

Pointers and questions on JOSHUA 1-12

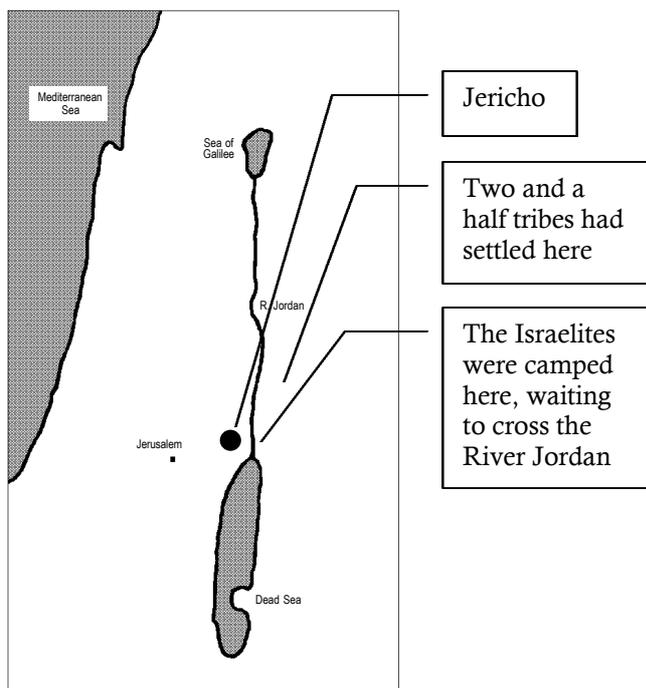
Session 1

1:1-18

God prepares Joshua to cross the Jordan

Summary

- 1:1-9** God commands Joshua to prepare to take the people across the River Jordan and reiterates his promises to give the Israelites the land.
- 1:10-15** Joshua passes on the order via his officers. He reminds the men who had settled in territory on the east bank of the Jordan of their responsibility to help the rest claim territory on the west bank.
- 1:16-18** The people acknowledge Joshua's leadership and commit themselves to obeying the Lord's commands through him.



Questions to get you thinking

- To begin with, talk about the conquest of Canaan in general and how it illustrates *victorious Christian living*. What does it mean for us Christians to live in the land? What are we to expect victory over?
- How many times can you find the word *give*, *gives* or *giving* in connection with God's gift of the Promised Land to the Israelites? What does this tell us about how victory in our own lives can be achieved?
- I will give you every place where you set your foot (v3). What does *this* tell us about how victory in our own lives can be achieved?
- How long can we expect to be victorious as believers? (v5)
- Look at v8-9. What instrument of victory and success is mentioned here? How, in practice, can we expect it to help us achieve that success?
- Are you sometimes terrified or discouraged (v9)? What things cause you to feel like that? And what does this passage say you should do about it?
- Read v12-15. These were the 2½ tribes who had opted for land on the east bank. What does Joshua's speech to them tell you about the danger of complacency when you yourself are doing OK spiritually?
- Notice the last sentence in the chapter. Where else in the chapter does it appear? Could God be saying it to you as you face life with all its problems, temptations and challenges? What would it mean in practice to obey this command?
- Are you ready today to pack up camp and begin a new push against your spiritual enemies?