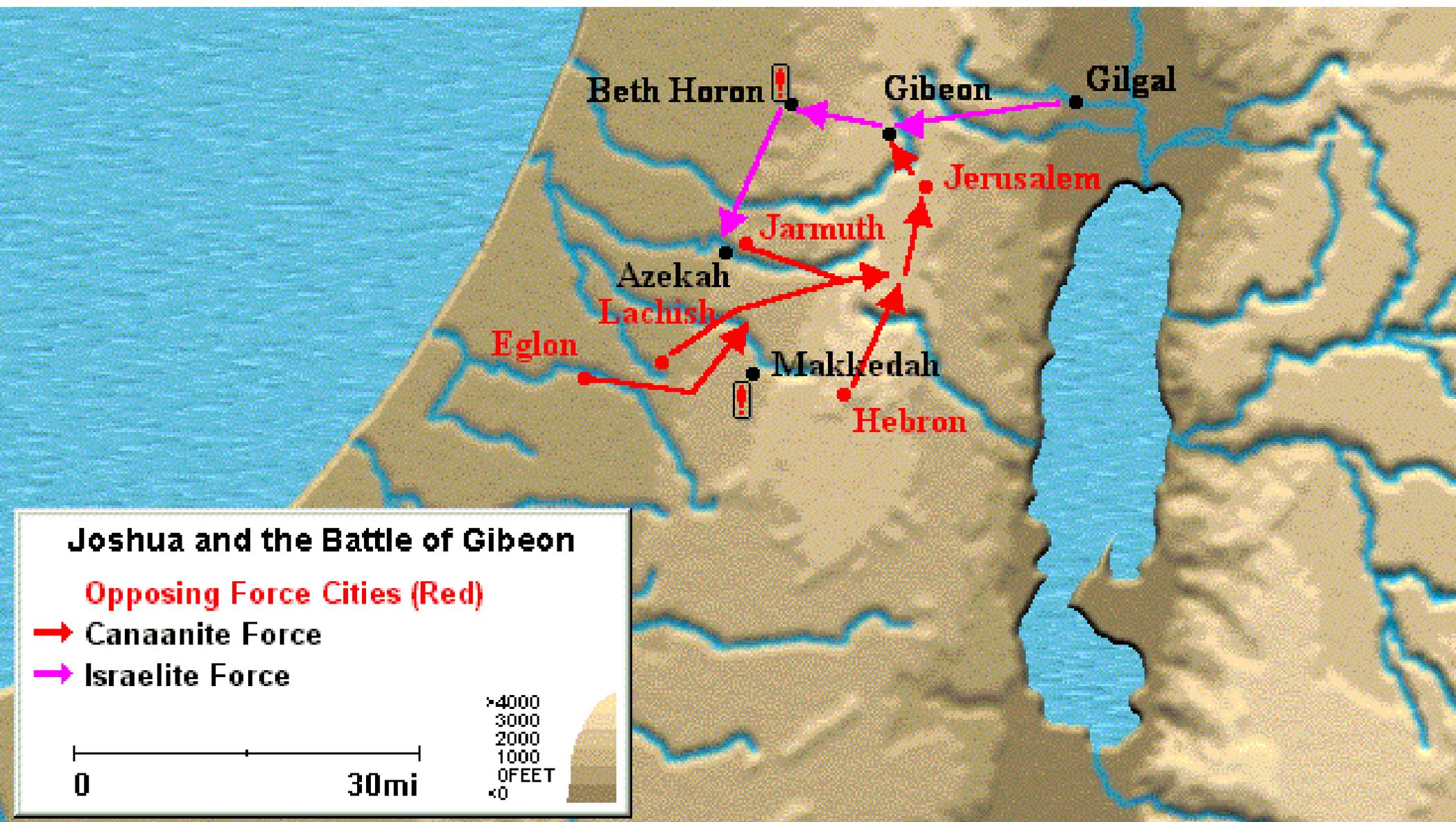
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# JOSHUA

Called For Such Times

# GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Joshua in VICTORY!**
  - Joshua has been tested and victorious in many things
  - Small failures, long term issues! (Gibeonites!)
  - 5 City armies and Kings destroyed
  - Southern campaign is successful!
  - Sun stand still!!! God of all Creation!!!
- **So what now?**

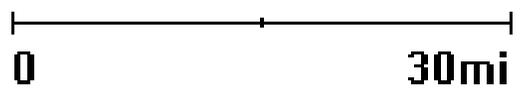


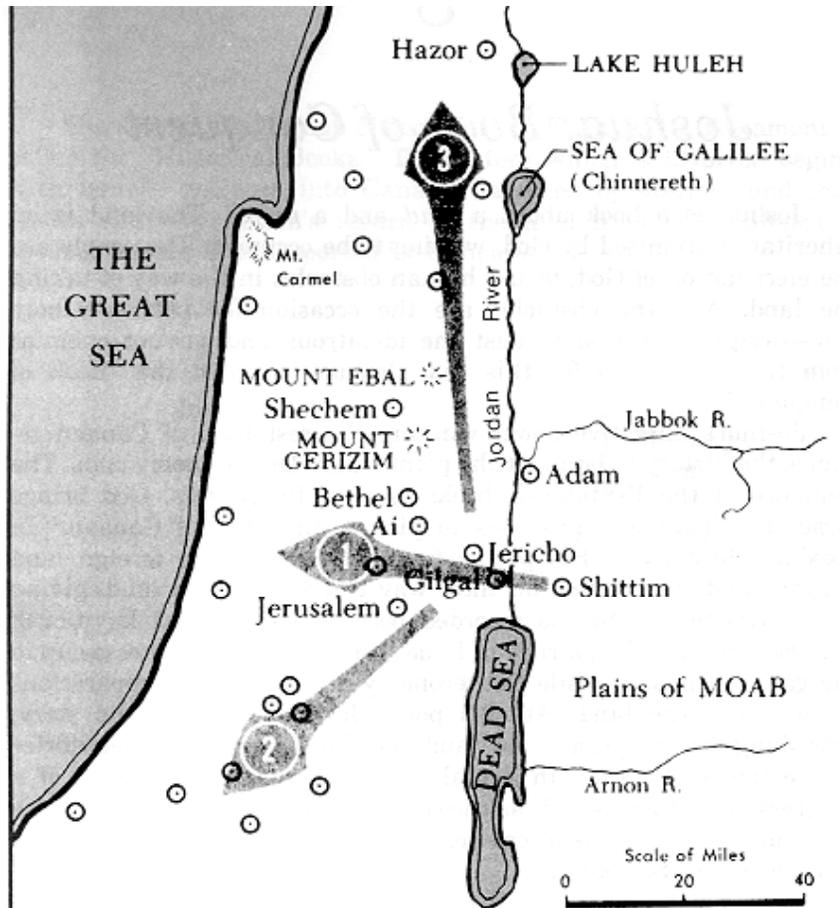
### Joshua and the Battle of Gibeon

Opposing Force Cities (Red)

→ Canaanite Force

→ Israelite Force





MAP OF JOSHUA'S THREE CAMPAIGNS,

Showing some of the cities ○ taken

- ① central campaign
- ② southern campaign
- ③ northern campaign

# Hazor

- **H**azor was the largest and one of the most important Canaanite city-states before Joshua's destruction of the city (Josh. 11:1–10). Located nine miles north of the Sea of Galilee at the point where the international trade route crossed the Jordan on the way to Damascus, Hazor dominated the Huleh Basin and controlled a key commercial route. Documents from Mari written about 1850 b.c. mention Hazor as a major commercial center involved in the vital tin trade used in making bronze. Egyptian sources often refer to Hazor, starting with its first appearance in the Execration Texts (2000–1800 b.c.) down to the reign of Seti I (1304–1290 b.c.). We are especially well informed about Hazor during the 1300s, when the city reached its zenith. The Amarna Texts mention Hazor's king, 'Abdi-tirshi. Few Canaanite rulers used the title "king" during this period, another indication of Hazor's importance. After Joshua conquered Hazor, the Bible rightly recalls that Hazor "formerly was the head of all those [Canaanite] kingdoms" (Josh. 11:10).
- The massive tell of Hazor looms 130 feet above the surrounding plain. To the north, a large earthen rampart built by Canaanites in the Middle Bronze Age (ca. 1750 b.c.) enclosed a "Lower City" inhabited until its final destruction in approximately 1220 b.c. After 1200 b.c. the people who inhabited Hazor occupied only the high mound. Together, the tell and Lower City cover an area of over two hundred acres, making Hazor the largest city in Palestine prior to the Hellenistic era.
- Yigael Yadin conducted excavations at Hazor from 1955 to 1958 and again in 1968. Excavations have recently resumed under the supervision of Amnon Ben-Tor. Although inhabited before 2000 b.c., Hazor achieved prominence in the Middle Bronze Age when the tell was resettled and the city greatly enlarged to the north. A massive rampart constructed of earth layered against an inner core enclosed an area one thousand yards long and seven hundred yards wide. Excavations within the enclosure revealed a substantial city complete with public buildings, domestic structures, and an unprecedented array of temples.
  - Brisco, T. V. (1998). *Holman Bible atlas* (p. 81). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

# Hazor's Army

- **A large group from the North – Hazor! (ch 11)**
  - **This is a spiritual picture ... last ditch efforts..**
  - **If you can't deceive, or seduce...overwhelm!**
- **Huge alliance is formed...**
  - **People will leave all else behind to fight against God!**
  - **And now, CHARIOTS!**
  - **Mobile 'tanks' for archers and spears, flanking**
  - **Israel had no defense for these...**
  - **BUT THEY HAD GOD!!! – Verse 6**

# After the Sun standing still...

- Josephus says that the northern coalition numbered 300,000 infantry, 10,000 cavalry, and 20,000 chariots
- And to God, this victory is almost a side note!
  - No strategies or methods... just victory!
  - “I will deliver them slain”
- One command is given – hamstringing the horses!
  - Keeps them for local use; No longer capable of pulling chariots, speed... Deuteronomy 17:16; 20:1; Psalm 20:7

## Why Joshua succeeds:

- **“Joshua did to them as the Lord had told him” (9)**
  - Obedience is the KEY to victory and success
  - Destroying the OLD... sound familiar?
  - Leaving roots will bring problems later...
- **Gods’ role – vs 20 – hard hearts!**
  - Why this is so dangerous to us!
  - Pharaoh...
  - Same thing in Canaan

# Joshua's Trophy

- **The Anakim! (vs. 21)**
  - These were fierce fighters and men of renown
  - Israel was worried about them
  - Numbers 13:33; Deuteronomy 9:2,3
- **God is greater than your biggest challenge!**
  - He will work in you, OBEDIENCE???!!!
- **...And the land had rest...11:23**

**Next week...**

**Joshua 14**

**A Man who asks for...**

**Trouble!**