

Session 7: Joshua

Videos:

- Overview: Joshua (The Bible Project)

Recommended Readings from the ESV Study Bible:

- Introduction to the Historical Books (pp. 385–387)
- Introduction to Joshua (pp. 389–393)
- “After the death of Moses” footnote on Joshua 1:1 (p. 394)

Handout from The Bible Project:

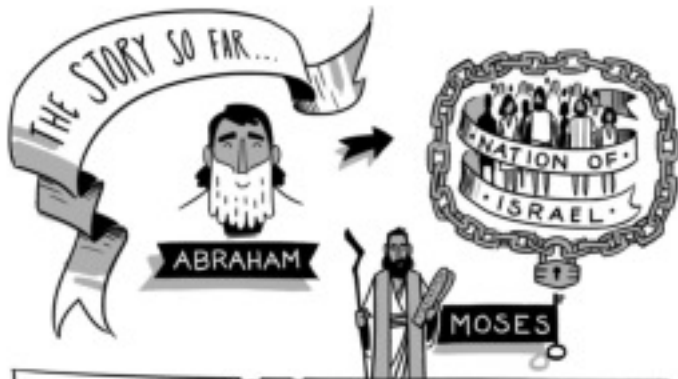
- Joshua Overview Poster

Handouts from Dr. Parke:

- Book of Joshua - Slides from Dr. Parke's Teaching

Handout from ESV Study Bible:

- Diagram: The City of Jericho
- Map: The Allotment of the Land
- Chart: Seven Stone Memorials in the Land



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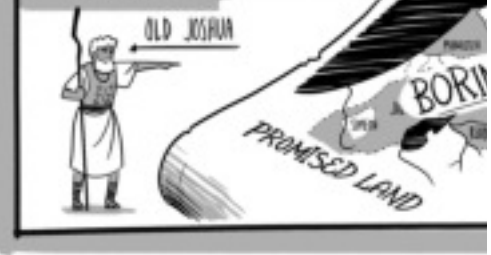
1-5 JOSHUA LEADS



6-12 BATTLES WITH



13-22 JOSHUA DIV



GOD'S JUSTICE ON HUMAN EVIL

WHY THE CANAANITES?

1 **MORAL CORRUPTION** (SEE DEUTERONOMY 18) **CHILD SACRIFICE** (SEE DEUTERONOMY 12: 29-31)

2 **DID GOD INITIATE A GENOCIDE?**
 ← STORIES USE HYPERBOLE →
TOTALLY WIPED? NO TRIVIAL! ALL THE MATH! SEE DEUTERONOMY 7 - "DESTROY" BUT LEGAL
 SEE JOSHUA 10: 36-37 13: 13-15
 — CANAANITES CAN TURN TO GOD OF ISRAEL —

3 **UNIQUE MOMENT IN HISTORY**
 — LIMITED TO CANAANITES —
 PEACE WITH OTHER NATIONS (SEE DEUTERONOMY 20)

HUA!

Looking back: CIRCUMCISION PRESOVER

Looking forward: ~~ISRAEL VS. THE CANAANITES~~ GOD'S BATTLE PLAN

ISRAEL

1-2 OBEY THE COMMANDS OF THE TORAH

2 THE SENDING OF THE SPIES

3-4 LEADS ISRAEL INTO PROMISED LAND

5 ANGEL OF THE LORD

ISRAELITES

GOD OF ISRAEL!

KANAB

WILL YOU FIGHT FOR US FOR OUR ENEMIES?

NEITHER

THE CANAANITES

7-8 AI ISRAEL'S ENEMY

9 GOD OF ISRAEL!

10-11 DESTROY ISRAEL!

12 ISRAEL'S VICTORIES

LAND, ISRAEL MUST BE OBEYANT

GIBEONITES

CANAANITE KINGS

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| OF JERUSAH | OF HEBRON |
| OF AI | OF BETHEL |
| OF GIBEON | OF TAPPAN |
| OF HEBRON | OF JERICHO |
| OF JERICHO | OF LEBANON |
| OF GIBEON | OF HAZA |
| OF JERICHO | OF BETHPEL |
| OF JERICHO | OF TAPPAH |

VIDES UP THE LAND

NG!

ABRAHAM

BUT FOR THE ISRAELITES, IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (SEE GENESIS 12:6-7)

23-24 JOSHUA'S FINAL WORDS

Faithfulness to the Torah
Life and Blessings in the Land

Unfaithfulness
Divine Justice and Exile

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO?

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Slides from Dr. Parke's Teachings

SLIDE 1



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October 6, 2019

SLIDE 2

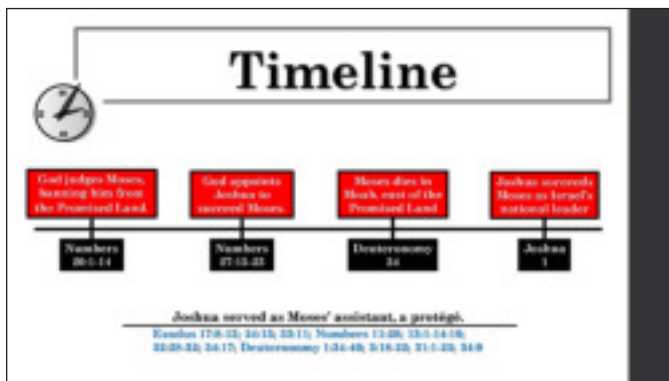


Background

- 1. Genesis 9:20-27**
After the flood, Noah planted a vineyard to harvest the grapes for wine. One day, drinking too much, he passed out naked. Noah's son Ham saw him first but, doing nothing, disrespected him. When Noah awakened, he cursed Ham's son, **Canaan**.
- 2. Genesis 15:12-16**
"Then in the fourth generation (your descendants) will return here (i.e. Canaan), for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete." (Gen. 15:16)
- 3. Numbers 20:1-14**
Moses and Aaron disrespected God at Meribah. "You shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." (Num. 20:12)

BackStory

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Timeline

God judges Moses, removing him from the Promised Land. Numbers 20:1-14

God appoints Joshua to succeed Moses. Numbers 27:18-23

Moses dies in Beth-nur, east of the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 34

Joshua succeeds Moses as Israel's national leader. Joshua 1

Joshua served as Moses' assistant, a protégé.
Exodus 17:9-13; 24:12; 28:11; Numbers 1:38; 11:14-15; 22:31-33; 24:17; Deuteronomy 1:31-33; 31:1-5; 34:8

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Entering the Land

FINALLY

"So when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of the harvest), the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap."
Joshua 3:14-16




SLIDE 5

The Conquest

Three Military Campaigns

- CENTRAL
 - a. Jericho
 - b. Ai
 - c. Gibeonites*Joshua 4-9*
- SOUTHERN
 - Makkedah*Joshua 10*
- NORTHERN
 - Hazor*Joshua 11*




Joshua ultimately defeated thirty-one kings. SEE Joshua 12.

SLIDE 6

Theological Dilemma

"And [the Israelites] utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword."
Joshua 6:21

Isn't God righteous?
Isn't God just?
Isn't God good?
Isn't God loving?



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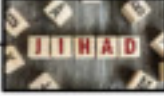
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Theological Dilemma

- Israel was **NOT** fighting a **CONVENTIONAL** war.
In a conventional war, one distinguishes between military and civilian.
Harming anything civilian would be collateral damage.
- Israel was fighting a **HOLY** war.
In a holy war, any infidel, regardless of gender or age, is the enemy.

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 verb | to devote, ban, utterly destroy
 noun | devotion, ban, utter destruction


**** Think both QUARANTINE and CONTRABAND.**



SLIDE 8

Theological Dilemma


Why?



- Standard Practice in the Ancient Near East
"Everybody's doing it!"
- Progressive Revelation
- Judgment upon Sinners
SEE Genesis 12-50; Deuteronomy 9-14.
- To Preserve the Parity of the Israelite Faith
SEE Deuteronomy 7:1-6.


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Conquered?



YES

Joshua 10:42-44; 11:16-23; 21:43-45



NO

*Joshua 12:1-7, 13; 15:12-19, 62; 16:10; 17:12-18;
19:49-50; 23:1-12
Judges 1:16-26*

DECISIONS

The City of Jericho

From the ESV Study Bible

Jericho (Tell es-Sultan) is perhaps the oldest city on earth, and it is the lowest city on the surface of the planet (c. 750 feet/229 m below sea level). Jericho has undergone massive excavation work; major digs were led by Ernst Sellin and Carl Watzinger (1907–1909, 1911), John Garstang (1930–1936), and Kathleen Kenyon (1952–1958). Many important finds have been made at the site, one of the most notable being a city wall, some 4.5 feet (1.5 m) wide, attached to a monumental round stone tower. These are some of the earliest fortifications known to mankind. The diagram below portrays some of the remains from the excavations at Jericho from various periods of her history. Thus, the outer city wall comes from the Late Middle Bronze Age (2000–1550 B.C.) whereas the inner city wall dates to the Early Bronze Age (3200–2200 B.C.). Jericho was the first city west of the Jordan captured by the Israelites under the command of Joshua (Joshua 6). Whether or not there exist archaeological remains from that destruction is a hotly debated issue among archaeologists. Following the Israelite destruction, Jericho was abandoned for centuries until a new settlement was established by Hiel the Bethelite in the ninth century B.C. (1 Kings 16:34).



Map: The Allotment of the Land

From the ESV Study Bible

c. 1400 B.C.

During the conquest of Canaan, Joshua allotted the land to the tribes of Israel. These boundaries, however, do not necessarily reflect the land each tribe actually inhabited by the end of the conquest. Several tribes, such as Dan, were unable to drive out the Canaanites that lived in much of their allotted territory (19:47), while other tribes controlled portions of land that were not originally allotted to them (e.g., 17:11).



Chart: Seven Stone Memorials in the Land

From the ESV Study Bible

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| 4:20 | Gilgal | a reminder of God's faithfulness in bringing Israel safely across the Jordan into the Promised Land |
| 7:26 | over Achan | a reminder of Israel's potential for unfaithfulness and of the dire consequences that result |
| 8:28–29 | over the king of Ai | a monument to Israel's second chance and restoration |
| 8:30–32 | Joshua engraves a copy of the law | a reminder of Israel's duty to live in obedience to the divine "Torah," or "instruction" |
| 10:27 | over Amorite kings at Gibeon | a reminder of God's gracious action in defending Israel's covenant with a Canaanite city |
| 22:34 | peace in the land of Gilead | a witness to the unity of the Transjordanian tribes with Israel west of the Jordan |
| 24:26–27 | covenant renewal at Shechem | a reminder of Israel's duty to serve the Lord, who fulfilled every promise in bringing them into the land |