

Title: Bish Bash Bosh – Joshua 10 28-40

Read:

²⁸ That same day Joshua captured Makkedah, a massacre that included the king. He carried out the holy curse. No survivors. Makkedah's king got the same treatment as Jericho's king. ²⁹⁻³⁰ Joshua, all Israel with him, moved on from Makkedah to Libnah and fought against Libnah. God gave Libnah to Israel. They captured city and king and massacred the lot. No survivors. Libnah's king got the same treatment as Jericho's king. ³¹⁻³² Joshua, all Israel with him, moved on from Libnah to Lachish. He set up camp nearby and attacked. God gave Lachish to Israel. Israel took it in two days and killed everyone. He carried out the holy curse, the same as with Libnah. ³³ Horam, king of Gezer, arrived to help Lachish. Joshua attacked him and his army until there was nothing left of them. No survivors. ³⁴⁻³⁵ Joshua, all Israel with him, moved on from Lachish to Eglon. They set up camp and attacked. They captured it and killed everyone, carrying out the holy curse, the same as they had done with Lachish. ³⁶⁻³⁷ Joshua, all Israel with him, went up from Eglon to Hebron. He attacked and captured it. They killed everyone, including its king, its villages, and their people. No survivors, the same as with Eglon. They carried out the holy curse on city and people. ³⁸⁻³⁹ Then Joshua, all Israel with him, turned toward Debir and attacked it. He captured it, its king, and its villages. They killed everyone. They put everyone and everything under the holy curse. No survivors. Debir and its king got the same treatment as Hebron and its king, and Libnah and its king. ⁴⁰⁻⁴² Joshua took the whole country: hills, desert, foothills, and mountain slopes, including all kings. He left no survivors. He carried out the holy curse on everything that breathed, just as God, the God of Israel, had commanded. Joshua's conquest stretched from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza and from the entire region of Goshen to Gibeon. Joshua took all these kings and their lands in a single campaign because God, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. ⁴³ Then Joshua, all Israel with him, went back to the camp at Gilgal.

Think:

Joshua is on a run. There is no messing now that Joshua knows what God wants him to do. He doesn't hang about he gets on with the job in hand. Admittedly a job that seems a little strange, but never the less he doesn't hang around. He could easily sit there and say things like, "I'll wait until the weather is better". Joshua could easily be forgiven for saying "well we have just put one bullying king to rights, we'll rest before we do the next." But that's not what he does; God has given him a job and gets on with it. Puts me to shame really, I know that I can hang around until the time is right, only the time is never right is it? How about you? Has God told you to speak to someone at college or school? Maybe you have felt God say that you should do something, but you feel you are too young to be taken seriously. Well if we are to take a leaf out of Joshua's book, then we should get on with the job in hand. So take a big breathe and then bish, bash, bosh, get on with it.

Pray:

Lord if you have given me a mission to get on with in the past, please prompt me now through your Holy Spirit and remind me. Amen.

Action:

Here's a quick bish bash bosh for you. Do three acts of random kindness today. Bet you can't do them in secret? Bye for now.