

A LOOK AT ONE BOOK – JOSHUA

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PREPERATION TO CONQURE THE LAND	1	The Lord encourages Joshua who encourages Israel to courageously enter the promised land.	1-8 – God commands Joshua to be strong, courageous and enter the promised land. When you enter be sure to meditate on and obey God’s Law to have ongoing success. 9-12 – Joshua tells Israel they have three days to prepare to enter the promised land. 13-15 – The two and a half tribes that were to remain on the East of Jordan were to be sure to help take the promised land on the west of Jordan. 16-18 – The people promise to obey and follow Joshua’s words as they obeyed Moses.
	2	God protects two spies who enter the Jericho as scouts. They recount how fearful Jericho is of Israel’s God fighting for them.	1-2 – Joshua sends two spies to enter Jericho. 2-7 – Rahab risks her life to hide the spies on her roof. 8-16 – Rahab recounts her faith in the Lord and asks for deliverance when Israel attacks Jericho. 16-24 – The spies promise safety for Rahab if she is faithful to her promise.
	3	God parts the Jordan river and all Israel crosses on dry ground.	1-3 – Israel moves to the edge of the Jordan river and Joshua prepares three days for their crossing in very public testimony. 4-17 – As the ark of the covenant begins to cross the Jordan, it divides, and all Israel walks across the Jordan viewing the Ark and the priests standing on dry land.
	4	Joshua sets up 12 memorial stones in Gilgal that God parted the Jordan river and brought Israel safely into the land.	1-7 – Joshua commands (according to Moses’ prior instruction) Israel to take up 12 stones of remembrance, one for each tribe. 8-24 – Israel sets up 12 stones in Gilgal to remember the Jordan crossing. When the 12 stones are taken from the Jordan and the priests carrying the ark step out of the banks, the Jordan river begins to flow again.
	5	God prepares the people to enter the land through circumcision, Passover, and introducing the General.	1-9 – All the men are circumcised. All the men who were circumcised when coming from Egypt are now dead. 10 - They celebrate the Passover. 11-12 – They eat from the fruit of the land. 13-15 – Joshua meets the Jesus, the Captain of the Lord.
MILITARY CONQUEST IN THE LAND	6	Victory at Jericho	1-5 – The Lord gives Joshua the orders to march around the city once a day for six days and seven times the seventh day. 6-16 – The people obey and God gives victory over Jericho on the seventh day the walls fall flat. 17-20 – Do not take any of the spoil but destroy everything except for Rahab. 20-27 – God destroys Jericho and His fame is spread through all the land giving an ultimatum to other cities.
	7	Defeat at Ai	1-5 – Achan steals plunder from Jericho and Israel is defeated at Ai. 6-9 – Joshua cries out to God for direction and mercy. 10-15 – The Lord tells Joshua that there is sin in the camp that must be dealt with and gives instruction on how to expose the sin. 16-26 – Joshua rises early and obeys the Lord’s command. Achan and his family are stoned to death.
	8	Victory at Ai and recitation of the blessing and the curse as Moses commanded.	1-2 – The Lord gives orders to set an ambush for Ai. 3-29 – Joshua and the children of Israel carry out the military plan and have complete victory over Ai. 30-35 – Joshua sets up half of the tribes on Mount Ebal and half on Mount Gerizim to recite blessing for obedience and a curse for disobedience.
	9	Gibeonites deceive Joshua into a peace treaty.	1-2 – The Lowland prepares to make war with Israel. 3-13 – Gibeonites say they are from a far country and ask for peace with Israel. 14-18 – Joshua and Israel’s leaders make peace without seeking counsel from God.
	10	Four southern Canaanite city-state kings rise up to defeat Gibeon and Israel gains victory over four Canaanite strongholds giving military victory over the southern territory.	1-5 – Four southern Canaanite kings combine forces to attack Gibeon which made peace with Israel. 6-8 – Gibeon asks Joshua for help, Joshua seeks God’s guidance and the Lord promises victory. 9-27 – Joshua marches all night to surprise the Canaanite kings at Gibeon and gains victory. The Lord increases day-light so that they can continue to fight. 28-43 - Joshua takes several more cities and strongholds in the Southern regions gaining complete military victory in Southern Canaan (Makkedah, Libnah, Lachish, Gezer, Eglon, Hebron).
	11	Joshua defeats a Northern alliance of kings providing military victory in the North and a rest from war.	1-5 – Northern kings unite and camp against Israel in Merom. 6-12 – God provides victory and Joshua obeys God’s commands through Moses. 13-23 – Joshua finishes the conquest of Northern region. Only two cities make peace with Israel. The rest want war.

	12	A recounting of the kings that Joshua defeated in military conquest.	1-6 – The kings on the East of the Jordan River. 7- 24 – The kings on the West of the Jordan River.
INHERITANCE AND DIVISION OF THE LAND	13	The land divided to tribes by inheritance.	1-6 – The lands that still need to be possessed. 7-13 – Inheritance for half of tribe of Manasseh 15-23 – Inheritance for Rueben 24-28 – Inheritance for Gad
	14	God gives a special inheritance to Caleb because He stepped in faith and followed the Lord more fully.	1-5 – Introduction to the apportioning of the lands on the East of Jordan in the Promised Land 6-12 – Caleb’s testimony and faith. 13-15 - Joshua blesses Caleb and gives him a special inheritance.
	15	Inheritance for the tribe of Judah	1-12 – Borders 13-19 – Caleb’s gift to his daughter 20-63 – Cities of Judah (They did not take possession of Jerusalem)
	16	Inheritance of Joseph (Ephraim)	
	17	Inheritance of Joseph (Manasseh)	1-13 – Borders 14-18 – Joseph requests for more land.
	18	Tabernacle set up at Shiloh and Joshua encourages Israel to continue taking possession of inheritance.	1 – Shiloh set as place for tabernacle. 2-10 – Joshua encourages Israel to continue to apportion the land. They cast lots at Shiloh for the remainder of the inheritance of tribes. 11-28 – Inheritance and cities of Benjamin.
	19	Resumed division of the inheritance.	1-9 – Inheritance of Simeon 10-16 – Inheritance of Zebulun 17-23 – Inheritance of Issachar 24-31 – Inheritance of Asher 32-39 – Inheritance of Naphtali 40-49 – Inheritance of Dan 49-51 – Inheritance for Joshua
	20	Cities of Refuge	Three cities set aside as cities for people to flee to in order to await a trial once they are accused of murder.
	21	Cities for Levites and promises claimed.	1-42 – Joshua apportions cities for the Levites to live in since the tribe of Levi is devoted to serve the Lord, they have no land but live in cities within the other tribes.
	22	Ruben Gad and half of Manasseh return to the West of Jordan.	1-9 – Joshua dismisses Ruben, Gad and half of Manasseh to return to the other side of the Jordan now that they had helped the Canaan conquest. 10 – The three Transjordan tribes build a large alter at the Jordan to remember that they will worship God. 11-20 – The rest of Israel believes they are committing idolatry and gather at Shiloh to determine how to go to war. 13-20 – Phinehas is sent to find out if the trans-Jordan tribes are committing idolatry. 21-34 – The Transjordan tribes assure Phinehas they are not committing idolatry but setting up an alter to help them remember who they are.
	23	Joshua’s Closing Sermon	Follow the Lord
	24	Joshua reminds and reiterates the covenant.	1-10 – Remember how God has led you to this point. 14-15 – Because of God’s grace and kindness to you – choose to serve Him with all your heart! 16-18 – Israel commits to following the Lord. 19-20 – You cannot serve the Lord. 22-32 – Israel again commits to following the Lord and re-issued a covenant of obedience between the people and God. 29-33 – Joshua and Eleazar the priest die, Joseph is buried.
	25	Death of Joshua and leadership of Judah.	Judah continues to conquer after Joshua’s death.

SUMMARY - “God provides victory to those who step out in faith to act on His promises.”

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CONQUEST – INTRODUCTION TO A SERMON	1 Rebellion Summarized	1-5 - Place and Setting 6-46 - The Rebellion 6-18 Recounting the Division of Labor/Leaders 19-46 Recounting the Spies and Rebellion
	2 Conquest Begins!	1-8 -Don't bother the Edomites the descendants of Esau 9-23 - Don't bother Moab, the descendants of Lot. 24-25 - A command to cross over to occupy. 26-37 - Edom and Moab allows them to pass, but Sihon and Og refuse and declares war. Israel gains its first victory.
	3 East of Jordan Conquest	1-22 – Two Amorite kings East of the Jordan come up against Israel to take them and God gives victory, providing land and inheritance for Ruben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh. 23-29 – Moses pleads to see the Lord conquest the other side of the Jordan. God says no.
Exhortation (chapters 1-11) COMMANDS – EXHORTATION AND INSTRUCTION IN A SERMON Instruction (chapters 12-24)	4 An urgent appeal to obey and a prophecy that they will not obey.	1-25 – A warning to obey God's commands. 26-31 – A prophecy that they will disobey and be dispossessed and then turn to God and God will bring them back.
	5 Moses preaches again the ten commandments recounting their setting.	1-20 – Setting of and 10 Commandments preached 21-27 – People ask Moses to get the words from God for He is to holy and glorious. 28-32 - Application – Obey, stay on the path.
	6 Do not follow the idols of the land you are possessing.	1-22 – God is great to give you this land and to cast out all these other people groups. But be sure to follow God
	7 An appeal not to be influenced by the nations that they drive out.	1-16 – Don't marry, or allow the lands you are driving out influence you to flee from God. 17-26 – Encouragement based on the character of God in past history that they are able to take lands stronger and more powerful than them.
	8 When you get into the land that is rich, don't let the richness turn you from God.	
	9 Your entrance into the land is not by works, but by Grace.	1-6 – Don't be proud about the reason that you are inheriting the land. 7-21 – You made the Lord angry at the giving of the 10 commandments. I had to plead for your life! 22-29 – You made God very angry at four other times in the wilderness wandering that if I had not stepped in you would have been destroyed.
	10 Moses appeal for justice following his return from the mountain.	1-4 - Moses made a second stone of the ten commandments. 5-9 - Levites were separated for the use of the temple. 10-11 - Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. 12-22 - When Moses came down from the mountain He encouraged Israel to Love God and Love others – giving justice to everyone, even the foreigner that resides with them.
	11 Go into the land because you have seen God's power and discipline and the land is fruitful. A blessing will come or a curse depending on obedience.	1-8 - Go up and take the land because (knowing the history of the wilderness wanderings) you now know of the problems that come upon those who did not obey. 9-25 - Go up and take the land because it is fruitful. 26-32 -There will be a blessing if you obey, and a curse if you disobey God's commands.
	12 Instructions about specific laws.	1-18 - Only worship and sacrifice in the place that God will provide for the Temple (Jerusalem), and no just anywhere. 19-32 - Don't eat blood, take care of Levites, please the Lord in obeying Him.
	13 Instructions about various laws. – Those who encourage apostasy must suffer capital punishment.	1-5 - Be very careful which prophet you listen to. Only listen to a prophet who speaks God's Words. 6-11 - If a person (even family member!) tries to make you turn from the Lord, they must be put to death. 12-18 - If a city falls into idolatry, then you must destroy the city and its inhabitants.
	14 Instructions about laws regarding holiness.	1-2 – Don't cut yourself. 3-23 – Dietary restrictions. 22-29 – Tithe Instruction (tithe for travel to Jerusalem and third year for the Levites).
	15 Instruction about laws of property and debt.	1-6 – Every seventh year all that has been borrowed will be released from debt. 7-11 Lend freely to anyone who is poor among you. Don't consider how much time will pass till the seventh year comes. 12-18 A servant who is a fellow Hebrew should be released in the seventh year unless they choose to stay in your household. 19-23 – Sacrifice up the firstborn of your livestock.
	16 Instructions about feasts and celebrations.	1-8 – Celebrate the Passover 9-12 – Feast of Weeks 13-17 – Feast of Booths

		18-20 – Instill just judges.
	17 Instructions regarding justice.	1 - Don't offer a sacrifice with a blemish. 2-5 - Death is the penalty for idolatry. 6-7 – Laws regarding witnesses. 8-13 – Difficult cases take before the Levites and priests. 14-20 – Instructions for a future king.
	18 Instruction regarding receiving Levites, avoiding detestable practices, and listening to a true Prophet.	1-8 – Levites are devoted to the service of the Lord so they do not have a land of inheritance. 9-14 – Don't follow the detestable practices of the land you possesses (witchcraft, abortion; false prophets). 15-22 – Don't listen to false prophets. One True Prophet like Moses will be raised up who will call people to follow Him.
	19 Instruction regarding property in the New Land.	1-13 Instruction regarding three cities of refuge – cities for tribunals in trials regarding of murder. 14 - Instructions regarding property boundaries in the New Land. 15-21 Instruction regarding witnesses. False witnesses should be punished in the way they tried to punish others.
	20 Instruction regarding war and armies.	1-4 – Armies should not be afraid for God fights for you. 5-8 – Those exempt from military duty. 9 – Appoint army heads. 10-12 – Offer the town peace if they comply. 13-20 – Instruction regarding besieging and taking a city
	21 Instruction regarding unsolved murders and marriages.	1-9 – Offer sacrifice when you find a dead body and do not know who the murderer is. 10-14 – A soldier finds a wife in battle. 15-16 – Family inheritance for families with two wives. 18-21 – Capital punishment for a rebellious son.
	22 Instruction regarding various laws.	1-12 – Various commands of morality. 13-30 – Instruction regarding a lady's virginity.
	23 Instruction regarding various laws.	1-6 – Limitation of who can serve or enter the Temple. 7-28 – Various laws applying God's holiness in the camp (bathroom, prostitutes, charging interest, vows, personal property).
	24 Instruction regarding various laws.	1-9 – Instruction regarding divorce and marriage. 10-22 - Security for the poor and needy (foreigners, poor, orphans).
	25 Instruction regarding various laws.	1-3 – Penalty for law breaking. 4 – Let the ox eat while it works. 5-10 – Inheritance laws. 11-16 – Various laws. 17-19 – Instruction regarding Amalekites.
	26 Instructions regarding bringing in tithe.	1-14 – Offer the tithe of your first fruits for the priests and the poor. 15-19 - And offer a prayer asking God's blessing on your land as you give.
COVENANT - APPLICATION AND ILLUSTRATION OF A SERMON	27 Moses sets up two visual aids in helping them remember to obey.	1-8 - When you cross Jordan, set up stones on which these laws are written. 9-13 – Split the tribes up one half on Mount Gerizim to offer a blessing, and half on Mount Ebal to recite a curse. 14-26 – The words of the curse to those who disobey God's commands.
	28 The second part of the visual aid.	1-56 – The blessing and curse for obedience or disobedience. The curse prophesies of a disobedience and a loss of the land.
	29 Reiteration of the blessing and curse and promise that they will fail.	
	30 A promise of a New Covenant.	When you are displaced, you will return and I will have compassion on you.
	31 Moses closing instruction to Joshua	Israel will disobey.
	32 Moses' closing instruction in a song	
	33 Moses' closing blessing to each tribe	
	34 Moses death and installation of Joshua.	