

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm body of water in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

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## 2 Samuel 21:1-2

<sup>1</sup>During the reign of David, there was a famine for three successive years; so David sought the face of the LORD. The LORD said, “It is on account of Saul and his blood-stained house; it is because he put the Gibeonites to death.” <sup>2</sup>The king summoned the Gibeonites and spoke to them. (Now the Gibeonites were not a part of Israel but were survivors of the Amorites; the Israelites had sworn to spare them, but Saul in his zeal for Israel and Judah had tried to annihilate them.)

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1. Gibeon became a priestly city. The ark of the covenant stayed at Gibeon often in the days of David and Solomon (1 Chronicles 16:39-40, 21:29).
2. At least one of David's mighty men was a Gibeonite (1 Chronicles 12:4).
3. God appeared and spoke to Solomon at Gibeon (1 Kings 3:4-5).
4. Gibeonites were among those who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with Nehemiah (Nehemiah 3:7, 7:25).

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## Joshua 9:1-14 Chiastic Structure

A (v. 3-4a) They resorted to a ruse/deception

B (v. 4b-5) old sacks, wine, shoes, garments, dry moldy bread

C (v. 6) request a treaty

D (v. 7-8) We are you servants

E (v. 9-10) from a far country. Heard of your God

D (v. 11a) We are your servants

C (v. 11b) make a treaty with us

B (v. 12-13) old sacks, wine, shoes, garments, dry moldy bread

A (v. 14) Sampled, did not counsel with God

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Psalms 84:10

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than  
dwell in the tents of wickedness.

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