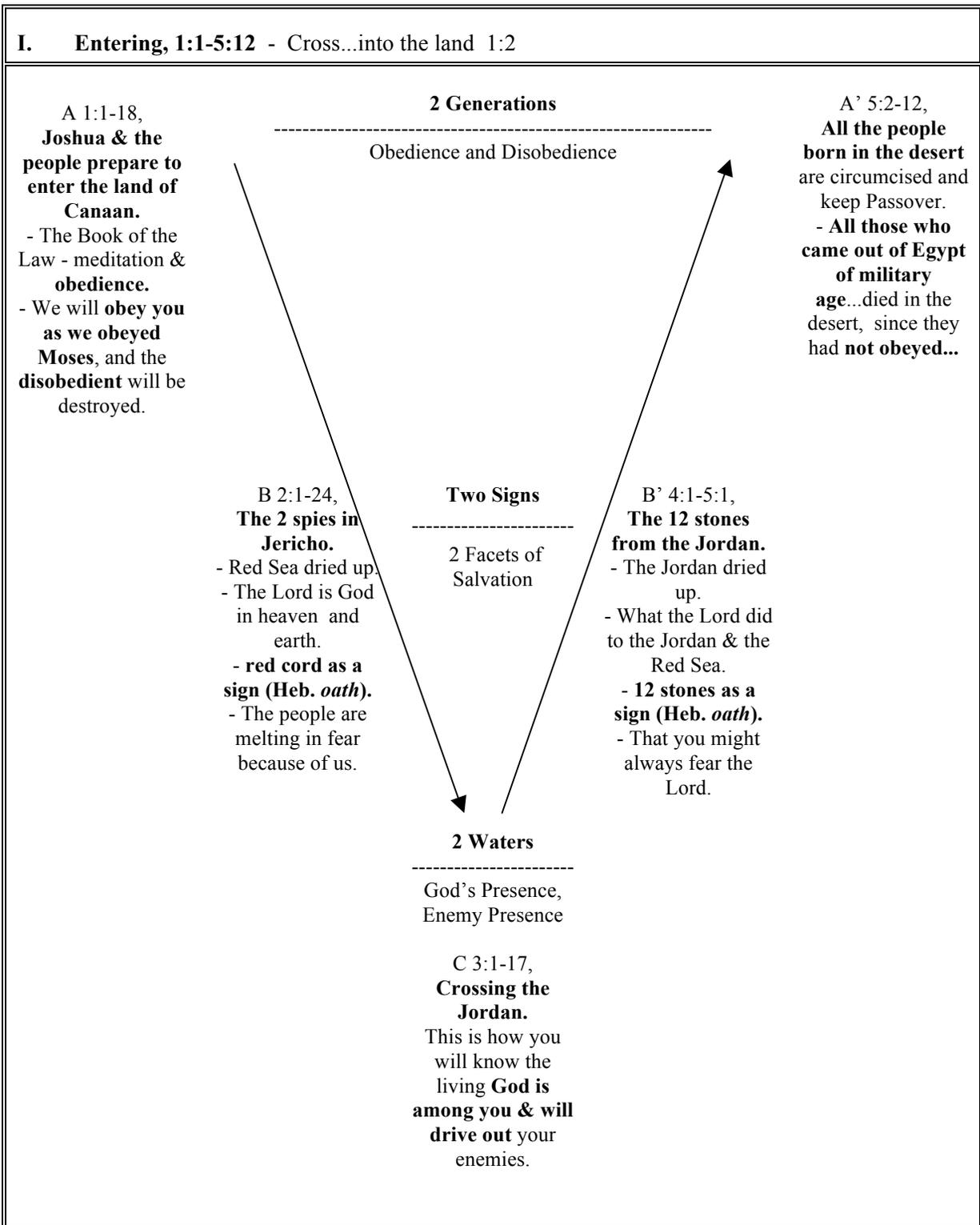


# JOSHUA: INHERITANCE

## "Entering the Inheritance"

The First Main Division of Joshua and Its Subdivisions.



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## First Division

### I. Entering, 1:1-5:12 - Cross...into the land 1:2

#### 2 Generations

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#### Obedience and Disobedience

As we begin to look at the first part, or division, of Joshua, which covers 1:1 to 5:12, we will see that it contains 5 stories. We will also see that the first story and the last story and the second story and the fourth story have some very important themes in common. The third story stands alone yet fits into the overall scheme. The main theme of the whole division has to do with how Israel entered into Canaan.

The first story and the last or fifth story have a lot to do with the themes of *obedience* and *disobedience*. The second story and the fourth, or second to the last story, have to do with *2 facets of salvation*, represented by two signs, the red cord that was hung in Rehab's window and the 12 stones taken from the middle of the Jordan River and raised on its western bank in Canaan. The red cord represented the salvation from the destruction of Jericho that Rahab was looking forward to and the 12 stones looked back on the salvation that God had brought his people into.

The fifth story has to do with the waters dividing as the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord stepped into the waters and the waters divided so the whole nation could pass over. This was the evidence for two things: that God's presence was with them and that he would drive out before them the nations that occupied the land.

#### Obedience

Each of these themes are key elements of the Christian life, and knowing, as believers, how to receive the spiritual inheritance God has given us in Jesus Christ. The New Testament speaks to the importance of *obedience*. Philippians 2:12 and 13 tell us through the exhortation Paul gave the Philippian church that we are to obey, but adds that God is the one who gives us the desire to obey. That is encouraging!

#### Saved From...

*Salvation* is also a major them in both the Old and the New Testament and it speaks to both what we have been *saved from* as well as what we have been *saved to*. Notice that the Lord *saved* Hezekiah both *from* Sennacherib and *to* his own guidance, in *2Chronicles 32:22, Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side (AV/KJV1769)*. In the Psalms we read of God's people being saved from distress. *Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, [and] he saved them out of their distresses (Psalm 107:13 AV/KJV1769)*. In Isaiah we read about the Lord saving them to his care. He bore them along and carried them. *In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old (Isaiah 63:9 AV/KJV1769)*.

#### Saved to...

In the New Testament, in Acts we are told that when we are saved we are saved into the church. *Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47 AV/KJV)*. In Romans Paul writes that we are justified by the blood of Jesus and saved from wrath. *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:9 AV/KJV1769)*. In Ephesians Paul writes that being saved is being made alive. *... even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)... (Ephesians 2:5 NKJV)*. Paul wrote to Timothy telling him that salvation was a holy calling, and a gift of God's purpose and grace. *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began... (2Timothy 1:9 AV/KJV1769)*:

Finally we know that when God saved us he came to live with us by his Spirit, so we can enjoy his *presence* personally, and not only that but that he would drive out of our lives the influence of the old man or the flesh. Just as God's people Israel were at war with the decadent and sinful nations of Canaan, so the Spirit in us from God is at war with the flesh within us. Paul describes this whole scenario of spiritual war in Galatians 5:16 to 26.

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16 *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

17 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

18 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

19 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,*

20 *idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,*

21 *envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

23 *gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

24 *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

26 *Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another (NIV).*

The overriding theme of Joshua is *inheritance* and Paul writes in Romans that as believers we also are heirs of God, because we are his children, just as in another earlier age Israel was God's people and being brought into an earthly inheritance in Canaan, symbolic of our heavenly inheritance in so many ways.

16 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

17 ¶ *Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory (NIV).*

A. 1:1-18,

### **Joshua & the people prepare to enter the land of Canaan.**

- The Book of the Law - meditation & **obedience**.

- We will **obey you as we obeyed Moses**, and the **disobedient** will be destroyed.

The first chapter of Joshua mentions obedience in two places. God tells Joshua to meditate and keep his law in his mouth day and night, in order to obey it. God promised that his formula would lead to success. Near the end of the chapter the fighting men, whose inheritance fell to them on the east side of Jordan, responded to Joshua's command to join their brothers going into Canaan to fight the inhabitants, by saying that as they had obeyed Moses so they would obey him. They added, "Only may the Lord be with you as he was with Moses."

E. 5:2-12,

**All the people born in the desert** are circumcised and keep Passover.

- **All those who came out of Egypt of military age**...died in the desert, since they had **not obeyed**...

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### **Two Signs**

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2 Facets of Salvation

B. 2:1-24,

#### **The 2 spies in Jericho.**

- Red Sea dried up.

- The Lord is God in heaven and earth.

- **red cord as a sign.**

- The people are melting in fear because of us.

D. 4:1-5:1,

#### **The 12 stones from the Jordan.**

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- The Jordan dried up.
- What the Lord did to the Jordan & the Red Sea.
  - **12 stones as a sign.**
- That you might always fear the Lord.

### **2 Waters**

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God's Presence, Enemy Presence

C. 3:1-17, **Crossing the Jordan.**

- This is how you will know the living **God is among you & will drive out** your enemies.