

# *Old Testament Conquest Overview*

GOD IN HISTORY

# *Conquest—Joshua is called to lead the people*

- Joshua 1:2-8;
  - 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, **go over this Jordan**, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.
  - 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as **I promised to Moses**.
  - 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun **shall be your territory**.
  - 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you or forsake you**.
  - 6 Be strong and courageous, for **you shall cause this people to inherit the land** that I swore to their fathers to give them.
  - 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to **do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you**. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.
  - 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but **you shall meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

# *Conquest— the pagan nations*

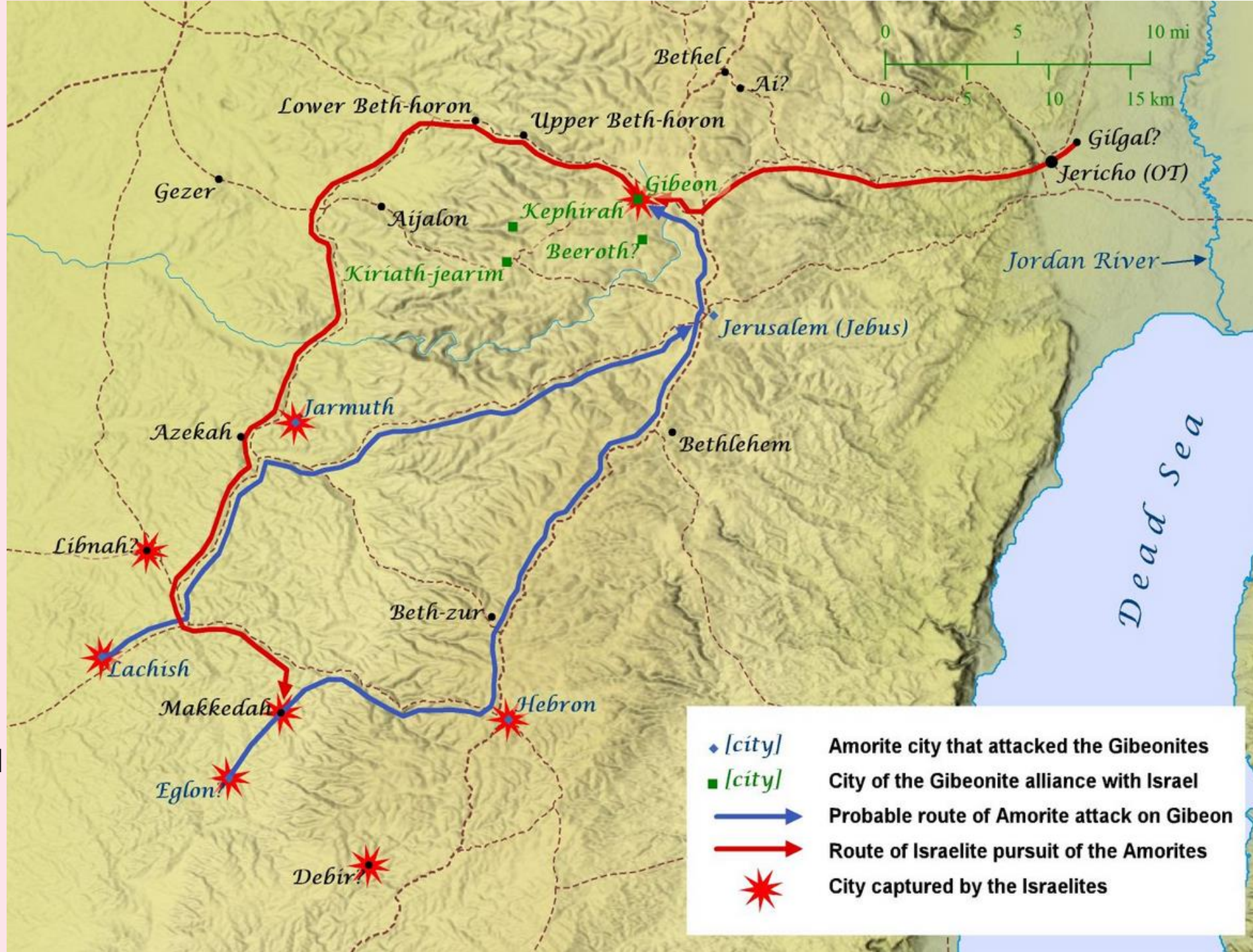
- Joshua 24:13 I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.'
- The name Joshua is the Hebrew equivalent of Jesus: YHWH saves



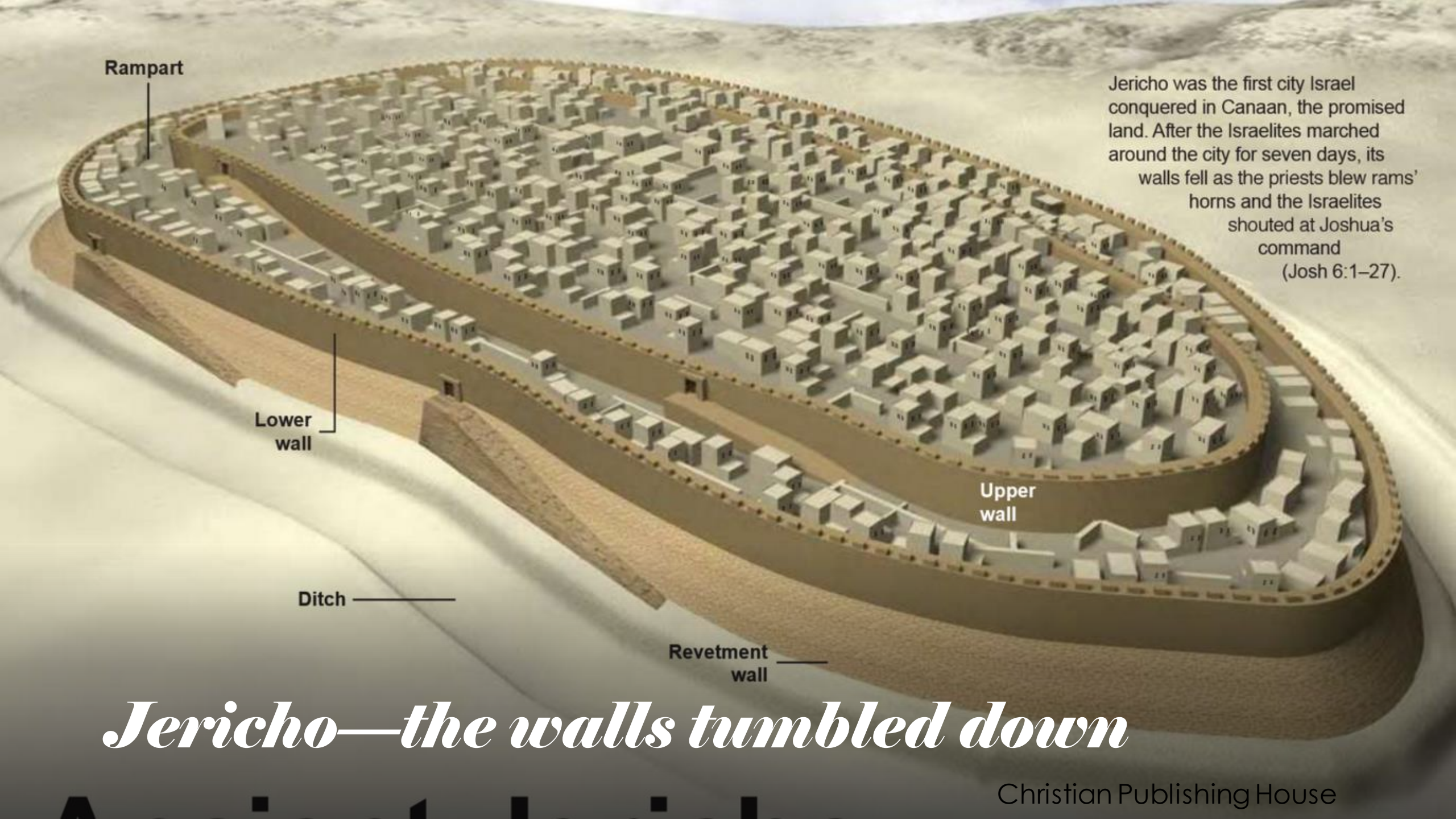


# Conquest— the southern campaign

- 1: Joshua leads the people
- 2: Rahab hides spies
- 3: Israel crosses Jordan
- 4: 12 memorial stones set
- 5: Passover; Lord's cmndr
- 6: Fall of Jericho
- 7: Defeat at Ai; Achan's sin
- 8: Ai falls; Renew covenant
- 9: Gibeonite deception
- 10: Joshua's "long" day  
Amorite kings executed  
Conquest of S. Canaan  
Libnah, wiped out  
Lachish, wiped out  
King of Gezer defeated  
Eglon, wiped out  
Hebron, wiped out  
Debir, wiped out  
Returned to Gilgal







Jericho was the first city Israel conquered in Canaan, the promised land. After the Israelites marched around the city for seven days, its walls fell as the priests blew rams' horns and the Israelites shouted at Joshua's command (Josh 6:1-27).

# *Jericho—the walls tumbled down*



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Houses built into wall

Revetment Wall



“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down”  
Heb 11:30

“The people shouted  
the wall fell down flat  
so the people went up  
into the city, every man  
straight ahead and  
they took the city.”  
Josh 6:20

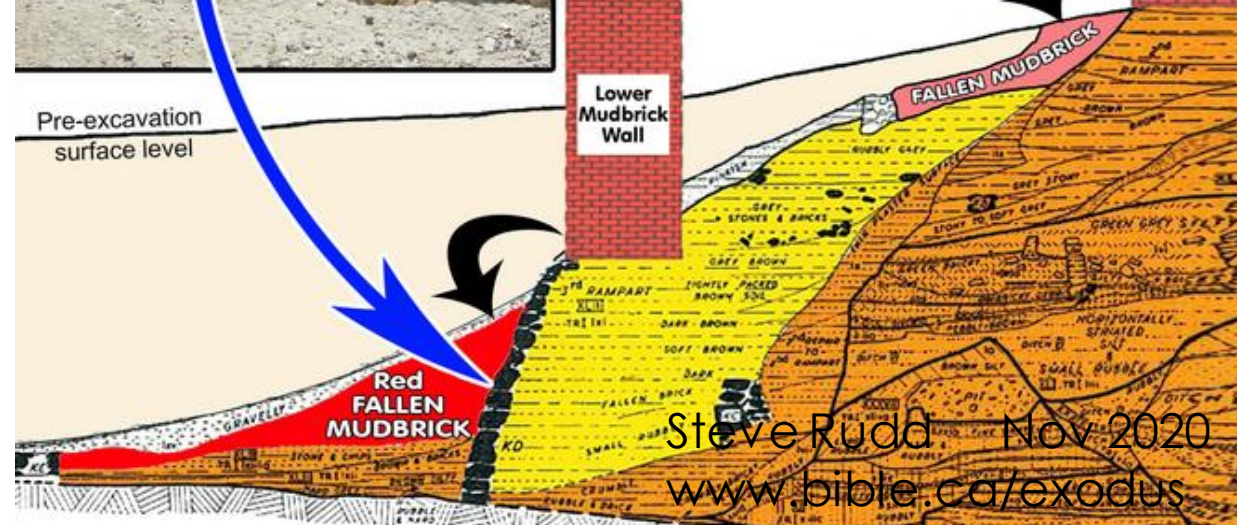


Pre-excitation  
surface level



Upper  
Mudbrick  
Wall

Lower  
Mudbrick  
Wall





# *Joshua's Long Day— Possible Eclipse*



12:00

08:30

Moon

Sun

**Aijalon Valley**

**Gibeon**

18:30

The word translated as "stand still" also means "to become dark" in Akkadian (a related semitic language) and was often used to describe solar eclipses. An eclipse at high noon would "appear" to be "two" distinct days.

Joshua describes an unusual condition where the moon "stops" in front of the sun for hours. Just such a unique eclipse occurred at the time of the conquest. Such an eclipse would have been a bad omen for pagan kingdoms.

**Location: Gibeon**

**Date: July 14 in 1406 BC**



# *Conquest—the Northern Campaign; Hazor destroyed*

The Bible names the ruler as Jabin – the very name of the king of Hazor found on a clay tablet in the ruins of Middle Bronze Age Hazor.

Rohl, David. Exodus – Myth or History? (p. 391)



## Northern Campaign

Joshua 11:1-15

3. Israel chased their enemies (C) as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, then returned and burned Hazor to the ground (D).

1. When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard about Israel's victory in the south, he gathered (A) a great alliance of northern armies to fight against Israel.

2. God told Joshua he would have victory against this army, so Israel marched on them (B) from Gilgal in a surprise attack and defeated them.





# *Conquest—Land Allotment*

- Joshua chapters 13-21
- Cities of refuge chapter 20
  - **7** So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.
  - **8** And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.







***Conquest—  
Covenant  
Renewal at  
Shechem***

## **Joshua 24**

- 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.
- 27 And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God."