

# YEHOSHUA

## The Story So Far

This book, consisting of 24 chapters, follows the Torah. After the death of Moses, Joshua has assumed the leadership and now prepares for the invasion of Canaan. Joshua can be broken up into a number of different outlines, but the simplest is that it is a book about conquest and inheritance. In fact, you could say that it is two books, each with 12 chapters: The Book of Conquests and The Book of Inheritances.

As with other prophets, Joshua begins the work of making the abstract concrete. We begin to see how the instructions of Torah are made practical, and we move from being hearers of the Word to doers of the Word.

### Discussion Questions:

1. In how many Torah portions has Joshua been mentioned? (And how many of them can you name?)  
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2. From what you can recall about the book of Joshua, what excites you? What confuses you? What questions do you have?
3. Based on what you know, how do the themes of *conquering* and *inheritance* echo with Yeshua?
4. In a few thoughts or sentences, summarize the first five books of the Bible. In what sense is the Torah complete and perfect, and in what sense is there "more to the story" (ie. the Prophets, the Writings, the Apostolic Scriptures)?
5. What emotional or philosophical mood does the fall bring about in you? If you were to see the fall as a time for embarking on a 6-month, world-changing adventure, would that change your approach to this season?
6. Name the ways God "speaks courage" to Noah, his family, and the animals, encouraging them to go about repopulating the earth. Look through Genesis 9 and describe how each point is "encouraging."

