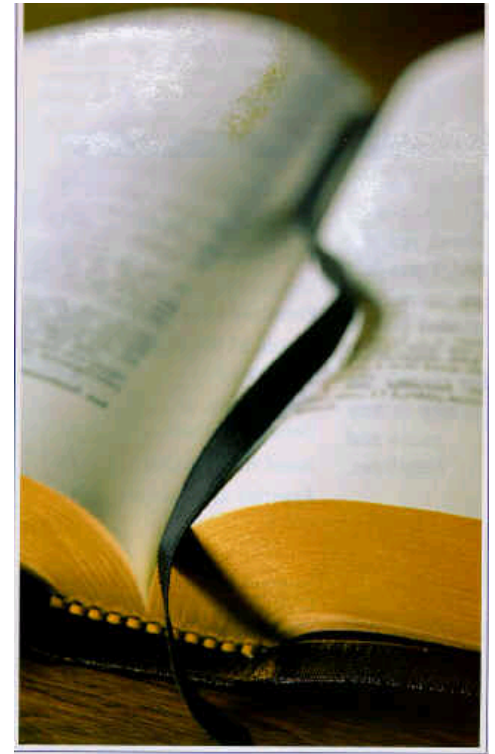


# The Book of Joshua

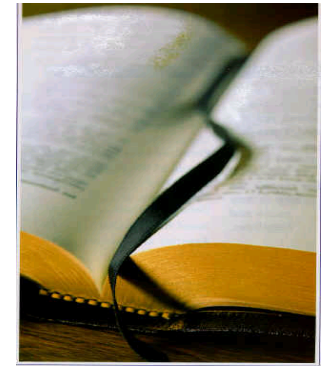
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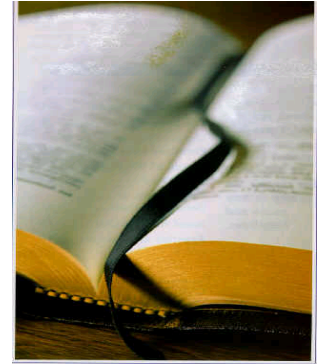
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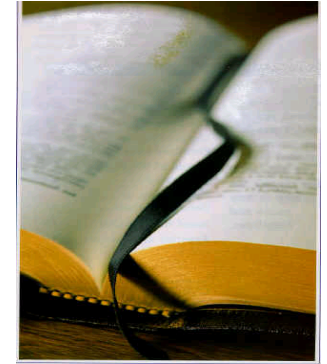


- The Book of Joshua tells us about
  - the people of Israel
    - Crossing the Jordan
    - Entering the land of Canaan
    - Conquering the land
    - Possessing the land

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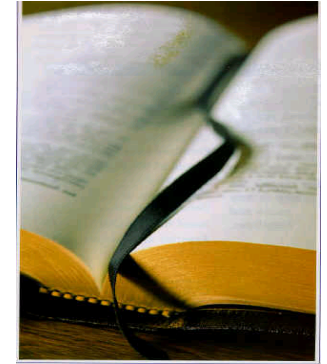
- Canaan speaks of spiritual blessings
- These belong to every true Christian
- But do we enjoy them as much as we could?





## Joshua: Division of the Book

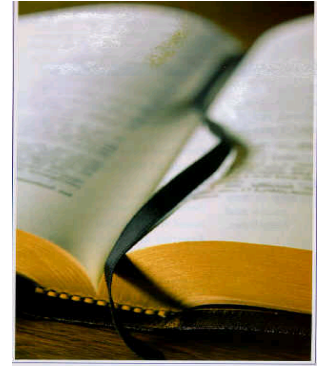
1. Chapters 1-5: Crossing Jordan
2. Chapters 6-12: Conquest
3. Chapters 13 – 24: Possess the land!



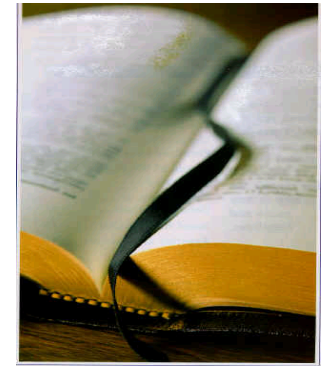
# Joshua 1: Be strong

- The Lord
  - encourages Joshua to be strong
  - Promises to subdue the enemies
  - States that, above all, Joshua needs to obey and to be strong
- The 2 ½ tribes
  - Had chosen to stay 'east of Jordan'
  - Are exhorted to join their brethren in battle

# Joshua 2: Spared

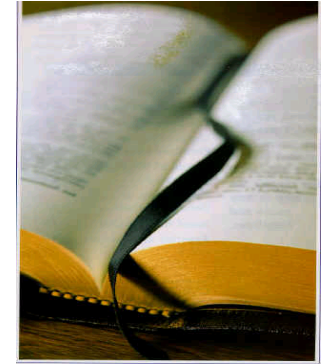


- Rahab
- The Canaanites had heard about the God of Israel
- Rahab believes and is spared



# Joshua 3: Crossing Jordan

- Israel crosses the Jordan
  - The ark first
  - The waters stopped
  - The people followed
- Spiritual meaning
  - Identified with Christ in His death and resurrection
  - Red Sea: deliverance from bondage (Rom. 6, 1. Cor. 10:2).

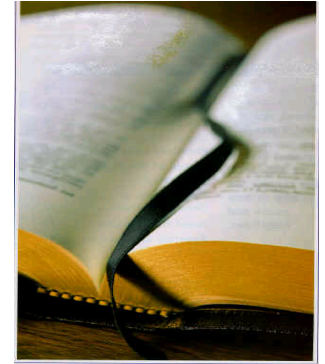


# Joshua 4: Twelve Stones

- Memorial stones
  - 12 stones in Jordan: believers have died with Christ
  - 12 stones at the shore: believers are risen with Christ
- God had only spoken about the 12 stones on the shore
- The emphasis is on resurrection

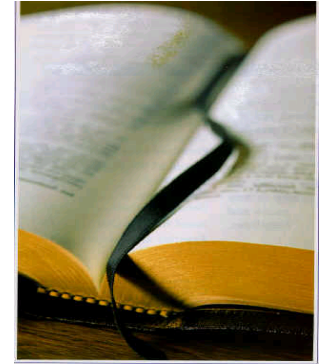


# Joshua 5: Preparation for battle



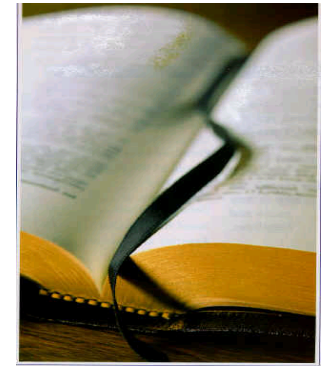
1. Circumcision
2. Passover
3. Old corn of the land
4. Unleavened loaves
5. Manna
6. The Lord of the hosts

# Joshua 6: Jericho



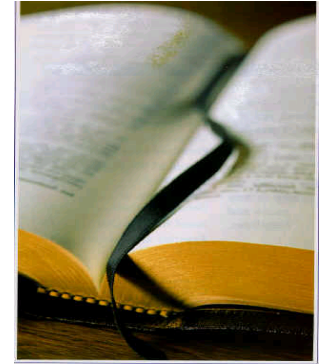
- The first thing you encounter in the land: → the stronghold of the enemy
- Conquered by faith

# Joshua 7-8: Ai



- Complacency
- Lack of self judgement
- Defeat
  
- Only after the people return to Gilgal and obey the Lord is Ai conquered

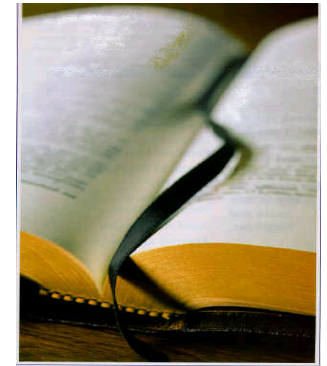
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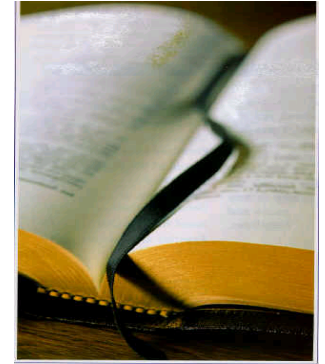
- Deceit
- The wiles of the enemy
- Lack of dependence
- A forbidden alliance
  
- The result: loss of territory

# Joshua 10: Conquest (S)

- Joshua goes up from Gilgal
- Defeat of the kings of the south



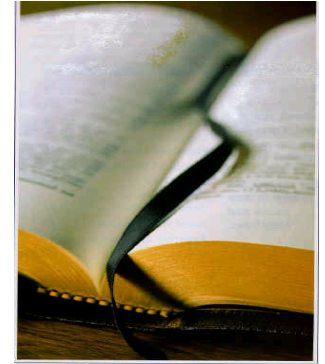
# Joshua 11-12: Conquests (N)

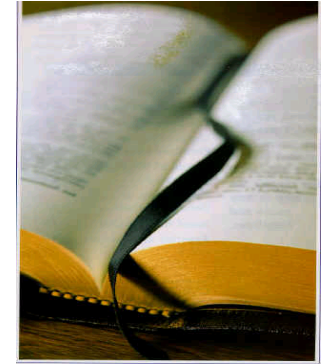


- Further Conquests
- Conflict remains

# Joshua 13: Possess

- Part 3: ch. 13-24: possessing the land
- 2 ½ tribes receive their inheritance



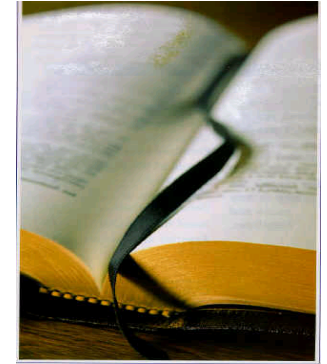


# Joshua 14-19: Division of the Land

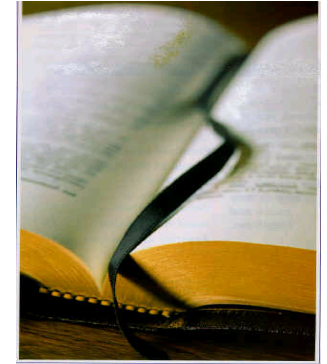
- The division of the land
- Every tribe receives an inheritance (now the remaining 7)
- Borders defined in detail
- A good land



# Joshua 20-21: City

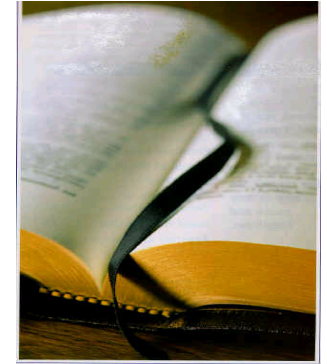


- The cities of refuge and the cities of the Levites
- Cities of refuge
  - Illustrate the Gospel
  - Show God's ways with Israel (prophetic picture)



## Joshua 22: Altar of Witness

- 2 ½ tribes East of Jordan
- One wrong step triggers new problems
- They built an altar of witness
- Well meant, but laid them open to misunderstanding
- Inadvertently formed an independent centre



## Joshua 23-24: Final Plea

- Consider what God has done for you
- Love Him
- Serve and obey Him
- Steer clear of what dishonours Him

“As for me and my house...”