



2021 Theme: Moving Forward with Courage, Creativity, Confidence and Commitment

Joshua: Profiles of Courage

January 2021

The Conquest of the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua.

The Book of Joshua purposes to show the historical fulfilment of God's promises to the patriarchs and to Moses to give the land of Canaan to the Nation of Israel, former Egyptian slaves (Joshua 1:2-3; 21:43, 45). The book of Joshua is generally divided into three main topics: the promise of the land (Chapters 1-5), the pursuit of the land (Chapters 6-11), and the possession of the land (Chapters 12-24). Courage was critical to the Israelites and their leaders at each stage of God's process.

There is Meaning in the Name

The name Joshua comes from the Hebrew name *יְהוֹשֻׁעַ* (*Yehoshu'a*) meaning "YAHWEH is salvation", from the roots *יְהוֹ* (*yeho*) referring to the Hebrew God and *שָׁעַ* (*yasha'*) meaning "to save". As told in the Old Testament, Joshua served under and assisted Moses. He went up Mount Sinai with Moses when he received the Ten Commandments from God, and later he was one of the 12 spies sent into Canaan. After Moses died Joshua succeeded him as leader of the Israelites and he led the conquest of Canaan. His original name was *Hoshea*. The name *Jesus* comes from a Greek translation of the Aramaic short form *יֵשׁוּעַ* (*Yeshu'a*), which was the real name of Jesus.

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During the month of January, this scripture study will ***focus on courage through faith and obedience*** in the life of believers. We will survey the book of Joshua as the focus of the study.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021- **Preparation for the Conquest** – (Joshua Chapters 1 and 5)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 **Claiming the Promised Land** (Joshua Chapters 6-8)

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – **Courage to Fulfil Purpose** (Joshua Chapters 9-20)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – **The Settlement of Canaan** (Joshua Chapters 21 - 24)