

COMING UP ... MAY 19 Romans 5 MAY 26 NO CLASS (Memorial Day weekend) JUNE 2 Romans 6 JUNE 9 Romans 7

SIMPLE PICTURE, PROFOUND MESSAGE

GOD'S EXPECTATION: CLAIM CANAAN

Genesis/Exodus Inheritance Promised Egypt "perceived security"	Leviticus	Numbers Testing of Faith Wilderness "unbelief and disobedience"	Deuteronomy	Joshua Inheritance Possessed Canaan "experiencing God's best"
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JOSHUA SUMMARIZED in a word or phrase: "Possess"

THE BASICS

Who: probably Joshua *When:* around 1399 BC *Where:* Unknown

Why: "... to give an official account of the historical fulfillment of the Lord's promise to the patriarchs to give Israel the land of Canaan by holy war." –Donald Campbell

LESSON THEME: God's people can't possess their inheritance until they cross the river

Preparing To Cross The River

- Joshua is affirmed as God's leader (1)
- God charges Joshua to lead (vv. 1-9)
 - God's land (1-5)
 - Joshua's leadership (6-9)
- Joshua charges the Israelites to follow (10-15)
 - Their preparation (10-11)
 - Their obligation (12-15)
- The Eastern tribes pledge to follow Joshua (16-18)
- God encourages His people (2)
 - Rahab is a prostitute; a sinner
 - She lives in a city destined for destruction
 - She knows/sees her *need* for deliverance
 - She has faith in God's character and His Word
 - She receives God's promise of deliverance through the word of the spies



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Crossing The River

- The Crossing (3)
 - The people prepare themselves (vv. 1-5)
 - God gives Joshua His Word (6-13)
 - The leaders put their faith in God and put His Word into action (14-16)
 - God keeps His Word as His people trust and obey Him (17)
- The Memorials (4)
 - One memorial is built by tribal leaders in Gilgal (vv. 8, 20) on the Promised Land side of the Jordan
 - One memorial is built by Joshua in the middle of the Jordan River (v. 9)
 - It is to be an event never to be forgotten
- Renewing the Covenant (5)
 - The covenant mark of circumcision is done on the Promised Land side (vv. 2-9)

The covenant meal of Passover is held (10)
There is new corn/grain from the "other side" (11-12)

Application: Christians can't possess their inheritance until they "cross the river"

"Crossing The River"

A *metaphor* for walking in the energy of the Holy Spirit

A *picture* of leaving your wandering in the wilderness of self-effort behind in order to walk with "Joshua" "across the river"

An *illustration* of the truths taught by Paul in Romans 5-8

Crossing the river

Two memorials were built ...

one was "buried" under the water

the other one was "raised to newness of life" on the other side (taken from the river's middle)

It's a picture of a NT believer's baptism: unity with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6)

It's an illustration of a believer's death/new life

Circumcision

The "cutting off" of the flesh

It's a spiritual picture of "putting off" self-effort (Col 2:11, 3:1, 3:8-15; Rom 8:13)

Passover

Looking back on the blood of the sacrificed Lamb

Corn/Grain

"Energy" indigenous only to the "other side"

Every Christian must "cross the river"

Every Christian must get his or her arms around their new identity in Christ

Every Christian must learn to walk in accordance with their new position in Christ

Every Christian must begin to live more consciously of both death to self & self effort

We must walk as "men made new"

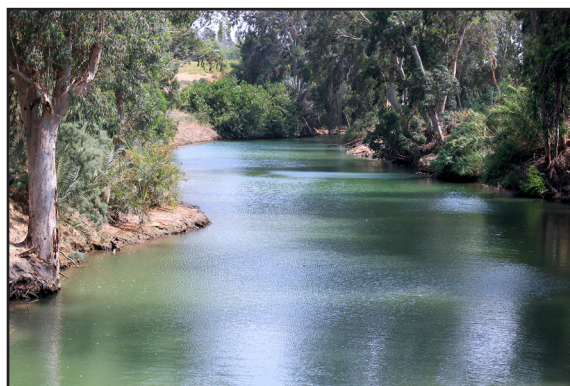
How About You?

What would you say best characterizes your daily energy for walking the Christian walk—the strength of the flesh or the strength of the Spirit?

Are you walking in the reality of your new identity in Christ—a man or woman "made new?"

Do you feel stuck or stagnant in your walk?

Simple Picture/Profound Message



JORDAN RIVER

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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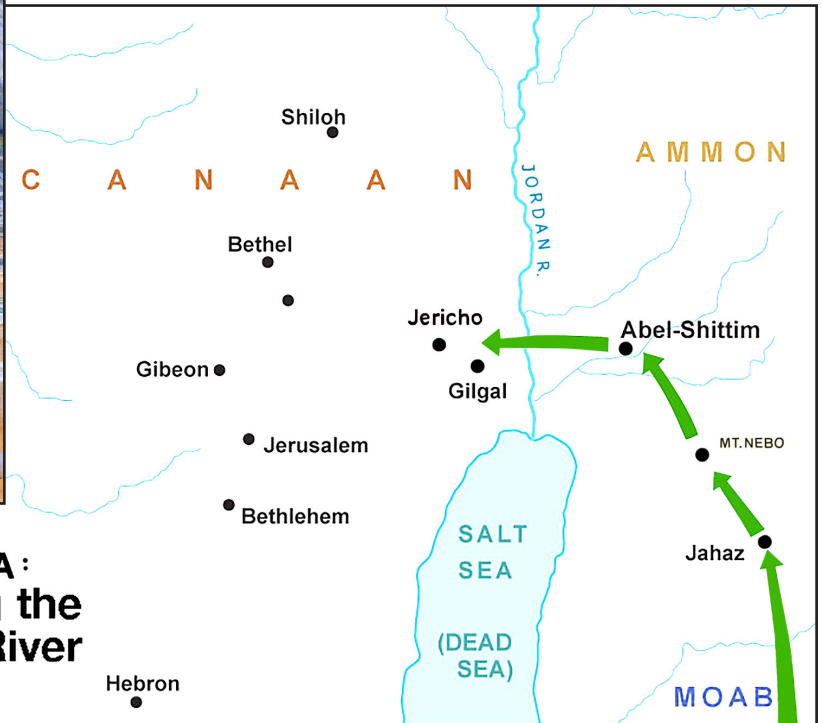
JOSHUA

Conquering the Promised Land		Allocating the Promised Land			Keeping the Promised Land			
possession		distribution			retention			
Preparation for the conquest	The conquest of Canaan	God's command to divide the land	Distribution of the land	Summary of the conquest and distribution	A border dispute	Joshua exhorts the people	Covenant renewal	Epilogue of faithfulness
1:1 5:15	6:1 12:24	13:1 13:7	13:8 21:42	21:43 21:45	22:1 22:34	23:1 23:16	24:1 24:28	24:29 24:33

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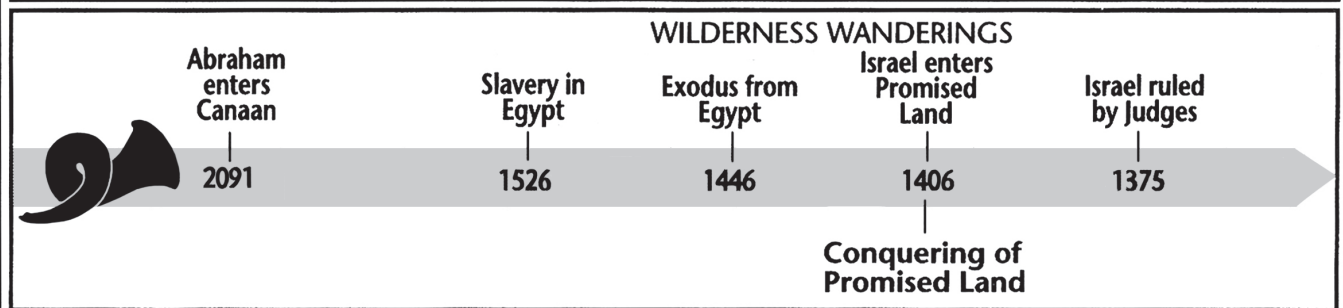
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JOSHUA : Crossing the Jordan River

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TIMELINE OF JOSHUA



The Nations of Canaan Before the Israelite Invasion

The Old Testament mentions a lot about Canaan, the half of Palestine to the west of the Jordan. This name "Canaan" has been found in Egyptian inscriptions of the New Kingdom, and also in the Tell el-Amarna letters. The Canaanites mostly lived in the plains (the coastal strip and near the Jordan).

The Amorites lived in the hill country. Other tribes lived in Canaan: The Perizzites, Hivites, Hittites, Jebusites, Moabites, Edomites, Philistines and Gergashites. The Canaanites descended from Canaan, the son of Ham and father of Heth, thus they were a separate race from the Semites. The people were never known to be united, and were divided into numerous city-states, dependent upon Egypt. There have been numerous discoveries and cuneiform inscriptions, especially in the Tell el-Amarna letters.



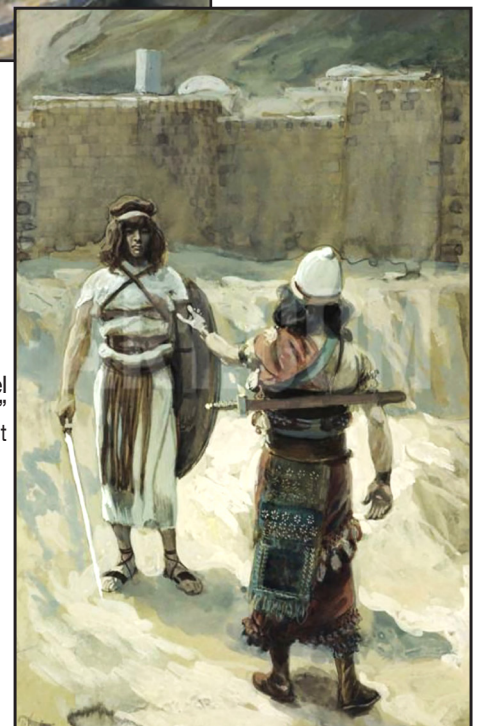
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