

GOD ESTABLISHES JOSHUA AS MOSES' SUCCESSOR

Joshua 1:1-18

Key Verse: 1:6

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-2. What was the situation of the people of Israel as this chapter opens? (Dt 32:44-52) Who was Joshua? What command did the Lord give him? Of what does crossing the Jordan remind us?
2. Read verses 3-4. What had God promised Moses? (Dt 11:24-25) How extensive was the promised land? Read verse 5. What did God promise Joshua? What did it mean that God would be with him? Why must they fight for the "promised" land?
3. Read verses 6-9. What does it mean to be strong and courageous? Why must a leader possess these qualities? Can you think of any such leaders? How can one be strong and courageous? (7,8,9; Dt 6:5; Ro 8:35-37)
4. Why is it so important to study and obey God's word? How can we continually put God's word into practice? (See Col 2:6,7)
5. Read verses 10-11. How did Joshua obey God's command? Read verses 12-15. What were the special instructions given the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh? Why?
6. Read verses 16-18. How did the people respond? What kind of leader did they want?