

# **HARD CORE BIBLE STORIES**

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## **CHAPTER SIX**

Joshua and his men of war left everything behind at Gilgal. They carried with them only food, water, and weapons. They moved with great speed towards the Amorites.

In the early hours of the morning Joshua and his men came upon Adonizedek and the rest of the Amorites. The vastness of their armies never intimidated Joshua for he knew the Lord was with them. He whispered a command to three of the chiefs.

“Circle around them men, signal when ready.”

Without uttering a word the troops split up and formed a circle around the Amorites. Soon the circle closed up around the slumbering troops below.

Somewhere out in the woods an archer pulled back an arrow and let it fly. It made a hissing noise as it traveled through the cool morning air. It struck a tree behind Joshua letting him know they were in place and ready to attack.

Joshua gave a signal to the chief behind him and a flaming arrow flew up over the Amorites. The attack began and the Sons of Israel were on the Amorites before they realized what was happening.

The Sons of Israel descended upon the unsuspecting troops below. Even the Amorite sentries were unaware of the men as they moved ever so silently through the woods.

The Lord threw the armies of the five kings into great confusion before the Sons of Israel. Joshua and the Israelites pursued the Amorites along the road leading up to Beth Horon. They cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. The Amorites ran in terror from the Israelite warriors pursuing them. As if that wasn't bad enough the Lord began hurling large hailstones down on the fleeing Amorites.

Men screamed in pain as the huge balls of ice struck them. Some of them died on the spot. Others lay wounded along the roadway, their lifeblood oozing out of their wounds. The Lord's hailstones killed more of the Amorites than did the swords of the Israelites.

The battle was long and difficult for both sides. Little did anyone realize but the sun still shone bright as ever.