

JOSHUA - THE PROMISED LAND CAN BE YOUR LIFE

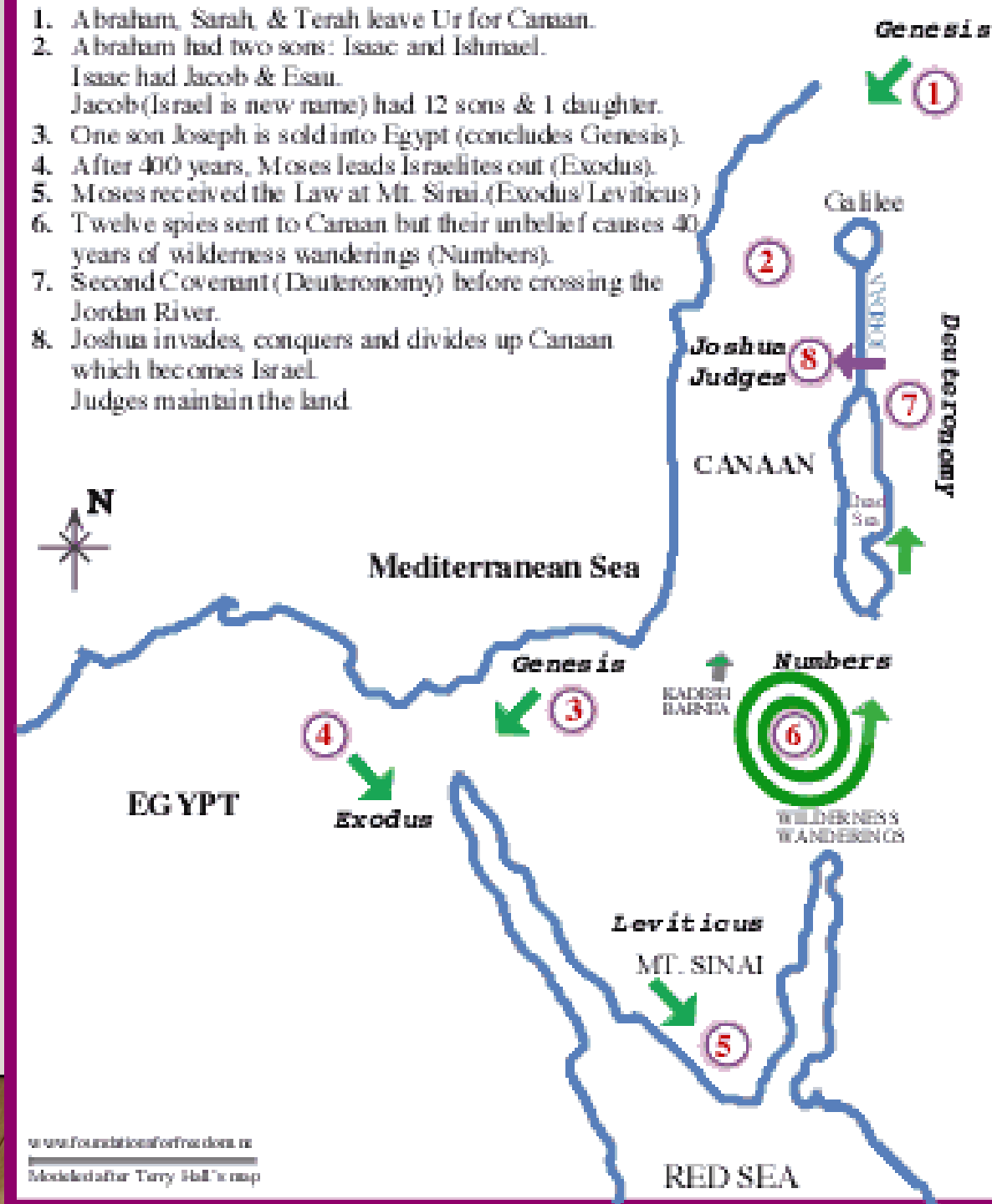
JOSHUA CHAPTER I



JOSHUA: SHORT SUMMARY

- Written by Joshua (except the last part)
- Covers about 20 years of Israel's history
- Describes Israel's taking the Promised Land
 - *It's also about our spiritual walk with God*

1. Abraham, Sarah, & Terah leave Ur for Canaan.
2. Abraham had two sons: Isaac and Ishmael.
Isaac had Jacob & Esau.
Jacob (Israel is new name) had 12 sons & 1 daughter.
3. One son Joseph is sold into Egypt (concludes Genesis).
4. After 400 years, Moses leads Israelites out (Exodus).
5. Moses received the Law at Mt. Sinai (Exodus/Leviticus).
6. Twelve spies sent to Canaan but their unbelief causes 40 years of wilderness wanderings (Numbers).
7. Second Covenant (Deuteronomy) before crossing the Jordan River.
8. Joshua invades, conquers and divides up Canaan which becomes Israel.
Judges maintain the land.



JOSHUA BUILDS ON TORAH

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| • Genesis | Beginnings |
| • Exodus | Redemption |
| • Leviticus | Fellowship & Worship |
| • Numbers | Walk of the Child of God |
| • Deuteronomy | Obedience |

A CONTINUATION OF DEUTERONOMY

- Joshua 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD....

JOSHUA'S THEME

1. Possessing what God gave you.

It was not earned.

Just step out & take possession.

2. Rest.

NOT JUST A HISTORY BOOK

- Now these things were done as an example; and were put down in writing **for our teaching**, on whom the last days have come.
- I Corinthians 10:11 (BBE)

OLD TESTAMENT – FULL OF SYMBOLS!

- Egypt World
- Pharaoh Satan
- Deliverance/Exodus Released from our sins
- Red Sea crossing Baptism (1 Cor 10:1-2)

OLD TESTAMENT SYMBOLS

- Wandering 40 yrs. Dead spiritual life
 - Complaining, Rebellion
 - Unbelief, Living by fear

OLD TESTAMENT SYMBOLS

- Promised Land Spirit-filled life
 - NOT Heaven because there are enemies
 - Victorious life by obeying God's word
 - Walking by faith
 - Following God's promises

PROMISED LAND

“A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY”

- **milk** representing the common necessities of life, and
- **honey** referring to luxuries

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TWO KINDS OF BELIEVERS

- I. Wandering 40 yrs. Dead spiritual life
- Escaped Hell & going to Heaven
 - Out of Egypt, but not in Canaan
 - Journey is not fun. No rest.

TWO KINDS OF BELIEVERS

2. Promised Land

Spirit-filled life

- Enjoying walking with the Lord (relationship)
- Letting the Lord lead
- Life of strong trust and real faith

MORE SYMBOLS: MOSES & JOSHUA

- **Moses Law**

- Requires perfection. No rest.
- Moses could not enter Promised Land.

- **Joshua Jesus**

- Grace by faith.
- Brings people to rest.

GALATIANS 3:24

- Therefore the law was our tutor [servant, teacher] *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
 - Law condemns. We can't keep it.
 - Jesus makes us clean.

PAUL: THE LAW & JESUS

ROMANS 3:20-22

- Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

PAUL: THE LAW & JESUS (ROM 3:20-22)

- **But now** the righteousness of God apart [separate] from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

WHO BURIED MOSES (SYMBOL OF THE LAW)?

- And the Lord put him to rest in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor: but no man has knowledge of his resting-place to this day. - Deuteronomy 34:6

PAUL SPEAKS MORE

- And you, being dead through your sins and the evil condition of your flesh, to you, I say, He gave life together with Him, and forgiveness of all our sins;

PAUL SPEAKS MORE

- Having put an end to the handwriting of the law which was against us, taking it out of the way by nailing it to his cross.
- Colossians 2:13-14 (BBE)

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- After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

JOSHUA - #1 APPOINTED BY GOD

- And the Lord said to Moses, Take Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and put your hand on him; And take him before Eleazar the priest and all the meeting of the people, and give him his orders before their eyes. And put your honour on him, so that all the children of Israel may be under his authority. - Numbers 27:18-20

JOSHUA - #2 ALWAYS FAITHFUL

- Assistant to Moses for 40 years.
 - Exodus 17:9 Joshua as army general
 - Exodus 24:13 “Moses...with his assistant Joshua”
 - Numbers 11:28 “one of his choice men”
 - Exodus 33:11 “did not depart from the tabernacle”

JOSHUA - #3 CONFIDENCE IN GOD

- Of the 12 spies, only Joshua & Caleb had confidence in God.
 - Numbers 13:30 & 14:6-9

I:2A

- Moses my servant is dead; so now get up!

I:2B

- Go over Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel.

- Every place on which you put your foot
I have given to you, as I said to Moses.

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- From the waste land and this mountain Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, and all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea, in the west, will be your country.

ARE WE POSSESSING GOD'S PROMISES?


1. But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength (Isaiah 40:31)
2. “Give, and it will be given to you... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38) Mal 3:10

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- No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

- Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

BE STRONG & OBEY GOD

1:7

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1. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may **observe to do according to all** the law which Moses My servant commanded you;
 2. **do not turn from it** to the right hand or to the left,
 3. that you may **prosper** wherever you go.
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HERE'S A PROMISE FROM GOD

1:8

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1. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night,
 2. that you may **observe to do according to all** that is written in it.
 3. **For then** you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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- Have I not given you your orders?
 - Take heart and be strong; have no fear and do not be troubled; **for** the Lord your God is with you wherever you go,

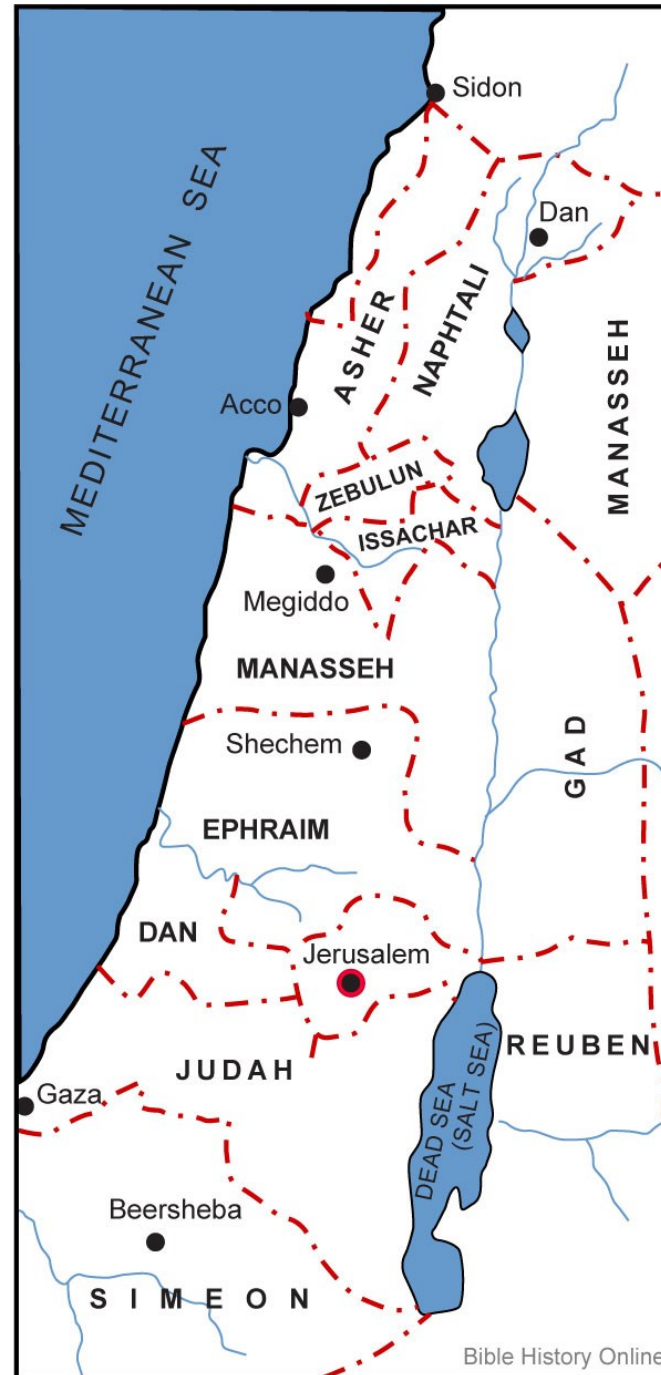
- Then Joshua gave their orders to those who were in authority over the people, saying,

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- Go through the tents and give orders to the people, saying, Get ready a store of food; for in three days you are to go over this river Jordan and take for your heritage the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

1:12-13

- And to the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, Keep in mind what Moses, the servant of the Lord, said to you, The Lord your God is sending you rest and will give you this land.

MAP OF ISRAEL DURING JOSHUA'S TIME



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- Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle will be kept here in the land which Moses gave you on this side of Jordan; but you, the fighting-men, are to go over before your brothers, armed, to give them help;

- Till the Lord has given your brothers rest, as he has given it to you, and they have taken their heritage in the land which the Lord your God is giving them: then you will go back to the land of your heritage which Moses, the servant of the Lord, gave you on the east side of Jordan.

- Then they said to Joshua in answer,
Whatever you say to us we will do, and
wherever you send us we will go.

- As we gave attention to Moses in all things, so we will give attention to you: and may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses.

- Whoever goes against your orders, and does not give attention to all your words, will be put to death: only take heart and be strong.