

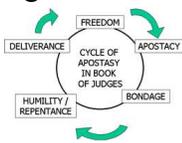
"Study To Show Thyself Approved Unto God"

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Daily Bible Reading Guide

Week 12: March 20 - 26

Conquest! That is the theme of the book of Joshua. As you began reading it last week, you read the conquest of the land (chapters 1-12), and got through a portion of the division of the land (chapters 13-21). This week you will complete the account of division of the land and will conclude the book with Joshua's farewell (chapters 22-24). You will then enter the book of Judges, which is chiefly a history of the Jews under 13 of the 15 judges: Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech (not a judge, but a usurper), Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elan, Abdon and Samson. (Eli and Samuel are found in the book of First Samuel.) Without this book we would have very little knowledge of the events from the time of Joshua to Samuel. In the book we see a cycle of four stages of behavior that the people of the time of the Judges continually repeated (cf. 2:10-19):



- (1) sin,
- (2) oppression,
- (3) repentance, and
- (4) deliverance.

As you see the stubborn rebellion of the people you can't help but be reminded of the longsuffering desire of God for salvation for man to be provided! (Cf. 2 Peter 3:9)

Some questions to consider as you are reading...

March 27 – Joshua 16-18

- What is mentioned in 16:10 that the Israelites failed to do? Were they obedient or disobedient to God in this?
- In chapter 17, why were the daughters of Zelophehad given an inheritance? (Cf. Numbers 27)

Daily Reading Schedule...

Sunday - March 20

Deuteronomy 28-29

Monday - March 21

Deuteronomy 30-31

Tuesday - March 22

Deuteronomy 32-34

Psalms 91

Wednesday - March 23

Joshua 1-4

Thursday - March 24

Joshua 5-8

Friday - March 25

Joshua 9-11

Saturday - March 26

Joshua 12-15

- We are told that when the children of Israel were strong, they did not drive out the Canaanites (17:13). Why would they not do what God had said?

- After setting up the tabernacle in Shiloh, what question did Joshua ask the people who had yet to receive their inheritance? (18:1-3)

March 28 – Joshua 19-21

- After the dividing of the land was accomplished (19:51), what cities did Joshua command to be appointed? Why?

- What did God say had come to pass in 21:45?

March 29 – Joshua 22-24

- After commending Reuben, Gad and half tribe of Manasseh, for their past fulfillment of their obligations, what did Joshua exhort them to do? (22:1-5)

- What was the cause of the nearly war between the tribes East of Jordan and those West of Jordan? How was it resolved? (22)
- What was the basis of Joshua's charge for the people to "keep" and "do" all the Lord commanded? (23:1-6)
- What was the basis for the charge to the people to put away the gods of the people and serve the Lord? (24:14-15)
- How long did Israel serve the Lord? (24:31)

March 30 – Judges 1-2

- How many times in chapter one can you find the phrase: "Neither did..."? What significance is it?
- What did the "angel of the Lord" (2:1), say he had done? (2:1-4)
- Is there a problem with the new generation described in 2:10?
- What was the work of the "judges" whom God raised up? (2:16)

March 31 – Judges 3-5

- What was the purpose of the nations left in Canaan? (3:1ff)
- What weapon did Shamgar use to slay 6,000 men?
- How did Jael slay Sisera? (4)
- What had Meroz done to be cursed? (5)

April 1 - Judges 6-7

- What was Gideon having trouble reconciling in 6:13?
- By what means did God assure Gideon that he would be used to deliver Israel?
- Why did God not want so many people going to battle with Gideon? (7:2) How did He lessen the number going to battle to just 300?

April 2 – Judges 8-9

- How are the men in Gideon's army described in 8:4?
- Whom did Gideon say should rule over the people? (8:23)
- How did Abimelech come to reign as king? How did he die?