



# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

THE PROMISE-KEEPER EMBOLDENS HIS CHURCH

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## KEY PHRASE

This is how you will know that the Living God is among you!  
I Be strong and courageous - Conquer! Js. 1:1 - 12:24  
II Don't be discouraged! Trust! Obey! Js 13:1 - 24:33

Wow!. "This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to 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. **Have not I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**" I will surely learn this by heart! Amazing promises!

### I. Be courageous - God keeps His Word! ..... Js 1:1 - 12:24

- A. Joshua prepares people spiritually.....Js 1:1 - 5:1
- B. The LORD has chosen Joshua. ....Js 5:2 - 5:15
- C. The LORD will do amazing things! .....Js 6:1 -12:24
  - 1. Jericho and Ai - Central Canaan Crushed.....Js 6:1 - 8:35
  - 2. The Southern and Northern conquests. ....Js 9:1 - 11:23
  - 3. Lists of conquered kings/kingdoms. ....Js 12:1-12:24

### II Do not be discouraged! Remember and obey!.....s 13:1 - 24:33

- A. There is still work to do. ....Js 13:1 - 13:7
- B. Here are your assigned areas: ....Js 13:8 - 19:51
- C. God's representatives are to urge: learn My Word! .....Js 20:1 - 21:45
- D. The LORD blesses all who hear and obey His Word! .....Js 22:1 - 24:33



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*The LORD lays waste to rebellious unbelievers and keeps His promise to Abraham.*

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**JOSHUA** - Joshua is the first of the grouping called "The Former Prophets". This group covers the history of Israel from the conquest of Canaan to the Babylonian exile. In **JOSHUA** the LORD exhorts the readers to stop sinning and return to obeying God with grateful and awe-filled hearts.

The book of Joshua records the history of Israel's conquest of the land of Canaan. This history that displayed the grace of the eternal living God and His crushing holy power. When believers depended solely on Him, they were mightily blessed! There was no stopping of blessings! What a refreshing display of a grateful people following their gracious God. Here are some questions to encourage my personal study of the book "**JOSHUA**" which means "The LORD saves!"

**A. Read Joshua 1:1-11.** When did I first discover I was "on my own"? What promises does the LORD give to Joshua? List them: Which promises urge Joshua to remember God's activities in the past? Which ones prompt Joshua to look to the future and believe Him?

What (A) commands go along with the (B) promises? Why does God emphasize His promises? Which command is the toughest for me to carry out? What fears keep me from living 100% for the Lord? How can fellow believers help each other live for God? What is the greatest challenge I see facing most Christians today? my congregation today? What promises does God give me to meet and far exceed these challenges?

**B. Read Joshua 22:10-34.** How do I normally react when angered by a friend? a) a slow burn b) **BLAST AWAY!!** c) Cold-shoulder-silent-deep-freeze d) pray about it In Js 22:10 what innocent little project did the 2 1/2 tribes on the one side of the river do? How did the rest of the tribes react? Why? What is this sin of Peor (see Numbers 25)?

In verses 13-14 Phinehas was chosen to lead a band of delegates. What thoughts went into the choice of Phinehas? What assumptions were made that brought the tribes of Israel to a point of war (v12, v18)? The stunned tribes explained their actions in vv21-29. How did Phinehas and the others respond? I think on what might have happened had they all not taken the time to investigate the matter.

Why did Jesus make sure this piece of history was recorded? One thing I can learn from this is: a) don't build new altars b) have the altar-building-permit signed before gathering stones c) take other's activities in the kindest possible way d) find out first before letting the fur fly, then let er rip! What benefits are planned from naming the Altar in v34? What memorials have I so-named? What in my life is like a "**Witness between Us that the LORD is God**"?



NEXT TIME: JUDGES

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