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## Israel enters, overcomes, and occupies the Promise land proportioned by tribe

### 1. God's Faithful Continuation of His Plan

When Moses dies, Israel faces a crisis: How will God's promises continue without Moses?

God answers immediately: "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you... I will not fail you or forsake you" (Josh. 1:5).

The emphasis shifts from the greatness of Moses to the unchanging faithfulness of God. His plan continues unchanged, upheld by His presence.

### 2. Joshua as God's Chosen Leader

Joshua had long been Moses' servant, warrior, and faithful companion. Now the Lord raises him up to bring Israel from wilderness to inheritance.

Joshua's leadership shows that God's purposes continue even as His human servants change.

### 3. Entering, Overcoming, and Occupying

The book of Joshua centers on three movements:

- Entering the land through the miraculous Jordan crossing
- Overcoming the inhabitants by trusting God
- Occupying the land as it is allotted tribe by tribe

Every event demonstrates that God Himself brings His people in when they trust His word and follow His presence.

### 4. The Call to Strength, Courage, and Obedience

God's repeated charge— "Be strong and courageous"—is not mere encouragement.

It is the divine condition for living in His promises.

Israel is instructed to meditate on God's law, obey His commands, and follow His direction in every conflict.

Jericho, Ai, the southern and northern campaigns, and the division of the land reinforce the same truth:

Victory and rest come by trusting God's word, not human strength.

## 5. Covenant Renewal and the Ongoing Decision to Serve

Even after much of the land is subdued, unfinished work remains. Joshua calls Israel to continued faithfulness.

His final charge— “Choose this day whom you will serve”—emphasizes a key theme:

God brings His people into His blessings, but each generation must choose wholehearted devotion.

## 6. Application for Today

Joshua teaches that:

- Leaders may change, but God’s purpose does not.
- God’s covenant faithfulness moves His people from wandering to possession.
- The same God that used Moses to bring Israel through the Red Sea used Joshua to bring the remainder of His believing people across the Jordan to enter, occupy, and overcome the land He had promised them.
- What God promises, He enables His people to walk into.

Joshua’s record highlights God’s guiding hand, calling His people to rely on His presence as they take hold of the inheritance He has prepared.

Below: See how the book of Joshua points to Jesus spiritually.

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**The Captain of our Salvation is leading us into the Promised land**

### 1. Joshua’s Role as a Type of Christ

Joshua succeeded Moses and led Israel into the promised land. His mission foreshadows the greater work of Jesus, who leads His people into the fullness of God’s spiritual kingdom.

Where Joshua brought Israel across the Jordan to face enemies and take possession of their inheritance, Jesus brings believers into life in the Spirit, teaches them to overcome the enemy, and prepares them for the inheritance reserved for the people of God.

### 2. “Yahweh Is Salvation” — Their Shared Name

The names Joshua and Jesus both mean “Yahweh is Salvation.”

Jesus was so named because through His perfect sacrifice He brings sinners to salvation (Matthew 1:21).

Joshua's name pointed forward to the One who would fully and eternally save.

### **3. Successor to Moses — The Law Yields to Grace and Truth**

Moses, representing the Law, could not bring Israel into the land.

Joshua, a picture of Christ, completed the journey.

In the same way, Jesus fulfilled the Law and now leads believers into an overcoming Christian life marked by grace and truth (John 1:17).

### **4. Crossing the Jordan — Death to Self, Life in Christ**

Israel crossed the Jordan into the land promised by God (Joshua 3).

This points to the believer's passage from the old life to the new—dying to self and rising to new life in Christ (Romans 6:4), entering the spiritual Kingdom Jesus declared had come.

### **5. The Captain of Salvation**

Joshua met the Commander of the Lord's army (Joshua 5:13–15).

Jesus Himself is the Captain of our salvation, leading His people through every battle of faith (Hebrews 2:10).

### **6. Conquest and Victory Through Obedience and Faith**

Joshua led Israel to conquer enemies by trusting and obeying the Lord.

Jesus leads His church to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, giving victory through faith (1 John 5:4).

### **7. Inheritance and Rest**

Israel received their land inheritance and rest just as God promised (Joshua 21:43–45).

Believers receive a greater inheritance in Christ—spiritual blessings, eternal life, and the promise of rest (Ephesians 1:11; Hebrews 4:8–9).

### **8. A Holy People and a Spotless Bride**

Israel was commanded to walk in covenant faithfulness.

Jesus leads His people into holiness, preparing a bride without spot or wrinkle for His coming (Ephesians 5:27).

## Summary

- The unbelieving generation under Moses had to die before Israel could enter the Promised Land, symbolizing the end of life under the Law.
- Joshua, whose name means “Yahweh is Salvation,” represents Christ leading God’s people into promise and victory.
- Israel’s physical entrance, conquest, and occupation point to the believer’s spiritual call to enter, overcome, and occupy the things of the Spirit.
- Joshua’s leadership foreshadows Jesus leading believers into maturity as sons of God (Romans 8:14).
- The physical giants and enemies Israel faced represent the spiritual opposition believers overcome through Christ.
- The inheritance Israel received in the land points to the greater inheritance believers receive in Christ—life in the Spirit, victory, rest, and eternal promise.

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