



**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

**Lesson:** 11 (Part 1)

**Passage:** Joshua - Survey

### Joshua - First of 12 Historical Books

- Joshua - Esther

### Where Are We In Time

- Israel's History So Far:
  - Call and History of Abraham: Genesis 12-25
  - Birth and Life of Isaac: Genesis 21-28
  - The Deception and Life of Jacob: Genesis 27-37
    - Jacob's Twelve Sons: Genesis 35:22-26
  - The Life of Joseph and Move to Egypt: Genesis 37-50
  - Call of Moses and Exodus: Exodus 1-14
    - Crossing of the Red Sea: Exodus 14-15
    - Giving of the Ten Commandments and other Laws at Sinai: Exodus 20-24.
    - Construction of the Tabernacle: Exodus 25-40.
  - Call to Holy Living and Worship: Leviticus
  - 38 years, 3 months, 10 days in the Wilderness: Numbers
    - Spies sent into the Promised Land: Numbers 13
      - Spies Testimony: Numbers 13:27-29
      - Caleb's Testimony: Numbers 13:30
    - The Whole Congregation Complains:
      - Joshua's Testimony vv. 7-10
      - God's Judgment: vv. 20-35
      - Spies die vv. 36-38
      - Presumption of the People. Vv. 39-44
    - Moses set aside and Joshua appointed: Numbers 27:12-23
  - The New Generation one month from crossing over to the

Promised Land: Deuteronomy

- The Second Giving of the Law: See Deuteronomy 5

### Time Line

- (Joshua 1-5) - about one month
  - Death of Moses (Deuteronomy 34:5-9)
  - Crossing of the Jordan River (Joshua 4:19)
- (Joshua 6:1-13:7) - about seven years
  - Conquest of Canaan
- (Joshua 13:8-24:33) - about eight years
  - Settlement of Canaan
  - Promise of Blessings Only Through Obedience
  - Death of Joshua & Eleazar

### Joshua: The Man

- His original name was *Hoshea* "Salvation" (Numbers 13:8)
- Moses seems to change it to *Yehoshua* "Yahweh is Salvation". (Num. 13:16)
- He is also called *Yeshua*, a shortened form of *Yehoshua*.
- *Yeshua* is equivalent to the Greek name *Iesous* (Jesus).
- See Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8.
- Joshua was born a **slave** in Egypt.
- Joshua was the **firstborn** of an Ephraimite named Nun. (1 Chron. 7:20-27)
- **Joshua's life was in danger the night of the first PASSOVER.**
- Joshua was a **soldier**. See Exodus 17:8-16. His battle against the Amalekites was preparation for his many battles in the Promised Land.
- Joshua was one of twelve **spies**. He and Caleb were the only **faithful** spies.
  - Joshua saw the Promised Land, but had to **wait** another **38 years** before see God's promise fulfilled! (Numbers 14:30)
  - Joshua had the **courage** to stand up against the **majority**! (See Numbers 14:6-10) Even under the threat of being stoned!
- Joshua was a **servant**. Joshua 1:1 His **servanthood** to God was the **key** to his victories in the Promised Land. See Joshua 1:7-9 and 5:13-15.

### Joshua, A Picture of Christ

- His name is the same as Jesus'.

- He is God's **conqueror** as Christ is ours! (See Hebrews 2:10; 2 Cor. 2:14)
- He succeeds Moses (a picture of the Law) who was unable to bring God's people into the Promised Land, as Christ came after the Law and won victories that the Law could not bring. (John 1:17; Romans 8:2-4; Galatians 3:23-25; Hebrews 7:18-19)
- Rahab is in the ancestry of Jesus! (Matthew 1:5)

### Joshua Is Commissioned (Joshua 1:1-2)

- Moses, **the Servant** of the LORD, has died.
  - ☆ Everyone is a servant of the Lord. He is Lord over all". (Acts 10:36; Romans 14:9; 1 Corinthians 15:47; Philippians 2:11; Revelation 17:14; 19:16)
- "it" came to pass . . . God's eternal purpose. (Ephesians 3:11)
- "The LORD spoke" - the book of Joshua is about GOD - part of His revelation of Himself.
- Joshua is a "small" player in God's overall purpose for history.
- "Arise and go!" - God does not invite Joshua - He **commands** Joshua!
  - **GOD NEVER ASKS!**
- ★ **LESSON:** God's servants die but God keeps on working!
- "GO" God's people PRESS FORWARD! (Philippians 3:12-14)
  - ★ **LESSON:** God's people **GO – they move forward!** See Heb 6:1-3.
    - "let us go on" – φέρω phero {fer'-o} a naval term describing the moving of a sailing vessel across the sea by **wind**.
      - This verb is in the **SUBJUNCTIVE** mood - a big word for *possibility or potential*.
      - This verb is in the **PASSIVE** voice. It is something that happens to us – not something we do to our selves!
    - NOTE VERSE 3!!!**
    - "**the** perfection" – "the state of the more intelligent"; "moral and spiritual perfection".
    - Remember Ephesians 5:18 and the verb *pleroo* "be filled"
      - ☆ PRESENT, IMPERATIVE, PLURAL, PASSIVE.
  - ★ **LESSON:** If we are not pressing forward then we are "drifting" backwards! (Hebrews 2:1; Isaiah 1:4; Jeremiah 7:24; 15:6)

### The Land (vv. 2-4)

- The word "**land**" is used **87** times in the book of Joshua. This is because this book details the entering, conquering, and claiming the **Promised Land**.
- This land was **promised** to **Abraham** (Genesis 12:1-7; 13:15-17; 15:7-8, 18; 17:8, and 24:7); to **Isaac** (26:1-5); to **Jacob** (28:4, 13, 15; 35:12) and to their **descendants** (50:24).
- Moses used the word "**land**" almost 200 times in Deuteronomy and "**possess**" over 50 times.
- The "**land**" was Israel's by **promise** and **covenant** (Genesis 15:18) and therefore a sure thing.
- **BUT** their **enjoyment** of the land was dependent on their **faithful obedience**. (See Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28-30)
- The "**land**" was called "**a good land flowing with milk and honey**" (Exodus 3:8); it was called by the spies, "**an exceedingly good land**" (Numbers 14:7-8) and Moses expounds on the land in Deuteronomy 8:7-9. Ezekiel calls it "the **glory** of all lands." (20:6) Daniel calls it the "**pleasant land**" (8:9).
- The "**land**" was the place of Israel's **rest, inheritance, and God's dwelling place**. (Deuteronomy 3:20; 12:9, 11; 25:19)
- Ezekiel calls Jerusalem "the center of the nations" (5:5) and the "center (טַבְּוּר tabbuwr {tab-boor'}) can also mean "navel".) of the earth". (Ezekiel 38:12)
- Jesus said, "Salvation is of the Jews." (John 4:22)
- ★ "the land which I am giving to them" – the "**land**" is a **GIFT of PURE GRACE**.
  - The people - the children of Israel - did not **deserve** the **land of blessing**.
    - Consider Deuteronomy 9:7!
  - God was giving them the "**land**" because of a **covenant** made almost 500 years earlier! (Genesis 15:18)
- ★ The "**land**" is the place of blessing! All of God's blessings are **in the land**.
- ★ In the New Testament God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:3) – these blessings are promised and they are our! They are ours to **enjoy** – but enjoyment comes through **faithful obedience**.
  - To enjoy the **blessings** of Christ one **must** pass over **death** (John 5:24) and enter in by the **power** of the Holy Spirit.