



## INTRO TO JOSHUA:

Joshua was chosen by God to lead the Israelites to take possession of the promised land, Canaan. Joshua was both a military leader and one who had great faith in God. In the book of Joshua you will see his obedience and trust in the Father because of his belief in God's promises.

BIBLE READING PLAN  
WEEK 01

### DAY 1: JOSHUA 1:1-9

God calls Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan to take possession of the land. As God commissions Joshua, God reminds him that he promised this land to his ancestors and He will be faithful in keeping his promises. God also encourages Joshua in his call to be "strong and courageous" three times in the text. And twice God says that He is always with Joshua.

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 1:10-18

Joshua speaks to the Israelites, reminding them of God's promise to their ancestors. That there is Promise Land where there will be rest and it will be given to them. As though God was calling the Israelites home—they get the fruit of Abraham to Moses—who had deep faith and obedience in a promise they wouldn't live to see. After Joshua prepares the Israelites the Israelites then encourage Joshua in leadership. They say to him for a 4th time in one chapter to be strong and courageous. Both the Israelites have been called and encouraged just as Joshua has been called and encouraged by both God and the Israelites.

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## DAY 3: JOSHUA 2: 1-14

Rahab's faith saves her and her family. She has limited knowledge of God, but she believes what she has heard, and acts in faith to hide the spies. Rahab teaches us that we don't need to know everything to be saved and to act in faith. She showed more faith than the ten spies exhibited 40 years before when they were sent to spy the land and gave a fear based, faithless report that resulted in the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.

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Rahab and the spies make a covenant, an agreement. Biblical covenants often include a token to remember what has been promised, for example the rainbow God gave as a sign of His covenant with Noah. The scarlet rope is a token of their covenant. It's important to remember: Rahab (and all believers) are saved by faith, not by covenant tokens. This time when the spies return, they give a faithful and hope-filled report.

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The word "Ark" appears frequently in this chapter, symbolizing the "throne of God." It serves as a source of encouragement for the Israelites, reminding them that God is leading them and will always make a way. In response, they trusted Him and followed their leader, Joshua, even when he asked them to cross a raging river. Just as with the Israelites, God saves us not to leave us where we're at, but to move us forward in faith toward our inheritance in Jesus.

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# JOSHUA: CROSSING THE JORDAN RIVER & SETTING UP

BIBLE READING PLAN  
WEEK 02

## DAY 1: JOSHUA 3:14-17

The Israelites witness God's power as He parts the waters of the Jordan River, allowing them to cross on dry ground. This miraculous event is a reminder of God's faithfulness and His ability to make a way when there seems to be no way. We can trust God's timing and leadership, even in overwhelming situations, knowing He can lead us through challenges and obstacles when we step out in faith.

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 4:1-9

God instructs the Israelites to collect twelve stones from the Jordan River as a memorial of their miraculous crossing. These stones serve as a lasting reminder for future generations of God's faithfulness and His power to bring them into the Promised Land.

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God instructed Joshua to choose twelve men, one from each tribe, to collect a stone from the spot in the riverbed where the priests stood with the Ark of the Covenant. These stones weren't taken from the shores, but from the center of the Jordan, emphasizing that Israel crossed on dry ground.

The Israelites used these stones to build a monument, symbolizing their transition from their old life into the new one in the Promised Land. This memorial reminded them of God's faithfulness—how He cared for them, kept His promises, and led them to victory. This is the message the stones held for Israel, and it's what they remind us of today.

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After crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land, the Israelites renew their covenant with God through two key events: the circumcision of their new generation and the observance of the Passover at Gilgal.

The circumcision was vital as it prepared the unmarked generation for the battles ahead, signifying their recommitment to God. The Passover celebration reminded them of their deliverance from Egypt and God's faithfulness.

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Joshua encounters a mysterious figure - Commander of the Lord's Army while he is near Jericho. As Joshua approaches, he asks whether this figure is for them or their enemies, to which the Commander responds that He is neither but the commander of the army of the Lord. Joshua then falls to the ground in worship, acknowledging the divine presence. The Commander instructs him to remove his sandals, as the place where he stands is holy. We see the importance of humility and reverence in the face of divine power, reminding the Israelites that their victory will come from God's leadership rather than their own strength.

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The conquering of Jericho: The Lord handed over to Joshua Jericho's king and his men. But then the Lord commanded Joshua with instructions. The instructions were for the men that participated in war and the priests.

What were they carrying? What were the instructions? Then the Lord said, once you do this, at the end of the last horn the walls of Jericho will collapse.

Has God ever asked you to do something that seemed unorthodox?

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Achan stole from God and tried to cover it up with lies. The word "sin" means "to miss the mark." God had clearly instructed that the firstfruits of the spoils belonged to Him, but Achan coveted them—he deeply desired to keep some for himself. His sin was also a transgression, which means "to cross over."

God had drawn a clear line and commanded them not to cross it, but Achan chose to disobey. This sin becomes even more striking when you consider everything God had done for him. God cared for Achan and his family, brought them safely across the Jordan River, gave them victory at Jericho, and much more. Yet, despite all of this, Achan still chose to steal, lie, and believe he could get away with it.

It's easy to point fingers at Achan and judge him for his actions, but the reality is we are all guilty of sin and fall short of the glory of God.

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## JOSHUA: CONTINUED CONQUEST

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WEEK 05

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Today's passage shows that a good leader honors his commitments. Even after discovering that the Gibeonites had deceived them and were from four cities, not just one, Israel didn't destroy them. Instead, Joshua made the best of the situation by assigning the Gibeonites to serve the tabernacle.

Later, they became known as the Nethinim, or "given ones," meaning they were dedicated to assisting the priests. Their service in the tabernacle, and eventually the temple, likely led many of them to abandon their idols and worship the God of Israel.

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 10:1-15

"Fear not," a recurring theme in the book of Joshua, appears again in today's passage. Joshua faces a daunting challenge—**five kings and their armies** united against him and the Israelites. Yet, God tells him, "Fear not." In response, Joshua confronts his doubts and partners with God in the battle. He uses brilliant strategy, and God intervenes with, not one, but **two miracles**—sending hailstones *and* stopping the sun.

As C.S. Lewis wisely wrote, "The mind which asks for a non-miraculous Christianity is a mind in process of relapsing from Christianity into mere 'religion.'"

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Joshua conducts a public ceremony with the captured kings, forcing their faces into the dirt to signify their complete defeat. He then instructs his officers to place ~~their feet on the kings' necks~~, symbolizing not only the victories they've already achieved but also the future ones God will provide. To encourage his soldiers, Joshua echoes the words God spoke to him at the start of his leadership (Joshua 1:6-9).

The incident with the Gibeonites offers both a warning and encouragement: we must remain vigilant and prayerful, not rushing ahead of God, while also trusting that He can turn our mistakes into blessings.

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## DAY 4: JOSHUA 10:29-43

Joshua and the Israelites previously had control over the central part of the land, but now they make a campaign to conquer Southern Canaan (Palestine). The Lord promised them victory throughout the land and as we read today, "Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel."

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After the conquest of Southern Canaan, Joshua and the Israelites move to the northern kingdom. Using a similar criss-crossing strategy, and often employing surprise attacks, the northern coalition of kings is unable to defeat Israel, despite having much larger armies than the Israelites. When God is on your side it doesn't matter how big or strong your opponent is!

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# JOSHUA: DISTRIBUTION OF THE LAND

BIBLE READING PLAN  
WEEK 06

## DAY 1: JOSHUA 11:16-23

Have you experienced a long season of suffering and yet you look back and see God's favor as well? One could imagine that as war waged for such a long time, (scholars think as long as 5 year), that a heart would grow tired.

At this point the Israelites have been rescued and have experienced consequences for their lack of faith. This part of the text doesn't highlight the growing pains of the Israelities, rather that the Lord delivered what He said He would.

### There are two lessons here:

1. The bigger story isn't about what kinds of the grievances the Israelites experienced during their years of war, rather God's redemption story for the people He loves
2. Sometimes the Lord takes to the end of ourselves so we are dependent on Him rather than independent from Him.

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 12:1-24

Moses gave land to the Israelites outside the Jordan. Joshua gave the Israelites all the land on the inside of the Jordan. Both men claimed God as almighty; both were faithful to the Lord's commands.

Joshua gave to Israel the holy land, a land that is fruitful in its soil to produce harvest and God's beauty in the mountains, representing a safe and peaceful place. Joshua had triumph through the law, but no one and no one thing can give you life saving salvation except the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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Moses didn't get to cross the Jordan. His role was to lead the Israelites only part of the way. Joshua later fought many battles and achieved numerous victories, but even in his old age, there was still land left to claim—the mission wasn't fully complete.

In a similar way, our lives and the church's role on earth mirror this unfinished journey. As God's children, we each fulfill a part of our purpose here, but only one can truly say, "It is finished." Take a moment to journal in gratitude, reflecting on how you're living out your purpose in His kingdom and remembering that He chose you to play a part.

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Are you content knowing that Christ alone is your full inheritance?

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## DAY 5: JOSHUA 14:1-15

Remember, Caleb was one of the spies Moses sent with Joshua to explore Canaan. Caleb held firm to God's promise, believing he would receive Hebron, the land of his ancestors. Hebron held deep significance, as it was home to the cave of Machpelah—the traditional burial place of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Leah. What a legacy that is!

Just as Caleb received his inheritance, God has given us His Son so we, too, can live faithfully, leaving behind a legacy rooted in confidence in God's promises.

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# JOSHUA: ALLOTMENT OF THE TRIBES

BIBLE READING PLAN  
WEEK 07

## DAY 1: JOSHUA 15:1-12

The word inheritance is used dozens of times in this portion of scripture. This word serves to remind us that the Israelites did not earn, win, or purchase this land. It was given to them by God. God loves us and gives good gifts! All He asked (and still asks) for in return is their faithful worship and obedience to Him alone.

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### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 15:1-12

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 15:13-63

Judah is the first tribe to receive their inheritance, and they receive the largest allotment of land. Judah was the fourth son of Jacob. According to Genesis, Judah's name means "praise/worship Yahweh." The lion became the symbol of Judah to show their power, bravery, and leadership. And Judah eventually becomes the Southern Kingdom and is even recognized in the line of the Messiah.

Here we find God's faithfulness in fulfilling promises, like the inheritance Caleb received for his unwavering faith. It also highlights the importance of actively pursuing God's blessings. Acsah's request for more resources shows us it's okay to ask God for what we need to thrive, not just survive, in the places He has given us. We're encouraged to step out in faith, like Caleb, and be bold, like Acsah, trusting that God meets our needs and blesses those who follow Him wholeheartedly.

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## DAY 3: JOSHUA 16:1-10

The land inheritance was given to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, who were Joseph's sons. Their land stretches from the Jordan River, through Jericho, and up into the hill country near Bethel. Ephraim's portion is specifically laid out. But there's a problem: they don't drive out all the Canaanites living there. Instead, the Canaanites stay in the land and eventually end up as forced labor for the Israelites.

It's clear to see the consequences of not fully following God's instructions and the importance of complete obedience.

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## DAY 4: JOSHUA 17:1-18

The story of Zelophehad's daughters receiving an inheritance, even without a male heir, reveals God's attention to every individual's needs and His commitment to justice. It reminds us that He values each of us and ensures we have a place in His plans.

But this chapter also challenges us. Manasseh struggles to drive out the Canaanites fully, and when they ask for more land, Joshua pushes them to take ownership of what they already have—to clear and cultivate the hill country given to them. Sometimes, like the tribe of Manasseh, we might find it easier to ask for more than to fully engage with what God has already placed before us. We are encouraged to lean into God's promises with faith and diligence, trusting that He equips us to make the most of what He's already provided.

### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 17:1-18

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## DAY 5: JOSHUA 18:1-10

The Israelites gather at Shiloh, where they set up the Tabernacle—their center for worship and a symbol of God's presence among them. Yet, despite God's promises, seven tribes still haven't claimed their inheritance. Joshua calls them to action, urging them not to wait any longer but to go out, survey the land, and take possession of what God has given them.

This speaks to those moments when we hold back from stepping into God's promises for us. Like the Israelites, we may sometimes hesitate, even though God has already prepared the way. Joshua's call to the tribes is a call to us as well: *don't delay, but move forward in faith*.

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# JOSHUA: CITIES OF REFUGE AND LEVITES

BIBLE READING PLAN  
WEEK 08

## DAY 1: JOSHUA 20:1-9

Joshua is fulfilling what God told Moses in Numbers 35:9-34 - that Israel was to establish cities of refuge. This was followed by instructions for the accused who needed refuge, to stand at the city gates where the elders would listen to their case. At the end of the chapter there are six cities that are established for refuge; regardless of where you lived in the land, there was a refuge city within reasonable distance. What a reflection of God the Father, waiting for our repentance, He is rock and our refuge. God is never out of reach, He is always available.

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### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 20:1-9

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 24:1-8

As we read in previous chapters, the tribe of Levi received no land. They were in the work of ministry serving the Lord, so He was their inheritance.

Wait, What?

How many Levites do you think wanted to or did leave the tribe when they were told they would not receive a land allotment? Would you be asking God, “But why?” As humans it is so easy to be short-sighted. We see what is in front of us; we are either pragmatic (use rationalization) or emotional towards situations. God did bless the Tribe of Levi with many cities and pasturelands, and it was more than they imagined.

Has God ever called you somewhere or to something but you had to move on or let go of what you had? His promise is that it is always for our good and for His glory. His plans are always better than our own.

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## DAY 3: JOSHUA 24:9-42

In this passage, we see how the Levites were intentionally dispersed across all twelve tribes rather than clustered together. This spread allowed God’s presence and influence to reach throughout the entire land. Similarly, when Jesus left the earth, He instructed His disciples to go out and share the gospel, knowing that staying together could lead to stagnation in their faith. If the Levites or disciples had stayed in one place, the gospel wouldn’t have spread, and they might have been tempted to overlook one another’s faults.

Thinking about this, what Christ-follower are you grateful to for sharing the gospel with you?

### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 16:1-40

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## DAY 4: JOSHUA 21:43-45

We see God's faithfulness repeated: "The Lord gave...The Lord gave...The Lord gave." Every promise He made to Israel was fulfilled, offering them not just land but rest, protection, and hope. This repetition emphasizes His unwavering commitment to His people—then and now.

Today, we can find the same assurance in God's promises. Romans 8:35 reminds us that nothing separates us from His love, and Isaiah 26:3 promises perfect peace to those who trust Him. Where do you need to hold onto God's promises today? Rest in the knowledge that He is faithful, a good Father who always fulfills His word.

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## DAY 5: JOSHUA 22:1-9

As the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned to their land east of the Jordan, Joshua reminded them of a crucial truth: their role wasn't just to settle back home but to carry forward a devoted life with God. Their calling—to love God fully, to walk in His ways, and to serve Him wholeheartedly—was just as vital as when they were in battle alongside the other tribes.

For us, this reminder applies no matter where we are in life. Just as Joshua called them to stay anchored in God's ways, we're invited to live faithfully wherever we are, clinging to His commands and following Him with our whole heart. Where can you be more intentional about living out your faith daily, wherever God has placed you?

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# JOSHUA: FINAL ADDRESS AND COVENANT

BIBLE READING PLAN  
WEEK 09

## DAY 1: JOSHUA 22:10-34

The tribes that chose to settle on the east side of the Jordan River, known as the Transjordanic tribes, decided to build an altar as a witness. Their intention was to remind future generations on both sides of the river that they were all Israelites. However, the tribes on the west side of the Jordan were upset by this decision and began preparing for civil war.

One key lesson we can draw from this interaction is the importance of seeking understanding before acting in haste. To resolve the conflict, a delegation was sent to investigate the purpose of the large altar. Another valuable lesson is the importance of perspective-taking. Both sides were willing to listen to the other's reasoning, which allowed them to reach a peaceful resolution rather than escalating into war.

There are also some important questions to consider: *Did God specifically call these tribes to settle east of the river? What happens when we choose to separate ourselves from the place God has called us to?*

To explore what became of the two and a half tribes, read 1 Chronicles 5:25-26

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## DAY 2: JOSHUA 23:1-16

Joshua has fought the good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith. Aware that his time to “go the way of all the earth” is near, he calls a meeting with the leaders of Israel. In his final moments, Joshua takes the opportunity to remind the people of all that God has done for them, what He has said to them, and what He will do in the future. He urges them to “cling to the Lord,” to “be very careful to love the Lord,” and warns them of the consequences if they “transgress.” These same reminders apply to us today.

God desires our whole heart, our full devotion, and our complete trust. He calls us to put “no other gods before Him.”

Take a moment to reflect: *Is God truly first in my life, or does He receive only the leftovers of my time, energy, talents, and resources?*

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## DAY 3: JOSHUA 24:1-15

It is only fitting that Joshua’s final message takes place at Shechem, a location of great significance for the Israelites. It was here that God promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the land, here that Jacob built an altar, and here, between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim, that the people of Israel reaffirmed their commitment to the Lord. In this passage, the Lord reminds them of their nation’s history and faithfulness. The section concludes with the famous “Choose today” verses. These verses are often seen on placards, coffee mugs, and picture frames, but have you ever really stopped to consider what they are saying?

Throughout Scripture, the Lord makes it clear that there is no room for neutrality or half-hearted faith. You can’t have one foot in worshiping the Lord and the other in idol worship. The message is clear: “Choose today whom you will serve.”

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## DAY 4: JOSHUA 24:16-28

Choosing the Lord is not something to be taken lightly. Joshua repeatedly confirms and affirms Israel's commitment, even making a covenant with them and using a stone as the second witness. Israel expressed their desire to enter into a covenant with the Lord, and then Joshua immediately called them to act on that promise. Joshua understood that while it's easy to make promises of obedience, it's much harder to actually live them out.

Take a moment to reflect on your own relationship with the Lord. Is your faith mostly words of promise and commitment, or are you actively living out that obedience? If someone were to look at your life, would they know beyond a doubt where your allegiance lies? God doesn't just want our promises—He wants our hearts. He desires our entire lives to be a living sacrifice to Him. And He is worthy of it all.

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## DAY 5: JOSHUA 24:29-33

The book of Joshua concludes with the deaths and burials of Joshua, Eleazar (Aaron's son), and the bones of Joseph. Interestingly, while God instructed Moses to appoint Joshua as his successor, there is no mention of a God-ordained successor after Joshua's death.

Spoiler alert—the Israelites once again fail to uphold their covenant. They break their promise to serve the Lord alone, neglect to teach future generations to fear and serve Him, and fall into idolatry. Though they fail in their promise, God remains faithful to His promise. He had promised them that if they divided their allegiance and worshiped false gods, He would bring punishment—and He does.

However, God does not leave them in their failure. He is a God of redemption, and He promises to one day regather the Israelites and reestablish them in their land.

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# RESOURCES

## ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

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[enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/](http://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/)

## ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

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The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

[bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/](http://bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/)

## AUDIO BIBLES

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