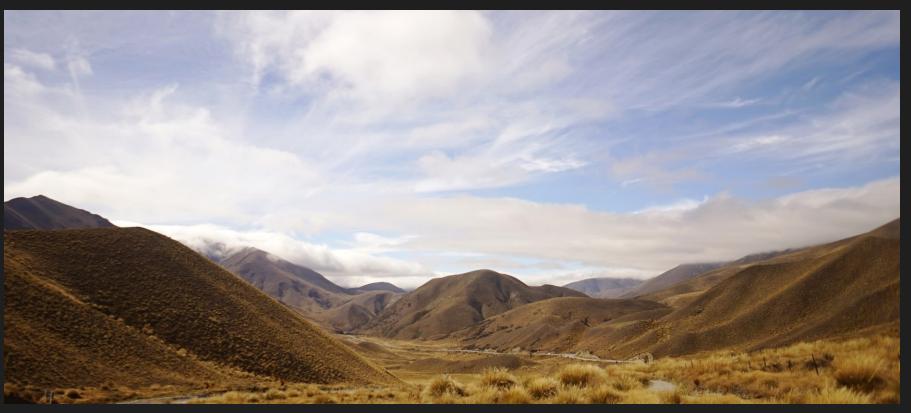
- ¹⁶ Now these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah.
- ¹⁷ It was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

¹⁸ Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and assign men by it to guard them, ¹⁹ but do not stay *there* yourselves; pursue your enemies and attack them in the rear. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand."

²⁰ It came about when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, until they were destroyed, and the survivors who remained of them had entered the fortified cities,

that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No one uttered a word against any of the sons of Israel.

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5) Reminders of God's victories.

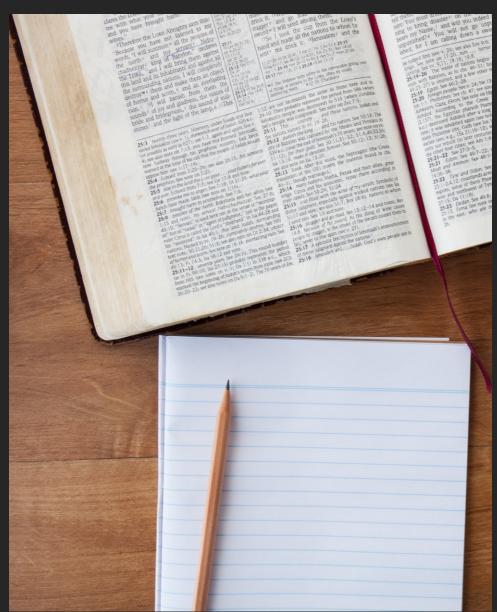
²² Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave."

²⁴ When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came near and put their feet on their necks.

²⁵ Joshua then said to them, "Do not fear or be dismayed! Be strong and courageous, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies with whom you fight."

²⁷ It came about at sunset that Joshua gave a command, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and put large stones over the mouth of the cave, to this very day.

Some Lessons to Notice



1) We keep seeing memorial stones.

Joshua 4:9

⁹ Then Joshua set up <u>twelve stones in</u> the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day.

Joshua 4:20

²⁰ Those <u>twelve stones</u> which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.

Joshua 7:26

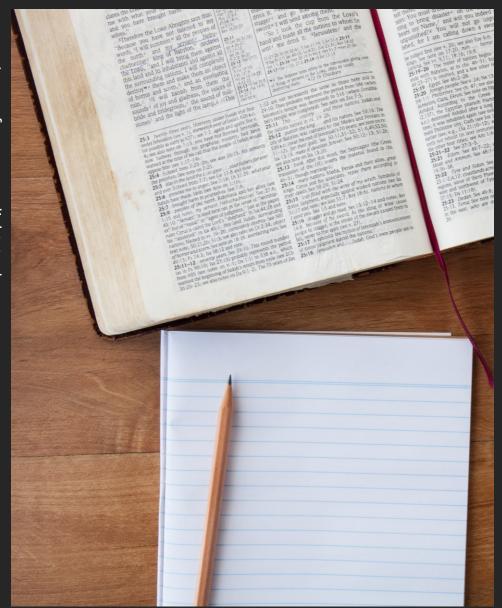
²⁶ They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor to this day.

Joshua 8:29

²⁹ He hanged the king of <u>Ai</u> on a tree until evening; and at sunset Joshua gave command and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and raised over it a great heap of stones that stands to this day.

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2) The repeated biblical reminder not to be afraid.

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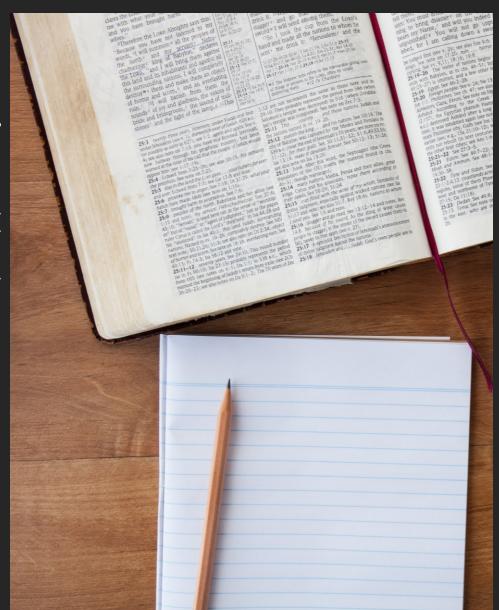
Acts 18:9

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

Psalm 27:1

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Some Lessons to Notice



3) Maybe we should pray bigger!

Jeremiah 32:27

²⁷ "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?"

Matthew 21:21-22

- ²¹ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen.
- ²² And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

God is <u>big enough</u> – let's <u>live</u> like it!

