

# CONQUEST & KINGS: JOSHUA

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## I. The Old Testament “Historical Books”

- Joshua–Esther
- “The Former Prophets”
- Where did we leave off in our study from fall 2021?

## II. Joshua

**Summary:** *Yahweh is planting His people in His land, so that they can have “rest” (as He had promised) in a relationship with Him, and serve as a light to the nations.*

*Eden → Land of Canaan → New Heavens/New Earth*

### III. Why The Land?

**Genesis 3:24:** He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Joshua 4:19:** The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

**Joshua 5:5:** ...yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

**Joshua 5:12:** And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**Joshua 5:13-15:** <sup>13</sup> When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" <sup>14</sup> And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped<sup>3</sup> and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" <sup>15</sup> And the commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

## IV. Why A Conquest?

### 1) Righteous Judgement

**Genesis 15:12-16:** <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. <sup>14</sup> But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

**Deuteronomy 7:1-2:** <sup>1</sup> "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, <sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them."

**Acts 13:18-19:** <sup>18</sup> And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup> And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance.

**Revelation 19:11-16:** <sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

## 2) Righteous Grace

- **Joshua 2**

- A Passover for Rahab!

- Whole book context-setting

- **1 Kings 10**

- **Matthew 14-15**

- Gathering 12 baskets in Galilee

- Gathering 7 baskets in Tyre & Sidon

## V. Historical Books: An "Inheritance" & "Rest"

**Genesis 2:1-3:** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**Joshua 1:13:** "Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.'"

**Joshua 21:3, 43-45:** <sup>3</sup> So by command of the LORD the people of Israel gave to the Levites the following cities and pasturelands out of their inheritance.

<sup>43</sup> Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. <sup>44</sup> And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. <sup>45</sup> Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

## VI. Application

- Hebrews 3-4
  
- 1 Peter 1:3-9: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## VII. Homework

- Read: Joshua 10
  - Why do you think Joshua goes through these symbolic gestures with the "five kings" in Josh 10:22-25?
  
- Read: Joshua 18:1-10
  - Some scholars see Josh 18:1-10 as a central structural passage in the distribution on the land described in Joshua 13-24. If so, what significance does Josh 18:1-10 play in understanding all of Joshua?
  
- What did you learn about God in the book of Joshua and write down one way you can apply this knowledge your own walk with the Lord?

For more teaching on Joshua, check out the Podcast: [Bible Talk by 9Marks](#)