

Joshua 1-5: A Call to Prepare to Possess the Land

1:1-9 The Commissioning of Joshua

The Commission:

The Boundaries:

The Promises:

The Contingency:

1:12-15 A Call for Unity in Warfare: All for One, and One for All. Thoughts on spiritual warfare, the earnest of the inheritance in the Spirit, and God's foreordained goals for the Body of Christ (taken from the book of Ephesians; see especially 1:3, 13-14; 2:10, 15; 2:20-22; 3:16-21; 4:8-10; 4:13-16).

1:16-20 A Call to Recognize and Obey Godly Authority

A necessary element of the proper functioning of the Body of Christ.

Important Scriptures: 1 Cor 16:15-18; I Thess 5:12-13; Heb 13:17; Phil 4:9; Matt 20:28; 1 Pet 5:1-5.

2:1-24 The “Spies” who see “the Land”

God has His spies

Removal of Protection

Rahab: a picture of God's redemption for the Believing and Repentant

3:1-17 Crossing the Jordan

A new consecration

A new leader

A new beginning

A new sign of God's power that becomes a point of reference for future faith

4:1-24 Memorials of God's Acts: Pass it on to your children and to all who will hear!

The Importance of Memorials

The Transmission of the Faith

5: 1-15 Some Final Preparations for Conquest of the Land

Interlude: the state of Israel's enemies (5:1), followed by three new things (5:2-15)

A New Work of Circumcision: Reproach Removed and the Covenant Renewed (5:2-10)

A New Diet (5:11-12)

A New Revelation for Joshua concerning the Lord of Hosts (5:13-15)