

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #7 – Joshua

### PRAYER:

Father of all power and might, You demonstrate in the Book of Joshua that all people are under Your control. Give to me the confidence of Joshua. Help me to know that You are always there to help even when it seems all the odds are against me. Keep in my mind the knowledge that You judged the heathen nations for their sins as they fell before Joshua. Because I know that destruction is the fate of all who do not follow Jesus Christ, give to me a desire to personally help share that Gospel which saves. In that way the power of salvation will be seen and felt by all. All is possible in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Notes on Joshua:

Here is a riddle. Who besides Adam and Jesus did not have a father?

Answer: Joshua, son of Nun (1:1)

The name Joshua means “The Lord Saves.” Jesus is Greek equivalent to Joshua. The Book covers the approximately 30 years from the time Joshua took over for Moses to when he (Joshua) died at 110. Joshua was a great servant of the Lord. The trust that he displayed in the Lord as one of the twelve spies sent into the Holy Land soon after the exodus never seemed to waver. As you recall, only Joshua and the other good spy, Caleb were the adults at the time of the exodus to enter the Holy Land 40 years later.

The Book of Joshua is the story of the conquest of the land promised to Abraham 500 years earlier. The land is divided up among the tribes of the Israelites. Sometimes it is hard to understand the way God deals so harshly with the nations that were conquered. The bottom line is that God had every right to deal with them in that manner. Finally, everyone who lives contrary to the will of God will face destruction.

### Questions:

1. Joshua 2 & 6 - Apparently Rahab had come to believe in the true God. She put her faith into action. What did she do? (Also read Hebrews 11:31, James 2:25 & Matthew 1:5)
2. Joshua 3 & 4 – How was crossing the Jordan similar to crossing the Red Sea 40 years earlier? How was it different? What special fact is pointed out to show it wasn't just a fluke?
3. Joshua 6 – Why do you think God had the people go through all the marching and other things before He had Jericho's walls tumble down?

4. Joshua 7 – How was Achan like the rotten apple in a barrel or a cancer in a body? Why was the Lord so harsh on Achan?
  
5. Joshua 9 – We can't blame the Gibeonites for saving their own skin. What did the leaders of Israel forget to do and because of their oversight they were deceived?
  
6. Chapters 10-13 – Show that with God on their side, no one could stand in their way. Chapter 13 lists some nations unconquered. 13:2 mentions the Philistines. Watch for them in the Books to come.
  
7. Look at a Bible map showing the Holy Land divided into the tribal regions as you read Chapters 13-22. Jesus would descend from the tribe of Judah. Notice that Bethlehem is in the territory assigned to Judah.
  
8. Joshua 23 – What are some of the things Joshua tells the people to remember in the future?
  
9. Joshua 24:15 – These are perhaps Joshua's most famous words. What would it mean to Christ's church if each family said and lived the same confession as Joshua?

Your questions on Joshua...

Begin reading Judges.