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.
## JOSHUA

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### Study Sections

- **Commissioning the Leader**
- **Preparing the People**
- **Invasion of land**
- **Subjection of land**
- **Division of land**
- **The Conclusion**

### Key Chapters

- **1-5:** The commission, the spying, the Jordan, the memorials, and the consecration.
- **6-9:** The invasion, subjection, and distribution of land.
- **10-12:** The central campaign of land.
- **13-17:** The division of land.
- **18-21:** The conclusion of the conquest.

### Key Verses

- 1:8; 24:14–15

### Summary

- **Jericho** (6)
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- **½ Manasseh** (17)
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