

## **APRIL - THE KINGDOM ENTERED (JOSHUA–JUDGES–RUTH)**

**Message Title: The King Gives Inheritance - Conquest as Covenant Fulfillment**

**Primary Texts:** *Joshua 1:1–9; Joshua 21:43–45 (KJV)*

### **INTRODUCTION: THE PROMISE THAT DEMANDS POSSESSION**

The Kingdom of God is not merely proclaimed, it is possessed. The LORD who promises is the LORD who performs. From *Genesis* through *Deuteronomy*, God declared a covenant: a land, a people, a purpose. Now in *Joshua*, the promise transitions into possession.

#### **Joshua 21:43–45 (KJV)**

“And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers... There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken... all came to pass.”

This is the testimony of divine faithfulness. What God spoke to Abraham (Gen. 12:7; 15:18–21), reaffirmed to Isaac (Gen. 26:3), and confirmed to Jacob (Gen. 28:13), is now fulfilled under Joshua’s leadership.

Yet, the inheritance did not come without conflict. The land was given, but it had to be taken. This reveals a Kingdom tension: **what is promised must be partnered with obedience to be possessed.**

Jesus Christ affirms this Kingdom pattern:

#### **Matthew 11:12 (KJV)**

“The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Not carnal force, but spiritual resolve. Not human striving, but covenant alignment.

**Myles Munroe** taught:

“Where purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable, but where purpose is revealed, inheritance becomes responsibility.”

The question is not whether God has given, it is whether His people will walk in what has been given.

### **THREE KINGDOM REALITIES**

#### **1. COMMISSION - THE CALL TO COURAGEOUS OBEDIENCE**

*(Joshua 1:1–9)*

God commissions Joshua after Moses’ death:

“Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan...” (Josh. 1:2)

**Who?** Joshua, the successor, the servant, now the steward.

**What?** A divine assignment: lead God's people into promise.

**When?** After transition, when the old season ends.

**Where?** Across Jordan, the boundary between wilderness and inheritance.

**Why?** Because covenant fulfillment demands movement.

**How?** Through obedience, courage, and meditation on the Word.

"Be strong and of a good courage..." (Josh. 1:6, 7, 9)

God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. The command is repeated because fear is real, but faith must rule.

**Smith Wigglesworth** declared:

"Great faith is the product of great fights. Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests."

Joshua's strength was not in strategy alone, but in Scripture:

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth..." (Josh. 1:8)

**Key Truth: Your inheritance is accessed through alignment with God's Word.**

## **2. CONQUEST - THE CONFLICT THAT CONFIRMS THE PROMISE**

*(Joshua 6; 10; 11 – overview)*

The land was promised, but occupied. The Kingdom advances through confrontation.

Jericho stood as a fortified contradiction to God's Word. Yet:

"See, I have given into thine hand Jericho..." (Josh. 6:2)

Given, but not yet experienced.

**Spiritual Principle: God speaks from completion; man walks through process.**

Israel had to march, obey, and trust divine instruction that defied human logic.

- Walls fell without weapons
- Victory came through obedience
- Silence preceded the shout

**Kathryn Kuhlman** often said:

"God is not looking for your ability; He is looking for your availability."

The battles of Joshua reveal that:

- Some victories are immediate (Jericho)
- Some require perseverance (Ai)
- Some demand unity (the southern and northern campaigns)

Jesus echoes this Kingdom dynamic:

### **Luke 16:16 (KJV)**

“The kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.”

**Key Truth: Your conflict is not evidence of absence; it is confirmation of promise.**

### **3. CONFIRMATION - THE COMPLETION OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS**

*(Joshua 21:43–45)*

After years of warfare, distribution begins. The land is divided. Rest is granted.

“And the LORD gave them rest round about...” (Josh. 21:44)

This is not partial fulfillment, it is total.

“There failed not ought of any good thing...”

Not one word. Not one promise. Not one declaration fell to the ground.

#### **What does this teach?**

- God’s timing is perfect
- God’s Word is reliable
- God’s covenant is unbreakable

The inheritance was always theirs, but now it is experienced.

This mirrors the believer’s journey in Christ:

### **Ephesians 1:11 (KJV)**

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance...”

### **Hebrews 4:9 (KJV)**

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.”

**Key Truth: God finishes what He starts, and His promises never fail.**

### **CHRIST-CENTERED REVELATION**

Joshua is a type of Jesus (Yeshua). The name itself means “The LORD saves.”

- Joshua leads into earthly inheritance
- Jesus leads into eternal inheritance

### **Colossians 1:12 (KJV)**

“Giving thanks unto the Father... who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.”

Through Christ:

- We cross from death to life
- We conquer sin and darkness
- We receive an incorruptible inheritance (1 Peter 1:3–4)

The cross was the ultimate conquest. The resurrection is the confirmation.

### **CONCLUSION: THE DECISION OF POSSESSION**

The Kingdom has been entered, but will it be experienced?

### **Three Questions Demand Response:**

1. What must change? - Passive faith must become active obedience.
2. What decision must be made? - To trust God beyond fear and logic.
3. What obedience is required? - Daily alignment with His Word and will.

You cannot remain neutral in a Kingdom reality. The land is given, but you must go in.

### **7 PRAYER POINTS WITH SCRIPTURE**

1. **Prayer for Courage to Possess the Promise**  
*Joshua 1:9* — “Be strong and of a good courage...”  
→ Lord, empower me to move forward without fear.
2. **Prayer for Obedience to God’s Word**  
*Joshua 1:8*  
→ Father, align my life with Your Word Day and night.
3. **Prayer for Victory Over Spiritual Opposition**  
*Romans 8:37*  
→ I declare victory through Christ in every battle.
4. **Prayer for Faith to Trust God’s Process**  
*Hebrews 10:23*  
→ Help me hold fast, knowing You are faithful.
5. **Prayer for Manifestation of God’s Promises**  
*Joshua 21:45*  
→ Let every word You have spoken over my life come to pass.
6. **Prayer for Rest After Warfare**  
*Matthew 11:28*  
→ Lord, bring me into Your divine rest.
7. **Prayer for Full Inheritance in Christ**  
*Ephesians 1:18*  
→ Open my eyes to understand and walk in my inheritance.

### **FINAL EXHORTATION**

The King has given the inheritance. The covenant is sure. The promise stands.

**Rise. Advance. Possess.**