

Joshua 1
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Background

1. What does Joshua mean? **Savior**
2. What is the New Testament equivalent? **Jesus**
3. Who is Joshua?
 - a. Exodus 17:9-14 **The military leader**
 - b. Exodus 24:13, 32:17 **Went with Moses to receive the law**
 - c. Exodus 33:11 **Stayed in the tabernacle**
 - d. Numbers 13:8, 16 **1 of the 12 spies**
 - e. Numbers 14:5-6 **With Caleb, recommended to go on**
 - f. Numbers 27:12-23 **Designated Moses' successor**
 - g. Deuteronomy 31:1-8 **Designated Moses' successor**
 - h. Joshua 1:1 **Moses's aide**
4. What year is this? (Not in the Bible. Need to look this up.) **1407**

Themes

5. In this passage, how many times is Moses called "the servant of the Lord" or "my servant"? **5**
6. Who are some other key leaders who are called the servant of the Lord?
 - a. **David - more than 70 times (like Moses 70 times)**
 - b. **Christ**
7. *Practical application: What does it mean to be a servant of the Lord?*
8. *Practical application: Are you a servant of the Lord?*
9. How many times does the word "I" appear in this passage? **8**
10. *Practical application: Why is this comforting?*
 - a. **Immanuel, God is actively involved. Not Deism, but actively engaged.**
 - b. **God does the work**
11. How many "gives" or "gave" or "granted" are in this passage? **11**
12. What are three things the Lord gives:
 - a. 7 x **Land**
 - b. 2 x **Law**
 - c. 2 x **Rest**
13. *Practical application: Why is this comforting?* **He gives us all we need - spiritually He give us the law, i.e., the scriptures. Physically he gives us land and rest.**
14. How many times is "Be strong and courageous" mentioned? **4**

15. Why so often?
 - a. Filling Moses' sandals
 - b. Land still filled with giants.
 - c. Land still has fortified cities. Hannibal never captured Rome. Fortified cities are tough. Kept Babylon safe for many years. Athens never captured.
16. Practical application: Why is this comforting? God is encouraging us.
17. Practical application: Which verse is your verse? Which verse spoke to you the most?

Text

18. Vs. 1. How long has Moses led the people of Israel? 40 years.
19. Vs. 1. How hard is it to come in behind a leader like Moses? He had performed miracles - the 10 plagues, crossing of the Red Sea, manna and quail, water in the desert, clothes that did not wear out. He had been the leader for 40 years. Joshua in his shadow. Rev. Rickers
20. Vs. 4. Where will the boundaries be? Euphrates to Lebanon to the desert to the Mediterranean. Crossroads of the Egyptian and northern empires. Key trading routes.
21. Vs. 5. Practical application: Is this verse for Joshua or for us as well? Hint: think New Testament, King James John 14:16, 26
22. Vs. 7. Thought question: What is the advantage of God's laws? We know exactly what God wants
23. Vs. 8. What does it mean "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth"? We should be able to quote scripture.
24. What does it mean to meditate? Look up the definition in Webster's dictionary. What are the two definitions?
Intransitive:
 - a. to engage in contemplation or reflection
 - b. to engage in mental exercise (as concentration on one's breathing or repetition of a mantra) for the purpose of reaching a heightened level of spiritual awareness
 Transitive: to focus one's thoughts on; reflect on or ponder over
Which one should Christians do? 1st; 2nd is Yoga.
Do we meditate? Generally not.
Should we? Yes
If we should, why don't we? Too busy.
Look up Psalm 1:2.
25. Vs. 8. Thought question: What is the problem with humans and God's laws? His laws are hard to follow. Do not covet. Love the Lord with everything & our neighbors as our selves.
26. Vs. 8. What benefit is there to following the law? "Then you will be prosperous and successful.
27. Vss. 12-14. What is the status of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh? They were given the land to the east. Armed men had to continue fighting.
28. Vs. 17. Thoughts? "Just as we fully obeyed Moses"
29. Vs. 18. Why the death penalty? Does this happen elsewhere in the Scriptures? Judges 20-21; I Samuel 11:12