

Our Battles in
THREE SCENES



Joshua 7, 10, 11

A background image showing a person climbing a mountain peak. The person is in the center, silhouetted against a light sky. The mountain range is visible in the background, with the climber reaching the summit. The overall tone is inspirational and challenging.

No “temptation” has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape so that you are able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Scene #1

Very Common Defeat at Ai

After a ridiculous victory in Jericho comes a very common shortcoming that leads to a ridiculous defeat.



Joshua 7



² Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and told them, “Go up and scout the land.” So the men went up and scouted Ai. ³ After returning to Joshua they reported to him, “Don’t send all the people, but send about 2,000 or 3,000 men to attack Ai. Since the people of Ai are so few, don’t wear out all our people there.”

Joshua 7



⁴ So about 3,000 men went up there, but they fled from the men of Ai. ⁵ The men of Ai struck down about 36 of them and chased them from outside the gate to the quarries, striking them down on the descent. As a result, the people's hearts melted and became like water.



Joshua 7

⁹ (Joshua to God) When the Canaanites and all who live in the land hear about this, they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth. Then what will You do about Your great name?" ¹⁰ The LORD then said to Joshua, "Stand up! Why are you on the ground? ¹¹ Israel has sinned. They have violated My covenant that I appointed for them.

Joshua 7



They have taken some of what was set apart. They have stolen, deceived, and put the things with their own belongings. ¹² This is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies. They will turn their backs and run from their enemies, because they have been set apart for destruction. I will no longer be with you unless you remove from you what is set apart.



¹³ “Go and consecrate the people. Tell them to consecrate themselves for tomorrow, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There are things that are set apart among you, Israel. You will not be able to stand against your enemies until you remove what is set apart.

Scene #2

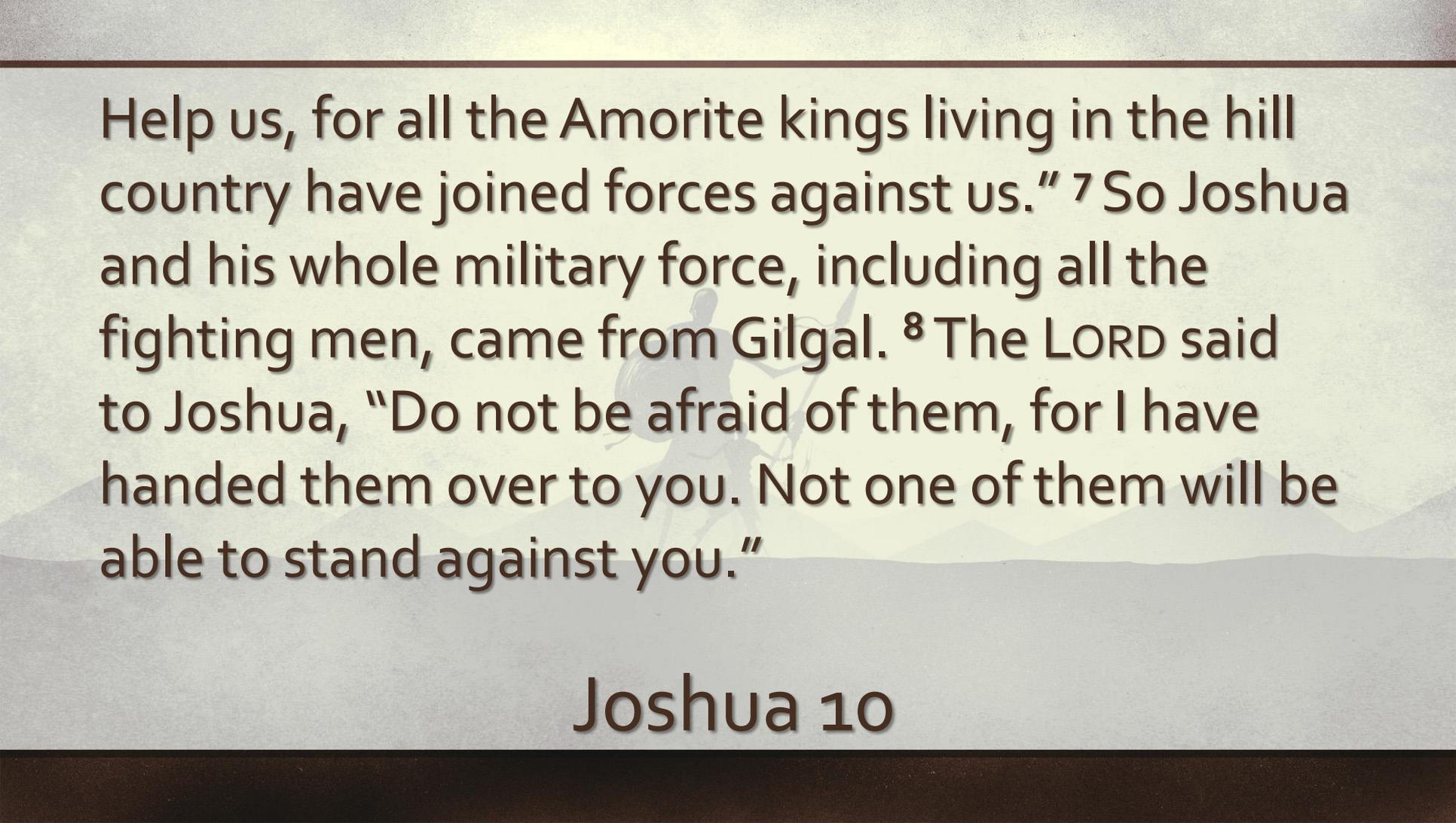
God Stopped Time

God can do ANYTHING
including manipulating His entire arena.



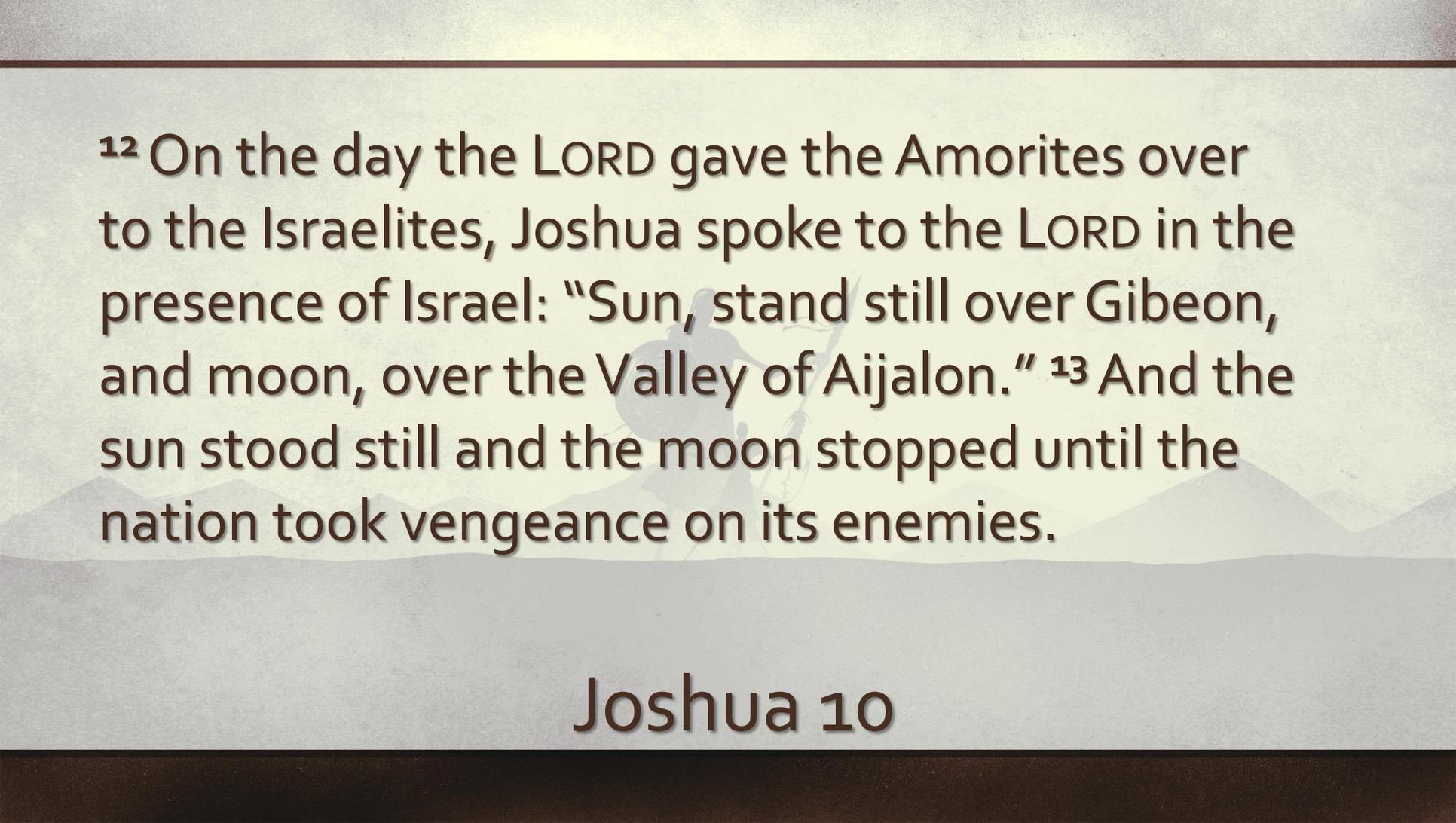
⁵ So the five Amorite kings (the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon) joined forces, advanced with all their armies, besieged Gibeon, and fought against it. ⁶ Then the men of Gibeon sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Don’t abandon your servants. Come quickly and save us!”

Joshua 10



Help us, for all the Amorite kings living in the hill country have joined forces against us.”⁷ So Joshua and his whole military force, including all the fighting men, came from Gilgal.⁸ The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, for I have handed them over to you. Not one of them will be able to stand against you.”

Joshua 10

The background features a stylized illustration of a warrior on horseback, positioned centrally behind the text. The warrior is depicted in silhouette, holding a bow and arrow, and is set against a light, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a bright sky. The overall aesthetic is that of a historical or biblical scene.

¹² On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, Joshua spoke to the LORD in the presence of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” ¹³ And the sun stood still and the moon stopped until the nation took vengeance on its enemies.

Joshua 10

Cambridge researchers claimed that this was
the earliest solar eclipse ever recorded

October 30, 1207 BCE



Joshua 10

But God said that “the sun stopped in the middle of
the sky and delayed its setting almost a full day.
There has been no day like it before or since.

Scene #3

Facing Our Giants

Realizing Our Great Necessity
of Doing Things God's Way



²¹ At that time Joshua proceeded to exterminate the Anakim from the hill country - Hebron, Debir, Anab - all the hill country of Judah and of Israel. Joshua completely destroyed them with their cities. ²² No Anakim were left in the land of the Israelites, except



for some remaining in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod.
²³ So Joshua took the entire land, in keeping with all that the LORD had told Moses. Joshua then gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. After this, the land had rest from war.



Really Big Grapes from Canaan



Really
Really Big
GIANT

Really
Big
Guy



How BIG is THAT Problem of MINE?

Bigger than anything YOU'VE ever seen! I'm SURE!

II Timothy 4:7 – Paul said, “I’ve fought the good fight.”

Paul, one of God’s best, constantly faced battles.

Greek (Agon) – agony, struggle, grueling conflict