

CONTROL GIVEN TO JOSHUA

Introduction: Joshua was Moses' assistant for forty years before he became the leader of Israel. During his first two years with Moses, Joshua fought and defeated the Amalekites while Moses prayed for him and his army (Ex 17:8ff). He also accompanied Moses up Mt. Sinai to receive the stone tablets of the Law (Ex 24:13; 32:17). He was sent by Moses as one of the twelve spies into Canaan and gave a minority report with Caleb to Moses that was true, but very unpopular with the people (Num 13-14). Nothing is said about him for the next 38 years until he was chosen by God to succeed Moses as Israel's leader. God had prepared Joshua for this task and promised to be with him. He would help him even as He had helped Moses.

Lesson Aim: Depend on the Lord to protect you and to provide for all your needs.

Memory Verse: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20 NKJV).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer**I. Commission of Joshua (1:1-9)**

1. Give the boundaries of the land that God promised to Israel. 1:4
2. What did God promise Joshua? 1:5
3. Name the three things that Joshua was to do with God's Word to be prosperous and successful. 1:8
4. How many times was Joshua commanded to be strong and courageous in chapter one?

II. Command of Joshua (1:10-18)

5. What promise did the 2½ tribes of Israel make that Joshua demanded they keep? 1:13-15; Num 32:16-19
6. What was the response of the 2½ tribes? 1:16-17

III. Competence of Joshua (2:1-24)

7. How did Joshua send the two spies to Jericho? 2:1
8. Why do you think Joshua sent them this way? (Hint: note the response of Israel to the report of the ten spies in Num 13:31-14:5).
9. What did Rahab reveal about her faith in God? 2:9, 11
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
10. What made the people in Jericho to be afraid of Israel? 2:9-11
11. How did Rahab show that she was a believer? 2:15, 16, 21
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
12. What was commendable about the report of the two spies? 2:24