

## Joshua 1:-18

Preview:

- A New Leader.
  - A New Land.
  - A New Life.
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**Homework: What happened to Moses?**

**Deut. 34:5-8, Matt. 17:1-3, & Rev. 11: 3-7. What do we learn?**

### **A New Leader (Joshua 1:1)**

From Exodus 3 through Deuteronomy 34 the bible focuses on the ministry of Moses, but as Joshua 1 opens Moses has died and God calls and commissions Joshua to become the new leader for Israel.

- a. God spent years preparing Joshua to lead His people.
- b. Joshua was a: slave, a soldier, a servant, a spy, and the successor to Moses.
- c. God used suffering, submission, and delay to prepare Joshua for his assignment.

### **A New Land (Joshua 1:1-4)**

- God promised to give Canaan to Israel.
- The first promise was to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-7).
- Then to Isaac. (Gen. 26:1-5)
- Then to Jacob. (Gen. 28:4)
- Then to their descendants. (Gen 50:4)
- God commissions Joshua to lead Israel over the Jordan River into Canaan.

### **A New Life (Joshua 1:5-9)**

- a. Crossing Jordan is a picture of a new life.
- b. The book of Joshua illustrates how believers today can say goodbye to their old life and enter their inheritance through Jesus Christ.
- c. The book of Joshua shows us how to claim rest in Christ.
- d. The bible speaks of 4 types of rest: **Sabbath** (Gen. 2:2), **Salvation** (Matt. 11:28), **Submission** (Matt. 11:29-30), and **Eternal** (John 11:11-14)

### **Joshua 1: 1-2 God's Call and Commission**

V1. No person leads forever. God will change leaders but God's work must continue. Moses died, but God had prepared Joshua.

V2. God commissioned Joshua to lead Israel to Canaan.

### **Joshua 1: 2-6 God's Promises**

V3. God made Joshua some promises before the journey began. The promises were:

- I have given you the land. (3)
- I will defeat your enemies. (5)
- As I was with Moses so will I be with you. (5)

Vvs. 7-9. Before God would fulfill the promises Joshua had to exercise: Faith, Strength, Courage, and Obedience to God's word. Joshua's faith, strength, and courage came from meditating on the word of God.

Vs. 10-15. Leaders must be encouragers. After God had encouraged Joshua, Joshua encouraged the officers who in turn encouraged the tribal leaders, and the tribal leaders then encouraged the people.

V13. Joshua reminded the officers of the words of Moses.

- Whenever we desire to go forward we must not forget the past.
- We must learn to Respect the past and Expect a good future.
- God promised Israel rest in the new land.

V15. What type of rest was Joshua referring to in this verse? "Until the Lord have given your brethren rest, as He hath given you..."

Vvs. 16-18. Joshua is accepted by Israel. A leader must be selected by God and then supported by the people.

V17. Israel followed Moses and Joshua because both of these leaders followed God. Israel prayed that God would lead Joshua. (Leaders need prayer and encouragement.)

V18. Israel would not tolerate rebellion.