

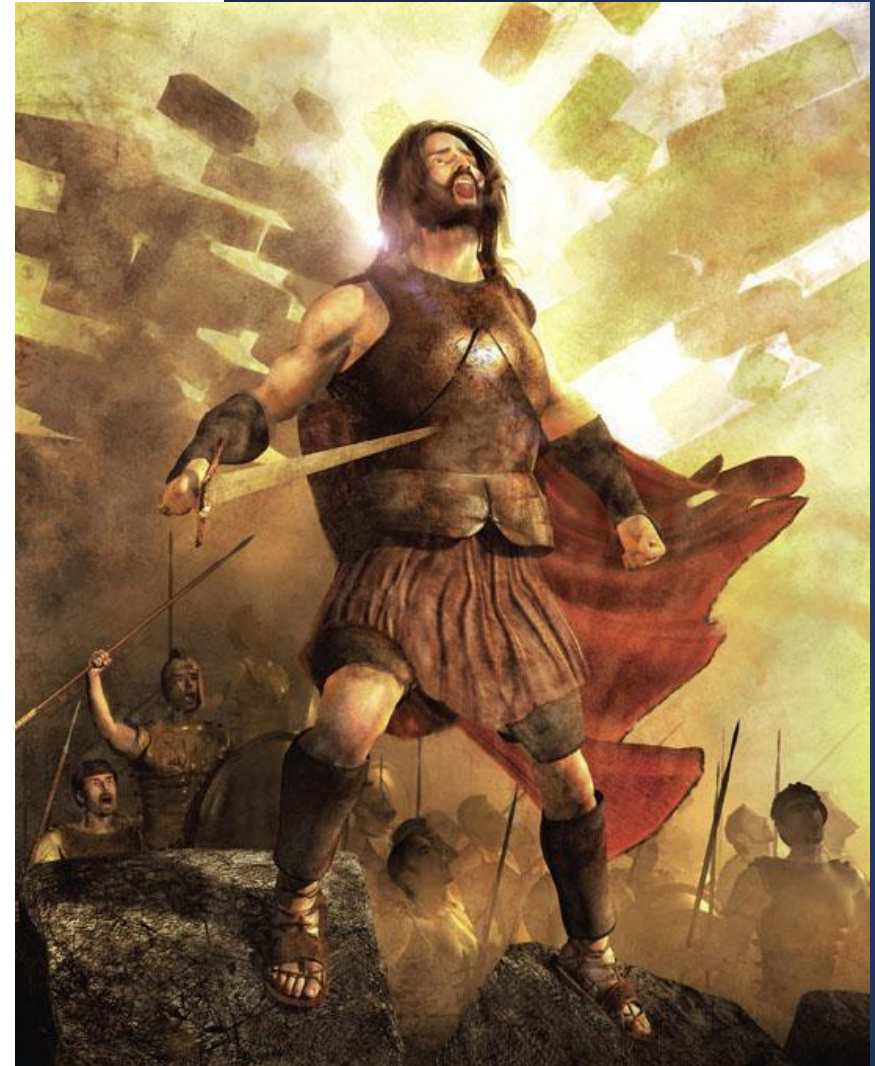
The Book Of Joshua

The Bible Series



Introduction..

- We have now finished what the Jews called The Torah or the Pentateuch (Greek) or The Five Books of Moses.
- In summary, God created Man (Adam – Male & Female) in His Image and Likeness.
- God BLESSED them to be Fruitful, Multiply, Fill the Earth and have Dominion over everything.





Introduction...

- Man fell from his high office and place due to disobedience and Sin entered into the World.
- So, God's response was to PROMISE Man (Abraham) that He would BLESS Man and Redeem the situation.
- This PROMISE and BLESSING echoed throughout the Torah as God chose Abraham as the roadmap to REDEMPTION.

Introduction...

- From Chapter 12 of Genesis, we saw how God after the Flood and the scattering at Babel, started the process through Abraham and his descendants – Isaac – Jacob and then the nation of Israel.
- Israel went to Egypt to escape the great Famine and stayed for hundreds of years before being rescued from slavery and oppression.



Introduction....

- Israel goes through the dramatic deliverance from Egypt via the Ten plagues and the Red Sea climax
- They become a free Nation on the other side of the Red Sea. Meet with God at Sinai where God gives them His Terms and Conditions (The Law) to be in relationship with Him.
- They rebel and disobey and as a result, the generation that is delivered from Egypt all die within 40 years.



Introduction....

- Moses hands over to Joshua and gives Israel a month long departing speech (Deuteronomy).
- The 'Young' generation are then ready to enter the Promised Land of Canaan led by 80year old Joshua and supported by Caleb the only other 80year old who survived the 40years in the Wilderness.
- This is where we pick things up as we end the Moses era and the first five books of the Bible and start the Historical section of the Bible.



The Book of Joshua (Jesus)

- Joshua is a 'transition' Book which tells the story of Israel entering into Canaan and settling in Canaan.
- This section of 12 Books until Esther tell the History of the Nation of Israel in Canaan and then their eventual expulsion from Canaan due to disobedience.
- Joshua is a 'High Point' covering about 30years of taking possession of the Land of Promise.



The Book of Joshua - Jesus

- The name Joshua is the equivalent of the Greek name Jesus.
- The key words in this Book are – Possession, Victory and Land.
- The Leadership of Joshua is exemplary in many ways as He is totally ‘sold out’ to God.
- We will start this book by looking carefully at Chapter One because this teaches so many principles and applications for our Christian living today.



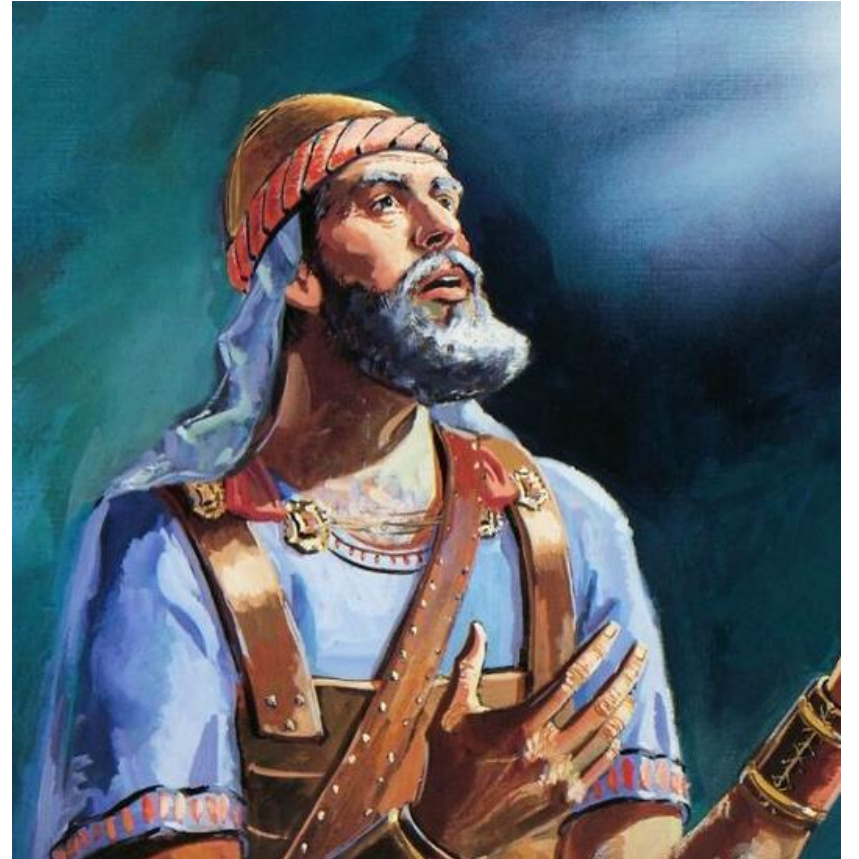
Chapter One

- **(1:1) 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:**
- Seasons change and many times, God is speaking during the transitions of our lives.
- Look out for the Word of God to you during change in your life
- The Lord Spoke... God is always speaking, so YOU must know how he speaks to your heart
- Moses Assistant...The best Leaders are first best servants to others.



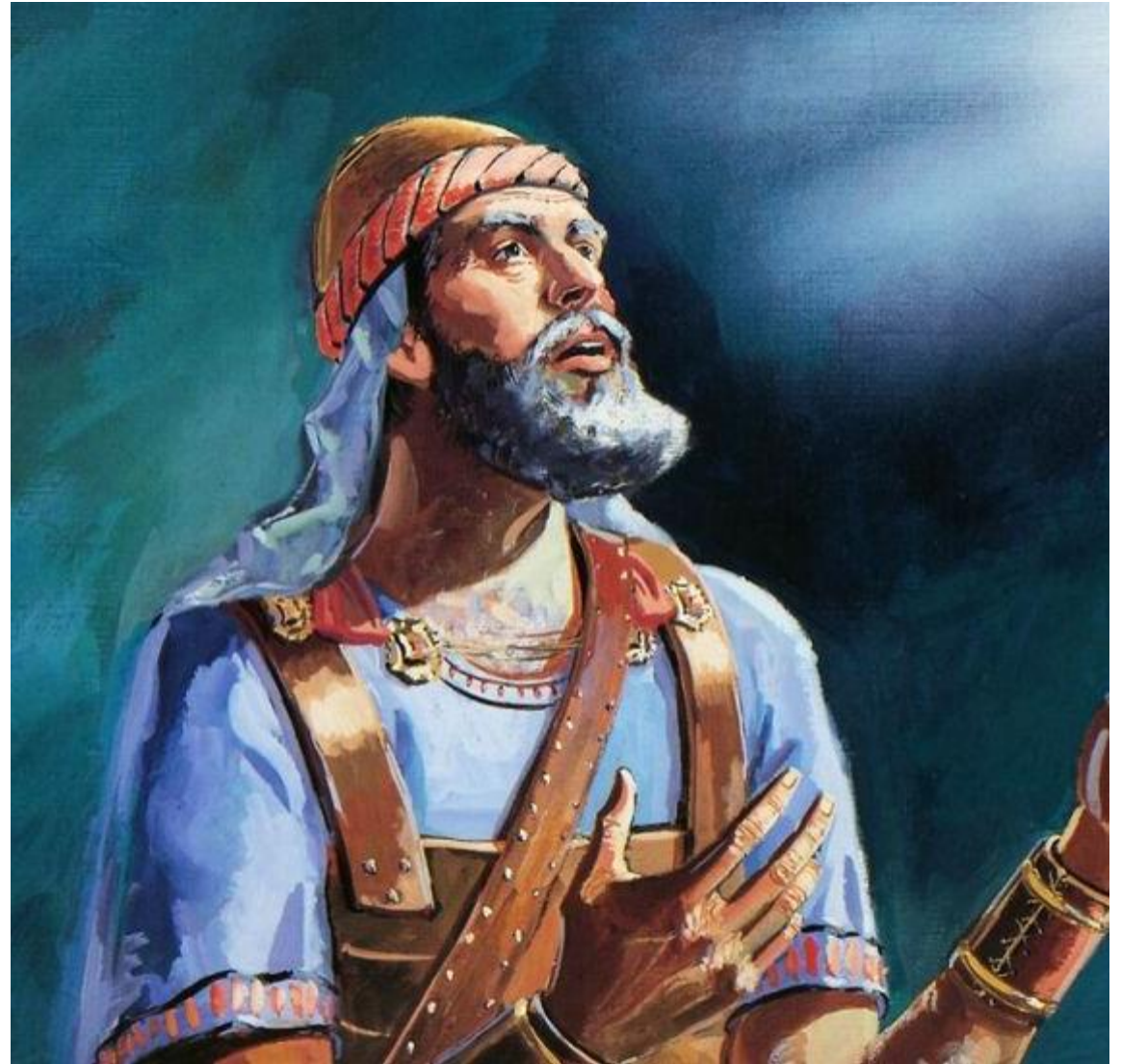
The Secret Place

- **“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. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.”**
- God many times starts with what we know before He starts saying what we don't know
- You and all these people; everyone reading this has an 'all these people' attached to your life. There are certain people, God has put you on this Earth to influence, lead, support, help, transform etc
- You have a 'sphere of authority' that is yours to possess. As you relate with God and 'hear' His voice, this becomes clear
- It is already given, but you must possess it. There is EFFORT required by you. This is called a 'Heart-Test'. Where you demonstrate that you love God with ALL your Heart.
- Notice also that this chapter starts with Joshua inside 'his closet or secret place'. You must have a private meeting before your public events to be a Godly leader.



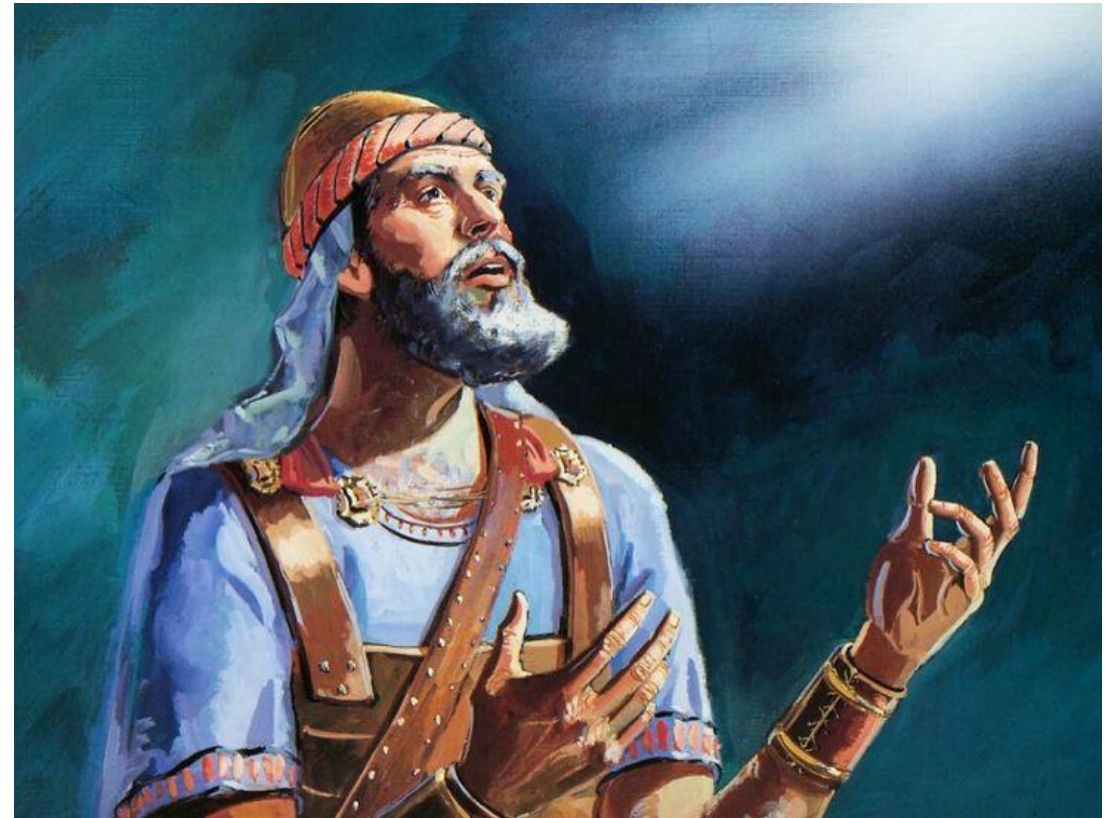
The Secret Place

- **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. No man shall *be able to stand before you all the days of your life*; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.**
- God is very precise with His instructions and directions. He is very detailed.
- If your vision is still generic and vague, you haven't heard fully or completely. Stay listening until you KNOW that you KNOW!
- Possession requires a 'fight' against determined opposition. You have to take what's yours through prayer, fasting, diligence, sustained application and dogged focus.
- God is WITH us always. We need to know and Believe especially when things do not go according to plan!
- It is good to have Mentors whom you can reference and see how they overcame difficulties. Joshua was better at leading because he learnt what to do from Moses and also WHAT NOT TO DO!



The Secret Place

- **Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.**
- Leading or living a life of faith takes courage.
- Courage is the ability to face difficulties, pain, danger and opposition without 'fainting'. An ability to cope with the enemy's blowback through situations, betrayal, gossip, doubters, haters, fear, stubborn resistance etc
- Do not turn...this is the temptation to quit. "when feel like stopping, remember why you started!!"
- Retreats with God strengthen you. That's why Jesus went to Gethsemane before Golgotha!
- Joshua chapter one is the secret for the success of the rest of the book.
- There always a reward for obeying God both in this life and the next. This 'reward' is unique to each individual.



The Word of God

- **This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.**
- The whole bible is profitable for the Christian.
- Read and study your Bible so that you can find your destiny in God.
- Make your way...God knows you and your unique path in Life. You will find this in His Word.
- The effort level of the average Christian in the modern church needs a serious upgrade!
- People meditate on shopping, on children, on football or sports, on finances, on life's problems rather than the WORD!
- Do not be afraid! – the average person is plagued with internal fears. worrying., premonitions. Paranoia, doubts and anxieties. The WORD will help you gradually and consistently get rid of these.
- God's Presence banishes fear. If you are afraid a lot, it means you are not staying with or going into His Presence



Leadership....

- **Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’”**
- So we see a principle here. BEFORE Joshua commands the people, he has received the command from God.
- The best Leaders are good Followers....of God
- By all means do not go around saying “God said to tell you...” because you become weird.
- Use your own language to accurately convey publicly what He has told you privately
- You must boldly declare what you know He has told you despite who you are delivering the message to.



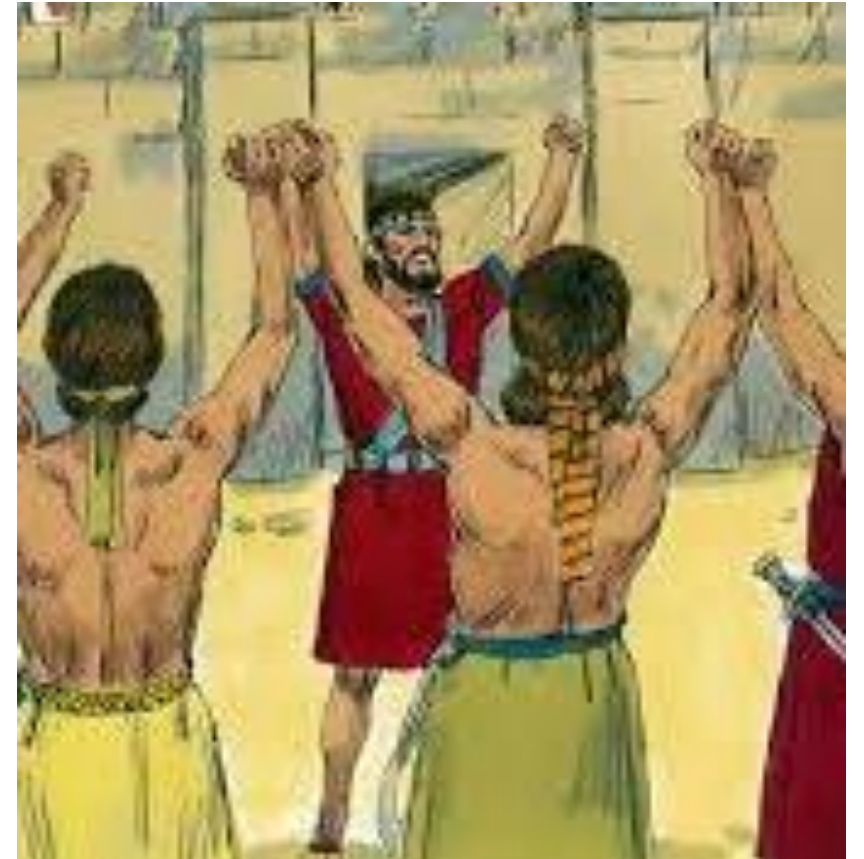
Leadership...

- **And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, “Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, ‘The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.’ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, until the Lord has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord’s servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.**
- As a Parent, Leader, Individual, You must tailor your leadership to the different scenarios under your sphere of influence or authority
- Carry everyone along through prayerful thoughtfulness and pragmatic wisdom
- Be balanced, honouring but bold even when you are asking a great sacrifice from your team, family or followers.



Leadership...

- So they answered Joshua, saying, “All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God be with you, as He was with Moses. Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.
- The effect of Joshua’s prayer life and thoughtful leadership was a positive response from Israel.
- Now even when you do not get an across board good reply to your leadership, do not cower and fold.
- Be full of conviction of your principles and God will back you and help you to lead.
- The nation of Israel had seen what had happened to their parents and they were determined to possess their inheritance.
- Communities support one another. Here we see the three Tribes who had settled in their land willing to sacrifice towards the settling of the other tribes



The Book of Joshua

- The book naturally divides into four sections.
- Chapters 1-5 – Entering
- Chapters 6-12 – Fighting
- Chapters 13-22 – Dividing
- Chapters 23-24 – Ending



Entering...

- Joshua sends out two spies to check out Jericho
- Rahab the Harlot helps them
- The Israelites cross the Jordan with God's supernatural help
- They made a Memorial to remember God's miracle
- Circumcision – everybody
- Passover observed
- Manna stops



Fighting...

- Battle for Jericho
- Defeat of Ai
- The sin of Achan
- Joshua renews the Covenant
- The trickery of the Gibeonites
- The Sun stands still
- Defeat of the Amorite kings
- Conquest of the Southlands
- Conquest of the Northern lands



Fighting...

- **The Kings Conquered by Joshua Chapter 12**

- ⁷ And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel conquered on this side of the Jordan, on the west, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon as far as ⁸ Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel *as* a possession according to their divisions,
- ⁸ in the mountain country, in the lowlands, in the *Jordan* plain, in the slopes, in the wilderness, and in the South—the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: ⁹ the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one; ¹⁰ the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;
- ¹¹ the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; ¹² the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; ¹³ the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; ¹⁴ the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; ¹⁵ the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;
- ¹⁶ the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; ¹⁷ the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one; ¹⁸ the king of Aphek, one; the king of ¹⁹ Lasharon, one; ²⁰ the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazer, one; ²¹ the king of Shimron Meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; ²² the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; ²³ the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; ²⁴ the king of Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the king of the people of Gilgal, one; ²⁵ the king of Tirzah, one.
- **all the kings, thirty-one.**





Settling...

- Reuben, Gad & Manasseh
- Judah & its Cities
- Ephraim/Manasseh & cities
- Benjamin & Cities
- Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar
- Asher and Naphtali
- The land of Dan
- Levi's special inheritance
- The Cities of Refuge



Settling....

- **Promise Fulfilled Chapter 21:43-45**
- ⁴³ So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it.
- ⁴⁴ The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.
- ⁴⁵ Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass

Ending...

- “I am old, advanced in age. ³You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God *is* He who has fought for you. ⁴See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward.
- ⁵And the LORD your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,
- ⁷and lest you go^[a] among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause *anyone* to swear *by them*; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, ⁸but you shall hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.
- ⁹For the LORD has ^[b]driven out from before you great and strong nations; but *as for you*, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. ¹⁰One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God *is* He who fights for you, as He promised you. ¹¹Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.

