

JOSHUA

Summary Of Joshua: Joshua (1406-1375 B.C.), the first of 12 historical books, records 3 major military campaigns with over 30 enemy armies. Under Joshua, Israel enters Canaan and learns that victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word. **Lesson:** *Canaan is a picture of our inheritance of a life of rest and victory through faith in Christ (Heb 4).*

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ENTERING CANAAN

Chapter 1 Israel Makes Preparation

Summary: God commissions Joshua to lead with strength and obedience, promising His presence and prosperity (1-9). Joshua commands preparation for crossing the Jordan (10-18). **Lesson:** *Be strong and obedient to God's word, and you will have God's presence and prosperity.*

Chapter 2 Israel Sends Out Spies

Summary: Joshua sends 2 spies to Jericho. Rahab shields them (1-7), informs them (8-11), and secures their promise of protection (12-24). **Lesson:** *God used a Canaanite harlot, Rahab, to help Israel, and to be the ancestor of Boaz, David, and Jesus (Mt. 1:5). He can use anyone.*

Chapter 3 Israel Crosses The Jordan

Summary: Israel makes *preparation* (1-4), *sanctification* [2 Cor. 7:1; repentance, submission] (5-13), and *completion* of the crossing (14-17). **Lesson:** *Do God's work by preparation, sanctification and completion.*

Chapter 4 Israel Erects Memorial Stones

Summary: In Canaan Israel sets up 12 stones from the Jordan River bed as a memorial to God's providing their miraculous crossing on dry land. **Lesson:** *We should testify to God's blessings with our lives and our lips.*

Chapter 5 Israel Encounters God

Summary: Israel encounters God in 2 ways: (1) the younger generation of males is circumcised (1-12), renewing the covenant with God [Gen. 17]; (2) the Commander of the army of the Lord (Jesus Christ) appears to Joshua (13-15), indicating He will fight with and for Israel. **Lesson:** *As we are circumcised in heart, Jesus fights with and for us.*