





# JOSHUA

*COURAGEOUS FAITH IN THE GOD OF PROMISE*



# Overview of Joshua 13-19

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Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. <sup>2</sup> This is the land that yet remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites <sup>3</sup> (from the Shihor, which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, it is counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron), and those of the Avvim, <sup>4</sup> in the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites, <sup>5</sup> and the land of the Gebalites...

Joshua 13:1-7 (ESV)



...and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo-hamath, <sup>6</sup> all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians. I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. <sup>7</sup> Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.”

Joshua 13:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>49</sup> When they had finished distributing the several territories of the land as inheritances, the people of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. <sup>50</sup> By command of the LORD they gave him the city that he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he rebuilt the city and settled in it. <sup>51</sup> These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel distributed by lot at Shiloh before the LORD, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

Joshua 19:49-51 (ESV)

# Three Lessons to Help Us Fight the Good Fight and Finish the Race

*Joshua 13-19*

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- 3) Faith is the Fuel for our Fight



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# God is Faithful to Fulfill His Promises

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

# God is Faithful to Fulfill His Promises

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26



# God is Faithful to Fulfill His Promises

- If you delight yourself in him, that he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)
- Wisdom if we ask him for it. (James 1:5)
- A way out of temptation. (1 Cor 10:13)
- Our salvation is secure. (John 10:28-29)
- He will never leave us, nor forsake us. (Heb 13:5)
- He will finish the good work that he has begun in us. (Phil 1:6)
- He will return to one day set all things right. (Rev 21:5)

# We Live in the “Already But Not Yet”

So *Joshua took the whole land*, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 11:23

Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and *there remains yet very much land to possess*.”

Joshua 13:1



# We Live in the “Already But Not Yet”

Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. There was *none of the Anakim left* in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod *did some remain*.

Joshua 11:21b-22

# We Live in the “Already But Not Yet”

Joshua 10:36-39 –Debir is Captured  
They “devoted it and every person in it to destruction”

Joshua 15:13-15 – Caleb has Debir Recaptured  
“he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir...”



# We Live in the “Already But Not Yet”

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*“Washington absolutely crushed Philadelphia!”*

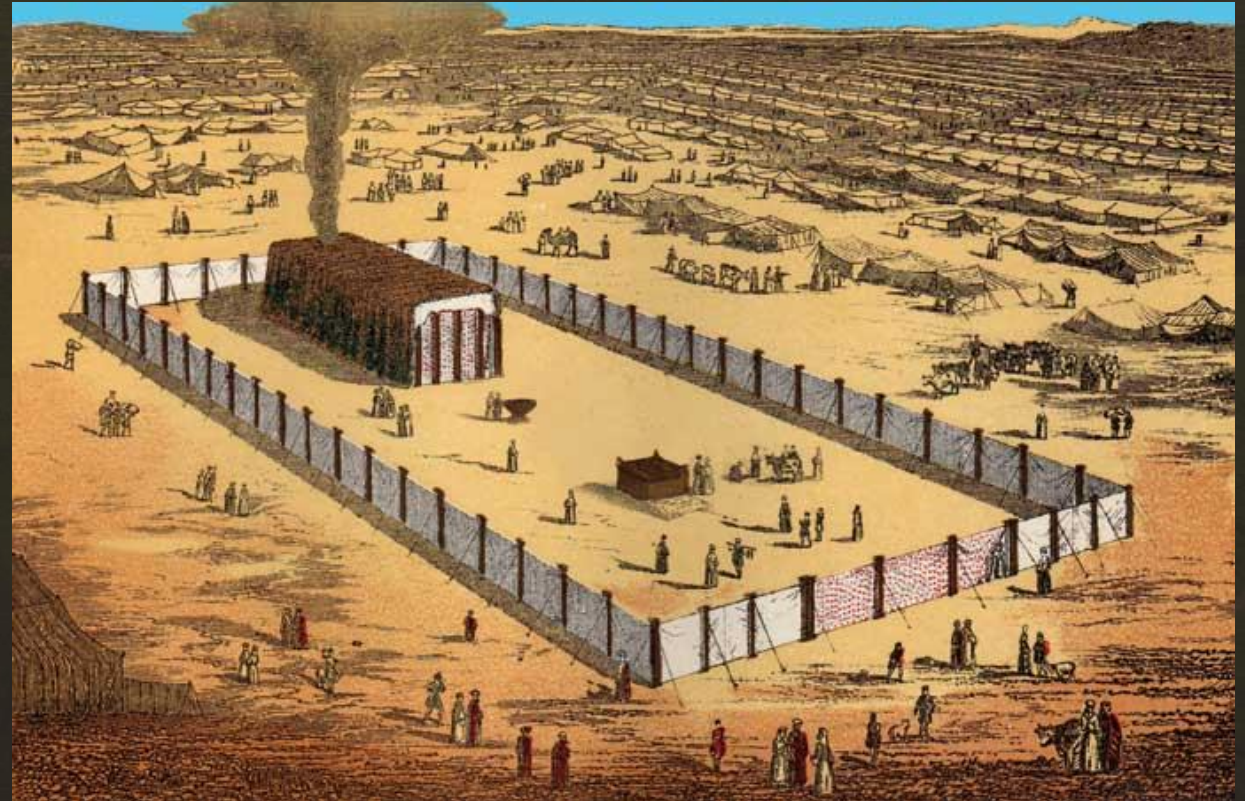
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Explanation #2: There is a difference between initially taking the land and more fully possessing the land

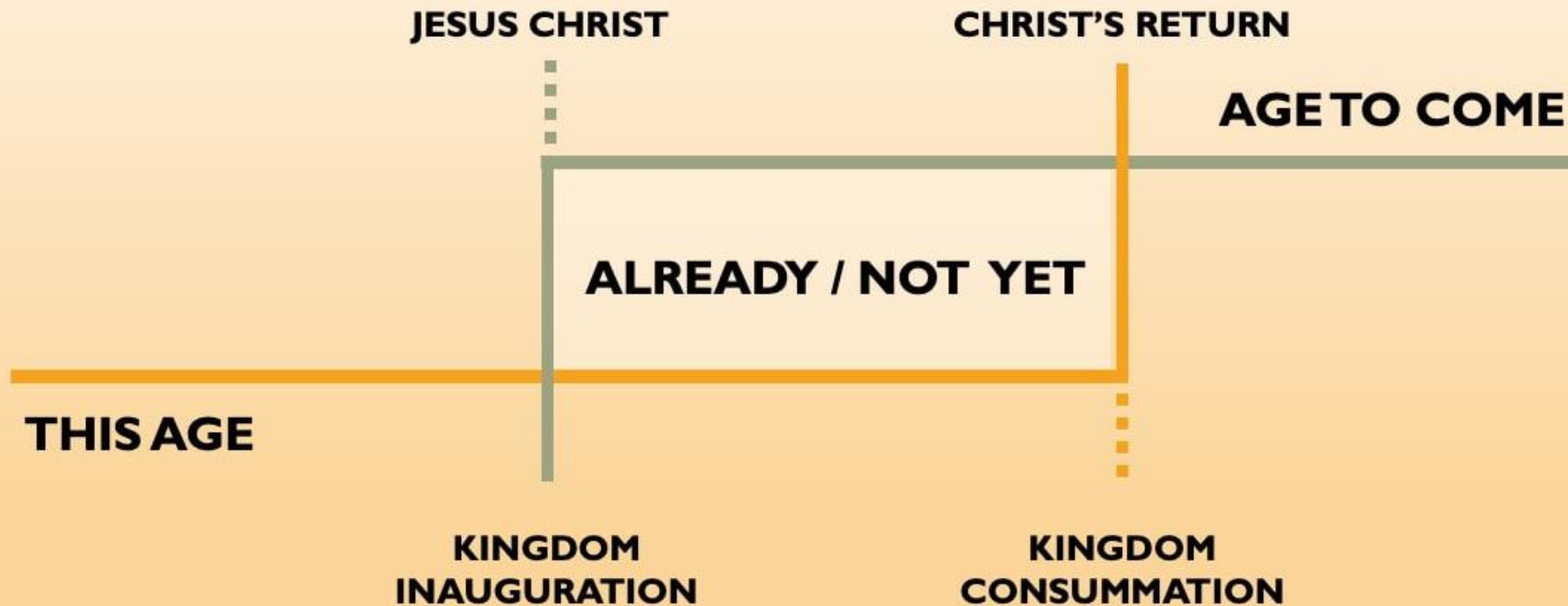


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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:10-13



# We Live in the “Already But Not Yet”

There is still much land to possess...

...in our own hearts

...in the world

# Faith is the Fuel for our Fight

## Positive Examples

Caleb (14:6-15; 15:13-19)

The daughters of Zelophehad  
(17:3-6)

Joshua (19:49-50)

## Negative Example

The tribes of Joseph (17:14-18)



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“The less I can do, the more the Lord does.”  
Dick Woodward

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