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**Obey God:** God reminded Joshua to *"do according to all the law....do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success."* As long as we are obeying God, we can find strength and courage.

**Do Not Depart from the Word:** To obey God, we must know His will. Joshua was told to meditate on the law day and night. If we seek strength and courage, we should read and study the Word of God diligently!

## Questions

1. How many spies did Joshua send to view the land? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did the hearts of the kings of the Amorites and the kings of the Canaanites melt? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What was the total number of times the army marched around the city of Jericho? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who took some of the devoted things from Jericho and thus incurred the anger of God? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many men were sent against the city of Ai in the first fight? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many Israelites were killed in that battle? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What two mountains did Joshua and the nation travel to after defeating Ai? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What group of people tricked Joshua and the nation into making an alliance with them? \_\_\_\_\_
8. In the battle with the 5 kings of the Amorites, what killed more men than the Israelite soldiers? \_\_\_\_\_

## "That You May Grow Thereby..."

*A weekly Bible reading plan*



### Joshua 1-12

#### The Long Awaited Conquest

#### Overview

The nation of Israel was camped on the eastern side of the Jordan River. Their leader, Moses, was dead, and their time in the wilderness had shown a tendency to rebel. Surely this wasn't the time to be invading a land full of nations and armies. But with God leading the nation, that's exactly what Israel did. Joshua, one of the two faithful spies and an apprentice of Moses, became the leader of the nation and led the charge to fulfill a destiny centuries in the making. God had promised Abraham his descendants would possess the land of Canaan. It was now up to Joshua and the nation to inherit that promise. In one of the most successful books of the entire Old Testament, the book of Joshua tells of the conquest of the land of Canaan and the allotment of the land to the various tribes. Joshua shows the tremendous ability of God to fulfill His promises, and it reminds us of the blessings that come from obeying God. When people look to God for guidance and humbly obey Him, blessings are sure to follow. Israel had learned what happened when they disobeyed God—finally a generation had come that was ready to trust Him, obey Him, and be used by Him!

#### Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday: Joshua 1-3

Tuesday: Joshua 4-6

Wednesday: Joshua 7-8

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## Outline of Joshua

### I. Preparation for the Conquest (1-5)

*The Call of Joshua (1)*

*Spying out the Land (2)*

*Crossing the Jordan (3-5)*

### II. The Conquest (6-12)

*Central Campaign (6-9)*

*Southern Campaign (10)*

*Northern Campaign (11-12)*

### III. Allotment of the Land (13-24)

*Allotments (13-21)*

*Civil War Avoided (22)*

*Joshua's Final Words (23-24)*





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