

## **First Baptist Church – Through the Bible with BibleProject 2026**

### **Joshua**

- Review: What was Israel's purpose in relation to the nations?

### **Joshua 1-5 - Joshua Leads Israel Into the Promised Land**

- In what ways does Joshua's story echo Moses' and the exodus?
- How does Israel prepare to enter the promised land (looking back)
- What is the importance of the Angel's answer to Joshua in chapter 5?
  - o Whose battle is it?
  - o What is Israel's role?

### **Joshua 6 – The Battle of Jericho**

- What is the role of Israel in the battle of Jericho?
- What is God's role?

### **Joshua 7-8 – The Battle of Ai**

- Why does Israel lose the battle?
- Why do these two stories together matter? What are they emphasizing?

### **Joshua 9-12 Years of battles**

- Contrast the responses of the Gibeonites vs. the Canaanite Kings
- What is the image we are left with by the end of chapter 12?

### **Why does God declare War?**

- What reason is given in scripture for the judgment on the Canaanites?
- Did God command genocide?
- What clues in Deuteronomy and Joshua point to hyperbolic language?
- What examples do we have of Canaanites who repent and trust in God?
- Is Joshua meant to serve as a justification for Christian war today?

### **Joshua 13-22 – Joshua Divides Up The Land**

- What did the list mean for the Israelites?

### **Joshua 23-24 – Joshua's Final Words**

- What are the Israelites supposed to do in this new land?
- What will happen if they are faithful?
- What will happen if they are unfaithful?
- How does Joshua end?

These questions are designed to go along with the video series from [www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)

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### Judges

- Why is the ending of Joshua important to understand the events in the book of Judges?
- What do Judges do? Are they like courtroom judges?

### Judges 1-2 Introduction (Israel fails to drive out the Canaanites)

- Why does Judges tell a different side of the story than Joshua?
- What is the failure of Israel in chapter 1? Is it military or moral?
- List the stages of the spiral described in chapter 2, which will be reflected in the stories to follow. **[hold on to this pattern – we'll see it throughout scripture, and perhaps in our own lives!]**

### Judges 3-16 Corruption of Israel's Judges

- What pattern do we notice as we go through the stories? Why is it described as a spiral, and not a circle?
- What character flaws in the leaders are highlighted? How do they affect the people?
- In what ways do we see less and less awareness of who God is and what God wants?
- Does God's intervention mean God endorses the people's actions?
- Does God's work with flawed people mean there aren't consequences?

### Judges 17-21 Corruption of Israel as a whole

- What key line tells us the heart of the problem
- When Israel forgets its God, what happens?

### The Bigger Picture:

- What is the point of the book of Judges and the description of the spiral?
- What is the glimmer of hope in the book of Judges?
- How will this book set the stage of what is to follow?