

Joshua

Theme

Victory of Faith, enter > overcome > occupy

Key Verse

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (NKJV)

High-Level Outline

Josh 1-5	Enter the land	Prepare for Battle
Josh 6-12	Conquer the land	Defeat the Enemy
Josh 13-24	Possess the land	Claim the Inheritance

Picture

Joshua pictures Jesus

Joshua	Jesus
name-Jahweh saves	name-Jahweh saves
servant	servant
prophet	prophet
performed miracles	performed miracles
began ministry at Jordan river, Josh 3	began ministry at Jordan river, Mat 3
led people to victory	led people to victory

Doctrinal Perspective

The transition between the books of Deuteronomy and Joshua foreshadows the transition between Old and New Testaments. Moses represented the Old Testament Law which was unable to lead people to the Promised Land ([John 1:17](#), [Rom 8:3](#)).

Joshua represented the New Testament grace found in Jesus which did what the Law could not ([Gal 3:21](#), [Acts 13:39](#)).

Personal Perspective

Israel's conquest of the "Promised Land" pictures our growth in God's "Promises" ([Heb 3-4](#)).

Israel	NT Believer
defeated a central city, Jericho	enters the land by faith, accepts Christ as Savior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ai, learned about sin ▪ Gibeon, learned about danger of depending on own judgment 	wins spiritual battles, eventually standing with God, Eph 6:10-18 Acts 20:32 1John 5:4-7
ensured all tribes inherited their land	inherits promises

Personal Reflection and Application

Think about the fall of the walls of Jericho (**Joshua 6**). Imagine being in the group that walked around Jericho. The instructions may have seemed strange. What possible difference could walking around a wall make?

- Has God ever asked you to do something that didn't make sense to you? Did you do it anyway?
- Has God ever given you victories through means that seemed utterly foolish to you at the time (**1Cor 1:17-29**)? Have you encouraged others by telling them how God worked in your life?

Small Group Conversation Guide

Read **Joshua 14:6-15**. Discuss the reasons why Joshua agreed to let Caleb go up against the giants in the land. Which of Caleb's personal characteristics do you admire?

Leadership Principles from Joshua

Memory Markers

Consider what Joshua did to help the people remember how God worked a miracle to help them cross the Jordan River (**Josh 4:1-9**). He had them remove twelve stones from the dry river bed to create a monument on shore.

Whenever someone in the future asked about the monument, those who had seen the miracle could retell the story.

As a leader, what can you provide to help people remember past victories and keep the vision in mind?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each chapter.

Try these:

01. What was the key to Joshua's prosperity and success	02. How Rahab believed God by faith before seeing proof
03. How Israel saw God was with Joshua as with Moses	04. Why Israel took twelve stones from the Jordan River
05. Why all the men of Israel had to be circumcised	06. What unusual plan God made to overthrow Jericho
07. How one man's sin affected his family and community	08. How the plan to overthrow Ai differed from Jericho
09. What mistake Israel made regarding the Gibeonites	10. What miracle God did to overcome the Amorites
11. Why no other city tried to make peace with Israel	12. How many Joshua [Jesus] defeated vs. Moses [Law]
13. How 2-1/2 tribes settled outside the Promised Land	14. How Caleb's confidence in God did not waver/wane
15. How a husband interceded for his bride to the father	16. What happened to the Canaanites not driven out
17. How Joshua answered the tribes wanting more land	18. How seven tribes were lazy about taking their land
19. How Joshua served those he led by inheriting last	20. How God offered refuge to both Jews and Gentiles
21. How Israel was to give out of their own inheritance	22. What the 2-1/2 tribes built which concerned Israel
23. What would happen if Israel turned away from God	24. How Israel never committed to putting away all gods