

Chapter 11  
The Northern Kings

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Questions from the class?

In the previous chapter, #10 the conquest moved into high gear. It started in the aftermath of the Gibeonite deception. Once the surrounding cities heard that Gibeon (a major city of Canaan) had made an alliance with Israel, five of the neighboring Amorite kings had decided to attack Gibeon. The Gibeonites called on Joshua for military assistance. The subsequent battle involved the miracle of the “sun standing still” so that Joshua and his forces could completely destroy the Amorite combination armies. This involved then the destruction of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon and the death of their kings. With their armies defeated, Joshua conquered the southern cities with this epitaph – “All these kings and their lands Joshua conquered in one campaign, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.” Joshua 10:42

Now Joshua turned his attention to the conquest of the Northern Kings. Hazor was the anchor fortress city of the north. Hazor was north of the Sea of Galilee. (See your map in your Bible.)

Joshua 11 – Northern Cities Destroyed

- v. 1 What did the king of Hazor do after he heard of the defeat of the five Amorite cities by Israel?
- v. 4 How does Joshua describe this massive coalition army of King Jabin of Hazor?
- v. 5 Where was this battle to be fought?
- v. 6 In the face of this massive army, what was God’s message to Joshua?
- v. 8 What did Joshua’s army do to those soldiers who survived the battle and ran?
- v. 9 Why was Joshua to “hamstring their horses and burn their chariots?”
- v. 10-11 Why is the detail of the destruction and burning important for us today?
- v. 12 Why was Joshua to kill King Jabin except Hazor?
- v. 14 Why was the destruction of Hazor total?
- v. 15 What is the trademark of Joshua’s leadership?
- v. 16-18 Once the northern alliance armies were completely destroyed, what did Joshua do next?  
  
How long did the conquest of all of these cities take?

v. 20 Why did these Canaanite nations not surrender to Joshua?

“Not one city made a treaty of peace with the Israelites?”

Why?

v. 23 Following the northern conquests, what happened to the conquered lands?

What was the result of this seven year conflict?