

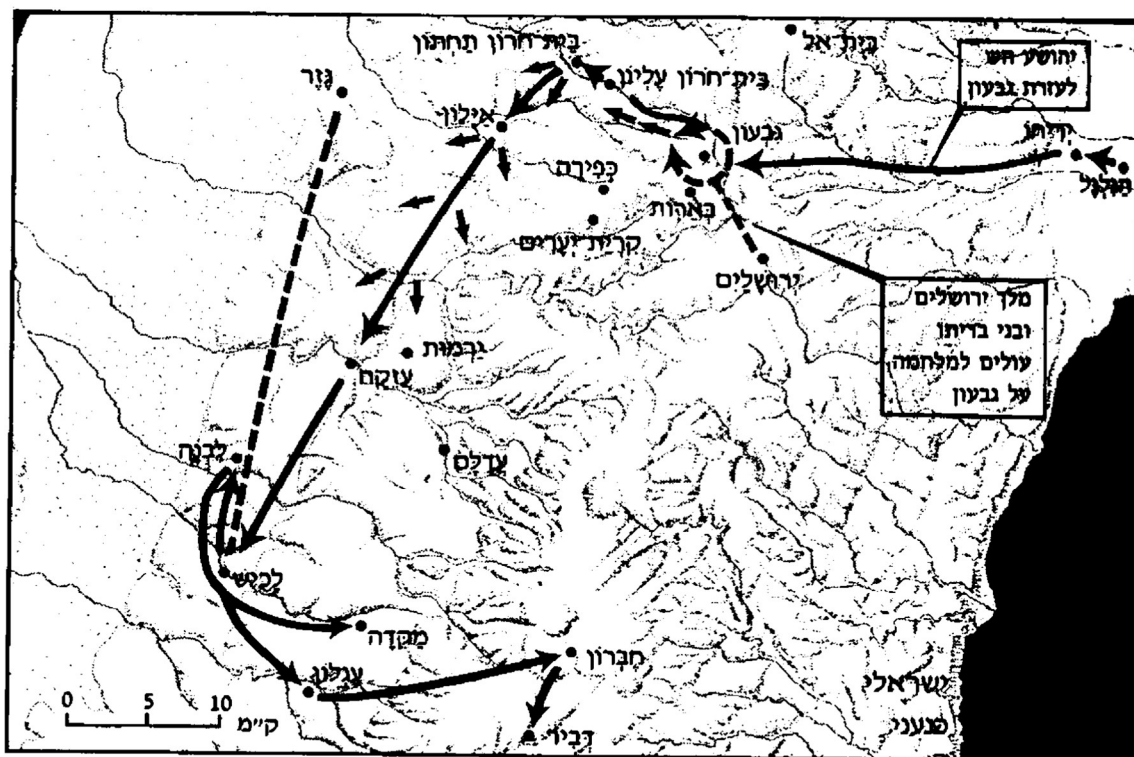
פרק י: מלכי הדרום

Chapter 10: Southern (dis)Comfort

וַיְהִי כִשְׁמַע אֲדֹנֵי-צֶדֶק מֶלֶךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם כִּי-לָכַד יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-הָעִי וַיַּחְרִימָהּ בְּאִשׁוֹר עֲשֵׂה לִירִיחוֹ וּלְמַלְכָּהּ כִּן-עֲשֵׂה לְעִי וּלְמַלְכָּהּ וְכִי הַשְׁלִימוּ יֹשְׁבֵי גִבְעוֹן אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיְהִיו בְּקֶרֶבָם: וַיֵּרְאוּ מֶלֶךְ כִּי עִיר גְּדוֹלָה גִבְעוֹן בְּאַחַת עָרֵי הַמְּמַלְכָּה וְכִי הִיא גְדוֹלָה מִן-הָעִי וְכָל-אֲנָשֶׁיהָ גִבֹּרִים: וַיִּשְׁלַח אֲדֹנֵי-צֶדֶק מֶלֶךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם אֶל-הוֹהֵם מֶלֶךְ-חֶבְרוֹן וְאֶל-פְּרָאִם מֶלֶךְ-יִרְמֹת וְאֶל-יָפִיעַ מֶלֶךְ-לָכִישׁ וְאֶל-דָּבִיר מֶלֶךְ-עִגְלוֹן לֵאמֹר: עָלוּ-אֵלַי וְעִזְרֵנִי וְנִכַּח אֶת-גִּבְעוֹן כִּי-הַשְׁלִימָה אֶת-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְאֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיֵּאסְפוּ וַיַּעֲלוּ חֲמִשָּׁתוֹ מַלְכֵי הָאֲמֹרִי מֶלֶךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם מֶלֶךְ-חֶבְרוֹן מֶלֶךְ-יִרְמֹת מֶלֶךְ-לָכִישׁ מֶלֶךְ-עִגְלוֹן הֵם וְכָל-מַחֲנִיחֵם וַיַּחֲנוּ עַל-גִּבְעוֹן וַיִּלַּחְמוּ עִלֶּיהָ: וַיִּשְׁלַחוּ אֲנָשִׁי גִבְעוֹן אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-הַמַּחֲנֶה הַגָּלְגָל לֵאמֹר אֶל-תֵּרָף יָדֶיךָ מֵעַבְדֶּיךָ עֲלֵה אֵלֵינוּ מִהֵרָה וְהוֹשִׁיעָה לָנוּ וְעִזְרֵנוּ כִּי נִקְבְּצוּ אֵלֵינוּ כָּל-מַלְכֵי הָאֲמֹרִי יֹשְׁבֵי הָהָר: וַיַּעַל יְהוֹשֻׁעַ מִן-הַגָּלְגָל הוּא וְכָל-עַם הַמַּלְחָמָה עִמּוֹ וְכָל-גִּבּוֹרֵי הַחֵיָל: וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-תִּירָא מֵהֵם כִּי בְיָדְךָ נִתְּנִים לֹא-יַעֲמֹד אִישׁ מֵהֵם בְּפָנֶיךָ: וַיָּבֹא אֵלֵיהֶם יְהוֹשֻׁעַ פָּתָאם כָּל-הַלַּיְלָה עָלָה מִן-הַגָּלְגָל: וַיְהִי בַּיּוֹם ה' לִפְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּכֶם מַכָּה-גְדוֹלָה בְּגִבְעוֹן וַיִּרְדְּפֵם דֶּרֶךְ מַעְלֵה בֵּית-חוּרֹן וַיִּכֶם עַד-עֵזְקָה וְעַד-מִקְדָּה: וַיְהִי בְּנִסְסוֹ מִפְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הֵם בְּמוֹרֵד בֵּית-חוּרֹן וְה' הִשְׁלִיךְ עֲלֵיהֶם אֲבָנִים גְּדוֹלוֹת מִן-הַשָּׁמַיִם עַד-עֵזְקָה וַיָּמָתוּ רַבִּים אֲשֶׁר-מָתוּ בְּאֲבָנֵי הַפֶּרֶד מֵאֲשֶׁר הָרְגוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּחֶרֶב: אַז יִדְבֹּר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ לֵה' בַּיּוֹם תַּת ה' אֶת-הָאֲמֹרִי לִפְנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְעֵינֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שָׁמַשׁ בְּגִבְעוֹן דָּוָם וַיֵּרַח בַּעֲמֶק אֵילָן: וַיִּדָּם הַשָּׁמֶשׁ וַיֵּרַח עָמֹד עַד-יָקָם גֹּי אִיבֵיו הִלָּא-הִיא כְּתוּבָה עַל-סֵפֶר הַיִּשָּׁר וַיַּעֲמֹד הַשָּׁמֶשׁ בַּחֲצִי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְלֹא-אָץ לָבוֹא בַּיּוֹם תָּמִים: וְלֹא הָיָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לִפְנֵי וְאַחֲרָיו לִשְׁמַע ה' בְּקוֹל אִישׁ כִּי ה' נָלַחם לְיִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיָּשָׁב יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ אֶל-הַמַּחֲנֶה הַגָּלְגָל: וַיִּנָּסוּ חֲמִשָּׁת הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיַּחֲבֹאוּ בַּמְּעָרָה בְּמִקְדָּה: וַיִּגְדַּל יְהוֹשֻׁעַ לֵאמֹר נִמְצְאוּ חֲמִשָּׁת הַמְּלָכִים נִחְבְּאִים בַּמְּעָרָה בְּמִקְדָּה: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ גְּלוּ אֲבָנִים גְּדוֹלוֹת אֶל-פִּי הַמְּעָרָה וְהִפְקִידוּ עֲלֶיהָ אֲנָשִׁים לִשְׁמֹר: וְאַתֶּם אֲלֹתֵי-עַמּוֹדֵי דָפְרוּ אַחֲרֵי אִיבֵיכֶם וּזְנַבְתֶּם אוֹתָם אֶל-תֵּתְנוֹם לָבוֹא אֶל-עֲרֵיכֶם כִּי נִתְּנָם ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם בְּיָדְכֶם: וַיְהִי כְּכֹלוֹת יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לַהֲכֹתָם מַכָּה גְדוֹלָה-מְאֹד עַד-תָּמָס וְהַשְׂרִידִים שָׂרְדוּ מֵהֵם וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-עָרֵי הַמִּבְצָר: וַיִּשְׁבּוּ כָּל-הָעָם אֶל-הַמַּחֲנֶה אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ מִקְדָּה בְּשָׁלוֹם לֹא-חָרָץ לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאשׁוֹת אֶת-לִשְׁנֹו: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ פָּתְחוּ אֶת-פִּי הַמְּעָרָה וְהוֹצִיאוּ אֵלַי אֶת-חֲמִשָּׁת הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה מִן-הַמְּעָרָה: וַיַּעֲשׂוּ כֵן וַיִּצְיִאוּ אֵלָיו אֶת-חֲמִשָּׁת הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה מִן-הַמְּעָרָה אֹתוֹ מֶלֶךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם אֶת-מֶלֶךְ חֶבְרוֹן אֶת-מֶלֶךְ יִרְמֹת אֶת-מֶלֶךְ לָכִישׁ אֶת-מֶלֶךְ עִגְלוֹן: וַיְהִי כְּהוֹצִיָּאם אֶת-הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וַיִּקְרָא יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-כָּל-אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-קִיעִי אֲנָשִׁי הַמַּלְחָמָה הַהִלְכֹוּ אֹתוֹ קִרְבוּ שִׁימוּ אֶת-רַגְלֵיכֶם עַל-צוּאְרֵי הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיִּקְרְבוּ וַיִּשְׁימוּ אֶת-דְּגְלֵיהֶם עַל-צוּאְרֵיהֶם: וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֵיהֶם יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל-תִּירְאוּ וְאֶל-תַּחַתּוּ חֲזָקוֹ וַאֲמַצּוֹ כִּי כָכָה יַעֲשֶׂה ה' לְכָל-אִיבֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם נִלְחָמִים אוֹתָם: וַיִּכֶם יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אַחֲרֵיכֶן וַיָּמִיתָם וַיִּתְּלָם עַל-חֲמִשָּׁה עֵצִים וַיְהִיו תְּלוּיִם עַל-הָעֵצִים עַד-הָעָרֶב: וַיְהִי לַעֲתוֹ בּוֹא הַשָּׁמֶשׁ צוּחַ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וַיִּרְיֶדוּם מֵעַל הָעֵצִים וַיִּשְׁלָכֵם אֶל-הַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר נִחְבְּאוּ שָׁם וַיִּשְׁמוּ אֲבָנִים גְּדוֹלוֹת עַל-פִּי הַמְּעָרָה עַד-עֵצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: וַאֲתֵּי-מִקְדָּה לָכַד יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּכָּה לְפִי-חֶרֶב וְאֶת-מַלְכָּה הַחֶרֶם אוֹתָם וְאֶת-כָּל-הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר-בָּהּ לֹא הָשָׁאִיר שְׂרִיד וַיַּעַשׂ לְמֶלֶךְ

מקדָה כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לַמֶּלֶךְ יְרִיחוֹ: וַיַּעֲבֹר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ מִמִּקְדָּה לִבְנֵה וּלְחָם עַם־לִבְנֵה: וַיִּתֵּן ה' גַּם־אוֹתָהּ בְּיַד יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־מַלְכָּהּ וַיִּכֶּה לְפִי־חָרֶב וְאֶת־כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ לֹא־הָשִׁיב שָׁרִיד וַיַּעַשׂ לַמַּלְכָּה כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לַמֶּלֶךְ יְרִיחוֹ: וַיַּעֲבֹר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ מִלִּבְנֵה לְכִישָׁה וַיַּחֲזֵק עָלֶיהָ וּלְחָם בָּהּ: וַיִּתֵּן ה' אֶת־לָכִישׁ בְּיַד יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּלְכְּדָהּ בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁנִי וַיִּכֶּה לְפִי־חָרֶב וְאֶת־כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ כָּכָל אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לִלְבָנָה: אִזּוֹ עָלָה הָדָם מֶלֶךְ גִּזְרֵר לַעֲזֹר אֶת־לָכִישׁ וַיִּכֶּהוּ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְאֶת־עַמּוֹ עַד־בִּלְתִּי הָשִׁיב־לוֹ שָׁרִיד: וַיַּעֲבֹר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ מִלָּכִישׁ עַגְלָנָה וַיַּחֲזִק עָלֶיהָ וּלְחָמוֹ עָלֶיהָ: וַיִּלְכְּדוּהָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּכֶּה לְפִי־חָרֶב וְאֶת־כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא הַחֲרָדִים כָּכָל אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לִלְכִישׁ: וַיַּעַל יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ מֵעַגְלָנָה חֲבֻרֹנָה וּלְחָמוֹ עָלֶיהָ: וַיִּלְכְּדוּהָ וַיִּכֶּהוּ לְפִי־חָרֶב וְאֶת־מַלְכָּהּ וְאֶת־כָּל־עַרְיָהּ וְאֶת־כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ לֹא־הָשִׁיב שָׁרִיד כָּכָל אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לַעֲגָלוֹן וַיַּחֲרֹם אוֹתָהּ וַיֵּשֶׁב יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ דְּבָרָה וּלְחָם עָלֶיהָ: וַיִּלְכְּדָהּ וְאֶת־מַלְכָּהּ וְאֶת־כָּל־עַרְיָהּ וַיִּכֶּה לְפִי־חָרֶב וַיַּחֲרִימוּ אֶת־כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ לֹא הָשִׁיב שָׁרִיד כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְחֻבְרוֹן כִּן־עָשָׂה לְדְבָרָה וּלְמַלְכָּהּ וְכַאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לִלְבָנָה וּלְמַלְכָּהּ: וַיִּכֶּה יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ הַהִיא וְהַנֶּגֶב וְהַשְׁפֵּלָה וְהָאֲשׁוּדוֹת וְאֶת־כָּל־מַלְכֵיהֶם לֹא הָשִׁיב שָׁרִיד וְאֶת־כָּל־הַנֶּשְׁמָה הַחַיִּים כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיָּכֶם יְהוֹשֻׁעַ מִקֹּדֶשׁ בְּרַנֵּעַ וְעַד־עֵזָה וְאֶת־כָּל־אָרֶץ גִּזְזֵן וְעַד־גִּבְעוֹן: וְאֶת־כָּל־הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה וְאֶת־אֲרָצָם לָכַד יְהוֹשֻׁעַ פַּעַם אַחַת כִּי ה' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל נָלַחם לְיִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיֵּשֶׁב יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ אֶל־הַמַּחֲנֶה הַגָּדוֹל:

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Now it came to pass, when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it — as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king — and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. Therefore, Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, "Come up to me and help me, and let us smite Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the Children of Israel." Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it. And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, "Do not withdraw your hands from your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us." So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. And Hashem said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; no man of them shall stand against you." Joshua came upon them suddenly, for he went up from Gilgal all the night. And Hashem discomfited them before Israel and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon; and they chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-Horon and smote them to Azekah and to Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-Horon, that Hashem cast down great stones from heaven upon them to Azekah, and they died. More died from the hailstones than they whom the Children of Israel slew with the sword. Then Joshua spoke to Hashem on the day when Hashem delivered the Amorites before the Children of Israel. And he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still in Gibeon; and Moon, in the valley of Aijalon." And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. Is this not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven and did not hasten to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that Hashem heeded the voice of a man, for Hashem fought for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal. And these five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. And it was told to Joshua, saying, "The five kings were found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." And Joshua said, "Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them; but, you, do not stay; pursue after your enemies, and smite the rear of them. Do not allow them to enter into their cities, for Hashem your God has delivered them into your hand." And it came to pass, when Joshua and the Children of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, until they were consumed and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. None whet his tongue against any of the Children of Israel. Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings to me out of the cave." And they did so, and brought forth those five kings to him out of the cave, the king of

Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war that went with him, "Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings." And they came near, and put their feet upon their necks. And Joshua said to them, "Fear not; do not be dismayed. Be strong and of good courage, for thus shall Hashem do to all your enemies against whom you fight." And afterward Joshua smote them and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. And it came to pass at the time that the sun set, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees and cast them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, to this very day. And Joshua took Makkedah on that day and smote it with the edge of the sword, and its king. He utterly destroyed them and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho. And Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah. And Hashem delivered it also, and its king, into the hand of Israel. He smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining in it. And he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho. And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and he encamped against it and fought against it. And Hashem delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he took it on the second day and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah. Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish, and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining. And Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, to Eglon; and they encamped against it and fought against it. And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon. He utterly destroyed it and all the souls that were in it. And Joshua turned back, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and he fought against it. And he took it, and its king, and all its cities, and they smote them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and to its king, as he had done also to Libnah and to its king. So Joshua smote all the land, the hill country, and the South, and the Lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as Hashem, the God of Israel, commanded. And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-Barnea, even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon. And all these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because Hashem, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.