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THE DAY THE SUN STOOD STILL

As so often in the Bible, we see God fighting the battle for the sons of Jacob (Israel). Joshua was the new leader after Moses died, and he was a mighty man of valor. In Joshua chapter 9 we learn that he had won a battle in Gibeon and taken the city. In chapter 10, a pagan king in Jerusalem, Adonizedec had heard about the victory and had great fear, since the city of Gibeon was a great city and one of the royal cities of the land. He had heard about the defeat of the Hebrews in Ai, and Gibeon was much larger. He went to four kings (all Amorites) and formed an alliance to try to defeat Joshua and his followers. These five kings gathered themselves together with all their soldiers and encamped outside Gibeon.

Joshua was now in Gilgal. The men of Gibeon (the pagan men) sent word to Joshua telling him, ***“Slack not thy hand from thy servants and come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.”***

The thing that these five kings did not understand is that Joshua knew the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He knew God’s voice and as he came to the city of Gibeon with his mighty men of valour, God spoke to him. He said, ***“Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not be a man of them stand before thee.”*** What a promise to hear!!

God did what he said and discomfited them (fought against them) before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter, and chased the rest of them away. The Lord cast great stones down from heaven (Joshua 10:11) upon them and they died. Following this Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day that the Lord delivered the children of Israel from the Amorites, and said, ***“Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.”***

God is more than able to do whatever it takes to bring victory to our lives when we put our trust in Him. In the days ahead, which will include the great tribulation, there is great hope for those that trust in God. If he could make the sun and moon stand still for Joshua and defeat the enemies of God, surely, He will take care of you. Just trust Him. He has a plan for you, and it is good!