

Joshua – “Possess & Rest in the Promised Land”

- 1) The _____ of the Land.
- 2) The _____ for the Land.
- 3) The _____ of the Land.
- 4) The _____ of the Land.
- 5) The _____ of the Land.

Discussion Questions:

- What is a battle in your life right now where you are trying to use your own strategy and strength, rather than waiting on God’s strategy and fighting in His strength?
- What sin might be holding you back from experiencing freedom and rest in His commandments? Like Achan keeping the plunder from Jericho, what is something God has asked you to surrender to Him that you have secretly kept for yourself?" (Joshua 7)
- When was the last time you rededicated yourself and your efforts to God and His will for your life?
- God told Joshua that the conquest wasn't finished. The Bible tells us God did this 'little by little' to test their faith and protect them from taking on more than they could handle at once. What is an area of your life where God is moving 'little by little,' and you are being forced to patiently trust Him to provide and complete it?

Reading ahead for next Sunday; Judges 3:7-11

“A Stroll Through the Scroll”
A Walk Through God’s Word

Bible Book; **Joshua**.

I. Title of the Book;

The principal character and author is whom the book is named after. Moses changed Hoshea to Joshua, meaning “Yahweh is salvation.” The Greek form of the name Joshua is Jesus.

II. Writer of the Book;

Joshua, “son of Nun and Moses’ servant” is the writer of this entire book with the exception of perhaps the very last portion recording his death. This part was most likely written by Eleazar, the son of Aaron, who is mentioned in chapter 24 (or possibly Eleazar’s son Phinehas). The book covers a time period from about 1406-1380 BC.

III. Theme or Purpose of the Book;

The book of Joshua is both history and biography. By relating selective events, the purpose of Joshua is to show God’s faithfulness to His promise to give Israel victory in Canaan. The theme of the book, then is, “the victory of faith” (see 1 John 5:4).

IV. Outline of the Book;

A very simple outline for the book is:

- A. Conquest of the Land; chapters 1-12,
- B. Division of the Land; ch. 13-22, also see diagram below,
- C. Joshua’s last words and death; ch. 23-24.

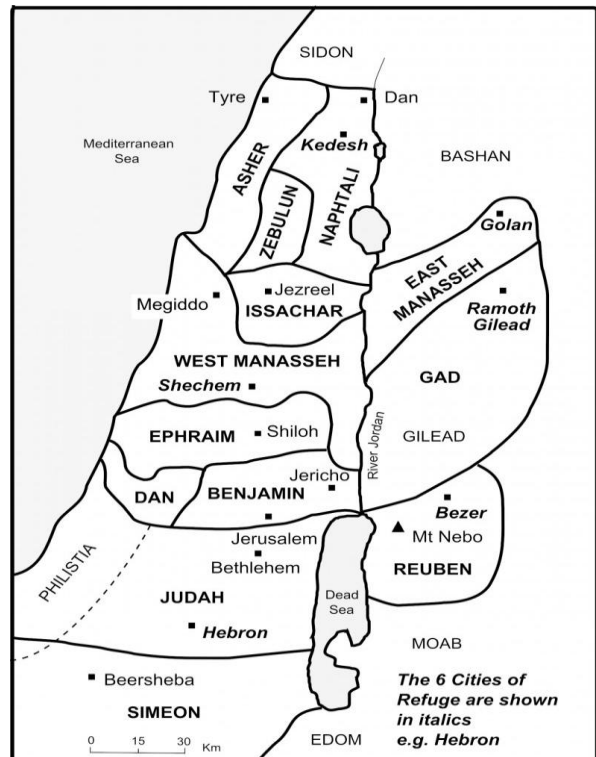
V. Suggested Personal or Group Study Sections in the Book;

Possible study ideas and sections;

- Study the following four miracles and note the specific action he demanded...
 - ...Crossing Jordan, ch. 3-4, faith
 - ...Conquering Jericho, ch.6, obedience
 - ...Capturing Ai, ch. 8, wisdom
 - ...Sun stands still, ch. 10, prayer
 - ...Allotments to 12 tribes (see map)

VI. How is Jesus Christ seen in this book;

He is commander of God’s army (Josh. 5:13-15; Rev. 19), and captain of our salvation (typified in Joshua the leader).



For Personal or Group Studies

Always remember that the Bible is God's infallible, inerrantly inspired authoritative Word.

Book;

Human Author;

Approximate date of events;

Theme, Purpose, Principal characters;

Study Section; _____

Summary of section;

Interpretation; What was the author trying to say to his audience? Within the historical and grammatical context what did it mean to them?

Application; What does it mean to you (be specific)? Practical areas; family, church, job, nation, sins, examples, promises, etc.

Favorite portion or verse;