

Joshua Causes The Sun To Stop

P1 Remember from last week that the five kings of the plains under Adonizedek (add on eye z dek) attacked the Gibeonites because they made peace with Joshua and the children of Israel.

P2 These five kings were: Adonizedek king of Jerusalem, Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon.

P3 The Gibeonites sent word to Joshua saying: Come help us.

P4 So Joshua and his mighty men of valor went to aid the Gibeonites and fought against the 5 kings.

P5 God himself got into the battle by sending huge hail stones from heaven against the 5 kings and their armies.



P6 But since the battle was so big and lasting so long it was going to get dark before the battle was finished.

P7 So we find God allowing Joshua to break the laws of physics by stopping time or the sun (whichever way you want to look at it) so he could finish the battle.

P8 What actually happened on that day no one today knows. God knows of course but he is not telling us yet. Many people have different ideas about what “could of happened” . Some are listed below.

P9 **What actually happened on Joshua’s Long Day?**

Suggested answers may be divided into three main categories:

1. **Some form of refraction (bending) of the light from the sun and the moon.**

According to this view, God miraculously caused the sunlight and moonlight to continue in Canaan for ‘about a whole day’. Supporters of this view point out that it was light that Joshua needed, not a slowing of the Earth.

P10 # 2. **A wobble in the direction of the Earth’s axis of rotation.**

This involves a precession of the axis of the Earth, wobbling slowly so as to trace an ‘s’-shaped or circular path in the sky. Such an event could have made it appear to an observer that the sun and the moon were standing still, but need not have involved any actual slowing of the rotation of the Earth.

P11 # 3. **A slowing of the Earth’s rotation.**

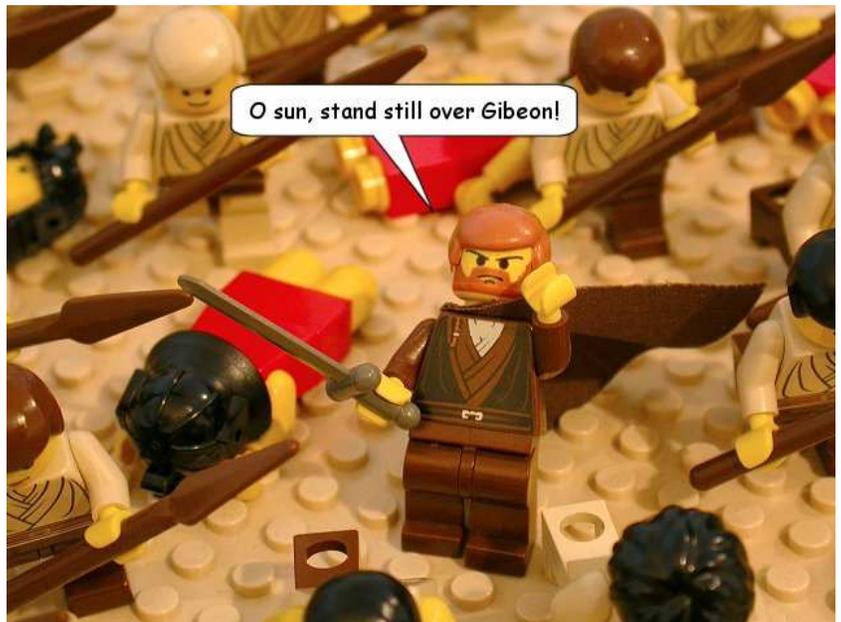
According to this view, God caused the rotation of the Earth to slow down so that it made one full revolution in about 48 hours rather than 24. Simultaneously God stopped

the cataclysmic effects that would have naturally occurred, such as monstrous tidal waves. This scenario need only imply that God slowed the rotation of the atmosphere, oceans, and Earth simultaneously to prevent any tidal-wave effect, and any heat build-up inside the Earth due to friction from still-rotating liquid layers of the Earth's core. And after the long day was over, the whole process would need to start up again.

P12 It is certainly **not impossible** for God to have done all this because he is after all the creator.

P13 Lets look at the scripture now and finish our story.

P14 Josh 10:11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.



P15 Josh 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

P16 Josh 10:13 And **the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.** Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. - Remember this was at the end of the day so this means 48 not 24 hours.

P17 Josh 10:14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the **LORD** hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the **LORD** fought for Israel.

P18 The five kings ran away together and hid in a cave.

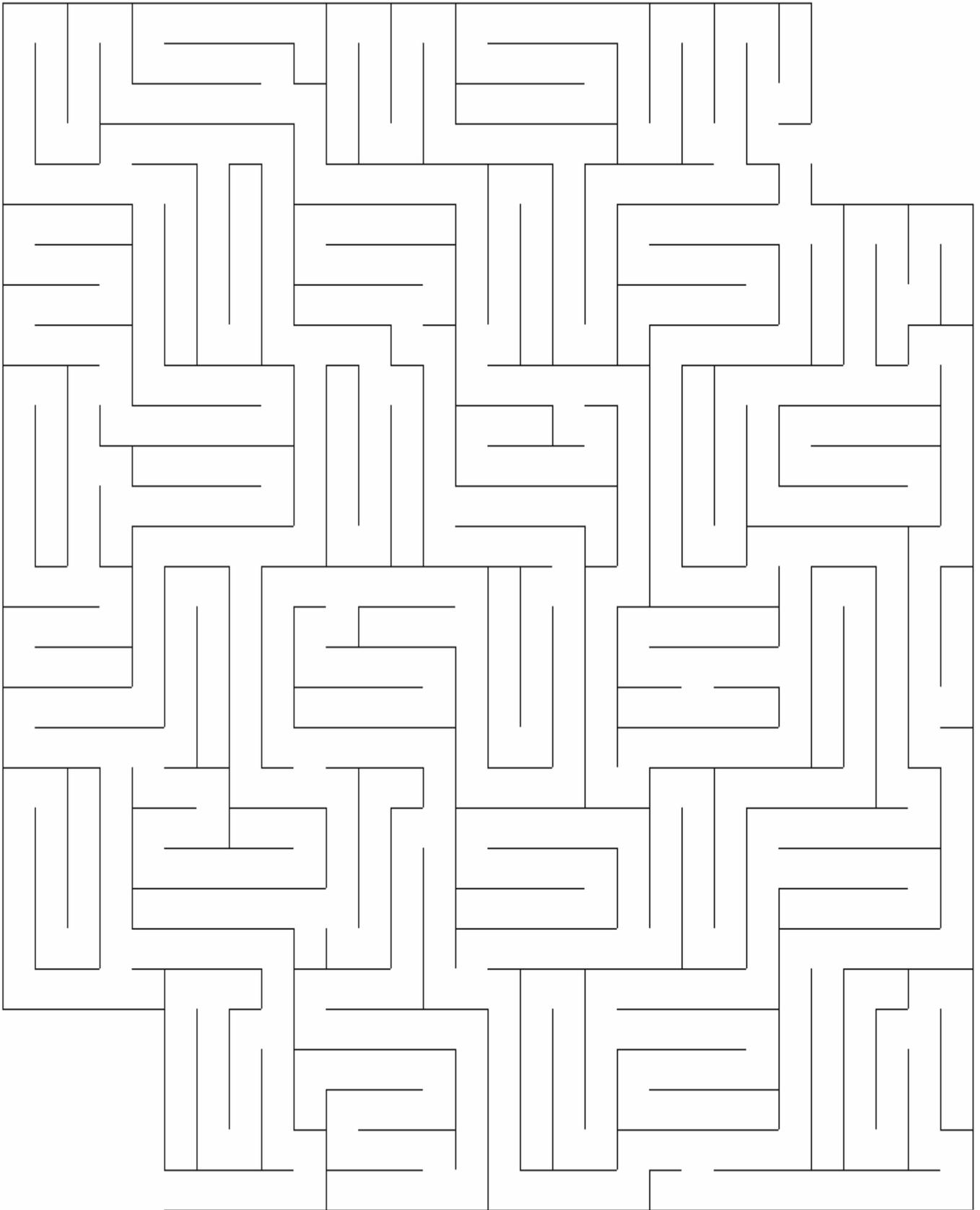
P19 Joshua sent men to put stones in front of the cave to keep them in until the armies had been defeated.

P20 After that the 5 kings were brought out and killed for their evil deeds.

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1. Who created the laws of physics? Page 1
2. What do the laws of physics explain? Page 1
3. Can you name at least 3 times in the Old Testament where God broke the laws of physics? (from memory)
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4. Who were the 5 kings of the plains? P2
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5. How did God get into the battle? P5
6. What did God allow Joshua to do in P7?
7. How long was Joshua's long day? P16
8. What did the 5 kings do when they saw they were defeated? P18
9. What did Joshua command the sun and moon to do?
10. What did you learn today?

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