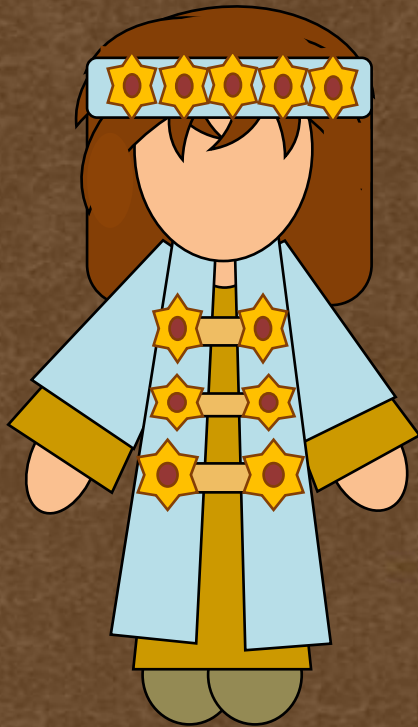


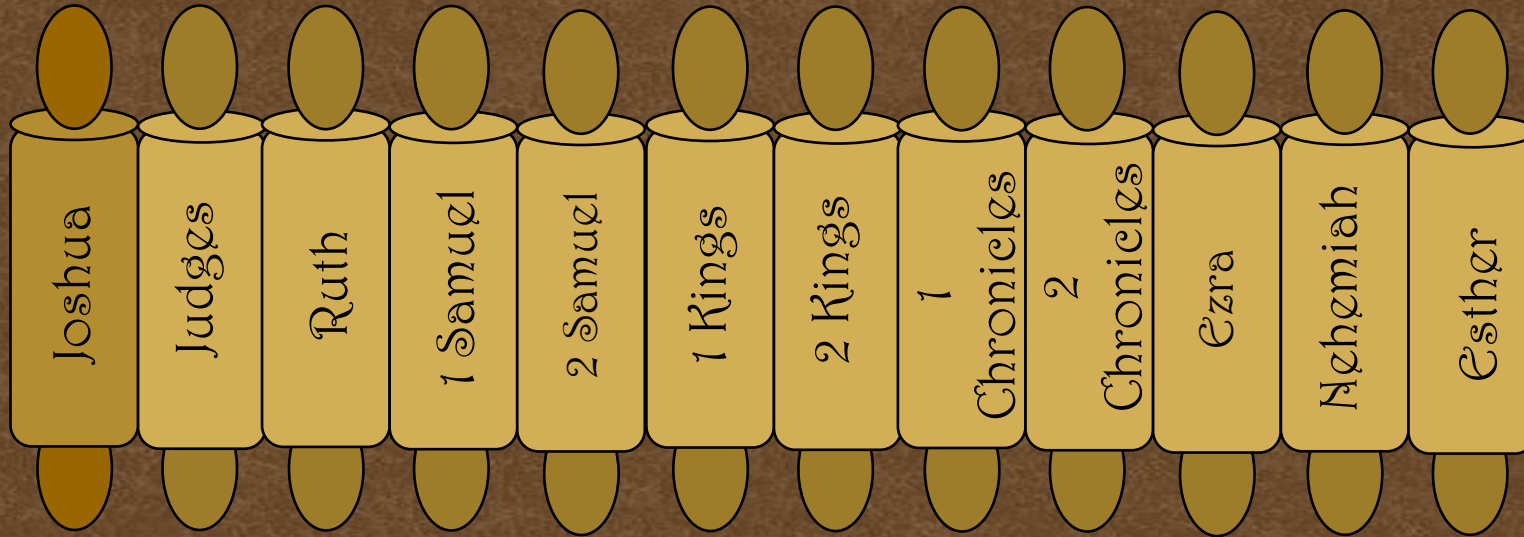
For the Strength of Joshua

Joshua 1



*Every place that the sole of your
foot shall tread upon, that have I
given unto you...
Joshua 1:2*

Joshua



Joshua is the first of 12 historical books.

It is a link between the Pentateuch and the remainder of Israel's history

Through 3 military campaigns involving more than 33 enemy armies, the people of Israel learn a crucial lesson under Joshua's leadership.

We do not know for certain who wrote the book of Joshua. The book is named for Joshua—its principal figure and Moses's successor as the Lord's prophet to Israel—most likely written in Canaan (2)

Victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word

Joshua's Names

Meaning—God is Help

Hoshea (Deut. 32:44)

Oshea, of the tribe of Ephraim (Numbers 13:8)

Moses changes his name to Jehoshua in
(Numbers 13:16)

Jeshua (Ezra 2:2)

He is also called Yeshua...see notes*

Joshua, the son of Nun (Numbers 27:18)

Jesus, (*Iesous*) (from the Greek) is equivalent to
the Hebrew name Joshua (Acts 7:45, and
Hebrews 4:8)

His name is symbolic of the fact that although he is
the leader of the Israelite nation during the
conquest, the Lord is the Conqueror.



Joshua

He was the son of Nun and born in Egypt, and from the Tribe of Ephraim (Joseph)

He was a leader in the battle with Amalek

He was one of the 12 spies Moses sent to the land of Canaan

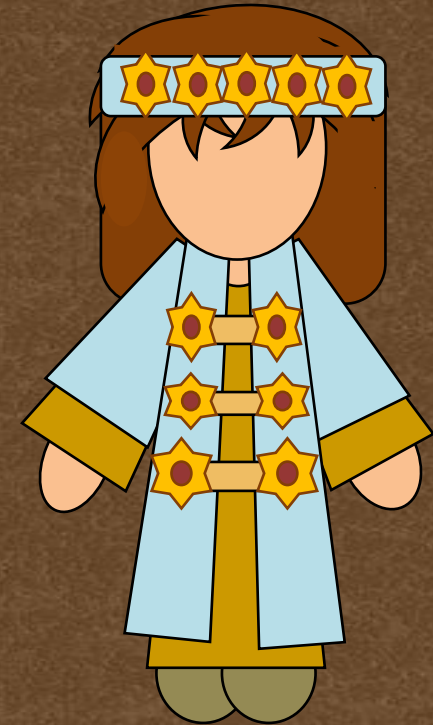
He was the successor of Moses in leading the Israelites

His first commandment was to have the people cross the Jordan River and the Levites carry the ark of the covenant

He was instructed to conquer Jericho by marching around the city for 6 days, then on the 7th day the warriors circled around 7 times... the walls of Jericho fell and they captured the city

He was commanded to battle in the land of Ali

He was 110 when he died and was buried in his own city, Timnath-Serah.



To Lead Israel

As the Lord's chosen prophet, Joshua was ordained by Moses to lead Israel into the promised land.

Although this task may have seemed daunting, the Savior commanded Joshua to be strong and courageous, with a promise that He would not fail or forsake His prophet.

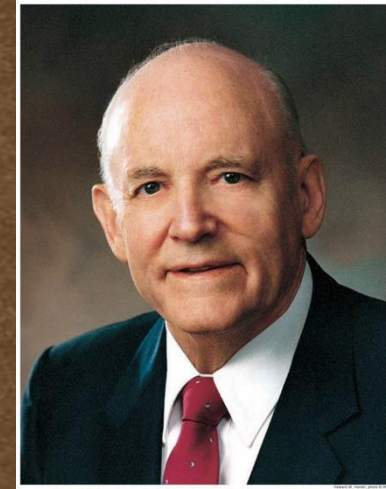


The boundaries of the promised land was not reached until the time of David and Solomon.
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Task of Leadership

“Joshua is remembered as the one who, on the death of Moses, took command and completed the task of giving leadership to the tribes of Israel.

Perhaps to comfort Joshua, who now had the responsibility for the children of Israel, who didn't yet have a homeland, and perhaps to comfort that large body of people who had just lost their leader of more than forty years, the Lord spoke to Joshua and said:



As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

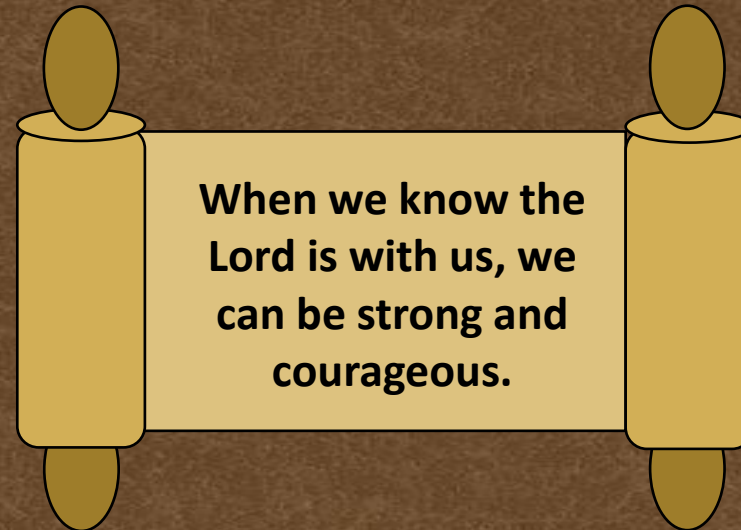
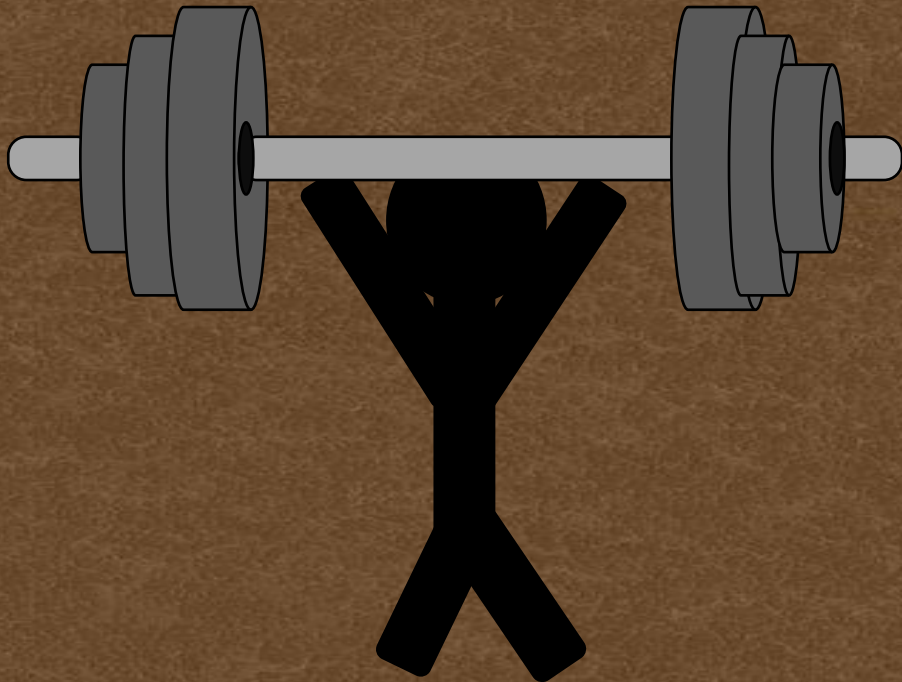
Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. (Josh. 1:5–8)

“Joshua would need courage for what he had to do. He would need the Lord's help at every step. Here is a commitment of the Lord to provide that help.

With faith in the Lord, Joshua could now go forward, knowing that the Lord would direct him in the way he should go. Joshua knew that his obedience would bring success, and although he did not know exactly how he would succeed, he now had confidence in the result.”

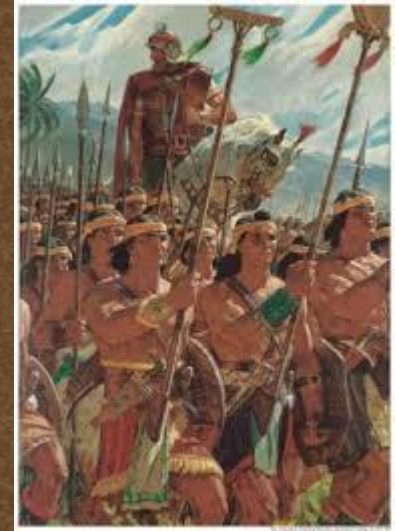
Strong and Courageous

How many times is the word Strong and Courageous (Courage) mentioned in Chapter 1?



When we know the Lord is with us, we can be strong and courageous.

Times of Courage



And whoso receiveth you, there I will be also, for I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up.

Doctrine and Covenants 84:88

Obedience to God's Law

Joshua 1:7

be thou strong and
very courageous,



John 15:10

keep my
commandments, ye
shall abide in my love



1 Nephi 3:7

I will go and do the
things which the Lord
hath commanded



Mosiah 2:41

if they hold
out faithful to the end
they are received
into heaven, that
thereby they may dwell
with God



Doctrine and
Covenants 93:20

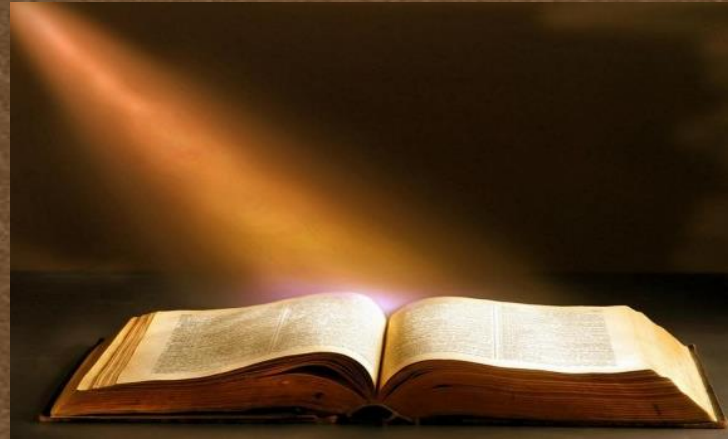
Receive of His
fullness... you shall
receive grace for grace



Mediating on God's Love

Joshua 1:8

thou shalt meditate
therein day and night



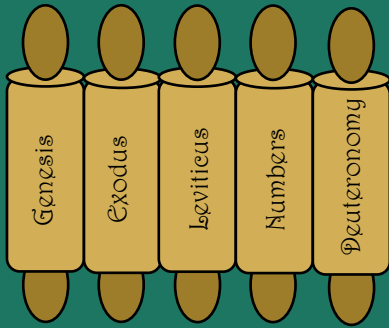
2 Nephi 31:20; 32:3

if ye shall press
forward, feasting
upon the word of
Christ, and endure to
the end, behold, thus
saith the Father: Ye
shall have eternal life

2 Timothy 3:15-17

all scripture *is* given
by inspiration of God,

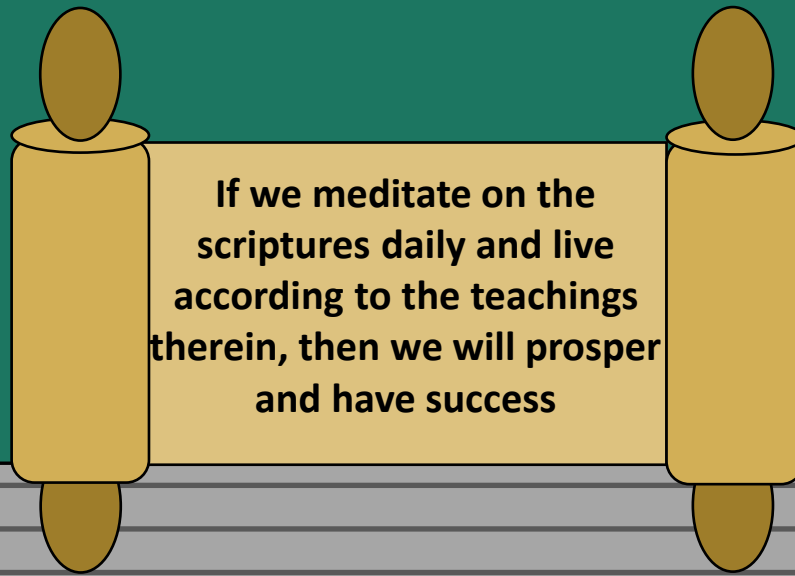




Book of Law

Meditate on the scriptures

contemplate, ponder, reflect, consider, think, and study



If we meditate on the scriptures daily and live according to the teachings therein, then we will prosper and have success

“The Lord was not promising Joshua material wealth and fame, but that his life would prosper in righteousness and that he would have success in that which matters most in life, namely the quest to find true joy. ⁽⁵⁾



Times of Today

Today we are encouraged to:



Read



Study, Ponder, and Pray

then



Act

Preparation

Victuals—food and provisions

Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.



Reminder:

The tribes of Reuben and Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh were granted their land inheritances on the east of the Jordan River on the condition that the men would assist the remaining tribes of Israel in fighting for and obtaining their land inheritances on the west side of the river

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**For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*
Hebrews 4:8
Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name *Yeshua* and is transferred into the English as Joshua. Paul has reference here to the man Joshua of the Old Testament rather than to Jesus Christ. His point is that the Israelites did not find their “rest” under Moses nor Joshua, under whose direction they found and entered the promised land, or even under David, their greatest king.
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Being Strong and Having Courage:
The Young Men general presidency in 2010 taught how the Lord’s promises to Joshua apply to youth:
“In the space of four verses in the first chapter of Joshua, the Lord commands Joshua to be strong and courageous—three times! (see verses 6–9). Then the Lord promises Joshua that he will succeed in bringing the Israelites to their land of inheritance, that strength and courage will come to him because of his obedience to all the law, and—most significantly—that the Lord will be with him wherever he goes. ...
“That same call to courage is yours. And the same promises are yours as well. With the Savior’s help, you too will succeed in your callings and in your life. You will have strength to withstand any temptation as you obey the commandments and keep the standards found in *For the Strength of Youth*” (“Facing Challenges with Courage,” *New Era*, Jan. 2010, 7).

Meditation: Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught how pondering on the scriptures blesses us:
“As you ponder—not just read but ponder and meditate—on scriptural passages, the power of the Holy Ghost will distill truths in your mind and heart as a secure foundation in this uncertain time in which we live” (“He Lives! All Glory to His Name!” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2010, 78).
President Thomas S. Monson explained the benefits of daily scripture study:
“I would encourage all of us to continue to read and study the scriptures, that we might understand them and apply in our lives the lessons we find there. ...
“Spending time each day in scripture study will, without doubt, strengthen our foundations of faith and our testimonies of truth” (“How Firm a Foundation,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2006, 68).

Mediating: Joshua 1:8
When I say “study,” I mean something more than reading. It is a good thing sometimes to read a book of scripture within a set period of time to get an overall sense of its message, but for conversion, you should care more about the amount of time you spend in the scriptures than about the amount you read in that time. I see you sometimes reading a few verses, stopping to ponder them, carefully reading the verses again, and as you think about what they mean, praying for understanding, asking questions in your mind, waiting for spiritual impressions, and writing down the impressions and insights that come so you can remember and learn more. Studying in this way, you may not read a lot of chapters or verses in a half hour, but you will be giving place in your heart for the word of God, and He will be speaking to you. Elder D. Todd Christofferson (“When Thou Art Converted,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2004, 11)

Joshua 1-6	Joshua 7-12	Joshua 13-21	Joshua 22-24
The children of Israel miraculously cross the Jordan River and enter the promised land. They begin their conquest of the land by destroying the city of Jericho.	Israel loses a battle against the people of Ai because of disobedience. After repenting of their disobedience, the Israelites prosper in battle as the Lord fights for them. They gain control of the promised land.	The promised land is divided among the tribes of Israel. However, not all of the wicked inhabitants are driven out of the land. The Israelites set up the tabernacle in a place called Shiloh. Certain cities are designated as cities of refuge.	Prior to his death, Joshua exhorts the people to have courage, keep the Lord's commandments, and love the Lord. He and the people covenant to choose the Lord and serve only Him. Joshua and Eleazar, the third son of Aaron, die.
One Month (March-April) 1405 B.C.	7 years (April) 1405-1398 B.C.	8 years 1398/7-1390 B.C.	Joshua dies at 110 1390 B.C.

Approximate Dates taken from *Talk thru the Bible* by Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa