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The Daily Bible Reader 2015

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JOSHUA

Joshua

Memory Verse: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

Schedule

March 1-6
Chapters 1-6

March 7-13
Chapters 7-12

March 14-20
Chapters 13-18

March 21-27
Chapters 19-24

March 28-31
Catch Up Days

We will be reading through the book of Joshua in March. By reading at least one chapter each day you should be able to finish the readings each week. May God bless you as you feast on his Word each day!

Joshua is the first of twelve historical books. It provides a vital link between the Pentateuch and the rest of Israel's history. Under Joshua's leadership the Israelites learn an important lesson: victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word. Joshua's name means "Yaweh is Salvation". Even though he is the leader, the true conqueror is the Lord!

Joshua is divided into two sections: 1) the Conquest (Ch.1-12); and 2) Dividing the land among the tribes (Ch.13-24). Although there are no messianic prophecies in Joshua, there isa clear parallel between Joshua and Jesus. In his role of leading Israel in triumph, he foreshadows the One who will bring "many sons to glory". (Hb.2:10)

Joshua chose a divide and conquer strategy (Ch.6-8) that begins in central Canaan, thus preventing a massive Canaanite alliance against Israel. The most noted battle, the victory over Jericho (Ch.6), is also mentioned in Hebrews 11:30. As the land was divided among the twelve tribes, the tribe of Levi is given 48 cities. Six cities of refuge were designated throughout Israel to provide a haven for those who killed someone by accident.

Joshua's farewell address (Ch.23,24) is a fitting way to close the book. This great leader of Israel challenges the families of the nation to put away the false gods of Canaan and serve Jehovah. Chapter 24 constitutes a covenant renewal in which Israel commits herself to the Lord and thus rejects all false gods.

I hope you will enjoy reading Joshua!

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