



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 11 – Entering the Promised Land

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

1. Looking Back

After 40 years of wandering in the Wilderness, the Jews are poised to enter the Promised Land. During the wilderness wanderings, God reveals and Moses records the Law which will guide the Children of Israel into Canaan where the nation of Israel is created and grows to be a rich and powerful kingdom.

About the book. Joshua - This book chronicles the conquest of Canaan after crossing the Jordan, the fall of Jericho, victories over the Canaanites and the apportionment of the land among the 12 tribes.

2. What happened in this week's reading. (pp. 303-338)

- a. Transfer of Leadership to Joshua
- b. A Song of Unfaithfulness
- c. Moses Blesses the Tribes
- d. Moses' Death and Burial
- e. Preparation for Conquest
- f. The Taking of Jericho and Ai
- g. General Conquest of Canaan
- h. Division of the Promised Land



3. What does it mean?

- a. Canaan invasion. A classic military operation (with the help of God)
 - 1) Strategy: Divide and conqueror
 - 2) Tactics: Jericho, a Holy siege 1st AI, the danger of overconfidence, 2nd AI, forced attack, feigned retreat, double envelopment. “Drag and bag.” The principles of war.
 - 3) The importance of good intell, morale, discipline, logistics and luck/Providence.
- b. Similarity between Israel in 1500 B.C. and America today
- c. God’s edict to destroy Canaan inhabitants completely. Is God a homicidal sociopath as militant atheists claim?
- d. God uses a vile sinner, Rehab the prostitute, redux
- e. Importance of ritual and tradition

4. Next Week. The further settlement of the land, Joshua passes from the scene and Israel enters the period of rule by Judges.

Principles of War

Principle	Joshua Example	Personal Application	Scripture
1. Objective	Jos. 1:1-11 Joshua’s marching orders		Pro. 3:5,6 Luke 4:8
2. Offensive	1:1-11 Attack. Be courageous		1 Pet. 5:8,9; 2 Cor. 3:12; Pro. 28:1
3. Mass	4:13 40,000 armed for battle		Col. 3:17, 23, 24 Heb. 12:1
4. Economy	6:2-5 No need to storm the gates		Mark 6:8-11
5. Maneuver	8:1ff Fake retreat with flanking maneuver		Matt 28:19,20
6. Unity of Command	1:1 God – Joshua – commanders		Eph. 6:18; 1 Pet. 1:10-16
7. Security	10:40-43 Secure south, before attacking north		1 Tim. 6:12-14 2 Pet. 3:17, 18
8. Surprise	2:1 Depends on good intell		1 Pet. 5:8,9
9. Simplicity	6:2-5 Attack on Jericho		Luke 18:16