



Joshua – Study Guide



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Study Guide for Joshua

Chapter 1:1-11

- What did God promise Joshua? How is this similar to the promises given earlier in the Pentateuch? How is Joshua's task similar to Moses's task before Him? What do we learn from this about how God interacts with His people?
- Describe the specific things that God commands Joshua to do in this section. What reasons are given to do them? How are all these commands related? What should we learn from this?
- What phrases are repeated in this section? What do you think is the significance of this?
- What did Joshua command the people to do? How is this related to what he had been commanded and promised by God? What does this foreshadow in the rest of the story?

Chapter 3

- What were the people told to do to prepare to cross into the promised land? Why was this necessary?
- What did God say to Joshua? What does this tell us about the role and function of Joshua in this story?
- What did Joshua tell the people? What did he promise them?
- What happened when the priests went into the river? What earlier story is this similar to? What is the connection the author wants us to make between these two stories? What does this tell us about God and His plans for His people? What does this tell us about Joshua and his connection to Moses?

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Chapter 4

- What did God command the people to do after they had crossed the Jordan? What was the long-term purpose for doing this? Why do you think that was important to God?
- What does it say that God did for Joshua at that time? How did he do this? What is the significance of this?
- What happened when the priests came up out of the Jordan River?
- What does the end of this chapter say is the purpose and significance of this entire episode? What earlier story is it connected with? Why? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 5:13-Chapter 6:27

- Who did Joshua encounter near Jericho? Describe their conversation. What did Joshua ask? How did the man respond? How did Joshua respond? What is the purpose and point of this episode?
- What did God promise to Joshua? What instructions did He give how this was to be accomplished? What do you think was the symbolic significance of this?
- Describe how the people of Israel followed these instructions. What did they do each day? What did they do differently on the seventh day?
- What warnings and restrictions were given to the people about conquering Jericho? Why?
- What happened when the people shouted? What did this demonstrate? What did they do with the city?
- How did they treat the household of Rahab differently? Why (review chapter 2, if necessary)?
- What does the end of this chapter say about Joshua? What do you think this foreshadows?

Chapter 7

- What did Achan do? How was this connected to what was seen in the previous chapter? Why was this wrong? How did God respond?
- What report did the scouts give about the city of Ai? How did Joshua respond? What happened? Why?
- How did Joshua respond to this defeat? What did Joshua pray?
- How did God respond to Joshua's prayer? What did He say and command? Why? What principles can we learn from this?
- How did God instruct Joshua to fix the problem among the people? How did they come to focus on Achan?
- What did Achan say about what he had done? Why had he done it?
- What did Joshua and the people say and do to Achan? Why? What lesson can we learn from this? How does it apply today?

Chapter 8:30-35

- What happened in this section? How is this related to commands given back in Deuteronomy? What is the significance of these events and their fulfillment of the earlier commands? What does this tell us about God and how He deals with His people?

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Chapter 9

- How did the kings of the land respond to the news about the Israelites? Do you think they will be successful?
- How did the Gibeonites respond to the news about the Israelites? How was this different than the response of the other kings? What did they say to Joshua? Was this true?
- How did Joshua respond to the message from the Gibeonites? Was this a good response? Why or why not? What does this chapter specifically say they did NOT do? What should we learn from this?
- What did Joshua and the people do with the people of Gibeon? Was this a wise thing to do? How did it turn out in the end?

Chapter 10:1-15

- What did Adoni-Zedek do in response to what Joshua and the Gibeonites had done? Why? What did the Gibeonites do in response?
- How did Joshua respond to the Gibeonites? Why?
- What happened in the battle? What part did God play in this battle? Why does the author mention this? What can we learn about God's character and plans for His people from these things? Why does this matter?

Chapter 11:16-23

- What does this section summarize? What does it say that Joshua did? In what place(s) did he do this?
- Why does it say that God caused these things to happen? What does this tell us about the purpose for all these things?
- How does this chapter end? What does this emphasize about what God had done so far in this story? What does this tell us about God's purpose for doing this?

Chapter 13:1-7

- What did God tell Joshua about the tasks that were still unfinished at that time? Why is this significant for the overall story of God's people at that time? What promise did God make about these things? What do you think this foreshadows?

Chapter 21:43-45

- How does this section summarize what had happened in the book of Joshua? What does this tell us about God's character and His plans for His people?
- How is this related to promises given earlier in the Old Testament story? What does this tell us about God's promises? What lesson should we learn from this? How should we respond?

Chapter 23

- What did Joshua say to the leaders about the past they were to remember? What did he promise about the lands still to be possessed?
- What did Joshua command the leaders to do? How is this similar to what we saw in chapter 1? What is the significance of this connection? What should we learn from this?
- What different options and possibilities did Joshua describe about the future of Israel? What would cause each of these possibilities to become a reality? What is the obvious implication of these predictions? How should we respond?

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- What point did Joshua make about the promises of God? What did he want the leaders to do with that information? What should we do with that information? How does that same truth apply to God's warnings? How should we respond?

Chapter 24

- What did Joshua say to the people at the assembly of Shechem? Why?
- Describe the history rehearsed by Joshua. What was the point of reminding the people of this? What does this tell us about God's character and His plans for His people?
- How did Joshua command the people to respond to God because of His history? How does this apply to us today?
- What options and challenge did Joshua give the people? In what direction did Joshua lead? How? What is significant about this?
- How did the people respond to Joshua's challenge? How did he respond to them with warning and challenge? Why?
- How did the people respond? What challenge and command did Joshua give to the people? Why?
- Describe the covenant ceremony at Shechem. What does the author emphasize? Why?
- Describe the three burials at the end of this book. What does each signify? How does each demonstrate the end of an era? What do you think these things foreshadow about how the story will continue?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 11

Background of the Book of Joshua

Themes of Joshua

- How is Joshua's role and function similar to Moses? How does the book of Joshua demonstrate this transfer of leadership?
- What are the two major sections of Joshua highlighted by the textbook? What happened in each? What are the two purposes served by the conquest of the land?
- Define the term "herem." What does this tell us about the conquest of the land?
- What is the point the textbook makes about God's faithfulness? Why is this important to learn in order to rightly understand what happened in Joshua? How does this apply today?

Message of the Book of Joshua

Joshua's Final Challenges to God's people

- According to the textbook, what was the content of Joshua's first speech? Why was this important for the people of that time? What can we learn from it?
- What was the content of Joshua's second speech? Why was this important for the people of that time? How does this apply to us today?
- What is the significance of Joshua making a covenant ceremony at the end of this book? Why was that significant?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter