

# Bible Stories for Adults

## The Conquest of the Promised Land

### Joshua 7 - 24

## Opening

Gathering: Share a time when you were victorious only by God's help.

Today's Focus: God has a plan for us, His people, and He works through us to fulfill it.

Key Verses: *Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. ...  
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.* Joshua 24:15

*If God is for us, who can be against us?* Romans 8:31

Opening Prayer

## Lesson

God's Fullness of Time (*Deuteronomy 2*)

After wandering in the wilderness for years, how did Israel decide it was time to head north?

Deuteronomy 2:1-3

How long had passed when Israel reached Moab (Zered Brook)?

Deuteronomy 2:14-15

What was significant about the date that God brought them across the Jordan River?

Joshua 5:10

Joshua's Executive Summary of Our Stories Thus Far (*Joshua 24:1-11*)

How did Joshua summarize the stories of the Israelites in the book of Genesis?

Joshua 24:2-4

How did Joshua summarize the stories in the book of Exodus?

Joshua 24:5-7

How did Joshua summarize our stories from last week?

Joshua 24:8-11

A Summary With a Bit More Detail (*Deuteronomy 2-3*)

Why didn't God give to the Israelites the first lands they reached when they came out of the desert?

Deuteronomy 2:5, 9, 19

How did the Israelites later feel about these people?

Deuteronomy 23:3-7

To whom did God give the next land the Israelites encountered?

Deuteronomy 2:24

To whom did God give the northern land of the Amorites ?

Deuteronomy 3:1-2

How did God bless the Israelites through these victories?

Deuteronomy 2:25; 3:7-8

What did Moses do with this land?

Deuteronomy 3:12-13a, 18

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### Israel Crosses the Jordan River (*Joshua 3-4*)

What was God's plan to get land for the rest of the tribes?

Joshua 1:1-5

How would God make sure Israel looked to Joshua as their leader as they entered the Promised Land?

Joshua 3:1, 7, 15-16a, 17

Did this impact anyone besides the Israelites that Joshua was to lead?

Joshua 5:1

What happened right after the Israelites crossed the Jordan River?

Joshua 4:20-24

Joshua 5:3 (2-9)

Joshua 5:10

Joshua 5:11-12

Joshua 5:15 (13-15)

### 🏰🏰 Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho 🏰🏰 (*Joshua 2, 6*)

What was the first city-state that Israel encountered across the Jordan and to whom did God give it?

Joshua 6:1-2

How were the Israelites able to break into this heavily fortified city?

Joshua 6:3-5

How did they respond to God with this first victory on the west of the Jordan River?

Joshua 6:20-21, 24

“Devoted” (*herem*) is same word as used for “completely destroyed” (Joshua 2:10)

With Jericho destroyed and gutted, did they intend to rebuild a city for themselves?

Joshua 6:26

### Ai, Yai, Yai (*Joshua 7*)

What was the next city-state for Israel to conquer and how did Israel feel about their chances?

Joshua 7:2-3

How did the battle go?

Joshua 7:4-5

What was the cause of this loss?

Joshua 7:6, 10-11

How did they find the offender?

Joshua 7:14, 19-21

What rigid discipline did God prescribe to cleanse Israel from this sin?

Joshua 7:15, 25-26

### Ai Win (*Joshua 8*)

What plan did God give Joshua for defeating Ai with His help?

Joshua 8:3-8

How did this work?

Joshua 8:18-22

Was Ai to be devoted to the Lord like Jericho?

Joshua 8:2

What did Joshua do in response to God's gift of victory?

Joshua 8:30, 32, 34

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### Gibeon Deceives Israel into Treaty (*Joshua 9*)

How did the nearby city of Gibeon respond to the Israelite threat?

Joshua 9:3-6 (10:2)

How did the Israelites respond to this request for a treaty?

Joshua 9:7 (7-13)

Why were they afraid to make a treaty with a neighbor?

Numbers 33:51-53

What would happen if they left natives in the land?

Numbers 33:55-56

What did Joshua and the leaders decide to do?

Joshua 9:14-16

What did Israel do with the Gibeonites after learning of the trick?

Joshua 9:18b-21 (17-27)

### Israel Defeats Southern Coalition (*Joshua 10*)

What did 5 southern kings do in response to Gibeon siding with the enemy?

Joshua 10:5 (1-5)

How was this a bad mistake?

Joshua 10:7-10 (6-10)

Besides confusing the armies during the surprise attack, how else did God act to give Israel a victory?

Joshua 10:11-13 (11-28)

What happened as a result of the clean-up attacks on the cities that these armies protected?

Joshua 10:40-42 (29-43)

### Israel Defeats Northern Coalition (*Joshua 11*)

What did the northern kings do in response to this powerful threat?

Joshua 11:4-5 (1-5)

What happened at the Waters of Merom?

Joshua 11:6-8 (6-9)

What happened as a result of the clean-up attacks on the cities that these armies protected?

Joshua 11:12-14 (10-15)

Note: Hazor was a huge city, Archaeology confirms the destruction and burning in verse 11

### Settling Down (*Joshua 11-22*)

Were there any other specific towns that the Israelites targeted for attack?

Joshua 11:21-22 (Numbers 13:33)

What territory did Joshua and the Israelites conquer in these battles?

Joshua 11:16-17 (16-20)

Did Israel conquer the entire Promised Land under Joshua?

Joshua 13:1 (2-5)

What details are given in Joshua Chapters 13 through 21?

Joshua 13:8 (9-33)

Joshua 14:1-2 (Chapters 14-19)

Joshua 20:1-3 (1-9)

Joshua 21:3 (1-42)

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Oh, Gad! What Did Reuben Manasseh To Do? (*Joshua 22*)

What did Joshua allow after these major victories?

Joshua 22:1-2, 6 (1-34)

What did these tribes do on the way home?

Joshua 22:10

How did the other Israelites respond when they heard about this, and why?

Joshua 22:11-12, 16, 19

Was this the intention of the altar?

Joshua 22:26-27

Did this satisfy the Israelites?

Joshua 22:31

Joshua's Final Acts (*Joshua 23-24*)

Did Joshua feel he had completed the conquest before he died?

Joshua 23:1-5

What instructions & warnings did Joshua give the Israelites before he died?

Joshua 23:6-8, 12-13 (6-16)

What choice did Joshua ask the Israelites to make?

Joshua 24:14-15

What choice did the Israelites make?

Joshua 24:24-25 (16-27)

How faithful did the Israelites remain?

Joshua 24:29, 31

Closing Prayer

**Response** - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

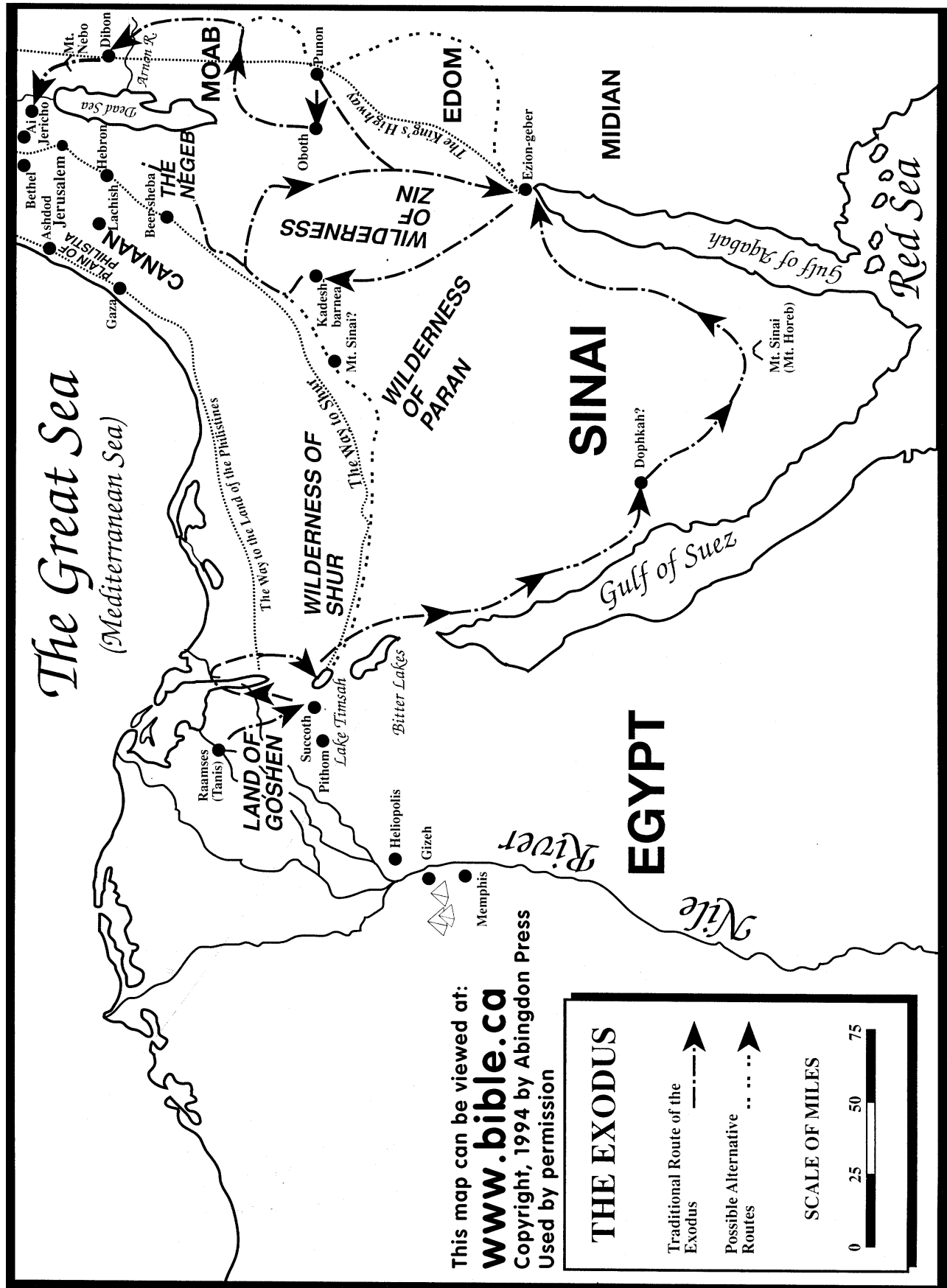
1. Do I see the Bible as a book of interesting stories, or do I recognize the unfolding of God's eternal plan for His people and how I am a part of that plan?  
(*Joshua 23:14-24:15; Deuteronomy 29:29; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Ephesians 3:2-6; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*)
2. When have I wanted something so much that I was willing to sin to have it?  
(*Joshua 7; Genesis 3; Romans 7:7-11; James 1:13-17*)
3. Do I look to God for guidance or do I rely on my own *wisdom* to make decisions?  
(*Joshua 9; 1 Kings 22:1-40; Jeremiah 10:21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25*)
4. When has God made me victorious over something in a way that only He could have done?  
(*Joshua 10:10-14; Judges 7; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Luke 18:24-27; John 14:12*)
5. Do I read God's word regularly? Can people see God's Word active in me?  
(*Joshua 8:30-35; 24:25-31; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Romans 15:4; 2 Corinthians 3:2-3*)

Next Week - *Judges Rule Israel*

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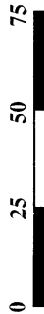


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- Traditional Route of the Exodus
- Possible Alternative Routes

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