

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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### JOSHUA

The book of Joshua tells how Israel settled in Canaan, the land God promised to give them. The book gets its name from its main character, Joshua, who had become the leader of Israel following the death of Moses.

The book of Joshua has two parts. In the first part the Lord helped Israel capture many of the cities and towns of Canaan. Sometimes this help involved miracles.

But the Lord refused to help Israel if the people broke their agreement to worship only him and to obey his commands.

The second part of the book describes how each tribe received its land. Israel had captured territory east of the Jordan River. This land had already been promised to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh, but they had to help the other tribes take over the rest of Canaan. The tribes of Judah, Ephraim, and West Manasseh took over their sections of the land fairly quickly. Then the rest of the land was explored and divided into sections, and the Lord showed Joshua which sections to assign to each of the remaining tribes. But since the Levites were the special servants of the Lord, they did not receive a large area of land like the other tribes. Instead, they were given towns scattered throughout the whole country.

At the end of the book, Joshua made two speeches emphasizing how good the Lord had been to the Israelites. Then Joshua gave them a challenge: Worship the Lord, obey him, and always be faithful.

### **OUTLINE**

- I. Joshua Becomes the Leader of Israel (1:1-9)
- II. Israel Crosses the Jordan River and Conquers Jericho (1:10-6:27)
- III. Achan Disobeys the Lord (7:1-26)
- IV. The Battle at Ai (8:1-35)
- V. The People of Gibeon Trick the Leaders of Israel (9:1-27)
- VI. Joshua Commands the Sun to Stand Still (10:1-15)
- VII. Israel Takes Over Much of the Land of Canaan (10:16-12:24)
- VIII. Land that Israel Did Not Take Over (13:1-7)
- IX. Tribal Lands that Moses Had Assigned East of the Jordan (13:8-33)
- X. Tribal Lands West of the Jordan (14:1-19:51)
- XI. Towns for Protecting People Accused of Murder (20:1-9)
- XII. Towns for the Levi Tribe (21:1-45)
- XIII. The Eastern Tribes Return Home (22:1-34)
- XIV. Joshua's Farewell Speeches and Death (23:1-24:33)

### **BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

Josh16: Joseph's land was from the Jordan to the sea. Ephraim's territory was within Manasseh's. Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites.

Josh17: There was a lot for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh and a lot for the rest of Manasseh. Manasseh did not drive out the Canaanites.

Josh18: Joshua sent surveyors from the remaining tribes and then divided the land. Benjamin's lot was from Kiriath-jearim to the Salt Sea.

Josh19: Simeon's lot was within Judah's. There were lots for Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali and Dan. The Israelites gave Joshua a city.

Josh20: The LORD said to Joshua, "Appoint the cities of refuge." So they set apart Kedesh, Shechem, Hebron, Bezer, Ramoth and Golan.

Josh21: The Israelites gave cities and pasture lands to the Levites. So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had promised to their fathers.

Josh22: Reuben, Gad and Manasseh went back to their land and built an altar. They reassured Phinehas that they had not turned from the LORD.

Josh23: Joshua summoned Israel and said, "You have seen all that the LORD has done. Hold fast to the LORD or you will perish from the land."

Josh24: Joshua said to the people, "Choose this day whom you will serve," and they replied, "We will serve the LORD." Then Joshua died.

## **JUDGES**

The book of Judges tells how the Israelites kept rejecting the Lord and worshiping idols. Each time they did this, the Lord punished them by letting other nations attack and defeat them. As a result, the Israelites turned back to the Lord and asked for his help, and he sent a special leader called a "judge," who helped them defeat their enemies. A time of peace followed, and the Israelites were faithful to the Lord for as long as the judge lived. But then they again rejected the Lord. All these things happened time after time.

Some judges may have led the entire nation, but usually a judge led a few tribes at the most. Israel at this time was a loosely-bound group of tribes, and the Israelites did not think of themselves as being a single, united country. They did not yet have a king, and so during this time "everyone did what they thought was right." But the people had to learn that they were to worship only the Lord, and when they were unfaithful, the Lord punished them.

### **OUTLINE**

- I. Israel Captures Only Part of the Land (1:1-36)
- II. The Lord Chooses Judges for Israel (2:1-3:6)
- III. Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar (3:7-31)
- IV. Deborah, Barak, and Jael (4:1-5:31)
- V. Gideon (5:31-8:35)
- VI. Abimelech (9:1-57)
- VII. Tola, Jair, and Jephthah (10:1-12:7)
- VIII. Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon (12:8-15)
- IX. Samson (13:1-16:31)
- X. The Tribe of Dan and Their Place of Worship (17:1-18:31)
- XI. Civil War Against the Tribe of Benjamin (19:1-21:25)

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Jgs1: Judah defeated the Canaanites and took Jerusalem. Joseph put Bethel to the sword. But the Canaanites were not driven out completely.

Jgs2: After Joshua's generation died the Israelites served Baals. The LORD sold them to their enemies but raised up judges to deliver them.

Jgs3: After Othniel died the Israelites did evil. King Eglon defeated them. The LORD raised up Ehud who thrust a sword into Eglon's belly.

Jgs4: Jabin and Sisera oppressed Israel. Deborah sent Barak against them and the LORD routed them. Jael drove a peg through Sisera's head.

Jgs5: Deborah and Barak sang: "When leaders lead and people are willing, praise the LORD! Blessed is Jael; Let your enemies perish, O LORD!"

Jgs6: The LORD gave the Israelites to Midian. The angel of the LORD told Gideon to save Israel and gave him a sign. Gideon gathered an army.

Jgs7: The LORD told Gideon to send away all but 300 men. The 300 crept into the Midianite camp. They blew trumpets and the Midianites fled.

Jgs8: Gideon defeated Zebah and Zalmunna and punished Succoth and Penuel. He refused to rule Israel. When Gideon died Israel served Baals.

Jgs9: Abimelech killed his brothers and ruled over Israel. Gaal rose against him. Abimelech destroyed Shechem but was killed by a millstone.

## **LUKE**

### **OUTLINE**

- I. Why Luke Wrote this Book (1:1-4)
- II. The Births of John the Baptist and Jesus (1:5-2:52)
- III. The Message of John the Baptist (3:1-20)
- IV. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus (3:21-4:13)
- V. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)

- VI. Jesus Goes from Galilee to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)
- VII. Jesus' Last Week: His Trial and Death (19:28-23:56)
- VIII. Jesus is Alive (24:1-12)
- IX. Jesus Appears, He is Taken to Heaven (24:13-53)

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Lk5: Simon, James and John left everything and followed Jesus. Jesus forgave and healed a paralytic. The Pharisees asked him about fasting.

Lk6: Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. He chose twelve apostles. He said, "Blessed are the poor. Love your enemies. Hear and do my words."

Lk7: Jesus healed a centurion's servant and raised a widow's son. John sent messengers to Jesus. A woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears.

Lk8: Jesus told a parable about a sower. He explained it to his disciples. He calmed a storm, delivered a man and healed Jairus' daughter.

#### **Getting to Know God Through His Book - 4 Questions - Ask...**

**Insight**—what does the passage say? Paraphrase the main point(s) and the commands to follow, promises to claim, examples to follow (or avoid), etc.

**Question**—what don't I understand? Need to know more about? How does this passage make me feel?

**Praise**—what does this passage teach me about God? Turn what the passage says into praise for the Lord's goodness, power, holiness, wisdom, etc.

**Apply**—what is God saying to me from this passage? Confess how you have not followed it. Pray, asking God to help you obey. Get quiet and ask God to speak to you.

**Journal**—write out your prayers, thoughts, responses to God and His Word

#### **HOW TO PRAY**

Scripture is God speaking to us. Prayer is us speaking to and listening to God. Jesus gave us the model in the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6). Keep your relationship fresh with the Lord by both reading and praying - two way communication. Remember to look up like Jesus did when He prayed.

1. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name – focus on God, adore, praise, thank Him – long to see His glory and honor.
2. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done – ask for what you know will please Him, pray back the Scripture – that is His will.
3. Give us this day our daily bread – ask for your needs and others to be met.
4. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – ask for forgiveness, from God, and from others you may have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive and restore others too. Ask Him to get rid of bitterness and have love & compassion for those who have hurt you.
5. And lead us not into temptation – ask God to take over your day, protect you and others from evil.
6. For thine is the kingdom, power & glory – end by re-focusing on God, His kingdom, power, and glory!
7. Listen – ask God to speak to you by His Spirit – always test what you hear by His Word.
8. Pray the Blind Bartimaeus Prayer (Mark 10) – Tell God what you feel, what you want, and ask God what you should do to get what you want (if what you want is right).