

Week 9
Joshua
The Promised Land



Preparing to enter Promised Land Joshua 1

- Be strong and courageous
- Keep the law
- Prepare to cross the Jordan



Trans-Jordan tribes

- Reuben, Gad, Manasseh
 - Manasseh half-tribe of Joseph
 - Gen 48:5
- Inherited east of Jordan
- Men still had to cross Jordan and fight



The people answer Joshua

Joshua 1:18

"Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!"



Spies sent to Jericho (Joshua 2)

- King of Jericho finds out
- Rahab protects spies
- Spies take oath to protect Rahab
- Matt 1:5 Jesus descended from Rahab
- Heb 11:31 faith of Rahab
- James 2:25 considered righteous



Crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3-4)

- Consecrate yourselves
- Follow the ark
- Priests step into the Jordan
- Water piles up in a heap
- Crossed on dry ground



Circumcision, Passover Joshua 5

- Circumcised at Gilgal
 - Men born in desert had not been circumcised previously
- Celebrated Passover
- Began eating produce of Canaan
- Manna ceased



Jericho (Joshua 5:13 - 6:27)

- Angel appears to Joshua
- March around city once daily for six days
 - Priests blowing trumpets
- Seventh day, seven times
 - Priests blowing trumpets
- Shout, walls will fall



Destruction of Jericho (Joshua 6)

- Destroyed every living thing
- Silver, gold, bronze, iron into treasury
- Spared Rahab and her household



Achan's sin (Joshua 7)

- Achan kept a robe, silver, gold
- God's anger roused
 - Israel routed at Ai



Judgment on Achan

- Tribe by tribe -- Judah
- Clan by clan -- Zerahites
- Family by family -- Zimri
- Man by man Achan
- Achan and family, livestock stoned and burned



Joshua 8

- Conquering Ai
- Renewing covenant

Joshua 8:35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read to the whole assembly of Israel, including the women and children, and the aliens who lived among them.



Gibeonite deception (Joshua 9)

- Pretended to be from a distant land
- Requested a treaty
 - (Exo 23:32-33, Deut 7:1-3)
- Israel did not inquire of the LORD
- Swore treaty on oath
- Later learned they had been deceived
- Still had to keep treaty



Israel defends Gibeonites Joshua 10

- Gibeonites attacked by Amorites
- Gibeonites request help from Israel
- Sun stands still
- Israel defeats Amorites



God demanded keeping treaty 2 Samuel 21

- Famine in David's reign
- Saul had violated Gibeonite treaty
 - not mentioned elsewhere in Bible
- Seven descendants of Saul turned over to Gibeonites to be killed
- 2 Sam 21:14 After that, God answered prayer in behalf of the land.



Remainder of Joshua

- Conquering remaining territory
- Dividing the land
- Covenant renewed (Joshua 24)



Heb 3:7–4:13 Entering God's rest

- Entering promised land a metaphor for heaven
- Psalm 95:11 "They shall never enter my rest" (promised land)
- Heb 3:18-19 due to disobedience, unbelief



Entering his rest

- Heb 4:1 Promise still stands
- Heb 4:9 Gk sabbatismos
 - coined by writer of Hebrews?
 - never found in Gk NT nor Septuagint
- Heb 4:11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.



End of Week 9
Next week:
Judges