

Inheriting the Land of Promise

JOSHUA

Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant saying, "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory.

No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them."

Joshua 1:1-6

The Bible's Story

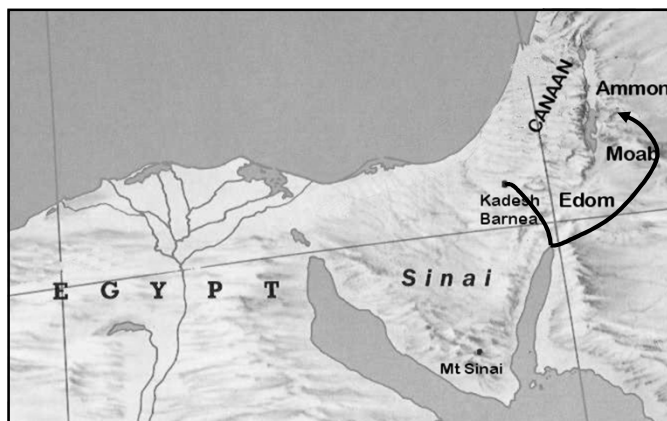
Kingdom of God: *God is forming a people to live in His place enjoying His presence under His rule and blessing*

The Bible's Story

1. The Kingdom Patterned: Creation/Eden
2. The Kingdom Perished: The Fall
3. The Kingdom Promised: Abraham
 - promise of *blessing*, a *seed* and a land
4. The Kingdom in Part: Exodus & the Law

Failure & Hope

- Rebellion at Kadesh (Num. 13-14)
- Failure of Moses (Num. 20)
- Commissioning of Joshua (Num. 27)
- Renewal of the Covenant (Deuteronomy)



Introduction to Joshua

A. The Message of Joshua

- *Primary*: The Lord's faithfulness to accomplish His promise
- *Secondary*: The blessing and necessity of covenant loyalty/obedience

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B. The Importance of the Land

- The land of promise has a theological, symbolic significance that goes beyond the nation of Israel and the borders of Canaan

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B. The Importance of the Land

1. The promise of the land represented a return to Eden (in part)
2. Israel's inheritance of Canaan was a preliminary stage to and symbolic of the ultimate fulfillment
3. Jesus came to bring the final fulfillment of this promise of which Canaan was a type

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B. The Importance of the Land

- *Fulfillment in Jesus ("already & not yet")*
 - Canaan is a type of the "salvation-rest" that is available to us presently in Jesus (Heb. 4:7-11)
 - Canaan is a type of the final kingdom that Jesus will establish (Heb. 11:16)