

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—(*וַיַּעֲבֹר אֶת־יַרְדֵּן וַיָּבֹא אֲלַיְּרִיחֹו*)—the crossing of Yarden (יַרְדֵּן, Jordan) via miraculous stoppage of waters (Joshua 3) paralleled the Red Sea crossing, demonstrating God's continued presence. Jericho (יְרִיחֹו), 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** (*וַיִּתְּנָהָנָם בְּיָדְךָם*)—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), Gergashites (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

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

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

וַיַּעֲבֹר אֵת	וְיַעֲבֹר יְהוָה	וְיַעֲבֹר אֵת	וְיַעֲבֹר אֵת
And ye went over	H5674	Jordan	H3383
	H853	and came	H935
			H413
		of Jericho	H3405
		fought	H3898
			H0
וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי
and the men	of Jericho	against you the Amorites	and the Perizzites
H1167	H3405	H567	H6522
וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי
and the Canaanites	and the Hittites	and the Gergashites	the Hivites
H3669	H2850	H1622	H2340
וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי	וְיַעֲבֹר בָּעֵלִי
and the Jebusites	and I delivered	H853	them into your hand
H2983	H5414		H3027

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