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***The LORD Prepares Israel and Jericho***

[**Joshua chapters One and Two**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1-2)

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**Preparation of Israel and Jericho**

**I. Abraham is prepared before Israel Existed**

**Right after Abram had won a world war and delivered Lot from capture, the LORD spoke to him about giving Abram a “seed” and Canaan land which the LORD is giving Abram for an inheritance:**

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. **(**[**Genesis 15:1-3**](swordsearcher://bible/gen15.1-3)**)**

**The LORD then gave Abram a glimpse of the land and Abram believed God and was justified:**

And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. [**Genesis 15:4-6**](swordsearcher://bible/gen15.4-6)

**Abraham desires a Covenant:**

And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?[**Genesis 15:7-8**](file:///C:\Users\Truck\Documents\College%20Courses\Joshua2024\gen15.7-8)

**Abraham is told to prepare a covenant sacrifice, animal pieces separated, and then a seed prophesy:**

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites. **(**[**Genesis 15:13-21**](swordsearcher://bible/gen15.13-21)**)**

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| **Scope of Joshua** | | | | | | |
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| **Reference** | 1.1 | 6:1 | 13:8 | 14:1 | 20:1 | 22:1 24:33 |
| **Plan** | God Prepares Israel | Conquering the land | East Jordan | West Jordan | Cities, refuge, and Suburbs | To stay in the land |
| **Division** | Passing over Jordan | Subduing the Land | Possessing the Land | | | |
| **Where** | East Jordan | Canaan | 9 ½ tribes settle at West Jordan – 2 ½ East Jordan | | | |
| **Time** | About 1 Month | About 7 Years | About 8 Years | | | |

[**Hebrews 11:8**](swordsearcher://bible/heb11.8-10) By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Hebrews 11:9** By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

**Hebrews 11:10** For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

**II. Israel is Prepared**

**Israel has already been prepared by prophesy**

[**Deuteronomy 30:1**](swordsearcher://bible/de30.1-4) And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,  
**Deuteronomy 30:2** And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;  
**Deuteronomy 30:3** That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.  
**Deuteronomy 30:4** If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

**This is prophesy of the return from the Scattering**  
[**Deuteronomy 30:5**](swordsearcher://bible/de30.5-10) And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.  
**Deuteronomy 30:6** And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.  
**Deuteronomy 30:7** And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.  
**Deuteronomy 30:8** And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.  
**Deuteronomy 30:9** And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:  
**Deuteronomy 30:10** If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

**God’s Word is never hidden**  
[**Deuteronomy 30:11**](swordsearcher://bible/de30.11-14) For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.  
**Deuteronomy 30:12** It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?  
**Deuteronomy 30:13** Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?  
**Deuteronomy 30:14** But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

The LORD has set before you life and death – Choose Life  
**Deuteronomy 30:15** See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;  
**Deuteronomy 30:16** In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.  
**Deuteronomy 30:17** But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;  
**Deuteronomy 30:18** I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.  
**Deuteronomy 30:19** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

**Deuteronomy 30:20** That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

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| **Moses went up Mount Nebo**  [**Deuteronomy 34:1**](swordsearcher://bible/de34.1-3) And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, **Deuteronomy 34:2** And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, **Deuteronomy 34:3** And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.  **This is the land** [**Deuteronomy 34:4**](swordsearcher://bible/de34.4) And the LORD said unto him, This *is* the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. |  |
| **III. A Change of Power**  **So, Moses, the servant of the LORD died** ([Jude 9](swordsearcher://bible/jude9)) [**Deuteronomy 34:5**](swordsearcher://bible/de34.5-6) So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. **Deuteronomy 34:6** And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. | |

**The children of Israel weep for Moses**  
[**Deuteronomy 34:7**](swordsearcher://bible/de34.7-8) And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.  
**Deuteronomy 34:8** And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

**Joshua was the appointed commander to take over**  
[**Deuteronomy 34:9**](swordsearcher://bible/de34.9) And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

**The LORD knew Moses, face to face**  
[**Deuteronomy 34:10**](swordsearcher://bible/de34.10-12) And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,  
**Deuteronomy 34:11** In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,  
**Deuteronomy 34:12** And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

**The LORD tells Joshua, Go over this Jordan**

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|  | [**Joshua 1:1**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.1) Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, **Joshua 1:2** Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. |
| **Every place the sole of your foot shall tread –** [Genesis 15:13-16](swordsearcher://bible/gen15.13-16) | |
| The Jordan River where the People of Israel crossed into the Land | [**Joshua 1:3**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.3-5) Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. **Joshua 1:4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. **Joshua 1:5** There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. |

**Be strong and of good courage**  
[**Joshua 1:6**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.6) Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

**Observe to do all the Law**  
[**Joshua 1:7**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.7) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

**The Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth**[**Joshua 1:8**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.8-9) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.  
**Joshua 1:9** Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

**Prepare you victuals – 3 days you will pass over Jordan to possess the land**  
[**Joshua 1:10**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.10-11) Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,  
**Joshua 1:11** Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

**To the Reubenites, Gadites, and ½ of Manasseh spake Joshua**[**Joshua 1:12**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.12-15) And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,  
**Joshua 1:13** Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.  
**Joshua 1:14** Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;  
**Joshua 1:15** Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

**Reubenites, Gadites, and ½ of Manasseh – All thou commandest, we will do**  
[**Joshua 1:16**](swordsearcher://bible/jos1.16-18) And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.  
**Joshua 1:17** According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.  
**Joshua 1:18** Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

**IV. Joshua sends spies into Jericho**

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|  | **King of Jericho knew about the spies**  [**Joshua 2:1**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.1-2) And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. **Joshua 2:2** And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.  **King of Jericho talks to Rehab** [**Joshua 2:3**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.3-5) And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.  **Joshua 2:4** And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were*: |
| **Joshua 2:5** And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. | |

**But, Rehab does something else**  
[**Joshua 2:6**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.6-8) But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

**Joshua 2:7** And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.  
**Joshua 2:8** And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

**V. Rahab’s Statement of Faith**

**Listen to Rehab’s statement of faith**  
[**Joshua 2:9**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.9) And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

**And faith has become substance and evidence**  
[**Joshua 2:10**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.10-11) For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.  
**Joshua 2:11** And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

**Now, Rehab seeks for grace in their eyes -**   
[**Joshua 2:12**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.12-13) Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:  
**Joshua 2:13** And *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

**Our life for yours**  
[**Joshua 2:14**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.14) And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

**The spies are let down with a cord – [**[Matthew 1:4-6](swordsearcher://bible/matt1.4-6) – Rahab and Salmon (Judah’s son), begat Boaz, and Boaz by Ruth begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, the father of King David. (So Rehab was David’s great, great, great grandmother) as well as, in the kingly line of Christ**]**  
[**Joshua 2:15**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.15-16) Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.  
**Joshua 2:16** And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

**VI. A salvation covenant is made**  
[**Joshua 2:17**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.17) And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.  
**When we return, bind this scarlet thread – Salvation at the return**

[**Joshua 2:18**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.18-19) Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.  
**Joshua 2:19** And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

**But, if you let the Jericho authorities where we are – the agreement is off**  
[**Joshua 2:20**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.20) And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.

**Rehab says, according to your words, so let it be**  
[**Joshua 2:21**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.21-23) And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.  
**Joshua 2:22** And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.  
**Joshua 2:23** So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:

**VII. The Spies’ statement of faith**

**Look at the statements of faith from the spies**  
[**Joshua 2:24**](swordsearcher://bible/jos2.24) And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.