

Jesus, Captain of the Host & Great Conqueror

A Closer Look at the Book of Joshua

Wonder how the account of Jericho could possibly be a picture of Jesus? It's amazing... The entire Bible is all about Jesus. The Old Testament painted pictures that pointed to Him and the New Testament reveals Him. The book of Joshua is no exception. Jesus is here!

We have seen Jesus from the beginning: God's Word spoken in Genesis 1:1 (John 1:1); the promise of a Redeemer in Genesis 3:15; He is pictured in the life of [*Abraham and Isaac*](#)* (Genesis 22); He's seen throughout the book of [*Job*](#)*; He is pictured in more than 300 ways through the life of [*Joseph*](#)*; and He is the fulfillment of sacrifices in [*Leviticus*](#)*. Now we see Jesus in the book of Joshua, the life of Rahab, and the conquering of Jericho.

As we read about Joshua, the general of Israel's army, we will see Jesus, our Great Conqueror. He not only defeats our foes, but paid the ultimate price to redeem our souls.

Let's take a closer look and see Jesus...

Joshua is a Type of Jesus

Joshua's name means Salvation

The name Joshua literally means: *Jehovah is his help, or Jehovah the Savior.*

Look up More Num 13:16; Acts 7:45; Heb 4:8

Jesus is Jehovah, The Savior

Where Joshua's name reflected Christ, **Jesus IS The Savior**. Jesus is the fulfillment of the meaning *Jehovah is his help*. Jesus *helped* us by rescuing us from sin and providing the ultimate remedy for ALL our shortcomings and needs.

Look up More Heb 2:10, 11; Col 2:9; Rom 5:6; Rom 4:25; 1 Pt 3:18; 2 Cor 5:21

Additional verses / notes: _____

* These and other Bible studies are available on our website

Joshua did what the Law couldn't

Joshua was the successor of Moses as Israel's leader (Josh 1:1). Moses symbolized the law, seeing he was the one who brought the law to the people. The law could not lead the people to victory or bring the peace of The Promised Land. The law (Moses) could not and does not bring victory over our enemies. A savior had to come and do what the law could not. Joshua was that successor and led the people into the Promised Land. As wonderful as that Promised Land was, it was only a shadow of our ultimate Savior, the Greater than Joshua, Jesus.

Look up More Heb 4:8; Josh 1:2, 3, 7; Josh 5:13-15;

Additional verses / notes:

Jesus, The Greater than Joshua

Joshua was a shadow of the coming Savior. Jesus is the fulfillment of what Joshua was picturing. Like Joshua came after Moses (the law), Jesus came to fulfill the law, to lead us into a promised land, to conquer our enemies, and to give us life.

Look up More Jesus fulfilled the law: Matt 5:17
Jesus leads us into victory: 2 Cor 2:14
Jesus conquered our enemies: 1 Cor 15:55-57;
Rom 6:8-10; Rom 8:31-39
Jesus Gives abundant life: Jn 10:10; Matt 6:33;
James 1:17

Additional verses / notes:

Jericho is a Type of our Old Man

Joshua marched into Jericho to conquer

General Joshua, in obedience and faith, *marched into Jericho* to conquer the sinful Canaanites and lead God's people into the promise land.

Look up More

Josh 11:18-23; Josh 12;24

Jesus walked through Jericho and brought victory

Jesus, the King of kings, in obedience *walked through Jericho* on his way to the cross; not as a political conquer, but to seek and save the lost. It was in Jericho where Jesus saw Zacchaeus, who had climbed up in a Sycamore tree, *for the Lord he wanted to see*. In the very place where God had before brought down the great walled city, Jesus now conquers the hearts of men, and those walls came tumbling down.

While Joshua was sent to *conquer Jericho* (a type of our old man/the flesh), Jesus came to *conquer the hearts of men*, that we through His Holy Spirit could live victorious over our flesh. Through Him we are MORE than conquerors.

Look up More

Josh 6:20; Luke 19:9-10; Ezk 36:26; 1 Jn 5:4; 1 Cor 15:57; Rom 7; Rom 8:31-39

Additional verses / notes:

Rahab's Scarlet Cord is a Picture of Salvation

Rahab, the harlot, was saved through faith. In faith she obeyed the instructions of the spies and displayed the scarlet cord from her window. That life-saving scarlet cord couldn't be a clearer picture of Jesus's precious life-saving blood!

Jesus saved us, not by scarlet hanging from a window, but by His scarlet blood flowing as He hung on the cross.

Look up More Heb 11:31; Josh 2:18; Matt 26:28; 1 Jn 2:2

Additional verses / notes:

Rahab was brought into God's family

Rahab was a gentile and prostitute, yet God blessed her faith and she ended up in the genealogy of Jesus – she's in Jesus' family tree!

We were once outsiders and full of sin. But God bought us and brought us into His family. We are heirs with Christ, no longer subject to the penalty of sin. Like Rahab, we have been adopted and graphed into God's family.

Rahab's name appears in Jesus' genealogy and **our name is written in the Lambs book of life.**

Look up More Matt 1:5; Eph 2; Rom 8:17; Rom 11:17;
Eph 1:5; Rev 21:27

Additional verses / notes:

Jericho was Conquered, our Old Man was Defeated

Jericho was full of wickedness and as such is a type and picture of our flesh, our old nature/the “old man.”

Israel followed Joshua and as a result they crossed the Jordan, their enemies were defeated, they witnessed God’s mighty hand for them, and they entered The Promise Land. (Josh. 1-6)

Joshua, in faith marched around the city walls and on the 7th day, God showed His power and those great walls came tumbling down. (Josh. 6:5)

We are following one greater than Joshua – Jesus Christ, Jehovah-Savior Himself. He is the ultimate conqueror who defeated both sin and death on the cross. He forgives our sins; He has canceled our debt; and ushers us into New Life.

Look up More Col. 2:15; 2 Tim. 1:10; 1 Cor. 15:4, 55; 1
Jn 1:9; Col 2:14; 2 Cor 5:17

Additional verses / notes:

Truly it is **all about Jesus**. The Old Testament pointed to Him and the New Testament reveals Him. God was leading and teaching His people throughout the Old Testament. All along the way He was lovingly providing them with reassurances of their coming Redeemer. We serve the same faithful God today. He reassures our hearts of His faithfulness and our eternal hope of Heaven.

***But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57***