

Logistics for Conquering the Promised Land

Joshua 1:1-9
Joshua 2:1-24

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Beginning a New Era - Joshua 1:1-2

God's Commission to Joshua

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.



Joshua 1:1-2

- Moses, My servant, is dead.
- Joshua now has the task of taking God's people into the Promised Land.



The Land Joshua 1:3-4

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

⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.



Joshua 1:3-4

Every place you stand is yours.

Boundaries—
Lebanon, Euphrates,
the Great Sea, the
River of Egypt

Euphrates to the River of Egypt



Logistics for Conquering the Land

Joshua 1:5-9

⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”


Three commands:

- I will be with you.
- Be strong
- Be very courageous

The Book of the Law

- Shall not depart from your mouth
- Meditate on it day and night
- Observe to do it

- Be not dismayed
- It will make your way prosperous



Spies to Jericho Joshua 2:1-7

¹Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.

²The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.”

³So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from.”⁹



Spies to Jericho
Joshua 2:1-7 -----Continued

⁵ At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them."

⁶ (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)

⁷ So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.



Spies sent to Jericho

Two stayed with Rabab the harlot.

Jericho is wise to their presence.

Rahab shared a falsehood. Was it just?

Joshua 2:8-16

⁸ Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

⁹ and said to the men: “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted 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 other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

¹¹ And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

¹² Now therefore, I beg 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 true token,



Joshua 2:8-16

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¹³ and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”

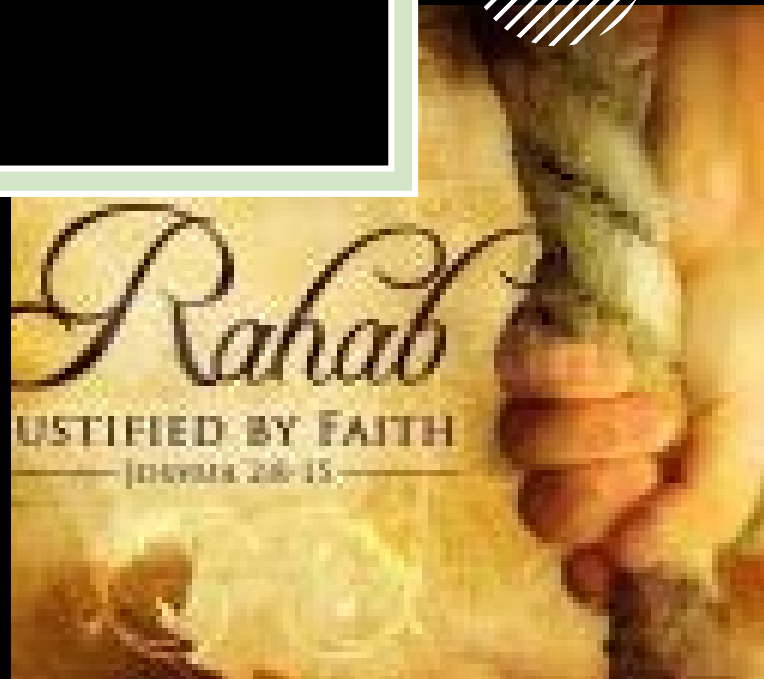
¹⁴ So the men answered her, “Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.”

¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

¹⁶ And she said to them, “Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way.”



Rahab's Plan



- Based on Canaanite News Network
- The true God is with you.
- Spare me and my family.

Escape from Canaanite Intelligence

The promise of the spies



Avoiding detection



Report to Joshua