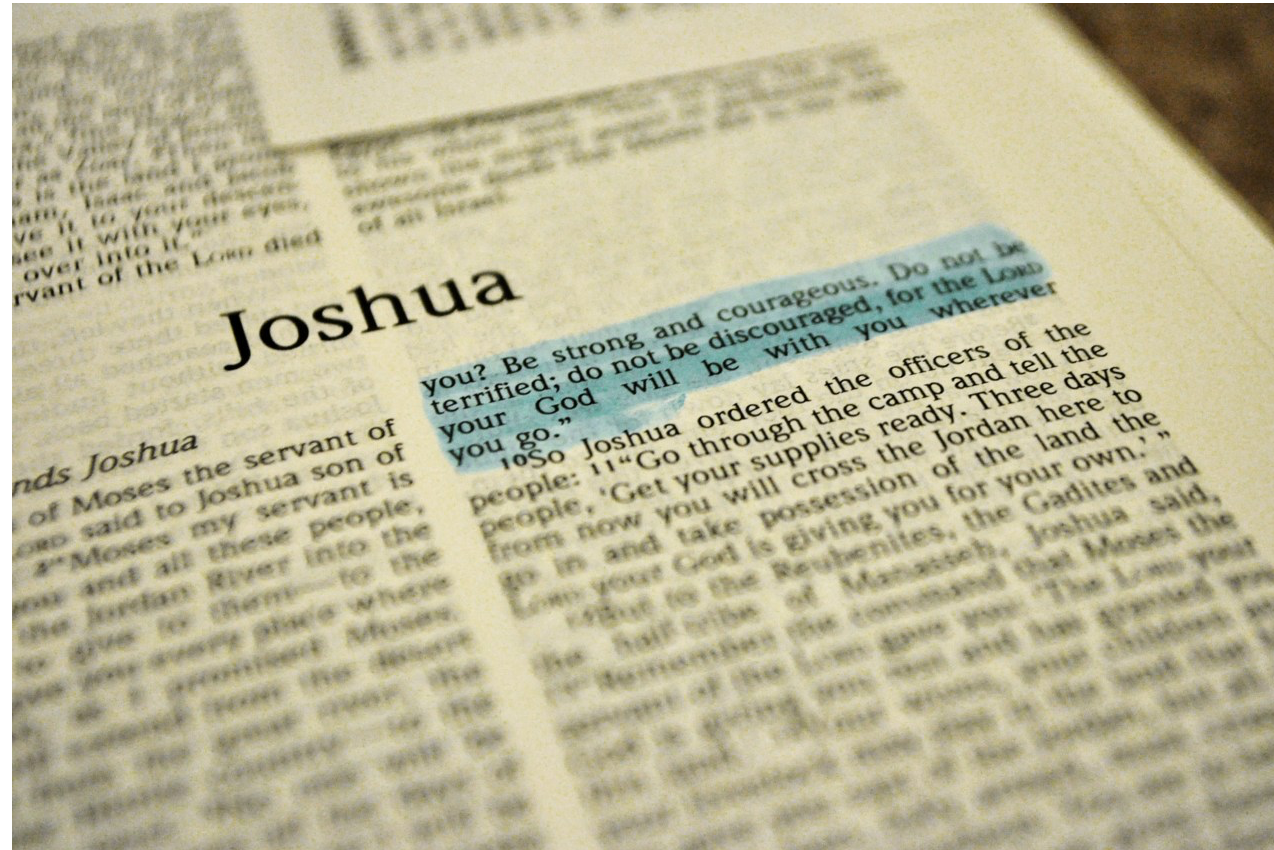


# The Lord's Charge to Joshua



Joshua 1:1-9

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- After death of Moses
- God's Succession plan (Deut 31)

***What was the result of Moses commission?***

***Deuteronomy 34:9*** sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

***The Lord calls Joshua***

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## Who was this Joshua?

*“he was not an exciting person, as far as we can tell. He was probably just a bit of a plugger, a rather straightforward man who was chiefly concerned with carrying out his divine commission to the letter. He had no great sins and made very few mistakes. In short, he was not the kind of person who would make a good hero for a novel. Yet Joshua was eminently God's man. God told him at the very beginning of the conquest, “Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go” (Josh. 1: 7). This is exactly what Joshua did! And he was successful! Joshua directed the Jewish conquest of Canaan for seven long years, subduing all the great fortresses and cities of the land. He led the people in a renewal of their covenant with God. And at the very end, when he was at least ninety years old, he challenged a new generation to be faithful.” (Boice)*

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***We do know one very important thing about Joshua***

- He was a “Servant”
- He had been a slave in Egypt (possibly under a military leader)
- And then had been Moses chief servant
- He knew what it meant to be under authority of a master



# Joshua's Commission (2-4)

2 “Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. 3 “Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. 4 “From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.



# God’s timeline: Promise, Patience, Discipline, Fulfillment, and Judgment

God’s timeline for the Canaanites (Amorites)	God’s timeline for Israel
God’s Land promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21)  BUT, won’t happen until...  “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, <u>for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.</u> ” Genesis 15:16	God’s Land promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21)  BUT, won’t happen until...  “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, <u>for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.</u> ” Genesis 15:16
“Iniquity of the Amorite” Pagan nations continue in idolatry	Egyptian Captivity (Genesis 15:13)
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Time of “Iniquity of the Amorite” over God judges the pagan nations via Joshua’s conquest Israel given the Promiseland	Joshua- 7 year conquest of the Promiseland Israel settles into the land

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## Why did God delay his land fulfillment?

### 1) Because God is longsuffering with sinners

*Romans 2:4 (NASB95) — 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?*

### 2) God's discipline and purging of His own people

# How certain was the Lord's Promise?

*“to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel”*

“give” - perfect tense..happened in the past

**Joshua 2:11** *“When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.*

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The Lord's promise in Deuteronomy	The Lord's promise reaffirmed in Joshua
Every place where you set your foot will be yours. (11:24a)	I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. (1:3)
Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the western sea. (11:24b)	Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. (1:4)
No man will be able to stand against you. (11:25a)	No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. (1:5a)

# Joshua's Confidence (5-6)

5 “No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

**Power-** No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life

*Psalm 68:1–2 (NASB95) — 1 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, And let those who hate Him flee before Him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish before God.*

**Presence-** Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you

**Promise-** I will not fail you or forsake you

*Hebrews 6:18 (NASB95) — 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.*

# Joshua's Commands (6-9)

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 "Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. 8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. 9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**"Strong"**-the ability to accomplish what is intended, implies resolve

**"Courageous"**-bold and alert

## God's call to courage

**1) Because of God's promise of the land**

**2) Based on God's power through His Word**

**"be careful"**-to keep watch over, to guard



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## **God's requirements for success in his conquest**

- 1. He was to speak the Word** "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth"
- 2. He was to think on the Word** "but you shall meditate on it day and night"
- 3. He was obey its commands fully** "so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it"

# Conlcusion...

Every endeavor you undertake, is a spiritual endeavor. Every thing we do must be informed by, energized by, and subject to the Truth of God's Word

Whether you experience success or failure...be faithful to the Word

Don't be a spiritual picker. Obey and submit yourself to the full counsel of God's Word

Be Strengthened and take courage through the Word of God