

STUDENT SYLLABUS
MSSE 202 CALL TO CANAAN CS-3

Lesson 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Call to Canaan: is an exposition of the book of Joshua, its theme is "The sure Victory of faith." This course carries four keys to successful service to the Lord and how to enter, overcome, and occupy the land of God's promises.

This study is an exposition or explanation of the Book of Joshua. It's not a commentary.

exposition: (1) a detailed explanation (2) writing or speaking that explains

commentary: a series of explanatory notes or remarks

The reason so many Christians live below the Word promised is because they do not know the Word or how to fight the good fight of faith. In this study we will go over the highpoints of the Book of Joshua which will show you familiar places that you can relate to in your own life.

II. MY GOAL IN TEACHING JOSHUA

- A. Lasting memorial to Joshua's theme: "THE SURE VICTORY OF FAITH."
- B. Create out of YOU an unconquerable overcomer and warrior of faith in the Word.

God wants you to be a warrior and an unconquerable, uncompromising overcomer.

III. JOSHUA, THE MAN. Duet. 34:7-9

Joshua is a man who lived 77% of his life in preparation.

{1} Deuteronomy 34:7-9 AMP

7 Moses was 120 years old when he died; his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated. [Deut 31:2.]

8 And the Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the Israelites listened to him and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

After the death of Moses God told Joshua, "Arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them." (Joshua 1:2)

Everything is predicated on the promise of God. In other words, "if He has said it, it will come to pass?"

predicate: (1) to affirm as a quality of attribute (2) to base (something) on or upon facts, conditions, etc.

"I am giving" is in the present tense, "I have already provided passage to open a way to lead you into it."

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present: (2) existing or happening now-indicating action or state occurring now.

Joshua had to contend for the faith to get to where God wanted him to be. It takes faith in the Word of God for it to be operative and working in your behalf.

A. His nine-fold role.

All the roles that he played out in his life lead to the salient role which God had for him.

salient: [to leap] (2) conspicuous; prominent

1. Son of Nun, tribe of Ephraim, an acceptable lineage Num. 11:28, 13:8

{2} Numbers 11:28 AMP

28 Joshua son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men,

{3} Numbers 13:8 AMP

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea [that is, Joshua] son of Nun;

a. His name means "Yahweh saves" and is mentioned 171 times in the book and 216 times in the Bible.

The reason your name is important, your name reveals your calling.

2. Slave in Egypt for 40 years. Ex. 1:13-14

Joshua, the son of Nun of the tribe of Ephraim will become the Savior of Israel and serve as a slave.

{4} Exodus 1:13-14 AMP

13 And the Egyptians reduced the Israelites to severe slavery.

14 They made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar, brick, and all kinds of work in the field. All their service was with harshness and severity.

a. His life was bitter with hard service.

Joshua went through the deepest of humiliation, the worst of slavery.

3. Servant to Moses in the wilderness for 40 years. Num. 11:28

Being his assistant in the wilderness was not a prominent [favorable] place.

a. He was a workman under direction, trained under subjection to command.

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He's being trained to take Moses' position as a leader. In this we see, those who are fittest to rule must learn to obey.

b. He had the same heart and vision for the work.

They will be of the same spirit, identical in vision for the work, and of the same heart.

**c. His 85 years of preparation was 77% of his life.
Preparation precedes presentation.**

4. Soldier, as field commander for Israel. Ex. 17:9-11

Joshua's role as a soldier was most important to him. He could be a great administrator and a great statesman among other things, but if he did not know how to fight the enemy they would have never possessed the land.

{5} Exodus 17:9-11 AMP

9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses said and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the hilltop. 11 When Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and when he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. Ex. 17:12-13

12 But Moses' hands were heavy and grew weary. So [the other men] took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua mowed down and disabled Amalek and his people with the sword.

The main thing about Joshua's ministry is that he had to learn how to fight to win; the core of his ministry was that of being a warrior. The success of your ministry is in your ability to fight; however, you must fight to win. The more you fight, the more anointing comes to fight.

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REVIEW OF LESSON 1

1. The theme of the Book of Joshua, [The Sure Victory of Faith], tells us that true faith is sure victory.
2. **Listed below are four of "The nine-fold roles of Joshua's life."**
 - a. Son of Nun, tribe of Ephriam, an acceptable lineage
 - b. Slave in Egypt for 40 years
 - c. Servant to Moses, in the wilderness, for 40 years
 - d. Soldier, as field commander, for Israel
3. Write out Joshua 21:45, one time. [Chose one (1) of the following translations]
 (NKJV) Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.
 (AMPV) There failed no part of any good thing which the Lord had promised to the house of Israel; all came to pass.
 Note: This scripture is the war cry of every believer today; all that God promises us will come to pass.
 With the test score of a 100% of the multiple-choice test, the student may receive an additional ten points by memorizing Joshua 21:45 [write out memory verse] and qualifying to take the Bonus exam for extra points.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

1. Write each statement four (4) times and turn in next week, BEFORE class begins!
2. Prepare for your next class by reading over the syllabus material. Lesson 2 begins with III. A. Spiritual disciple and ends with III. C. Joshua's farewell address.

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LESSON 2

III. JOSHUA, THE MAN. Duet. 34:7-9

A. His nine-fold role.

5. **Spiritual disciple, as seen in his accompanying Moses to the mountain to receive the Torah-in part; [meaning, a portion of] Ex. 24:12-18; Num. 11:26-29**

{6} Exodus 24:12-18 AMP

12 And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to Me into the mountain and be there, and I will give you tables of stone, with the law and the commandments which I have written that you may teach them. [II Cor. 3:2,3.]

13 So Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant; and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

14 And he said to the elders, Tarry here for us until we come back to you; remember, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them.

15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

16 The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day [God] called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the glory of the Lord appeared to the Israelites like devouring fire on the top of the mountain.

18 Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up the mountain, and Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights.

The Glory of God appeared to Moses and Joshua as a cloud and to the Israelites as a devouring fire.

{7} Numbers 11:26-29 AMP

26 But there remained two men in the camp named Eldad and Medad. The Spirit rested upon them, and they were of those who were selected and listed, yet they did not go out to the Tent [as told to do], but they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran to Moses and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying [sounding forth the praises of God and declaring His will] in the camp.

28 Joshua son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, My lord Moses, forbid them!

29 But Moses said to him, Are you envious or jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!

In these Scriptures we see that there was a time in Joshua's life that he was spiritually immature.

6. **Spy for Israel which makes him a preacher of faith which carried a special REWARD. Num. 14:6-13, 22-24**

Two very important things have happened in Joshua's life. (1) He was with Moses when he received the Tablets of stone. (2) God made sure that he saw Canaan when he gave him the assignment of a spy.

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{8} Numbers 14: 6-13, 22-24 AMP

6 And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among the scouts who had searched the land, rent their clothes,

7 And they said to all the company of Israelites, The land through which we passed as scouts is an exceedingly good land.

8 If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their defense and the shadow [of protection] is removed from over them, but the Lord is with us. Fear them not.

10 But all the congregation said to stone [Joshua and Caleb] with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting before all the Israelites.

11 And the Lord said to Moses, How long will this people provoke (spurn, despise) Me? And how long will it be before they believe Me [trusting in, relying on, clinging to Me], for all the signs which I have performed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and will make of you [Moses] a nation greater and mightier than they.

13 But Moses said to the Lord, Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for You brought up this people in Your might from among them.

22 Because all those men who have seen My glory and My [miraculous] signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tested and proved Me these ten times and have not heeded My voice,

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore to give to their fathers; nor shall any who provoked (spurned, despised) Me, see it. [Heb 6:4-11.]

24 But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

7. Successor to Moses as Israel's leader, to take the land and Administrator to allot the land. Deut. 34:9 Joshua 8:25-26, 23:6

{9} Deuteronomy 34:9 AMP

9 And Joshua, son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the Israelites listened to him and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

They did all that the Lord had commanded, and the results are seen in Joshua 8:25-26. The odds were against them probably one hundred to one, there was a real war. Victory was not in how well they could fight, but the victory was in the fact that the battle was the Lord's.

{10} Joshua 8:25-26 AMP

25 And all that fell that day, both men and women, were Twelve thousand, including all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

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{11} Joshua 23:5-11 AMP

5 The Lord your God will thrust them out from before you and drive them out of your sight, and you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you.

6 So be very courageous and steadfast to keep and do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning not aside from it to the right hand or the left,

7 That you may not mix with these nations that remain among you, or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them.

8 But cling to the Lord your God as you have done to this day.

9 For the Lord has driven out from before you great and strong nations; and as for you, no man has been able to withstand you to this day.

10 one man of you shall put to flight a thousand, for it is the Lord your God Who fights for you, as He promised you.

11 Be very watchful of yourselves, therefore, to love the Lord your God.

8. Statesman as a skilled manager of Israel's public and national affairs. Joshua 1:12-18, 22:1-8

All that Joshua went through made him skilled in management.

{12} Joshua 1:12-18 AMP

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said,

13 Remember what Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying The Lord your God is giving you [of these two and a half tribes a place of] rest and will give you this land [east of the Jordan].

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall dwell in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan, but all your mighty men of valor shall pass on before your brethren [of the other tribes] armed, and help them [possess their land]

15 Until the Lord gives your brethren rest, as He has given you, and they also possess the land the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and possess it, the land Moses the Lord's servant gave you on the sunrise side of the Jordan.

16 They answered Joshua, All you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 As we hearkened to Moses in all things, so will we hearken to you; only may the Lord your God be with you as He was with Moses.

18 Whoever rebels against your commandment and will not hearken to all you command him shall be put to death. Only be strong, vigorous, and of good courage.

The fulfillment of them receiving the rest that was promised is seen in Joshua 22:1-8.

{13} Joshua 22:1-8 AMP

1 THEN JOSHUA called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh,

2 And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 You have not deserted your brethren [the other tribes] these many days to this day but have carefully kept the charge of the Lord your God.

4 But now the Lord your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; so now go, return to your homes in the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the [east] side of the Jordan.

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5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord, charged you: to love the Lord your God and to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and to cling to and unite with Him and to serve Him with all your heart and soul [your very life].

6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their homes.

7 Now to one-half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half Joshua gave a possession on the west side of the Jordan among their brethren. So when Joshua sent them away to their homes, he blessed them,

8 And he said to them, Return with much riches to your tents and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, iron, and very much clothing. Divide the spoils of your enemies with your brethren.

9. Savior as a type of Christ being the captain of Israel's salvation from her enemies.

B. Joshua's principle of life.

When we use the word principle here, we're talking about conduct.

1. He wholly followed God, moving ONLY when and as He directed, or as Moses had directed him.

Joshua had three resources he could draw from, what Moses' had said, what God was saying, and he had the Torah.

a. Waiting and obeying.

C. Joshua's farewell address. Joshua 21:45

1. The "war cry" of every true warrior of the Word.

{14} Joshua 21:45 AMP

45 There failed no part of any good thing which the Lord had promised to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

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REVIEW OF LESSON 2

1. Lesson 2 covers the remaining five of "The nine-fold roles of Joshua's life."
 - e. Spiritual disciple, as seen in his accompanying Moses to the mountain, to receive the Torah-in part; [meaning, a portion of].
 - f. Spy, for Israel, which makes him a preacher of faith, which carried a special REWARD.
 - g. Successor, to Moses as Israel's leader, to take the land and administrate the allotment of the land.
 - h. Statesman, as a skilled manager of Israel's public and national affairs.
 - i. Savior, as a type of Christ, being the captain of Israel's salvation from her enemies.
2. Joshua's principle of life: He wholly followed God, moving ONLY when and as He (God) directed or as Moses had directed him; waiting and obeying.
3. Write out Joshua 21:45, one time.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

1. Write each statement (5) five times and turn in next week, BEFORE class begins!
2. Prepare for your next class by reading over the syllabus material. Lesson 3 begins with IV. JOSHUA, THE BOOK, and ends with IV. C. 1. Canaan is to be entered by possessing all God's promises thus proving THE ABUNDANT LIFE IS FOR NOW.

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LESSON 3

IV. JOSHUA, THE BOOK Joshua 1:1-8

In the last lesson we closed with the war cry of every true warrior of the Word, 'There failed no part of any good thing, which the Lord had promised to the house of Israel; all came to pass'.

[15] Joshua 1:1-8 AMP

AFTER THE death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' minister, [Deut 34:4-8.]

2 Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites.

3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river Euphrates--all the land of the Hittites [Canaan]--and to the Great [Mediterranean] Sea on the west shall be your territory.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

6 Be strong (confident) and of good courage, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go.

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

- This is the commission of Joshua.

A. The four keys to successful service to the Lord.

successful: (1) turning out as was hoped for (2) having gained wealth, fame, etc.

1. Meditate in the Word night and day.

meditate in; means to care for, here it means, caring.

Meditating in the Word day and night presents the idea of totality, meaning, that your thoughts and your actions are in one accord with the Word of God.

2. Not turning from the Word left or right.

Turn means here, to leave undone or to be without.

3. **Confessing the Word.**

As we speak God's Word, we can call those things that are not as though they are as Abraham did.

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4. **Observing to do the Word.**

Observe here means: "consider it well in order to do it".

B. The Pentateuch was Joshua's Bible. 1. Genesis to Deuteronomy.

At this time, I want to give you a short synopsis so you can have an overview of what Joshua had at his disposal.

synopsis: brief summary; review

- (1) **Genesis was written to show that God created man in His own image to bring us to a right relationship so God might be with His people and He might be their God.**
- (2) **Exodus is a story of redemption; we see the salvation of a nation.**
- (3) **Leviticus is a book of concern for worship. It deals with the tabernacle and it also shows that Israel realizes she was to love God supremely and worship no other God.**
- (4) **Numbers represents the Church in the wilderness.**
- (5) **Deuteronomy emphasizes obedience to the Mosaic Covenant; produced by love.**

C. Joshua is The Book that states: "There really is a Canaan land for all who will appropriate her promised blessings, by entering, overcoming, and occupying, by F A I T H.

V. CANAAN, THE LAND OF GOD'S PROMISES Deut. 8:7-9

{16} Deuteronomy 8: 7-9 AMP

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey;

9 A land, in which you shall eat food, without shortage and lack nothing in it; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills, you can dig copper."

A. Three outstanding characteristics.

1. **Rest – a settled home, prepared for their coming and taking possession. Deut. 6:10-11; Lev. 26:6**

Israel's rest was Canaan prepared beforehand, waiting on her to come in and receive by faith her prepared possessions.

{17} Deuteronomy 6:10-11 AMP

10 And when the Lord your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, with great and goodly cities which you did not build,

11 And houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and cisterns hewn out which you did not hew, and vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and when you eat and are full,

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{18} Leviticus 26:6 AMP

6 I will give peace in the land; you shall lie down and none shall fill you with dread or make you afraid; and I will clear ferocious (wild) beasts out of the land, and no sword shall go through your land.

2. Bounty – a land God cares for, His eye upon it, always. Deut. 11:10-12

{19} Deuteronomy 11:10-12 AMP

10 For the land which you go in to possess is not like the land of Egypt, from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot laboriously as in a garden of vegetables.

11 But the land which you enter to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water of the rain, of the heavens,

12 A land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

3. Triumph – enemies YES, BUT they are already defeated, BEFORE, Israel struck the first blow. Deut. 7:1-2

Israel had to go through the motion, but God's angels were doing the fighting.

{20} Deuteronomy 7:1-2 AMP

WHEN THE Lord your God brings you into the land which you are entering to possess and has plucked away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you.

2 And when the Lord your God gives them over to you and you smite them, then you must utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them, or show mercy to them.

The warfare is ours and, in the warfare, He is standing by our side, for the battle is His.

B. Three outstanding faith facts.

1. The fertility of faith: FAITH WORKS.

When the seed of the Word of God is planted in the womb of faith, it will produce the content of the Word that was promised.

2. The fragrance of faith: FAITH BLESSES.

Faith blesses in that faith brings us into the blessings of the Lord.

3. The fruitfulness of faith: FAITH IS SUCCESSFUL.

The way to prove that His promised blessings are true is by appropriating the promises by our faith.

C. The Abundant Life

- 1. Canaan is to be entered by possessing all God's promises, thus proving THE ABUNDANT LIFE IS FOR NOW. Heb. 4:1**

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{21} Hebrews 4:1 AMP

THEREFORE, WHILE the promise of entering His rest still holds and is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it], lest any of you should think he has come too late and has come short of [reaching] it.

Canaan is a place of rest for the believer, found only in our faith.

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REVIEW OF LESSON 3

1. The four keys to successful service to the Lord.
 - (1) Meditate in the Word, night and day.
 - (2) Not turning from the Word, left or right.
 - (3) Confessing the Word. (4) Observing to do the Word.
2. Joshua is The Book that states: "There really is a Canaan land for all who will appropriate her promised blessings by entering, overcoming, and occupying by F A I T H."
3. Three outstanding characteristics of the land of Canaan.
 - (1) Rest – a settled home, prepared for their coming and taking possession.
 - (2) Bounty – a land God cares for, His eye upon it, at all times.
 - (3) Triumph – enemies YES, BUT they were already defeated BEFORE Israel struck the first blow.
4. Three outstanding faith facts about Canaan.
 - (1) The fertility of faith: FAITH WORKS.
 - (2) The fragrance of faith: FAITH BLESSES.
 - (3) The fruitfulness of faith: FAITH IS SUCCESSFUL.
5. Write out Joshua 21:45, one time.

HOMework ASSIGNMENT

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LESSON 4

VI. ISRAEL ENTERING THE LAND Chapters 1-5

Israel will enter Palestine with three very important things: the promise of the land, the presence of the Lord and the leadership of Joshua.

A. The five aspects of faith ENTERING.

1. Joshua's commission-the WARRANT OF FAITH. Ch. 1

{22} Joshua 1 AMP

AFTER THE death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' minister, [Deut 34:4-8.]

2 Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites.

3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river Euphrates--all the land of the Hittites [Canaan]--and to the Great [Mediterranean] Sea on the west shall be your territory.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

6 Be strong (confident) and of good courage, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

9 Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the camp and command the people, Prepare your provisions, for within three days you shall pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said,

13 Remember what Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God is giving you [of these two and a half tribes a place of] rest and will give you this land [east of the Jordan].

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall dwell in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan, but all your mighty men of valor shall pass on before your brethren [of the other tribes] armed, and help them [possess their land]

15 Until the Lord gives your brethren rest, as He has given you, and they also possess the land the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and possess it, the land Moses the Lord's servant gave you on the sunrise side of the Jordan.

16 They answered Joshua, All you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 As we hearkened to Moses in all things, so will we hearken to you; only may the Lord your God be with you as He was with Moses.

18 Whoever rebels against your commandment and will not hearken to all you command him shall be put to death. Only be strong, vigorous, and of good courage.

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The commission God gave Joshua carried with it a guarantee of success.

a. The Word of God is divine without question.

The commission that God gave to Joshua comes with instructions or charge to "Arise." Arise, here means to take your position as a leader and lead the people into the land.

2. Jericho spied out the PRUDENCE OF FAITH. Ch. 2.

prudence: exercising sound judgment in practical matters

The prudence of faith is the awareness of reality; here for them, the water was high.

{23} Joshua 2

JOSHUA, SON of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim, as scouts, saying, Go, view the land, especially Jericho. And they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there.

2 It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the Israelites to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the land.

4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. So she said, Yes, two men came to me, but I did not know from where they had come.

5 And at gate closing time, after dark, the men went out. Where they went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax which she had laid in order there.

7 So the men pursued them to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone, the city's gate was shut.

8 Before the two men had lain down, Rahab came up to them on the roof,

9 And she said to the men, I know that the Lord has given you the land and that your terror is fallen upon us and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the [east] side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

11 When we heard it, our hearts melted, neither did spirit or courage remain any more in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. [Heb 11:31.]

12 Now then, I pray you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a sure sign,

13 And save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all they have, and deliver us from death.

14 And the men said to her, Our lives for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the [town] wall so that she dwelt in the wall.

16 And she said to them, Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; hide yourselves there three days until the pursuers have returned; and afterward you may go your way.

17 The men said to her, We will be blameless of this oath you have made us swear. [The responsibility is now yours.]

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18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall bind this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall bring your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household into your house.

19 And if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless; but if a hand is laid upon anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head.

20 But if you tell this business of ours, we shall be guiltless of your oath which you made us swear.

21 And she said, According to your words, so it is. Then she sent them away and they departed; and she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

22 They left and went to the mountain and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned, who had searched all along the way without finding them.

23 So the two men descended from the mountain, passed over [the Jordan], and came to Joshua son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.

24 They said to Joshua, Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands; for all the inhabitants of the country are faint because of us.

a. Practical wisdom is being aware of realities.

When the Israelites spied out the land, they were seeing what the land was all about. By Israel finding out the condition of their enemy, it gave them courage to go in and take the land and be victorious.

wisdom: according to Vines: cautious thought and practical skill.

{24} Luke 14:30-31 AMP

30 Saying, This man began to build and was not able (worth enough) to finish.

31 Or what king, going out to engage in conflict with another king, will not first sit down and consider and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand [men] to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

3. Jordan crossed the CRISIS OF FAITH. Ch. 3

a. THERE MUST BE for there is no other way to prove God is supreme in your life.

In looking at a crisis of faith, a crisis is a place that determines the outcome. In this decision to cross the Jordan it typified a once and for all abandonment to do the will of God at this point in their life.

abandonment: freedom from restraint

In Joshua 3:5, Joshua instructs the priest to go first. Whenever you're in a crisis and you're facing the enemy, it's your spirit man that will hear the voice of the Father. It's your faith that keeps you buoyant in the waters of affliction, assault and attack of the enemy.

buoyant: afloat

{25} Joshua 3 AMP

JOSHUA ROSE early in the morning and they removed from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the Israelites, and lodged there before passing over.

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2 After three days the officers went through the camp,

3 Commanding the people: When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being borne by the Levitical priests set out from where you are and follow it.

4 Yet a space must be kept between you and it, about 2,000 cubits by measure; come not near it, that you may [be able to see the ark and] know the way you must go, for you have not passed this way before.

5 And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves [that is, separate yourselves for a special holy purpose], for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

6 Joshua, said to the priests, Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people. And they took it up and went on before the people.

7 The Lord said to Joshua, This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, so they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, when you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.

9 Joshua said to the Israelites, Come near, hear the words of the Lord your God.

10 Joshua said, Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you and that He will surely drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan!

12 So now take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

13 When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord of all the earth shall rest in the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan coming down from above shall be cut off and they shall stand in one heap.

14 So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the Covenant before the people,

15 And when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were in the brink of the water--for the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest--

16 Then the waters which came down from above, stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt [Dead] Sea, were wholly cut off. And the people passed over opposite

17 And while all Israel passed over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan

There are two heaps of stones that were a witness of faith. They represented their faith in God and God's faithfulness to their faith that they had to follow Him through the Jordan.

- a. The stones are the "hard places" God brings us to and through as a witness to His faithfulness, to our faithfulness.**

There were two piles of rock. Each pile of stones was twelve in number, one for each of the twelve tribes. The first pile of stones in the middle of the river is the pile that

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substantiates and vindicates the message of faith, because it's not that they got there, but that they went through.

substantiates: to show to be true or real by giving evidence

vindicates: (1) clear from criticism, blame (2) to defend against opposition

{26} Joshua 4 AMP

1 WHEN ALL the nation had fully passed over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua,

2 Take twelve men from among the people, one man out of every tribe,

3 And command them, Take twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan from the place where the priests' feet stood firm; carry them over with you and leave them at the place where you lodge tonight.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men of the Israelites whom he had appointed; A man from each tribe.

5 And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God in the midst of the Jordan, and take up every man of you a stone on his shoulder, as is the number of the tribes of the Israelites,

6 That this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, what do these stones mean to you?

7 Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.

8 And the Israelites did as Joshua commanded, and took up Twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord told Joshua, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

10 For the priests, who bore the Ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people passed over in haste.

11 When all the people had passed over, the ark of the Lord and the priests went over in the presence of the people.

12 And the sons of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the [other] Israelites, as Moses had bidden them;

13 About 40,000 [of these] prepared for war passed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for battle.

14 On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him, as they stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the Lord said to Joshua,

16 Order the priests bearing the ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan.

17 So Joshua commanded the priests, Come up out of the Jordan.

18 And when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of their feet were lifted up to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks as they had before.

19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month and encamped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

20 And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan Joshua set up in Gilgal.

21 And he said to the Israelites, When your children ask their fathers in time to come, What do these stones mean?

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22 You shall let your children know, Israel came over this Jordan on dry ground.

23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up for us until we passed over,

24 That all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty and that you may reverence and fear the Lord your God forever.

5. Gilgal occupied the PRUNING OF FAITH. Ch. 5

prune: (1) to cut out (unnecessary parts) (2) chastening of your faith (to punish so as to correct).

The pruning of faith is the chastening and sealing of your faith.

With the circumcision we see:

a. A time of pain; a time of change.

{27} Joshua 5 AMP

WHEN ALL the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the Israelites until we had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no spirit in them any more because of the Israelites.

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, Make knives of flint and circumcise the [new generation of] Israelites as before.

3 So Joshua made knives of flint and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.

4 And this is the reason Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they came out of Egypt.

5 Though all the people who came out were circumcised, yet all the people who were born in the wilderness on the way after Israel came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

6 For the Israelites walked forty years in the wilderness till all who were men of war who came out of Egypt perished, because they did not hearken to the voice of the Lord; to them the Lord swore that He would not let them see the land which the Lord swore to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 So it was their uncircumcised children whom He raised up in their stead whom Joshua circumcised, because the rite had not been performed on the way.

VII. ISRAEL OVERCOMING IN THE LAND. Ch. 6-12

A. The five aspects of faith OVERCOMING.

1. The fall of Jericho-the TRIUMPH OF FAITH. Ch. 6

{28} Joshua 6 AMP

1 NOW JERICHO [a fenced town with high walls] was tightly closed because of the Israelites; no one went out or came in.

2 And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho, its king and mighty men of valor, into your hands.

They were to walk in the fact that God said, "I have given them to you."

**a. Divine strategy as to "falling walls."
(1) March around in silence; then blast the shout.**

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3 You shall march around the enclosure, all the men of war going around the city once. This you shall do for six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns; and on the seventh day you shall march around the enclosure seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Looking at this with the natural eye, it just looks like the Israelites are marching, but God is positioning Himself in-between them and at the same time, Israel is to keep silent.

5 When they make a long blast with the ram's horn and you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the enclosure shall fall down in its place and the people shall go up [over it], every man straight before him.

6 So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord.

7 He said to the people, Go on! March around the enclosure, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.

8 When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went.

10 But Joshua commanded the people, You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout!

11 So he caused the ark of the Lord to go around the city once; and they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

12 Joshua rose early in the morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.

13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually; and the armed men went before them and the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went.

14 On the second day they compassed the city enclosure once and returned to the camp. So they did for six days.

15 On the seventh day they rose early at daybreak and marched around the city as usual, only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.

17 And the city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord [for destruction]; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

18 But you, keep yourselves from the accursed and devoted things, lest when you have devoted it [to destruction], you take of the accursed thing, and so make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it.

19 But all the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

20 So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, they raised a great shout, and [Jericho's] wall fell down in its place, so that the [Israelites] went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 Then they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox, sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house and bring out the woman and all she has, as you swore to her.

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23 So the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred and set them outside the camp of Israel.

24 And they burned the city with fire and all that was in it; only the silver, the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.

25 So Joshua saved Rahab the harlot, with her father's household and all that she had; and she lives in Israel even to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 Then Joshua laid this oath on them, Cursed is the man before the Lord who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates. [1 Kings 16:34.]

27 So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

2. Achan's sin compromise- DISABLE FAITH. Ch. 7

a. How you live affects everyone who is part of your life.

{29} Joshua 7 AMP

BUT THE Israelites committed a trespass in regard to the devoted things; for Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the things devoted [for destruction]. And the anger of the Lord burned against Israel.

2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, Go up and spy out the land. So the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, Let not all the men go up; but let about two thousand or three thousand go up and attack Ai; do not make the whole army toil up there, for they of Ai are few.

4 So about three thousand Israelites went up there, but they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of them, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and slew them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

6 Then Joshua rent his clothes and lay on the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord, until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

7 Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all only to give us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan!

8 O Lord, what can I say, now that Israel has turned to flee before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?

10 The Lord said to Joshua, Get up! Why do you lie thus upon your face?

11 Israel has sinned; they have transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. They have taken some of the things devoted [for destruction]; they have stolen, and lied, and put them among their own baggage.

12 That is why the Israelites could not stand before their enemies, but fled before them; they are accursed and have become devoted [for destruction]. I will cease to be with you unless you destroy the accursed [devoted] things among you.

13 Up, sanctify (set apart for a holy purpose) the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: There are accursed things in the midst of you, O Israel. You can not stand before your enemies until you take away from among you the things devoted [to destruction].

14 In the morning therefore, you shall present your tribes. And the tribe which the Lord takes shall come by family; and the family which the Lord takes shall come by households; and the household which the Lord takes shall come by persons.

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15 And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be [killed and his body] burned with fire, he and all he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord and because he has done a shameful and wicked thing in Israel. [Josh 7:25.]

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

17 He brought near the family of Judah, and the family of the Zerahites was taken; and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man-by-man, and Zabdi was taken.

18 He brought near his household man by man, and Achan, son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joshua said to Achan, My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and make confession to Him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, In truth, I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel, and this have I done:

The reason for the total-destruction, God wasn't going to let the germ of covetousness affect or spread to a whole nation and lose His people.

covetousness: tending to covet, greedy

21 When I saw among the spoils an attractive mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. Behold, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, who ran to the tent, and behold, the spoil was hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath.

23 And they took them from the tent and brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and laid them out before the Lord.

24 And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan son of Zerah, and the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them to the Valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, Why have you brought trouble on us? The Lord will trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him and those with him with stones, and afterward burned their bodies with fire.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor or troubling to this day.

Because of Achan's sin Israel had lost the battle, which means they must go in and fight again. What this teaches us is each defeat demands a replay.

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a. We are required to face the same foe, who previously conquered and disgraced us.

God does not want them to lose heart, He just wants them to go back and do it the way that He tells them to do it.

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{30} Joshua 8 AMP

AND THE Lord said to Joshua, Fear not nor be dismayed. Take all the men of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

2 And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king, except that its spoil and its cattle [this time] you shall take as booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush against the city behind it.

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; [he] chose thirty thousand mighty men of strength and sent them forth by night.

4 And he commanded them, Behold, you shall lie in wait against the city behind it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

5 And I, and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And when they come out against us, as the first time, we will flee before them

6 Till we have drawn them from the city, for they will say, They are fleeing from us as before. So we will flee before them.

7 Then you shall rise up from the ambush and seize the city, for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 When you have taken the city, you shall set it afire; as the Lord commanded, you shall do. See, I have commanded you.

9 So Joshua sent them forth, and they went to the place of ambush and remained between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 Joshua rose up early in the morning and mustered the men, and went up with the elders of Israel before the warriors to Ai.

11 And all the fighting men who were with him went up and drew near before the city and encamped on the north side of [it], with a ravine between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, west of the city.

13 So they stationed all the army--the main encampment that was north of the city and their men in ambush behind and on the west of the city--and Joshua went that night into the midst of the ravine.

14 When the king [and people] of Ai saw it, they hastily rose early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle [at a time and place appointed] before the Arabah [plain]. But he did not know of the ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten by them, and fled toward the wilderness.

16 So all the people in Ai were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua and were drawn away from the city.

17 Not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. Leaving the city open, they pursued Israel.

18 Then the Lord said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand. So Joshua stretched out the javelin in his hand toward the city.

19 The men in the ambush arose quickly out of their place and ran when he stretched out his hand; and they entered the city and took it, and then hastened and set it afire.

20 When the men of Ai looked back, behold, the smoke of the city went up to the heavens, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. Then the Israelites who fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city and that the smoke of the city went up, they turned again and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the others came forth out of the city against them [of Ai], so that they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side. And [the Israelites] smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 But they took the king of Ai alive and brought him to Joshua.

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24 When Israel had finished slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field and in the wilderness into which they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the sword until they were consumed, then all the Israelites returned to Ai and smote it with the sword.

25 And all that fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand, including all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as booty for themselves, according to the word of the Lord which He commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap of ruins for ever, even a desolation to this day.

29 And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; and at sunset, Joshua commanded and they took the body down from the tree and cast it at the entrance of the city gate and raised a great heap of stones over it that is there to this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the Israelites, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, upon which no man has lifted up an iron tool; and they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And there, in the presence of the Israelites, [Joshua] wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses.

33 And all Israel, sojourner as well as he who was born among them, with their elders, officers, and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before that they should bless the Israelites.

34 Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, all that is written in the Book of the Law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and little ones, and the foreigners who were living among them.

4. The guile of the Gibeonites-FAITH ENDANGERED. Ch. 9

The Gibeonities knew they were next in line to be defeated, so their thoughts were, if we can't beat them let's join them!

{31} Joshua 9 AMP

WHEN ALL the kings beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland and all along the coast of the Great [Mediterranean] Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites heard this,

2 They gathered together with one accord, to fight Joshua and Israel.

3 But when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai,

4 They worked cunningly, and went pretending to be ambassadors and took [provisions and] old sacks on their donkeys and wineskins, old, torn, and mended,

5 And old and patched shoes on their feet and wearing old garments; and all their supply of food was dry and moldy.

6 And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the men of Israel, We have come from a far country; so now, make a covenant with us.

7 But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you live among us; how then can we make a covenant with you?

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8 They said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? From where have you come?

9 They said to him, From a very far country your servants have come because of the name of the Lord your God. For we have heard the fame of Him, and all that He did in Egypt,

10 And all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroath.

11 So our elders and all the residents of our country said to us, Take provisions for the journey and go to meet [the Israelites] and say to them, We are your servants; and now make a covenant with us.

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we set out to go to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become moldy.

13 These wineskins (bottles) which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and our garments and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey.

14 So the [Israelite] men partook of their food and did not consult the Lord.

15 Joshua made peace with them, covenanting with them to let them live, and the assembly's leaders swore to them.

16 Then three days after they had made a covenant with [the strangers, the Israelites] heard that they were their neighbors and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the Israelites set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim.

18 But the Israelites did not slay them, because the leaders of the assembly had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, [to spare them]. And all the assembly murmured against the leaders.

19 But all the leaders said to all the assembly, We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, so now we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them: we will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them.

21 And the leaders said to them, Let them live [and be our slaves]. So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for all the assembly, just as the leaders had said of them.

22 Joshua called the men and said, Why did you deceive us, saying, We live very far from you, when you dwell among us?

23 Now therefore you are cursed, and of you there shall always be slaves, hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 They answered Joshua, Because it was surely told your servants that the Lord your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the land's inhabitants from before you. So we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are in your hand; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us.

26 So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the Israelites, so that they did not kill them.

27 But Joshua then made them hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place which He should choose.

The mistake that Joshua and Israel made was they made that decision on their own. They were so sure and so used to walking with God that they didn't feel they had need for His counsel.

**5. Rout of "corporate" foes- the TOTAL VICTORY OF FAITH.
Ch. 10-12**

- a. The time comes to face them ALL in order TO TAKE IT ALL.**

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{32} Joshua 10:10-11 AMP

10 And the Lord caused [the enemies] to panic before Israel, who slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon and chased them along the way that goes up to Beth-horon and smote them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

11 As they fled before Israel, while they were descending [the pass] to Beth-horon, the Lord cast great stones from the heavens on them as far as Azekah, killing them. More died because of the hailstones than the Israelites slew with the sword.

VIII. ISRAEL OCCUPYING THE LAND. Ch. 13-24

A. Joshua divides the land and Israel enjoys the promise fulfilled by her Faithful God.

- 1. Our "occupying" is determined by our "according;" "According to THY FAITH SO BE IT UNTO THEE."**
- 2. Our "according" is determined by our "leader." Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua."**

STUDY GUIDE FOR EXAM CS3-MSSE 202**REVIEW OF LESSON 4**

1. Under the five aspects of faith entering the promises of God we learned the following:
 - a. The Word of God is divine authorization, commanding obedience without question.
 - b. Practical wisdom is being aware of realities; to know what you're up against.
 - c. We must face crisis in our lives, in order to prove God is supreme in your life.
 - d. The stones that were placed in the middle of the Jordan, and on the west bank represent to us, the hard places God brings us to and through as a witness to His faithfulness and to our faithfulness.
 - e. A holy relationship is possible through sanctification, which is the process of removing the works of the flesh, through circumcision of the heart; a time of pain; before a time of change. Note: The Israelites had only one circumcision, Christians have many.
2. Our occupying the land (God's promises) is determined by our faith.
3. Our faith to occupy the land is determined by our leader.
4. Write out Joshua 21:45, one time.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

1. Write each statement (3) three times and turn in next week, BEFORE class begins!
2. Review all previous Study Guides for preparation for exam next class.