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JOSHUA

The book of Joshua is a book of CONQUEST, a testimony of triumph in possessing a God-given inheritance. When action is added to faith the promises of God become reality.

James stated the principle "...faith without works is dead." (James 2:26) Under the ministry of Moses the promises of God had been proclaimed on many occasions. Now under the leadership of Joshua, the time had come for Israel to take action. Often our Christian walk is one of confusion and defeat, not because we fail to believe God's promises, but because we feel powerless to conquer and to possess our inheritance. Let us enter into our study of the Book of Joshua with a determination to partake of Joshua's conquering spirit, for through Christ **we** have been called "more than conquerors"! (Romans 8:37)

Commentators generally agree that the author of the book is Joshua.

From the beginning Joshua is a book of movement. The action of the book can be divided into three important phases:

- 1) **ENTERING THE LAND** (Chapters 1-5)
- 2) **CONQUERING THE LAND** (Chapters 6-12)
- 3) **OCCUPYING THE LAND** (Chapters 13-24)

Joshua was approximately 80 years of age when he succeeded Moses as leader of Israel. During the 40 years in the wilderness he had shown himself to be both a faithful servant to Moses and an able leader of the people. For the history of God's preparation of Joshua and the nation of Israel for entering the Promised Land, see the Christian Worker Course "Entering Into the Promised Land."

The first chapter of Joshua begins with a record of the same event which closes the book of Deuteronomy - the death of Moses. The death of Moses was not to be considered an ending for Israel, but rather a beginning.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What was God's first command to Joshua following the statement of Moses' death? v. 2

2. In what manner did the Lord promise to be with Joshua? v. 5 _____

3. What did God promise to give to Joshua? v. 3 _____

4. In what places did the Lord promise to be with Joshua? v. 9 _____

Joshua and the Israelites were acting upon God's spoken promise to them. (Gen. 17:8, Josh. 1:2) He had given the land to the Israelites. He had commanded them to act upon that promise. Before we rise to move in faith we must know that we are responding to His promise and His command.

The Lord stated clearly the role He would play in the conquest of Canaan. His divine presence and abundant power would abide with them. But the importance of the obedience of Joshua and the people was

just as greatly emphasized. Though God had given the land to Israel, they must couple their faith with **action** to possess it. To obtain a promise requires not just our mind and heart, but also the **sole of our foot!**

5. What two things did the Lord tell Joshua repeatedly? vv. 6, 7, 9 & 18 _____

6. Write out the portion of verse 7 which describes the obedience Joshua was to demonstrate toward God's word. _____

7. To be successful in conquest, how often was Joshua to meditate on God's word? v. 8 _____

8. According to Psalm 1:2 & 3, what three things will take place in the life of the man that meditates on God's word? a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

The battle for conquest may be hard and long. If we want to remain strong, a life saturated with the Word is vital.

9. For what event did Joshua instruct the people to prepare? v. 11 _____

10. Which 2-1/2 tribes had decided to remain on the east side of the Jordan River? v. 12 _____

Although verse 13 states that Moses gave the land east of the Jordan River to these tribes, a reading of the initial account (Numbers 32) reveals that the request originated with the tribes. There is no indication that this choice was ordained by God.

Moses saw that the root of the request was to avoid the hard battle that would be needed to possess Canaan. Therefore, he demanded that these men cross over the Jordan and join their brothers in conquest. They would then be free to return to their homes in the land east of the Jordan.

It is sad to note that in choosing the most easily possessed land the 2-1/2 tribes placed themselves in a strategically inferior position, and were constantly harassed by enemies.

Crossing over the Jordan from the wilderness to the Canaan land represents a transition for the believer. It is a transition from a life of confusion, unbelief and defeat to a walk in which one partakes of the full benefits afforded by the sacrifice of Christ.

From the following scriptures list a few of the glorious benefits given as a part of our inheritance:

11. Acts 2:21 _____

12. Rom. 5:1 _____

13. Luke 11:13 _____

14. Acts 1:8 _____

15. John 14:12 _____

16. Psalms 103:3 _____

17. John 10:28 _____
Just as the Canaan land stood ready for conquest before the Israelites, the “Promised Land” of the Church’s inheritance awaits her warriors.
18. What response did the people give to Joshua’s command? v. 16 _____

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What were Joshua’s words to the two spies? v. 1 _____

2. Where did the spies lodge? v. 1 _____
3. What did Rahab do for the men when their lives were in jeopardy? v. 6 _____

Rahab’s works show that she favored the men of Israel over her own countrymen. As verse 9 explains, her works were prompted by her faith in the God of Israel and His promises.

4. According to Rahab’s testimony, why were the Israelites the rightful heirs to Canaan? v. 9 _____

5. Write out Rahab’s confession of faith in verse 11. _____

Rahab’s confession, backed up by her hiding of the spies, demonstrated more genuine faith in God than that of all of the generation of Israelites who had left Egypt under Moses. The Israelites had seen God perform many miracles on their behalf, yet they still doubted God’s power. Rahab’s faith was based solely on what she had heard of the God of Israel.

6. According to John 20:29, what did Jesus say concerning those who believe “having not seen”?

7. With what great Old Testament figure is Rahab listed as an example of faith and works? James 2:21-26 _____

Rahab further showed her “faith that works” by seeking salvation not only for herself, but for **all** in her household.

8. What was she to do with the members of her family? vv. 18 & 19 _____

9. What was to distinguish Rahab’s house and save it from destruction? v. 18 _____

The single scarlet thread presents a beautiful picture of the redemptive blood of Christ. Like Rahab’s scarlet thread, and the lamb’s blood placed upon the doorposts at the first Passover, the blood of Christ is the hallmark of our salvation. It is the identifying mark of the basis by which we stand accepted

before God. Each man who bears it finds not only salvation from destruction, but justification before the Father, and entrance into the family of God.

The woman listed in Matthew 1:5 (Rahab) in the lineage of the Messiah, indicates that her confession of faith (Heb. 11:31), had a more profound effect than she could have ever imagined!

10. What two statements did the spies make in their report to Joshua? v. 24 _____

11. How does this compare with the statements made by the spies sent out by Moses? Numbers 13:31 & 33 _____

12. Which report was in agreement with what God had said concerning the Canaan land? Gen. 17:8; Ex. 3:17; Lev. 20:24 _____
13. What was the fate of the unbelieving generation? Read Numbers 14:29-30 and Hebrews 3:17-19 and list two results of their unbelief.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

Oh, may we all agree with God and His Word concerning His promises! Let us not sin by speaking or yielding to the lies of unbelief. Our lives can be ruled by the **evil report** of natural circumstances or by the **true report** of the Word of God. The report we choose will determine the Christian life we live. In every situation we must choose the Word of God as our irrefutable authority.

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The crossing of Jordan to the Canaan land has been compared to many experiences in the Christian walk. The redemptive work of Christ, the death of the believer, and the entrance of the believer into the Spirit-led life are three examples.

Jordan surely represented an insurmountable, barrier. A barrier to the completion of God's promise for the nation of Israel.

1. When you have located the possible geographical location of Shittim on the map located at the end of this study, check this box. []
2. What did Joshua tell the people would take place the next day? v. 5 _____

A flood-stage Jordan raged before them, beyond that a battleground. The situation seemed far beyond their capabilities. But there is a way to pass over the un-crossable: not by self-willed strength, nor by human reasoning, but by a resource available to every believer—the wonder-producing power of God! (Psalm 77:14)

3. As the manifestation of God's power through wonders (miracles) drew near, how did Joshua instruct the people to prepare themselves? v. 5 _____

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4. Using a dictionary, write a short definition of the word “sanctify”. Then write a short comment on why you feel Joshua commanded this action. _____

 5. On what were the Israelites to center their attention as they crossed the river? vv. 3 & 11 _____

 6. Why? v. 4 _____

 7. When did the flow of the river cease? v. 15 _____

 8. When you have located the city of Adam on the map, please check this box. []
 9. How long did the ark remain in the middle of the Jordan River? v. 17 _____

Reading God’s miraculous plan for the crossing of Jordan, note that the center of focus is not the river, nor the land of future battle and victory, but a box known as the Ark of the Covenant. This box represented to the Israelites the **presence** of God among them.

Colossians 2:9 tells us that in Christ resides even more than a manifestation of God’s presence. In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead. Like the Ark of the Old Testament, He is our meeting place with God. And His life, death, and resurrection are the greatest show of God’s power in heaven and earth (Eph. 1:19 & 20).

Does a flood of impossible circumstances, personal weakness, confusion, or fear separate you from living out God’s promises? There is only one way to cross over. Fix your eyes steadfastly on Christ as you face the impossible. Go after Christ alone (v. 3), and when you are confronted with a challenge beyond your natural ability, He, in His wondrous power, will provide the miracle you need. He will cause the flood to be cut off and your feet to stand on dry ground in the midst of Jordan.

10. List the seven Canaanite peoples against whom the Israelites would war. v. 10 _____

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. From what place were the stones for a memorial obtained? v. 3 _____

2. Where the two memorials set up? v. 3, 9 & 20 _____

Gilgal: "a rolling away" referred to the shame of sin and slavery of the old ways in Egypt. This was accomplished (cutoff and rolled away) symbolically through circumcision. (see Joshua 5:9) Now locate Gilgal on the map located at the end of this study.

3. How were the stones to help keep the memory of God's great miracle alive in Israel? vv. 6-7

These memorials were to stand as a place of remembrance of God's goodness and power. Because God has faithfully kept His promises in the past, we can know that He will keep them in the future.

4. What happened to the river after the priests reached the west bank? v. 18 _____

5. How is God glorified before both believers and unbelievers when His miraculous power is displayed on earth? v. 24 _____

CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Why were the enemies of Israel completely dispirited? v. 1 _____

2. From the point of view of military strategy, the psychological moment to attack Jericho was **now**. However, what command did the Lord give to the Israelites? vv. 2 & 3 _____

God had established circumcision as a special sign that the children of Israel were set apart to Him.

3. Read Genesis 18:9-14 and check this box when you are finished. []

4. How long did the men remain in the camp at Gilgal? v. 8 _____

For several days the Israelite men were weak and vulnerable to attack, yet no one came out against them. It is never a mistake to obey God's command to consecrate ourselves to Him.

5. In what other way did the Israelites minister to God? v. 10 _____

Circumcision represents the cutting away of our flesh, our sinful nature (Col. 2:11). The Passover is a type of the sacrifice of Christ saving us from God's judgment (I Cor. 5:7). As we say no to our flesh, and yes to the work of Christ in our lives, we are prepared for battle.

6. How did the food of the Israelites change? vv. 11-12 _____

7. Whom did Joshua see by Jericho? v. 13 _____

8. What did Joshua ask the man? v. 13 _____

9. What was the man's reply? v. 14 _____

Joshua recognized that this was no ordinary man. He was probably a theophany, or pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ. He had not come to take sides in an earthly struggle. This was God's battle, and it was up to Joshua to fall into line with Him.

10. What did the Man instruct Joshua to do? v. 15 _____

CHAPTER 6 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did God say concerning Jericho? v. 2 _____

The taking of Jericho was a tremendous strategic move. Obtaining a foothold in the region of Jericho would serve to divide the northern and southern territories of Canaan. With these territories separated, it would make it virtually impossible for the northern and southern Canaanites to form an alliance against the Israelites.

Locate Jericho on the map.

2. What did Joshua instruct the people to do? v. 7 _____

3. What specific commands were given to the priests? v. 8 _____

4. The priests' blowing of the trumpets had special significance to the children of Israel. Explain the promise God makes concerning sounding the trumpets during a time of battle. Numbers 10:9 _____

For six days the Israelites rose early in the morning, circled Jericho, and returned to their camp. On the seventh day they encompassed the city seven times, and Joshua then gave the command to shout. During this week it was imperative that they not grow faint or discouraged concerning God's promise of victory. Their perseverance confirmed their faith in God's word.

5. According to Hebrews 11:30, what role did their faith play in the battle for Jericho? _____

6. Now read I Peter 1:7 and check this box. []

God's desire is for each of His children to grow into spiritual maturity. The Jericho walls provided an opportunity for the Israelites to trust God in a new and deeper way. Their faith in God's promises stood the test of time and delivered the victory! But the spiritual growth that developed during the testing of their faith was equally as important as their victory, because it strengthened them for future battles to be fought in possessing Canaan.

7. Joshua declared that everything in Jericho was to be dedicated to the Lord. Explain what would happen if this was not obeyed. v. 18 _____

Verse 20 gives a graphic picture of the people shouting, the trumpets sounding, and the walls collapsing.

8. Who were the only people spared? vv. 22-23 _____

9. As a sign of dedicating Jericho to the Lord, what did the Israelites do? v. 24 _____

10. Upon Jericho's destruction, Joshua declared an oath concerning anyone who undertook to rebuild the city. Describe this oath from verse 26. _____

11. As a result of this glorious victory, where did Joshua's fame spread? v. 27 _____

CHAPTER 7 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Israel had just won a very important and encouraging victory at Jericho. But, a time of victory can also be a time of great vulnerability if one's spiritual guard is lowered. The defeat at Ai is the account of Israel's guard being found down and the disaster which followed. Here we find the only account of lives lost during the entire conquest of Canaan.

Israel's failure can be summarized in three words: disobedience, prayerlessness, and self-confidence. These qualities entered in subtly, but produced devastating effects. Note how these qualities arose in the following three questions.

1. Against whom was God's anger kindled, and why? v. 1 _____

2. Where did Joshua send spies? v. 2 _____

Recall that before the battle of Jericho, Joshua consulted God and received the battle instructions. In this instance, Joshua did not wait on the Lord before acting.

3. Explain what transpired when the spies returned with their confident report. vv. 3-5 _____

Disobedience, prayerlessness and self-confidence dealt severe blows to Israel. We must learn from their example so that our victories are not snatched by these same sins.

4. Describe Joshua's approach toward God after hearing of the defeat. vv. 6-9 _____

Joshua became discouraged and forgot all of God's promises and faithful acts toward Israel. He even accused God of deserting them. How similar our own response can be in the face of difficulty or lack of understanding.

5. God had not deserted Israel. Read Deut. 31:7-8 to review God's promise, and write out verse 8.

6. How did the Lord respond to Joshua's murmuring? v. 10 _____

7. According to verses 11 and 12, why was Israel unable to stand against their enemies?

8. God instructed the people to consecrate themselves in preparation for meeting with Him on the following day. Look up "consecrate" in a dictionary and write the appropriate definition.

9. What must happen to the one found with the devoted items and why? v. 15 _____

10. Achan was exposed for having stolen from God. What did he take and why? v. 21 _____

11. Who were taken to be stoned with Achan? v. 24 _____

Many times an individual chooses to enter into sin under the assumption that his actions affect no one but himself. The story of Achan is a sobering example showing the ramifications sin has on those around us. Achan's family and community were greatly influenced by his sin.

12. What was God's response to the removal of sin? v. 26 _____

CHAPTER 8 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Sin in a life or in the Church brings defeat, but repentance brings restoration and victory.

1. Who was once again giving the orders? v. 1 _____

2. What did God now tell Joshua concerning Ai? v. 1 _____

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3. In the first battle against Ai, the overconfident Israelites had committed only a few thousand troops. How many were to go the second time? v. 1 _____
 4. What did the Lord say concerning the spoil of Ai? v. 2 _____

Had Achan only obeyed God and waited a little longer, he would have had all the riches he coveted.
 5. Summarize the strategy for the conquest of Ai. vv. 2-8 _____

 6. Now it was Ai's turn to be overconfident. What two disastrous mistakes did the men of Ai make? v. 17 _____

 7. What was Joshua's signal for the attack? v. 18 _____

 8. How many people in Ai were killed? v. 25 _____
 9. When did Joshua stop fighting? v. 26 _____

From renewed courage, the Israelites moved to renewed consecration. Again, the timing appears strange to the military mind. If ever anyone had an excuse to put off a time of worship and devotion, it was now, when Israel was surrounded by enemy kingdoms, when their only hope of victory seemed to be to pursue their present advantage with all possible speed before alliances could form against them.

10. Write out Matthew 6:33 _____

11. What did Joshua build? v. 30 _____
12. Who had commanded the Israelites to do what they were doing? v. 31 _____
13. Read Deuteronomy 27:1-26 and check this box when you have finished. []
14. What did Joshua read? v. 34 _____
15. To whom did he read it? v. 35 _____

God's law was to be the law of the land for everyone.

CHAPTER 9 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Predictably, the Canaanites began to form an alliance against Israel. But the nearby city of Gibeon tried another approach.

1. How did the Gibeonites disguise themselves to look as if they had come from far away? vv. 4-5

2. What did they want Israel to do? v. 6

3. What did Israel first suspect? v. 7

However, the men's smooth lies and the evidence of their own senses deceived the Israelites.

4. What fatal mistake did the Israelites make? v. 14

5. What did Joshua and the Israelite princes do? v. 15

Bound by their oath, they could not attack Gibeon even when they discovered the ambassadors' identity.

6. What did Joshua determine concerning the Gibeonites? vv. 23 & 27

When we consider the utter depravity of the inhabitants of Canaan, Joshua's making servants of these people can only be seen as making the best of a very bad situation.

As we look back over the first three encounters of Israel with the Canaanites, we are reminded of three enemies we must battle in order to possess our Christian inheritance: the WORLD, the FLESH, and the DEVIL.

Jericho represents the WORLD and the world system—mighty, defended, seemingly invulnerable.

7. What overcomes the world? I John 5:4

Ai, lost at first because of sin in the camp, represents our own sinful FLESH.

8. The flesh must be sternly dealt with. Write Romans 8:13 here.

"Mortify" means "kill." (Cause to be put to death) Read Galatians 2:20 and reflect on the word "crucified".

The Gibeonites represent the DEVIL: wily, deceiving, "a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44).

9. God's recipe for victory over the devil comes in two parts, neither of which the Israelites followed during the visit from the Gibeonites. What are they? James 4:7 a.

b.

CHAPTER 10 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Joshua's first campaign had cut Canaan in half from east to west; he now turned south.

1. Why did the news of Gibeon's alliance with Israel terrify the king of Jerusalem? v. 2 _____

The Canaanite kings had undoubtedly counted on Gibeon to be a major strength in their alliance against Israel; now this great city was on Israel's side.

2. How many kings went to attack Gibeon? v. 5 _____
3. On whom did Gibeon call for aid? v. 6 _____
4. What promise did the Lord give Joshua? v. 8 _____

Joshua surprised the southern kings with a sudden attack after an all-night forced march, but the victory was not to depend on military tactics alone.

5. How did the Lord fight for Israel? v. 11 _____
6. What command did Joshua give when it looked as if night would overtake them before the victory was complete? v. 12 _____
7. What miracle took place? v. 13 _____
8. What happened to the enemy forces? v. 20 _____

That God would stop the entire solar system for one man seems preposterous—but no more so than that God would send His Son to die a criminal's death for us.

9. Joshua released the five kings he had sealed in a cave. What did he command his captains to do? v. 24 _____
10. What was the meaning of this symbolic act? v. 25 _____
11. What made Joshua's many victories possible? v. 42 _____

CHAPTER 11 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

An alliance of kings from the north of Canaan tried to anticipate Joshua's next move, and banded together at the Waters of Merom, possibly the body of water north of the Sea of Galilee.

1. What forces came against Israel? v. 4 _____
2. What did the Lord promise Joshua? v. 6 _____

God fulfilled His promise the next day.

3. What happened to the spoil of the cities? v. 14 _____

4. What happened to the people? v. 14 _____
5. What was the secret of Joshua's success? v. 15 _____

6. How did it happen that the Canaanites were all determined to war against Israel? v. 20 _____

7. One of the things that had terrified the spies Moses had sent into Canaan from Kadesh-Barnea was the giants, or Anakims, who lived there. Read Numbers 13:32-33 and check this box when you have finished. []
8. What did Joshua and the Israelites do to the Anakims? vv. 21-22 _____

9. How much of the land did Israel take? v. 23 _____

CHAPTER 12 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. How many kings did Israel smite in all? v. 24 _____

CHAPTER 13 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did God point out to Joshua? v. 1 _____

In obedience to the Lord, Joshua had led the armies of Israel to conquer the whole land of Canaan. However, there remained enemy strongholds, particularly the Philistine cities on the southern coast and Phoenician territory on the northern coast.

2. What did God tell Joshua to do? v. 7 _____

Joshua was probably waiting to divide the land until every area was subdued. God told him to do it now, in faith that each tribe would be able to drive out the enemy and possess its inheritance.

The division of the land represents a crucial step in our possession of God's promises. As individual members of the body of Christ, the Church, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit with different gifts, and given different tasks to perform (Romans 12:4-8). As each does his part, he will possess his **own** inheritance, and at the same time contribute to the victory of the body.

The Lord confirmed the inheritance of Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh east of the Jordan (vv. 8-32).

3. Levi was not to share in the distribution of land. What was that tribe's inheritance? vv. 14, 33 _____

Like the Levites we are to be pilgrims and strangers on this earth—our treasure is in heaven and our inheritance is the Lord.

4. What finally happened to Balaam, the prophet who was willing to side against God's people for money? (See Numbers 22-24 for the story of Balaam.) v. 22 _____
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CHAPTER 14 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. How was the division of land for each tribe decided? v. 2 _____
God, not man, would decide where each tribe belonged.
2. What tribe was the first to appear before Joshua? v. 6 _____
3. Who had already been promised his inheritance 40 years previously? vv. 6-9 _____
4. Read Numbers 13:1-14:24 and check this box when you have finished. []
5. What land had Caleb received by the word of Moses, and why? v. 9 _____

6. How old was Caleb? v. 10 _____
7. Was he at all weak or senile, or had his trust in the power of God to perform His Word changed? vv. 11-12 _____
8. What was Caleb's request to Joshua? v. 12a _____

Caleb didn't look at the giants (Anakims) or the fenced cities or his own advanced age, but at his God. Verse 14 tells us that he got his mountain.

CHAPTER 15 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The lot of Judah fell in the south, from the River of Egypt and the Mediterranean on the west to the Dead Sea on the east. (vv. 1-12)

More insight concerning the man Caleb and his family.

1. Whom did Caleb drive from Hebron? v. 14 _____

2. Who conquered Kirjath-sepher for the reward of Caleb's daughter? v. 17 _____

3. What did Caleb's daughter request? v. 19 _____
Like her father, Caleb's daughter wanted the full blessings of God.
Judah's inheritance included the cities of the Philistines (vv. 45-47) and also Jerusalem (v. 63).
4. Whom did Judah fail to drive out? v. 63 _____

CHAPTER 16 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The next lot was Ephraim's, sometimes named "Joseph" after their father.

1. What compromise did the Ephraimites make concerning the Canaanites in Gezer? v. 10

CHAPTER 17 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The next lot belonged to the half of Manasseh that did not choose to settle east of the Jordan.

1. Some of Manasseh's cities were in the land allocation to Issachar and Asher. What serious problem arose in those cities? v. 12 _____
2. What did Manasseh do even when they were strong enough to drive out the Canaanites? v. 13 _____
3. What was Ephraim's complaint? v. 14 _____

The Ephraimites did not have their eyes on God. "Why hast **thou** given me..." they say to Joshua. But their lot came from the Lord. We complain similarly about our lot in life, forgetting that it also has been given to us by the all-wise God.

4. What solution did Joshua suggest? v. 15 _____
5. What was Ephraim's objection? v. 16 _____

Joshua was encouraging and full of faith, but firm. Ephraim, one of the largest tribes, felt that since they were a great people, they deserved more scope. Joshua replied that since they were a great people, they should take advantage of the territory the Lord had already given them. We, too, sometimes desire a position of importance and responsibility that we feel is suited to our abilities, when we are failing to use those abilities where the Lord has now placed us.

CHAPTER 18 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did the children of Israel do at Shiloh? v. 1 _____

The ark was to stay in Shiloh about 300 years.

The remaining seven tribes, perhaps because of their smaller size, were not eager to separate and do battle for their individual plots. They had their eyes on the difficulties, and so were missing the blessing God had for them.

2. What did Joshua ask them? v. 3 _____

3. What did Joshua have the three representatives from each tribe do? v. 6. _____

Since no one knew to whom each lot would fall, these parcels were likely to be divided fairly and equally.

The remainder of Chapter 18 describes Benjamin's lot.

CHAPTER 19 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Joshua cast lots for the remaining tribes.

1. Where was Simeon's inheritance? v. 1 _____
2. Why? v. 9 _____
3. How did Dan feel about their lot? v. 47 _____
4. What did they do about the problem? v. 47 _____

Note that Dan had not been given Leshem, or Laish as it is called elsewhere, by the Lord. They failed to possess their own land, and took what was not theirs.

5. What was given to Joshua? v. 50 _____

CHAPTER 20 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The Cities of Refuge present an Old Testament type of Jesus Christ.

1. What was the condition upon which a person who had killed another person might flee to a City of Refuge? v. 3 _____

It was a part of Old Testament justice that a murdered man's relatives had a right to kill the murderer (Leviticus 24:19-21), even when the killing was accidental. For example, if an archer fired an arrow and killed a man he did not know was there, the man's hand was guilty even if his heart was not. The death could still be avenged. But God provided a way of escape.

2. What would happen if the avengers demanded that the elders of the City of Refuge surrender the killer to them? v. 5 _____
3. How long would the killer remain in the City of Refuge before he could safely return home? v. 6 _____

We have a City of Refuge to which we can flee to escape judgment for our sins—the Lord Jesus Christ—and our High Priest will never die.

CHAPTER 21 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did the Levites request? v. 2 _____

Each tribe willingly donated some of its cities to the Levites. These full-time workers for the Lord were to be a salt throughout the land. Note that all the Cities of Refuge (20:7-8) were also Levite cities.

2. What happened to their enemies as the tribes took possession of their allotments of land? v. 44

Wherever Israel took hold of God's promises in faith, the enemy fled before them. The Canaanites still in the land were there because no one had yet dared challenge them.

3. Write out verse 45 here. _____

CHAPTER 22 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

A crisis arose concerning the 2-1/2 tribes who settled east of the Jordan.

1. What did Joshua do when he dismissed the 2-1/2 tribes to their new home? v. 6 _____

2. What did the 2-1/2 tribes build on the east bank of the Jordan? v. 10 _____

3. Where was the one place the Lord had established for offerings and sacrifices? 18:1

4. The Israelites had not forgotten the lesson of Achan at Jericho. What was their fear? vv. 18, 20

5. The rest of Israel was ready to go to war with the 2-1/2 tribes if indeed they were guilty of building an altar in competition with the altar of the true God. Read Deuteronomy 13:12-17 and Matthew 5:29-30, and check this box when you have finished. []

6. Summarize briefly the defense of the 2-1/2 tribes. vv. 21-29 _____

The defense was accepted and civil war averted.

CHAPTER 23 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Approximately 20 years later, Joshua called an official gathering to give all Israel a last exhortation.

1. Who did he remind them defeated the Canaanites and established Israel in the land? v. 3 _____

2. What would God do for Israel in the future? v. 5 _____

3. Joshua the people gave three essentials for victory. What were they? a. v. 6 _____

b. v. 7 _____

c. v. 8 _____

Joshua's advice would be the same for believers today. Live your life according to God's Word, don't compromise with sin, and cling to the Lord your God.

4. Joshua encouraged Israel that even the remaining Canaanites, presumably the most formidable of the enemy, would fall just like the others. What command did he give to assure their victory? v. 11

5. What would happen if Israel compromised with the enemy? v. 13
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____
6. As God had faithfully performed all the good things He had promised, what would He be equally faithful to do if Israel transgressed His covenant? vv. 15-16 _____

CHAPTER 24 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. From verses 2-12, name five occasions when God had delivered Israel.
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____
2. What had God given Israel? v. 13 _____

3. What did Joshua tell the Israelites to do? v. 14 _____

4. Memorize verse 15 and write it from memory: _____

The Christian life can never be a matter of resting on past victories or going along with the crowd. It must be a definite, conscious choosing of the Lord, today, regardless of whether or not others choose Him.

5. What did the people answer? v. 16 _____

6. Joshua wanted to make sure the people knew what they were getting into. The generation that died in the wilderness had made big promises to the Lord (Exodus 19:8). What two attributes of God did Joshua emphasize in warning the people not to promise lightly? v. 19
a. _____ b. _____
7. What did the people respond to Joshua? v. 21 _____
8. What two commands did Joshua give the people? v. 23
a. _____
b. _____
9. What promises did the people make? v. 24 _____

10. What was the purpose of the stone Joshua set up? v. 27 _____

11. How old was Joshua when he died? v. 29 _____
12. After they had made this commitment to God, how long did Israel serve Him? v. 31 _____

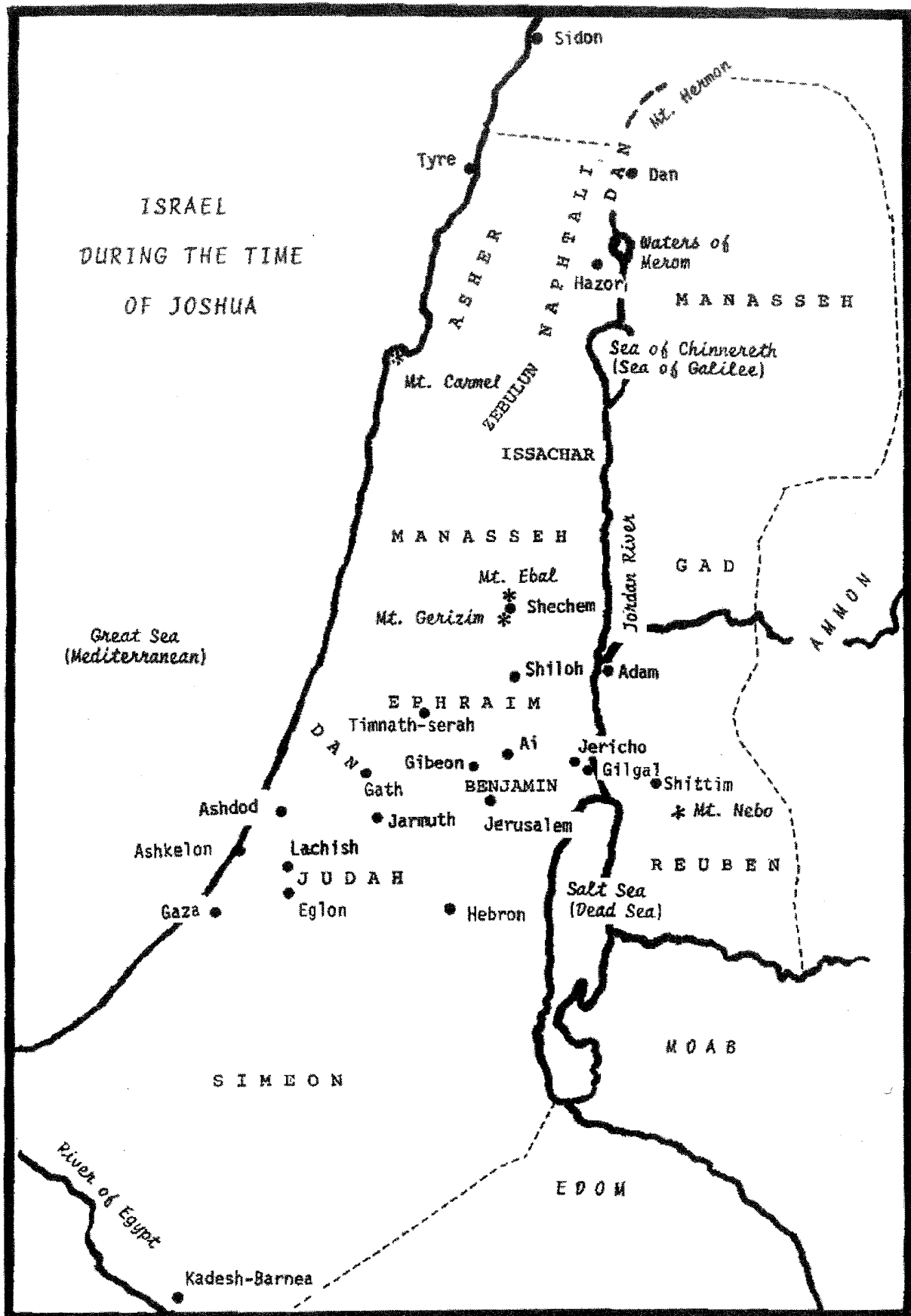
13. Read Genesis 50:25 and Hebrews 11:22. Joseph's faith that God would establish His people in the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was not in vain. Where were Joseph's bones buried? v. 32 _____

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

Name _____ Address _____

Date _____

Please indicate the version of the Bible you used: _____



JOSHUA ANSWER KEY

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 221

1 point for each blank
3 points for the memory verse

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JOSHUA ANSWER KEY - PAGE 2

CHAPTER 1

1. Arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, into the land which I do give to them.
2. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.
3. every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon
4. whithersoever thou goest
5. Be strong and of a good courage,
6. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.
7. day and night
8. a. He will bring forth his fruit in his season b. His leaf also shall not wither c. Whithersoever he doeth will prosper.
9. passing over the Jordan
10. Reuben; Gad and half of Manasseh
11. salvation
12. justification, peace with God
13. the Holy Spirit
14. power
15. We shall do greater works than Jesus did in His earthly ministry.
16. iniquities forgiven, diseases healed
17. eternal life
18. All that thou commandest us will we do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

CHAPTER 2

1. Go view the land, even Jericho.
2. the house of Rahab, a harlot
3. She hid them in stalks of flax she had on the roof.
4. The Lord hath given you the land.
5. for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath
6. They are blessed.
7. Abraham
8. bring them into her house
9. a scarlet thread hanging from her window
10. Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land. The inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.
11. The spies Moses sent out had no faith--they were afraid because of the inhabitants of Canaan: (any words with this meaning)
12. the spies Joshua sent
13. a. They would die in the wilderness. b. They would not enter the Promised Land.

CHAPTER 3

1. x
2. The Lord will do wonders among you.
3. Sanctify yourselves.
4. (any words with the following meaning) They were God's people going into God's land, and needed to set themselves apart for God's use.
5. the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord
6. that ye may know the way by which ye must go
7. When the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water
8. x
9. until all the people were passed clean over Jordan
10. Genaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girsashtes, Amorites, Jebusites

CHAPTER 4

1. out of the midst of the river, where the priests' feet stood firm
2. in Gilgal, where the Israelites lodged that night
3. When the children ask in time to come the meaning of the stones, their parents would tell them how God cut off the waters of the Jordan before the Ark.
4. The waters returned to their place and overflowed its banks as they did before.
5. that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God forever.

CHAPTER 5

1. They heard how the Lord had dried up the Jordan for Israel.
2. Make sharp knives, and circumsise again the children of Israel the second time.
3. x
4. till they were whole
5. They kept the Passover
6. They ate the fruit of the land of Canaan, and the manna ceased.
7. a Man with his sword drawn in his hand
8. Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?
9. Nay, but as Captain of the host of the Lord am I now come.
10. Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy.

CHAPTER 6

1. I have given into thy hand Jericho and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor.
2. Compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the Lord.
3. They were to blow 7 trumpets of rams horns before the Ark.
4. You shall be remembered before the Lord and be saved from your enemies.
5. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.
6. x
7. They would make themselves and the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.
8. Rahab and the relatives she had with her in her house
9. burnt the city with fire, and put the silver and gold and the metal vessels into the treasury of the house of the Lord
10. He is cursed. He shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and set up the gates in his youngest son.
11. throughout all the country.

CHAPTER 7

1. against the children of Israel, because Achah took of the accursed thing
2. Ai
3. Only about 3,000 men went up, and they fled before Ai, sustaining 36 casualties.
4. He rent his clothes, fell to the earth on his face before the Ark, put dust on his head, complained that God had left Israel, wished he had stayed on the other side of the Jordan.
5. And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.
6. Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?
7. Israel hath sinned, and transgressed God's covenant, they have taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and have put it among their own stuff...they were accursed
8. to devote irrevocably to the worship of God by a solemn ceremony
9. He shall be burnt with fire.
10. He took a Babylonish garment, 200 shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of 50 shekels weight, because he covered them.
11. his sons and daughters and his livestock
12. He turned from the fierceness of his anger.

CHAPTER 8

1. The Lord
2. I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.
3. all
4. Take it for a prey unto yourselves.
5. (any words with the following meaning) A small contingent would go up as before, and pretend to flee before Ai's soldiers. When the soldiers had left, the main body of troops, which had been hidden, would rise up and seize the city and set it on fire.
6. All the men left the city, and they left it open.
7. He stretched out the spear in his hand toward Ai.
8. 12,000
9. only when he had utterly destroyed the inhabitants of Ai
10. but seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
11. an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in Mt. Ebal
12. Moses
13. x
14. all the words of the Law
15. all the congregation of Israel, with the women, little ones, and strangers that were among them

CHAPTER 9

1. They put old sacks on their asses, and old torn wineskins, and dirty old shoes, and all their bread was dry and moldy.
2. make a league with them
3. that they came from nearby
4. They asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.
5. Made peace, made a league with them, and swore unto them.
6. They would be slaves, hevers of wood and drawers of water for the Lord's house and the congregation of Israel, from that time forth.
7. our faith
8. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
9. a. Submit yourselves therefore unto God. b. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

CHAPTER 10

1. because Gibeon was a great city, and all the men thereof were mighty
2. 3
3. Israel
4. I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.
5. He sent great hailstones on the enemy, killing more than Israel killed.
6. Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.
7. The sun and moon stood still until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.
8. They were slain with a great slaughter. A few escaped into fenced cities.
9. put their feet on the kings' necks
10. Thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom you fight.
11. The Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

CHAPTER 11

1. people as the sand on the seashore for multitude; very many horses and chariots
2. Tomorrow about this time I will deliver them up slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses and burn their chariots with fire.
3. The children of Israel took it for a prey unto themselves.
4. all killed
5. As the Lord commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.
6. The Lord hardened their hearts.
7. x
8. destroyed them utterly, except in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod
9. the whole land

CHAPTER 12

1. 31

CHAPTER 13

1. Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.
2. Divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh.
3. The Lord, the sacrifices of the Lord God of Israel made by fire
4. Israel slew him with the sword.

CHAPTER 14

1. by lot
2. Judah
3. Caleb
4. x
5. all the land his feet had trodden upon, because he wholly followed the Lord his God
6. 85
7. no
8. Now therefore give me this mountain.

CHAPTER 15

1. three sons of Anak
2. Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb
3. springs of water
4. the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem

CHAPTER 16

1. They didn't drive them out, but made them serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

1. They could not drive out the Canaanites from those cities.
2. They put the Canaanites to tribute instead of driving them out.
3. They only had one lot and one portion to inherit.
4. Go up to the wood country, and clear the land belonging to the Perizzites and the giants.
5. The Canaanites have chariots of iron.

CHAPTER 18

1. set up the tabernacle of the congregation
2. How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?
3. describe the land into seven parts

CHAPTER 19

1. within the inheritance of Judah
2. The part of the children of Judah was too much for them.
3. It was too little for them.
4. Fought against Ieshem and possessed it.
5. the city of Timnathserah in Mount Ephraim

CHAPTER 20

1. that he had killed him unawares and unwittingly
2. They shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand.
3. until the death of the High Priest

CHAPTER 21

1. cities to dwell in, with suburbs for their cattle
2. The Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand.
3. There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

1. He blessed them.
2. a great altar
3. Shiloh
4. Because of their rebellion, the Lord would be angry with all Israel.
5. x
6. (any words with the following meaning? We did not mean to build another altar for worship and sacrifice; we only built this as a memorial, so we would not forget the Lord.

CHAPTER 23

1. The Lord
2. drive out the rest of their enemies before them
3. a. Keep and do all that is written in the book of the Law of Moses. b. Do not come among the enemy nations, or make mention of their gods, nor swear by them, nor serve them; nor bow down to them. c. Cleave unto the Lord your God.
4. loved the Lord your God
5. a. God would no longer drive out any of these nations from before you. b. They shall be snares and traps unto you. c. They will be scourges in your sides. d. They will be thorns in your eyes. e. You will perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you.
6. He would bring upon them all evil things, until He had destroyed them from off this good land which the Lord their God had given them.

CHAPTER 24

1. (5 of the following) Brought Abraham to Canaan, preserved Jacob in Egypt, delivered Israel from Egypt with great plagues, brought them into the Promised Land out of the wilderness, defeated the Amorites, changed the curse of Balaam into a blessing, drove out the enemy nations and delivered them into Israel's hand, sent the hornet which made two kings of the Amorites flee.
2. a land for which they did not labor, cities they built not, vineyards and oliveyards which they planted not
3. Fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt, and serve ye the Lord.

4. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
5. God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods.
6. a. holy b. jealous
7. Nay; but we will serve the Lord.
8. a. Put away the strange gods which are among you. b. Incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.
9. The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.
10. a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God
11. 110
12. All the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, which had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel.
13. Shechem