

## Joshua 10 – God fights for His people to give them victory!

### Preliminary: Reading OT

1. Reading OT in light of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and God's redemption plan (Luke 24:44)
  - Jesus is the fulfilment of OT Scriptures
2. Reading OT as examples for believers to emulate and avoid (1 Cor 10:6, 11)
  - OT is still relevant for NT believers
  - It is appropriate to draw moral lessons according to the author's intent and bearing in mind the redemptive storyline
3. Reading OT as NT believers

OT	Relationship	NT	
God	→	God	God's character remains unchanged
Israel (God's covenant people) The kingdom of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God as King</li><li>• His people = Israel (and those who joined the nation)</li><li>• Place = Canaan the Promised Land</li></ul>	-----→	Church (God's covenant people) The kingdom of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God as King</li><li>• His people = those who believed in Jesus from all nations</li><li>• Place = the hearts of His people</li></ul>	<b>Continuity &amp; discontinuity</b> (Abrahamic covenant is fulfilled in the New covenant; the true descendants of Abraham are those who believe in Jesus Christ)
Individuals		Individuals	Caution: unique to the individuals, no direct application to the readers

### Background

1. Expect opposition to God's plan and people (Josh 10:1-5)
2. Be assured God gives victory while His people fight and pray (Josh 10:6-15)

3. Be encouraged by God's words and work (Josh 10:16-27)

4. Be assured God gives victory while His people obey His commands (Josh 10:28-43)

**Theological lessons:**

- We fight spiritual and ideological battles (Eph 6:12; 2 Cor 10:3-5)
- Victory has already been secured for us through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection (Col 2:13-15)
- We are active participants in the battles using the armour of God and praying at all times, with all prayer, with all perseverance and for all the saints (Eph 6:10-20)

**Reflection:**

- Thank God for the victory Jesus Christ has gained for us over Satan and sin.
- What are the spiritual and ideological fights you are engaged in personally and as a ministry?
- What encouragement from God's words and works has kept you going in your spiritual and ideological fight?