

Chapter 9
The Gibeonite Deception

Questions from the class?

What was the effect of the conquests on the people of the lands of Canaan?

Here was this sizeable army of the Israelites, under the command of Joshua, who were doing unbelievable/miraculous things by the power of their God. People can fight armies, but how do you fight against their God? This is a tremendous psychological benefit for Israel and a negative effect on those nations. Every nation, as they go to war, claim that God is on their side, from Hitler to ISIS. The people of Canaan were terrified, so how did they act?

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- v. 1 What were the lands of Western Canaan?
- v. 2 What was the approach/solution of the Western kings?
- v. 3 Where is Gibeon? (See the map in your Bible.)

What had they heard of Joshua and Israel?

- v. 4-5 What was their solution?

What was their “deception?”

- v. 6 What did they do with Joshua?

- v. 8 What was Joshua’s question?

- v. 9 Did they answer Joshua’s question?

- v. 9-13 What was their deception/lie to Joshua?

Bread

Wineskins

Clothes & Sandals

v. 11 What was their request of Joshua?

v. 14 Did Joshua and Israel check out the details?

v. 15 What was the result?

How was this confirmed by the leaders?

v. 16 What did the Israelites discover three days later?

Who were these people and where did they live?

v. 17-18 Why did the Israelites not attack them?

What was the reaction of the people? Who were they mad at?

v. 21 Did the Gibeonites get off “scot free” for their deception?

Why did Israel honor the treaty, even though they were lied to?

What was the result for the Gibeonites?

v. 22 What did Joshua do for their deception?

v. 24 Why did the Gibeonites do this?

v. 26 What did Joshua do?

God kept His promise – why is this comforting and important to us?