

Bible History Puzzle 69

Not long after the Gibeonites had deceived Joshua, some of the Gibeonites came to him. Their faces looked afraid.

"What is wrong?" asked Joshua

"Will you please come _____(lphe) us? Our city is surrounded by soldiers. They are trying to kill us all!" This time they were speaking the truth.

Five _____(nkigs) had come with soldiers to punish the Gibeonites. "The Gibeonites are traitors!" they said angrily, "They have made a treaty with our enemies, the Israelites.

When the Gibeonites woke up one morning, they saw the soldiers with their mighty kings all around the city.

These messengers had quietly snuck out, in between the soldiers, during the night to go ask Joshua for help. Of course Joshua would help them, but first he asked the Lord for wisdom. The Lord said, "Go ahead and help them, Joshua. I will give Israel the victory!"

The Israelites immediately marched away. The kings were not expecting this at all, Suddenly, they were attacked, and soon they were all on the run with the Israelites following. It wasn't long before hundreds of enemy soldiers lay _____(ddea) on the ground.

Then the Lord brought in dark black clouds and, suddenly, huge hailstones fell down. They were so big that the enemies fell dead under them. The _____(hlstnsaioe) killed more than Joshua's soldiers did.

But Joshua wasn't very happy when he saw that it was becoming evening already. He would like to finish off these enemies, but it was becoming dark. He prayed to the Lord, because he believed that the Lord could help him. And then he called, "Sun, stand still! _____(nMoo), stand still!"

Whoever heard him calling this out must have thought, that can't happen can it? But it did happen! The day became longer and it stayed light! The Lord heard the prayer of Joshua.

The fleeing Canaanites were hoping the darkness would come in soon so they could escape. Instead, it stayed _____(ghtli) and the Israelites continued to chase them. Finally, the whole army was beaten.

The five kings had hidden in a cave, but somebody had seen them. Joshua covered the entrance with big stones. When his soldiers came back, he had the kings taken out of the _____(cvae), and they were hung. The Gibeonites were delivered.

In the north lived the King Jabin. He called all the other kings to help him so that his army was even stronger. Together, they tried to stop Israel from getting any more land. They had many horses and iron chariots.... But it did not help. The Lord helped his people and nobody could win against Him. King Jabin and those who helped him were also conquered and _____(llkdie).

So far 31 kings had been conquered. Most of Canaan was in Israel's possession. The Lord was fulfilling His _____(ropmsei).



Joshua showed great mercy towards the Gibeonites, who had so shamefully deceived him, by going to their aid.

Micah 6:8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is _____; and what doth the LORD _____ of thee, but to do _____, and to love _____, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

What does God require of us, or want us to do? Think of one way you can act justly (be fair), love mercy (treat others with undeserved kindness) or walk humbly with God. This verse also means we are to think rightly about ourselves and not to regard ourselves as better than others.

Matthew 5:43-44 "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your _____, bless them that curse you, do _____ to them that hate you, and _____ for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

Verse 44 gives a good example of what it means to show mercy. Jesus is telling us not to retaliate when others do us wrong. We are not to take the law into our own hands. By loving and praying for our enemies we can overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:17 "Recompense to no man _____ for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

How did Joshua show that he loved and obeyed God?

Why might it have been hard for Joshua to keep his promise to help the Gibeonites?

When are some times that it is hard for you to be kind and show mercy to others?

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The Sun Stands Still

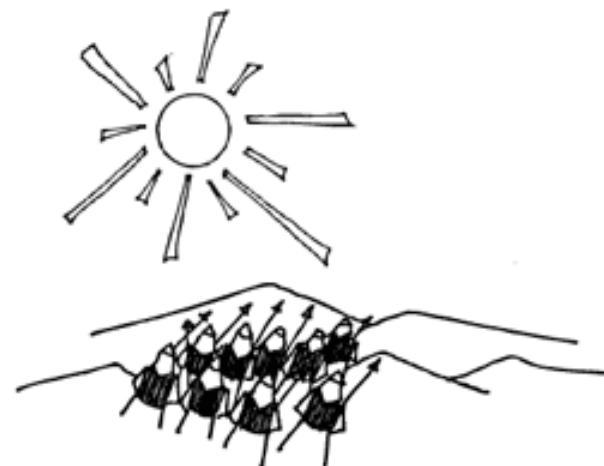
Joshua 10

Joshua and the Israelites were fighting a major battle against five kings of Canaan. The Israelites needed more time to finish the fight. Joshua prayed to God for help.

Solve the puzzle to see how God answered Joshua's prayer.

Cross out the letters of the alphabet in order. The remaining letters spell out the answer.

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