



JOSHUA: CONTINUED CONQUEST

BIBLE READING PLAN
WEEK 05

DAY 1: JOSHUA 9:16-27

Today's passage shows that a good leader honors his commitments. Even after discovering that the Gibeonites had deceived them and were from four cities, not just one, Israel didn't destroy them. Instead, Joshua made the best of the situation by assigning the Gibeonites to serve the tabernacle.

Later, they became known as the Nethinim, or "given ones," meaning they were dedicated to assisting the priests. Their service in the tabernacle, and eventually the temple, likely led many of them to abandon their idols and worship the God of Israel.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 9:16-27

Read with a heart ready to hear from God. Feel free to **star**, underline, and *mark up* your Bible.

EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

What ideas caught your attention? What does this passage reveal about The Father, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How should you respond to this passage? How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to solidify the meaning of this passage, to change your life and your heart based on the learning you've had from spending this time in God's Word.

DAY 2: JOSHUA 10:1-15

"Fear not," a recurring theme in the book of Joshua, appears again in today's passage. Joshua faces a daunting challenge—**five kings and their armies** united against him and the Israelites. Yet, God tells him, "Fear not." In response, Joshua confronts his doubts and partners with God in the battle. He uses brilliant strategy, and God intervenes with, not one, but **two miracles**—sending hailstones *and* stopping the sun.

As C.S. Lewis wisely wrote, "The mind which asks for a non-miraculous Christianity is a mind in process of relapsing from Christianity into mere 'religion.'"

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EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

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APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to shape your life and your heart.

DAY 3: JOSHUA 10:16-28

Joshua conducts a public ceremony with the captured kings, forcing their faces into the dirt to signify their complete defeat. He then instructs his officers to place ~~their feet on the kings' necks~~, symbolizing not only the victories they've already achieved but also the future ones God will provide. To encourage his soldiers, Joshua echoes the words God spoke to him at the start of his leadership (Joshua 1:6-9).

The incident with the Gibeonites offers both a warning and encouragement: we must remain vigilant and prayerful, not rushing ahead of God, while also trusting that He can turn our mistakes into blessings.

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DAY 4: JOSHUA 10:29-43

Joshua and the Israelites previously had control over the central part of the land, but now they make a campaign to conquer Southern Canaan (Palestine). The Lord promised them victory throughout the land and as we read today, "Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel."

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DAY 5: JOSHUA 11:1-15

After the conquest of Southern Canaan, Joshua and the Israelites move to the northern kingdom. Using a similar criss-crossing strategy, and often employing surprise attacks, the northern coalition of kings is unable to defeat Israel, despite having much larger armies than the Israelites. When God is on your side it doesn't matter how big or strong your opponent is!

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READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 11:1-15

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APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

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PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to shape your life and your heart.



RESOURCES

ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/

ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

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The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/

AUDIO BIBLES

The two very best audio bible apps in existence are **Dwell** and **Streetlights**. Dwell has many different translations along with various voices all packed into a beautifully designed app. Streetlights is the NLT translation read by spoken word artists with music tracks added—it's absolutely brilliantly executed.



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