

# THE JOSHUA STUDY

## CHAPTER 11:1-12:24

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## The Rest That Comes from Christ

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### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

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INTRODUCTION: Reviewing of Our Previous Message
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The Hope of a Heaven,  
a Paradise, or a Utopia is Innate within Every Human Being.

Mankind, Internally,  
has a Hope for Hope Itself

Of a Paradise!

**Nimrod, the Babylonian** believed that heaven could be captured and be brought down to earth as he would rule over it.

**Adolf Hitler Believed** that He could create a Paradise-Heaven on earth if the world would rid itself of the genetically impure, the handicapped, the retarded, and the Jewish race.

**The Atheist and Communist Carl Marx** believed that Heaven on earth could be established by creating a "common-world" where all men might live and enjoy all things shared.

**Even today there is this false** doctrine of Dominion Theology that believes that the church will eventually “Christianize” the world and usher in a Utopia on earth.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

- **Hope Can Keep a Person Alive**
- **Hope Can Comfort the Broken Heart**
- **Hope can even Produce Endurance for Living Life**

**You Cannot Have Hope, Until You First Have Faith**

## **Hope is Built on Faith**

Hebrews 11

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.....6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.....29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

## **The Thief on the Cross, Desired Paradise!**

Luke 23:39-43

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

# From This Point On

The Chapters Do Not Easily Lend Themselves to Verse By Verse Teaching but rather overviews of victorious battles fought and won

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## A Summarization of Israel's Victories

In Chapter 10:29 to Chapter 11:15

we see the southern and northern kingdoms defeated by Joshua and the Israelites

from Chapter 11:16 to 12:24

list the defeated kings and their occupation of the promised land

Chapter 13 is the Dividing of the Land to the Nation Israel

let me say this;

what appears tedious or boring to us is actually an account provided by God to supply the skeptic with another load of historical evidence

Isn't it Awesome to Think that;

The Number One Most Talked About Topic Among World Leaders is the Nation Israel and its Land

## And Jerusalem is the frosting on the cake

Zechariah 12:1-3

1The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. 2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

# What Amazing Times We Live In

## Chapter 10 Ends With This Note

Joshua 10:43

Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

### **GILGAL**

THE BASE HEADQUARTERS FOR ISRAEL'S MILITARY OPERATIONS

### **But Now They Move From Warfare to Worship**

THEY ADVANCE NOW TO A NEW BASE OF OPERATIONS THAT WILL NOT BE  
ESTABLISHED UNTIL  
**SHILOH**

Joshua 18:1

Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.

### Shiloh

became the first resting place of the tabernacle of God, even before Jerusalem.

Shiloh has recently been unearthed. it is situated just 10 miles north of Bethel today. it's a beautiful place, vacated and quiet, there are only ruins remaining there now.



Shiloh heb 7886 Shiyloh (shee-lo');  
tranquil, peace, rest, A title of the Messiah:

## The Rest That Comes From Christ

1.) Chapter 11: Faith

The Thrust of Chapter 11  
is verses 6-9

Revelation 19:19

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (KJV)

But Why Not Keep The Horses and Chariots?

because the Canaanites trusted in them and God would not have Israel do the Same

these enemies were awesome in power and might. they were bigger in size, stronger in arms and better at war than Israel. it would have been easy to begin to trust in the war machines of man!

Israel was to Advance in the Spirit

Psalm 20:7

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

**God's People**

David

1 Samuel 17:49-50

49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.  
50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of

Samson

Judges 15:14-15

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. 15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it.

Gideon

Judges 7:20-21

20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers-- they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing-- and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" 21 And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled.

But Jack That Was Old Testament Times, What About Now?

is it really possible to win the battles of life with...?

You Had Better Watch Out Cuz I Have a Bible!

## a.) Faith Renounces Defeat

vv. 1-5

**And it came to pass, when** Jabin king of Hazor heard these things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, 2 and to the kings who were from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 3 to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. 5 **And when all these kings had met together**, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

the waters of Merom

was the Rallying Point This Massive Military Coalition assembled at Merom, just a few miles north of the sea of Galilee. Josephus writes that the combined armies numbered 300,000 foot soldiers, 20,000 chariots and 10,000 horsemen.

## News Had Come to Joshua “in the valley of decision”

“Faith Renounces Defeat”

## b.) Faith Results in Victory

vv. 6-14

But the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time **I will deliver all of them** slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." 7 **So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and they attacked them.** 8 **And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel**, who defeated them and chased them to Greater Sidon, to the Brook Misrephoth, and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining. 9 So Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

**7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and they attacked them.** 8 **And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel,**

### The Victory At Merom

Led to the Destruction of Hazor - this was the capitol of the Region

### From Gilgal to Merom

is a five day walk by foot.

### Joshua Had Time to Think

that is not always a good thing unless our thoughts have been dedicated to God

Joshua mounted, not a defensive posture,  
but an offensive attack, he ran toward the enemy

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Joshua turned back at that time and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they struck all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left breathing. Then he burned Hazor with fire. 12 So all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took and struck with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only, which Joshua burned. 14 And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the children of Israel took as booty for themselves; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they left none breathing.

d) **Faith Requires a Response**

vv. 15-20

As the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses. 16 Thus Joshua took all this land: the mountain country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, and the Jordan plain--the mountains of Israel and its lowlands, 17 from Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings, and struck them down and killed them. 18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. **19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All the others they took in battle. 20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, and that they might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Verse 19-20

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2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Ezekiel 33:11

"Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways..."

## Have You Heard the Good News?

Proverbs 29:1

He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, he will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

for 120 Years Noah Preached Repentance to the people,  
Until the Day God Called Noah to Enter the Ark...

Then Judgement Came  
and it came via natural disasters

Because God is Holy,  
He is Moral. His Morality is Perfect and is Revealed in His Person

### He Holds Mankind Responsible for Its Actions

Every Individual  
in Every Family - of Every Nation  
God Holds Morally Responsible for their actions

### when difficulties Come to Our lives

Our Faith is Tested...

if we have saving faith, we will turn to God in the Trial  
if our faith is false and fairweathered, then we turn against God

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

## This Joy Comes From Knowing

That Your Faith is Being Proven - the very trial is evidence  
that God is at Work in Your Life.



Joshua 11:18

Joshua made war **a long time** with all those kings.  
(chapt. 14 tells us that the land was being purged of the enemies for seven years)

## e.) Faith Receives God's Promises

vv. 21-23

And at that time Joshua came and cut off **the Anakim** from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod. 23 **So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war. according to all that the LORD had said to Moses;**

- The Words of the Prophet Moses Had Come True
- The Words of General Joshua Had Come True,
  - Because God Had Spoken a Promise

Numbers 13:32-33

..."The land through which we have gone as spies, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 **"There we saw the giants** (the descendants of Anak who came from the giants); **and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight,** ...and so we were in their sight."

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Israel had heard about the giants, they had thought about the giants,  
they had worried about the giants...

But Now They Had 'Seen' Them

## Joshua and Caleb Had Said

"Far Out" – Let's Watch God Kick Their Giant Rears

Joshua 11:19-20

There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All the others they took in battle. 20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, and that they might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

# A Warning to You About What You Believe

Eventually, God will let you alone where You're at and With What You Believe.

## Verse 19

is an Invitation to Change Your Mind

Verse 20 is The Judgement that Comes to Every Man if He doesn't Change His Mind

### Example of Man's Hardening

Exodus 8:15

But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, Pharaoh hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said he would.

### Example of God's Hardening

Exodus 4:21

And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

if you keep standing in wet cement,  
you'll eventually harden with it. you'll not be able to get out

## The Day of Grace Will Soon Pass

At The Point of the Rapture of the Church, The Church Age Will Cease

&

(The Time of Jacob's Trouble Will Begin)

It Will Be The Time of the Tribulation Saints

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

**Let no one deceive you by any means;** for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, (people giving up on the faith) and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 **Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?** 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He** who now restrains will do so until **He** is taken out of **the way**. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and

with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

At The End of the 7 Year Tribulation Period,  
Jesus Will Return in His Second Coming to Earth

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

...when the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed from heaven, with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on all those who don't know God, and on those who did not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints...

## Every Time The Gospel Goes Out

and you reject it, God grants you your wish and He hardens your heart a little more in your position.

Luke 8:18

“Therefore Jesus said “be careful **how you hear.**”

**THERES AN URGENCY**

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

### A True Story

In Chicago, a WWII veteran was having his home fumigated with deadly gas. remembering that he had left a letter in the house that he wanted to mail, he approached the house now tented and posted saying “Poisonous Gas – Keep Out” but he went in to get his letter and was found dead just inside the house, with letter in hand. Later it was made known by his wife that he had been a chemical expert in the U.S. Navy and assumed that he could out wit the gas that killed him.

## Alot of Religious People are Like That

they think some how what applies to most – doesn't apply to them

Hebrews 3:15

“Today, if you will hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the days of the wilderness rebellion.”

# God, Who Dwells in Eternity Know All

Romans 9:17-18

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

## 2.) Chapter 12: Recaps the Victories Over the Kings

### The Conquering of the Kings

33 kings are mentioned as being destroyed by Joshua.

Israel had taken the cities and the kings that were in power. as the inheritance was divided among Israel, each tribe then subdued their smaller, personal territory.

### Amplified Bible

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Dear brothers, I am still not all what I should be, but every day I am bringing all my energies and desires to bear on this one thing: That is to Forget the past and to be looking forward to what lies ahead of me in Christ, 14 That is why I strain to reach the end of the race that God has set for me to run and to receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us.

the end