

Joshua

1 – Joshua 1—Be Strong And Courageous

What promises did God give to Joshua? Why? What would determine success or failure? Why the 3-peat of “be strong and courageous”?

2 – Joshua 2—Rahab & The Spies

Why did the spies go to Rahab’s house? Did they know her profession? Why did she risk her life for strangers (who were spies to destroy her city)? How did she “know” (v.9)? How is Rahab an integral part of God’s covenant through Adam & Eve, Abraham, Isaac, etc.? (see [Matthew 1:5](#)) Why a scarlet colored rope?

3 – Joshua 3-4—Crossing The Jordan

How was the crossing of the Jordan similar to crossing the Red Sea? Different? Why the monument of 12 smooth stones? Note 4:24 - why God did these things.

4 – Joshua 5-6—Covenant And Fall Of Jericho

Why was circumcision so important? Why would they need to be circumcised “again”? (5:2) Why was the Passover so important? Compare 5:13-15 with Moses at the burning bush. Similar? Different? What military “strategy” did God use against Jericho? Why? What part of the wall didn’t collapse? Why not?

5 – Joshua 7—Corporate Guilt Consequences

How serious was Achan’s sin? What made it so serious? (v.10-13) Since Achan repented (v.20-21) [or did he?] why was Achan and his family still punished? Jesus has been punished in our place - although we deserve to die. Jesus is the “corporate” salvation for everyone of us individual sinners ... Thanks be to God!

6 – Joshua 8:1-29—God Fights For Them Again

If God was fighting for them, why take the whole army? (see 7:3-5) Why did they kill all the people? (v.24-25) [holy ban, Deut. 20:16-18]

7 – Joshua 8:30-9:27—Covenant Renewal & Deception

What was involved in this covenant renewal ceremony? Why read the Law and bless the people again? How often do we / should we / do this? What a contrast with the Gibeonite deception! Note v.14! How important is a promise (oath)?

8 – Joshua 10:1-28—The Longest Day

Israel fought (an all night, 20 mile march before the battle!) and God fought for them - how? (v.11-13) What is “the book of Jashar”? More of the “holy ban”? With all the fighting, when did they have time to eat or sleep?

9 – Joshua 10:29-11:23—God Fights In South & North

What is the purpose for listing all of these military victories? (10:40 and 11:16) Note how many times it says, “The Lord gave them into the hands of the Israelites”. Why this continual refrain? What does this have to do with God’s covenant promise? (Note the Law and destruction of 11:20) How does God’s covenant of mercy relate to all of these verses?

10 – Joshua 12-14—The Land Divided Up – Part 1

Note the history of victories under the leadership of Moses East of the Jordan (Ch. 12) What an expanse of time as you read Ch. 12 and then Ch. 13 - (13:1) Why the different “inheritance” for the tribe of Levi? (13:14, 33) Why did Caleb receive Hebron? With 14:15 see also 11:23.

11 – Joshua 15-17—The Land Divided Up – Part 2

Why spend so much time on the inheritance of Judah? (Ch. 15) What warning is given in 16:10? Also 17:12-13? In addition to military battles, how else did Israel receive the Promised Land? (17:14-18)

12 – Joshua 18-20—The Land Divided Up – Part 3

How did the last 7 Israelite tribes receive their inherited land? Why was this done at Shiloh? (18:1) Who divided up the land? (19:51) What were the “cities of refuge” and why were they important? Why were there 6 cities of refuge?

13 – Joshua 21-22—Not One Of His Promises Failed

Why did the Levites have towns to live in and pasturelands from among the other tribes? Note 21:45. Why did the 2 ½ tribes built an imposing altar? (22:10) Why did it almost cause a war between the tribes? What was the purpose of this altar? What does this teach us about “jumping to conclusions” and how to peacefully resolve questions we may have of other’s behaviors?

14 – Joshua 23-24—Farewell And Covenant Renewal

Before Joshua died, what did he remind the people? Note again 23:14 with 21:45. Why did Joshua summarize the history of Israel? (24:2-13) What challenge did Joshua give the people? What bold confession did he make? Why the stone of witness? (24:26-27) Why bury Joseph’s bones? ([Genesis 50:25](#) - over 400 years before this burial!)