

# Joshua 24:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

## Analysis

**Ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho** (וַתַּעֲבְרוּ אֶת־הַיַּרְדֵּן וַתָּבֹאוּ אֶל־יְרִיחוֹ)—the crossing of Yarden (יַרְדֵּן, Jordan) via miraculous stoppage of waters (Joshua 3) paralleled the Red Sea crossing, demonstrating God's continued presence. Jericho (יְרִיחוֹ), Israel's first conquest, fell through faith, not military might—priests circled the city with ark and trumpets until walls collapsed (Joshua 6).

**The men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites**—this sevenfold list represents complete conquest of all Canaanite peoples. **I delivered them into your hand** (וָאֶתֵּן אוֹתָם בְּיָדְכֶם)—the verb natan (to give/deliver) emphasizes divine gift. Israel's military victories resulted from God fighting for them (Joshua 10:14, 42), not superior tactics or strength.

## Historical Context

The Jordan crossing occurred around 1406 BC during harvest season when the river flooded (Joshua 3:15). Jericho's fall inaugurated seven years of conquest (1406-1399 BC). The seven nations listed represent Canaan's diverse population: Amorites (hill country), Perizzites (forest dwellers), Canaanites (lowland/coast),

Hittites (northern settlements, remnants of Hittite Empire), Girgashites (central region), Hivites (northern cities), Jebusites (Jerusalem area). Archaeological evidence shows destruction layers at Hazor, Lachish, and other cities consistent with Joshua's conquest accounts. The complete list emphasizes total victory across all regions.

## **Related Passages**

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does the Jordan crossing parallel the Red Sea deliverance as a pattern of baptism and new life?
2. What does Jericho's fall through faith rather than military strategy teach about spiritual warfare?
3. Why does Scripture emphasize 'I delivered them into your hand'—what does this prevent in Israel's self-understanding?

## Interlinear Text

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וַתַּעֲבֹר וְ	אֶת	הַיַּרְדֵּן	וַתָּבֹא אֹ	אֶל	! רִיחֹ	וַלָּחֶם וְ	בָּכָם
And ye went over	H853	Jordan	and came	H413	of Jericho	fought	H0
H5674		H3383	H935		H3405	H3898	
בְּעָלָי	! רִיחֹ	הָאֲמֹרִי	וְהַפְּרִזִּי				
and the men	of Jericho	against you the Amorites	and the Perizzites				
H1167	H3405	H567	H6522				
וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי	וְהַחִתִּי	וְהַגִּרְגָּשִׁי	הַחִוִּי				
and the Canaanites	and the Hittites	and the Girgashites	the Hivites				
H3669	H2850	H1622	H2340				
וְהַיְבוּסִי	וְאֵת	אֹתָם	בְּיָדְכֶם:				
and the Jebusites	and I delivered	H853	them into your hand				
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