

December 4  
Joshua 1

# Commissioned

As for me and my house,  
we will serve the LORD  
Joshua 24:15

Israel Tribe Allotments  
Joshua 13:8 – 19:49  
● City ○ City uncertain location  
▲ Mountain peak



Joshua Crossing the Jordan with Ark of Covenant  
c. 1800, by Benjamin West

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# Conquest and Challenges of Israel's Settlement



	<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Commissioned</b>	<b>Joshua 1</b>	<b>Lord Calls Joshua</b>
2.	<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Conquest</b>	<b>Joshua 6</b>	<b>Jericho Walls Down</b>
3.	<del><b>Dec 18</b></del>	<del><b>Commitment Kept</b></del>	<del><b>Joshua 10</b></del>	<del><b>"Sun, Stand Still!"</b></del>
4.	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>Savior Announced</b>	<b>Luke 1</b>	<b><i>Angel Gabriel to Mary</i></b>
5.	<b>Dec 25</b>	<b><i>Merry Christmas</i></b>		
6.	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Settled</b>	<b>Joshua 22</b>	<b><i>Home Sweet Home</i></b>
7.	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Value All</b>	<b>Prov. 24 &amp; Mark 10</b>	<b><i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i></b>
8.	<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Rebellion's Cycle</b>	<b>Judges 2</b>	<b>Return to God to Live</b>
9.	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Willing Servants</b>	<b>Judges 4</b>	<b>Deborah Lifts Barak</b>
10.	<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>Timid Warrior</b>	<b>Judges 6</b>	<b>Angel Charges Gideon</b>
11.	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Compromised Potential</b>	<b>Judges 16</b>	<b>Samson &amp; Delilah</b>
12.	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Faith Through Trials</b>	<b>Ruth 1</b>	<b>Ruth Helps Naomi</b>
13.	<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Redeemed &amp; Secure</b>	<b>Ruth 3-4</b>	<b>Noble Ruth Wins</b>

## Lesson Author's Theme

**God's commission includes the promise of  
His presence and the expectation of obedience**

**Moses & Joshua**

**Joshua 1:1-9**

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| <b>1-5</b> | <b>New Leader –</b> | <b>After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua</b>      |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>New Task –</b>   | <b>Be Strong, Lord to Distribute Land</b>     |
| <b>7-9</b> | <b>New Trust –</b>  | <b>Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction</b> |

***Joshua 1:10 – 5:15 as a brief insert***



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## **Key Verse Joshua 1:5**

**No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses.**

**I will not leave you or forsake you.**





Ever been let down?

Ever have someone NOT keep their promise?

Ever know someone who did NOT do their duty?

When YOU *depended* on them ...

When YOU *looked* to them ...

When YOU *needed* them ...

and they were *not available*



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When you face fearful change ...

When you face an uncertain future ...

When the task ... job ... rugged road ... seems *yuuge* ...

When the suffering burden seems ... *unbearable* ...

There are NO BETTER words than these:

Key Verse Joshua 1:5

**I will not leave you or forsake you.**



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Let me share with you a story ... *sorry, no cartoon today*

A personal story of tragedy ...

We do NOT have to look far to see heartache ...

This seems inconceivable ... but it happened ...

I suspect ... you have a story too ...

Yet, when one loves ... they stay ... how precious is

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**Alternate Title**

# **When Duty Calls, Will You Be Ready?**





# Thoughts on Joshua's Duty

As New Testament Christians ...

We are all charged to

**"Seek first the Kingdom of God."**

What's YOUR place in that DUTY?

In Tyler County ... in Woodville

... at FBC?

Everyone has a job

*If at least the job to PRAY*

**What challenges  
face us today?**





# Moses & Joshua

To grasp Joshua ... see Moses

No other like Moses ... not just a Great Law Giver

Two verses anchor Exodus ... Ex. 13-18

then add 40 yrs in wilderness to Joshua 1

- ✓ 1 Kings 6:1, In **418** years after Israelites came out of Egypt ... Solomon's 4th yr, **BEGAN** Temple
- ✓ Ex. 12:40, **430** years Israel "Lived in Egypt"

*working backward*

**966 B.C. Temple Started – good date**

+ 418 years since Exodus

**1384 B.C. Exodus** 40 yrs wilderness = **1344 B.C. Joshua**

+ 430 years Lived in Egypt

**1814 B.C. Jacob to Egypt during famine**



Statue of Moses at the Library of Congress

# Moses & Joshua

2550 – Great Pyramid of Khufu

2520 – Pyramid of Khafre

2091 – Abraham (75) to Canaan

2150-2030 – Gilgamesh epic

2000 – Stonehenge completed

1800-1300 – Troy flourishes

1875 – Jacob & family to Egypt

1792-50 – Hammurabi in Babylonia, oldest law code

1525 – Moses born in Egypt

1500 – Phoenicians develop alphabet

1446 – Exodus, then 40 yrs in desert

1406 B.C. Book of Joshua ...



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Stele of Code of Hammurabi



# Moses & Joshua

1445 – Exodus then 40 yrs in desert

1406 – Moses on Mt. Nebo

1406-1380 B.C. Book of Joshua

Movie *Ten Commandments* Pharaoh Seti 1290-79 B.C.  
son Ramses frees Israel

1406 – Jericho taken, Conquest begins

1375 – Joshua's farewell, Joshua 23-24

1235 – Deborah & Barak, Judges 4

1169 – Gideon & Midianites, Judges 6-8

1140 – Naomi, Ruth and Boaz

1100 – Birth of Samuel, 1 Sam. 1

1090 – Israel oppressed by Philistines

1075 – Samson, Judges 14-16

1024, David kills Goliath, 1010, David made King



*Midianites put to Flight 1866  
by Gustave Doré (1832 - 83)*



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# Moses

Deuteronomy 34

Talk about résumés!!

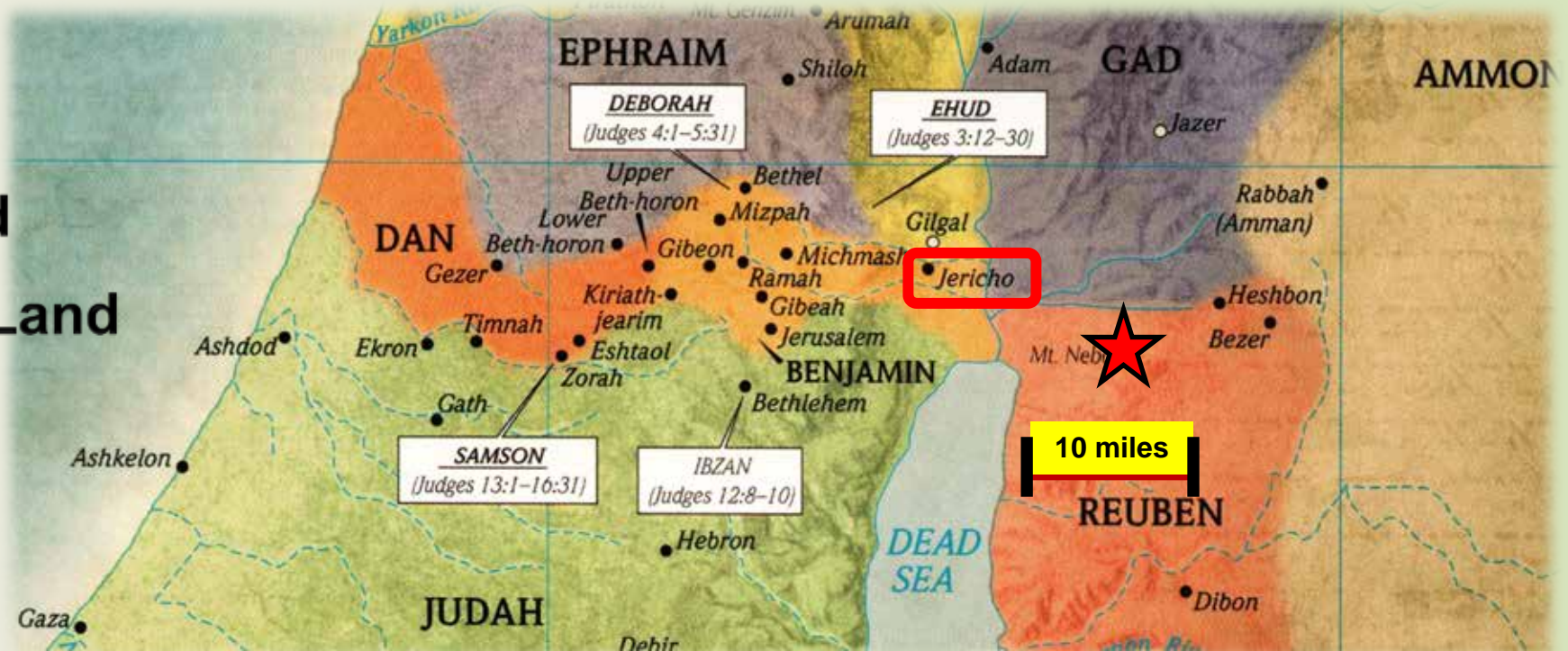
<sup>1</sup> Moses ... top of Mt. Nebo  
which looks to Jericho

LORD showed him all the land

From Mt. Nebo

One can see  
a lot of the land

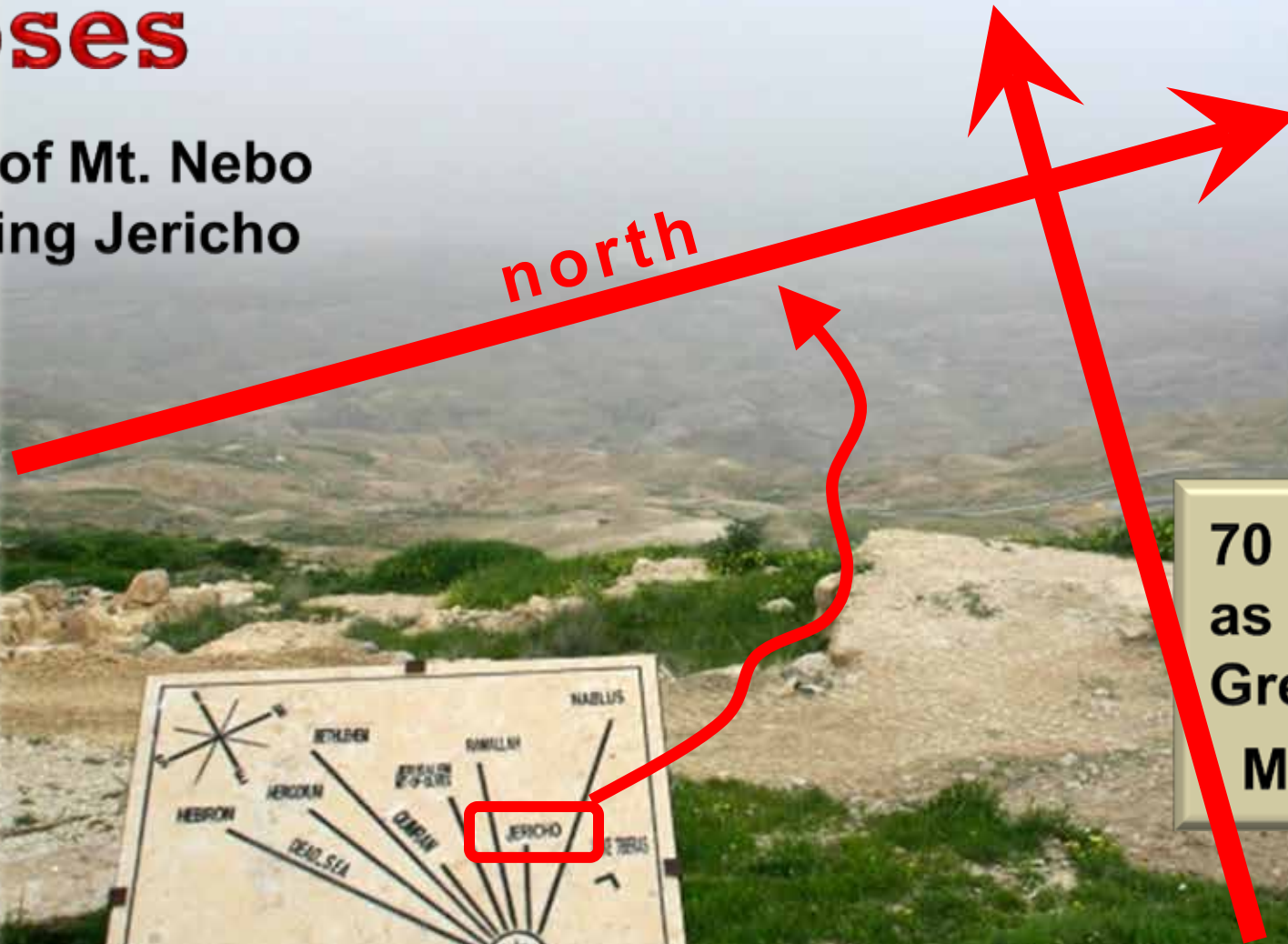
The Promised Land





# Moses

top of Mt. Nebo  
facing Jericho







**70 miles WEST,  
as bird flies, to  
Great Sea, or  
Mediterranean**

**View from Mt. Nebo**



# Moses

Deuteronomy 34

Gilead as far as Dan

all of Naphtali,

land of Ephraim and Manasseh

as far as to the Great Sea (Mediterranean)

Negev, and the region from the Valley of Jericho

**<sup>4</sup> The LORD then said to him, “This is the land I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’**

**I let you see it with your own eyes, but you’ll not cross into it.**

**<sup>5-6</sup> So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab ... no one to this day knows where his grave is.**



# Moses

## Deuteronomy 34

<sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab 30 days.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him.



So the Israelites obeyed him....

<sup>10-12</sup> No prophet has arisen again in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unparalleled for all the signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do against the land of Egypt.... and for all the mighty acts of power and terrifying deeds that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

**Moses—no other like him in history**

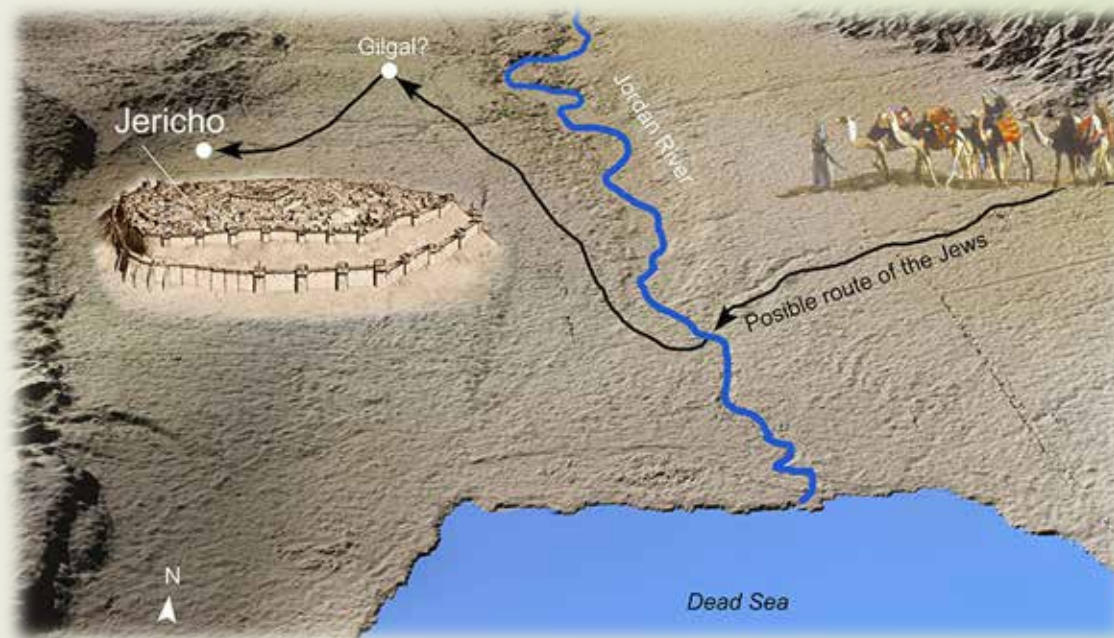


## Joshua 1:1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua

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**Joshua ... to cross Jordan ...**

**On the way to Jericho ...**





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### Joshua . . . Jehovah is his help

Ex. 17:8-16 – Joshua led against Amalekites

Ex. 24:13 – Joshua waits for Moses at Mt. Sinai

Ex. 32:17 – Joshua watches by tent as **God spoke with Moses**

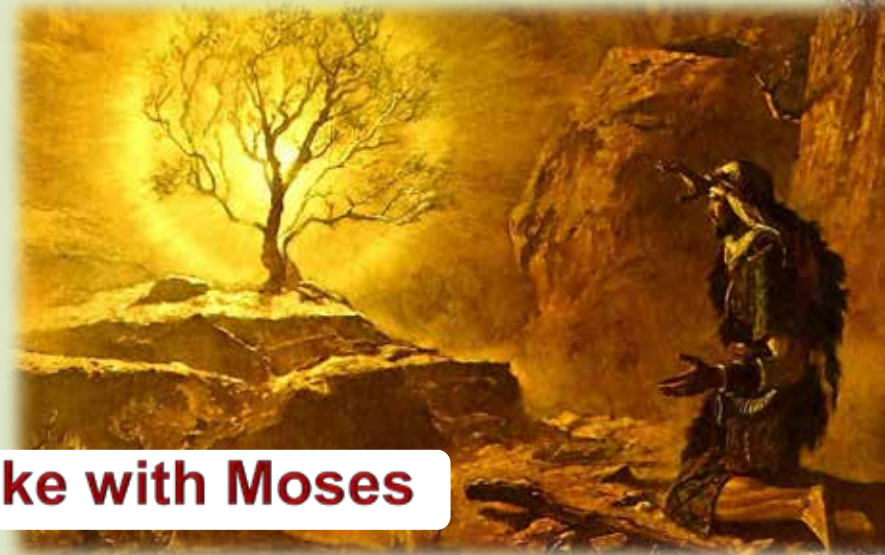
Num. 13:16 – Oshea "help" changed to Jehoshua "Jehovah is help"

*Or "Jehovah is Salvation" – Greek version Joshua is Jesus ...*

Num. 13-14 – Joshua, Caleb & 10 return – Joshua & Caleb w a GOOD report

Num. 27 – Moses charges Joshua as Israel's next leader

Deut. 31 – Moses, about to die, charges Joshua again,  
*Moses finishes "Book of Law" and has "Book" placed in Ark*



## 1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua

### **Joshua . . . Jehovah is his help**

In Joshua 2-4, two spies spend time with Rahab and sneak back ...

Joshua leads them across the Jordan at Flooding but waters held back

12 stones placed in Jordan ... REMEMBER this day ...

Josh. 4:14, **That day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.**

They ...

**Stood in Awe of Joshua ...**





## 1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua



Ark Crossing Jordan, by Juan Montero de Rojas (1613-1683), Madrid, Museo del Prado



# 1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD s Joshua . . . to Gilgal





## 1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua

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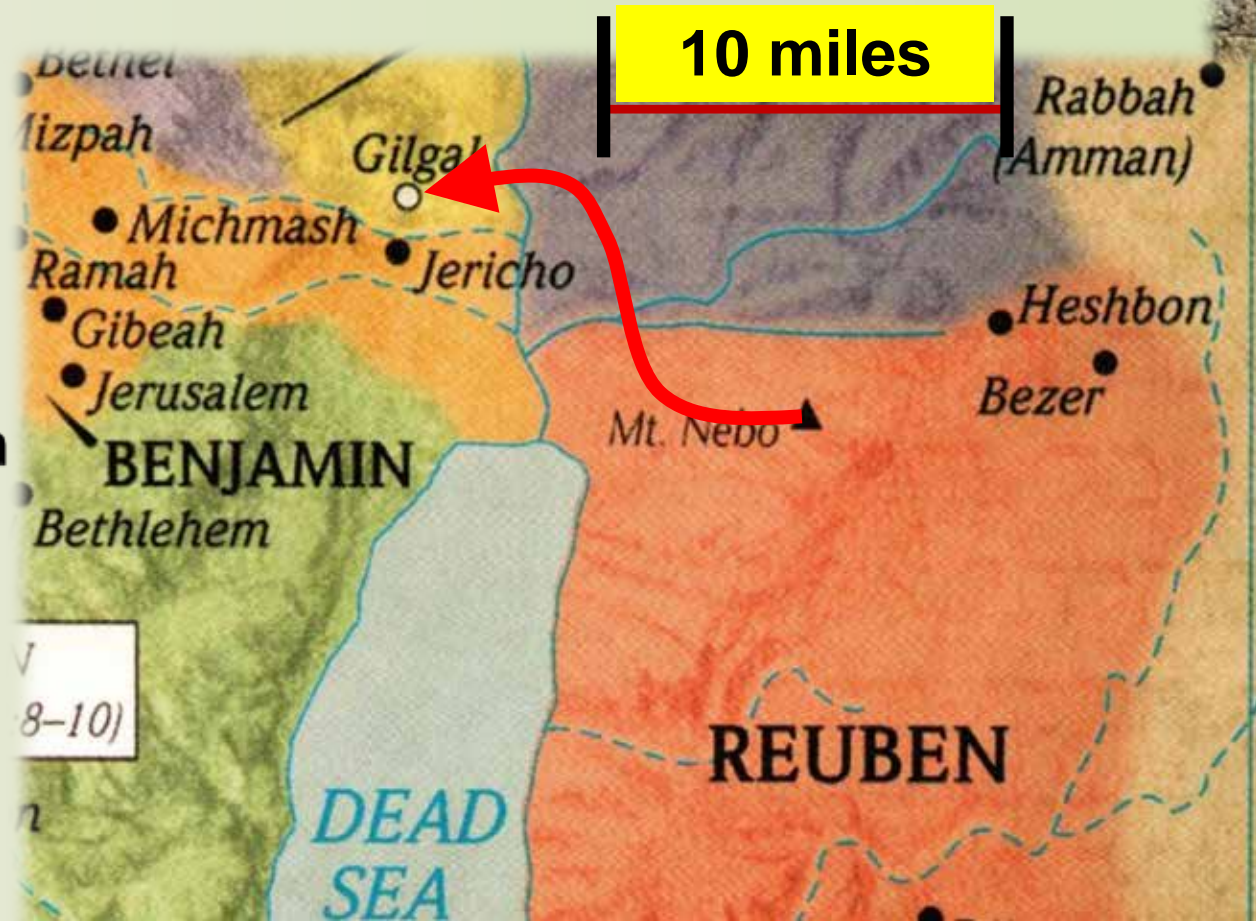
In Joshua 4, when the Amorite and Canaanite kings heard about miraculous crossing, **“their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.”**

Israel camps at Gilgal ...

Lord orders flint knives and  
circumcise Israelites ... *ouuuch*

Military men who came out of  
Egypt had died and new generation  
they had NOT followed the Lord

*clean up time before Jericho*



**1-5 New Leader** – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua

Here we are at the beginning ...

Joshua ... commissioned NOW by the Lord himself

All of Israel not only **LOOK** to Joshua ...

They are all in **AWE** at Joshua ... just they were Moses

They **LOOK** across the Jordan ... ready to take the land

The Canaanites, and others, are shaking in their boots ...

**As an Israelite—What would YOU be feeling?**

Among their MANY FEELINGS of fear & hope ... finally

**so precious and dear ...**



1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua

# The Promised Land

2091 B.C. Abraham called to go at 75 years young ...

Gen. 12:6-7, “Abram traveled through the land ... great tree of Moreh at Shechem.... The LORD ... said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the LORD.

After 430 YEARS in bondage in Egypt ... *and many struggles*

1446 B.C., Lord told Moses Ex. 3:8, “So I have come down to rescue them from ... the Egyptians and to bring them ... into a good, spacious land, a **LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY**”

After 40 YEARS in the wilderness ... *and many struggles*

1406 B.C., again, Lord told Moses Ex. 34:3,

“Go up to the **LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY.**”

## 1-5 New Leader – After Moses, LORD spoke to Joshua

Oh, I suspect ... they had a song ...

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

There generous fruits that never fail  
On trees immortal grow;  
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales  
With milk and honey flow.

O the transporting rapt'rous scene  
That rises to my sight;  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green  
And rivers of Delight.

I am bound for the promised land  
*O who will come and go with me*





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**3 I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses.**

**4 Your territory will be from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great Euphrates River — all the land of the Hittites — and west to the Mediterranean Sea.**

**5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or forsake you."**

**I will not leave you or forsake you.**

## Joshua 1:6 New Task – Be Strong, Lord to Distribute Land

**6 “Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their fathers to give them as an inheritance.**

**“Be strong and courageous”** appears FIVE (5) in Book of Joshua

Here, the words are from God ... FOUR (4) times, God says it

5th & last time in Book of Joshua, ***JOSHUA says it***

**“Be strong and courageous”** – easy to say

Character of the man/woman – **words POWERFUL**

From weak, inexperienced, or a child ... **words WEAK**

Joshua who **WALKED** with Moses, and  
had **WALKED** with ALL Israelites for last 40-plus yrs

**All Israel knew ... Joshua would NOT forsake them**

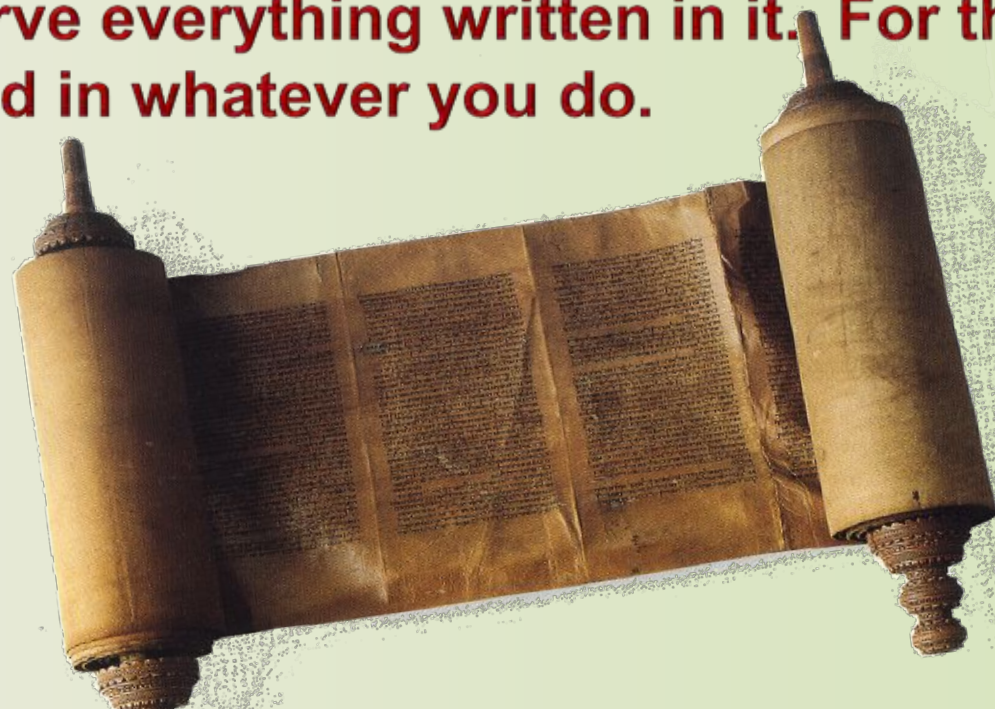




## Joshua 1:7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

<sup>7</sup> Above all, be strong and very courageous to carefully observe the whole instruction My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go.

<sup>8</sup> This Book of Instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night [*KJV, Meditate on it day and night*] so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.



## **Joshua 1:7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction**

And then ... in a grand finale ... God once more says:

<sup>9</sup> Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous?

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We could ... leave it right there ...

**Be Strong and Courageous ...**

**Do Not Be Afraid or Discouraged ...**

**for the LORD your God is WITH YOU**

**wherever you go**



## Joshua 1:7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

**Joshua** . . . *Jehovah is his help*

Remember, **not ALL** can be strong or courageous

**Not ALL** are CALLED to be ... courageous

But some are ... and **JOSHUA was ONE**

In Joshua 24, he calls all together and charges them

There is a recollection of history with Moses

LATER ... he dies at 110 ...

HERE—they are about to cross the Jordan River ...

*Cross the river during Flood Season ...*

Promoted to replace Moses ...



## Joshua 1:7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

### Joshua . . . *Jehovah is his help*

Deut. 31:6 – Moses tells Israel he's 120 ... tells all  
“Be Strong and Courageous”

Deut. 31:7, Moses to Joshua,  
“Be Strong and Courageous”

Deut. 31:23, Moses to Joshua,  
“Be Strong and Courageous”

Josh. 1:6 – God to Joshua, “Be Strong and Courageous”

1:9 – God to Joshua, “Have I not COMMANDED you to  
Be Strong and Courageous”

1:18 – JOSHUA, after a LONG charge to Israel, including death to  
any who disobey, then says, “Be Strong and Courageous.”





## Joshua 1:7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

**Joshua** . . . *Jehovah is his help*

Oooh ... not sure I want to go here ...

Not sure YOU want to go here ...

Joshua believed in Moses ... seen miracles

Joshua ... don't have a LOT on Joshua ...

In Deuteronomy & in his book of 24 chapters,  
what we DO KNOW ...

He WAS a strong and courageous ... never faltered

Very few people have **TALKED with GOD like them** ...

Moses ... then God ... to Joshua ... **“Be Strong and Courageous”**



**Joshua 1:7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction**

**Joshua . . . Jehovah is his help**

I am supremely confident that ALL there

All who **KNEW Joshua** ... thought him **BRAVEHEART**

**All that Joshua and Moses had been through ...**

Israel **BELIEVED** in Joshua ...

**YET ... listen closely ... VERY CLOSELY**

In Joshua's heart of hearts ... looking across

**looking across the river ... Joshua quivered a bit**

Even when **NO ONE ELSE** sees ... your heart, *your precious heart*

**God KNOWS ... God SEES ...**





## 7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

### **Joshua** . . . *Jehovah is his help*

Joshua was WILLING ... there was no other

Yet Moses AND God knew, he needed a nudge

How many times????

1. Deut. 31:6 – Moses to Joshua, “**Be strong and courageous**”
2. Deut. 31:7 – Moses to Joshua, “**Be strong and courageous**”
3. Deut. 31:23 – Moses to Joshua, “**Be strong and courageous**”
4. Joshua 1:6 – God to Joshua, “**Be strong and courageous**”
5. Joshua 1:9 – God to Joshua, “**Be strong and courageous**”

No one else in the Bible doubts Joshua ...

He's a battlefield General ... a warrior ... a strategist

Right NOW the entire future of Israel is on his shoulders



## 7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

### **Joshua . . . . *Jehovah is his help***

Joshua trusted Moses and trusted God ...

Joshua does NOT appear to have had a choice ...

Danger seems inherent ... people will die ...

Joshua never relents— **depart from OTHER gods!"**

### **Serve God ...**

How does that apply to us ... today?

Is there anything in Joshua's life & promotion?

Anything that can truly *LIFT* us today?





## 7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

**YES ... yes, there certainly is**

Not to the DEGREE of burden as Joshua

Not to the RELATION to God's promises as Joshua

But we face a FUTURE in a hostile country

We face people who DO NOT believe in God

We face a society MOST hostile to **MIRACLES**

We face universities that TEACH our God is a **MYTH**

We face a culture that DEMEANS all things **HOLY**

God has PROMISED us that we WILL WIN .....

***in the end***



## 7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

**Joshua** . . . *Jehovah is his help*

Like Joshua ... we **MUST** trust God ...

Like Joshua ... we want to **APPEAR** strong ...

Yet ... there are those who are weak ... shallow

There are those who **CANNOT take a stand** to ...  
cannot take a stand to save a gold fish

We seem surrounded by **FEEL-good smoothies**

Surrounded by **Prosperity Gospel Goofballs**

Churches ordaining Gays – i.e., men who \_\_?\_\_ #@\*% with men

Surrounded by Sunday School teachers afraid to spell it **CLEARLY**





## 7-9 New Trust – Be Strong, Observe Book of Instruction

Like Joshua ... we LOOK across the Jordan River

Like Joshua ... we see Jericho well fortified

Yonder is the Promised Land ... we look ... and SING

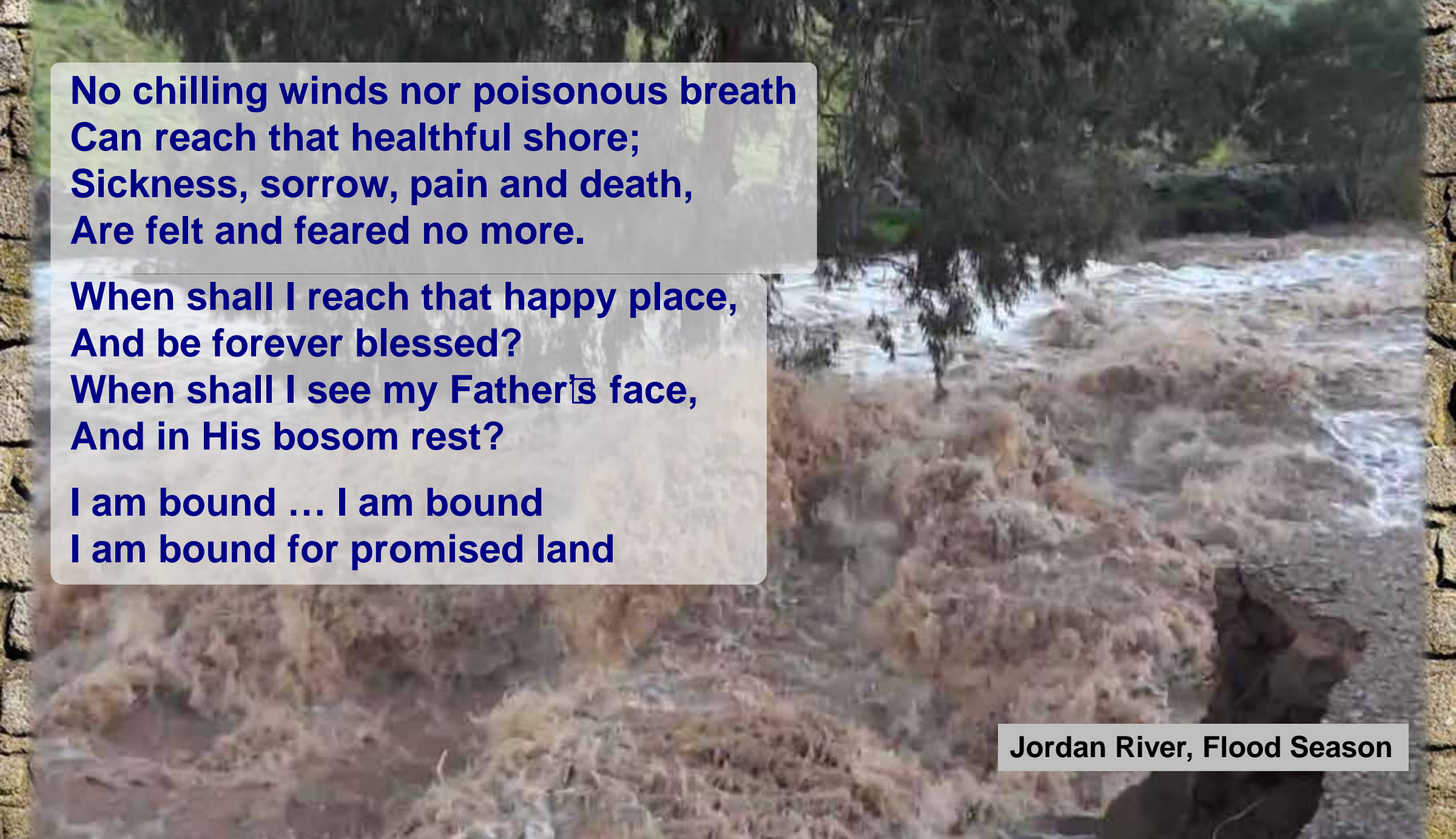
On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.



Jordan River, Flood Season





**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.**

**When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?**

**I am bound ... I am bound  
I am bound for promised land**

**Jordan River, Flood Season**



In many ways, Joshua is symbol ...

Remember 1 Peter? – we **ARE pilgrims** here

Unlike Joshua with only 40 yrs in the wilderness

We have been 2,000 yrs in the wilderness

In some places, like AMERICA, we're doing good

But we're NOT home yet—we're still **PILGRIMS**

Joshua 1:9 – then, closes

**Haven't I commanded you:**

**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS?**

**Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD  
your God is with you wherever you go."**

**Repeat ... God is WITH you wherever you go!**



Though we might not always feel,  
We still have faith that God will  
**Never Forsake us**

**View from Mt. Nebo**

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