



I love studying Joshua! He was one of the greatest examples of an Xtreme Big Game Hunter in history! We can also learn from his mistakes such as at Ai and with the Gibeonites.

In the Trophy or Xtreme Big Game Hunting sector of my ebook, I discuss many Biblical battles that relate to spiritual warfare against evil principalities and powers. I'd like to focus on one area I briefly mentioned on page 257 of the 2nd edition to better assist us in battles for cities, regions and nations and for the church.

Joshua defeated 33 kings, however, let's study 5 now.

In **Joshua 10**, five Amorite kings formed an alliance to come against Gibeon, an ally of Israel. Joshua and his army were sent by God to destroy the Amorites.

This was a 7-part war strategy... let's highlight them:

1. Battle approved by God. (v. 8)
2. God threw Amorites into confusion (v.10)
3. God sent giant hailstones to destroy. (v. 11)
4. God through Joshua stopped the sun and the moon until the battle ended. (v. 12-14)
5. Joshua's army killed many with the sword.
6. God gave strength to Joshua's army to fight for 3 whole days and one night. (v. 6-, 9-14)
7. Joshua's captains put their feet on the necks of the 5 kings before Joshua killed them, hung them up and threw them in a cave. (v. 15-27)

The miraculous combination of God and man, spiritual and physical tactics to overcome the enemy is important for us to understand. God's approval and tactics are a necessity in every battle! We don't battle in the spiritual or physical realm without God. (Battles in the physical also meaning life's battles, not just war.)

So let's sharpen our swords a bit more by examining the names, meanings and goals of the 5 kings, which are highly significant in Hunting Xtreme Big Game today!

These 5 kings were controlled by evil principalities. Together they were in control of people, cities and regions and planned to further control God's people.

Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem – his name means “my lord is righteous.” A Lord rules or is master over, so he wants to rule over our position of righteousness. He is king of Jerusalem which means “possession of peace” or “teaching of peace.” If we lose our peace we are not trusting in the Lord, and we can't operate in faith. This king is after our peace and will try to instil worry and fear. Do not allow your circumstances (places of testing) steal your peace. Trust in the Lord.

Hoham, king of Hebron – his name means “whom Jehovah impels.” As a god over his people Hoham impels (drives by exertion of strong moral pressure). In other words, he will drive people into religious performance to perfect themselves. The result will be legalism. This driving force will pressure people to try to make themselves better by behavior modification rather than resting in and leaning on God's Spirit by which they can overcome the works of the flesh. This will result in a person having a spirit of religion rather than walking in the Spirit of God. Hebron means “association.” This spirit will try to bring you into relationships with religious people who are legalistic.

Piram, king of Jarmuth – his name means “like a wild ass,” which represents stubbornness that refuses to be associated with any body of believers. This spirit wants to make you wild or unbridled and keep you from the place God would have you to be. Jarmuth means “heights,” which represents pride to keep you from your destiny because you don't want to submit to anyone else. Don't allow this spirit to keep you isolated.

Japhia, king of Lachish – his name means shining or show thyself. This spirit will try to get you to shine the light on yourself, call attention to yourself, demand your rights. This spirit will cause you to take God's glory for yourself. You will want to be the light rather than leading others into the light of Jesus Christ. This spirit will influence you to take the credit for yourself.



Lachish means “invincible.” This spirit will cause you to think that God can’t do anything without you. You will view yourself as irreplaceable. This attitude will come because you have become the light instead of letting Jesus be the Light. You will view yourself as invincible against Satan’s force, but you will fall. “Humble thyself to show thyself approved.” Let Jesus be the Lord; lift Him up so that men will be drawn to Him and not yourself.

Debir, king of Eglon – his name means speaker and sanctuary. This spirit will try to get you to speak against those in the sanctuary...against the household of God. His desire is to cause you to become the voice of the accuser of the brethren. Eglon means a bullock or bull-like and represents one who attacks others through the use of words of criticism, accusation, and lies. This spirit will try to get you to trample others under foot and destroy their reputation. Don’t be bull-headed! Listen to what the Spirit says.

When Joshua attacked and defeated the power (army) of these 5 kings, they hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. (v.16)

Makkedah means “place of shepherds.” The king’s desire was to establish a place of rule over God’s people. Evil principalities’ desire is to be “shepherds” over people, especially the Lord’s flock (church) through their spiritual influence over God’s people. They desire to replace the spiritual influence of our Shepherd, Jesus Christ!

Makkedah is used in the sense of herding, meaning to drive by force to a designated place. So these 5 kings (and evil principalities) intent is to control and move people, especially God’s people, by force and spiritual pressure to a place away from the true Shepherd where they can be slaughtered.

These are the principalities and powers that will try to rule you and over the house of God! It isn’t hard to see that all of them are in operation today in people’s lives in various degrees! Perhaps even yours right now!

Do not fear these evil principalities and powers. You’re now aware of them and their tactics. Be spiritually guided by God on how to specifically defeat them and their armies for your life, your city, your nation and the church in your region!

God’s strategy for final victory with Joshua was...

“And Joshua said, Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them.” (v.18)

To bind them and seal them up (imprison in spiritual prisons) so they will not influence yours or other people’s attitudes and actions. Set a guard so they don’t break out against you and take you and others captive.

“So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” And they drew near and put their feet on their necks.” (v. 24)

Put your feet on the necks of these kings (principalities and powers). Take authority over them and put them under your feet.

“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.” Romans 16:20

“Then Joshua said to them, Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight. And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging on the trees until evening.” Joshua 10:25-26

Notice the underlined promise in the Word of God!

Now that your sword is a little sharper, ask God how you can advance His Kingdom and set captives free with this information!

Good Hunting!

