



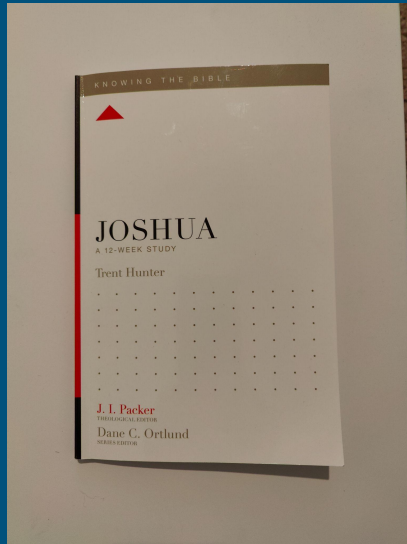
# The Book of Joshua

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## Introduction

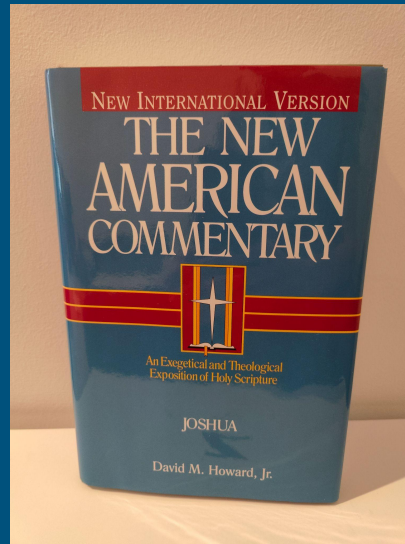


# Resources



*Joshua: A 12-Week Study*

By Trent Hunter, from the *Knowing the Bible* series from Crossway



*Joshua*

By David M. Howard, Jr., from *The New American Commentary* from Broadman & Holman



*Joshua: No Falling Words*

By Dale Ralph Davis from *The Focus on the Bible* series from Christian Focus Publications

# Background to the Book of Joshua

- Authorship and date of writing
  - Author is unknown.
  - Exact date is not clear. Possibly within a generation after Joshua's time, or in the very least by the time of David (see 6:25, 15:63, and 16:10).
- Immediate historical context
  - Israel had been waiting on the plains of Moab. Num. 22:1.
  - Israel had been in the wilderness 40 years, all those who were adults when leaving Egypt had died.
  - God had commissioned Joshua as new leader to bring the people into the land. Deut. 31:23, Num. 27:15-23.
  - God showed Moses the land that Israel would inherit. Deut. 34:1-5.
  - Moses died. Deut. 34:6.



# Promises, Prophecies, and Covenants

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The book of Joshua is responsive to the Pentateuch. In Joshua, God shows that He fulfills His word to His people and is consistent in His intents for them.

- God's covenant with Abraham, Genesis 12:1-3, 15:13-21, 17:1-22.
  - Descendants, a great nation.
  - Possession of the land.
  - Blessing.
  - All the nations to be blessed through Abraham.
  - God is Abraham's shield.
  - Covenant to be their God.
  - Abraham's descendants will go to strange nation and be oppressed, God will judge that nation, then his descendants will come back with great possessions.
- God's promises to Isaac, Gen. 26:2-5.
  - God will be with Isaac.
  - Blessing.
  - All the nations to be blessed through Isaac's descendants.
  - Possession of the land.
  - Descendants.

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- God's promises to Jacob, Gen. 28:13-15.
  - Possession of the land.
  - Descendants.
  - God is with Jacob.
- God blesses Jacob again, Gen. 35:9-13.
  - Descendants.
  - Possession of the land.
- God's vision to Jacob before moving to Egypt, Gen. 46:2-4.
  - God will be with Jacob.
  - Promise to make Jacob a great nation.
- Joseph has Israel promise to carry his bones from Egypt with them to the land of promise, Gen. 50:25.
- Exodus 2:24, God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- God talks with Moses from the burning bush, Ex. 3:8-22.
  - God will bring Israel out of Egypt to the land of Canaan.
  - God will be with Moses.
- God encourages the people, Ex. 6:5-8.
  - Remembrance of the covenant.
  - Deliverance.
  - They will be His people, and He will be their God.
  - Possession of the land.

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- Moses took Joseph's bones, Ex. 13:19.
- God appears to Moses at Sinai, Ex. 19-34.
  - The giving of the law.
  - Promise of possession of the land. God will drive out the peoples and completely destroy them.
  - The people make a covenant with God to obey His commandments.
- **Leviticus 26:3-45**
  - If they obey:
    - Blessing and peace in the land
    - God will dwell among them
    - God will be their God, and they will be His people
  - If they disobey:
    - Judgment
    - Desolation
    - Exile (removal from the land)
  - If they repent and turn back to God:
    - God will remember the covenant

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- God speaks to Moses across from Jericho.
  - God reaffirms that He has given them the land.
  - God tells them to drive out the inhabitants, and if not, God will drive out Israel.
- Moses says Israel will make idols and be wicked, Deut. 4:25-31.
  - Will be destroyed from the land and removed to the nations.
  - Will return to the Lord in the latter days, for He is compassionate and will not forget His covenant.
- God will give Israel abundance in the land that they have not worked for, Deut. 6:10-12.
- Moses warns Israel to destroy the nations, lest their idolatry infect Israel and Israel be destroyed. Deut. 7:1-5.
- Moses makes it clear that it is not on account of their righteousness, but on account of the wickedness of the inhabitants, that God is driving them out. Deut. 9:4-10:10.
  - Deut. 10:15, "Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day."
- Moses sets before Israel life and death, blessing and curse, from the paths of obedience and disobedience. The Lord makes another covenant with Israel. Deut. 29-30.
- Moses says that Israel will experience the blessing, and will experience the dreadful curse and exile, Deut. 30:1.
  - Then Israel will return to the Lord.
  - Then God will circumcise the hearts of Israel, Deut. 30:6
    - New Covenant.
  - Then Israel will be restored.

# Outline

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From *Joshua: A 12-Week Study*:

1. Crossing Into the Land (1:1-5:15)
2. Taking the Land (6:1-12:24)
3. Dividing the Land (13:1-21:45)
4. Serving the Lord in the Land (22:1-24:33)

Themes (see *New American Commentary*):

1. The land
2. God's promises
3. The LORD fights for Israel
4. Victory over the nations
5. The inheritances of the tribes
6. The covenant
7. Obedience
8. Godly leadership of God's people

# Joshua 1 and 24

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