

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME TWO  
THE STORY OF GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF JOSHUA—ESTHER  
JOSHUA: TRIUMPH AFTER TRAGEDY  
A SURVEY OF JOSHUA



### The Heart of the Matter

In our survey of Scripture thus far, we have covered three great eras or periods: the primeval period (Genesis 1–11), the patriarchal period (Genesis 12–50), and the exodus period (Exodus through Deuteronomy). As we embark on a study of Joshua, we enter the historical section of the Old Testament, the first part of which we shall call the period of the rise of the Hebrew nation. This era is covered in five books—Joshua through 2 Samuel. In the book of Joshua, the Hebrews invade, conquer, distribute, and settle down in the land of Canaan. The events recorded in Joshua took place during approximately twenty-five years. All the way through it, one person stands out as God's appointed leader and model—the man from whom the book gets its name.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Introductory Matters

The book's title comes from the name of its key character, Joshua, while the theme of the book is *faith is the victory*.

#### 2. Explanatory Survey

We see the book of Joshua progress in five key sections: commissioning the leader, preparing the people, conquering the enemy, dividing the spoil, and warning the victors.

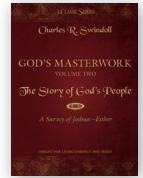


### Starting Your Journey

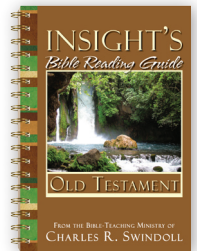
Looking at the book of Joshua as a whole leads us to two practical principles. First, what God promises, God accomplishes. And second, God's abundant provisions do not diminish the need to obey.



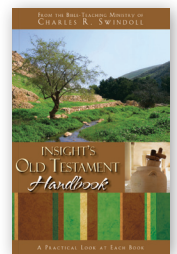
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# JOSHUA

|                                 | Commissioning the Leader<br>Preparing the People<br>Invasion of land   | Conquering the Enemy<br>Subjection of land                             |  | Dividing the Spoil<br>Distribution of land  |   |  | Warning the Victors<br>The Conclusion |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                 |  | CENTRAL CAMPAIGN   |  | PHASE ONE   | PHASE TWO   | PHASE THREE                                      |                                       |                                 |                                    |
| OUTSIDE CANAAN / PROMISES GIVEN | The commission (1)<br>The spying (2)<br>The Jordan (3)<br>The memorials (4)<br>The consecration (5)  | Jericho (6)<br>Defeat at Ai (7)<br>Victory at Ai (8)<br>Gibeonites (9) | Southern campaign (10)<br>Northern campaign and survey (11)<br>Summary by kings (12) | Rueben, Gad, ½ Manasseh (13)<br>Caleb's autobiography (14)<br>Judah (15)<br>Ephraim (16)<br>½ Manasseh (17) | Benjamin (18)<br>Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, Dan, Joshua (19) | Cities of refuge (20)<br>Levites — 48 towns (21) | Civil war threat (22)                 | Separation (23)<br>Service (24) | INSIDE CANAAN / PROMISES FULFILLED |
|                                 | CHAPTERS 1–5   | CHAPTERS 6–9   | CHAPTERS 10–12   | CHAPTERS 13–17  | CHAPTERS 18–19  | CHAPTERS 20–21                                   | CHAPTER 22                            | CHAPTERS 23–24                  |                                    |
| <b>Theme</b>                    | Obedient faith brings abundant blessing.   |  |  |   |   |  |                                       |                                 |                                    |
| <b>Key Verses</b>               | 1:8; 24:14–15  |  |  |   |   |  |                                       |                                 |                                    |
| <b>Christ in Joshua</b>         | Typified by Joshua, a victorious leader whose name means “Yahweh is salvation”; pictured in Rahab’s scarlet cord, which symbolizes safety through Christ’s blood |  |  |   |   |  |                                       |                                 |                                    |

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