

# ✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



## Joshua

**MEMORIZATION – Joshua 1:9b – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

### Chapter 1

1. What will be the boundaries of the territory of the Israelites?
2. a) God tells Joshua, “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never \_\_\_\_\_ you nor \_\_\_\_\_ you. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_... Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_... Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”  
b) How comforting these words would be to Joshua as he steps into Moses’ leadership role. Has there been a time in your life when you needed to be “strong and courageous?”

### Chapter 2

1. Speaking of strength and courage...here we meet Rahab the prostitute. Why does she protect the two Israelite spies?
2. It is as Moses had said, the nations have watched as God led the Israelites out of Egypt, through the Red Sea and victoriously in battle. Write out Rahab’s profession of faith in 2:11b.

### Chapter 3

1. What tribe of priests carries the ark?

2. List the nations who will be driven out.
3. True or false: It is harvest season and the Jordan is at flood stage.

#### **Chapter 4**

1. One man from each tribe is chosen. What does each man do?
2. How many men armed for battle cross the Jordan?

Extra credit: Find the Jordan River and Jericho on a map.

#### **Chapter 5**

1. The generation born during the desert wandering was not circumcised. Upon entering the land, they are circumcised. What is the name of the place?
2. What feast is celebrated at Gilgal?
3. On the day after Passover the Israelites eat food from the land. What happens the next day?
4. How wonderful that when a man with a drawn sword appears before Joshua, he doesn't run or tremble in fear. Instead, "Joshua went up to him." How does the man identify himself?

Extra credit: Joshua falls facedown in reverence and is told that he is standing in a holy place. Who, do you think, is this man? Give other Bible passages if possible.

#### **Chapter 6**

1. Joshua's encounter with this commander of the Lord's army should remind us that the Israelites are part of a spiritual battle occurring in this temporal world. What takes place for six days?

2. What is the placement of the ark in the procession?

3. The gates of Jericho are locked up tightly. According to Rahab, its inhabitants are "melting in fear." Instead of an attack by the Israelite army, the inhabitants of Jericho see a vast procession of people. The armed men are before and after the ark with seven priests blowing trumpets directly in front of the ark which symbolizes the presence of the Lord. For six days the only sound of the Israelites' procession is the sound of their marching feet and the priests' blasts of the rams' horns. Imagine the witness to this idolatrous city.

4. What do the Israelites do differently on the seventh day?

5. What happens when the people shout?

Extra credit: a) Read Matthew 1:5 for a happy ending. What happens to Rahab?

b) There were strong warnings against marrying pagan women. What do you think makes Rahab acceptable?

## **Chapter 7**

1. What caused Israel's defeat at Ai?

## **Chapter 8**

1. God Himself gives Joshua the ambush plan for the second attack on Ai. Unlike Jericho, this time what are the Israelites allowed to take for themselves?

2. Joshua fulfills a command of Moses by building an altar on what mountain?

## **Chapter 9**

1. What do the kings west of the Jordan do when they hear of the invading Israelites?

2. One group, the Gibeonites, decide to try to outsmart the Israelites. They are what nation?

3. What do the Israelites fail to do before making a peace treaty with the Gibeonites?

4. What a pickle! They were supposed to cleanse the land and now they have made an oath to allow the Gibeonites to live. What compromise do the leaders reach?

5. God's purpose in His dealings with Israel is to be a witness to the nations. When Joshua asks the Gibeonites why they deceived the Israelites into making the peace treaty, does their answer show some understanding of the Lord of Israel?

## **Chapter 10**

1. Why do the five kings of the Amorites attack Gibeon?

2. Which killed more Amorites (circle one)?

- a) swords of the Israelites
- b) arrows of the Gibeonites
- c) hailstones from heaven

3. What solar phenomenon occurs on this day of battle?

4. In one campaign, Joshua and all Israel conquer the five Amorite kings, Makkedah, Libnah, Lachish, the army of Gezer, Eglon, Hebron, and Debir. This happens “because the Lord, the God of Israel, \_\_\_\_\_ for Israel.”

### **Chapter 11**

1. True or false: Kings of the north, under Hazor, gather forces “as numerous as the sand on the seashore” and the Israelites defeat their army in less than a day.

2. Taking “this entire land” requires more time. “Joshua waged war against all these kings \_\_\_\_\_.”

### **Chapter 12**

1. How many kings are defeated?

### **Chapter 13**

1. The territory of the Reubenites is (circle one):

- a) east of the Jordan River
- b) north of the Jordan River
- c) west of the Jordan River
- d) south of the Jordan River

2. The inheritance of the Levites is (circle one):

- a) land east of the Jordan River
- b) land west of the Jordan River
- c) no land, for the God of Israel and offerings made by fire to the Lord are their inheritance

### **Chapter 14**

1. How do Joshua, Eleazer the priest, and the heads of the tribal clans assign the land inheritances for the nine and one half tribes?

2. Once again we hear of Caleb. How old is he now?

3. Caleb's faith is still strong. He intends to defeat the Anakites and claim their territory of Hebron. "\_\_\_\_\_, I will drive them out just as He said." The Lord helping me

### **Chapter 15**

1. What Jebusite city can't be taken by Judah?

### **Chapter 16**

1. The Ephraimites do not dislodge the Canaanites in \_\_\_\_\_, however, what are the Canaanites required to do?

### **Chapter 17**

1. a) The Mannasites cannot occupy certain towns in their territory. Who are determined to live there?

b) However, when the Israelites grow stronger what happens to the Canaanites?

### **Chapter 18**

1. Where is the Tent of Meeting set up?

2. We see the allotment of land for the remaining tribes. What tribe's inheritance includes Jerusalem?

### **Chapter 19 – none**

### **Chapter 20**

1. Name at least three of the six cities of refuge.

### **Chapter 21 – none**

## Chapter 22

1. The tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh return to their homes east of the Jordan. What do they build at Geliloth in Canaan near the Jordan?
2. The other tribes gather to go to war against the eastern tribes. Why?
3. A delegation is sent. War is avoided. “And the Reubenites and the Gadites give the altar this name: A \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.”

## Chapter 23

1. Joshua is old. In his farewell address he warns the Israelites that they must remain faithful to the Lord. What does Joshua say will happen if the Israelites are unfaithful?

## Chapter 24

1. We have specific mention of two instances when Israel’s forefathers worshiped other gods. Name the two instances.
2. Joshua calls for recommitment to the Lord and makes his statement of faith. “But as for me and my household, \_\_\_\_\_.” Use this as a prayer for your own family.
3. Do the Israelites renew their commitment to the Lord?
4. “After these things, Joshua son of Nun, \_\_\_\_\_, died at the age of a hundred and ten.”

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