

## **Confronted with Deception**

### **Joshua 9:1-10:15**

#### **I. Alliance with Gibeonites - 9**

1. Enemies begin to unite – 9:1-2  
News of Israel's victories became known  
Kings on west side of Jordan gather to fight  
From hill country of central Palestine  
From western foothills (valleys)  
From Mediterranean coastal plain to Lebanon
2. Deception of Gibeonites - 3-13  
People of Gibeon chose another path – 3-5  
They sought to make an alliance of peace  
Alliances forbidden by God - Deut. 20:10-18  
Deceive with clothes, food supplies, shoes – 4-5  
Gibeon pretends to be a city "far off" - 6-9  
Reason for their deception – 10-11  
They heard what God had done for Israel  
On the other side of the Jordan  
Evidence to support deception – 12-13  
Look at our clothes, food supplies, shoes
3. Decision of Joshua & Leaders – 14-15  
Based on physical evidence  
Did not ask for God's direction  
Joshua & leaders made a treaty with them
4. Dilemma facing Israel - 16-27  
3 days later deception was known – 16-17  
They were neighbors – cities in Canaan  
Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth & Kirjath-jearim  
Honor the treaty or destroy the people – 18-20  
Leaders of Israel chose not to kill them  
Although people murmured against the decision  
Leaders feared God's wrath – 20  
Considered their oath to be sacred before God  
Consider what God said in Psalm 15:4
5. Dealing with their dilemma – 21-27  
Let them live but make them servants – 21  
Cutting wood & carrying water for them  
Joshua confronted their deception – 22-23  
Held them guilty for their deception - 22  
Told them of the consequences – 23  
They were cursed & would serve as slaves  
They would cut wood & carry water for God's house  
They accepted the sentence – 24-27  
Recognized that God had given them the land  
He commanded Israel to destroy all inhabitants  
We were afraid for our lives  
So they served the congregation & God's altar

#### **II. Defense of Gibeonites – 10:1-15**

1. Plan of the Enemy - 1-5  
King of Israel heard of Joshua's victories - 1  
He had taken Ai & utterly destroyed it  
As he had done to Jericho & her king  
Heard Gibeon made peace with Israel – 1-2

- Feared because Gibeon was a royal city  
It was greater than Ai  
Five kings consolidate their forces – 3-5  
King of Jerusalem contacts 4 other kings – 3  
Kings of Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish & Eglon  
Calls them to attack Gibeon for joining Israel - 4  
Lesson for any city making peace with Israel  
So these 5 kings attack Gibeon
2. Plea of Gibeon to Israel - 6  
Come quickly, help us against these kings
  3. Response of Joshua - 7  
Opportunity to delay or do nothing  
Joshua & Israel honor their commitment
  4. God promised victory for Israel 8  
None of them will stand against Israel
  5. God fought for Israel – 9-15  
Provided ammunition from heaven – 10-11  
More died with God's hailstones than Israel's swords  
Extended daylight for full victory - 12-14  
God's mighty power was displayed  
Joshua & the army went back to Gilgal - 15  
s people