



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">• God as King• His people = Israel (and those who joined the nation)• Place = Canaan the Promised Land		Church (God's covenant people) The kingdom of God <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God as King• His people = those who believed in Jesus from all nations• Place = the hearts of His people	Continuity & discontinuity (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?