

# JOSHUA

## Overview of the Old Testament

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Moses led Israel out of bondage, but it was Joshua who took them into blessing. Moses brought them through the Red Sea, but Joshua took them over Jordan. Moses is the symbol of deliverance and Joshua the emblem of victory. It is one thing to be redeemed from Egypt (the world) but quite another thing to be victorious over the world. Joshua teaches us the lesson that faith is "the victory that overcomes the world" ([1 John 5:4](#)). - Norman L. Geisler

The Book of Joshua is the book of new beginnings for the people of God, and many believers today need a new beginning. After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, Israel claimed their inheritance and enjoyed the blessings of the land that God had prepared for them, "as the days of heaven upon the earth" ([Deut. 11:21](#)). That's the kind of life God wants us to experience today. Jesus Christ, our Joshua, wants to lead us in conquest now and share with us all the treasures of His wonderful inheritance. He has "blessed us with all spiritual blessings" ([Ephes. 1:3](#)), but too often we live like defeated paupers. - Warren W. Wiersbe

God has given Israel the land. The land is theirs, but their enjoyment of it depends upon their taking possession of it. That part of the land upon which they walked would belong to them. Comparatively speaking, we have been told in [Ephesians 1:3](#) that we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies. Unfortunately, very few Christians lay hold of the spiritual blessings that belong to them.

Years ago a certain Englishman moved to the United States. Soon after he arrived he dropped out of sight. One day his uncle in England died and left him about a five-million dollar estate. Scotland Yard went about trying to locate the man whose last address had been in Chicago. They searched for him but never found him. Later I heard that he was found one morning frozen to death in an entryway of a cheap hotel. He could not afford twenty-five cents for a room although he was heir to five million dollars! He did not claim what was his. He did not lay hold of what belonged to him.

Although God gave Israel the Promised Land, they never possessed all of it. As a matter of fact, Israel got very little of the land. Many Christians today are like Israel in that they are blessed with all spiritual blessings and yet they die like bums in a doorway without claiming those blessings as their own. What a tragedy that is. The Book of Joshua is going to tell us how to lay hold of our possessions. — J. Vernon McGee's

## **Outline of Joshua**

### **I. Before The Battles.**

- A. Joshua Becomes the Leader – Joshua 1:1-18**
- B. Rahab and the Spies – Joshua 2:1-24**
- C. Crossing the Jordan – Joshua 3**
- D. Twelve Stones of Remembrance – Joshua 4**
- E. Circumcision, & Passover in Promised Land – Joshua 5:1-12**

### **II. Winning the Battles.**

- A. The Captain of the Lord's Army – Joshua 5:13-15**
- B. The Fall of Jericho – Joshua 6**
- C. Achan's Sin and the failure at Ai – Joshua 7**
- D. Ai Ambushed and Conquered – Joshua 8:1-29**
- E. The Covenant renewed at Ebal – Joshua 8:30-35**
- F. The Gibeon Deception – Joshua 9**
- G. The Sun Stands Still against Amorites – Joshua 10:1-28**
- H. Southern City/States Defeated – Joshua 10:29-43**
- I. Northern City/States Defeated – Joshua 11**
- J. List of the Kings Defeated – Joshua 12**

### **III. After The Battles Are Won**

- A. Land that is left to be Conquered – Joshua 13:1-7**
- B. Division of the Land by Tribes – Joshua 13:8-19:51**
- C. Cities of Refuge & 48 Levitical Cities – Joshua 20 & 21**
- E. Big Misunderstanding as the Eastern Tribes Return Home – Joshua 22**
- F. Joshua's Final Address; Choose Whom You Will Serve – Joshua 23 & 24**



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### **1. Crossing the Flooded Jordan.**

Joshua 3:13-17

Joshua 4:4-7

### **2. Our Part & God's Part.**

Joshua 1:1-4,6,9,18

Joshua 24:13-24

Joshua 10:11-14

Joshua 11:20,23

Joshua 21:43-45 & 23:3,14

### **3. Partial Victories Lead To Potential Problems.**

Joshua 13:13, 15:63, 16:10 17:12-13

Joshua 23:7, 12-16

Joshua 17:3

### **4. Don't Rush To Make Mistakes**

Joshua 9:14

Joshua 22:19-30

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Joshua 4:4-7 -12 Stones of Remembrance

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Joshua 1:1-4,6,9,18 - Be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 24:13-24 –Choose Whom You Will Serve!

Joshua 10:11-14 – Sun Stands Still, God gives the Victory

Joshua 11:20,23 – God gives Complete Victory

Joshua 21:43-45 & 23:3,14 - God keeps every promise and gives the land.

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Joshua 13:13, 15:63, 16:10 17:12-13 - Left overs not completely conquered

Joshua 23:7, 12-16 - Problems Ahead

Joshua 17:3 – How long will you wait to claim your inheritance?

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Joshua 22:19-30 - Transjordan tribal Altar

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