

Josh 10:12 Sun, be at rest over Gibeon, and you, O moon in the valley of Aijalon.

Joshua 10; The Sun and Moon were at Rest in Place instead of standing still!

H1826 BDB def. is "1) to be silent, be still, wait, be dumb, grow dumb", [not stop], and Strong adds "rest"
H5975 BDB def. is "1) to stand, remain, endure, take one's stand". Strong adds "place"!

Jos 10:12 It was on the day when the Lord gave up the Amorites into the hands of the children of Israel that Joshua said to the Lord, before the eyes of Israel, Sun, be **at rest** (**H1826**) over Gibeon; and you, <u>O moon, in the valley of Aijalon</u>. (Bible in Basic English (BBE) 1965 amplified)

Jos 10:13 And the sun was **at rest** (**H1826**) and the moon kept **its place** (**H5975**) till the nation had given punishment to their attackers. *Is it not recorded in the book of Jashar?* So the sun kept **its place** (**H5975**) in the middle of the heavens, and was waiting, and did not go down, for the space of a day.

The wording of the Hebrew text does **not require** the sun and moon to **stop/stand** *still* in the sky! "ordinances of the sun, moon, and stars, (Jer 31:35); the original constitution and law of nature, settled from the beginning of the world, and observed ever since, in the constant revolution of day and night; and which was formed into a covenant and promise to Noah, after the deluge, that day and night should not cease, as long as the earth remained, (Gen 8:22); and which has never been, nor can be, broken and made void": (John Gill Expo. ... on Jeremiah 33:20)

The statement "And there was no day like that, before it or after it" (Jos 10:14) would be fully satisfied by a severe killer hailstorm soon followed by a clearing of all storm clouds from the sky for the entire night for which Joshua prayed. Allowing the Israelites to pass through the Aijalon Valley and complete the pursuit under a <u>bright clear moonlight sky</u>, without interruption to Makkedah, to trap the five kings in a cave.