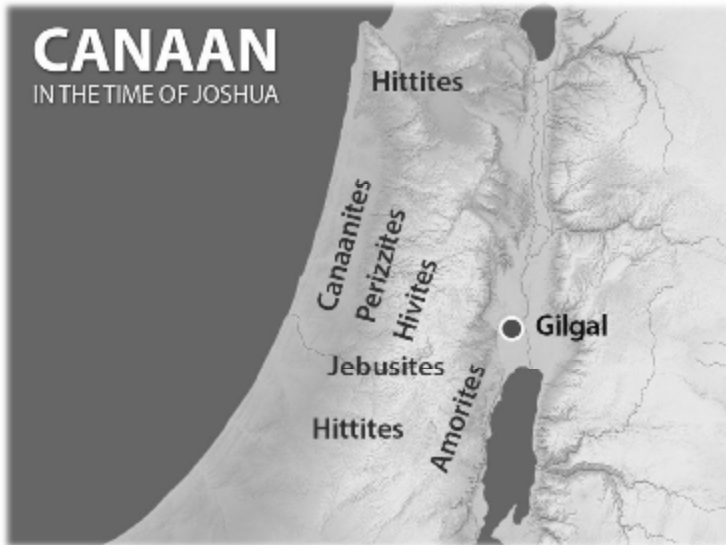
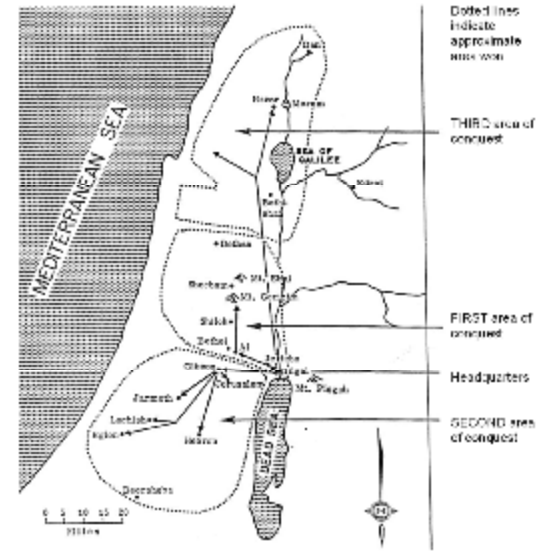




Joshua 9

Treaty with Gibeon

Joshua's Strategy:
Middle,
South,
North



Tools of Gibeonite Deception

1. worn-out sacks
2. old, cracked & mended wineskins
3. worn-out, patched sandals
4. threadbare clothing
5. dry & crumbly bread



Please make a treaty with us!



What the Gibeonites Say to Sell Their Story

- We're your servants (9:8, 11).
- We're from a faraway land (9:6, 9)—implies they know they're condemned if they're local (9:24).
- Our food & clothing, etc. show how far we've come (9:11-13).
- We want the treaty because of what your God has done for you (9:9-10).

Deuteronomy 7:1–2

- When the LORD your God brings you into the land . . . , and He drives away many nations from before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites . . . ,
- and when the LORD your God turns them over to you and you defeat them, you shall utterly destroy them. You shall not make a covenant with them nor be gracious to them.

Gibeonites vs. Rahab

- Both heard of what God did in Egypt & east of the Jordan.
- Both were fearful.
- Both reached out to the Israelites for help.
- Rahab showed faith; the Gibeonites showed cunning.

Making Vows

- A vow is a binding promise.
- Making a vow to God is serious. Keep it without delay (Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21).
- Don't make a vow without considering it carefully (cf. Jephthah, Judges 11:29-40).
- Don't swear an oath with the intention of having a loophole to get out of it (Matt. 5:33-37).
- Your word should be good—a simple “yes” or “no” is enough. Your word is your bond.

The Covenant with Gibeon (9:15)

1. Joshua made peace or an alliance with them.
2. Joshua made a covenant with them to let them live.
3. The Israelite leaders swore an oath to them.
4. They made this covenant before God, knowing that God would hold them accountable (9:19-20).

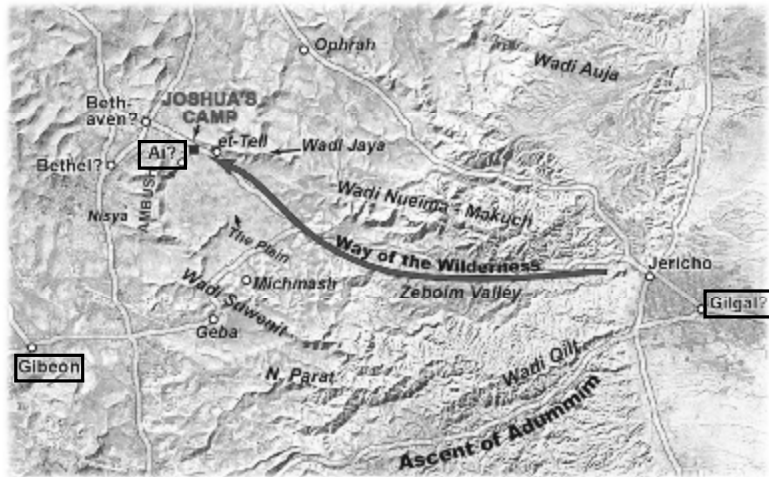
Guard against Deception

- False teachers will lead us away from “the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3).
- The Bible's frequent warnings indicate that we're easily deceived (1 Cor. 15:33; Gal. 6:7; Eph. 5:6; 1 John 3:7).
- Pray for wisdom (James 1:5).

Guard against Deception

- Know what the Bible teaches about the issue. Don't accept what others say without checking it yourself. Like the Bereans, trust but verify (Acts 17:10-11).
- Be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Take your time when making a decision.
- Seek godly counsel.
- Have an accountability buddy.

About 15 miles UPHILL from Gilgal to Ai



About 16 miles UPHILL from Gilgal to Gibeon



The Curse of Gibeon (9:23) Woodcutters & Water Carriers



The Gibeonites

- No record of their leading the Israelites astray (as others in the land would do in the time of the Judges)
- Nehemiah indicates that eventually they became fully a part of Israel.
 - Helped repair Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity (Neh. 3:7)
 - Included in a list of “the people of Israel” (Neh. 7:7, 25)

Solomon's Prayer at the Dedication of the Temple

Also regarding the foreigner who is not of Your people Israel, when he comes from a far country on account of Your name (for they will hear of Your great name and Your mighty hand, and of Your outstretched arm); when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and act in accordance with all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name (1 Kings 8:41-43).

Lessons

1. Don't forget to pray! Don't assume that you already know God's will. Always pray! (James 1:5)
2. Guard against deception.
3. Take vows seriously, and don't make a vow lightly.
4. Be known as a woman who keeps her word.