

## Joshua 1

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(Joshua was very helpful and supportive to Moses. He was one of two who would have entered the Promised Land when God told them to the first time)

**1** Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, (minister = servant)

<sup>2</sup> Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. (They were finally entering the Promised Land. They could have entered 40 years earlier, but the scouts from the other 10 tribes overruled Joshua and Caleb. Joshua and Caleb wanted to obey God and go right in. Moses went with the majority, and God judged that this generation will die in the wilderness, because they refused to trust God and go into the promised Land when He told them to)

<sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. Deuteronomy-11:24

<sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. (The Promised Land went all the way from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea. Hittites were one of the Canaanite tribes. All these heathen tribes were committing all kinds of abominations, including human sacrifice of their children by burning them alive. They had also mated with the fallen angels and produced hybrid giant offspring. God judged them to death for it)

<sup>5</sup> There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Jesus made this same promise to all Christians as well) Hebrews-13:5

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. (good courage= steadfastly minded, not wavering – better translation) (God gave them this land. They will possess it – no ifs, no ands, no buts. You can always count on God to keep His word)

<sup>7</sup> Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. (courageous- also means steadfastly minded, unwavering) (Follow God's law; don't turn left or right; stay the course. Trust and obey God and you will be successful)

(Today, judges rule by precedent, not by God's law and by morality. That's why the justice system doesn't work well anymore. It was corrupted over the years by precedent)

EXAMPLE: (God ruled that the penalty for rape and murder is death. There would be no repeat offenders if we obeyed God's command)

<sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (God's law <10 Commandments> will never change) (Obey God; do right and you will prosper)

<sup>9</sup> Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (They were afraid to enter the Promised Land because of the strong tribes and the giants that lived there. God told them that He would march before them and yet they were still worried. This time <40 years later> they did obey God and entered into the Promised Land)

<sup>10</sup> Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, (like Moses, Joshua did his best to obey God)

<sup>11</sup> Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it. (Joshua ordered them to go. He wasn't taking any pushback)

<sup>12</sup> And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, (These people had asked Moses for the land on the East side of Jordan. It was rich pasture land. God agreed; and they were given the land on the East side of Jordan by Moses. They were already home) see Numbers-32

<sup>13</sup> Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. (Remember your oath to fight for the other tribes to take their land)

<sup>14</sup> Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; (The other tribes had helped them get their land on the east side of the Jordan. Now they were going to help the other tribes take their land on the West side of the Jordan. Without their wives and children with them, they were the best choice to lead the rest in conquering the land west of the Jordan)

<sup>15</sup> Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising. (On the east side of Jordan)

<sup>16</sup> And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. (They agreed to help, as God commanded)

<sup>17</sup> According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. (If God is with them, they cannot fail) (The bad news is that they did not do all that Moses commanded them; neither will they do all that Joshua commands them. It will later cause them to fall into the idolatry of the heathen tribes and abandon God)

<sup>18</sup> Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage. (No room for traitors or dissidents)